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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 21, 2020, 1:00 PM ON PAGE 206]**

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND START
6 THE BOARD MEETING. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN IS ON HER WAY DOWN
7 AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AS WELL. GOOD AFTERNOON,
8 EVERYONE. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF
9 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TODAY IS TUESDAY,
10 JANUARY 21ST, 2020. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY BY PASTOR J.
11 EDGAR BOYD, SENIOR MINISTER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
12 FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES IN THE
13 SECOND DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY
14 BRITTANIE MOORE, FORMER SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE
15 CORPS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

16
17 **J. EDGAR BOYD:** PLEASE BOW WITH ME, IF YOU WILL. LORD GOD, WE
18 BOW BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXECUTIVE
19 LEADERSHIP, PRAYING FOR THE PREVAILING PRESENCE OF YOUR POWER,
20 OF YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR MIGHT UPON THESE SUPERVISORS WHO SET
21 RULE, LAW, POLICY, AND THE SYSTEM THAT GOVERNS THE LIVES AND
22 THE WELFARE OF YOUR PEOPLE. OH LORD, GOD, TEMPER AND
23 STRENGTHEN THEIR WILL SO THAT THESE FAITHFUL MEN AND WOMEN WHO
24 HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE, INSTITUTIONS,
25 ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES WHOSE COMMON GOOD DEPENDS ON

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1 EACH OF THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS. BLESS THOU, LORD, EVERY
2 CLERK, EVERY INTERN, EVERY SECRETARY, EVERY ASSISTANT WHO
3 LENDS AID AND SERVICE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAUSE OF THIS
4 NOBLE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. GIVE LOYALTY IN SERVICE, PROMPTNESS
5 IN DUTY, AND UNTIRING DEVOTION TO THOSE WHO SIT IN THEIR SEATS
6 OF POWER, TEMPER THEIR WORK AND FOCUS, AND WE ASK YOU TO TURN
7 THEIR FOCUS UPON THE NOBLE EFFORTS OF ALL OF WHAT THEY DO TO
8 PROVIDE A PROMOTION OF PROSPERITY FOR BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS
9 OF LEARNING, FOR SOCIAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES, CURATORS
10 OF ART AND CULTURE, AND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FOR
11 ALL THOSE WHO CREATE COMMUNITY, FOR THOSE WHO MAINTAIN
12 SECURITY, AND THOSE WHO ENSURE HEALTHY GROWTH FOR LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY. LORD GOD, SECURE AMONG THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND AIM
14 THEM AT PROVIDING JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.
15 WE PRAY IT NOW, AMEN.

16
17 **BRITTANIE MOORE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PUT
18 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU
19 MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF
20 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
21 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
22 JUSTICE FOR ALL.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
25 COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THE PASTOR OF THE

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1 FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. YOU WILL KNOW HIM AS
2 PASTOR J. EDGAR BOYD, THE SENIOR MINISTER, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER OF THAT HISTORIC CONGREGATION WHERE HE HAS SERVED
4 SINCE 2012. ORIGINALLY FROM FLORIDA, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED
5 STATES ARMY FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
6 PASTOR BOYD HAS A BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNITY
7 DEVELOPMENT FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER'S
8 OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DEBUKE, A
9 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN IOWA, AND HE WAS CALLED TO THE
10 MINISTRY IN 1968 AND HAS SERVED IN SEVERAL CHURCHES, INCLUDING
11 BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES WHERE WE FIRST MET SOME 30
12 YEARS AGO, AND THEN THE BROOKINS A.M.E. CHURCH IN OAKLAND, THE
13 WALKER CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH IN SEATTLE, THE GRACE A.M.E.
14 CHURCH IN CASPER, WYOMING, AND ST. JOHN'S A.M.E. CHURCH IN
15 PUEBLO, COLORADO. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, HE HAS BEEN ALL OVER THE
16 COUNTRY DOING THE WORK OF THE A.M.E. CONNECTION. PASTOR BOYD
17 SERVED THE CONGREGATION OF THE HISTORIC BETHEL CHURCH IN SAN
18 FRANCISCO FOR SOME 20 YEARS WHERE HE HELPED DEVELOP THE
19 CHURCH'S ASSET PORTFOLIO BY ESTABLISHING A MULTI-MILLION
20 DOLLAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. UNDER THIS
21 DIRECTION, AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF F.A.M.E. CHURCH,
22 HERE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
23 THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT
24 CORPORATION WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE OTHER RELIGIOUS
25 DENOMINATIONS WITH A PLACE TO ADDRESS SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES

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1 WITHIN A 32-SQUARE-MILE AREA OF LOS ANGELES. PASTOR BOYD IS
2 CURRENTLY PURSUING HIS DOCTORATE OF DIVINITY DEGREE AT THE
3 AMERICAN BETHEL SEMINARY OF THE WEST IN BERKELEY. HE AND HIS
4 WIFE, LAURENCE, HAVE TWO SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS. PASTOR BOYD,
5 I WANT TO SAY WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE
6 COMMUNITY AMONG CLERGY AND WELL BEYOND AND FOR GIVING US THE
7 INVOCATION THIS MORNING. IT STARTS US OFF IN A GOOD WAY.
8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PASTOR J. EDGAR BOYD. [APPLAUSE].

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK BRITTANIE
11 MOORE, A FORMER SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FOR
12 LEADING US TODAY IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BRITTANIE
13 ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BACK IN 2014 AFTER
14 FINISHING HER STUDIES AT EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
15 UPON GRADUATING FROM THE MARINE CORPS BOOT CAMP, BRITTANIE
16 RECEIVED ORDERS TO THE THIRD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING CAMP
17 PENDLETON. AT CAMP PENDELTON, BRITTANIE TRAINED AS AN AVIATION
18 TECHNICIAN, WORKED ON H1 ATTACK HELICOPTERS BY ENSURING
19 AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND MAKING SURE NAVIGATION, WEAPONS
20 SYSTEMS, AND OTHER ITEMS WERE AT FULL FUNCTION. BRITTANIE
21 CONTINUED TO CHALLENGE HERSELF AND APPLIED TO THE MARINE
22 SECURITY GUARD M.S.G., A COMPETITIVE AND INTENSIVE PROGRAM.
23 BRITTANIE GRADUATED FROM THE M.S.G. AND SOON THEREAFTER WAS
24 ASSIGNED TO SEVERAL UNITED STATES CONSULATES AND EMBASSIES
25 AROUND THE WORLD INCLUDING HONG KONG, SANTO DOMINGO IN THE

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1 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND JUBA IN SOUTH SUDAN. THROUGH HER YEARS
2 OF SERVICE, BRITTANIE ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST RANK OF SERGEANT
3 AND WAS AWARDED THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL,
4 GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, MARINE SECURITY GUARD RIBBON, AND THE
5 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. UPON HER HONORABLE
6 DISCHARGE LAST YEAR, BRITTANIE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO MARRY
7 HER HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, SAVANNAH. BRITTANIE IS CURRENTLY
8 ENROLLED AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY AND IS PURSUING A
9 DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. BRITTANIE WAS ALSO RECENTLY
10 APPOINTED TO SERVE AS ONE OF MY VETERAN ADVISORY COMMISSIONERS
11 REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT. IT IS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF
12 PRIDE AND PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT BRITTANIE MOORE WITH A
13 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO
14 ALL. PLEASE GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE].

15
16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, ALL RIGHT, WE WILL TAKE UP
17 CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD PRESENTATIONS.
18 WE NOW HAVE BOARD PRESENTATIONS, BEGINNING WITH MINE, THEN
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY SUPERVISOR THAT HAS
20 THEM. SO WE WILL BEGIN DOWN IN THE WELL. TODAY, I'M EXCITED TO
21 CELEBRATE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION, WE
22 HONOR THE REMARKABLE WORK KOREAN AMERICANS CONTRIBUTE TO OUR
23 NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOL, CHURCHES, AND COMMUNITIES.
24 PART OF WHAT MAKES LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO SPECIAL IS OUR
25 INCREDIBLE DIVERSITY AND RICH CULTURAL TRADITIONS. TO BEGIN

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1 THE CELEBRATION, I'M HAPPY TO START US OFF WITH A SPECIAL
2 PERFORMANCE OF THE DANCE OF PEACE BY YOUNG LOM LI, WHO IS
3 GOING TO PERFORM RIGHT NOW, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]. [APPLAUSE
4].

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT WAS INCREDIBLE, THANK YOU FOR HELPING
7 US CELEBRATE THIS MEANINGFUL OCCASION. TODAY, WE ARE JOINED BY
8 MANY SPECIAL GUESTS, YOUNG MOM LI, PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN
9 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES, AND IN SUN WONG, DEPUTY
10 CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MICHELLE SUNG,
11 PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NORTH LOS
12 ANGELES, EDWARD KU, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION
13 ADVISORY COUNSEL, THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, AND ELDER MOON WON
14 CHOI, PRESIDENT OF THE HOLY CITY MOVEMENT. LET'S GIVE THEM A
15 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. THANK YOU, ALL, FOR YOUR
16 DEDICATION TO REPRESENTING AND SERVING OUR KOREAN AMERICAN
17 COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE NEARLY 2
18 MILLION KOREAN AMERICANS LIVING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND
19 WE'RE PROUD TO BE HOME TO MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION
20 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY -- ON
21 KOREAN AMERICAN DAY, WE CELEBRATE 117 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST
22 PEOPLE IMMIGRATED FROM KOREA TO HAWAII IN JANUARY OF 1903.
23 AMERICA AND SOUTH KOREA FORMED A REMARKABLE RELATIONSHIP IN
24 1882 WHEN BOTH NATIONS SIGNED A TREATY EMPHASIZING PEACE,
25 FRIENDSHIP, AND COMMERCE. FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, KOREAN

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1 AMERICANS HAVE HAD A MEANINGFUL INFLUENCE ON BUSINESSES, THE
2 ECONOMY, ART, SCIENCE, AND THE MILITARY. KOREAN AMERICANS HAVE
3 MADE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES ACROSS OUR NATION THROUGHOUT THE
4 LAST 117 YEARS, INCLUDING SAMMY LEE, OLYMPIC TWO TIME GOLD
5 MEDALIST IN DIVING, WENDY GRAHAM, U.S. COMMODITY FUTURES
6 TRADING COMMISSION CHAIR UNDER PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRESIDENT
7 BUSH, JUDGE HERBERT Y.C, CHOI, FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN APPOINTED
8 TO THE U.S. FEDERAL COURT IN 1974, AND DAVID YOUNG, THE
9 ARCHITECT CHARGED WITH REVITALIZING LITTLE TOKYO IN LOS
10 ANGELES. THANK YOU TO THE KOREAN AMERICANS ACROSS OUR NATION
11 AND THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, FOR
12 ALL YOU'VE DONE TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER. WE'RE GRATEFUL
13 FOR THE PROFOUND IMPACT EACH OF YOU HAVE HAD IN AMERICA FOR
14 THE 117 YEARS, AND WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE GREAT
15 THINGS TO COME. WITH THAT, LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
16 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE].

17
18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, I'D
19 LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY CHAIR BARGER, FOR
20 GIVING THIS GREAT SCROLL TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT KOREAN
21 AMERICANS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY. SINCE THE FIRST
22 BATCH OF KOREAN IMMIGRANTS STEPPED ON THE AMERICAN SOIL IN
23 1903, KOREAN AMERICANS INJECTED A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT TO
24 ACHIEVE THEIR OWN AMERICAN DREAM OVER MANY GENERATIONS. THEIR
25 PASSAGE DURING THE PAST OVER 100 YEARS WAS NOTHING CLOSE TO

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1 ROYAL ROAD. THEY HAD TO FACE WITH UNFAMILIAR SOCIETY, WITH
2 PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. THEIR LIVES WERE
3 SIMPLY RESET, STARTING OVER FROM THE BOTTOM. BUT, AS TIME GOES
4 BY, THEY NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN PURSUING THEIR OWN AMERICAN
5 DREAMS, BUT ALSO STARTING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY. THE
6 KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS NOW BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF
7 MAINSTREAM SOCIETY, HAS MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN ALL
8 FIELDS, LIKE CHAIR BARGER JUST MENTIONED. AND WE HAVE THE BEST
9 KOREATOWN IN THE UNITED STATES HERE. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
10 EMPHASIZE HERE TODAY IS THAT KOREAN AMERICANS ARE PLAYING A
11 CRUCIAL ROLE AS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN KOREA AND THE UNITED
12 STATES. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE CENTER AND HAVE ALWAYS
13 LINKED US TOGETHER AS ONE. THIS YEAR, 2020, IS A VERY
14 MEMORABLE YEAR FOR KOREA. IT MARKS THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
15 OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR, WHICH LASTED FOR THREE YEARS. IN
16 THE PAST CENTURY, SOUTH KOREA ACHIEVED A MIRACLE SUCCESS FROM
17 THE DEVASTATION OF THE KOREAN WAR. IT BUILT AN INDEPENDENT AND
18 VIBRANT DEMOCRACY WITH ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. SOUTH KOREA IS NOW
19 DREAMING OF BUILDING A PROMINENT PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA
20 WITHOUT FEAR OF WAR, OVERCOMING THE LONGSTANDING DIVISION
21 ALONG WITH THE NUCLEARIZATION EFFORT. CURRENTLY, OTHER THINGS
22 ARE GOING ON ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT IN THIS DIFFICULT
23 TIME, THE KOREAN PEOPLE VALUE AND APPRECIATE A STRONG ALLIANCE
24 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT TODAY'S EVENT
25 IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING

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1 THE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN L.A. COUNTY AND KOREA AND
2 CONTINUING TO FOSTER DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT. THANK
3 YOU. GOD MAY BLESS YOU, THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, EVERYONE, THIS IS MY THIRD YEAR CELEBRATING
8 WITH L.A. COUNTY OUR KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. AND TODAY, ACTUALLY,
9 JANUARY 13TH WAS 117TH YEARS OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY, AND 17TH
10 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND HE ALREADY PRESENTED ALL THE STORY ABOUT
11 OUR IMMIGRATION. SO LONG STORY SHORT, LET'S FROM JANUARY 10TH.
12 WE HAD A FLAG RAISING FROM THE KOREAN ASSOCIATION AND 13 FROM
13 GOOD SAMARITAN. ON 12, FINALLY, WE HAD THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY
14 CELEBRATION WITH NOT ONLY KOREANS, WITH ALL THE MULTI-ETHNICS,
15 VIETNAMESE, CHINESE, AND BANGLADESH, AND BLACK AFRICAN, AND
16 JEWISH. WE ARE GATHERING TOGETHER. WE HAD A CELEBRATION.
17 HOPEFULLY, NEXT YEAR, WE WILL GET MORE MULTI-ETHNIC AND FIVE
18 SUPERVISORS WILL BE INVITED AND HAVE MORE, LARGEST, BIGGEST,
19 HAPPIEST KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND WE'LL SEE
20 YOU NEXT YEAR! [APPLAUSE].

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF I COULD HAVE TONY BELL COME UP, PLEASE.
23 [APPLAUSE]. TONY BELL IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE]. TODAY, I
24 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A MEMBER OF MY TEAM WHO HAS SERVED THE
25 5TH DISTRICT FOR 18 YEARS WITH HUMOR, INTEGRITY, AND LOYALTY.

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1 TONY BELL HAS BEEN THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT
2 CHIEF DEPUTY FOR ME AND MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR MIKE
3 ANTONOVICH. AND THIS WEEK, AFTER SO MANY YEARS AS A FIXTURE IN
4 OUR OFFICE, HE IS RETIRING FROM COUNTY SERVICE. IN 2001, I WAS
5 SERVING AS CHIEF DEPUTY FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE WERE
6 LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO LEAD OUR PRESS OPERATIONS, AND TONY WAS
7 THE PERFECT MAN FOR THE JOB. HE INTERVIEWED WITH ME ON TUESDAY
8 AND STARTED THAT FRIDAY. HE TRULY DID HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.
9 IN HIS INTERVIEW, HE TOLD ME HE WAS LOOKING FOR A HOME, AND
10 THAT COULDN'T BE MORE TRUE, TONY. HE FOUND HIS SPOT AND BECAME
11 A KEY MEMBER OF THE 5TH DISTRICT FAMILY. TONY HAS SEEN TWO
12 SUPERVISORS THROUGH SO MANY HIGHS AND LOWS. HE ORCHESTRATED
13 MEDIA RELATIONS FOR SOME OF OUR MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES LIKE
14 WILDFIRES AND PUBLIC SAFETY CRISES. BUT, THROUGHOUT THE TRYING
15 TIMES, HE WAS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF LEVEL-HEADEDNESS AND SMART
16 STRATEGIZING. HE TOOK OUR OFFICE TO THE NEXT LEVEL. HE TRULY
17 PUT US ON THE MAP. WHEN HE STARTED IN 2001, WE WERE STILL
18 SENDING OUT OUR NEWSLETTERS AND PRESS RELEASES ON FAX
19 MACHINES. BUT, WITH HIS KEEN EYE AND INCREDIBLE FORESIGHT, HE
20 EXPANDED OUR OFFICE'S REACH FAR BEYOND WHAT WE EVER THOUGHT
21 WAS POSSIBLE. HE FOSTERED PHENOMENAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE
22 PRESS. AND I KNOW MANY OF THE REPORTERS HE HAS CORRESPONDED
23 WITH FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES WILL MISS COLLABORATING WITH HIM.
24 WHETHER IT WAS HIS INTENSE BREAKING NEWS, OR EMOTIONAL FEATURE
25 STORIES, TONY HAS BEEN A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR AND A RELIABLE

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1 SOURCE OF INFORMATION. FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS AND THE
2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SIGNAL TO N.B.C. L.A. AND THE L.A. TIMES,
3 WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON TONY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE
4 LOOP ON THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES THIS COUNTY IS FACING. BUT,
5 MORE THAN HIS SKILL, TONY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR BEING A
6 FRIEND TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TO OUR OFFICE, AND TO ME. HE
7 HAS A QUICK WIT, A NATURAL SENSE OF HUMOR, AND A STEADY
8 PRESENCE THAT I KNOW I CAN SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE OFFICE, WE
9 WILL ALL MISS. THANK YOU, TONY FOR BEING THE CORNERSTONE IN
10 OUR OFFICE AND THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WISH YOU A
11 HAPPY RETIREMENT, BUT KNOW YOU HAVE ALWAYS GOT A PLACE IN OUR
12 OFFICE, BUT FOR SURE IN OUR HEARTS. WE WILL MISS YOU. [
13 APPLAUSE].

14

15 **TONY BELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
16 SUPERVISORS, COUNTY FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME UP
17 BEFORE THE DOG, BY THE WAY. I HAD A DANCE THING I WAS GOING TO
18 DO, BUT THAT'S OKAY. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT 18 YEARS, AND I GOTTA
19 SAY, YOU HAVE BEEN A TERRIFIC BOSS, A GREAT FRIEND, AND AN
20 EVEN BETTER SUPERVISOR. AND IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A
21 PRIVILEGE TO HAVE SERVED WITH YOU AND WITH THIS COUNTY. I HAVE
22 WORKED WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE IN ALL THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND
23 DEPARTMENTS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR PUTTING UP WITH
24 MY AND MY WEIRD SENSE OF HUMOR OVER THESE YEARS. BUT I'M PROUD
25 OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE TOGETHER, AND I THINK WE'VE

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1 ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL. AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY GOOD
2 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY AND MANY THAT REALIZE THE PURPOSE OF
3 PUBLIC SERVICE AND NONE MORE THAN YOUR TEAM IN THE 5TH
4 DISTRICT, AND I THINK THE 5TH DISTRICT IS IN THE HOUSE RIGHT
5 NOW! 5TH DISTRICT, THERE THEY ARE. BUT I WANT TO SAY THANK
6 YOU. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT RIDE. I HAVE NEW ADVENTURES TO EMBARK
7 ON, BUT I WILL ALWAYS HOLD YOU GUYS IN MY HEART, ESPECIALLY
8 YOUR TEAM AND ANNA MORADY AND A GREAT LEADER, GREAT CHIEF
9 DEPUTY. SO, I WILL MISS YOU GUYS, BUT I WILL SEE YOU DOWN THE
10 ROAD. THANK YOU SO MUCH, I APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE].

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SPEAKING OF DOG, [LAUGHTER], THIS IS
13 MIRACLE. MIRACLE IS A TEN-MONTH TERRIER, MALE, AVAILABLE AT
14 OUR DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE SHELTER, 562-728-4610. MIRACLE IS
15 LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO
16 EITHER GO ONLINE, OR EVEN IN PERSON, AND ADOPT. YOU WILL NEVER
17 REGRET IT. THIS IS MIRACLE, A TEN-MONTH-OLD MALE TERRIER. AND
18 IF DOGS AREN'T YOUR THING, HERE IS A 7-WEEK-OLD FEMALE NAMED
19 CINDER, ALSO AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER, 728-4610 AREA CODE 562,
20 AGAIN, 562-728-4610. THIS IS A 7-WEEK-OLD FEMALE, BUT THERE
21 ARE MANY KITTENS AND OLDER CATS LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. AND
22 IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ADOPT, YOU CAN FOSTER. GO TO ONE OF OUR
23 SHELTERS OR CALL THE COUNTY. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
24 ARE ON. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK WE MAY HAVE THE
2 ENTIRE HIGH SCHOOL OF EL MONTE HERE TODAY, HA HA. [APPLAUSE
3]. WE SHOULD GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THIS IS PRETTY
4 AMAZING [APPLAUSE]. WHAT THESE YOUNG MEN AND THE STAFF HAVE
5 BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. I WANT TO, FIRST OF ALL, THANK THEIR
6 HEAD COACH, JESSEE CENICEROS, ASSISTANT COACHES, GABINO
7 COVARRUBIAS, JOHN ROBLES, FRANK VELASQUEZ, JESUS CISNEROS,
8 ALONG WITH THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
9 PRESIDENT, FLORENCIO BRIONES, AND PRINCIPAL, ROBIN TORRES, AND
10 OUR SUPERINTENDENT, DR. EDWARD ZUNIGA, AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR,
11 SARAH MCLARTY, WHO ARE ALL HERE JOINING ME TODAY. TODAY, I
12 HAVE THE GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
13 TEAM TODAY AT OUR BOARD PRESENTATION. THEY ARE THE 2019 STATE
14 AND, GET THIS, C.I.F. CHAMPIONS. SO LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG
15 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU! [APPLAUSE
16]. AND IT MEANS A LOT, AND HERE'S WHY. THIS IS EL MONTE HIGH
17 SCHOOL'S SECOND C.I.F. CHAMPIONSHIP. BUT IT WASN'T JUST A
18 DECADE AGO, OR TWO DECADES AGO. THEIR LAST CHAMPIONSHIP, FIRST
19 STATE TITLE, OCCURRED BACK IN 1930. I DON'T THINK MANY OF US
20 WERE HERE. THE EL MONTE LIONS, THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE KNOWN AS,
21 TRAVELED MORE THAN 700 MILES NORTH TO TAKE ON AND ULTIMATELY
22 DEFEAT DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL WITH A FINAL SCORE OF 32-7. YES!
23 [APPLAUSE]. AND THEY DID SO WHILE IT WAS RAINING AND MUDDY
24 ON THEIR OPPONENT'S FIELD. AND IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE VICTORY. I
25 THINK MANY OF US SAW THAT PLAY ON TELEVISION. THAT

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1 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CAPPED OFF THEIR PERFECT SEASON AT A 16-0
2 WINNING RECORD. THEIR SEASON INCLUDES THE 2019 MISSION VALLEY
3 LEAGUE FOOTBALL, THE C.I.F.-S.S. DIVISION 12 AND THE C.I.F.
4 STATE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. SO IT WAS NO WONDER THAT THEIR
5 HOMETOWN, THE CITY OF EL MONTE, ORGANIZED A CITY-WIDE PARADE
6 TO CELEBRATE THEIR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND IT IS WHY I
7 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM TODAY BECAUSE OFTEN TIMES, EL MONTE
8 ISN'T VIEWED AS ONE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT ALWAYS IN THE
9 HEADLINES FOR THINGS LIKE THIS. BUT TODAY, WE ARE PROUD, AND
10 WE'RE CELEBRATING BECAUSE THE STAFF AND THE STUDENTS STANDING
11 BEHIND US HAVE REALLY DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. THEY REMIND ME
12 OF THE LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD, AND THEY DID. THEY DID IT. THE
13 COMMUNITY EL MONTE, OF COURSE, IS SO PROUD OF THEIR AMAZING
14 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND, TOGETHER, THEY HAVE RAISED OVER \$20,000
15 TO HELP THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN PAY FOR THEIR TEAM'S
16 TRAVELING EXPENSES. AND THAT WAS NOT AN EASY TASK, AND I ALSO
17 WANT TO THANK OUR COMMUNITY OF EL MONTE FOR HELPING YOU
18 STUDENTS. IT WAS SO HEARTWARMING TO SEE OUR COMMUNITY COME
19 TOGETHER AROUND THESE YOUNG MEN, AND I WANT TO THANK AND
20 CONGRATULATE ALL THE COACHES THAT ARE STANDING HERE, AND
21 SPECIFICALLY THE HEAD COACH OF THE TEAM, COACH JESSE
22 CENICEROS. AND, FROM WHAT I HEARD, OR WHAT I WAS TOLD, IS THAT
23 HIS FATHER WAS JUST A KID WHEN EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL WON ITS
24 FIRST STATE TITLE OVER 90 YEARS AGO. SO NOW SEEING HIS SON
25 LEAD THE TEAM TO VICTORY MUST BE VERY TOUCHING.

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1 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ATHLETES, TO THE SCHOOL BAND, AND TO
2 THE CHEERLEADING TEAM. YOU ALL MAKE US SO PROUD. AND SOME OF
3 THE SENIORS ON THE TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY FOOTBALL AT THE
4 COLLEGIATE LEVEL. THEY'RE JUST WAITING TO SEE WHICH
5 UNIVERSITIES WILL OFFER THE BEST SCHOLARSHIP, AND WE ALL
6 CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THAT. WITH THIS CHAMPIONSHIP, I KNOW
7 THERE'S NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT THEY WILL BE ALL SOUGHT
8 AFTER VIGOROUSLY. WE WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK,
9 FOR THEIR [SPEAKING SPANISH], FOR THEIR TENACITY, AND FOR
10 THEIR SI SE PUEDE SPIRIT. IT PAID OFF, SO WE WISH YOU ANOTHER
11 FANTASTIC ATHLETIC SEASON AND A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE GIVE
12 THEM ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. I'D LIKE TO INVITE
13 COACH JESSE TO SAY A FEW WORDS NOW.

14

15 **JESSE CENICEROS:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AMAZING RECOGNITION OF THESE YOUNG MEN
17 AND COACHES BEHIND ME AND IN FRONT OF ME. THEY'RE A TRUE
18 EXAMPLE OF WHAT HARD WORK AND DEDICATION CAN ACCOMPLISH. YOU
19 KNOW, WHEN WE GOT THERE AS COACHES IN 2017, WE GOT THERE, AND
20 WE TOLD THEM ABOUT OUR MOTTO, AND OUR MOTTO IS "DON'T WISH FOR
21 IT. WORK FOR IT." "DON'T WISH FOR IT. WORK FOR IT." AND THESE
22 KIDS ARE TOTALLY BOUGHT INTO THAT. AND, FOR THREE YEARS, THESE
23 KIDS REALLY WORKED AS HARD AS THEY COULD AND NOW THEY HAVE
24 SEEN THE RESULTS OF WHAT HARD WORK CAN ACCOMPLISH. AND I'D
25 ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, OUR SUPERINTENDENT, MY

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1 PRINCIPAL HERE, WHO HAVE -- [APPLAUSE]. WHO HAVE REALLY
2 SHOWN WHAT PUBLIC EDUCATION IS ALL ABOUT AND WHAT IT CAN
3 ACHIEVE AND WHAT IT CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS,
4 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARENTS, THE KIDS THEMSELVES, WORK FOR A
5 COMMON GOAL AND WHAT IT CAN DO AND WHAT IT CAN ACHIEVE. AND,
6 LIKE MS. SOLIS STATED, IT WAS OUR FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE
7 1930, AND IT WAS THE FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE ENTIRE
8 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, IN THE HISTORY OF THE VALLEY, AND THESE
9 YOUNG MEN ACCOMPLISHED THAT. AND AGAIN, IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
10 DONE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT THEY HAVE IN PLACE AT EL
11 MONTE HIGH SCHOOL. SO AGAIN, LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK THESE
12 YOUNG MEN HERE FOR, AGAIN, BELIEVING IN THEIR COACHES,
13 BELIEVING IN THEIR SCHOOL, BELIEVING IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AND
14 GOING OUT THERE AND MAKING EVERYBODY PROUD. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE].

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS, YOU GUYS. [
19 APPLAUSE]. OKAY, THAT CONCLUDES PRESENTATIONS. MADAM
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
21 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
24 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN?

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I
4 STAND HERE BEFORE YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE CLOSED SESSIONS. AT A
5 PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION, YOU SETTLED A PROBATION SEXUAL
6 HARASSMENT CASE FOR \$1 MILLION. IT IS SET ITEM 37 TODAY. NOW,
7 I KNOW YOU HAVE SOME MATERIAL TO GO BEHIND THE BACK DOOR, BUT
8 I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SEXUAL
9 HARASSMENT. A MILLION DOLLARS IS A LARGE SUM. AT THE L.A.P.D.,
10 IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, THEY SETTLED A CASE DURING THE QUIET
11 WINTER TIME FOR \$70,000 FOR AN OFFICER NAMED MARIANNE BUNAG
12 FROM THE HOLLYWOOD DIVISION. THEY PAID HER \$70,000 AFTER YEARS
13 OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT WHERE SHE WAS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE
14 IN HORRIBLE, BASICALLY, DO THIS IF YOU WANTED TO GET PROMOTED,
15 IF YOU DON'T, GRAVEYARD SHIFT. AND THEN THEY FOLLOWED THROUGH
16 ON GRAVEYARD SHIFT. BUT BECAUSE THIS OFFICER NEVER COMPLIED OR
17 ALLOWED HERSELF TO EITHER BE RAPED OR ABUSED OR WHATEVER, THEY
18 TREATED HER LIKE WHO KNOWS WHAT. THEY GAVE HER \$70,000 AFTER
19 YEARS OF LITIGATION, AND I FIND THAT APPALLING. AND THE CITY
20 OF LOS ANGELES IS 1 OF 88 CITIES. AND I HOPE THAT WHEN YOU GO
21 INTO THE BACK ROOM, FIRST OF ALL, I ALSO THINK YOU SHOULD NOT
22 GO INTO THAT BACK ROOM NOW. WHY DON'T YOU HOLD OFF.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN, THANK YOU, YOUR
25 TIME IS EXPIRED. WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU

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1 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND FOR THE RECORD, I
2 DON'T SEE CLOSED SESSION LASTING ANY MORE THAN ABOUT 20
3 MINUTES BASED ON WHAT IS IN THE AGENDA. SO, MAYBE YOU CAN READ
4 US INTO CLOSED SESSION. WE WILL COME BACK OUT IN ABOUT 20
5 MINUTES.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
8 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
10 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
11 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, ITEM CS-3,
12 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED
13 STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. [MEETING ADJOURNS TO
14 CLOSED SESSION]

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE ARE NOW BACK IN OPEN SESSION,
17 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
20 IN CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 21ST, 2020. ITEMS CS1, CS2, AND
21 CS3, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
24 THE AGENDA.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2 WITH A SET
3 MATTER AT 2:15PM AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM
4 S1 IS A DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS
5 CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY IN LOS ANGELES. ON ITEM CS1, MEMBERS
6 OF THE PUBLIC IS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM
7 RELATES TO ITEMS 2, 8, AND 48F. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE
8 CALLED ONE TIME TO THE ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. ON
9 PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-12, ON
10 ITEM, TWO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 HELD. ON ITEM 3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
12 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5 AND 7,
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
15 ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 2, S1, AND
17 48F. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS
18 THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 9, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 12, A MEMBER OF THE
20 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 10,
21 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 13-50, ON ITEM 13, 14, 15, AND
22 17, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
23 ITEM 18, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS TO CONTINUE
24 THE ITEM ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 28TH, 2020. ON ITEMS 20, A MEMBER
25 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 21,

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1 AND 22, 29, AND 30, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE
2 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 31, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS
3 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 28, 2020, AS INDICATED
4 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, 42,
5 AND 43, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE
6 HELD. ON PAGE 31, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
7 AGENDA THAT WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
8 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON 48A, 48B,
9 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
10 ITEM 48F, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEMS 2, 8, AND S1. ON ITEM 48H, A
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
13 48I, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
14 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 48I ARE BEFORE
15 YOU.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
19 EXCEPTIONS AS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THAT WILL BE THE
20 ORDER.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 32, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
23 ITEMS 51-53, ON ITEM 51 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
24 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 3 ADVISORY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE
25 TO ADD A CHAPTER CREATING THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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1 AND DEFINING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND TITLE TWO
2 ADMINISTRATIVE RELATED TO THE CIVIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR
3 INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS AND EXTENDING THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE
4 TO OCTOBER 21ST, 2023. ON ITEM 51, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
5 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
6 ITEM 52 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INDUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE
7 TITLE THREE, ADVISORY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES TO PERMIT THE
8 SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO ACCESS SHERIFF
9 DEPARTMENT INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND TESTIMONY NECESSARY FOR
10 ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION AND DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
11 GENERAL TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY. ON ITEM 52,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 53 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
14 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6 SALARIES RELATED TO
15 THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO ACCESS SHERIFF'S DOCUMENT
16 PROBATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION, DOCUMENT, TESTIMONY
17 NECESSARY FOR THE OVERSIGHT FUNCTION TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN
18 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
19 AND THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 5 PERSONNEL TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE BADGES TO THE INSPECTOR
21 GENERAL'S DEPUTIES, INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND INVESTIGATORS. ON
22 ITEM 53, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
23 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THESE ITEMS -- THE ITEM
24 RELATES TO ITEM 51 AND 52. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE
25 CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. ON PAGE

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1 37, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER
2 DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON ITEM A4, SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS TO HOLD THIS ITEM RELATED TO THE COUNTY
4 HOMELESS CRISIS. ON ITEM A11, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO
5 HOLD THIS ITEM RELATED TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE THREATENED THE
6 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE COUNTY. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
7 THE AGENDA. MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
12 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
14 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
15 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
17 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
18 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
19 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
20 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
21 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
22 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
23 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
24 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
25 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE

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1 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
2 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
3 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
4 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
5 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
6 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
7 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
8 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
9 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
10 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
11 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
12 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
13 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
14 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LET ME TELL YOU THE GAME PLAN
18 FOR TODAY. WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 4 AND THEN TAKE UP A SET UP
19 ITEM AT 2:15, WHICH RELATES TO ITEM 2, 8, 48F, AND A4,
20 FOLLOWED BY ITEM 48I, OR 48-1 AND THEN ITEM 51, WHICH RELATES
21 TO 52 AND 53, FOLLOWED BY A11, AND THEN ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE
22 BOARD, AND FINISHING WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU
23 HELD THIS ITEM, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS ON 4?

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO
2 MADAM -- YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION AND TO
3 -- AND I KNOW WE HAVE DR. SHERIN AND DR. DUARDO, WHO ARE HERE
4 AND WOULD -- WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD MAKE A FEW REMARKS AT
5 SOME POINT. TO SET THE STAGE, THE STATE HAS CREATED A FUNDING
6 -- A NEW FUNDING SOURCE OF \$75 MILLION THROUGH A MENTAL HEALTH
7 STUDENT SERVICES ACT TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF
8 STUDENTS. BUT THE STATE COMMISSION THAT DECIDES HOW TO DIVVY
9 UP THE FUNDS SOMEHOW DECIDED THAT L.A. COUNTY IS A LARGE
10 COUNTY AND SHOULD ONLY RECEIVE \$6 MILLION OVER FOUR YEARS, OR
11 \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR, WHICH IS PRETTY AMAZING AND SHOCKING. IN
12 L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE LARGER THAN ALL BUT, I THINK, NINE STATES
13 IN THE COUNTY TO GET THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY. THE \$1.5 MILLION
14 OVER FOUR YEARS EQUATES TO \$1 PER STUDENT PER YEAR. SO THIS
15 FUNDING HAD THE BEST INTENTIONS, BUT IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH FOR
16 L.A. COUNTY, AND I THINK THAT'S A SHAME BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE
17 HAVE LONG REALIZED THAT STUDENTS CERTAINLY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH
18 CHALLENGES. AND IF WE CAN BEGIN TO RECOGNIZE THOSE EARLY IN
19 OUR STUDENT'S LIVES, WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF -- GETTING
20 THEM THE HELP THEY NEED AND ALSO HOPEFULLY PREVENTING SOME
21 TRAGIC OUTCOME. SO WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS FUND IS FINAL,
22 AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO GET, AND THAT'S IT, BUT WE'RE
23 NOT GOING TO GIVE UP. AND THIS MOTION IS ASKING FOR US TO SEND
24 A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER UP TO SACRAMENTO AND EXPRESS OUR
25 CONCERNS, AND THEY REALLY NEED TO KNOW THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT

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1 THAT WE ALREADY HAVE. I THINK WE HAVE ALREADY INVESTED OVER
2 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SO WE
3 NEED TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING. AND WE ALSO,
4 I BELIEVE THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT WE ARE DISAPPOINTED IN HOW
5 THESE FUNDS WERE DISTRIBUTED. AND THEY HAVEN'T REALLY
6 CONSIDERED THE SHEER SIZE OF L.A. COUNTY. YOU CAN CALL ON
7 COLLEAGUES, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM DR. SHERIN AND DR.
8 DUARDO ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR LETTING ME
11 COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. BEFORE YOU ALL MAKE YOUR REMARKS, I
12 JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT WE HAD THE SAGA SHOOTING, I WENT UP, AND
13 I'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS UP IN SANTA
14 CLARITA. AND IT IS NOT JUST ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THERE ARE
15 FIVE UP THERE. AND THE COMMON THEME IS THEY ARE CURRENTLY
16 INVESTING MONEY IN MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'M SURE IT IS IN ALL OF
17 OUR SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND THEY ARE TAKING AWAY
18 FROM DOLLARS THAT GO INTO THE CLASSROOM. AND FOR THEM, IT IS
19 NOT AN EITHER OR. IT IS A NECESSITY. WE HAVE SEEN IT. WE HAVE
20 SEEN THE NEED INCREASE. WE, IN THIS COUNTY, HAVE PUT OUR MONEY
21 WHERE OUR MOUTH IS AS IT RELATES TO HELPING EVEN PRIOR TO
22 THIS LEGISLATION COMING DOWN BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE
23 IMPORTANCE. BUT WE CAN ONLY GO SO FAR, AND WE NEED TO WORK
24 WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ENLIGHTEN THE STATE ABOUT THE
25 CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE FACING HERE, WHETHER IT BE WITH THE

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1 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ENTIRE STATE AS WELL AS MENTAL HEALTH
2 DIRECTORS BECAUSE, AGAIN, THIS IS NOT AN EITHER/OR. I HEAR
3 HORROR STORIES EACH AND EVERY WEEK FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT
4 ARE SAYING THAT THEY NEED MORE, BUT THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT
5 BECAUSE THEY HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES. AND EVEN THEIR AVERAGE
6 DAILY ATTENDANCE IS GOING DOWN, AS A RESULT. THAT IS TAKING
7 AWAY MONEY, AGAIN, FROM THE CLASSROOM. I AGREE WITH YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE POPULATION HERE AND YOU
9 LOOK AT THE NEED AND YOU LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO EVEN
10 INVEST, IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE REWARDED FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR, WE
11 HAVE ACTUALLY INVESTED IN OUR SCHOOLS, BUT IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY
12 NOT ENOUGH. SO WITH THAT, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
13 LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. IT IS SOMETHING THAT I
14 BELIEVE WE NEED TO BE VERY FOCUSED ON, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN
15 GET THEM TO BE A BETTER PARTNER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT
16 TO SAY SOMETHING?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA.
19 IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY PLOWED IN SO MUCH
20 MONEY, \$100 MILLION, AND THEY ARE ONLY WILLING TO PUT IN \$75
21 MILLION. AND OBVIOUSLY, I CAN LOOK AT MY OWN DISTRICT WHERE
22 WE'VE HAD SOME RECENT INCIDENTS OCCUR EVEN LAST WEEK WHERE WE
23 HAD AN UNFORTUNATE SPILL OF AIRLINE FLUID THAT IMPACTED
24 CHILDREN. WE HAD TO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS ON THE GROUND.
25 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDED SOME, AS WELL AS OUR L.A. COUNTY

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1 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND THIS HAPPENS TIME AND TIME
2 AGAIN, WHETHER THERE'S A SHOOTING AT ESTEBAN TORRES' SCHOOL,
3 OR I CAN GO ON AND ON AND ON, AND WE HAVE TO CALL OUT OUR
4 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF. AND
5 SOMETIMES, I HATE TO SAY IT, THEY COMPETE. AND THAT SHOULDN'T
6 BE THE CASE, EITHER, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD CREATE
7 BETTER RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT THERE'S A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
8 THAT WE'RE ALL HERE TO INVEST OUR HELP IN THE STUDENTS. SO I
9 SUPPORT THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING TO THE TESTIMONY BY
10 OUR DIRECTORS, THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND BEFORE YOU TALK, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A WORD, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT
16 SHOULD BE RECORDED THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
17 HEALTH, PARTICULARLY IN RECENT YEARS, HAS RESPONSIBLY
18 ALLOCATED FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE COMPLEX NEEDS OF VULNERABLE
19 STUDENTS. SO HAT IS OFF TO THE SUPERINTENDENT. MY HAT'S OFF TO
20 THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT, AND YOU RECALL IT WAS JUST A YEAR
21 AGO THAT THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY DIRECTED HHH TO IDENTIFY
22 POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES THAT COULD PROVIDE UP TO \$10 MILLION
23 TO L.A.U.S.D. FOR ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.
24 THEN, SUBSEQUENT TO THAT ACTION, MORE WAS DONE TO FAVORABLY
25 IMPACT SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. SO THE

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1 MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT IS DOING WHAT IT SHOULD DO.
2 THAT IS, IT IS WHOLLY DEDICATED TO DOING WHAT MENTAL AND
3 EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENTS. THAT SHOULD PROVIDE A
4 MORE ROBUST SUPPORT SYSTEM, NOT ONLY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 SCHOOLS, BUT SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THIS IS IMPORTANT
6 WORK, AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER,
7 MADAM CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR EMERITUS, FOR CALLING THE BOARD'S
8 ATTENTION TO THIS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT AND SERIOUS MATTER.
9 MADAM CHAIR, YOU SAID REGULARLY, IF YOU DON'T INTERVENE NOW,
10 IT WILL COST US A LOT MORE LATER. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS
11 TIMELY INTERVENTION, AND I SURELY WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT
12 ACCORDINGLY. MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

15

16 **JOHN SHERIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. JOHN SHERIN, THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BRINGING
18 ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE. AS SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID, WE ARE
19 BEING CALLED A BIG COUNTY. WE'RE NOT A BIG COUNTY. WE'RE A
20 MASSIVE, MASSIVE COUNTY, AND WE HAVE MASSIVE NEEDS. AND IT'S
21 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND WE KNOW IT MORE AND MORE, THAT WE
22 GET RESOURCES TO PEOPLE EARLY IN ORDER TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE
23 ISSUES THAT WILL DEVELOP PREDICTABLY GOING FORWARD. WHEN I
24 LEARNED THAT THE \$75 MILLION FOR THE STATE, BY THE WAY, WHICH
25 COMES FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, THAT ONLY \$6

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1 MILLION WAS COMING TO L.A. COUNTY, I IMMEDIATELY GOT ON THE
2 PHONE. OF COURSE, PAYING FORWARD, I THINK WHAT YOU AS A TEAM
3 WOULD WANT TO BEGIN ASKING QUESTIONS AND ADVOCATING FOR OUR
4 MASSIVE JURISDICTIONS. THIS IS NOT EQUITABLE. IT IS NOT FAIR.
5 AND I WILL LET YOU KNOW, AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS
6 INDEPENDENTLY, BUT, FOR A DEPARTMENT THE SIZE OF OUR
7 DEPARTMENTS TO BUILD UP THE PROGRAMS, TO DESIGN AND DEVELOP
8 THE PROGRAMS, TO IMPLEMENT THEM, DEPLOY, AND STUDY, IS A BIG,
9 BIG DEAL. AND WHEN IT IS FOR SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, WE
10 ALMOST HAVE TO WONDER WHETHER IT'S WORTH IT. SO THEN THE
11 QUESTION BECOMES TO US, DO WE GO DEEP AND NARROW? DO WE GO
12 SHALLOW AND WIDE? WE WANT TO GO DEEP AND WIDE. BUT, NO MATTER
13 WHAT WE DO, WE'RE GOING TO BE EFFICIENT AS WE POSSIBLY CAN TO
14 TRY TO LEVERAGE THIS RESOURCE. WE NEED AND WE WANT MORE MONEY
15 FOR OUR KIDS, FOR OUR SCHOOLS, WE HAVE TO INVEST IN THE
16 SAFETY, HEALTH, AND LIFE TRAJECTORY OF THE NEXT GENERATION FOR
17 THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DOCTOR?

20

21 **DEBORAH DUARDO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, APPRECIATE THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE AS WELL. MY NAME IS DEBORAH DUARDO. I'M
23 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE WERE VERY
24 EXCITED WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT THE FUNDING COMING, \$75 MILLION.
25 WE WERE REALLY EXCITED AND ANTICIPATED THAT LOS ANGELES WOULD

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1 GET A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THAT MONEY. WE WERE ALARMED TO
2 FIND OUT THAT WE WERE ONLY GOING TO RECEIVE \$6 MILLION FOR OUR
3 COUNTY OUR SIZE. I CONTINUALLY HAVE TOLD PEOPLE THAT ONE OF
4 THE NUMBER ONE THINGS THE 80 SUPERINTENDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY
5 ASKED FOR IS ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE HAVE TO
6 UNDERSTAND THAT, IN ORDER FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND TO THRIVE
7 ACADEMICALLY, THEY NEED TO BE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY. OTHERWISE,
8 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LEARN, REGARDLESS OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL
9 PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. SO SCHOOLS HAVE HAD TO, OUT OF
10 THEIR OWN LIMITED DOLLARS, IDENTIFY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE
11 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN. WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT MORE
12 MONEY WOULD COME TO HELP ALL OF OUR 80 DISTRICTS BE ABLE TO
13 BETTER SERVE THEIR STUDENTS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS, WHEN YOU
14 THINK ABOUT THE SIZE OF L.A. COUNTY, THAT WHEN WE'RE SERVING
15 1.5 MILLION CHILDREN, 1/3 OF THE CHILDREN IN THE ENTIRE STATE,
16 THAT WE WOULD GET SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF DOLLARS. WE KNOW THAT
17 WHEN WE DON'T ADDRESS STUDENT'S MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES EARLY,
18 WHEN WE DON'T DO SOME OF THE PREVENTATIVE WORK TO MAKE SURE
19 THEY ARE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY, THEY END UP WITH DISRUPTIVE
20 BEHAVIOR. THEY END UP DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL. THEY END UP SELF
21 DESTRUCTING, AND, EVENTUALLY, MANY OF THEM EITHER END UP
22 INCARCERATED. THEY END UP HOMELESS. THEY END UP IN OUR FOSTER
23 YOUTH SYSTEM. AND, AS SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, IF
24 WE DON'T INVEST NOW, WE INVESTING MUCH MORE LATER WHEN WE'RE
25 PAYING TO INCARCERATE CHILDREN AND FOR SOME OF THESE OTHER

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1 SERVICES. SO WE ARE HERE TO DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN WITH THE
2 VERY LIMITED DOLLARS THAT WE'RE GETTING, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO
3 SAY THAT WE ARE UNITED IN A VERY STRONG VOICE THAT L.A. COUNTY
4 WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH A MEASLY AMOUNT OF MONEY TO SERVE THE
5 STUDENT POPULATION THAT WE ARE SERVING. AND DR. SHERIN AND I
6 HAVE A WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT
7 WE ARE DOING IN OUR SCHOOLS. SCHOOLS ARE IN LINE. THEY ARE
8 CONTACTING BOTH OF OUR OFFICES EXCITED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF
9 RECEIVING ADDITIONAL FUNDS. AND WE HAVE TO BE THE BEARER OF
10 SAD NEWS TO SAY I'M SORRY, BUT IT IS ONLY \$6 MILLION. SO WE
11 APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER, AND WE ARE
12 GOING TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR STUDENTS SO THAT THEY GET THE MONEY
13 THAT THEY NEED THAT IS GOING TO KEEP THEM EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY
14 AND ABLE TO LEARN AND THRIVE AND GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
15 THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. SHERIN, WHAT IS THE STATUS
18 OF THE FUNDS THAT THE BOARD RELEASED FOR L.A. UNIFIED AND THE
19 OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES?

20
21 **JOHN SHERIN:** WELL, THE FUNDING THAT WE'VE INVESTED IN THE
22 SCHOOLS IS LARGELY DEPLOYED, ALONG THE LINES THAT WE HAD
23 DESCRIBED, WHERE WE'RE DOING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TRAINING,
24 OF ASSESSMENT AND IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEEDS AND
25 ARE IN DURESS AND ENGAGING AND LINKING THEM TO SERVICES. ONE

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1 THING WE HAD REALLY HOPED WITH THIS MONEY WAS THAT WE WOULD BE
2 ABLE TO KIND OF RESOURCE THE BACK END. SO IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN
3 WE ARE ENGAGING INDIVIDUALS, KIDS OR FAMILIES, AND THEIR
4 ISSUES, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY GET ADEQUATE TREATMENT.
5 THAT'S THE BACK END. AND THIS MONEY, WE HAD HOPED WOULD REALLY
6 START TO FILL UP THAT PART OF THE TREATMENT CONTINUUM, AND, AS
7 I THINK WE'RE ALL SAYING, THIS IS WHOLLY INADEQUATE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. YEAH, IT IS SHOCKING. ARE WE GOING
12 TO, LIKE, SEND IT BACK? I KNOW, RIGHT? ONE OF THE THINGS --
13 THE OTHER THINGS WE'RE DOING, JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW, IS
14 THIS LETTER IS ALSO ASKING OUR FRIENDS IN SACRAMENTO TO LOOK
15 FOR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR HELPING WITH MENTAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES IN OUR SCHOOLS. SO THAT'S THE OTHER THING THIS LETTER
17 IS DOING. WE'RE HOPING THEY'LL REALIZE THAT WE'RE -- AND WE'RE
18 ALSO SENDING A LETTER TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TELLING THEM
19 WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR THIS, FOR MORE MONEY. WE WANT THEM TO
20 KNOW WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEM UP IN SACRAMENTO.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, ANY OTHER COMMENTS? GO AHEAD,
23 DR. SHERIN.

24

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1 **JOHN SHERIN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO
2 SAY IS THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A FORM OF ONE-TIME MONEY. IS
3 THIS MONEY FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THE MONEY WE HAVE GOTTEN, AND
4 THE MONEY WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING, IS NOT ALL SUSTAINED MONEY.
5 IT IS NOT ONGOING MONEY. AND WE REALLY, REALLY HAVE TO THINK
6 ABOUT OUR LONG-TERM COMMITMENT WHEN IT COMES TO HIRING STAFF,
7 WHEN IT COMES TO ENGAGING CONTRACTORS AND HAVING THE
8 CONTRACTORS HIRE STAFF. WE CAN'T HAVE THAT DICTATED BY, YOU
9 KNOW, NON-SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE STREAMS. AND I JUST WANT TO
10 RAISE THAT BECAUSE IT IS AN ISSUE THAT WE STRUGGLE WITH AND I
11 DON'T THINK IT IS REALLY ADEQUATELY UNDERSTOOD BY THE -- YOU
12 KNOW, BY MANY OTHERS.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT DR. SHERIN, I WOULD ACTUALLY ADD,
15 THEN, THAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON BUILDING COMMUNITY-BASED
16 SERVICES BECAUSE MANY OF THESE, NOT ALL, BUT MANY OF THESE
17 STUDENTS WOULD QUALIFY -- HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE OR SOME FORM
18 OF INSURANCE. AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS CANNOT BILL AGAINST
19 THAT INSURANCE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY AN INTERESTING ISSUE AS IT
20 RELATES TO MAYBE THAT IS A POSSIBILITY FOR THE STATE TO PURSUE
21 AS IT RELATES TO ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BILL AGAINST
22 WHATEVER HEALTH INSURANCE THEY HAVE, WHETHER IT BE L.A. CARE,
23 BLUE CROSS, WHATEVER, BUT RIGHT NOW THEY DON'T. SO I WOULD
24 HOPE THAT WE ARE BUILDING A CAPACITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT
25 HAS A LINK TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SO THOSE FAMILIES AND/OR

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1 CHILDREN COULD BE REFERRED OVER AND THEN THEY CAN BILL AGAINST
2 THEIR INSURANCE SO THEY ARE AT LEAST GETTING SOMETHING.

3

4 **JOHN SHERIN:** I KNOW I CONTINUE TO GO ON HERE. I CAN'T HELP IT.
5 THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
6 REALLY WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH OUR MODEL IS CREATE TO
7 ACCOUNTABILITY, NOT JUST FOR CONTRACTORS THAT WE'RE FUNDING TO
8 DO THE WORK, BUT ALSO THE REST OF THE PAYER UNIVERSE, WHICH
9 DOES INCLUDE THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT, YOU KNOW,
10 HAVE ACCESS TO FUNDING THAT'S NON-SPECIALTY, THAT IS NOT OUR
11 FUNDING. AND ALSO, TO THE PRIVATE INSURERS, AND I WILL TIP MY
12 HAT, BIG TIME, TO THIS NEW GOVERNOR AND TO OUR OWN MARK GALEY
13 WHO ARE REALLY, REALLY READY TO STEP UP AND SAY TO THE PRIVATE
14 INSURERS THAT PARITY IS THE LAW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SO
15 LET'S SEE IT.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND PARITY, I'M COMPLETELY ON BOARD. AND I
18 HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, I THINK FOR ALL TOO LONG WE ALWAYS FOCUS
19 ON THE HEALTH SIDE, IF YOU BREAK YOUR ARM, WE NEVER LOOK AT
20 THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE. AND I'M EVEN TALKING BEYOND THAT
21 BECAUSE THERE ARE STUDENTS CURRENTLY, AT LEAST IN SOME OF THE
22 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT WE'RE FUNDING, THAT HAVE PRIVATE
23 INSURANCE THAT WILL NEVER GET BILLED AGAINST THE SERVICES THAT
24 ARE BEING PROVIDED. AND IF YOU CAN GET THEM ON THE FRONT END,
25 EVEN AGAIN TO WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS POINTING OUT,

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1 IF YOU INVEST EARLY, BEYOND JUST THE DOLLAR AMOUNT SAVINGS,
2 WHICH FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, IT WOULD BE, IT COULD SAVE
3 A CHILD. IT COULD SAVE A CHILD. SO I JUST HOPE THAT WE WOULD
4 PURSUE THAT AGGRESSIVELY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW AT
7 SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS, AND EVEN WITH L.A. UNIFIED, WE HAVE
8 COMMUNITY CLINICS AND SOME EVEN HAVE DENTAL CLINICS. WE HAVE
9 ONE IN EL SERENO. AND THEY ARE ABLE BRING DOWN INSURANCE MONEY
10 TO HELP PROVIDE FOR COVERAGE FOR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES AND THEIR
11 NEIGHBORHOODS. I THINK THIS IS WELL WORTH IT, INVESTING AND
12 FIGURING OUT ANOTHER MECHANISM OR PROCESS, WHERE WE CAN
13 RECEIVE FUNDING FROM ALSO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BILL FOR THE
14 SERVICES BECAUSE WE SHOULD HAVE PARITY IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE
15 OVER ALL. SO I AGREE WITH WHAT'S BEEN SAID BY OUR COLLEAGUES.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GREAT. ALL RIGHT, SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS
18 TO SPEAK, I HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY --

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE HAVE GOT TO CALL UP MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, I'M SORRY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME ARNOLD SACHS, DR. GENEVIEVE
3 CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, LARRY LAVEN, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, RED
4 CHIEF HUNT, AND WENDY CABIL. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
5 WILL ASSIST YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

8

9 **LARRY LAVEN:** YES, ONCE AGAIN, YOU ARE USING THE WORD MENTAL
10 HEALTH, WHICH IS A LIE. MENTAL HEALTH DOES NOT COVER DOWN'S
11 SYNDROME CHILDREN OR PEOPLE WITH MENTALLY-CHALLENGED PROBLEMS,
12 LIKE CHILDREN WHO ARE MENTALLY CHALLENGED. WHEN YOU ARE SAY
13 MENTAL HEALTH, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT PSYCHIATRY. AND THE ONLY
14 SOLUTION THAT PSYCHIATRY HAS TO OFFER IS MEDICINE. SO YOU'RE
15 TALKING ABOUT MEDICATING CHILDREN. I SAY YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE
16 CHILDREN ALONE BECAUSE TO GIVE THEM THIS MEDICINE WILL MAKE
17 THEM NEED THE MEDICINE WHEN THEY GET OLDER, WHETHER THEY NEED
18 IT NOW OR NOT. AND I KNOW THAT PSYCHIATRY IS NO MORE ETHICAL
19 THAN THE CAR MECHANIC AND WILL SELL HIS PRODUCT WHENEVER
20 POSSIBLE. I URGE YOU TO STAND AGAINST PSYCHIATRY AND TO CALL
21 IT MENTAL HEALTH WHAT IT IS, PSYCHIATRY.

22

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

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WILL TAKE ONE MINUTE. I APPRECIATE WHAT WE'RE
2 DOING HERE, THIS IS -- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** START THE CLOCK OVER, HIS MIC IS NOT ON.
5 PULL THE MIC CLOSER, OKAY, THERE YOU GO. START OVER AGAIN,
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE. IT IS ERIC
9 PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. I THINK SCHOOLS ARE A GOOD PLACE TO
10 IDENTIFY EARLY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH, YOU KNOW,
11 SITUATIONS THAT MAYBE WE CAN INTERVENE EARLY IS A GOOD IDEA.
12 THE QUESTION OF HOW \$75 MILLION IS AVAILABLE AND, YET, ONLY \$6
13 MILLION FOR L.A. COUNTY, I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE
14 RECEIVE MORE FUNDING PROBABLY THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE
15 WORLD MAYBE FOR THIS KIND OF WORK AND JUST RECENTLY WE HAD
16 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT MONEY THAT WAS NOT SPENT TIMELY, AS
17 WE ALWAYS UNCOVER, AS PEOPLE FINALLY PAY ATTENTION AND GO,
18 WHOA, HOW DID WE MISS -- NOT SPEND \$130 MILLION. SO I DON'T
19 KNOW IF THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF THE REASON, BUT IT IS NOT
20 APPROPRIATE TO HAVE SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY IF OTHER
21 COUNTIES -- BUT IF OTHER COUNTIES NEED MORE MONEY, JUST
22 IMAGINE THE PERIPHERAL COUNTIES THAT DON'T HAVE BIG OPERATIONS
23 THAT ARE SO WELL RUN, AND I LOVE DR. SHERIN'S WORK, IF THEY
24 CAN'T SUSTAIN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, THOSE PEOPLE COME TO L.A.
25 AND THEN IT BECOMES OUR PROBLEM. SO WE WANT GOOD COUNTY

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1 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS, THROUGHOUT THE STATE,
2 OBVIOUSLY. I WOULD LIKE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF WHY WE GOT
3 SUCH A SMALL NUMBER.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN.

6

7 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, RED CHIEF HUNT. ON THIS ISSUE,
8 I'D LIKE TO SAY THIS, YOU STARTED OUT DOING THE RIGHT THING,
9 REFRAMING EVERYTHING. WHEN YOU START REFRAMING EVERYTHING, A
10 DOLLAR PER CLIENT IN THE MENTAL HEALTH INDUSTRY, OR FOR THE
11 YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES, DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. I THINK THAT WE
12 SHOULD WRITE OUR OWN INITIATIVE AND TRY TO GET OUR OWN BILL
13 OUT THERE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND GO AHEAD AND
14 REFRAME IT. AND LET'S ASK FOR THE ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF MONEY
15 FOR EACH MENTAL HEALTH OR DO AN ESTIMATE ON IT AND GO BACK AND
16 REFRAME IT AND SEND IT BACK TO SACRAMENTO. THANK YOU GUYS, THE
17 RED CHIEF HUNT.

18

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

20

21 **WENDY CABIL:** HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. THIS IS WENDY CABIL
22 FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I'M GLAD I CAN HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY
23 TO SUPPORT THIS BILL AS WELL. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF N.A.M.I.,
24 WHICH STANDS FOR THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS. I'M
25 ALREADY A PEER MENTOR WITH THEM AS WELL AS AN INTERIM VOICE

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1 PRESENTER. AND SEEING THE NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR
2 CHILDREN WITH THE SUICIDE RATES OUT OF THIS WORLD, I'M WILLING
3 NOW TO EVEN TAKE ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND GET TRAINED WHERE I
4 CAN GO INTO THE SCHOOLS BECAUSE I SEE IT IS NOT COMING INTO
5 THE SCHOOLS, THEN WE NEED TO BRING IT TO THEM. SO I'M HERE TO
6 SUPPORT THAT CAUSE, THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
11 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THAT MOTION.
12 I THINK THE EARLIER IN LIFE WHERE WE PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ISSUES WITH MENTAL HEALTH, THE BETTER OFF
14 EVERYBODY WILL BE. SO I THINK WE SHOULD DEFINITELY ASK FOR
15 MORE MONEY, AND I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED THE PRIVATE
16 INSURANCE BECAUSE APPARENTLY THE COUNTY DON'T KNOW HOW TO BILL
17 PRIVATE INSURANCE. AND I THINK MAYBE THEY NEED TO GET LESSONS
18 ON DOING IT. I WOULD LOVE TO HELP THEM DOING THAT. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. I DISAGREE WITH
23 THIS, ASKING FOR \$75 MILLION FOR MENTALLY ILL YOUTH. I DON'T
24 KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT 80% OF THE YOUTH IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE
25 THE CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL ALIEN HISPANICS, LATINOS, ASIANS, AND

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1 FILIPINOS. THE PICTURE YOU TOOK EARLIER OF THOSE BOYS, THEY
2 WERE 90 PERCENT HISPANIC. OKAY SO, YOU ARE ASKING FOR ALL OF
3 THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS, NOW I'VE DONE THE RESEARCH. THESE ARE
4 L.A.U.S.D. NUMBERS, 550,000 STUDENTS, 450,000 ARE HISPANIC,
5 LATINO, ASIAN, AND FILIPINO. AND I HAVE DONE THE RESEARCH FOR
6 OAKLAND, SAN FRANCISCO. SAME THING. I'VE GONE THROUGHOUT
7 CALIFORNIA DOING THIS RESEARCH. YOU ASK FOR \$75 MILLION, THAT
8 \$75 MILLION, MOST OF IT IS GOING IN YOUR POCKETS. NOW, I'M
9 TRYING TO GET RESEARCH AND STATISTICS AND EVERYTHING ON WHERE
10 THIS MONEY IS GOING. THIS IS ONE REASON YOU WANT ALL OF THESE
11 ILLEGALS IN THIS -- IN CALIFORNIA AND THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY
12 BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL THAT MONEY
13 YOU'RE GOING TO GET, YOU SEE, BECAUSE THEY ARE ILLEGAL ALIENS.
14 THEY'RE NOT COMING FORWARD. IF THEY ARE NOT, THEIR PARENTS
15 ARE. WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING? THIS IS RIDICULOUS. NOW, I
16 WORKED IN THE SCHOOLS. I WORKED AT THE YOUTH DETENTIONS, EAST
17 LAKE, KILPATRICK. I CAN NAME MANY MORE, OKAY, WHERE THEY HAD -
18 - I HAVE EVEN TAUGHT IN MENTALLY-ILL CLASSROOMS, AND THOSE
19 BOYS WERE WITHDRAWING FROM DRUGS. NOW, IF YOU ARE GIVING THESE
20 YOUTH DRUGS, IT'S LIKE THE FIRST SPEAKER SAID, THAT SHOULD BE
21 A CRIME. AND SEE, YOU ARE DOING IT IN THE JAILS ALSO. YOU ARE
22 GIVING THESE WOMEN COMING OUT OF JAIL, YOU ARE GIVING THEM
23 PSYCH DRUGS, AND YOU'RE MAKING THEM MENTALLY ILL. BUT IF YOU
24 ARE DOING IT TO THE YOUTH, WE NEED TO HOLD THE SHERIFF
25 DEPARTMENT AND ANYBODY ELSE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS. BUT WE DON'T

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1 NEED ANY \$75 MILLION BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE HAVE THAT MANY
2 MENTALLY ILL ILLEGAL ALIEN CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTRY. THAT'S
3 WHO'S IN THIS COUNTY, AND PEOPLE NEED KNOW. YOU CAN GO ONLINE
4 TO SEE THE STATISTICS. THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER THIS COUNTRY, AND
5 THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA WON'T TALK ABOUT IT, BUT I AM GIVING YOU
6 THE TRUTH. THEY ARE ILLEGAL ALIENS, OKAY?

7

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

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, AND, OH AND
11 HAPPY BELATED MARTIN LUTHER KING, DAY. YOU KNOW, YOUR ROBUST
12 COMMENTS, LIKE YOUR THRUST, ARE GETTING OLD, SUPERVISOR
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AGAIN, NOBODY IS MENTIONING THE AFFORDABLE CARE
14 ACT. AND YOUR THREATS ARE ALSO GETTING OLD, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.
15 PEOPLE CALL AND SAY THERE'S AN OREO COOKIE AROUND, BUT THERE'S
16 ANOTHER TYPE OF COOKIE, A COOKIE WITH A CHOCOLATE FILLING AND
17 WHITE POWDER ON THE OUTSIDE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? SO
18 IT'S CHOCOLATE ON THE INSIDE BUT SURROUNDED BY WHITE FLOUR. I
19 WAS AT THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU STAY ON THE SUBJECT?

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WILL. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT REFERS TO
24 THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, MADAM CHAIR. IT WAS DEDICATED IN
25 2002, BUT IT HAS A LIST OF ALL THE CITY COUNCILMAN. YOU WERE A

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1 CITY COUNCILMAN, AND SO WERE YOU, MADAM JANICE HAHN. BUT WHAT
2 THE HECK WAS IT? L.A. CARE WAS STARTED IN 1998, BUT IT WASN'T
3 CONSIDERED FOR THE COUNTY UNTIL 2012. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT
4 WASN'T -- OH, YEAH, THAT WAS THE A.C.A., THE AFFORDABLE CARE
5 ACT, AND YET, NONE OF THAT MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON ANY KIND OF
6 HEALTHCARE. MAYBE IT SHOULD BE DIRECTED FOR SOME MENTAL HEALTH
7 CARE, YOU KNOW? YOU SEE ALL THESE COMMERCIALS ON T.V. ABOUT
8 HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES AND EVERYBODY PAYING THEIR
9 PREMIUMS. YOU SIGN UP, YOU JOIN A GENERAL, YOU JOIN ANY KIND
10 OF HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY, AND YOU HAVE TO PAY A PREMIUM, SO
11 THAT IF YOU NEED THE CARE, YOU GET THE HELP. YOU ARE GETTING
12 THE INSURANCE PREMIUM PAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND YOU
13 DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY. I THINK THERE'S A MENTAL DEFECT
14 THERE SOMEPLACE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR YOUR OFFICE, BUT,
15 YOU KNOW WHAT, THERE'S A KILLER ON THE LOOSE, AND I HAVE TO
16 CHANGE MY ADDRESS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED IS THAT THE
19 LAST SPEAKER? ALL RIGHT, ANY OTHER COMMENTS? SEEING NONE,
20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR -- MYSELF.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT, NOW WE ARE GOING TO
22 MOVE ON TO THE SET MATTER, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU
23 LIKE TO OPEN IT UP?

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I
2 WISH TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING AND
3 COSPONSORING THIS MOTION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE LATEST
4 DATA SHOWS THAT MORE THAN 150,000 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS IN THE
5 STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH OVER 100,000 OF THEM BEING
6 UNSHELTERED. WELL, IT'S IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE EPICENTER
7 OF HOMELESS IN THE STATE, THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 60,000 WHO
8 ARE HOMELESS AND OVER 40,000 WHO ARE UNSHELTERED. AND IF WE
9 ACCEPT THAT WE HAVE A CRISIS ON OUR HANDS, IT WARRANTS AN
10 URGENT AND COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE. THEREFORE, WE ARE HERE
11 TODAY TO TRY TO FRAME THAT RESPONSE. WE HAVE A ROAD MAP, AND
12 WE ARE OBLIGED TO FOLLOW SUIT. LESS MONDAY, THE GOVERNOR'S
13 COUNCIL ON REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS RELEASED A 40 POINT
14 COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY, IT IS A FRAMEWORK FOR
15 AN EMBOLDENED AND STRATEGIC RESPONSE AT BOTH THE STATE AND
16 LOCAL LEVELS, ORGANIZED BY THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF IN THREE FOCUS
17 AREAS, ONE, PREVENTING AND REDUCING STREET HOMELESSNESS, TWO,
18 BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO BUILD MORE HOUSING, AND THREE,
19 GETTING MORE PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT, BOTH MENTAL HEALTH
20 TREATMENT AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT. AND SO THIS
21 COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY PROVIDES A PACKAGE OF
22 LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATE MORE
23 HOUSING AND MORE SERVICES. HERE I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE
24 GOVERNOR NOTED THE GREAT WORK THAT IS BEING DONE RIGHT HERE IN
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH HIS RECENT BUDGET PROPOSALS, AND

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1 YOU'LL RECALL THAT THERE ARE THREE IN ADDITION TO THAT, AN
2 EXECUTIVE ORDER. AND SO THE GOVERNOR DECIDED THAT THAT WHICH
3 WE ARE DOING IN L.A. COUNTY IS WORTH SCALING UP, THE FLEXIBLE
4 HOUSING SUBSIDY, L.A. COUNTY, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
5 REENTRY, L.A. COUNTY, AND OBVIOUSLY THE WHOLE PERSON CARE
6 PILOT. L.A. COUNTY HAS DONE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF WORK IN
7 THAT REGARD AS WELL. AND SO I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE A
8 SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE AS WE COALESCE AROUND ONE CRITICAL FACT.
9 IT PUTS TO REST THIS NOTION OF SERVICE RESISTANCE, THE FACT
10 THAT THERE ARE 30,000 INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW, ACROSS THIS
11 COUNTY, WHO WANT TO ACCESS HOUSING AND SERVICES. IT SEEMS TO
12 ME THAT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ADDRESS THAT. THEY HAVE BEEN
13 ASSESSED, AND THEY ARE READY. WE NEED A FRAMEWORK THAT ENSURES
14 THEY HAVE A PLACE TO GO, TAILORED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.
15 I'M CLEAR ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS IS A PARADIGM SHIFT OF
16 CONSEQUENCE. THIS MEANS EXAMINING IF WE ARE RESPONDING OR
17 SPENDING OUR OWN COUNTY RESOURCES, FOR EXAMPLE, GENERAL
18 RELIEF, IN AN EFFECTIVE MATTER. IT MAY MEAN LEVERAGING PARKING
19 LOTS AND STATE TRAILERS THAT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
20 FAMILIES IN NEED, WHILE WE WORK ON HOUSING THEM IN AFFORDABLE
21 APARTMENTS. IT MAY MEAN AGGRESSIVELY PUSHING LEGISLATION LIKE
22 THAT WHICH ASSEMBLYMAN SANTIAGO IS MOVING OR ASSEMBLYWOMAN
23 BURKE IS MOVING IN TERMS OF THE RIGHT TO HOUSING FOR HOMELESS
24 FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN. MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK
25 YOU FOR LINKING THE SUBSTANCE USE CONTINUUM OF CARE MOTION TO

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1 THIS ITEM. WHY? BECAUSE THE ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE USE IS AN
2 IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR TOTAL RESPONSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC HEALTH, THE CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY TEAM THAT
4 WILL BE REVIEWING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS,
5 BIG TASK, BIG WORK, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS ON
6 POINT AT THE CARE HARBOR JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO WHERE WE
7 LITERALLY PROVIDED SERVICES TO THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
8 ARE HOMELESS, AND THE RESULTS OF THAT WE WILL BE SHARING WITH
9 YOU IN THE NEAR TERM. BUT BRINGING EVERYONE IN WILL REQUIRE
10 THE FULL WEIGHT OF OUR COLLECTIVE RESOURCES, OUR ENGAGEMENT,
11 AND OUR KNOW-HOW. WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE RELY ON STRONG
12 COMMUNITY PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND YOU WILL HEAR FROM
13 THE SPEAKERS WHO WILL REFLECT THE BIG TENT THAT WE ARE TRYING
14 TO ADVANCE HERE. SO I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD PUT OUR
15 SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL AND GET THIS WORK DONE. WE SAY IT IS
16 URGENT. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BEHAVE ACCORDINGLY. MADAM CHAIR,
17 THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR
18 THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AND I TRUST THAT WE CAN TURN TO
19 THAT AFTER THE BOARD MEMBERS THEMSELVES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
20 MOMENT TO PUNCTUATE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE MOVE FORWARD
21 WITH IMMEDIACY.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND BEFORE I CALL ON SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS, JUST FOR POINT OF ORDER FOR
25 THE AUDIENCE, WE ARE TAKING UP ITEMS S1 AND 2, WHICH RELATE TO

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1 48F, AND THAT'S ALL IN ADDITION TO ITEM 8, ITEM 48F, AND ITEM
2 A4. SO WE ARE COMBINING THEM ALL INTO ONE, BUT WE'RE STARTING
3 WITH THE SET ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AND HAHN'S
4 MOTION. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'M PROUD TO JOIN YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ON THIS MOTION AND WE'RE ALSO PROUD
8 OF YOU IN YOUR WORK ALONG WITH DARRYL STEINBERG ON THE
9 GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE HAPPY THAT
10 YOU'RE RIGHT THERE IN THE MIDST OF ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON
11 HOMELESSNESS ISSUES BECAUSE WE BELIEVE L.A. COUNTY IS GROUND
12 ZERO FOR THE HOMELESS CRISIS THAT WE HAVE, WHICH IS WHAT WE
13 HAVE. WE HAVE A CRISIS. WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY. I AM THANKFUL
14 THAT THE GOVERNOR IS FOCUSING IN THE WAY HE IS ON TRYING TO
15 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. I APPRECIATE HIS WILLINGNESS TO GIVE --
16 MAKE AVAILABLE LAND AND PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN HAVE
17 MORE RESOURCES. THIS IS SORT OF WHAT I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR.
18 WE KIND OF NEED A MARSHAL PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS EMERGENCY. AND
19 WHAT THIS DOES IS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE SO THAT,
20 AS YOU SAID, WE CAN ENSURE SHELTER OR HOUSING FOR ALL THOSE
21 WHO ARE READY AND WILLING TO RECEIVE SUCH SERVICES. AND WE
22 KNOW, NOT EVERYBODY ON THE STREETS RIGHT NOW IS WILLING. WE
23 KNOW NOT EVERYBODY WANTS IT, BUT THERE'S A HUGE NUMBER THAT
24 DO. AND WE'VE HAD A PROBLEM SO FAR IN GETTING THEM HOUSED AND
25 SHELTERED. AND THIS PROGRAM, THIS PILOT PROGRAM, IS TO TEST

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1 STRATEGIES THAT WILL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE SHELTER AND HOUSING
2 TO THOSE WHO WILL ACCEPT IT. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DO THIS IN
3 MY FOURTH DISTRICT, IN WHITTIER. I MADE AVAILABLE TO AN
4 ENCAMPMENT ABOUT 60 ROOMS IN A LOCAL MOTEL, IMMEDIATELY THAT
5 NIGHT, AND THAT WAS A SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY. AND I SEE ON OUR
6 GREEN SHEET TODAY THAT YOU'RE DOING THAT AS WELL, SUPERVISOR
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS, WITH A MOTEL IN COMPTON, I BELIEVE, WHERE THE
8 COUNTY'S LOOKING TO LEASE THAT FOR 10 YEARS, WHICH I THINK IS
9 BRILLIANT BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE KIND OF STRATEGIES THAT
10 WE NEED TO HAVE RIGHT NOW. AS WE KNOW, EVEN OUR VOUCHER
11 PROGRAM WHERE WE GIVE PEOPLE A VOUCHER FOR A MOTEL ROOM
12 DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT WHEN WE DON'T ACTUALLY CONTROL THE
13 MOTEL ROOM. MANY TIMES, BY THE TIME WE GET THERE, IT HAS
14 ALREADY BEEN TAKEN. SO I LIKE THE IDEA OF EXPANDING THESE
15 IDEAS, AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE REALLY IS BRINGING
16 ATTENTION TO THE URGENCY WE HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR TO GET
17 PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD
18 LIKE TO STAY THE COURSE, AND WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN OUR
19 STRATEGIES, BUT I HAVE FOUND THE STRATEGY OF SHELTERING PEOPLE
20 IN THE ORDER THAT THEY'RE PLACED IN THE COORDINATED ENTRY
21 SYSTEM SOMETIMES CAUSES PROBLEMS, AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO ME TO
22 BE WORKING IN AN EMERGENCY WAY THAT I'D LIKE SEE IT. YOU KNOW,
23 THE FACT THAT, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE HAVE
24 30,000 PEOPLE RIGHT NOW THAT HAVE SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING
25 TO ACCEPT SHELTER AND HOUSING. AND SO JUST TO GIVE THEM A

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1 NUMBER AND SAY WAIT OVER THERE UNTIL SOMETHING IS AVAILABLE IS
2 NOT SEEMING TO BE A WORKING SOLUTION, IN MY OPINION. SO I LIKE
3 THIS, WHAT WE'RE DOING, I THINK IT CAN TEST THE DIFFERENT
4 STRATEGIES. AND WE SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE
5 SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE, WE HAVE BEEN REALLY STRATEGIC, AND WE HAVE
6 BEEN REALLY GOOD ABOUT APPROPRIATING MONEY BASED ON CERTAIN
7 STRATEGIES, AND I LIKE THAT BECAUSE I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS
8 TRUSTED US WITH MEASURE H DOLLARS BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN SO
9 METHODICAL AND STRATEGIC AND ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT, BUT
10 I THINK WE ALSO NEED TO BE WILLING TO MOVE A LITTLE BIT AND
11 CHANGE A LITTLE BIT IF WE FEEL ANOTHER STRATEGY MIGHT WORK
12 BETTER. WE ARE HAVING OUR HOMELESS COUNT FOR LOS ANGELES
13 TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT. I DON'T KNOW, YOU KNOW, WHAT IT IS
14 GOING TO SHOW. IT FEELS TO ME LIKE THE CRISIS IS GETTING
15 WORSE, BUT WE'LL ONLY KNOW WHEN THE NUMBERS ARE IN, BUT I
16 THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT THING FOR US TO DO NOW TO PUT THAT
17 SENSE OF URGENCY AND EMERGENCY IN PLACE, THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO, BEFORE I GET
22 INTO MY ITEM, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE HAVING
23 THIS DISCUSSION AND THAT THE STATE IS TAKING A LEADERSHIP
24 ROLE, IN PART, BECAUSE OF WHAT WE'RE FACED WITH HERE IN L.A.
25 COUNTY. AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. IT IS A

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1 TEST PILOT STRATEGY BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT I DO
2 HAVE SOME UNCOMFORTABLENESS, BUT I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO START
3 SOMEWHERE. SO I'M WILLING TO GIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT
4 THAT WE CAN TRY TO GET THERE AND PERFECT THIS. I KNOW WE'RE
5 GOING TO HAVE A CHALLENGE WITH SOME OF OUR CITIES BECAUSE IF
6 THERE IS NO FUNDING STREAM FOR THEM, THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK TO
7 US AND THE STATE, AND WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT WHAT WE
8 PROPOSE, LIKE ANYTHING. SO I APPLAUD THE GOVERNOR FOR THE
9 \$1.4 BILLION AND THE MONIES THAT HE IS LOOKING AT PROVIDING US
10 BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE A BIG MENU OF THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO
11 SEE FUNDED. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR, AGAIN, IN
12 THEIR ITEMS, UNDERSCORING INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING
13 BECAUSE I DO THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND A
14 VARIETY, AND SOME THINGS WORK FASTER IN SOME PARTS OF THE
15 COUNTY THAT THEY DO THAN OTHERS, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT I'M HAPPY
16 WE'RE BEGINNING THIS DISCUSSION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU,
17 MADAM CHAIR, FOR LOOKING AT ENHANCING OUR SERVICES TO
18 INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. THAT'S SO
19 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE
20 INFORMATION ON A STRATEGY AND THE ALTERNATIVES TO
21 INCARCERATION REPORT THAT ALSO WILL HELP US ADDRESS THIS. THE
22 OTHER THING I WANTED TO QUICKLY, BEFORE I TRANSITION INTO ITEM
23 8, WHICH IS MY MOTION, ON THE H.O.S.T. TEAMS, I WANTED TO SHOW
24 A VIDEO, IF I MIGHT, AND THEN IF THAT'S OKAY. I DON'T WANT TO
25 LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, IF THAT'S OKAY. AND THEN I

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1 WILL -- BECAUSE I WASN'T SURE HOW WE WERE GOING TO DEAL WITH
2 ALL OF THIS. IS THAT OKAY?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** CAN I SHOW THE VIDEO? I THINK THERE'S A CLIP. THIS
7 IS ON ITEM 8, WHICH IS ALSO COUPLED UNDER THIS CONTINUUM. SO I
8 DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE IT, SINCE WE ARE ALL GOING TO BE TALKING
9 ABOUT DIFFERENT ASPECTS.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND PLAY THE VIDEO.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** CAN YOU GO TO THE VIDEO, PLEASE.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT AND THE HOMELESS. I'M KATARINA RODRIGUEZ. TODAY,
17 WE WILL DO A RIDE ALONG WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
18 OFFICE TO SEE FIRSTHAND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. AS A SHERIFF'S
19 DEPUTY, YOU COULD SAY RODNEY GUITTIEREZ IS NOT VERY GOOD AT
20 HIS JOB. AFTER ALL, HE HASN'T ARRESTED ANYONE IN THE LAST TWO
21 YEARS.

22

23 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** MY APPROACH ISN'T SPECIAL. IT IS BASIC
24 COMPASSION, RESPECT.

25

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1 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** FOR THREE DECADES, HE HAS WORKED WITH L.A.
2 COUNTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S. IN JULY 2017, HE GOT REASSIGNED TO
3 THE SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM, A GROUP OF JUST
4 14 DEPUTIES WHOSE GOAL IS TO LOOK OUT FOR THE HOMELESS AND
5 HELP THEM GET SERVICES. HE WORKS OUT OF THE SAN GABRIEL
6 VALLEY.

7

8 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** ONE OF THE THINGS I SAW WHEN I FIRST CAME
9 INTO THE TEAM IS THE TEAM WOULD GO INTO AN ENCAMPMENT GUNS
10 DRAWN, TACTICAL GREEN OUTER VESTS ON, AND THEN TWO MINUTES
11 LATER, TRY TO TURN OVER TO OUR OUTREACH PROVIDERS. HEY, BY
12 THEY WAY, OKAY, EVERYBODY IS COOL, NO WEAPONS, SO NOW DO YOU
13 WANT SERVICES?

14

15 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** THAT'S WHEN HIS ARREST NUMBERS STARTED
16 GOING DOWN.

17

18 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** SO THE FIRST THING I DID WAS SOFTEN MY
19 APPROACH, NO OUTER GREEN VEST -- RAMONE, ARE YOU HOME? GUNS
20 NOT KNOWN, LET THEM KNOW, HOMELESS TEAM, WE'RE HERE TO HELP
21 YOU, KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM.

22

23 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** THEN DEPUTY GUITTIEREZ STARTED LEARNING
24 THEIR NAMES.

25

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1 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** HEY JESSIE, ARE YOU HOME?

2

3 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** THEN THEIR STORIES.

4

5 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** SHE PREVIOUSLY WAS A CERTIFIED NURSING
6 ASSISTANT, LOST HER JOB AFTER SHE HAD SOME SEVERE DECLINE IN
7 HER HEALTH.

8

9 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** HE STARTED CALLING THEM HIS UNSHELTERED
10 FRIENDS. HE BEGAN CARRING A PRINTER IN HIS CAR TO HELP THEM
11 WITH INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS. HE CREATED A LOGO, GAVE
12 EVERYONE ON THE TEAM PINS, MADE A DECAL FOR HIS CAR, AND HANDS
13 OUT PENS WITH HIS PHONE NUMBER ON THEM, ALL PAID FOR OUT OF
14 HIS POCKET. EVERY THURSDAY, HE AND HIS PARTNER PICK UP COFFEE
15 DONATED BY STARBUCKS AND HEAD TO A HOMELESS SERVICES EVENT
16 STARTED BY DEPUTY GUITTIEREZ TWO YEARS AGO.

17

18 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** A LITTLE TACTICAL GEAR WITH SOME TACTICAL
19 MILK.

20

21 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** IN A TOWN WHERE THE HOMELESS ARE OFTEN
22 OVERLOOKED AND IGNORED, GUITTIEREZ HAS EMBRACED THEM. THIS NEW
23 APPROACH HAS LED TO A SERIES OF SUCCESS STORIES, STORIES LIKE
24 JOE'S, A MAN WHO WAS HOMELESS FOR 7 YEARS. NOW HE HAS A JOB
25 AND A HOME.

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2 **JOE:** WHEN WE WERE HUNGRY, THEY FED US. WHEN WE WERE COLD, THEY
3 BROUGHT US BLANKETS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I COULD REPAY THEM.

4

5 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** ACCORDING TO DEPUTY GUITTIEREZ, WHEN HE
6 STARTED TWO YEARS AGO, ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS IN
7 THIS AREA REJECTED SERVICES. NOW ABOUT 3/4 OF THE HOMELESS ARE
8 ACCEPTING THE HELP THEY DESPERATELY NEED.

9

10 **RODNEY GUITTIEREZ:** KEEP TRYING, WE KEEP TRYING. WE'RE NOT
11 GOING TO GIVE UP.

12

13 **KATARINA RODRIGUEZ:** IT TAKES PERSEVERANCE, PATIENCE,
14 COMMITMENT BUT, ABOVE ALL, LOVE. IT IS NOT THAT DEPUTY
15 GUITTIEREZ ISN'T GOOD AT ARRESTING PEOPLE. IT IS THAT HE IS
16 BETTER AT LOVING THEM.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** IF THE BOARD WILL PLEASE BEAR WITH ME, I HAVE A
23 FEW MORE THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY [APPLAUSE]. I WANT FIRST
24 OF ALL THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION WITH
25 ME MOVING FORWARD TO EXPAND OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE

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1 TEAMS. I JUST WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT OUR MOTION CALLS FOR A
2 REPORT BACK. SO WE ARE NOT COMING UP WITH A FIGURE RIGHT NOW,
3 BUT WE WANT TO LOOK AT AVAILABLE FUNDING DURING THE FINAL
4 CHANGES IN THE PHASE OF OUR COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS WHICH WILL
5 BEGIN IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL TWO YEARS
6 AGO, ALMOST THREE, JUNE 13, 2017, THE BOARD PASSED A MOTION
7 THAT WAS CO-AUTHORED BY OUR CHAIR, SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO
8 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO
9 HELP SUPPORT HOMELESS OUTREACH EFFORTS. AND YOU CAN SEE FROM
10 THE VIDEO, THE SHERIFF'S H.O.S.T. DEPUTIES UNDERGO SPECIALIZED
11 TRAINING TO DEESCALATE SITUATIONS. AND I THINK I'VE SHARED
12 THIS STORY TIME AGAIN WHERE I ACTUALLY WENT OUT WITH THE TEAM,
13 AND WE ACTUALLY VISITED A HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN THE SAN
14 GABRIEL RIVER BED. AND THE FIRST THING THAT STRUCK ME WAS THAT
15 PEOPLE WERE NOT RUNNING AWAY FROM THESE GENTLEMEN AND FROM THE
16 L.A.H.S.A. TEAMS. AND THEY KNEW THESE INDIVIDUALS BY NAME. AND
17 WHEN I SAW THAT, AND I SAW WE COULD DISTRIBUTE GOODS AND
18 INFORMATION, THAT REALLY STRUCK ME THAT MAYBE THERE'S A
19 DIFFERENT APPROACH HERE THAT I HAD NOT THOUGHT OF. SO I WAS
20 VERY IMPRESSED THAT THIS H.O.S.T. TEAM WAS ALREADY FUNDED WAY
21 BEFORE I WAS HERE, I THINK, AND REALLY EVEN UNDERSTOOD WHAT
22 THEY WERE DOING. AND I WANT TO REALLY UNDERSCORE THAT, AND I
23 KNOW IN THE PAST THIS BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$6.6 MILLION OVER A
24 THREE YEAR PERIOD. NOW WE'VE COME TO THE END OF THAT FUNDING.
25 THERE ISN'T ANY MORE FUNDING FOR IT, BUT I THINK IN PART YOU

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1 ARE GOING TO HEAR STORIES LATER ON FROM INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE
2 EXPERIENCED THE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM AND IN FACT SOME OF
3 OUR CITIES. AND I'M TOLD THAT 37 OF OUR CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY
4 ARE PARTICIPANTS. AND I ASKED MY STAFF TO HAND OUT THE LIST OF
5 CITIES WHERE THEY HAVE ACTUALLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE
6 TRAINING WITH OUR H.O.S.T. TEAMS. SO IT GOES FAR AND WIDE.
7 IT'S NOT PERHAPS PERFECT. I THINK DIFFERENT AREAS DEAL WITH
8 THIS IN A DIFFERENT MANNER. BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO SEE HERE IN
9 THIS MOTION IS LET'S GIVE IT A CHANCE AND A REPORT BACK AND
10 REALLY GET INFORMATION REGARDING ITS EFFECTIVENESS. AND I
11 APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES,
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, REGARDING WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN TERMS
13 OF OUTCOMES. I AGREE WE NEED TO HAVE DATA IF WE MOVE FORWARD,
14 BUT I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO AT LEAST BEGIN WITH
15 THE REPORT BACK AND GET THAT INFORMATION. SO THAT'S SOMETHING
16 THAT WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO. WE WANT TO SEE PROGRAM OUTCOME
17 MEASURES, ALSO, TO BE A PART OF THAT REPORT. AND THE REPORT
18 BACK ON ANY H.O.S.T. OUTCOMES DATA THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED
19 DURING THE FINAL CHANGES IN THE PHASE OF THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR
20 JUNE 2020, AS WELL AS TO ENSURE THAT ANY FUTURE FUNDING
21 TOWARDS H.O.S.T. TEAMS EXPANSION IS NOT USED, AND I WONDER, OR
22 UNDERSCORE THIS, NOT USED TO FILL OTHER BUDGETARY NEEDS WITHIN
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS HAS BEEN, I GUESS, MENTIONED BY
24 SOME INDIVIDUALS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER
25 CITIES AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE HERE. BUT I WANT TO

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1 ASSURE YOU THAT MY INTEREST HERE IS NOT TO GO BACK AT THE
2 FIRST SIGHT AND LOCK UP, BUT IT'S TO GET OUT THERE, TALK TO
3 PEOPLE, DEESCALATE, JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP, AND GET OTHER CITIES
4 TO HELP UNDERSTAND DEESCALATION AND TRAINING BY THESE H.O.S.T.
5 COMMITTEES IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE MANY TIMES WHEN A BUSINESS
6 OWNER OR HOME OWNER CALLS SOMEONE BECAUSE THERE ARE HOMELESS
7 THAT ARE IN THEIR AREA OR PROPERTIES, THEY DON'T CALL ON US.
8 THEY DON'T CALL 211. THEY CALL THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AGENCY. BUT I WOULD PREFER THAT IT BE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
10 TRAINED IN DEALING WITH DEESCALATION AND MENTAL HEALTH
11 TREATMENT. THAT, TO ME, IS A PRIORITY, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE
12 TRYING TO GET AT. AND I HOPE WE CAN HEAR SOME OF THE STORIES
13 FROM SOME IF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE. SO THANK YOU,
14 MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE TIME AND BEARING WITH ME ON THIS. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, I AM GOING TO SAY SOMETHING,
18 AND THEN I'LL LET SUPERVISOR KUEHL. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
19 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
20 BRINGING THIS MOTION IN TODAY. IT WAS BROUGHT IN LAST WEEK
21 WHILE WE WERE DISCUSSING SUPERVISOR HAHN'S NEW INTERIM HOUSING
22 IN SAN PEDRO. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT EACH OF US IS ACTING WITH
23 THE UTMOST SENSE OF URGENCY TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS ON
24 OUR STREETS. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE ARE CREATING SOLUTIONS
25 THAT ARE MORE INNOVATIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE NEED BECAUSE

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1 TODAY IS TRULY ABOUT PUTTING LIFE SAVING INTERVENTIONS ON THE
2 TABLE AND THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX. I'M EXCITED TO SEE THE
3 NEXUS IN THIS MOTION WITH THE URGENT HOUSING INITIATIVE THAT
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I BROUGHT IN. I DO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT
5 THE ACCOUNTABILITY MANDATE THAT WE CAN COVER LATER IN THIS
6 DISCUSSION. I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON THAT.
7 BUT, FOR NOW, KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF URGENCY, I'M PLEASED
8 TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR C.E.O. HAS ALREADY OPENED A SOLICITATION
9 PROCESSES TO IDENTIFY A HOUSING EXPERT OUTLINED IN MY MOTION.
10 WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, BY THE END OF JANUARY, WE WILL HAVE AN
11 INDIVIDUAL OR A FIRM IDENTIFIED WHO WILL CHAMPION THIS
12 INITIATIVE TO BRING MORE HOMELESS HOUSING PROJECTS MORE
13 QUICKLY AND MORE AFFORDABLY THROUGH THE PIPELINE. I HAVE BEEN
14 EXPLORING SEVERAL SITES IN MY DISTRICT, AND IT IS CHALLENGING
15 WORK, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN YOU MENTIONED THAT LAST WEEK. AND I
16 HAVE TO SAY, AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT BECAUSE ALL OF MY
17 COLLEAGUES FEEL IT, WHEN I TURN ON THE T.V., AND I SEE THAT
18 THE FIRST THING THAT THE NEWS IS COVERING IS THE RAPE OF A
19 HOMELESS WOMAN ON A CORNER THAT IS VIDEOTAPED, AND THEN THE
20 WEEK BEFORE, LEAD IN THE NEWS IS A HOMELESS MAN TRYING TO TAKE
21 SOMEONE'S CHILD, THOSE ARE THE EXCEPTION, NOT THE RULE, BUT IT
22 MAKES ALL OF OUR JOBS SO MUCH MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE PEOPLE
23 ASSUME AND HAVE A PERCEPTION THAT THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT
24 WE'RE TRYING TO HOUSE. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE
25 TRUTH. BUT THAT IS THE NARRATIVE OUT THERE. SO WHEN I SEE

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1 THAT, AS HORRIFIC AS IT IS, THE SECOND THOUGHT I HAVE IS THIS
2 IS GOING TO MAKE IT THAT MORE -- MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR US,
3 AS A BOARD, FOR CITY COUNCILS, TO PUT HOUSING IN COMMUNITIES
4 TO HELP THESE INDIVIDUALS. BUT WHAT IT TELLS ME IS THAT WE
5 NEED TO DO MORE AS IT RELATES TO WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR
6 STREETS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS FOR NOTING THE MOTION I BROUGHT IN TODAY BECAUSE I
8 THINK WE NEED TO BUILD CAPACITY ON THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SIDE
9 BUT ALSO THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE BECAUSE, CLEARLY, IF THEY WERE
10 NOT SUFFERING FROM SOME FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS WHEN THEY HIT
11 THE STREET, I GUARANTEE YOU, AFTER A FEW NIGHTS ON THE STREET,
12 THEY BEGIN TO DISPLAY SERIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO THEIR MENTAL
13 HEALTH. I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT, WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS HOUSING
14 EXPERT, WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB AS A BOARD OF DOING A
15 NARRATIVE IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING BECAUSE EACH ONE OF US
16 HAS TAKEN THIS ISSUE AND RECOGNIZED THAT IT IS A PRIORITY. AND
17 I ALWAYS SAY, L.A. CITY IS GROUND ZERO FOR THIS, MAKE NO
18 MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THEY HAVE OVER HALF THE HOMELESS. BUT I KNOW
19 MY COLLEAGUES WILL ALL AGREE, COVINA MAY ONLY HAVE 150, BUT TO
20 THEM, IT IS 56,000. SO, WHILE THE NUMBER IS NOT AS GREAT IN
21 MANY OF OUR CITIES, THE IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR COMMUNITIES IS
22 GREAT. AND I LOOK TO BELLFLOWER AND THE MODEL THAT THEY ARE
23 PUTTING INTO PLAY, AND I'M HOPING THE OTHER CITIES WILL LOOK
24 AND EMBRACE THAT, WHERE THEY HAVE SAID THAT WE'RE GOING TO
25 PROMISE SHELTER TO ALL, IN THEIR CASE, I THINK 50 OR 55

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1 HOMELESS LIVING WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES, BUT WE ARE ALSO GOING
2 TO ENFORCE LAWS AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC CAMPING. THAT WAY, THE
3 PEOPLE THAT GENUINELY DO WANT TO GET SHELTER ARE GOING TO GET
4 SHELTER. THOSE THAT DON'T, THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE THE
5 ABILITY TO WORK WITH THEM. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE
6 WE'VE REACHED THAT TIPPING POINT. WHEN WE STARTED WITH MEASURE
7 H, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IT WAS -- EVERYONE CAME FROM A
8 PLACE OF COMPASSION, THAT WE CAN DO BETTER, WE MUST DO BETTER.
9 WHAT I'M HEARING NOW IN THE COMMUNITY IS COMPASSION IS BEING
10 SET ASIDE, AND PEOPLE ARE FED UP BECAUSE THEIR ATTITUDE IS, I
11 WALK MY CHILD TO SCHOOL, AND NOW, I HAVE TO CROSS THE STREET,
12 OR I WALK MY CHILD TO SCHOOL, AND I HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO HIM WHY
13 SOMEONE IS SITTING ON THE CORNER WITH THEIR PANTS DOWN GOING
14 TO THE RESTROOM, OR I WALK MY CHILD TO SCHOOL, AND MY BIGGEST
15 FEAR IS THAT SOMEONE IS GOING TO VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY ATTACK
16 ME. AND THEY ALL LOOK TO US AS TO WHY THIS IS GOING ON WITH
17 THE CITY. SO, WHEN I SEE THIS MOTION, AND I SEE WHAT THE STATE
18 IS DOING, AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD THAT THERE
19 HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, MAKE NO
20 MISTAKE, NOTHING HAS BEEN AGREED TO. WHAT THE FEDERAL
21 GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED, THROUGH THE CITY OF L.A., IS TO
22 PROVIDE PROPERTY. THAT IS IT, AT THIS POINT, JUST LIKE THE
23 STATE. BUT WHAT I'M LEARNING IS, THAT'S THE EASY PART. IT IS
24 SELLING IT TO THE COMMUNITIES IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
25 PUT ON THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY. AND I SAY THAT MONEY IS NO

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1 LONGER AN ISSUE FOR US AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE'RE DOING. IT
2 IS GOING TO BE THE POLITICAL WILL OF THIS BOARD AND OF OUR
3 CITIES TO STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH US TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM.
4 AND I'M OPEN TO MOTELS. I'M OPENING TO ANYTHING, SINGLE
5 RESIDENCY OCCUPANCY, IN ORDER TO GET THESE PEOPLE OFF THE
6 STREET, BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. AND THEN I'M GOING TO
7 BRING UP SOMETHING ALSO THAT RELATES TO THIS ISSUE THAT HAS
8 NOT BEEN TALKED ABOUT. WE MUST BE WILLING TO CONSTANTLY LOOK
9 IN THE MIRROR, AND THAT RELATES TO OUR APPROACH TO COMBATTING
10 HOMELESSNESS, WHETHER IT PERTAINS TO EXPEDITING THE
11 DEVELOPMENT OF HOMELESS HOUSING OR DELIVERING SUPPORTIVE
12 SERVICES THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR PROVIDERS, WE OWE IT TO
13 THOSE SUFFERING ON OUR STREETS TO ADMIT WHEN OUR SYSTEMS COULD
14 WORK BETTER AND MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO IMPROVE THOSE
15 SYSTEMS BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU, WHILE THE INITIATIVES WE VOTED
16 ON WAY BACK WHEN WERE GREAT, I KNOW YOU SAID IT, SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS, WE NEED TO PIVOT BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU THOSE
18 INITIATIVES ARE NOT ADDRESSING A LOT OF THE ISSUES IN THE
19 CITIES OUT IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND SOME OF THE
20 THINGS THEY HAVE BROUGHT UP TO ME. AND I ALSO THINK IT IS AN
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ADDRESS L.A.H.S.A., AND WHAT IS GOING --
22 WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF L.A.H.S.A. GOING TO LOOK LIKE? WHAT IS
23 L.A.H.S.A.'S ROLE GOING TO BE MOVING FORWARD, COMBINING WITH
24 MEASURE H BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, PEOPLE DO NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND
25 AND DON'T DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN MEASURE H AND THE MONEY THAT

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1 L.A.H.S.A. PUTS OUT THERE? SO I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
2 TO LOOK AT L.A.H.S.A. FROM A REGIONAL STANDPOINT BECAUSE,
3 RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE THAT THINK IT IS CITY
4 CENTRIC, WHICH I WOULD ARGUE IT'S NOT. I THINK L.A.H.S.A. HAS
5 DONE A GREAT JOB. I KNOW THEIR PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON THE
6 HOMELESS COUNT, BUT WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW L.A.H.S.A. CAN
7 ACTUALLY BE THE ORGANIZATION THAT LOOKS AT HOMELESSNESS FROM A
8 REGIONAL STANDPOINT, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING
9 TO HAVE TO DISCUSS MOVING FORWARD. WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, AND
10 WITH THAT OPPORTUNITY, I BELIEVE THIS BOARD HAS A WILL TO DO
11 THAT. SO WITH THAT, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING IN THEIR MOTION, AND
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE H.O.S.T. TEAM.
14 AND I THINK THAT VIDEO IS EXACTLY WHY I SUPPORT IT, AND THAT'S
15 THE ONLY REASON I LET EVERYBODY CLAP BECAUSE THAT DEPUTY HAS
16 MADE A DIFFERENCE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY FROM A CREDIBILITY
17 STANDPOINT. IT IS NOT ABOUT CRIMINALIZING. IT IS ABOUT SHOWING
18 COMPASSION AND SHOWING TRULY EMPATHY TOWARD THESE PEOPLE WHO
19 DO HAVE -- EVERY PERSON HAS A STORY OUT ON THE STREET, EVERY
20 PERSON. AND, WHEN YOU HEAR IT, IT EVEN TRULY MAKES ME MORE
21 PASSIONATE ABOUT GETTING THIS DONE BECAUSE IT COULD BE ANYONE
22 UP HERE'S RELATIVE THAT COULD BE FACING JUST WHAT THAT WOMAN
23 WHO HAD HEALTH CHALLENGES AND ENDED UP ON THE STREET FACED.
24 SO, WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING ABOUT THIS. I DO HAVE
25 CONCERNS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL, AND YOU ADDRESSED THAT, BUT I DO

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1 THINK WE TRULY, IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE SHERIFF. I KNOW WE
2 HAVE GOT SOME LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
3 ALSO DOING OUTREACH WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY WITH TEAMS. AND SO,
4 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE'S A LOT OBVIOUSLY
7 GOING ON TODAY HERE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND OUR APPROACH TO IT.
8 I REMEMBER GROWING UP HEARING STORIES FROM MY PARENTS ABOUT
9 THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND HOW IT IMPACTED SO MANY FAMILIES, HOW
10 PEOPLE WERE UNMOORED FROM THEIR HOMES, WANDERING THE COUNTRY,
11 JUST TRYING TO FIND FOOD, A PLACE TO, YOU KNOW, SLEEP UNDER A
12 BUSH, ETC., BREAD LINES, THINGS THAT WERE COMPLETELY
13 UNFAMILIAR TO MY GENERATION. AND I FEEL AS THOUGH WE'VE KIND
14 OF COME FULL CIRCLE, IN A WAY, THAT WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS
15 REALLY A GIANT RESULT THAT HAD BEEN GROWING OVER DECADES
16 RELATED TO THE FAILURE ESSENTIALLY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
17 TO FUND ANY KIND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT WE DIDN'T NOTICE.
18 IT IS LIKE THE STORY OF THE FROG THAT'S PUT IN SORT OF TEPID
19 WATER, AND IT'S OKAY, AND THE FIRE IS TURNED UP, AND THE FROG
20 IS OKAY, AND THE FIRE IS TURNED UP MORE, AND THE FROG IS OKAY
21 BECAUSE IT IS SO INCREMENTAL. AND, BEFORE THE FROG KNOWS IT,
22 THEY ARE BOILED. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US IS
23 THAT, OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS GROWN AND GROWN AND GROWN AND
24 GROWN. AND NOW, WE ARE THE ONES TASKED WITH SOMEHOW SOLVING
25 THIS PROBLEM FOR THOSE IN OUR COUNTY WHO ARE EXPERIENCING

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1 HOMELESSNESS, WHO, FOR SO MANY DIFFERENT REASONS, HAVE LOST
2 THEIR HOUSING. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO STEP UP, AND I
3 BELIEVE WE HAVE, AND IN MANY WAYS, WE'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONES TO
4 STEP UP. THE STATE HAS BEEN TALKING, AND NOW THEY ARE SAYING
5 WE NEED TO BE DEEPLY ENGAGED AS WELL, WHICH I REALLY WELCOME
6 BECAUSE THE STATE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HAS A WHOLE LOT MORE
7 MONEY THAN THE COUNTY. AND THEIR DECISION TO DEVOTE A GOOD
8 DEAL OF IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 2
9 FIRST, VERY GRATEFUL TO THE AUTHORS AND GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO AGREED TO ADD JUST A FEW AMENDMENTS THAT I
11 HAD SUGGESTED TO IT. ONE IS ABOUT C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTIONS, NOT MY
12 FAVORITE THING WHEN I WAS HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
13 UP NORTH, BUT EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLICLY-OWNED LAND BECAUSE IT IS
14 A VERY IMPORTANT WAY FOR US TO DEVELOP ANY USES ON THAT LAND,
15 AND THE SECOND THING IS SUPPORTING STATE-WIDE EFFORTS TO PUT
16 TOGETHER A STATE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL. WE'VE ALREADY
17 DONE IT HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND IT'S
18 TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL TO USE THAT KIND OF FLEXIBLE SUBSIDIES
19 TO HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM. WE KNOW THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT
20 ARE FED UP IN SO MANY WAYS. THEY ARE EITHER HAVING COMPASSION
21 FATIGUE, OR THEY ARE FEARFUL. AND THE ABILITY, I MEAN, THE
22 SOLUTION OF COURSE MIGHT BE WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN SO MANY
23 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WHICH IS TO DECLARE IN THEIR CONSTITUTION
24 AS ONE OF THEIR ENUMERATED RIGHTS, PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO
25 HOUSING. HOWEVER, THOSE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ALSO PUT THEIR

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1 MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS BECAUSE A RIGHT, WHEN YOU SAY
2 SOMEONE HAS A RIGHT, IT'S REALLY A RIGHT AGAINST THE
3 GOVERNMENT. THAT IS, THE GOVERNMENT MUST SECURE THAT RIGHT FOR
4 YOU AND -- OR AT LEAST MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU'RE NOT DENIED IT.
5 IN THE UNITED STATES, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY KIND OF SYSTEM THAT
6 DECLARES HOUSING AS A RIGHT, NOR DO WE HAVE A SERIOUS FUNDING
7 MECHANISM TO DO IT. SO IT WILL ALWAYS BE A BIT PIECEMEAL IN
8 OUR VARIOUS SPLINTERED JURISDICTIONS. I ALSO WANT TO TALK
9 ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERMANENT HOUSING AND SHELTER. WE
10 STARTED A COUPLE OF DECADES AGO THINKING A LOT ABOUT PERMANENT
11 HOUSING AND HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO EMPHASIZE THAT BECAUSE
12 EVERYBODY WAS JUST DOING SHELTER, AND SHELTER WAS ONLY IN THE
13 NIGHT. YOU WOULD GO OUT IN THE MORNING. YOU WOULD BE BACK ON
14 THE STREET. YOU WEREN'T GETTING ANY SERVICES. IT WASN'T ANY
15 HELP AT ALL. AND SO IN OUR ENTHUSIASM FOR PERMANENT AND
16 ESPECIALLY IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, I THINK WE
17 EMPHASIZED IT SO MUCH THAT PEOPLE BEGAN TO SAY BUT WHAT ABOUT
18 SHELTER JUST TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREET. SO WE BEGAN
19 IMAGINING IT AS BRIDGE HOUSING. THAT IS, IT'S NOT JUST
20 SHELTER, BUT 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, A PLACE TO GO, AND
21 THE WHOLE POINT OF IT IS, YOU GET SERVICES THERE, BUT YOU WILL
22 BE MOVED AS QUICKLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE TO PERMANENT
23 HOUSING OR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THE PROBLEM IS WE
24 DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT PERMANENT HOUSING TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF
25 THESE TEMPORARY PLACES. SO THE TEMPORARY PLACES BECOME

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1 PERMANENT HOUSING, OR AT LEAST MUCH LONGER-TERM HOUSING THAN
2 WE HAD EXPECTED. I'M NOT SAYING THAT'S A BAD THING BECAUSE
3 EVERYBODY IN IT IS HOUSED, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD NOT IMAGINE
4 THAT ALL OF THIS TEMPORARY HOUSING IS A SOLUTION BECAUSE THE
5 NEXT 150 PEOPLE THAT ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS TOMORROW
6 STILL WON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. SO WE MUST FIND THESE -- THIS
7 SORT OF CONTINUUM AND CONTINUE TO INVEST IN AFFORDABLE
8 HOUSING, IN PREVENTION, AND THE WAYS THAT WE FOUND TO TRY TO
9 WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS
10 AND TO HELP THEM GET PERMANENT HOUSING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
11 I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THINK THE REQUIREMENT ON EVERY ONE OF
12 OUR CITIES IN THE COUNTY THAT THEY FIND A WAY TO HOUSE THE
13 HOMELESS PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR
14 THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE'VE GOT QUITE, YOU KNOW, 1/10TH OF THE
15 COUNTY IS UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND THAT MEANS OUR HOMELESS
16 PEOPLE ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY, BUT WE HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP
17 PRETTY WELL. A LOT OF OUR CITIES DON'T FEEL THEY HAVE THE
18 EXPERTISE OR THE MONEY, AND WE ACTUALLY NEED TO SAY TO THEM
19 THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT. NOW YOU HAVE TO DO IT, AND THIS IS HOW
20 YOU DO IT. AND I SUPPORT ITEM 2. ITEM 8, CONSIDERING THE
21 HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE TEAMS, AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE NOT BEEN
22 AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT
23 BEING THE FIRST FACE TO A HOMELESS PERSON AND HELPING, BUT I
24 CERTAINLY DON'T WISH THEY WOULDN'T BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. I
25 THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THESE HOMELESS OUTREACH

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1 SERVICES TEAMS. THE THING THAT I WOULD SAY, THOUGH, IS AFTER
2 TWO AND A HALF YEARS AND \$6 MILLION INTO THIS PROGRAM, WE
3 STILL HAVE REALLY NO DATA ABOUT OUTCOMES. WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN
4 ANY DATA FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT HOW EFFECTIVE
5 THIS IS. I LIKE ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE. I LIKE VIDEOS LIKE THIS. I
6 LIKE THIS DEPUTY AND THE OTHERS LIKE HIM WHO ARE SO GOOD AND
7 KIND AND REALLY EFFECTIVE. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE,
8 COMPARED TO THE 800 OUTREACH WORKERS THAT ARE OUT ON THE
9 STREET RIGHT NOW, FOR WHOM WE HAVE DATA ABOUT BECAUSE THEY
10 HAVE TO TRACK EVERYBODY THEY CONTACT, WHERE DID THAT PERSON
11 GO, DID THEY PERSON GET SHELTER, ARE THEY IN PERMANENT HOUSING
12 NOW. WE HAVE TRACKING LIKE THAT FOR OUR OUTREACH WORKERS, BUT
13 NOT FOR THIS PROGRAM. SO I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THE AUTHOR
14 SAY, MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT REALLY WHAT REALLY
15 NEED IS MORE DATA ON OUTCOMES. AND I WANT TO SAY, EVEN MORE
16 STRONGLY THAN THAT, THAT WE REALLY NEED GOOD, SOLID DATA AND
17 HOPEFULLY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT THESE OUTCOMES
18 BECAUSE THEY COULD LOOK REALLY GOOD AND WE NEED TO KNOW THAT,
19 BUT WE CERTAINLY NEED TO KNOW THAT BEFORE WE FUND MORE AND
20 MORE AND MORE TEAMS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. I THINK THERE'S A
21 QUESTION AS TO WHETHER MEASURE H MONEY CAN ACTUALLY BE USED
22 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE IT IS LIMITED TO WHAT'S IN THE
23 HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS NOT MENTIONED IN
24 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THERE'S OTHER KINDS OF FUNDING,
25 COUNTY HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE FUNDS, OR THE HOMELESS

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1 HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM DOLLARS. FRANKLY,
2 A.B.109 IS THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THIS BECAUSE IT RECOGNIZES
3 THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THESE ISSUES. AND, TO THAT
4 EXTENT, I WOULD ASK IF THE AUTHOR MIGHT CONSIDER, AND PERHAPS
5 I COULD ASK THE C.E.O. HER OPINION, IF IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR
6 US TO ASK FOR THIS REPORT BACK RELATED TO SUPPLEMENTAL, RATHER
7 THAN FINAL CHANGES BECAUSE, IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, THAT'S
8 WHEN WE RECONCILE THE A.B.109 MONEY. SO I WONDER IF I COULD
9 ASK THE C.E.O. TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THESE TWO TIME LINES.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WITH RESPECT TO A.B.109 FUNDS, WE DON'T
12 DO THE RECONCILIATION, AS YOU INDICATED, UNTIL THE
13 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, SO WE WILL NOT KNOW WHAT FUNDS ARE
14 AVAILABLE. SO IF YOU ARE ASKING TO USE THE A.B.109 FUNDS, I
15 WOULD SUGGEST MOVING THE REPORT BACK DATE TO SUPPLEMENTAL. I
16 WILL ALSO SAY, DURING SUPPLEMENTAL, WE WILL ALSO KNOW ANY
17 OTHER FUND BALANCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IF A.B.109 DOLLARS ARE
18 NOT THERE, BUT THAT CERTAINLY IS YOUR -- THE BOARD'S
19 DISCRETION.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WANTED TO ASK THAT, I'M SORRY, I SEE YOU PUT
22 YOUR MICROPHONE THERE.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
25 SEE THE DATA COME BACK WHEN WE ASK FOR IT, AND THEN IF WE DO

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1 HAVE TO MAKE SOME CHANGES OR FINE-TUNE, AT THAT POINT, I THINK
2 WE COULD CONTINUE. BUT IT DEPENDS ON WHAT COMES BACK, AND IT
3 ISN'T JUST A.B.109, I THINK WE COULD LOOK AT WHAT OTHER
4 RESOURCES THERE ARE AVAILABLE. AND I REALLY JUST WANT TO LOOK
5 AT THAT. THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING FOR. SO I DON'T WANT TO, HOW
6 COULD I SAY, PUT A CIRCLE AND ENCAPSULATE JUST ONE ASPECT OF
7 WHERE FUNDING CAN COME FROM. I REALLY WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT
8 ELSE IS OUT THERE. AND WHO KNOWS, MAYBE THE STATE MAY BE ABLE
9 TO HELP US. WHAT I'M UNDERSTANDING, I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS,
10 IS THAT EVEN WITH OUR 24-HOUR, THREE-MONTH EXPERIMENT THAT
11 WE'RE HAVING IN BASSET PARK, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS
12 THAT I'VE HEARD FROM OUR PROVIDERS AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT
13 ARE THERE IS ABOUT SAFETY. AND, WHILE THE H.O.S.T. TEAMS COME
14 IN AND THEY DEESCALATE AND THEY DO ALL OF THAT, IT IS SO
15 IMPORTANT BECAUSE I HAVE TO SAY THAT NOT EVERYBODY IS TRAINED
16 IN DOING THIS KIND OF WORK. AND SO MY COMMUNITY, AND IT ISN'T
17 A CITY, IT IS UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THE RESIDENTS THERE HAVE
18 EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN, THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE 100 COTS
19 THERE.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THE POINT YOU MAKE IS
22 ACTUALLY THE POINT I'M MAKING, WHICH IS MEASURE H MONEY IS
23 ABOUT SERVICES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE AND, AGAIN, DID NOT
24 CONTEMPLATE IN ANY OF THE LITERATURE OR AFTER, WHEN WE DID ALL
25 OF THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE EXPENDED, THAT

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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE ONE OF THE AREAS. SAFETY IS A LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION, WHICH ARGUES EVEN MORE, IN MY OPINION,
3 FOR A.B.109 MONEY, NOT ONLY, BUT THINGS THAT ARE MORE
4 APPROPRIATE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT I WANT TO DISPEL THIS MYTH OUT THERE BECAUSE
7 SOME OF OUR PROVIDERS HAVE TO PROVIDE SECURITY OFFICERS, ALSO,
8 AT SOME OF THESE FACILITIES, TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S SAFETY FOR
9 SAFETY PURPOSES. SO I WANT TO SAY THAT THAT'S ALREADY
10 HAPPENING. THERE ARE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO GET HOMELESS H
11 MONEY TO DO SERVICES, AND THEY HAVE TO HIRE UP SECURITY
12 GUARDS. SOME OF THEM MAY NOT BE AS WELL-TRAINED AS H.O.S.T.
13 STAFF, AND I KNOW THAT BECAUSE I'VE SEEN IT, AND I'VE SEEN IT
14 IN A PARTICULAR, AND THAT'S A CONCERN THAT I HAVE THAT IT
15 WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD HAVE BETTER TRAINING OVERALL, AND I
16 THINK THE H.O.S.T. COMMITTEE OFFERS SOME OF THAT, AND I KNOW
17 EVEN SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE H.O.S.T.
18 TEAMS AT THEIR SITES BECAUSE THEY HAVE THAT LEVEL OF TRUST,
19 AND THEY'RE NOT THERE TO INCARCERATE PEOPLE. SO I REALLY DO
20 WANT TO SEND THAT MESSAGE. IT IS NOT ABOUT PUTTING HAND CUFFS
21 ON PEOPLE AT ALL. IT IS REALLY ABOUT LOOKING AT HOW WE'RE
22 DELIVERING THE SERVICE TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND YOU HEARD IT
23 IN THE VIDEO, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR IT FROM SOME OF THE
24 FOLKS THAT OUT IN THE FIELD THAT THESE ARE THEIR CLIENTS, TOO.
25 THESE ARE THEIR FRIENDS --

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO RECLAIM MY TIME, IF I
3 MIGHT, NOT MY TIME, BUT JUST BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE A SLIGHT
4 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, WHICH THE FIVE OF US WILL HAVE OVER
5 TIME, WHICH IS FINE. BUT I WANTED TO SAY, FOR MY PART, IN WHAT
6 I'M SAYING HERE TODAY ABOUT MY FEELINGS ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO
7 DO THAT IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO ADD TO THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM
8 UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE OUTCOMES ARE. WHETHER THERE ARE
9 VERY GOOD PEOPLE DOING GOOD WORK, AND WE CAN POINT TO THEM, IS
10 DIFFERENT FROM INVESTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN EXPANDING A
11 PROGRAM WHERE WE DON'T HAVE DATA. AND I HEARD THE AUTHOR SAY,
12 YES, WE DEFINITELY NEED DATA. SO I'M SAYING I WOULD REALLY
13 LIKE US TO CONCENTRATE ON GETTING SOME OUTCOME INFORMATION
14 FROM THIS PROGRAM JUST AS WE DEMAND FROM EVERY OTHER PROGRAM
15 THAT WE FUND, AND I UNDERSTAND THE AUTHOR HAS NO PROBLEM WITH
16 THAT. I SUGGESTED A LATER MOMENT IN THE BUDGET CYCLE SO THAT
17 WE COULD ACTUALLY SEE WHAT MONEY WAS AVAILABLE IN THE A.B.109
18 POT, WHICH I THINK MIGHT BE A VERY HELPFUL THING. BUT, YOU
19 KNOW, THAT -- THAT'S UP TO YOU. I, YOU KNOW, I INDICATED TO
20 YOU, AS THE PRINCIPAL AUTHOR, THAT I WAS NOT GOING TO VOTE
21 AGAINST THIS BECAUSE I HAD ASSURANCES THAT WE WERE GOING TO
22 LOOK AT OUTCOMES. MOVING IT LATER IN THE BUDGET IS A NEW
23 CURVEBALL FOR YOU FROM ME. I DIDN'T GET TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
24 IT AS WE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SO I'M NOT SAYING ANYTHING HINGES
25 ON IT, BUT I DO ACTUALLY THINK IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF

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1 THE MOTION, IF YOU MIGHT CONSIDER IT, JUST BECAUSE THAT'S
2 POINT IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION. THAT'S ALL I'M
3 SAYING. FINALLY, I WANT TO PRAISE THE CHAIR, AS WELL, FOR HER
4 MOTION BECAUSE THESE THREE THINGS ARE TAKEN ALTOGETHER.
5 ENHANCING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
6 TREATMENTS, VERY IMPORTANT. AND I THANK YOU FOR IT. I THINK
7 THE ONE THING I WOULD SAY IS RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING, WHICH IS
8 A GREAT CONCEPT, IS A LITTLE AMORPHOUS YET IN PEOPLE'S MINDS
9 AS TO WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN. AND WE CANNOT YET DRAW DOWN MEDI-
10 CAL MONEY FOR IT. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE MIGHT BE ABLE
11 TO THINK OF A WAY, WORKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND EVERYBODY
12 ELSE, TO STRUCTURE WHAT WE DO IN A WAY TO ACTUALLY DRAW DOWN
13 SOME MEDI-CAL MONEY. SO I'M SORRY TO HAVE TAKEN SO LONG, BUT
14 IT IS THREE DIFFERENT MOTIONS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I DO KNOW YOU
17 WANT TO SPEAK, AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THEN WE
18 WILL TAKE PUBLIC --

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I REALIZED I HADN'T --
21 THAT WE WERE TAKING ALL OF THESE ITEMS UP TOGETHER. I JUST
22 WANTED TO NOT LET ITEM 8 GO BY WITHOUT EXPRESSING MY FEELINGS,
23 AND I KNOW WE ARE ALL EXPRESSING OUR FEELINGS ON THIS, BUT I'M
24 REALLY HAPPY TO JOIN SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS MOTION TO FIGURE
25 OUT HOW WE CAN EXPAND OUR SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE

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1 TEAMS, H.O.S.T. TEAM. MANY OF THEM ARE IN OUR AUDIENCE TODAY.
2 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I HAD SPOKEN TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL A
3 LITTLE BIT SAYING I JUST HAVE HAD A REALLY GOOD, DIFFERENT
4 EXPERIENCE IN MY DISTRICT WITH H.O.S.T.S. AND BY THE WAY,
5 THERE'S ONLY 18 OF THEM, I BELIEVE. AND I REQUEST THEM ALL THE
6 TIME. SO NO WONDER THEY ARE STRETCHED SO THIN. I STARTED
7 WORKING WITH THEM ON THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR WHEN WE HAD AN
8 ENCAMPMENT THAT WAS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, AND THEY WERE VERY
9 SUCCESSFUL WITH NO DRAMA, AND NO BAD OUTCOMES OF FINDING OTHER
10 PLACES FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO WERE IN DANGER NEXT TO
11 THOSE TRACKS. THE LIEUTENANT JEFF DEITRICH IS THE LEADER OF
12 THIS TEAM, AND, AGAIN, FOR ME, THEY HAVE PLAYED A CRITICAL
13 ROLE IN ADDRESSING THESE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS. I HAD AN ISSUE
14 IN WHITTIER, AND, BY THE WAY, THERE IS NOT ALWAYS GREAT
15 COOPERATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, BUT, IN
16 WHITTIER, FOR INSTANCE, THE WHITTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS
17 WELCOMED OUR SHERIFF'S H.O.S.T. TEAM TO COME AND HELP WITH THE
18 ISSUE IN A PARK WHEN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WAS UPSET, AND, TO BE
19 HONEST WITH YOU, I THINK THAT SOME OF THE ANGER AND HOSTILITY
20 OUT THERE TOWARDS OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS IS -- THE ONLY REASON
21 THAT MORE BAD THINGS HAVEN'T HAPPENED, I THINK, IS BECAUSE OF
22 TEAMS LIKE OUR H.O.S.T. TEAM WHO CAN GO OUT IN COMMUNITY AND
23 HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE WHO HAVE FOUND
24 THEMSELVES HOMELESS, AND IT GIVES THE COMMUNITY A SENSE THAT
25 WE ACTUALLY ARE DOING SOMETHING, THAT WE ACTUALLY ARE HAVING A

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1 ROBUST STRATEGY WITH THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR ENCAMPMENTS THAT
2 DOESN'T NECESSARILY INCLUDE ARRESTING AND INCARCERATION. I
3 THINK WE ALL MADE IT REALLY CLEAR TO OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
4 THAT WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ARRESTING HOMELESS FOLKS AND
5 PUTTING THEM IN OUR COUNTY JAILS. I THINK THAT'S A REALLY BAD
6 OUTCOME FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES WITHOUT A HOME.
7 BUT THAT'S NOT THEIR GOAL. THEY ENGAGE PEOPLE WITH RESPECT,
8 WITH DIGNITY. THEY BUILD THE TRUST THAT SOMETIMES L.A.H.S.A.
9 OUTREACH WORKERS ARE NOT DOING, FOR WHATEVER REASON. I FEEL
10 LIKE I SEE MORE OF OUR H.O.S.T. TEAM OUT THERE SOMETIMES THAN
11 OUR L.A.H.S.A. OUTREACH WORKERS. SO I THINK THEY ARE PROVIDING
12 A REALLY IMPORTANT ROLE. THEY DO WORK WITH L.A.H.S.A.
13 OUTREACH. I'M NOT SAYING THEY DON'T, BUT SOMETIMES THEY'RE THE
14 FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. AND I, HONESTLY, I -- I UNDERSTAND
15 MEASURE H AND HOW WE WORKED REALLY HARD ON KNOWING WHAT WE CAN
16 AND CAN'T SPEND THOSE DOLLARS FOR, AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW, YOU
17 HAD SOME VERY STRONG OPINIONS ABOUT THAT MONEY GOING TOWARDS
18 LAW ENFORCEMENT. BUT I GOTTA TELL YOU, I HAVE A -- I FEEL
19 LIKE, WHEN MEASURE H WAS PASSED, I DON'T KNOW IF WE ACTUALLY
20 KNEW THE CRISIS THAT WE HAD ON OUR HAND, AND I DON'T THINK LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT, PARTICULARLY OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS ALSO
22 PREPARED FOR WHAT WE WERE GOING TO ASK THEM TO DO. AND I DON'T
23 THINK THEY REALLY THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE THE ONES
24 IN THE RIVERBEDS, OR THEY WERE GOING TO BE THE ONES ALONG
25 ALAMEDA CORRIDOR, OR THEY WERE GOING TO BE THE ONES THAT WERE

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1 THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN OUR HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS. AND
2 THEN WHEN PEOPLE CALLED 911 BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO
3 DO FOR FOLKS THAT WERE HAVING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, IT WAS
4 OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT ROLLS OUT. AND I KNOW THAT WE
5 TRIED TO TEAM THEM WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, BUT I
6 JUST THINK THEY HAVE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE IN ADDRESSING
7 THOSE HOMELESS EMERGENCY. AND I THINK THEY -- THEY DESERVE TO
8 BE EXPANDED. I THINK THEY DESERVE TO BE FUNDED, AND I WILL GO
9 ON RECORD SAYING I'M NOT OPPOSED TO USING MEASURE H DOLLARS
10 FOR THAT. THEY CLEARLY ARE PROVIDING A SERVICE TO THE HOMELESS
11 IN A WAY THAT A LOT OF OTHER AGENCIES AREN'T. I AGREE WITH
12 YOU. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN INCARCERATING PEOPLE, BUT I DON'T
13 THINK THAT'S WHAT THEIR MISSION IS OR WHAT THEY ROLE IS. AND
14 JUST BECAUSE THEY WEAR THE SHERIFF'S UNIFORM DOESN'T MEAN
15 THAT'S THEIR FIRST RESPONSE IS TO ARREST PEOPLE. I WISH WE
16 COULD EXPAND THEM TODAY. THAT'S HOW I FEEL. I WISH WE COULD
17 EXPAND THEM TODAY AND FUND THEM TODAY. NOW, DO I WISH THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD FUND THEM OUT OF HIS BUDGET? YES.
19 THAT WOULD BE IDEAL. THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING I WOULD
20 WANT HIM TO DO. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S GOING TO BE
21 POSSIBLE BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK -- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
22 THEM EXPANDED AND FUNDED. I NEED THEIR HELP. I NEED THEIR HELP
23 IN ADDRESSING THE ENCAMPMENTS THAT HAVE GROWN UP IN MY
24 DISTRICT. SO THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THE CASE HAS BEEN
4 MADE FOR DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE
5 YET HOMELESS ARE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIGNITY AND
6 PURPOSE IN THEIR LIVES, WHICH MEANS THEY NEED TO BE PROVIDED
7 WITH A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD AND THE NECESSARY SUPPORTS THAT
8 WOULD MAKE THEM WHOLE. WHOEVER WE CAN CALL FORTH TO HELP IN
9 THAT EFFORT, WE SHOULD DO THAT. WE SHOULD ALSO BE MINDFUL OF
10 THE TRAINING, SKILL, AND EXPERTISE THAT EACH PERSON WHO WE
11 WOULD CALL FORWARD HAS TO BRING TO BEAR. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM
12 8, I THINK THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN HEALTHY, DIFFERENT POINTS
13 OF EMPHASIS HAVE BEEN MADE PLAIN, AND ULTIMATELY, IT SEEMS TO
14 ME THAT WE OUGHT TO MAXIMIZE THE FLEXIBILITY THAT'S AFFORDED
15 WITH RESPECT TO HOW WE EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF THE CURRENT
16 PROGRAM AND WHAT RESOURCES WE MAY LOOK TO TO AUGMENT IT. IT IS
17 A MISTAKE TO BE ONE DIMENSIONAL ABOUT IT WITH RESPECT TO
18 MEASURE H. IF A.B.109 DOLLARS CAN PROVIDE A BETTER OPTION, IT
19 SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT OUGHT TO BE AT LEAST CONSIDERED, AND I
20 THINK THE EVALUATION SHOULD BE ONGOING, AS IS THE CASE IN
21 OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR WORK AROUND HOMELESSNESS. THESE
22 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS -- MULTIDISCIPLINE TEAMS ARE VERY
23 IMPORTANT. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, SOCIAL
24 WORKERS, PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE
25 EXPERTISE IN HOUSING, ETC. IT SEEMS TO ME ALL OF THAT MATTERS,

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1 AND WE SHOULD KEEP A FOCUS ON THAT BECAUSE THAT IS ULTIMATELY
2 WHAT WILL HELP BRING PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN. THAT'S OUR
3 OBJECTIVE, AND THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON. MADAM
4 CHAIR, PERMIT ME TO READ IN AN ADDITIONAL MOTION AS IT IS A
5 PART OF THE OUR OMNIBUS HOMELESS EFFORT TODAY. ALL OF THIS IS
6 A PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY. WE
7 RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S A CRISIS. AND THERE ARE CLEARLY A
8 NUMBER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA THAT SPOTLIGHT OUR COLLECTIVE
9 COMMITMENT TO SCALE UP OUR RESPONSE TO THIS CRISIS, AND I
10 WOULD LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT THERE IS ONE WORTHY OF OUR
11 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. AS PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
12 ISSUED ON JANUARY 8, HE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE 100 TRAVEL
13 TRAILERS TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO HOUSE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
14 ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THIS IS A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY
15 FOR THE COUNTY TO SECURE MUCH NEEDED INTERIM HOUSING EFFORTS
16 FOR VULNERABLE HOMELESS FAMILIES LIVING ON THE STREETS OR IN
17 THEIR VEHICLES. A NUMBER OF UNDER UTILIZED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
18 PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN S.P.A. 6, A COUNTY-OWNED
19 PARKING LOT THAT SERVED AS A FORMER PROBATION BUILDING, THE
20 COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AT IMPERIAL HIGHWAY IN THE
21 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ATHENS, A VACANT LOT ON 85TH AND
22 BROADWAY THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING OPERATED BY ONE OF OUR
23 MEASURE H SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND THEN ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY AT
24 THE CORNER OF ADAMS AND WESTERN OWNED BY A FAITH ORGANIZATION
25 THAT IS INTERESTED IN HELPING ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS, AND

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1 I UNDERSTAND THAT A FEW OTHER SITES THAT ARE ALSO BEING
2 EVALUATED FOR THIS USE. I INVITE OTHER MEMBERS TO WEIGH IN
3 ACCORDINGLY. I BELIEVE WE ALSO MUST WORK WITH EFFICIENCY AND
4 HASTE TO SITE THIS HOUSING AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
5 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER. L.A. CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE THE
6 WAY. WHY? BECAUSE WE'RE THE EPICENTER OF THIS CRISIS. SO I
7 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND THE PROPOSED
8 SITING OF NO-COST TRAILERS FOR INTERIM HOUSING FOR HOMELESS
9 FAMILIES AND RELATED ACTIONS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A., PURSUANT TO
10 COUNTY COUNSEL INSTRUCTION, AND MOVE FORWARD WITH APPROVING
11 THE PLACEMENT OF THESE TRAILERS, FIND THAT THIS PROGRAM IS
12 NECESSARY TO MEET THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION IN THE
13 COUNTY, DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO THE C.E.O. TO USE SAID
14 PROPERTIES IN THE COUNTY, DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO THE C.E.O.
15 IN COORDINATION WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF L.A.H.S.A., THE
16 HEALTH AGENCY, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND COUNTY COUNSEL
17 TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO PREPARE AND PROVIDE SERVICES
18 AT SELECTED SITES AND THEN FINALLY DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE
19 C.E.O. AND EXECUTE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO
20 EFFECTUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM HOUSING AS DESCRIBED
21 ABOVE. MADAM CHAIR, THE MATTER IS URGENT. IT IS A CRISIS. THE
22 GOVERNOR HAS MADE THESE VEHICLES, THESE TRAILERS, AVAILABLE TO
23 US. THEY CAN HELP US IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS, AND I WOULD
24 LIKE FOR US TO CONSIDER THIS AS A PART OF OUR ITEM IN S1
25 TODAY. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SINCE YOU BROUGHT UP THE
3 GOVERNOR'S \$1.4 BILLION HOMELESS PROPOSAL, I HAVE BEEN TRYING
4 TO SEEK CLARIFICATION IN TERMS OF WHAT IT CAN BE USED FOR, AND
5 I AM BEING TOLD THAT IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORT FUNDING
6 FOR INTERIM HOUSING. AND, I MEAN, ARE WE GOING TO SUPPORT IT
7 IN ITS CURRENT ITERATION KNOWING THAT THE FUNDING CAN BE USED
8 TO SUPPORT EXPANDED OR INTERIM HOUSING CAPACITY, AND THAT IT'S
9 NOT GOING -- AND THAT'S THE DIRECTION WE ARE MOVING IN? I'M
10 JUST FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I CAN'T GET A CLARIFICATION, AND I
11 THINK IT IS GREAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, TO HAVE THESE
12 TRAILERS COME INTO THE COUNTY, AND I KNOW WE ARE LOOKING AT
13 M.H.S.A. FUNDS TO BE DIVERTED, AND I JUST WANT TO SEEK
14 CLARIFICATION IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR AND THE \$1.4
15 BILLION, WE'RE EXPANDING SERVICES, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT
16 MONEY CAN BE USED FOR THAT, AND THEN WE ARE LOOKING AT
17 DIVERTING M.H.S.A. FUNDS FROM MENTAL HEALTH TO HOMELESS
18 SERVICES, WHICH I HAD SAID ALL ALONG THAT WE KNOW THAT 78
19 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET ARE FACING SOME SORT OF
20 MENTAL ILLNESS. I JUST WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION IN TERMS OF
21 ALL THESE MOVING PIECES.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, LET ME BEING WITH RESPECT TO
24 CLARIFYING THE ITEM. THE \$1.4 BILLION DOES NOT SPEAK TO THE
25 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT DOLLARS. THAT'S A SEPARATE

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1 DISCUSSION. THE SECOND POINT THAT I WOULD WISH TO MAKE, WITH
2 THESE THREE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS, THESE THREE DIFFERENT POTS,
3 EACH ONE OF THEM IS DESIGNED IN THE IMAGE OF OUR LOCAL, THAT
4 IS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY-RELATED PROJECTS. I AM GOING TO ASK
5 PHIL ANSELL TO COME FORWARD IN A MOMENT TO GIVE FURTHER
6 FEEDBACK WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF THESE RESOURCES FOR OUR
7 EFFORTS AROUND HOUSING.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHICH RESOURCES, I'M SORRY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ONES YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THE \$1.4 OR THE M.H.S.A.?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, THE \$1.4, WHICH IS THREE DIFFERENT
16 POTS. PHIL?

17

18 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. THE GOVERNOR'S \$1.4
19 BILLION DOLLAR PROPOSAL IN THE JANUARY BUDGET HAS 2
20 COMPONENTS, \$750 MILLION AND \$650 MILLION. THE \$650 MILLION, I
21 WILL START WITH THAT, IS THE NON FEDERAL SHARE OF THE REVISED
22 STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS CAL-AIM
23 AND HAS A NEW NAME, WHICH IS ESCAPING ME, IN THE GOVERNOR'S
24 PROPOSED BUDGET. THIS IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE STATE IS
25 DEVELOPING IN WHICH OUR COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY INVOLVED, WHICH

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1 WOULD ENABLE THE STATE TO ACCESS FEDERAL MEDICAID DOLLARS FOR
2 A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING IS
3 NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. SO THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET INCLUDES THE
4 PROJECTED NON-FEDERAL SHARE OF THOSE FUNDS FOR THE FIRST SIX
5 MONTHS, FROM JANUARY THROUGH JUNE OF 2021. INCLUDED IN THAT
6 PACKAGE OF ACTIVITIES ARE A RANGE OF SERVICES THAT WOULD
7 BENEFIT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. OFTENTIMES, THEY'RE
8 SERVICES THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY FUNDING LOCALLY, AND WE WOULD BE
9 ABLE TO EXPAND THOSE SERVICES BY DRAWING WITH THE STATE
10 FUNDING AND FEDERAL MEDICAID. THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT WILL BE
11 INCLUDED, HOWEVER, IN THAT PACKAGE WILL DEPEND ON WHAT THE
12 STATE ULTIMATELY SUBMITS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ON THE
13 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THAT PROPOSAL FROM THE STATE.
14 THE SECOND COMPONENT IS \$750 MILLION FROM THE STATE WHICH, AS
15 PROPOSED, WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, AND
16 THE EXAMPLE THAT THE STATE HAS PROVIDED IS GROWING CORNERS,
17 WHICH ADMINISTERS THE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL IN LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
19 THAT \$750 MILLION IS FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON PERMANENT
20 HOUSING, RENTAL SUBSIDIES, AND RELATED SERVICES.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME SAY PRETTY POINTEDLY, THAT WHICH
23 WAS DESCRIBED IN TERMS OF THE FIRST BUCKET THAT MR. ANSELL
24 REFERRED TO, MADAM CHAIR, DOES ACCOMMODATE RECUPERATIVE CARE.
25 IT DOES ACCOMMODATE SOBERING CENTERS. IT DOES ACCOMMODATE

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1 INTERIM HOUSING SOLUTIONS. WITH RESPECT TO THE DIVERSION
2 DOLLARS, IT IS, IN FACT, MODELED AFTER OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION
3 AND RE-ENTRY. AND SO HOUSING IS NOT OFF LIMITS TO THESE
4 RESOURCES, NOT OFF LIMITS, AND I THINK THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF
5 EXAMPLES OF HOW WE CAN TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THOSE RESOURCES
6 AND FURTHER ADVANCE THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE COUNTY
7 OF LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO RESTATE THERE'S NO RELUCTANCE ON THE
8 PART OF THE STATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THESE RESOURCES ARE
9 MODELED BY THE PILOTS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE IN LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY. THEY ARE EFFECTIVELY SCALING THEM UP.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
13 YOU GO AHEAD AND CALL THOSE THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, WILL THE FOLLOWING
16 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME SHARON
17 RAPPORT, JEANETTE CHRISTIAN, REBA STEVENS, PHIL FEDER, CHRIS
18 KO, MARIE RUMSEY, SANJIT MAHANTI, HERB HATANAKA, HILARY
19 AQUINO, RITA SPECK, LARAE CANTLEY, SARAH DUSSEAUT, CHIEF
20 DAVID REYNOSO, LT. DERRICK, MEL TILLEKERATNE, CRUZ BACA, ETHEL
21 GARDNER, CHIEF KAUFFMAN, NADIA ACEVES, BETRIZ SANDOVAL,
22 CHARLENE DIMAS PEINADO, SCOTT CHAMBERLAIN, EDWARD JAMES OLMOS,
23 ATHENA HAYLEY, CAROL MENKE, REGGIE CARK, SUSAN FRIEDMAN, CHIEF
24 CARLOS ISLAS, JOE RAMIREZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
25 ASSIST YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FIRST SPEAKER, WELCOME.

3

4 **SHARON RAPPORT:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHARON
5 RAPPORT. I WORK ON STATE POLICY FOR THE CORPORATION FOR
6 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SERVE ON THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF
7 REGIONAL HOMELESS ADVISORS. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THIS
9 COUNCIL AND HIS STAFF FOR THE AMAZING WORK THAT THEY HAVE
10 DONE. AS A COUNCIL MEMBER AND ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION FOR
11 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND HOUSING CALIFORNIA, A STATE WIDE
12 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION, I'M SPEAKING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM
13 2. ESTABLISHING A LEGAL MANDATE WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S
14 RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEET BENCHMARKS TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS
15 AND MATCHING THAT OBLIGATION FOR SIGNIFICANT ONGOING STATE
16 INVESTMENT WOULD ALLOW OUR STATE TO TURN THE CORNER BOTH IN
17 TERMS OF COMMITMENT AND INVESTMENT TOWARD BETTER MEETING THE
18 SCALE OF THE NEED IN OUR STATE. MANY OF THE 40 COMPREHENSIVE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL ARE BASED ON BEST PRACTICES
20 DEVELOPED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS MENTIONED EARLIER. ON
21 PROMOTING FURTHER ACTION ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS --

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. CAN YOU PLEASE WRAP IT UP OR
24 SUBMIT IN WRITING THE REST OF YOUR TESTIMONY. YOU CAN WRAP IT
25 UP.

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1

2 **SHARON RAPPORT:** OKAY, THANK YOU, I JUST WANTED TO ALSO QUICKLY
3 SAY SINCE THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO INCLUDED
4 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT, WE ARE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THE
5 DIRECTION TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO SUPPORT THAT INVESTMENT.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. WELCOME. PULL
8 THAT DOWN.

9

10 **JEANETTE CHRISTIAN:** HI, I HOPE YOU ALL A GREAT WEEKEND. MY
11 NAME IS JEANETTE CHRISTIAN. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF U.S. SENATOR
12 DIANE FEINSTEIN, AND SHE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY UNFORTUNATELY
13 BECAUSE THE SENATE IS IN A VERY IMPORTANT SESSION, BUT SHE
14 ASKED ME TO READ THIS LETTER ON HER BEHALF, AND I HAVE
15 SUBMITTED IT ALREADY TO THE BOARD. DEAR SUPERVISORS, I WRITE
16 IN STRONG SUPPORT OF TODAY'S MOTION, NUMBER 2, WHICH URGES THE
17 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE GROWING HOMELESS CRISIS. AS YOU KNOW,
19 GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S COUNCIL OF REGIONAL HOMELESS ADVISORS
20 RECENTLY RELEASED RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS MOTION WILL PROVIDE
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH THE FRAMEWORK IT NEEDS TO EFFECTIVELY
22 IMPLEMENT PRIORITY ELEMENTS OF THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS
23 AND CREATE A GREATER CAPACITY TO ENSURE HOUSING OR SHELTER FOR
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE READY AND WILLING TO MOVE INDOORS. I APPLAUD
25 THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PARTICULARLY COUNCIL CO-

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1 CHAIR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE
2 FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS. AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, WE
3 MUST ACT WITH AN URGENT AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSE TO ADDRESS
4 THIS CRISIS. I PLEDGE TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR ADDITIONAL
5 FEDERAL RESOURCES --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP. AND THEN SUBMIT IN --
8 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **EDWARD JAMES OLMOS:** YES, EDWARD JAMES OLMOS, AND I'M AN EXPERT
11 ON HUMAN BEHAVIOR, AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT OVER THE 50 YEARS
12 THAT I'VE REPRESENTED HUMANITY ON SCREEN, I WILL TELL YOU WHAT
13 THIS IS AMAZING WHAT YOU'RE DOING. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
14 VERY MUCH FOR TRYING TO HANDLE THE SITUATION. IT IS AMAZINGLY
15 DIFFICULT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO ADVANCE H.O.S.T. H.O.S.T. IS VERY,
17 VERY POWERFUL. AND IF YOU HAVEN'T GONE OUT INTO THE FIELD WITH
18 A H.O.S.T. MEMBER, ONE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THEN YOU
19 DON'T REALLY HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR
20 SOMEBODY TO COME BACK AND GIVE YOU A NOTICE TO SAY, YEAH, THIS
21 THING WORKS, WAY TOO LATE. WE'RE IN A CRISIS SITUATION RIGHT
22 NOW, AND WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT WE HAVE. SO I WILL
23 SAY TO ALL OF YOU, PLEASE ADVANCE H.O.S.T. TO THE HIGHEST OF
24 ITS ABILITY RIGHT NOW. AND YOU SAY, WELL, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE

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1 THE MONEY IS COMING FROM. YES, YOU DO, IT IS COMING FROM US,
2 THE PEOPLE, AND THE PEOPLE DESERVE IT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. INSTEAD OF CLAPPING,
5 WOULD YOU PUT YOUR HANDS -- ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WORK FOR THE
6 COUNTY THAT SHOULD KNOW BETTER. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **CHRIS KO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHRIS KO WITH UNITED WAY, DAY ONE
9 BACK TO WORK FROM THE FLU, AND I COULD NOT BE MORE EXCITED TO
10 BE JOINING THIS CHORUS OF VOICES IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 2.
11 THIS IS THE RIGHT APPROACH, CREATIVITY AND FLEXIBILITY, AS TO
12 HOW, BUT EAGLE EYED CLARITY AS TO WHAT THE BOTTOM LINE IS,
13 WHICH IS ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE INSIDE AND HAVING A PLACE THEY
14 CAN ALL CALL HOME, AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOT ONLY FOR OUR FRIENDS
15 BUT MOSTLY TO US, ACCOUNTABILITY FOR US, AS SYSTEM LEADERS,
16 JURISDICTIONS, ABOUT MAKING THAT POSSIBLE. AS SIGNIFICANT AS
17 OUR PROBLEM IS, WE ARE NOT UNIQUE IN LOS ANGELES. THIS IS A
18 CRISIS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, AND THAT'S WHY THE STATE MUST
19 ACT ACCORDINGLY. BUT I'M SO PROUD THAT THIS COUNTY IS NOT JUST
20 SAYING TAKE EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE AND DO MORE OF IT, BUT THAT
21 YOU CONTINUE TO CALL ON YOURSELVES TO MODEL NEW AND CREATIVE
22 ACTIONS TO CONTINUE LEADING THE WAY ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.
23 THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **CARLOS ISLAS:** THANK YOU. I'M CARLOS ISLAS, CHIEF OF POLICE OF
3 THE CITY OF BELL IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES REPRESENTING
4 APPROXIMATELY 38,000 RESIDENTS IN TWO AND A HALF SQUARE MILES,
5 A HIGH DENSITY AND ONE OF THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE SALVATION
6 ARMY, WHICH IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE LARGEST FACILITIES THAT'S
7 PLACING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TODAY THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND
8 L.A. CITY, WE HAVE SEEN OUR HOMELESS POPULATION TRIPLE AS MOST
9 COUNTIES AND MOST CITIES HAVE SEEN. AND WHAT I HAVE FOUND,
10 HAVING THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM HAS BEEN MORE BENEFICIAL TO
11 BUILDING TRUST WITH THE HOMELESS THROUGHOUT OUR CITY AND
12 PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED. AS ALL THE
13 SUPERVISORS HAVE INDICATED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, EVERYBODY
14 HAS A SYMPATHETIC HEART TO THE SITUATION. WE ARE WORKING HARD
15 TO BUILD THAT TRUST AND TO HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS COME TO US
16 AS RECENTLY HAPPENED. I'M GOING TO SHARE A VERY SHORT STORY,
17 AND I'LL MOVE ON. WE HAD AN INDIVIDUAL RECENTLY WHO WAS
18 HOMELESS WHOSE SON WHO HAPPENED TO BE INVOLVED IN GANG LIFE
19 WAS KILLED IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT. WE KNEW BECAUSE OF OUR
20 OFFICERS WHERE THIS LADY WAS, AND WE WERE ABLE TO CONTACT HER
21 AND PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE TO GET TO HER FAMILY. THAT COULD
22 NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF OUR OFFICERS WERE NOT MAKING THAT REGULAR
23 CONTACT. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU SO
24 MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

2

3 **MARIE RUMSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARIE RUMSEY, AND I'M
4 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. WE ARE A
5 MEMBERSHIP ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS DOWNTOWN'S
6 VIBRANCY AND INCREASING INVESTMENT IN THE REGION. AND WE ARE
7 HERE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR ITEM 2 AND TO THANK THE BOARD
8 FOR THEIR COLLECTIVE WORK ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE STAND
9 READY TO WORK WITH YOU AND OUR PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT AND
10 APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION, THANK YOU.

11

12 **DAVID REYNOSO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME
13 IS DAVID REYNOSO. I'M THE CHIEF OF POLICE WITH THE EL MONTE
14 POLICE DEPARTMENT. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
15 MEASURE PRESENTED BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN. THE FUNDING
16 FOR THE HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE TEAMS, ALSO H.O.S.T.,
17 PROVIDED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
18 HAS PLAYED A CRITICAL AND EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S
19 HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL. THE MOST VULNERABLE SEGMENT
20 OF THE POPULATION, THOSE SUFFERING WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS
21 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARE FIRST ENCOUNTERED BY POLICE OFFICERS
22 AND DEPUTIES IN THE FIELD. IN THESE CASES, LAW ENFORCEMENT
23 OFFICERS REMAIN THE MOST APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO EFFECT OUTREACH
24 THE HOMELESS POPULATION. REST ASSURED THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR
25 SCOPE AND PURPOSE HERE IS TO ASSIST HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH

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1 THE COLLECTIVE GOAL OF PROVIDING IMPORTANT RESOURCES. WE
2 UNDERSTAND AND WE KNOW THAT HANDCUFFS DO NOT SOLVE ALL
3 PROBLEMS. THAT IS WHY WE URGE THAT THIS INITIATIVE PASS SO
4 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE WITH OUR SERVICES.

5

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

7

8 **SANJITY MAHANTI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SANJIT MAHANTI. I
9 LEAD GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS FOR AKITO LABS, AND ORGANIZATION
10 HEADQUARTERED IN DOWNTOWN L.A. FOCUSING ON BUILDING DATA AND
11 TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS IN SUPPORT OF ENHANCING AND EMPOWERING THE
12 LIVES OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. I HAVE BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING
13 THE WORK OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF REGIONAL HOMELESS
14 ADVISORS SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER AND STRONGLY COMMEND THE
15 UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND THE
16 CO-CHAIRS, HONORABLE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MAYOR DARRYL
17 STEINBERG BRINGING THE REQUISITE LEVEL OF FOCUS AND URGENCY TO
18 THE CRISIS OF OUR GENERATION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE
19 LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR WILL, LEADERSHIP,
20 AND IMMEDIATE EXECUTION IN MOVING QUICKLY TO ADOPT A DEFINED
21 CRISIS STRATEGY AND FRAMEWORK. DUE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE
22 AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT'S DEMAND FOR A BROAD ACCOUNTABILITY
23 FRAMEWORK, I STRONGLY SUPPORT MOTION NUMBER 2 FOR A
24 ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY IN LOS
25 ANGELES. WITH THE CLARITY BROUGHT BY THE COMPREHENSIVE AND

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1 DEFINED CALLS TO ACTION LIKE THIS ONE, TECHNOLOGY, WHILE NEVER
2 A PANACEA, CAN BE THOUGHTFULLY DIRECTED TO AUGMENT APPROACHES
3 TO COMBAT THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M HERE TO TALK ON BEHALF OF
8 THE SHERIFF H.O.S.T. TEAM. THE REASON BEING IS WHAT THEY DO,
9 THE CULTURE THEY HAVE WITHIN THE TEAM, AND I'VE HAD THE
10 PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH SERGEANT RODNEY GUTIERREZ, SID
11 REASENIOR AND OTHERS, IS THE CULTURE OF THE TEAM. IT IS NOT
12 SOMETHING THAT CAN BE TRAINED. I THINK WHAT IS GOING TO BE
13 BENEFICIAL IS HOW DO WE GET OTHER DEPARTMENTS. L.A.P.D. AND
14 OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO BE EMBEDDED WITH THIS TEAM AND
15 UNDERSTAND THAT CULTURE OF WORKING AND PROVIDING SERVICES,
16 GIVING PEOPLE A CHANCE RATHER THAN TRYING TO CRIMINALIZE
17 PEOPLE. AND THE BEST WAY I CAN ATTEST TO THIS IS I'M THE
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE SHOWER OF HOPE. I'VE -- WE ACTUALLY
19 HAVE AN EMPLOYEE ON OUR TEAM WHO WAS RECOMMENDED BY RODNEY
20 GUTIERREZ WHO USED TO LIVE ON THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BED FOR
21 SEVEN YEARS. WE ARE JUST ABOUT TO HIRE A SECOND PERSON
22 RECOMMENDED BY HIM WHO HAS BEEN ON THE RIVER BED FOR AN EVEN
23 LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. SO I WANTED TO VOUCH FOR THE H.O.S.T.
24 TEAM ON ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

2 NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4 **LARAE CANTLEY:** HI, MY NAME IS LARAE CANTLEY. I AM THE PARENT
5 OF ROYALTY GAIL. ME AND MY CHILDREN HAVE EXPERIENCED
6 HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER. WITH GREAT GRATITUDE FOR OUR GOVERNOR
7 AND OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING ACTION ON THE ACTION
8 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE STREET
9 HOMELESSNESS, TO BUILD HOUSING FASTER AND CONNECT MORE PEOPLE
10 TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT, I AM IN SUPPORT
11 OF NUMBER TWO. AS A C.S.H. SPEAK UP ADVOCATE AND THE CO-CHAIR
12 OF THE L.A.H.S.A. LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD, WE ARE
13 PREPARED TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP THE COMMUNITY TO ENGAGE AND
14 BRING EVERYONE IN. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **NADIA ACEVES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS NADIA ACEVES. I'M THE
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MORE THAN JUST A MEAL, INC., A NONPROFIT
20 ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS. I HAVE
21 BEEN WORKING WITH THE L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T. TEAM AS A VOLUNTEER
22 FOR THREE YEARS. AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. THEY ARE
23 MAKING CHANGES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE MAKING HOMELESS
24 WANT TO GET RESOURCES FOR THEMSELVES. AS MEL HAS SAID, THE
25 CULTURE IS IN NEED, AND IF WE CAN GET THE L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T. IN

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1 EVERY CITY, YOU WILL MINIMIZE HOMELESSNESS IN EVERY CITY. YOU
2 WILL MAKE ORGANIZATIONS WANT TO HAVE RESOURCE FAIRS LIKE MY
3 OWN. WE FEEL SAFE. WE FEEL THE GENUINE LOVE FROM OUR H.O.S.T.
4 TEAM. WE AND HAVE DEVELOPED A FAMILY WITH OUR HOMELESS
5 NEIGHBORS BECAUSE OF THIS TEAM. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET
6 EVERY CITY TO FOLLOW SUIT AND TO EXPAND THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE
7 WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM, YOU WILL NOT SEE SUCCESS IN MINIMIZING
8 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I KNOW, SARAH DESSEAUT, SO CAN THE PEOPLE
11 WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED COME SIT ON THE FRONT ROW SO WE CAN MAKE
12 SURE THAT THEY SPEAK. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **PHILIP FEDER:** HI, I'M PHILIP FEDER. I'M AN ATTORNEY IN LOS
15 ANGELES AT THE PAUL HASTINGS FIRM, AND I'M FROM A COMMUNITY OF
16 FRIENDS THAT PROVIDES AND BUILDS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.
17 WE HAVE BEEN HONORED AND PLEASED TO WORK WITH MANY OF YOU AND
18 HAVE HONORED MANY OF YOU IN THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON BEHALF
19 OF HOMELESSNESS, AND WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TODAY IS INCREDIBLE IN
20 WORKING WITH THE STATE TO ADDRESS THE TWO MAJOR ISSUES THAT WE
21 FACE AS AN ORGANIZATION, THE INCREDIBLE HIGH COST OF BUILDING
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DEALING WITH C.E.Q.A. AND OTHER
23 IMPEDIMENTS TO BUILDING HOUSING. I WOULD GO FURTHER AND JUST
24 SAY THAT, IN ADDITION TO WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID ABOUT THE
25 RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO HOUSING, THERE IS ALSO THE OBLIGATION

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1 OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE
2 HOUSING, JUST AS THERE'S AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EDUCATION.
3 THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **CAROL MENKE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CAROL
8 MENKE. I'M WITH THE CITY OF VERNON. I'M ON THEIR CITY COUNCIL.
9 I'M NOT GOING TO SPEND A WHOLE LOT OF TIME EXPLAINING THAT WE
10 USE H.O.S.T. SINCE MY CHIEF IS HERE, MY CHIEF OF POLICE. AND
11 HE WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT THAT. I FULLY LEND MY SUPPORT IN
12 FAVOR OF THE MOTION 8, WHO IS AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN. MY PERSONAL STORY IS MY HUSBAND BECAME VERY
14 ILL. WE DIDN'T PLAN FOR RETIREMENT VERY WELL. WE WERE ALMOST
15 HOMELESS EXCEPT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET HOUSING IN THE CITY
16 OF VERNON, WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS VERY LOW COST, AND IT SAVED
17 OUR LIFE. I THINK WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT, IN L.A. COUNTY,
18 BECAUSE IT IS SO EXPENSIVE, MOST PEOPLE ARE ONE PAY CHECK AWAY
19 FROM BEING HOUSELESS, AND THEY AREN'T CRIMINALS. AND I BELIEVE
20 THAT HUMANITY BEGINS AND ENDS WITH EACH ONE OF US. SO SHOW
21 YOUR HUMANITY.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SARAH, AND THEN
24 RITA, ARE YOU HERE? AND HERB? OKAY, YOU ARE ALL STANDING,
25 OKAY, THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SARAH DESSEAULT:** I'M SARAH DESSEAULT. I'M CHAIR OF THE
3 L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT
4 OF ITEM 2 AND ITEM 8. ON 2, I'M HERE TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN
5 IN HELPING DEVELOP A CLEAR, EFFECTIVE, AND URGENT
6 IMPLEMENTATION, AND I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR MARK
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THESE EFFORTS AS WELL AS THE WHOLE BOARD. ON
8 ITEM 8, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS
9 ITEM. MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE H.O.S.T. TEAM, THE FIRST
10 TIME I MET THEM, THEY WERE EDUCATING CONTRACT CITIES AND CITY
11 LEADERS AND LITERALLY CHANGING THE CULTURE AND DEESCALATING
12 SITUATIONS. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THEM TURN A SITUATION THAT WAS
13 GOING TO BE AN ARREST INTO A NON ARREST AND A BETTER OUTCOME.
14 I TOTALLY AGREE ON DATA. I THINK WE CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
15 COLLECT AND MANAGE THAT DATA, BUT I KNOW AS I HAVE GONE OUT
16 WITH THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THEY HAVE CONSTANTLY BROUGHT US
17 BETTER OUTCOMES AND FEWER ARRESTS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL
18 FOR YOUR TIME HERE TODAY.

19

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

21

22 **HILLARY AQUINO:** HI, MY NAME IS HILLARY AQUINO. ON BEHALF OF
23 EXODUS RECOVERY, I'M IN SUPPORT OF MOTION NUMBER 2. AND I'M
24 ACTUALLY REPRESENTING THE SOBERING CENTER, WHICH IS THE FIRST
25 OF ITS KIND IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DIVERT 24,000

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1 PEOPLE INTO A SAFE PLACE WHO ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A
2 SUBSTANCE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE END UP IN JAIL, ON THE SIDEWALK,
3 OR IN A HOSPITAL SETTING. WE HAVE, OF THOSE 24,000, WE HAVE
4 ADMITTED 3,300 PEOPLE THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO THESE PEOPLE
5 WERE DIVERTED FROM JAIL INTO THE SOBERING CENTER TO SOBER UP,
6 AND WE HAVE RECEIVED 3,500 REFERRALS FROM FOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY
7 DEPARTMENTS, AND 15 PERCENT OF OUR INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN
8 LINKED TO SOME TYPE OF PERMANENT THREE HOUSING THROUGH
9 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS AND GOING FROM THAT TO PERMANENT
10 HOUSING. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **SCOTT CHAMBERLAIN:** MY NAME IS SCOTT CHAMBERLAIN. I'M HERE WITH
15 THE SAN GABRIEL CONSORTIUM ON HOMELESSNESS AND REALLY HERE TO
16 BE ABLE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON ITEM 8 AS WELL AS
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN AND OTHERS, ALL OF YOU, FOR THESE
18 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA. THE CONSORTIUM IS EDUCATING,
19 COLLABORATING, AND TRYING TO IMPLEMENT A LOT OF ACTIONS IN THE
20 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
21 PARTNERSHIPS TO BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT ANY OF THE NEW
22 INITIATIVES. AND SO, WE ARE FIGHTING REALLY HARD AND REALLY
23 APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT, WHETHER IT HAS BEEN
24 BASSET PARK AND/OR ANY OTHER FUNDING, ESPECIALLY FOR THE
25 H.O.S.T. TEAM. I HAVE WORKED IN HOMELESS SERVICES FOR OVER 30

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1 YEARS, AND I HAVE SEEN SUCH A RADICAL CHANGE IN THE WAY THAT
2 OUR H.O.S.T. TEAMS ARE RESPONDING TO HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE
3 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND DEESCALATING SITUATIONS, AS HAS BEEN
4 TALKED ABOUT BEFORE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT
5 ITEM 8 BUT ALSO ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IN RESPONDING TO
6 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **ATHENA HAYLEY:** HI, MY NAME IS ATHENA HAYLEY. I AM THE FOUNDER
11 OF A NONPROFIT NAMED LOVE MY NEIGHBOR FOUNDATION. WE ACTUALLY
12 FEED AND CLOTHE THE HOMELESS EVERY SINGLE THURSDAY. I MYSELF
13 HAVE BEEN HOMELESS TWICE, AND THERE ARE SOMETIMES AT NIGHT
14 TIMES THAT WE DRIVE AROUND AND PASS OUT BLANKETS AND FOOD AND
15 TOILETRIES, AND WE GO ALL OVER L.A. BUT THERE ARE SOME AREAS
16 THAT WE DO NOT GO INTO BECAUSE I FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF MYSELF
17 AND MY VOLUNTEERS. SO THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT ITEM 8 WHERE THERE
18 ARE ARE TRAINED OFFICERS TO GO INTO THESE TRENCHES WHERE MY
19 ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WON'T GO BECAUSE THEY
20 FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY. AND WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO MISS
21 OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE BECAUSE WE FEAR OF GOING TO CERTAIN
22 PLACES. SO I BELIEVE WE NEED MORE TRAINED OFFICERS TO BE A
23 PART OF H.O.S.T., SO I SUPPORT ITEM 8. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, HI, RITA.

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1

2 **RITA SPECK:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RITA SPECK WITH KAISER
3 PERMANENTE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE' WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
4 AND THANK THE BOARD FOR THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION
5 ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING. CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS
6 SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCES A PERSON'S LIFE EXPECTANCY, INCREASES
7 THE RISK OF DISEASE, AND POSES PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS. SAFE AND
8 STABLE HOUSING IS KEY TO A PERSON'S PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND
9 SOCIAL HEALTH. WE ARE PURSUING A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO
10 HOMELESSNESS AND PREVENTION. AND THIS INCLUDES OUR PLEDGE
11 LAST WEEK OF \$25 MILLION TO THE GOVERNOR'S CALIFORNIA ACCESS
12 TO HOUSING AND SERVICES FUND. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FUND
13 IS MODELED ON THE COUNTY'S FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY FUND. THE
14 STATE FUND WILL FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION,
15 PAYING RENT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
16 SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL LOW INCOME
17 HOUSING UNITS, AND HELPING STABILIZE BOARD AND CARE
18 FACILITIES. WE SUPPORT THE FUND BECAUSE ITS FLEXIBLE FUNDING
19 MODEL WILL ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO
20 HAVE THE TOOLS AND TACTICS THEY NEED TO MORE RAPIDLY HOUSE AND
21 SUSTAIN HOUSING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR
22 COMMUNITIES. WE APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR YOUR URGENCY YOU ARE
23 BRING TO THIS CRISIS AND TO YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP, THANK
24 YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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

2

3 **HERB HATANAKA:** HERB HATANANKA, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL
4 SERVICE FOR GROUPS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION FROM
5 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND JANICE HAHN THAT COMMITS THE COUNTY TO
6 IMPLEMENT AND SCALE UP THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE
7 COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY. BASED ON OUR
8 EXPERIENCE AS PROVIDERS, WE THINK THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE
9 ORDER AND BUDGET PROPOSALS PROVIDE AN EXTRAORDINARY
10 OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A DEDICATED
11 INVENTORY OF SERVICE-ENRICHED INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
12 HOUSING WITH THE VITAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
13 RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THERE.
14 THANK YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP
15 AND THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION.

16

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

18

19 **REBA STEVENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
20 IS REBA STEVENSON. I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A
21 COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY IN LOS
22 ANGELES. I'M EXCITED AS A MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER AND AS A
23 MEMBER OF L.A.H.S.A.'S HOMELESS LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY
24 BOARD. WHEN I LOOK AT THIS MOTION, WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT
25 COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSES, IT IS CRITICAL FOR THOSE OF US

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1 WHO HAVE HOMELESS LIVED EXPERIENCE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN
2 SUPPORT OF WHAT WONDERFUL WORK THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US. THANK
3 YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND I
4 STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 2. THANK YOU.

5

6 **ETHEL GARDNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ETHEL GARDENER. I'M
7 THE FOUNDER OF THE KENNEDY AUSTIN FOUNDATION, WHICH IS LOCATED
8 IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF MEASURE 8
9 -- I'M SORRY, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND
10 IN THE EXPANSION OF THE HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM. THE
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS PLAYED AN
12 EXCELLENT AND CRITICAL ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY OF HOMELESSNESS
13 AND IN OUR OUTREACH TEAM. I THINK THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WAY
14 THAT WE CAN GET OUR HOMELESS PEOPLE HELP. WE CAN CONNECT THEM
15 TO SERVICES. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THEY ARE PEOPLE TOO. WE HAVE
16 TO USE COMPASSION. AND THANK GOD YOU HAVE PUT THIS ORDER IN
17 PLACE, THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. ONCE AGAIN
22 I THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO, AND I WANT TO SAY
23 THAT I'M IN FAVOR OF ALL THE MOTIONS, FIRST OF ALL, I THINK
24 THEY ALL IS THINGS THAT WE NEED. BUT, IN PARTICULAR, 8, I HAVE
25 BEEN BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE H.O.S.T.

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1 TEAM AS A SERVICE PROVIDER IN HELPING THEM TO TAKE
2 PARTICIPANTS OFF THE STREET, BRING THEM TO US, AND WE GET THEM
3 HOUSED. I HAD AN INCIDENT WHEREAS WE HAD AN EVENT AT WHITTIER
4 NARROWS TO WHERE THE H.O.S.T. TEAM WAS ABLE TO COME TO ME AND
5 SAYS, "REGGIE, DO YOU REMEMBER THE FAMILY WE GOT IN TOUCH WITH
6 YOU ABOUT? WE GOT THEM HOUSED." AND THE EXCITEMENT AND JOY
7 THEY HAD IN THEIR HEARTS ABOUT THE WORK THEY WERE DOING REALLY
8 MADE ME REMEMBER WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO. SO I WANT TO SAY PLEASE
9 CONTINUE TO ASSIST AND PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY GET THE FUNDS
10 THEY NEED TO CONTINUE DOING THE JOB THEY DO. I OVERSEE THE
11 BASSET PARK SHELTER, AND WE DO NEED MORE SUPPORT FROM THE
12 H.O.S.T. TEAM, SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND BY THE WAY, I
13 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE DONATION OF THE VAN
14 THAT YOU AGREED ON. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
19 CHARLENE DIMAS PEINADO, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF WELLNESS.
20 WELLNESS PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR
21 CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND YOUNG ADULTS AS WELL AS HOUSING FOR
22 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, EMANCIPATING FROM THE FOSTER CARE
23 SYSTEM. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION BY SUPERVISORS
24 SOLIS AND HAHN TO IDENTIFY ONGOING FUNDING TO EXPAND THE LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM, KNOWN AS H.O.S.T.

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1 WE ARE ALSO HERE IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE
2 HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY, A MOTION SUPPORTED BY
3 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AS A CHILDREN MENTAL HEALTH
4 AGENCY, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING NUMBER OF
5 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BECOMING HOMELESS OR AT RISK FOR
6 HOMELESSNESS. MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE SUFFER FROM MENTAL
7 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, BUT THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN IN
8 THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM OR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. BOTH OF
9 THESE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGIES PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN
10 HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO REGAIN THEIR SENSE OF SELF
11 DIGNITY, SAFETY, AND SELF WORTH.

12

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

14

15 **KEITH KAUFFMAN:** I'M KEITH KAUFFMAN. I'M THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN
16 REDONDO BEACH AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY'S POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION. WE ARE QUICKLY
18 COMING UP ON THE END OF OUR FUNDING CYCLE, AND I WANTED TO
19 TAKE A MINUTE TO REPORT SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE PROGRESS THAT
20 HAS BEEN MADE ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE STARTED BY COORDINATING
21 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND WE MIMIC THE H.O.S.T.
22 TRAINING FOR ALL OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THESE DETAILS. THIS WAS
23 CRITICAL IN PROVIDING CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE COUNTY. OFFICERS
24 FROM APPROXIMATELY 30 MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY HAVE DONE
25 SOME INCREDIBLE WORK AND PRODUCED SOME GREAT STATISTICS. THEY

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1 HAVE CONTACTED 21,817 HOMELESS PEOPLE. 9,951 HAVE ACCEPTED
2 SOME FORM OF SERVICES, AND OF THE 21,000 CONTACTS, ONLY 29
3 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS WERE TAKEN. IT IS OBVIOUS OUR GOAL IS
4 SERVICE ORIENTED THROUGH POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT. WE SUPPORT
5 MOTION 8 BY SOLIS AND HAHN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

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

8

9 **JOSEPH RAMIREZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JOSEPH RAMIREZ. I WAS
10 HOMELESS FOR 7 YEARS IN THE RIO HONDO RIVER BED. AND I'M HERE
11 TO SUPPORT THE H.O.S.T. TEAM, LIEUTENANT DEITRICH AND COMPANY.
12 I BELIEVE THEY HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. I'M LIVING PROOF.
13 I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IF IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FOR THEM
14 SUPPORTING ME AND BACKING, GIVING ME STRIDE, I WANTED TO QUIT
15 MANY TIMES. BUT ON BEHALF OF THEM, THEY MADE ME HEALTHY. I'M
16 HOUSED NOW AND I'M WORKING AND EVERYTHING IS GOING OKAY. SO I
17 THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE MORE LEEWAY AND SUPPORT FOR THE
18 H.O.S.T.S. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, CAN YOU CALL
21 SOME MORE SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD JOHN VELASCO, ANDRES KWON, ANTHONY
24 MIRANDA, ARNOLD SACHS, CYNTHIA ANDERSON BARKER, DR. GENEVIEVE
25 CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, KIM MCGILL, KRUTI PAREKH, MARSHA

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1 TEMPLE, OLIVIA LEE, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, MR. PEREZ, TED
2 TENORIO, AND WAYNE SPINDLER, AND WENDY CABIL. PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
8 HOW HOT IT WAS THAT I WAS STANDING HERE WITH SOMEONE WHO MY
9 FIRST ENCOUNTER WAS WITH ONE OF MY DEPUTIES, SOMEONE WHO WAS
10 TERMED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, WOULD NEVER TAKE SERVICES, AND
11 WAS DESTINED TO LIVE HIS LIFE IN A RIVER BED. TODAY, HE STANDS
12 HERE AS A WELL SPOKEN HANDSOME MAN WITH A JOB AND IS A
13 PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT YOU
14 HAVE YOU HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THE L.A. COUNTY COUNTY
15 SHERIFF'S HOMELESS SERVICES TEAM. LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL
16 ARE OFTEN THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WITH THOSE THAT ARE
17 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. FOR THAT REASON, L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T.
18 WAS CREATED TO EXEMPLIFY THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO COMBAT
19 HOMELESSNESS AND PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY. FROM ITS INCEPTION,
20 THE MISSION OF H.O.S.T. WAS TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THE HOMELESS
21 CRISIS IN THE COUNTY WHILE INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE
22 PRESERVING THE RIGHTS AND THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING
23 HOMELESSNESS. THROUGH OUR CONTACTS WITH THOUSANDS OF OUR
24 HOMELESS NEIGHBORS, H.O.S.T. HAS EARNED A REPUTATION FOR BEING

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1 COMPASSIONATE, ACCOUNTABLE, INNOVATIVE AND BOLD. H.O.S.T. HAS
2 TRANSCENDED THE ROLE OF TRADITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU WRAP -- I HATE HAVING TO HAVE YOU
5 WRAP IT UP.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** H.O.S.T. HAS BUILT UNPRECEDENTED PARTNERSHIPS AND
8 COLLABORATIONS WITH MANY SERVICE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY-BASED
9 ORGANIZATIONS, AND WITH CITIES AND OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS
10 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR SHARING A SUCCESS WITH US.
13 NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **JOHN VELASCO:** YES, REVEREND JOHN VELASCO. I'M WITH REGENCY
16 CHRISTIAN CENTER IN WHITTIER. I'M ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF HEART
17 OF COMPASSION, WHICH IS A FOOD BANK AND SOCIAL SERVICE
18 ORGANIZATION IN MONTEBELLO. I WANT TO THANK FIRST OF ALL THE
19 BOARD AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SOLIS AND KUEHL ON MOTION 8. I'VE HAD THE
21 HONOR OF BEING ABLE TO SEE THE H.O.S.T. TEAM AND OFFICER
22 RODNEY GUTIERREZ AT THE WHITTIER NARROWS EVENT, AND I HAVE
23 SEEN THE WAY THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE RESPOND TO HE AND HIS TEAM.
24 THEY ARE VERY WELL RECEIVED. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY ANIMUS

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1 TOWARDS LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE
2 BEEN TO THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER IN BASSET PARK AND --

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP REALLY QUICKLY.

5

6 **JOHN VELASCO:** I SAW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARK POLICE
7 ENGAGING THE HOMELESS THERE, AND IT WAS VERY NEGATIVE, AND
8 THEY WERE EVEN NEGATIVE TO THE SUPERVISOR'S STAFF. SO I'M IN
9 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT OF THAT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
12 YOU WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMEONE WHO IS LEAVING?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I SEE IN THE BACKGROUND THERE
15 THE GENTLEMEN THAT WAS IN THE VIDEO AND WANTED TO RECOGNIZE
16 HIM, AND THAT'S RODNEY GUTIERREZ, AS PART OF THE H.O.S.T. TEAM
17 FOR THE SHERIFFS THAT HAS BEEN DOING THIS FOR LAST TWO YEARS.
18 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY. YOU COULDN'T
19 SPEAK TO US RIGHT NOW, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE
20 YOUR WORK. SO JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU AND RECOGNIZE YOUR WORK
21 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I ECHO THAT. [APPLAUSE]. I ECHO, YOU
24 ARE INCREDIBLE. SO, THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE.

25

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF
3 THOSE MOTIONS. EVERYBODY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A
4 SOLUTION. I THINK REFURBISHING IS A GOOD START BUT ALSO
5 UTILIZING LAND, COUNTY LAND AND FEDERAL LAND, IS ALSO AN
6 ALTERNATIVE I THINK YOU SHOULD USE TOTALLY TO PROVIDE MORE
7 HOUSING. I THINK YOU HAVE TRIED SO HARD, BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN A
8 LOT OF THINGS COMING THROUGH BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE JUST NOT READY
9 TO DO THE RIGHT THING. BUT IT IS TIME WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO
10 MAKE IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUSAN FRIEDMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M SUSAN FRIEDMAN. I'M A
13 COMMISSIONER WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION FROM THE FIRST
14 DISTRICT, AND I WANT TO START OUT BY THANKING SUPERVISOR SOLIS
15 FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU FOR TODAY
16 IS NOT LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE HOMELESS PROBLEM THAT WE ALL
17 SEEK. WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU FOR IS SOMETHING VERY, VERY
18 SIMPLE. IT IS JUST ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM
19 THAT YOU EARLIER SAW THE VIDEO OF. THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM, WHICH
20 IS THE HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM, HAS BEEN DOING
21 EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN OUR COUNTY. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
22 MENTIONED, OVER 30 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE ALREADY
23 ASKED FOR THE TRAINING. AMONG THE 88 CITIES IN THIS COUNTY,
24 ALL OF THEM ARE ASKING FOR THE TRAINING. I KNOW THE BOARD
25 REALLY WANTS THE NUMBERS, REALLY WANTS THE STATISTICS TO BE

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1 ABLE TO SAY THIS IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM. YOU WILL GET
2 THOSE NUMBERS.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FOR THOSE OF YOU GOING OVER, IF
5 YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING IN WRITING, YOU CAN SUBMIT IT, AND IT
6 WILL GET PUT INTO THE RECORD TODAY. SO I APOLOGIZE CUTTING YOU
7 OFF, BUT WE HAVE A LOT MORE SPEAKERS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO READ
8 THE NAMES RIGHT NOW.

9

10 **SUSAN FRIEDMAN:** THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS.

11

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

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
15 COME FORWARD. ADRINA LOPEZ, LINDA SUNIGA, AND RED CHIEF HUNT.
16 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

19

20 **ANTHONY MIRANDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A
21 CLARIFICATION IN THE VIDEO. THE DEPUTY SAID I DON'T DO
22 ANYTHING SPECIAL. I DISAGREE, AND I WOULD SUGGEST THE DEPUTY
23 IS DOING VERY NOT ONLY SPECIAL WORK BUT EXCEPTIONAL WORK AND
24 DOING IT PASSIONATELY BY EVIDENCE IN THAT VIDEO. GOOD
25 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTHONY MIRANDA. I COME WEARING TWO

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1 HATS. ONE IS THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF VERNON, AND
2 MY SECOND HAT IS AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY POLICE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION. AS THE CHIEF OF VERNON, WE
4 RELY HEAVILY ON THESE FUNDS TO WORK AS A REGION TO HELP,
5 CONTACT, AND CONNECT SERVICES WITH OUR HOMELESS. IN THE
6 SOUTHEAST, WE HAVE THE CITIES OF BELL, SOUTHGATE, BELL
7 GARDENS, SOUTH DOWNEY, VERNON, SIGNAL HILL, AND HUNTINGTON
8 PARK ALL UNITED ON THIS FRONT. IT IS AMAZING. THERE IS TALK
9 ABOUT NOT GETTING ALONG. WE GET ALONG. IN THE COUNTY,
10 EXPEDITIOUSLY GROWN, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND SOUTH BAY, AND I
11 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR
12 TIME. AND WE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
15 NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **OLIVIA LEE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. OLIVIA LEE OF THE L.A. AREA
18 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM TWO. WE
19 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR
20 JANICE HAHN, AND THE BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
21 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR
22 COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A PRIORITY FOR OUR CHAMBER IN THE LAST
23 DECADE, FROM OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED WAY TO SUPPORTING
24 MEASURE H TO ADVOCATING TO MORE STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS TO
25 LOS ANGELES. EVEN AS WE STEP UP OUR EFFORTS IN HELPING OUR

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1 NEIGHBORS, WE HAVE SEEN THIS CRISIS GROW EXPONENTIALLY. THIS
2 MOTION CONTINUES THE WORK THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ENGAGED ON IN
3 TACKLING THESE ISSUES WITH INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND BEGINS
4 ESTABLISHING THE COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY TO
5 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS STATE WIDE ON THE COUNTY LEVEL. THE
6 CHAMBER IS HAPPY TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE WITH
7 THIS MOTION. AND WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL. THANK YOU SO
8 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

9

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

11

12 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARSHA TEMPLE. I'M
13 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. I'M
14 HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MOTIONS, BUT MY REMARKS
15 HAVE TO DO WITH VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS
16 FROM TWO OF THE PRINCIPAL DRIVERS OF HOMELESSNESS, MASS
17 INCARCERATION AND THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. FIRST, NO PERSON
18 SHOULD LEAVE ANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT A PLAN FOR
19 HOUSING, EITHER WITH FAMILY OR WITH A PROGRAM. SECOND, PLEASE
20 CONSIDER A MOTION TO DIVERT CUSTODIAL PARENTS SO THE CHILDREN
21 DON'T GO INTO FOSTER CARE. HALF OF THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
22 WILL BE HOMELESS BY THE TIME THEY ARE 18. THIS IS NOT A
23 SYSTEM. THIS IS A DISASTER. THE COUNTY HAS THE POWER TO
24 PREVENT HOMELESSNESS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. I URGE YOU TO
25 DO SO, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ROBUST CONVERSATION ABOUT THE

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1 NEED FOR MORE HOUSING, BUT WE HAVE TO ALSO PREVENT
2 HOMELESSNESS, OR THERE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH HOUSING, THANK
3 YOU.

4

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

6

7 **CRUZ BACA:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS CRUZ BACA, A COMMISSIONER
8 WITH DISTRICT ONE BUT I ALSO AM IN FAVOR OF NUMBER 8. AND
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE
10 WORKED SO HARD TO PUT THIS HOMELESS ISSUE IN PERSPECTIVE AND
11 TO MAKE THIS SEEM MORE HUMAN AND NOT THAT THEY ARE CRIMINALS.
12 I HAVE FIRSTHAND BEEN ON RIDE-ALONGS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
13 WHERE I HAVE SEEN OUR POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN BALDWIN PARK
14 AND ALSO NEIGHBORING CITIES FROM EL MONTE AND WEST COVINA AND
15 COVINA WHERE THEY BRING A HUMAN ELEMENT, THE POLICE OFFICERS
16 AND THE OFFICERS BRING A HUMAN ELEMENT INTO DEALING WITH OUR
17 HOMELESS RESIDENTS WITH COMPASSION AND ALSO REACHING OUT SO
18 THEY KNOW WHAT THE RESOURCES ARE AND WHAT THEY CAN APPLY FOR
19 AND BE READY TO HELP THEM AT ANY TIME. AND I REALLY URGE YOU
20 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT,
21 AND THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO ALL OF YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD
22 WORK TO PREVENT AND TO HELP OUR HOMELESS RESIDENTS, THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **RAUDEL PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RAUDEL PEREZ. I WORK FOR THE CITY OF
3 NORWALK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOFTY. I'M A LIEUTENANT.
4 THE CITY OF NORWALK HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
5 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT H.O.S.T. TEAM FOR THE PAST 20
6 MONTHS. THE H.O.S.T. TEEM HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED THAT
7 THEY ARE COMMITTED, COMPASSIONATE, AND EFFECTIVE AT ADDRESSING
8 THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN NORWALK. THE H.O.S.T. TEAM IS
9 MAKING A DIFFERENCE. TWICE A WEEK, THEY ARE WORKING IN THE SAN
10 GABRIEL RIVER BED ADDRESSING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO
11 ENGAGING IN OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A.H.S.A. THE CITY
12 LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE GROWTH AND PARTNERSHIP WITH
13 H.O.S.T. ON BEHALF OF THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF NORWALK'S
14 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

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

17

18 **TED TENORIO:** MY NAME IS TED TENORIO. I'M WITH THE NATIVE
19 AMERICAN INDIAN VETERAN ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
20 SECTION 8 OF THE BILL FOR HILDA SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN. AND
21 REALLY I THINK THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT BILL TO PASS BECAUSE
22 IT REALLY ADDRESSES THE HOMELESSNESS, AND I THINK THAT WE DO
23 NOT NEED A BREAK IN THE SERVICE. I THINK THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM
24 IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE A) PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE 24/7 HELPING
25 THOSE WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT IT

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1 IS A BRIDGE FOR THE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE LIVE SO PEOPLE ARE
2 NOT FRIGHTENED OR THEY DON'T THINK THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE
3 CRIMINALS AND BREAKING THE LAW. I THINK THE COMPASSION OF THE
4 H.O.S.T. PEOPLE ARE THERE TO HELP PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ALSO
5 MONITOR THEM SO THEY ARE SAFE AND THE COMMUNITY IS SAFE. AND
6 THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IT CONTINUES NOW AND INTO THE
7 FUTURE.

8

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

10

11 **ADRIANA LOPEZ:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADRIANA LOPEZ.
12 I AM THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, AND
13 I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 8. I KNOW THAT EVERY CONTRACT
14 CITY HAS A RODNEY ON THEIR TEAM. AND WE ASK YOU TO REALLY
15 LOOK AT THE H.O.S.T. TEAM. THEY ARE VERY BENEFICIAL. AS A
16 CONTRACT CITY, WE RELY ON ALL OUR SERVICES TO THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT. WE CANNOT SEND OUR CIVILIANS OUT THERE ALONE. THE
18 H.O.S.T. TEAM HAS DEVELOPED MANY, MANY PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'RE
19 ABLE TO ENHANCE. I DO WANT TO SAY THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT HAS
20 BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO PASS OUR HOMELESS PLAN, AND WITH THAT,
21 THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT, AND WE
22 CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO ONCE
23 AGAIN, I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 8. THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. YOU
3 HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SINCE BEFORE JAMES HAHN, HE WAS THE MAYOR
4 OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK HE IS A JUDGE
5 NOW. PERCEPTION VERSUS REALITY. WASH, RINSE, REPEAT. ARE YOU
6 TRYING TO SAVE FACE BY ANY CHANCE? YOU HAVE A LOT OF BIG MONEY
7 HERE TODAY. BY THE WAY, MAYBE YOU CONSIDER CHANGING THIS
8 STRATEGY. WHAT EXACTLY IS AN OBAMA PHONE, AND HOW ARE THEY
9 FUNDED? YOU KNOWN WHEN YOU GO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 SERVICES, THERE ARE REPS THAT GIVE AWAY FREE OBAMA PHONES. SO
11 YOU CAN GET AN OBAMA PHONE, BUT YOU CANNOT GET, WHAT IS IT?
12 WHAT IS THE FUNDING THAT HE CAME UP WITH FROM THE FEDERAL
13 GOVERNMENT? OH MAN, I HAVE A BLANK RIGHT NOW. OBAMACARE! THAT
14 WOULD HELP THE HOMELESS, WOULDN'T IT? YOU CAN GET A PHONE, BUT
15 YOU CANNOT GET A TENT SET UP FOR OBAMACARE.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT,
20 AND OBVIOUSLY, THE H.O.S.T. GUYS, THE VIDEO, VERY MOVING. AND
21 OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A LOT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO DO A GREAT JOB
22 AND HAVE A LOT OF THE RIGHT HEARTY ACTIVITY. THE QUESTION ON
23 THIS ONE FOR ME IS THE MONEY, AND I HEARD JANICE HAHN SAY
24 MEASURE H, SHE HAS NO PROBLEM SPENDING IT ON L.A.S.D. AND I
25 THINK WE HAD A SHORT FALL FROM THE SHERIFF LAST TIME WE HAD

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1 THE FINANCIAL MEETING WHICH AS A LITTLE UPSETTING. AND I KNOW
2 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF BATTLING. MAYBE YOU FORGOT YOU WERE
3 WARRING WITH THE SHERIFF. SO I DON'T WANT TO PENALIZE THE GUYS
4 WHO ARE IN THE RIVER, BUT I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT IS MEASURE
5 H, TODAY EVEN AT CITY HALL, THERE WAS A BIG CONVERSATION ABOUT
6 THE CARE PLAN. THIS IS A TENSION THAT SWINGS BACK AND FORTH.
7 LET'S BE SENSITIVE AND COMPASSIONATE. LET'S GET THEM OUT OF
8 THE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE THIS IS NOT SAFE. AND WE NEED A
9 BALANCE. AND OBVIOUSLY, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THE GOOD WORK
10 SHOULD BE FUNDED, BUT SHOULDN'T THE SHERIFF IN HIS BUDGET COME
11 FORWARD WITH A WAY THAT INTEGRATES IT INTO THE OVERALL --
12 BECAUSE, I DON'T KNOW, I JUST GET SO WORRIED. AND I NOW I HEAR
13 \$1.4 BILLION, ARE WE PLAYING 3 POP MONTE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
14 WHERE THIS MONEY IS COMING FROM.

15

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

17

18 **CLARENCE STEVENS:** YES, CLARENCE STEVENS FROM THE CITY OF
19 CERRITOS. AND WE ARE IN FAVOR OF EXPANDING THE TEAM. WE'VE
20 USED THEM A LOT OF TIMES, AND THEY NOT ONLY RESPOND WHEN WE
21 CALL THEM, THEY DON'T REACT WHEN WE CALL THEM, BUT THEY
22 PROVIDE SOLUTIONS. AND THE IMPORTANT THING THAT WE FOUND IS
23 THAT IT'S THE FIRST CONTACT THAT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE
24 WITH THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY. IF THEY GET TO A CERTAIN POINT
25 WHERE THEY TRUST YOU, THEN THEY WOULD REACT, AND THEY WILL

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1 ACCEPT YOUR DIFFERENT SERVICES. EVERYONE SAYS THAT THEY DON'T,
2 BUT THEY WILL. IT IS JUST THE WAY THAT YOU APPROACH THEM AND
3 THE WAY THAT YOU GO ABOUT ADDRESSING THEM AND TREATING THEM AS
4 HUMAN BEINGS ALSO. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **LINDA ZUNIGA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
9 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LINDA ZUNIGA. I WORK FOR CITY OF
10 HAWAIIAN GARDENS, AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 8.
11 THE H.O.S.T. TEAM HAS BEEN OUT TO HAWAIIAN GARDENS. THEY HAVE
12 PROVIDED TRAINING FOR OUR DEPUTIES AS WELL AS OUR NON-SWORN
13 PUBLIC SAFETY STAFF. THEY ACCOMPANY OUR DEPUTIES AND SAFETY
14 OFFICERS IN THE FIELD TO DOCUMENT CONDITIONS AND PROVIDE
15 FOLLOW UP. IN ADDITION TO THE ON SITE TRAINING, THEY HAVE BEEN
16 INSTRUMENTAL IN CONNECTING OUR LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
17 RESIDENTS WITH REGIONAL SPECIALIZED SERVICES LIKE MEDICAL AND
18 MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, HOUSING NAVIGATORS,
19 REENTRY PROGRAMS, AND UNIQUE SOLUTIONS FOR ANIMAL CARE AND
20 CONTROL. DELIVERY OF THESE SPECIALIZED SERVICES IS SUCCESSFUL
21 WHEN THE PROVIDERS FROM THE DIFFERENT FIELDS ARE WORKING
22 TOGETHER AND WHEN THEY FEEL SAFE IN THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE
23 SERVICES ARE NEEDED, THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. OR GOOD AFTERNOON. KIM
3 MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO OPPOSE
4 TODAY'S MOTION UNLESS AMENDED. OF COURSE WE ARE IN FAVOR OF
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATING ALL RESIDENTS WITH GREATER HUMANITY
6 AND DECRIMINALIZING ALL ISSUES BETTER ADDRESSED BY A HEALTH,
7 HOUSING, AND SERVICES STRATEGY. MY DISAGREEMENT IS WITH THE
8 ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WILL GO TO THE SHERIFFS AND OTHER LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS THE ASSUMPTION THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE AS THE LEAD OUTREACH TEAM TO
11 CONNECT WITH PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREET. L.A.H.S.A. HAS BEEN
12 OUT TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD MANY TIMES, I LIVE IN ON THE BORDER OF
13 AN ALLEY WHERE THE ALLEY IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN THAT
14 STREET. AND L.A.H.S.A. HAS BEEN OUT ALMOST EVERY WEEK.
15 SOMETIMES THREE TIMES A WEEK. I HAVE SEEN THEM OUT TALKING TO
16 PEOPLE, SPENDING HOURS SOMETIMES ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS FOR
17 HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND TREATMENT. THEY HAVE CLEANED THE
18 ALLEY MANY TIMES WITHOUT DISPLACING ANYONE. IN COMPARISON, I
19 HAVE SEEN WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT COMES OUT WITH BULLDOZERS OR
20 DUMP TRUCKS, DISPLACE EVERYONE, TAKE THEIR TENTS AND THEIR
21 BELONGINGS AS WELL AS ALL THE TRASH AND CLEAR OUT THE ALLEY
22 ENTIRELY. THE TRAINING THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT GETS DOES NOT
23 EQUIP THEM FOR THIS JOB.

24

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

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1

2 **KIM MCGILL:** SIMILARLY, PEOPLE THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED THAT
3 EXPERIENCE TRAUMA FROM THE SYSTEM THAT HAVE CONVICTIONS THAT
4 THEY HAVE --

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SUMMARIZE? YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

7

8 **KIM MCGILL:** YOU CANNOT TRUST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THIS ROLE.
9 FINALLY, IT COSTS A HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A
10 ROOKIE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER --

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU SUBMIT IT IN WRITING?
13 GO AHEAD AND SUBMIT IT IN WRITING. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. I WATCHED THE
16 OFFICER FRIENDLY VIDEO, WHO WAS A HISPANIC. AND THE PEOPLE HE
17 HELPED WAS HISPANIC. THERE WAS NOT ONE AFRICAN-AMERICAN IN
18 THAT VIDEO. NOW I THINK THAT THIS SHERIFF BUSINESS IS GOING
19 TO BE ARRESTING AND HARASSING AND STEALING ORGANS OF BLACK
20 PEOPLE ON THE STREET BECAUSE MOST OF THE HOMELESS, 85 PERCENT,
21 ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, HE CANNOT EVEN GET
22 THE WORD AFRICAN-AMERICAN OUT OF HIS BLACK MOUTH. YOU NEVER
23 EVEN SAID AFRICAN-AMERICAN. I'M SPEAKING TO EVERYBODY. AND
24 DON'T -- PUT MY TIME BACK ON THE CLOCK. PUT IT BACK ON THE
25 CLOCK. DON'T PLAY ME LIKE THAT. THAT SHERIFF JUNK IS FOR

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1 AFRICAN-AMERICANS. IT IS GOING TO HIT SKID ROW AND ALL AROUND
2 THIS CITY BECAUSE THAT'S ALL WHO'S LAYING ON THE GROUND. NOW
3 PETER LYNN, HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF L.A.H.S.A. I'M THE REASON
4 HE STEPPED DOWN, BABY BECAUSE I GOT INFORMATION ON WHO HE IS
5 HELPING. HE'S HELPING THOUSANDS OF ILLEGAL ALIENS, HISPANICS,
6 LATINOS, ASIANS, AND FILIPINOS, AND A HANDFUL OF AFRICAN-
7 AMERICANS. AFTER I WENT TO CITY COUNCIL WITH THE FACTS, HE WAS
8 GONE IN TWO WEEKS. WE GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF OFFICE. I WANT
9 MY TIME --

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. YOUR TIME IS
12 EXPIRED. I WILL GIVE YOU 10 SECONDS TO SUMMARIZE WHAT YOU ARE
13 SAYING.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I'M TRYING TO GET INFORMATION ON RELEASE PLANNING
16 PROGRAM. I HAVE GOT SOME IN HOUSE CONTACTS TELLING ME THAT
17 THEY ARE SENDING THE RELEASED INMATES TO SKID ROW, AND THESE
18 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, P.A.T.H. AND THE REST OF THEM ARE
19 SENDING BLACK PEOPLE TO SKID ROW.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **WENDY CABIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, MY NAME IS WENDY CABIL. AND
24 I'M FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND I CAN SAY THAT WITH THE HELP OF
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU IN PARTICULAR, MY SUPERVISOR,

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1 KATHRYN BARGER, 5TH DISTRICT, THAT I'M NO LONGER DEALING WITH
2 HOMELESSNESS. TWO YEARS AGO, YOU STEPPED IN AND HELPED ME, AND
3 I APPRECIATE THAT. IT ENDED A 13 YEAR HOMELESS JOURNEY, AND I
4 HAVE BEEN ON BOTH SIDES, WORKING AT A NON PROFIT SOCIAL
5 SERVICE AGENCY THAT DID WORK WITH HOMELESS. SO NOW I HAVE BOTH
6 INSIGHTS. ON THAT NOTE, I'M GRATEFUL TO HEAR AND SEE ALL THE
7 ROBUST ENERGY COMING TOGETHER. THIS MAKES MY HEART VERY WARM,
8 BUT I'M ALSO BROKENHEARTED WHEN I CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE AND
9 SPEAK WITH MY PEERS IN THE COMMUNITY KNOWING THAT THE HOLE
10 THAT NEEDS TO BE PLUGGED UP IN THIS BOAT IS DEALING WITH
11 LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS. THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE
12 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS WITH THEIR UNLAWFUL DETAINERS, EVICTIONS,
13 AND SO FORTH PRACTICES. AND THEY NEED TO BE REINED IN. AND
14 THERE NEEDS TO BE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **KRUTHI PAREKH:** HELLO, GREETINGS EVERYONE, IT WAS A PLEASURE TO
19 SPEND SOME PART OF MY WEEKEND AT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, SO
20 I REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE YOU FOR LIFTING UP -- MARK RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS FOR LIFTING UP THE HOMELESS ISSUE. MY NAME IS KRUTHI
22 PAREKH. I'M WITH THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. AND
23 AS I WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS
24 EVERY SINGLE DAY, I HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE PEACE BUILDERS, THE
25 NON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT ARE EVERY DAY INTERVENING,

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1 DEESCALATING, AND EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THEM WITH
2 SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED. AS YOU CONTINUE AS A COUNTY, AS WE
3 CONTINUE AS A COUNTY, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO AROUND
4 HOMELESSNESS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT SPENDING AN
5 ADDITIONAL DOLLAR ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INSTEAD WE ARE
6 HELPING HOMELESS FOLKS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET, GET BACK TO
7 ACTUALLY HELPING OTHER HOPELESS FOLKS, HIRING THEM FULL TIME
8 SO THAT THEY HAVE STABILITY WHERE THEY CAN HAVE LONG TERM
9 SUSTAINABLE CARE AND MAKING SURE WE ARE LIFTING UP OTHER
10 RESIDENTS TO BECOME PEACE BUILDERS.

11

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

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YEAH, SO WE'RE HAVING OUR ANNUAL FUNDATHON.
15 THAT'S WHAT IT IS. SO THE GOAL IS ALL THE OTHER CITIES, TAKE
16 YOUR SHERIFFS, CALL THEM UP, CALL 211, PUT THEM ON A
17 TRANSPORT, SEND THEM DOWN TO SKID ROW AND INSIDE THE CITY
18 LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SO YOU CAN CLEAN THEM ALL
19 OUT AND HAVE NICE CITIES IN THE OTHER 78 CITIES IN THE COUNTY.
20 LET'S GIVE KATHRYN A HAND. THAT'S THE REPUBLICAN WAY. THAT'S
21 RIGH. YEAH. SO YOU SEE EVERYBODY HERE GOT A NON PROFIT, GIVE
22 ME WHAT, MORE MONEY! AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
23 STEAL IT. GIVE ME WHAT? MORE MONEY! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO
24 WITH IT? STEAL IT. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? MORE MONEY! WHAT
25 ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT? STEAL IT. THAT'S RIGHT. LET'S SAY

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1 IT EVERYBODY. GIVE ME, MORE MONEY! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO
2 WITH IT, STEAL IT! I LOVE THIS SCAM. I HAVE A BAG HERE, FILL
3 ME UP SOME CASH.

4

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

6

7 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT, LISTEN, I HAVE BEEN
8 HOMELESS TWO OR THREE TIMES, AND I HAVE BEEN TO ALL OF OUR
9 PROGRAMS AND STUFF LIKE THAT. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE MISSING IS WE
10 DON'T HAVE ANY LOGISTICS TO HELP THESE PEOPLE OUT THERE. I
11 THINK THAT WHEN I SAY WE CAN MOVE 100,000 TROOPS INTO WAR
12 WITHIN A WEEK, BUT WE CANNOT MOVE 59 OR 62,000, IS GOING TO BE
13 THE NEW COUNT AFTER THE NEXT THREE DAYS, 62,000 HOMELESS
14 PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY, WE NEED TO RESCHEDULE
15 OR WE NEED TO REFOCUS WHAT WE ARE DOING AND GET PEOPLE OUT
16 THERE TO HANDLE THE BUSINESS. I DON'T CARE IF LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 OR WHOEVER DOES IT, AS LONG AS WE GET THE JOB DONE. NOW HERE'S
18 THE OTHER PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HOUSING TO HOUSE
19 EVERYBODY, SO WHAT DO WE DO? AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN OR HEARD
20 ANYBODY COME IN WITH THAT PROBLEM. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO
21 REGARDING THE HOUSING OR HOMELESS, AND BEST THING I HAVE HEARD
22 SO FAR IS GET THE BUNGALOWS AND LET'S START PUTTING PEOPLE UP,
23 THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT'S THE FINEST WAY WE CAN DO IT. LISTEN,
24 WE NEED TO DO IT ALL TOGETHER, RED CHIEF HUNT.

25

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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** WITH A.C.L.U. THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS IS
4 HOUSING, NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF
5 REGIONAL HOUSELESS ADVISORS, WHICH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
6 CO-CHAIRS, RECENTLY STATED SWEEPS AND CRIMINALIZATION HAVE
7 BEEN SHOWN NOT TO WORK. STRATEGIES THAT EXPLICITLY OR
8 IMPLICITLY ENCOURAGE THESE ACTIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. GIVING
9 MONEY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR "OUTREACH" TO UNHOUSED PEOPLE
10 INEVITABLY LEADS TO CRIMINALIZATION AND VIOLENCE. IT IS ALSO
11 AT ODDS WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY'S OWN A.T.I.
12 WORK GROUP WHICH CALLED ON THE COUNTY TO MOVE TOWARD
13 COMMUNITY-BASED AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTREACH MODELS.
14 FINALLY, AS THIS BOARD HAS RECOGNIZED AS RECENTLY AS TWO
15 MONTHS AGO, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS A TERRIBLE TRACK
16 RECORD WHEN IT COMES TO SPENDING COUNTY TAXPAYER DOLLARS
17 RESPONSIBLY. WE THEREFORE URGE THE BOARD NOT TO REWARD THE
18 SHERIFF'S BAD BEHAVIOR WITH EVEN MORE MONEY, ESPECIALLY WHEN
19 THERE IS NO DATA, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
20 SHROUDED IN SECRECY.

21

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

23

24 **CYNTHIA ANDERSON BAKER:** THANK YOU. CYNTHIA ANDERSON BAKER,
25 I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE NATIONAL LAWYER'S GUILD. I WANT TO

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1 CALL THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT LAST THURSDAY AT
2 THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING, MAX HUNTSMAN, THE
3 INSPECTOR GENERAL, DID A VERY IMPRESSIVE PRESENTATION ABOUT
4 THE FAILURE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE
5 INFORMATION, PROVIDE NUMBERS ON PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS AND WHAT
6 HAPPENS TO PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS, ETC. SO THE DATA WASN'T
7 THERE. HE WANTED IT. SO I WOULD SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S
8 COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION. DON'T GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROGRAM
9 UNTIL YOU KNOW THE OUTCOMES, UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
10 MEASURE THEM AND PLEASE EMPOWER THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO GET
11 THAT DATA SO IT'S ACCURATELY REPORTED TO YOU. BE RESPONSIBLE,
12 NO MORE MONEY NOW TO THE SHERIFF, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT'S OUR LAST SPEAKER. SO I'M
15 GOING TO WAIT FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO COME UP SO WE CAN VOTE ON
16 THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE,
17 WE NEED TO VOTE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WHILE YOU ARE WALKING UP,
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY,
21 WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DATA AND THE COLLECTION OF OUTCOME
22 DATA FOR NUMBER 8, KIND OF WHAT THAT MEANT BECAUSE I HAD
23 PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT AND THE AUTHOR SAID NO NEED TO BRING AN
24 AMENDMENT. I WILL MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M NOT PREPARED TO TAKE AN AMENDMENT BECAUSE I
2 THINK WE CAN COME BACK WITH THE DATA APPROPRIATELY, AND I DO
3 THINK THAT IT WILL GIVE IS A CHANCE TO REALLY SEE HOW
4 SUCCESSFUL AND MEANINGFUL. I MEAN AT THIS POINT, IT IS A
5 REPORT. I AGREE THAT OUR STAFF SHOULD DO WHAT THEY CAN, AND I
6 WOULD EXPECT THAT THE SHERIFF AS WELL AS THE H.O.S.T.
7 COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE CITIES THAT CAME TO TESTIFY, THEY DO
8 HAVE SOME DATA. I DON'T EVEN THINK THE C.E.O. HAS ALL THE DATA
9 THAT I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD FROM SOME OF OUR CITIES. SO BEAR
10 WITH ME, SHEILA, I'M WORKING ON IT. IT IS A REPORT BACK. AND
11 YOU HAVE MY GOOD-FAITH EFFORT IN --

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT COLLECTION OF DATA
14 ABOUT OUTCOMES IS PART OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT, AND I AGREE WITH THAT.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO ITEM S1 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
24 RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT
25 WILL BE THE ORDER. ON ITEM NUMBER 2 WHICH IS BEFORE US AS

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1 AMENDED TO ADD PUBLIC HEALTH, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF
3 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. AND NOW ITEM 8 IS BEFORE
4 US, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON
5 THIS.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I THOUGHT -- I WAS TOLD YOU WANTED A
10 ROLL CALL ON ITEM 8.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, NO ROLL CALL. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
16 ORDERED. OKAY. I'M GETTING THERE. ITEM 48F IS BEFORE US. I
17 WILL MOVE THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO APPROVE
18 THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
19 AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, ITEM A4, WHICH IS
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
22 APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE
23 THE ORDER. THOSE ARE ALL THE HOMELESS ITEMS FOR TODAY, EXCEPT
24 FOR ON TO THE NEXT ONE. BEFORE US, WE HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS

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1 HELD THIS ITEM. IT'S THE ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER CLOSURE
2 AND POSSIBLE REPURPOSING.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WILL BE BRIEF. I
5 KNOW THERE HAS BEEN MUCH MEDIA ATTENTION PLACED ON ST.
6 VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER AND THE FACT IT IS NOW GOING TO BE
7 ELIGIBLE TO BE POTENTIALLY TAKEN OVER BY ANOTHER ENTITY, AND I
8 AM VERY HAPPY THAT TWO YEARS AGO, WE ACTUALLY TOOK SOME ACTION
9 ON THE BOARD TO SEE IF WE COULD SECURE THAT FACILITY. WE WERE
10 NOT SUCCESSFUL IN THAT BID. WE WERE OUTBID, BUT NOW THERE'S AN
11 OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED AGAIN, AND I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE
12 C.E.O. FOR HELPING US AND COUNTY COUNSEL, D.H.S., AND PUBLIC
13 WORKS FOR HAVING DONE THEIR HOMEWORK PREVIOUSLY BUT NOW
14 HOPEFULLY COMING FORWARD WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING
15 THIS PROPERTY. WE KNOW IT IS A 10.5 ACRE CAMPUS WITH NEARLY
16 700,000 SQUARE FEET OF FACILITIES. I THINK NO ONE HERE KNOWS
17 BETTER THAN THIS BOARD HOW IMPORTANT THE NEED IS FOR
18 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, WRAP AROUND, AND ALL OF
19 THE RECOVERY SERVICES WE KNOW ARE NEEDED IN ADDITION TO
20 CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT IS
21 UNIQUE. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES,
22 SUCH AS THE CITY, AND PRIVATE ENTITIES, BUT I THINK WE CAN
23 HEAR FROM OUR C.E.O. IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN COUPLE TOGETHER
24 FUNDING VERY QUICKLY AND HOPEFULLY HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT
25 THAT WILL MEET MANY OF OUR NEEDS, MULTIPLE NEEDS, THAT HAVE

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1 BEEN EXPRESSED BY D.H.S., PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS MENTAL
2 HEALTH, AND ALONG WITH THAT, WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS, THE
3 HOSPITALS, IN THE SURROUNDING AREA TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR
4 THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE DISLOCATED. I WOULD
5 LIKE TO ASK OUR C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, TO PLEASE SHARE WITH THE
6 BOARD HOW WE WOULD COUPLE THESE FUNDS TOGETHER.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF
9 THE BOARD. CERTAINLY THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY OF
10 LOS ANGELES, SHOULD WE GET THE PROPERTY. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
11 INDICATED, THIS IS 10.5 ACRES OF BUILDINGS, LAND, AND OTHER
12 EQUIPMENT THAT COULD BE UTILIZED BY THE COUNTY. AND SO WE WILL
13 HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD NEXT TUESDAY AND PUT BEFORE THE
14 BOARD OUR INTENT TO DO THE PURCHASE. I WOULD LIKE TO COME
15 BEFORE THIS BOARD AND ACTUALLY CASH FINANCE THE PURCHASE. I
16 DON'T WANT TO ENTER INTO ANY SHORT TERM OR LONG-TERM
17 OBLIGATIONS, BUT I THINK WORKING BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT WEEK
18 WITH ALL THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PUT
19 TOGETHER OUR FINAL PROPOSAL. BUT, AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
20 FORWARD SWIFTLY AND TRY AND GET OUR BID IN. I THINK THE
21 DEADLINE FOR THE BID IS ACTUALLY -- OR THE PROPOSAL DATE IS
22 FEBRUARY 7TH. SO WE REALLY DO NEED TO GET SOMETHING BEFORE THE
23 BOARD BY NEXT WEEK.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SACHI. I WANT TO UNDERSCORE,
2 TOO, THAT THIS FACILITY RESIDES IN S.P.A. 4, AND WE KNOW THAT
3 THE LARGEST HOMELESS POPULATION IS CENTERED RIGHT IN THIS
4 AREA, OVER 16,000. SO I THINK THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE BENEFITS
5 FOR OUR DISTRICTS. SO I'M HAPPY THIS OPPORTUNITY CAME FORWARD,
6 BUT I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN MARK RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR FOR A MOMENT. I REALLY
10 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY BECAUSE I YOUR
11 STATEMENTS I THINK WENT A LITTLE BROADER THAN THE LANGUAGE
12 WHICH TALKED ABOUT REPURPOSING JUST RELATED TO HOUSING AND
13 HOMELESSNESS, AND I THINK -- I WONDER IF WE MIGHT AT LEAST
14 CONSIDER, IN ADDITION, THE UNMET NEEDS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
15 SYSTEM BECAUSE IT IS LIKE FOUR DIFFERENT AREAS.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, SO IF THAT COULD JUST BE PART OF WHAT WE
20 LOOK AT AND WAYS TO USE IT BECAUSE --

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO WHEN I SAID WRAP AROUND SERVICES, I --

23

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THAT'S WHAT I HEARD YOU SAY, BUT IN THE THING
2 ITSELF, IT DOES NOT SAY. SO IF WE COULD ADD CONSIDERATION FOR
3 THOSE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE THE BEDS ARE THERE.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO PROBLEM.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LEADERSHIP SEIZES
12 OPPORTUNITIES. LET ME TO SAY TO YOU, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY
13 FOR US TO CONCRETELY REINFORCE THE DISCUSSION THAT WE JUST HAD
14 REGARDING THE SET ITEM, S1, ALL IF THE OTHER FOUR COMPONENTS
15 THAT WE HAVE JUST DEALT WITH, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADVANCE ITS WORK
17 AROUND THE QUESTION OF HOMELESSNESS AMIDST THIS CRISIS. I
18 REPEAT, LEADERSHIP SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE
19 AGENDA FORWARD. I FRANKLY BELIEVE THE COUNTY HAS CAPACITY, THE
20 C.E.O. HAS STEPPED UP LARGE AND SAID, LOOK, I DON'T WANT TO
21 BORROW ANY MONEY. LET'S DO THIS LIKE IT HAS BEEN DONE THE OLD-
22 FASHIONED WAY, SHOW UP WITH OUR OWN RESOURCES, EFFECTIVELY
23 SELF SIGNIFICANCE. BUT I WANT TO SAY I THINK WE WILL HAVE SOME
24 HELP FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE WILL HAVE SOME HELP, AND WE
25 OUGHT TO ASK THE STATE TO ADD TO ITS AGENDA FOR URGENT ACTION.

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1 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE
2 GOOD ON THIS. THIS COULD BE AS MUCH OF A GAME CHANGER AS ANY
3 OTHER OPPORTUNITY THAT WE WILL HAVE HAD AT THIS POINT. THIS IS
4 VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE
5 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER OPPORTUNITIES. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY
6 AGAIN FOR THE ISSUE OF RECUPERATIVE CARE, FOR PSYCHIATRIC
7 URGENT CARE. THE RANGE OF WRAP AROUND SERVICES THAT SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS HAS REFERENCED CAN BE RESIDENT IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, AND
9 WE CAN MAKE GOOD ON OUR COMMITMENTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
10 WITH URGENCY AND WITH INNOVATION. THIS IS ONE HECK OF AN
11 OPPORTUNITY. LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I REALLY
14 DO COMMEND YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. TIME IS
15 DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT IS VERY -- NOT ON OUR SIDE RIGHT
16 NOW. WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS GOING. WHEN I LOOKED AT THE NUMBERS
17 IN S.P.A. 4, 16,436 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, UNBELIEVABLE. AND SO
18 I REALLY DO COMMEND YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK
19 WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. WE TRIED
20 IT BEFORE, BUT NOW, OBVIOUSLY I THINK THAT GIVEN THE
21 CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO
22 PARTNERING WITH YOU TO ADDRESS THOSE THAT ARE ON THE STREET IN
23 AN AREA THAT PROBABLY HAS MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE BEEN
24 TALKING ABOUT TODAY THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE, SO THANK

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1 YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
2 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
5 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME ARNOLD
6 SACHS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, JOHN VELASCO, NADIA ACEVES, AND
7 WAYNE SPINDLER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
10 THIS IS A BRILLIANT IDEA, AND I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT, AND I
11 AGREE WITH SACHI THAT WE SHOULD BUY IT UPFRONT. FIRST OF ALL,
12 IT IS A LOT OF EQUIPMENT WE CAN USE IN THE OTHER HOSPITAL
13 ALSO. A LOT OF THAT EQUIPMENT IS NEW BECAUSE THEY DID A LOT OF
14 REFURBISHING. ALSO IT WILL BE A FANTASTIC PLACE TO TRAIN
15 PEOPLE BEYOND THE HOMELESS BECAUSE THERE HAVE PHARMACIES. THEY
16 HAVE A KITCHEN AND ALL OF THAT. SO I THINK THAT WILL GIVE US,
17 BEYOND FINDING HOME FOR THE HOMELESS, A TREMENDOUS PLACE TO
18 TRAIN PEOPLE TO FIND (INAUDIBLE) WAGE JOB AND SO ON. SO I
19 THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE BEST IDEAS I HAVE HEARD IN A LONG
20 TIME, AND I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU ARE GOING WITH IT. I WILL
21 SUGGEST THAT THE NEGOTIATOR WILL BE SACHI HAMAI AND NOBODY
22 ELSE. I KNOW ONE OF THE REASONS WE FAILED IN OUR DEAL BEFORE
23 WAS BECAUSE OF ONE OF THE NEGOTIATOR, AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO
24 HAPPEN AGAIN. SO 100 PERCENT, SACHI, THAT COULD BE YOUR LAST

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1 BIG HOORAH BEFORE YOU LEAVE. MAKE A GOOD DEAL FOR A GOOD
2 PRICE, THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **JOHN VELASCO:** YES, REVEREND JOHN VELASCO AGAIN FROM HEART OF
7 COMPASSION, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT 48I. AND I THINK IF
8 YOU LOOK IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE QUEEN OF ANGELS WAS TURNED
9 INTO THE DREAM CENTER, AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT WRAP AROUND
10 SERVICES, THEY ARE ONE OF THE BEST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE LOS
11 ANGELES AREA. SO I REALLY THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT
12 OPPORTUNITY. AND EVEN AS THE CHAIR, KATHRYN BARGER, SAID, YOU
13 NEED TO HAVE COMPASSION, BUT I'M GOING TO PARAPHRASE YOU, BUT
14 ALSO BE WISE ABOUT HOW YOU ARE SPENDING YOUR DOLLARS. AND I
15 THINK WE FORGET THAT WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS,
16 YOU ARE TAKING PROPERTY, YOU HAVE TO PAY THE MARKET RATE. IN
17 THIS CASE, BECAUSE THERE'S A BANKRUPTCY INVOLVED, IT MIGHT BE
18 BELOW MARKET VALUE, SO IT IS VERY ATTRACTIVE. SO I REALLY WANT
19 TO THANK THE BOARD IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN ENTERTAINING
20 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. I THINK THIS IS A TERRIFIC
2 INVESTMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT. IT'S ALMOST A LEGACY
3 PROJECT UNLIKE THE COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN THE BIOSCIENCE
4 RESEARCH WHICH WOULD REALLY ONLY BENEFIT ONE PERSON. YOU CAN
5 USE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FUNDS. YOU CAN HAVE L.A. CARE'S
6 CLIENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ENROLLED BY THE COUNTY HOUSED IN THIS
7 HOSPITAL, AND HAVE -- YOU'D BE ABLE TO CREATE GOOD-PAYING JOBS
8 AT MARKET RATES, AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL HAVE TO PAY.
9 MY HEALTH L.A., THAT'S THE INSURANCE COMPANY, AND THEY WILL
10 HAVE TO PAY THE RATES THAT ARE QUALIFIED FOR QUALIFIED HELP.
11 YOU'D HAVE THE PEOPLE ENROLLED ALREADY, WHICH THE COUNTY HAS
12 ALREADY DONE. KUDOS TO MS. SOLIS. WAY TO STEP UP. AND THANK
13 YOU, SACHI HAMAI. I APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK. AND SEND THE
14 BILL TO DR. THOMAS.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, BUT IT WAS MITCHELL FARRELL'S IDEA. YOU
19 ARE STEALING HIS IDEA. THIS WAS COUNCILMAN MITCHELL FARRELL'S
20 IDEA. DIDN'T YOU SEE IT IN THE SUNDAY TIMES? HE WAS THE ONE
21 WHO CAME UP WITH IT. THEY CITY WANTS TO BUY IT. WHY ARE YOU
22 INVOLVED THIS? YOU ARE JUST GOING TO DRIVE THE PRICE OF IT UP.
23 MITCHELL FARRELL WANTS TO TAKE THE COMPLEX AND TURN IT INTO
24 THE LARGEST HOMELESS SHELTER IN THE WEST COAST, AND YOU ARE
25 RUINING IT. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? YOU ARE TURNING AROUND

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1 [EXPLETIVE] MITCHELL FARRELL ON THE DEAL. IT WAS HIS DEAL.

2 (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MR.

7 PREVEN.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THIS IS KIND OF A FRONT
10 ROOM BACK ROOM DEAL. AND THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE IS HOW SAD
11 IS THAT A HOSPITAL THAT'S FUNCTIONING TO SERVE AND TAKE CARE
12 OF PEOPLE SIMPLY CANNOT MAKE ENDS MEET AT ALL OVER A NUMBER OF
13 YEARS, GOES BELLY UP, AND NOW WE ARE, NOT LIKE PREDATORS, BUT
14 WE'RE COMING IN CHEAP, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME GOOD STUFF,
15 HOPEFULLY. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, THE BIG ONE
16 THAT WE TALKED ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO DOING THESE KINDS OF THINGS?
17 I JUST FEEL LIKE TO SPEND A BIG CHUNK OF COUNTY MONEY THAT MR.
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS GOING TO SLAP BACK TO THE COUNTY ONCE HE'S
19 INSTALLED AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW, THE WHOLE
20 THING MAKES ME SAD FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE NEAR THE HOSPITAL.
21 I KNOW THAT IS NOT WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA TODAY. LET'S MAKE GOOD
22 USE OF IT IF WE CAN, BUT HONESTLY, BUYING IT FOR CASH, DO THE
23 PEOPLE AROUND THERE KNOW WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING WITH MENTAL
24 HEALTH BEING ADDED TODAY? I HOPE SO. I THINK WE DO NEED TO

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1 TAKE CARE OF THESE THINGS, BUT I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHY
2 WOULDN'T WE BUY OTHER BUILDINGS? THANKS.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME AND THANK YOU FOR
7 TAKING CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING THIS HOSPITAL. I HAVE
8 WORKED IN THE HOMELESS FIELD FOR ONLY THREE YEARS, BUT I HAVE
9 NOTICED HOW WE GET SO MANY PEOPLE TO GET ACCESS TO THEIR
10 HOUSING VOUCHERS, AND THEY GO THROUGH ALL THESE PROCESSES AND
11 JUMP THROUGH HURDLES TO FIND OUT THAT THERE IS NO HOUSING
12 AVAILABLE. I WILL TAKE ANYTHING I CAN GET SOMEONE HOUSED, EVEN
13 IF IT'S JUST ONE PERSON, TWO PEOPLE. WE NEED A ROOF OVER OUR
14 PEOPLE'S HEADS. WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN, AND I KNOW
15 NOT EVERYONE IS IN SUPPORT OF IT, BUT WE NEED -- WE NEED TO
16 TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN, SORRY. WE NEED THIS. IT IS A NECESSITY.
17 WE HAVE SO MANY VOUCHERS AND PEOPLE WITH HOUSING AND NO ROOF
18 TO PUT OVER THEIR HEAD. LET'S GET THIS STARTED. I THINK THIS
19 IS A WISE DECISION, THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS? DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, I JUST WANT TO SAY, IF YOU GO BACK, WE HAD
25 INITIALLY PUT IN A BID ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO, SO WE HAD OUR

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1 MIND FOCUSED ON THIS. IT DIDN'T WORK OUT BECAUSE WE WERE OUT
2 BID. THERE WAS SOMEBODY ELSE WHO DROVE THE PRICE UP, AND THOSE
3 FOLKS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL, BUT HERE WE ARE IN AN OPPORTUNE
4 TIME, AND THE NEED IS GREAT. WE STILL HAVE SO MANY OTHER AREAS
5 TO FOCUS ON. I DO INTEND TO CONTINUE MY EFFORTS AT THE GENERAL
6 HOSPITAL TO SEE HOW WE COULD BUILD OUT MORE HOUSING. BUT WITH
7 THAT, I JUST ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND IT. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS
11 TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ALL RIGHT, AND
12 NOW WE'RE ARE GOING TO GO TO ITEM 51, WHICH RELATES TO ITEM 52
13 AND 53, COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND TITLE THREE
14 ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AMENDMENT. ITEM 52 IS A
15 COUNTY CODE TITLE 3 ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
16 AMENDMENT. AND ITEM 53 IS A COUNTY CODE TITLE 5 PERSONNEL AND
17 TITLE 6 SALARY ADJUSTMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HELD
18 THIS ITEM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO OPEN WITH REMARKS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IMPORTANT
21 OPPORTUNITY IS A MOMENT IN THE REFORM OF THE PROBATION OF THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. I
23 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THE
24 MOTION THAT CREATED THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT ORDINANCE AS WELL
25 AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION THAT AMENDS

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1 THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT ORDINANCE. I THINK IT IS FAIR
2 TO SAY, FOR YEARS, THE BOARD HAS SPOKEN LOUD AND CLEAR ABOUT
3 THE NEED TO ENACT ROBUST OVERSIGHT OF THE PROBATION
4 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS UNDERSCORED BY THE BOARD'S UNANIMOUS VOTE
5 ON OCTOBER 1 OF 2019, WHICH EFFECTIVELY VALIDATED THE WORK OF
6 THE PROBATION REFORM AND IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. AND I WANT TO
7 GIVE THEM A SHOUT OUT, AND IT DIRECTED THE CREATION OF A
8 ROBUST PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. TODAY, THEN, THROUGH
9 THE FIRST HEARING OF THE ORDINANCE, THE BOARD TAKES AN
10 IMPORTANT STEP IN CREATING PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AS
11 WELL AS HAVING THE ABILITY TO COMPEL DATA DOCUMENTS AND DIRECT
12 TESTIMONY. THE ORDINANCE TODAY ALSO GIVES THE INSPECTOR
13 GENERAL AN INVESTIGATIVE ROLE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IN
14 OTHER WORDS, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE KEEPING OUR
15 COMMITMENT TO OUR RESPECTIVE STAKEHOLDERS. THE OFFICE OF THE
16 INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS PUBLISHED MANY INFORMATIVE REPORTS ON
17 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE VALUABLE ON THE PROBATION
18 REFORM FRONT. SO PROBATION OVERSIGHT REMAINS AN URGENT MATTER,
19 AND WE WILL HEAR MOMENTARILY FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO
20 ARE EAGER TO MOVE THIS ISSUE FORWARD. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY
21 WITH RESPECT TO SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT, MADAM CHAIR AND
22 COLLEAGUES, JUST AS PROBATION REFORM IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY,
23 SO TOO IS HOLDING AN AGENDA OF STRONG TRANSPARENCY AND
24 ACCOUNTABILITY OF OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY HAS
25 MADE GREAT STRIDES IN ATTEMPTING TO REFORM THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT OVER THE YEARS, THE WORK OF THE CITIZEN'S
2 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND THE
3 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. OVERSIGHT BODIES NEED TIMELY
4 ACCESS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION, AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
5 COMMISSION'S RECENT LACK OF ACCESS TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY HAS IMPEDED THEIR ABILITY TO PERFORM
7 THEIR CORE FUNCTION AND EFFECTIVELY FRUSTRATING THE BOARD'S
8 INTENT WHEN CREATING THAT COMMISSION. BACK-TRACKING ON
9 PROGRESS IS SIMPLY NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS BOARD. WITH THE
10 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE, THE CIVILIAN BODY,
11 THROUGH A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE C.O.C., WILL DECIDE WHEN A
12 SUBPOENA IS NEEDED TO FULFILL ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS. IN SUM,
13 THE COUNTY CANNOT AFFORD TO ERASE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN
14 ACHIEVED, THE RECENT REFORMS. I WOULD LIKE THANK MY
15 COLLEAGUES, THE C.O.C., INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE P.R.I.T., THE
16 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FOR THEIR WORK AND THEIR SUPPORT IN MOVING
17 FORWARD THESE CRITICAL REFORMS. MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO ANY OF MY OTHER COLLEAGUES
20 WANT TO HAVE -- WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND DO PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
21 AND THEN I WILL SAVE MY QUESTIONS UPON COMPLETION OF PUBLIC
22 TESTIMONY. WOULD YOU GO AHEAD AND CALL -- I THINK A
23 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED TO
24 SPEAK. CAN YOU CALL THEM UP, PLEASE?

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE ASSISTANT
2 SHERIFF STEVE GROSS AND CHIEF MATHEW BURSON, IF THEY'LL COME
3 FORWARD.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU COULD JUST GIVE YOUR
6 NAME FOR RECORD.

7

8 **STEVEN GROSS:** STEVEN GROSS, I'M THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF OF
9 PATROL OPERATIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. GOOD
10 AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I HAVE TO
11 SNEAK THIS IN REAL QUICK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE
12 HOMELESS ISSUES. THAT'S ONE OF MY PROJECTS. AND I APPRECIATE
13 THAT. AND AS YOUR STAFF'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK FOR, SO
14 THANK YOU FOR THAT. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF ALEX
15 VILLANUEVA, WHO HAD A PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT, COULDN'T MAKE IT
16 HERE ON THIS SHORT NOTICE, BUT I WANTED TO POINT OUT A COUPLE
17 THINGS TO YOU AND DISCUSS A COUPLE THINGS. WE ABSOLUTELY
18 RESPECT AND VALUE THE ROLE OF OVERSIGHT, AND THE SHERIFF HAS
19 DIRECTED ALL THE STAFF THAT WE WILL BE TRANSPARENT AND THAT WE
20 WILL FOSTER BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE O.I.G. AND THE C.O.C.
21 AND WILL WORK ON IMPORTANT ISSUES WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND SO
22 ALTHOUGH YOU DIDN'T GET THE SHERIFF, I'M A LITTLE BIT RELEVANT
23 TO THIS BECAUSE I'M THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN GOING TO THE C.O.C.
24 THE LAST FEW MEETINGS. HE HAS PERSONALLY ASSIGNED ME THERE TO
25 TRY TO DO SOME OF THOSE THINGS. THE SHERIFF WANTED YOU TO KNOW

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1 THAT TRANSPARENCY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO HIM, AND HE HAS
2 LAUNCHED A TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE. AND WHAT THAT WILL MEAN IS
3 EVERYTHING WE CAN POSSIBLY PUT FROM OUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE
4 PUT ON OUR DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. AND, FOR AN EXAMPLE, WE HAVE
5 ALREADY DONE OUR POLICY AND PROCEDURES, AND EVERYTHING ELSE WE
6 CAN PUT ON THERE BY LAW WE'RE GOING TO PUT ON THERE FOR THE
7 PUBLIC SO THEY HAVE FULL ACCESS. WE INTEND TO FULLY COMPLY
8 WITH S.B.1421 AND 832-P.C. WE'VE USED OUR INTERNAL RESOURCES.
9 AS YOU KNOW, WE REQUESTED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, BUT WE'VE USED
10 WHAT WE HAD INTERNALLY TO START OUR COMPLIANCE MEASURES AND TO
11 WORK TOWARD FULL COMPLIANCE AS THE SHERIFF'S ORDERED. WE FEEL
12 WE HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY
13 CODE. NOW, APPARENTLY THE M.O.A. DOES NOT EXIST AS OF THIS
14 MOMENT. WE THOUGHT IT DID AS OF A WEEK OF AGO, BUT WE HAVE
15 BEEN TRYING TO COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING M.O.A. UP TO THIS
16 POINT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT, AS WE LOOK FORWARD, WE
17 UNDERSTAND THE SUBPOENA ISSUE WILL BE ON THE BALLOT, AND THAT
18 MAY IN FACT COME TO FRUITION, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT
19 THAT IT WOULD BE OUR INTENTION AND OUR DESIRE TO TRY TO
20 RENEGOTIATE AN M.O.A. BECAUSE IRREGARDLESS OF THE COUNTY CODE,
21 AS YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE BEST PRACTICES TO HAVE AN M.O.A. SO
22 WE CAN DEFINE SPECIFICALLY THE FACTS OF THE COUNTY CODE AND
23 HOW WE CAN IMPLEMENT THEM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE GIVEN
24 ACCESS UP TO THIS POINT AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO TO THE
25 O.I.G. TO OUR JAILS, STATIONS, FACILITIES. WE HAVE ALLOWED

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1 THEM TO BE PART OF OUR CRITICAL REVIEW PROCESS, OUR CASE
2 REVIEW PROCESS, OUR CRIME MANAGEMENT FORMS, OUR RISK
3 MANAGEMENT FORMS, AND DEATH REVIEWS. WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN THEM
4 ACCESS TO RECORDS, OUR PERSONNEL, AND WE HAVE RETOOLED SOME OF
5 OUR INTERNAL RESOURCES TO TRY TO IMPROVE THAT ACCESS BY
6 TASKING OUR ACCOUNTABILITY BUREAU TO NOT ONLY RESPOND TO THEIR
7 REPORTS WITH MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BUT ALSO BE A HUB TO TAKE
8 THEIR REQUESTS IN AND TO BETTER PUT THEM OUT WITH SPEED AND
9 ACCURACY. SO THAT IS ANOTHER THING THAT WE'RE WORKING ON. SOME
10 OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS MEASURE AND WE WOULD
11 ASK THAT MAYBE YOU CONSIDER SOME THINGS BEFORE MOVING ON WITH
12 THIS MEASURE IS THERE ARE SOME SIGNIFICANT LEGAL ISSUES THAT
13 MAY STILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IF THERE IS SUBPOENA POWER.
14 INCREASED O.I.G. POWER AND INFLUENCE COULD IN FACT LEAD TO
15 SOME HARM TO SOME EMPLOYEE'S INVESTIGATIONS AND ALSO
16 ADDITIONAL LEGAL ACTIONS. WE BELIEVE WE CAN RESOLVE MANY OF
17 THE ISSUES AT HAND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND THROUGH
18 REASONABLE SOLUTIONS. OVERSIGHT IS BEST ACHIEVED THROUGH
19 COLLABORATION, COOPERATION, AND TEAMWORK, AND WE'RE WELL
20 PREPARED TO DO THAT. IT MUST BE INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE AND
21 NOT LOSE SIGHT OF ITS INTENDED PURPOSE OF ENSURING BEST
22 PRACTICES CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES. AND
23 WE BELIEVE THAT OUR VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE IS THE BEST FOR BOTH
24 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY, AND WE'RE PREPARED TO
25 DO THAT. SUBPOENA POWER IS A LEGAL PROCESS THAT MAY ACTUALLY

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1 COMPLICATE COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION BY PUTTING THE
2 DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY AGAINST EACH OTHER, AND WE ARE ONE
3 FAMILY. AS YOU KNOW, PEACE OFFICERS HAVE A BILL OF RIGHTS, AND
4 THIS MAY IMPACT THE PROCESS. SO WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU TO
5 CONSIDER LETTING US RENEGOTIATE THE M.O.A. AND THAT YOU TAKE
6 THESE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION. AND WE THANK YOU FOR THIS
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, IS THERE SOMEBODY ELSE, OR ARE
10 YOU SPEAKING ON BEHALF? DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY
11 COMMENTS? WITH THAT, I'M SORRY, CAN YOU CALL UP THE REST OF
12 THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

13

14 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR WOULD THE FOLLOWING
15 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU
16 JOASIEL GONZALEZ, KIM MCGILL, PHAL SOK, EMILIO LACQUES,
17 MICHAEL SAAVEDR, RONALDO VILLEDA, ANTHONY ROBLES, KEVIN PERRY,
18 EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, KENT MENDOZA, MICHELE INFTE, ALEX AYALA,
19 SARAH CLIFTON, GLORIA GONZALEZ, DOVANTRAY FARMER, BLACC
20 JACKSON, LUPITA CARBALLO, ERICA M, CYNTHIA ANDERSON BARKER,
21 NATALY BARRAGAN, PASTOR CUE, KRUTI PAREKH, NICOLE BROWN,
22 ANDRES KWON, JARED O'BRIEN, ROB QUAN, WAYNE FROM ENCINO, REV.
23 EVAN BUNCH, DAKOTA WITT, AND ARNOLD SACHS. PLEASE AND FORWARD
24 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY IF WE CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS, WE WILL GO AHEAD
2 AND HAVE OUR FIRST SPEAKER.

3

4 **MICHELE INFANTE:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELE INFANTE. I'M WITH
5 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. THIS IS ALL ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY AND
6 TRANSPARENCY, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 DOES NOT BELIEVE IN. THEY HAVE NOT FOR OVER 153 YEARS, AND
8 THEY ARE NOT GOING TO CHANGE TODAY BY THE PINOCCHIO STORY THAT
9 WE JUST HEARD. ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS A BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET
10 AND ABSOLUTELY -- THEY DON'T HAVE MONEY TO GIVE RODNEY, AND
11 HE HAS TO PUT OUT MONEY FOR HIMSELF. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
12 ACCOUNTABILITY WHERE HARASSMENT OF THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST
13 LOVED ONES ARE BEING INTIMIDATED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
14 NO ACCOUNTABILITY AND NO TRANSPARENCY. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
15 FANTASY STORIES THAT ARE BEING WRITTEN, NARRATIVES THAT ARE
16 GOING ON AUTOPSY REPORTS WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE
17 NOT BEING ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT. TODAY IS THE DAY. IT IS
18 UP TO YOU. WE CAN'T PUT UP WITH THESE LIES AND THESE STORIES
19 THAT IT IS GOING TO BE TOMORROW, TOMORROW, TOMORROW. MANANA
20 HAS COME AND GONE. NOW IT'S TIME. THE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO
21 SUPPORT IT. WE NEED SUBPOENA POWER FOR BOTH THE COMMISSION
22 AND FOR O.I.G.'S OFFICE, THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **JOASIEL GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
2 YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. I'M JOASIEL GONZALEZ. AND I WANT TO
3 SPEAK ABOUT THE FACT ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHARING
4 DATA WHEN THEY COME UP AND ASK ABOUT SOME MONEY BECAUSE THEY
5 COME UP HERE AND ASK ABOUT MONEY BUT SHARE NO DATA. LET'S SAY
6 IF I DID THE SAME THING, YOU WOULD WANT ME SHOW SOME TYPE OF
7 REPORT OR SOMETHING, RIGHT? AND THE DATA SHOULD BE ANALYZED
8 WITHIN DIFFERENT TYPES OF LANGUAGES BECAUSE ALL TYPES OF
9 RESIDENTS NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ THIS DATA, AND ALSO I'M
10 IMPACTED BY THIS BECAUSE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, PROBATION, THEY
11 DIDN'T DO MUCH ABOUT IT. THEY JUST SAID ALL RIGHT, JUST COME
12 TO THIS DATE. AND THEN THEY'LL THREATEN ME WITH A DATE TO SHOW
13 UP IN COURT IF I DIDN'T COMPLY WITH SCHOOL HOME OR MY CURFEW,
14 WOULD GET VIOLATED. DID THAT. THEY VIOLATED ME FOR BEING 30
15 MINUTES LATE DUE TO AN OFFICER HARASSING ME SAYING THAT I FIT
16 THE DESCRIPTION OF A PERSON CARRYING A GUN. SO I DON'T KNOW
17 WHY I WANT TO GIVE PEOPLE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, THANK
18 YOU.

19

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

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22 **REV. BUNCH:** MY NAME IS REVEREND BUNCH. I'M WITH DIGNITY AND
23 EMPOWER NOW. I THINK THERE'S NO SECRET THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT HAS A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE. THE RYAN TWYMAN FAMILY
25 OUT OF WILLOWBROOK HAS EXPERIENCED CONSTANT HARASSMENT BY THE

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1 SHERIFF SINCE THEIR LOVED ONE WAS SHOT 34 TIMES BY AN OFFICER
2 WHO WENT BACK TO HIS CAR TO RELOAD, COME BACK OUT, AND
3 CONTINUE SHOOTING HIM. AND THEN RECENTLY IN LANCASTER, I'M
4 VISITING FAMILIES, MOTHERS UP THERE WHO SHERIFFS ARE TALKING
5 ABOUT SEXUALLY GRATIFYING THEMSELVES BY GOING AFTER WOMEN IN
6 THE LANCASTER AREA. THERE'S A CULTURE THAT NEEDS MORE THAN
7 SUBPOENA POWER, IT NEEDS AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL BECAUSE THE
8 COUNTY COUNSEL, THE SHERIFFS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THEM, AND THE
9 SAME WITH THE C.O.C. SO THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL NEEDS TO BE A
10 PART OF THE C.O.C. SO THE C.O.C. CAN HAVE ABSOLUTE POWER
11 AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA.
16 I'M WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE IN STRONG
17 SUPPORT OF ITEM 51 AND IN SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
18 SUBPOENA POWER AS WELL. AS I HAVE ALREADY TOLD MANY TIMES ON
19 THIS BOARD, I WAS INCARCERATED FROM AGE 15 TO 20, SO I HAVE A
20 REAL IN DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT IS TO BE INCARCERATED
21 IN L.A.'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE ADULT
22 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD
23 FOR COMING TO THIS POINT AND FINALLY PUTTING AN ORDINANCE TO
24 CREATE THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THIS IS CRUCIAL TO
25 HOW WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT JUVENILE JUSTICE MOVEMENT MOVING

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1 FORWARD. IT IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTH ARE WELL
2 TREATED WHILE THE IN CUSTODY OF UNFORTUNATELY THIS,
3 UNFORTUNATELY BEING INCARCERATED, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
4 YOU GUYS CAN REALLY TAKE TIME IN THE NEXT MONTHS TO COME
5 BECAUSE EVENTUALLY WE STILL NEED TO CREATE THE P.O.C. AND I
6 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ENSURE THE PEOPLE THAT SERVE IN
7 THOSE POSITIONS ARE LIKE MYSELF WHO COME FROM THE COMMUNITY
8 AND CAN REALLY SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE PERSONALLY.

9

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

11

12 **LUPITA:** HELLO MY NAME IS LUPITA, AND I'M WITH THE LAY UP AND
13 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO THE
14 COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMUNITY DURING THE
15 PLANNING PROCESS. EVEN THOUGH I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, WE WANT
16 TO MAKE SURE STAFFING STRUCTURE OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
17 COMMITTEE REFLECTS MUCH ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY
18 P.R.I.T. WE NEED REGULAR PUBLISHED DATA. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE
19 IN CERTAIN ZIP CODES GET BETTER TREATMENT AND RESOURCES. THIS
20 DATA WILL PROVE IT. THERE HAVE BEEN BACKWARDS INVESTMENT, AND
21 WE KNOW CRIME RATE HAS BEEN GOING DOWN BUT SOME DOLLAR
22 AMOUNTS IS STILL GOING TO THE SAME FACILITIES THAT KEEP PEOPLE
23 AND ADULTS AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY. DATA WILL SHOW US THAT A
24 LOT OF PEOPLE ARE BEING VIOLATED BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, ZIP
25 CODES, AND AGE, WHILE OTHERS GET SECOND CHANCES, THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DOVANTRAY. ON BEHALF OF Y.J.C., I STRONGLY
5 SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE I AM SYSTEM IMPACTED MYSELF, AND I FEEL
6 LIKE I'M TARGETED BY PROBATION. AND I REMEMBER BEING ON HOUSE
7 ARREST, HAVING TO CHECK IN EVERY WEEK OR SO AND WAS NOT
8 ALLOWED TO GO TO FUNERALS OR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. AND I WOULD
9 CALL MY P.O. AND ASK CAN I GO TO AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OR A
10 FUNERAL OF ONE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND BE TOLD NO. AND I
11 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY MONEY NEEDS TO BE PUT INTO THAT WHEN IT
12 COULD BE PUT INTO US. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **ERIC:** HI, MY NAME IS ERICA. AND I'M FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE
17 COLLATION. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE ARE ON TONGVA LAND AND
18 THAT NO HUMAN BEING IS AN ILLEGAL ALIEN. AND THAT SO WE ARE IN
19 FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 51. WE ARE HERE TO ENSURE THE
20 FINALIZATION AND THE CREATION OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
21 COMMISSION. HAVING A STRONG STAFFED PROBATION OVERSIGHT
22 COMMISSION IS CRITICAL TO BETTER SUPPORT YOUTH AND ADULTS THAT
23 ARE IN THE COUNTY'S TROUBLED PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND IT IS
24 AN INVESTMENT BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE ACCOUNTABILITY THAT THE
25 PROBATION DEPARTMENT NEEDS, THANK YOU.

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

3

4 **PASTOR CUE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PASTOR CUE FROM THE
5 CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS IN SKID ROW. IN LUKE 12:48, IT SAYS TO
6 WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS REQUIRED. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A
7 PRESIDENT WHO IS BEING IMPEACHED RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE
8 ABUSE OF POWER. LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS TREMENDOUS POWER, AND THEY
9 HAVE THE BILL OF RIGHTS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. WHO DO WE HAVE
10 TO PROTECT US? WE NEED SUBPOENA POWER. WE MUST HAVE SUBPOENA
11 POWER. WE MUST HAVE IT NOW BECAUSE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS SO
12 MUCH POWER. WHO IS GOING TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE? AND THEN
13 WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM MORE MONEY FOR HOMELESS STUFF. WHO IS
14 GOING TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE? IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?

15

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

17

18 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE
19 COLLATION. WE'RE ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDING GROUPS OF THE LAY UP
20 COALITION. WE'RE HERE TO URGE THAT WE HAVE A STRONG PROBATION
21 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES STRONG STAFFING. THE
22 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S DUTIES OVER PROBATION IS SOMETHING THAT
23 WE ALSO SUPPORT. SUBPOENA POWER OVER THE L.A.S.D. IS ESSENTIAL
24 AND FULL STAFFING AS LAID OUT IN THE P.R.I.T. FOR THE
25 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. SUBPOENA POWER, THE SHERIFF

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1 CLAIMED, WOULD UNDERMINE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE
2 HAVE NO RELATIONSHIPS OR TRUST WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
3 I WANT TO SPEAK AGAIN TO NICOLAS SANCHEZ, WHO A YEAR AGO WAS
4 FOUND DEAD IN THIS CELL AT L.A. COUNTY JAIL, AND HIS FAMILY A
5 YEAR LATER HAS STILL NOT HEARD FROM THE HOMICIDE DETECTIVES OR
6 FROM THE COMMANDERS AT THE COUNTY JAIL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO
7 NICHOLAS. L.A.S.D. IS STILL NUMBER ONE ALONG WITH WILL
8 L.A.P.D. ALONG WITH USE OF FORCE HOMICIDES NATIONWIDE. IN
9 ADDITION, THE POLICE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS HAS NO IMPACT ON
10 SUBPOENA POWER. IN FACT, L.A.P.D. -- ITS POLICE COMMISSION HAS
11 SUBPOENA POWER AS DO COMMISSIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SUBPOENA
12 POWER IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER FOR YOU A BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO
13 HAVE POWER, NOT ONLY FOR US AS COMMUNITY TO HOLD THE SHERIFFS
14 ACCOUNTABLE, BUT FOR YOU TO HOLD --

15

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

17

18 **RONALD VILLEDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS RONALDO
19 VILLEDA. I AM 22 YEARS OLD, AND AN INTERN AT THE
20 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. GOING FROM A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD
21 TRIED AS AN ADULT FACING LIFE IN PRISON TO STANDING BEFORE YOU
22 TODAY, I AM ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE INJUSTICES AND THE
23 INADEQUACIES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. TO REHABILITATIVE
24 PROCESSES NEED TO BE RECREATED. THE P.O.C. WILL PLAY AN
25 ESSENTIAL ROLE IN HOLDING PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE AND ENSURING

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1 YOUTH DO NOT CONTINUE TO FALL VICTIM TO THE SYSTEM ENTRUSTED
2 WIT THEIR WELFARE. IN ORDER TO TRULY REFORM PROBATION, IT IS
3 GOING TO TAKE TRANSPARENCY TO TACKLE THE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS
4 INGRAINED IN PROBATION'S CULTURE. THE P.O.C. CAN SET THE
5 STANDARD AND LEAD THE WAY FOR INNOVATIVE RESTORATIVE AND
6 TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES, BUT IN ORDER TO DO SO, THE
7 P.O.C. WILL NEED THE POWER TO INTERVENE, EXAMINE, AND
8 REEVALUATE THE STATUS QUO. WE CANNOT ALLOW YOUTH TO CONTINUE
9 TO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS. IF CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE, LET'S
10 START BY ALLOWING THEM TO HAVE ONE. THANK YOU.

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

13

14 **ALEX:** GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS ALEX.
15 I'M WITH THE --

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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** COME UP TO THE MIC. THERE YOU GO.

18

19 **ALEX:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS ALEX. I'M WITH THE
20 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND ME, PERSONALLY, MY EXPERIENCE
21 BEING ON PROBATION HAS NOT HELPED ME, AND I'M PRETTY SURE A
22 LOT OF YOUTHS THAT HAVE BEEN ON PROBATION HASN'T BEEN HELPED.
23 AND I FEEL LIKE THE MONEY SHOULD NOT BE INVESTED IN THAT. IT
24 COULD BE INVESTED IN OTHER PROGRAMS TO REALLY HELP YOUTH HELP
25 INSTEAD OF INVESTING OUR MONEY ON PROBATION. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL
5 NISHIYAMA. I'M A POLICY INTERN FOR THE ANTIRECIDIVISM
6 COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 TODAY FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION, AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO
8 VOTE YES ON THE ORDINANCE. AS A YOUTH, I HAVE FIRSTHAND DEALT
9 WITH THE INJUSTICE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING MY
10 EXPERIENCE BEGINNING WITH MYSELF BEING PUT ON PROBATION AT THE
11 AGE OF 13, FOLLOW UP TO MY ARREST AT 15. I WAS INCARCERATED
12 THROUGHOUT THE JUVENILE SYSTEM UP UNTIL THE AGE OF 18. NOW
13 KNOWING MY PAST AS A HUMAN BEING, I HAVE BEEN ON THE INSIDE
14 AND LIVED WITH THE UNETHICAL DECISIONS OF THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENT. IN ORDER TO HAVE A CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM, WE NEED
16 TO BUILD TRUST AND REACH THE GOALS OF REHABILITATION. WITH THE
17 CREATION OF THE P.O.C., WE WOULD BE CLOSER TO RESTORING
18 JUSTICE AND CREATING REAL OVERSIGHT. AS THE P.O.C. IS EMBEDDED
19 IN OUR SYSTEM, THIS WILL GIVE CHANCE TO HAVE A CHANGE IN THE
20 HEARTS OF OUR YOUTH AS THEY WILL BE PROPERLY CARED FOR. TO
21 SEE THE P.O.C. IN ACTION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AS OUR YOUTH
22 WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD TRUSTWORTHY
23 RELATIONSHIPS FOCUSED ON REHABILITATION AND CHANGE OF HEARTS.
24 THANK YOU ALL FOR THE APPRECIATION.

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

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3 **SARAH CLIFTON:** THANK YOU, SARAH CLIFTON, A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF 52, AND 51, AND 53,
5 IN SUPPORT OF ALL THREE. IT IS TIME FOR TRANSPARENCY AND
6 ACCOUNTABILITY IN THIS COUNTY. I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE
7 C.O.C. MEETINGS, AND I HAVE SAT THERE AND WATCHED THE O.I.G.
8 TALK ABOUT BARRIER AFTER BARRIER BEING THROWN UP BY THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. PEOPLE SAY WELL WHY DON'T YOU CONTACT
10 THEM TO GET THE STUFF. WE HAVE CONTACTED THEM. THEY DON'T
11 RESPOND. THEY DO NOT RESPOND TO MY EMAILS. I HEARD OF THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE TODAY TALK ABOUT M.O.A.
13 AND THAT THEY WANT TO GET AN M.O.A. SO THEY CAN COMPLY, BUT
14 THAT IS SOMETHING THE O.I.G. REACHED OUT TO THEM ABOUT MONTHS
15 AGO AND STILL HASN'T HAPPENED. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA TOOK OFFICE
16 OVER A YEAR AGO, AND ALL WE ARE SEEING IS BACK SLIDING AND NO
17 KIND OF PROGRESS. IT IS TIME THAT WE HAVE POWER TO THE PEOPLE,
18 AND THE WAY WE ARE GOING TO GET THAT POWER IS BY GIVING
19 SUBPOENA POWER TO THE C.O.C. AND TO THE O.I.G. SO THEY CAN DO
20 THEIR JOB. PEOPLE HAVE NO TRUST FOR THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT, AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE ARE JUST GOING TO TAKE
22 THEM AT THEIR WORD FOR THINGS. IT IS TIME THAT WE MAKE THE
23 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAVE WHAT IT WAS MEANT TO DO.

24

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

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2 **KEVIN PERRY:** HELLO, MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS KEVIN PERRY. I'M
3 HERE WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO
4 SAY ONE THING, I WANT TO GET ONE THING CLEAR. THERE ARE GOOD
5 PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE. I REALLY RESPECT THE JOBS
6 OF THE SHERIFFS. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE UP
7 HERE TALKING ABOUT THIS TODAY AND THAT WE ARE EVEN SPEAKING ON
8 THIS SHOWS THERE ARE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE THAT HAVEN'T
9 BEEN DONE. THIS COMMITTEE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER IS
10 THE FIRST BIG STEP TOWARD GETTING THINGS DONE AND IMPROVING
11 THINGS THAT NEED TO BE IMPROVED. AS A PERSON WHO SURVIVED A
12 THIRTY TO LIFE SENTENCE, I'M AN EXPERT AT WHAT DOESN'T WORK IN
13 THE PRISON SYSTEM, AND I WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD HERE THAT
14 WHEN WE DO PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER, WHEN WE DO PUT PEOPLE IN
15 PLACE, WE NEED PEOPLE WITH THAT TYPE OF EXPERTISE ON THE
16 PROBATION SIDE TO ACTUALLY BE PART OF THE COMMISSION, THOSE
17 WHO HAVE BEEN THERE AND LITERALLY STAYED ALL NIGHT TO MAKE
18 THINGS A LITTLE BIT BETTER.

19

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

21

22 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, AND I
23 AM A SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND
24 A MEMBER OF THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COLLATION. I AM IN SUPPORT
25 OF 51, 52, AND 53 AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO ITEM

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1 51. WE APPRECIATE THE MOTION AND PARTICULARLY THAT THE FACT
2 THAT IT GRANTS THE P.O.C. SUBPOENA POWER AS WELL AS INCLUDES A
3 FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUAL AND A FAMILY MEMBER OF A
4 FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUAL ON THE COMMISSION. AND AS
5 WE MOVE FORWARD, WE KNOW THAT A ROBUST STAFF WILL BE CRITICAL
6 FOR GETTING THE JOB DONE. AND WE REALLY WANT TO EXPRESS OUR
7 SUPPORT FOR A LOT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ALREADY CAME OUT
8 OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND WERE PRESENTED TO THE JUSTICE
9 DEPUTIES IN NOVEMBER 2019. AND MEMBERS OF THE L.A. YOUTH
10 UPRISING COLLATION AND CONCERNED COMMUNITY GROUPS, WE
11 SUBMITTED A LETTER TODAY FOR YOUR REVIEW AND HAVE SUBMITTED
12 IT. AND HOPEFULLY YOU CAN LOOK AT THAT, BOTH AFFIRMING THAT
13 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS GIVING ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK AS
14 IMPLEMENTATION CONTINUES TO ROLL OUT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
15 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS.

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

18
19 **ROB QUAN:** THANK YOU. ROB QUAN WITH OUR GOV L.A. I WANT TO ECHO
20 THE SUPPORT FOR THESE MOTIONS AND THE NEED FOR THE C.O.C. TO
21 ACTUALLY HAVE SUBPOENA POWER AS WELL AND FOR INDEPENDENT
22 COUNSEL. I'VE BEEN HAPPY TO SEE THIS BOARD STEPPING UP TO THE
23 SHERIFF AND ATTEMPTING TO CLAW BACK, BUT IT IS REALLY NOT
24 ENOUGH. WE HAVE SEEN SOME MEMBERS TAKE ON DARRYL GATES, SOME
25 OF YOU TAKING ON SHERIFF LEE BACA, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN

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1 ANYTHING LIKE THIS [EXPLETIVE]. AND IN JUST ONE YEAR, THIS
2 SHERIFF HAS PLACED HIMSELF IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN. I WANT YOU
3 TO ASK YOURSELVES, HOW MUCH WORSE COULD GET THIS? HE STILL HAS
4 THREE MORE YEARS. IS THIS SUFFICIENT? ARE THESE SUFFICIENT
5 CHECKS AND BALANCES? IF YOU UNCOVER WRONGDOING, WHAT ARE YOU
6 GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? HE IS A BELLIGERENCE AND DETACHMENT FROM
7 REALITY UNMATCHED BY ANYBODY OUTSIDE OF THE WHITE HOUSE. SO I
8 HOPE YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE TO DO A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN THIS.
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

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

12

13 **DAKOTA WITT:** HELLO, I'M DAKOTA WITT WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY,
15 SUPERVISORS, AND YOUR HARD WORK. AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU
16 ALL KNOW THIS IS NOT A DRILL. WE HAVE A SHERIFF THAT IS
17 TERRORIZING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, THAT IS DISAPPEARING AND
18 MURDERING PEOPLE WITH IMPUNITY. OKAY? IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE
19 AMERICA. IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE CALIFORNIA, LET ALONE LOS
20 ANGELES. WE HAVE TO HAVE SUBPOENA POWER. WE HAVE TO HAVE
21 SUBPOENA POWER FOR BOTH THE O.I.G. AND THE C.O.C. BECAUSE THIS
22 IS LIFE OR DEATH. I REALLY NEED YOU ALL TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE
23 HAVE FAMILIES SITTING OUT HERE WHO JUST WENT THROUGH THE
24 HOLIDAYS WITHOUT THEIR LOVED ONES, AND ALL THE C.O.C. IS
25 REALLY GIVING THEM IS WELL, SUBMIT A COMPLAINT TO THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT IS HARASSING YOU AND MURDERED YOUR
2 FAMILY, AND WE WILL SEE IF WE GET TO IT. THAT'S NOT GOOD
3 ENOUGH. L.A. CAN DO BETTER. I KNOW YOU ALL CAN DO BETTER,
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

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

7

8 **JACOB JACKSON:** HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING? MY NAME IS JACOB
9 JACKSON WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, L.A. YOUTH UPRISING
10 COALITION, AND CRENSHAW DISRICT. I REALIZE TRANSFORMING THE
11 PROBATION IS A HUGE TASK. AND IT WILL TAKE A ROBUST STAFF TO
12 GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT. STAFF RECOMMENDED THE ENGAGEMENT AND
13 BUDGET REVIEW INVESTIGATION AND INDEPENDENT COUNSEL WITH
14 SUBPOENA POWER, EXACTLY THAT. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE
15 PROBATION HAS A HARD TIME BEING TRUSTED, AND I DEFINITELY
16 DON'T TRUST THEM MYSELF. MY PROBATION OFFICER, AS FOR A MALE
17 OFFICER, JUST GOING TO THE BATHROOM TO GET MY DRUG TEST. AND
18 I'M STILL ON PROBATION NOW. AND HE DIDN'T HELP ME. HE WAS
19 TELLING ME THAT I SHOULD FAIL IT. HE'S TELLING ME I SHOULD
20 JUST LEAVE. SO I WAS LIKE, OH, THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, THAT'S HOW
21 YOU ALL REALLY FEEL. AND THIS JUST HAPPENED RECENTLY. SO TO
22 THIS DAY I STILL DON'T TRUST PROBATION OR ANY OTHER LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT. THIS DISTRUST COMES FROM REAL FEAR BECAUSE OF
24 BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY POLICE, SHERIFF, PROBATION, AND MY
25 COMMUNITY EVERYWHERE I WALK AS A CRIMINAL, AS AN INHUMANE

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1 CRIMINAL AND HAVE TO BE SEARCHED ALL THE TIME AND ALWAYS
2 ASKING WHERE'S THE QUESTION.

3

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

5

6 **JACOB JACKSON:** THEIR FAMOUS QUESTION IS WHERE IS THE GUN AT.
7 SO YOU FEEL ME? LET'S GET SUBPOENA POWER, PLEASE.

8

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

10

11 **JARED O'BRIEN:** MY NAME IS JARED O'BRIEN WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
12 COALITION, THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, AND THE JUSTICE
13 L.A. COALITION. I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR STRONG PROBATION
14 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. ONE OF THE WAYS TO DO THAT IS TO GIVE
15 THEM SUBPOENA POWER. I HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY PROBATION
16 FIRSTHAND. WHEN I WAS 16 YEARS OLD, I WAS PUT ON PROBATION.
17 THROUGH THAT TIME, I WENT HOMELESS. I WAS IN AND OUT OF
18 SCHOOL. I NEVER -- I WAS HUNGRY MANY DAYS, AND MY PROBATION
19 OFFICER NEVER ONE DAY ASKED ME HOW I WAS FEELING OR OFFERED
20 ANY HELP TO ME. WHEN I STARTED DOING THIS WORK IN 2017 WITH
21 Y.J.C., I NEVER THOUGHT THAT ONE DAY WE WOULD HAVE
22 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROBATION. NOW WE ACTUALLY HAVE
23 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROBATION. BUT WE NEED TO HAVE A ROBUST WAY
24 OF ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ONE OF THE WAYS TO DO THAT IS TO HAVE
25 SUBPOENA POWER. WE REALLY NEED TO DO SUBPOENA POWER. AND I

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1 WANT TO APPLAUD EVERYONE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT I
2 ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD EVERYONE THAT REALLY STRONGLY ADVOCATED
3 FOR THAT IS IN THE BACK SCENE DOING THE WORK, THANK YOU.

4

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

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7 **ANDRES KWON:** ANDRES KWON, LAWYER WITH THE A.C.L.U. WE SUPPORT
8 THESE ITEMS, SECRECY AND IMPUNITY REIGN IN 2019. MAX
9 HUNTSMAN'S OWN ACCOUNT AT THE C.O.C. OF THE SHERIFF'S UTTER
10 CONTEMPT OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS SEARING, AND
11 THE L.A. TIMES, AS YOU KNOW, ALSO WEIGHED IN ON THE EVE OF
12 2020. THE QUESTION IS WHAT ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? ONE
13 IMPORTANT STEP IS INDEED SUBPOENA POWER BECAUSE WHEN IT COMES
14 TO TRANSPARENCY, VILLANUEVA HAS SHROUDED THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT IN SECRECY. THEY ARE ONLY IN VIOLATION OF AN M.O.A.
16 BUT IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. HE HAS UTTERLY FAILED TO
17 PRODUCE S.B.1421 RECORDS. AS YOU KNOW, THE A.C.L.U. RECENTLY
18 SUED THE SHERIFF OVER THIS. FOR THESE REASONS AND FOR REASONS
19 THAT LED TO REFORM L.A. JAILS TO COLLECT THOUSANDS UPON
20 THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES, WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BUT WITH
21 NECESSARY CAVEATS. FIRST, INDEPENDENT COUNSEL IS CRUCIAL.
22 SECOND, WHILE TRANSPARENCY IS IMPERATIVE. WE ALSO NEED
23 ACCOUNTABILITY, AS ROB MENTIONED. EVEN WHEN WE HAD A CLEAR
24 PICTURE, IF THE SHERIFF KEEPS BEHAVING AS HE IS AS IF HE IS
25 ABOVE THE LAW, TRANSPARENCY IS NOT ENOUGH. WE MUST HAVE

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1 STRONGER SYSTEM CHECKS AND BALANCES TO HOLD THE SHERIFF AND
2 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE.

3

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

5

6 **PHAL SOK:** PHAL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. A BADGE
7 IS ALWAYS A BADGE. AND I WONDER WHY SOMEBODY WITH A BADGE
8 NEEDS TO HIDE BEHIND A BILL OF RIGHTS. WHERE IS THE FAMILY
9 BILL OF RIGHTS AT WHEN THEY KILL SOMEBODY? WHAT CAN THE FAMILY
10 SAY? WHAT CAN THE FAMILY DO? TODAY, I SIT ON THE EXECUTIVE
11 STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION
12 AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. WE ARE OVERSEEING \$30 MILLION OF STATE
13 FUNDING THAT'S GOING TO CITIES AND C.B.O.S. I SIT THERE AS AN
14 IMPACTED PERSON, AS SOMEBODY THAT SPENT 17 OR 18 YEARS IN THE
15 SYSTEM, SOMEBODY THAT GOT STUCK IN THE DEPORTATION PIPELINE
16 AND ALL OF THAT. I SAY THAT TO SAY THAT FOLKS THAT ARE GOING
17 TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMISSION, A PART OF THE STAFFING, IT
18 SHOULDN'T BE EITHER/OR SOMEBODY IMPACTED BY THE SYSTEM OR A
19 FAMILY MEMBER. IT SHOULD BE BOTH. IT SHOULD INGRAINED INTO
20 THE COMMISSION SO THEY CAN HAVE POWER SO THAT THEY CAN REALLY
21 HAVE SOME SAY AND MAKE REAL MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY INPUT HAPPEN.
22 AND IN THE SPACE I'M AT, JUST TO SHARE AN EXPERIENCE. I SIT
23 ALONGSIDE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
24 OFFICE, GUN RIGHTS PEOPLE, CHIEF OF SANTA CRUZ P.D., AND I SIT

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1 IN A SPACE WITH THEM TALKING ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO SPEND
2 \$30 MILLION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

3

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

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. THIS IS QUITE A
7 HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTION, COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ALSO
8 STAKEHOLDERS, PAID COUNTY SALARIES AND ALSO BENEFITTING FROM
9 THE COUNTY PROGRAMS. THAT'S WHAT THE STAKEHOLDERS DO. NO
10 DISCUSSION ON THE PENSIONS YET, 12 -- BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE
11 BEEN IN OFFICE FOR 11 YEARS, DR. THOMAS, NOT 10, BUT NEVER
12 DISCUSSED ANYTHING ABOUT PENSIONS. ALL THE CORRECT POLITICAL
13 LANGUAGE, TRANSPARENCY, COUNTY CODE, BY THE WAY, HAVE THEY
14 BEEN CODIFIED? BEST PRACTICES OR WORST PRACTICES, AND --

15

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

18

19 **EMILIO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS EMILIO WITH THE YOUTH
20 JUSTICE COALITION, AND NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL. WE
21 APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE P.O.C. WE
23 ALSO HAVE A FEW KEY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT OTHER FOLKS HAVE BEEN
24 TALKING ABOUT, SO OBVIOUSLY MAINTAINING STRONG SUBPOENA POWER,
25 TO UTILIZE TRANSFORMATIVE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TO REPAIR

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1 HARM BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND PROBATION AND ALSO AMONGST
2 PROBATION OFFICERS AND STAFF THEMSELVES, TO REGULARLY PUBLISH
3 DATA TO THE PUBLIC EVERY MONTH, AND AS FAR AS DATA COLLECTION
4 GOES, TO USE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ALTERNATIVES TO
5 INCARCERATION WORK GROUP THAT FOLKS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A
6 REALLY LONG TIME. FINALLY, WE ARE WATCHING CLOSELY AND FOCUSED
7 ON THE MOTION PASSED LAST YEAR TO EXPLORE MOVING YOUTH OUT OF
8 PROBATION DEPARTMENT ALTOGETHER AND FINALLY ACHIEVE OUR LONG
9 TERM GOAL OF MOVING YOUNG PEOPLE INTO A ROBUST YOUTH
10 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

11

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

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, IT'S KIND OF AMAZING, IN A COUNTY OF 10
15 MILLION PEOPLE, NOBODY SUPPORTS THE COPS. I MEAN, YOU HAVE GOT
16 TO SIT HERE AND LISTEN TO THIS [EXPLETIVE] FOR THREE HOURS.
17 IT IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER WORTHLESS COMMISSION THAT DOES
18 WORTHLESS WORK AND PAPERWORK, SUBPOENAS, WHATEVER THE
19 [EXPLETIVE], IT IS NOT GOING TO WORK. IT IS ABSOLUTELY
20 USELESS. IT IS NOTHING BUT A SHAM. IT IS INVENTED BY MARY
21 WICKHAM AND THE EVIL MIND OF MARY WICKHAM BECAUSE WHAT YOU ARE
22 DOING IS, IS DOING THIS TO INSULATE YOURSELF FROM LEGAL
23 LIABILITY. THAT THE REASON WHY YOU ARE DOING THIS SO THAT YOU
24 CAN POINT TO IT LATER AND GO OH, NEXT TIME WE GET SOMEBODY, WE
25 HAVE A COMMISSION AND WE HAVE SUBPOENAS. IT IS ALL GARBAGE. IT

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1 IS NOT ANY GOOD. THE COPS ARE SITTING HERE AND GOING, WE HAVE
2 GOT TO GET BACK OUT THERE AND FIGHT CRIME. SEE, SO YOU WERE
3 JUST SUPPORTING THE COPS. NOW THEY'RE THE DEVIL. STOP PLAYING
4 POLITICS --

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT
7 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SAY
8 SOMETHING?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST VERY BRIEFLY, JUST TWO THINGS, ONE IS TO
11 THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY, WAITED SO LONG. IT IS NOT
12 REAL EARLY IN THE DAY, AND I APPRECIATE IT. SECONDLY, THESE
13 ARE THREE ORDINANCES PROPOSED. IT MEANS WE DID ALREADY VOTE TO
14 INSTRUCT THESE ORDINANCES TO BE DRAFTED. SO I THINK YOU CAN
15 SEE THAT THERE HAS BEEN SUPPORT HERE, NOT JUST SUPPORT, BUT WE
16 HAVE BEEN LISTENING AND AGREE. THE 3RD THING IS, I WANT TO SAY
17 TO ASSISTANT SHERIFF GROSS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN
18 M.O.A., AND THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO THINK ABOUT. THE
19 ORIGINAL M.O.A. WAS SIGNED BY THE FORMER SHERIFF, AND THAT'S -
20 - THAT'S WHY IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A NEW
21 ONE. IT REALLY OBTVIATES THE NEED FOR A SUBPOENA, IN A WAY,
22 BECAUSE THE ONLY REASON FOR A SUBPOENA IS IF YOU DON'T GET
23 LEGALLY REQUESTED -- YOU KNOW. WE CAN BE ON THE SAME PAGE
24 ABOUT IT, AND I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE THINKING ABOUT THAT
25 BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD HELP AND WE WOULD CERTIANLY HAPPILY

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1 CONSIDER IT AS WELL. I FAVOR THESE THREE ORDINANCES. AND I
2 HAVE ALREADY VOTED FOR THEM TWICE. SO I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR
3 THEM AGAIN.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CAN I ASK COUNTY COUNSEL A
6 QUESTION THAT CONTINUES TO BE BROUGHT UP? I JUST NEED TO SEEK
7 CLARIFICATION. IF YOU SUBPOENA INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF,
8 THIS BEING C.O.C. AND THE O.I.G. AND GET NO RESPONSE, WHAT IS
9 THE RECOURSE?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YOU CAN. EXCUSE ME, IF WE SUBPOENA --

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IF IN THIS CASE, THE O.I.G. PRESENTS A
14 SUBPOENA FOR INFORMATION AND THE SHERIFF AND GETS NO RESPONSE
15 FROM THE SHERIFF, WHAT IS THE RECOURSE?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THE SHERIFF CAN MOVE TO QUASH THE SUBPOENA IN COURT.
18 THERE COULD BE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A SUBPOENA OR THE -- IF THE
19 O.I.G. WERE ISSUING THE SUBPOENA, THEY CAN MOVE TO COURT AS
20 WELL TO ENFORCE THE SUBPOENA.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY SO PLAYING INTO THAT, THEN THAT LEADS
23 ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION, AND THIS DIRECTLY FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.
24 IF WE DO MOVE TO LITIGATE THESE MATTERS, DOES THAT CREATE A

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1 CONFLICT WITH THE SHERIFF? AND IF SO, DOES THE COUNTY
2 REPRESENT BOTH SIDES OR BRING IN OUTSIDE COUNSEL?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, IF THAT ARISES, WE WILL HAVE TO EVALUATE
5 THAT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, BUT I WILL JUST SAY THIS. IT'S
6 VERY POSSIBLE. AND WE DO IT IN OTHER CONTEXTS WHERE THE LAWYER
7 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULD BE FROM OUR OFFICE AND
8 WALLED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE LAWYERS FROM OUR OFFICE WHO
9 ARE DEALING WITH THE SUBPOENA ISSUE. WE HAVE DONE SIMILAR --
10 WE'VE DONE THAT FOR OTHER COMMISSIONS AND OTHER CLIENTS, SO IT
11 IS CONCEIVABLE, BUT THERE'S A REMEDY FOR THE SHERIFF AT
12 31000.6, WHICH WE HAVE USED ON THE MANDOREIAN CASE, IF THEY
13 WANT TO SEEK CONFLICT COUNSEL, THEY'D HAVE TO COME TO THE
14 SUPERVISORS FIRST. IF THE SUPERVISORS SAY NO, THEN THEY CAN GO
15 TO COURT.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE THERE MEASURES IN PLACE FOR PROTECTING
18 AGAINST THE RELEASE SENSITIVE INFORMATION? AND WHAT IS THAT
19 PROTOCOL?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CERTAINLY, IF THE SHERIFF RECEIVES A SUBPOENA THAT
22 THEY BELIEVE IS OVER BROAD OR ILLEGAL THEY CAN, LIKE I SAID
23 EARLIER, MOVE TO QUASH IN COURT, AND THEN A JUDGE WOULD HAVE
24 TO DECIDE.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IS IT PUT ON HOLD? ONCE THAT IS FILED, IS
2 EVERYTHING PUT ON HOLD UNTIL THE COURT --

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES. IF THEY ARE CHALLENGING A SUBPOENA, THEN IT
5 WOULD BE PUT ON HOLD UNTIL A COURT DECIDES.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** TO MY COLLEAGUES, I HAVE TALKED TO PEOPLE
8 AT THE POLICE COMMISSION. THEY DON'T USE IT. THEY HAVE IT.
9 THEY DON'T NEED IT. AND IT WOULD BE MY HOPE THAT WE WOULD HAVE
10 COOPERATION ACROSS THE BOARD THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO USE
11 SUBPOENA POWERS BECAUSE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO ALL BE ON THE SAME
12 TEAM. IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT TRANSPARENCY. SO I'M HOPING
13 THAT TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT WE DO ENTER INTO
14 THE M.O.A.. I THINK IT'S A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP. AND I THINK
15 IT'S IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WHAT THAT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE.
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THERE ARE A LOT OF ENTITIES THAT HAVE SUBPOENA
19 POWER, AND SUBPOENA POWER DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU ISSUE
20 SUBPOENAS. AND REMEMBER THIS IS ONLY DONE IF THE MAJORITY OF
21 THE C.O.C. VOTES TO DO IT. THIS IS NOT OUT OF THE O.I.G.
22 INDEPENDENTLY. SO THERE'S ALREADY KIND OF A CHECK ON IT, I
23 THINK, AND I THINK WE WOULD PREFER COOPERATION, AND THERE IS
24 ALWAYS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COOPERATION. THE SHERIFF HAS AND
25 THE SHERIFF STAFF HAVE OBJECTIONS TO SOME REQUESTS FOR

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1 INFORMATION, AND THERE MAY BE A DISAGREEMENT ABOUT WHETHER
2 SOMETHING IS PROTECTED BY THE BILL OF RIGHTS OR NOT, ETC., AND
3 THAT'S WHEN SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO HAVE WE NEED TO HAVE THIS
4 RESOLVED BY A COURT. AND THE WAY TO HAVE IT OCCASIONALLY
5 RESOLVED BY A COURT IS TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA. THERE'S A MOTION
6 TO QUASH, AND YOU GO TO COURT TO HAVE IT RESOLVED. NO ONE SAYS
7 IT IS MAGICAL. YOU REMEMBER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, I SAID I
8 DIDN'T FAVOR SUBPOENA POWER BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS SORT OF
9 USELESS BECAUSE YOU COULD QUASH IT. I LIKE AN M.O.A. BETTER,
10 BUT ONLY IF IT IS ADHERED TO ON BOTH SIDES. SO I THINK WE HAVE
11 SOME OPPORTUNITIES, BUT IT IS A GOOD TOOL TO HAVE IN THE
12 TOOLBOX. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ANY OTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
15 OKAY, SEEING NONE, ITEM 51, 52, AND 53 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
17 APPROVE EACH ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS
18 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE WILL GO ON TO ITEM A11,
19 WHICH I BELIEVE IS -- SO ITEM A11, AND THANK YOU DR. FERRER
20 FOR BEING HERE. GIVEN THE FACT THAT C.D.C. CONFIRMED THE FIRST
21 CASE OF CORONA VIRUS IN THE U.S., CAN YOU PLEASE PROVIDE US
22 WITH AN UPDATE ON YOUR CURRENT EFFORTS TO PROTECT L.A. COUNTY
23 RESIDENTS, AND WOULD YOU PLEASE SHARE THE WORK ON THE
24 SCREENINGS TAKING PLACE AT L.A.X. AND OTHER EFFORTS TO COMBAT
25 THE EPIDEMIC DOMESTICALLY? I KNOW THAT ESPECIALLY IN OUR TWO

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1 DISTRICTS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ACTUALLY SUPERVISOR HAHN, A
2 LOT OF INDIVIDUALS ARE COMING OVER FROM CHINA, AND I HAVE
3 GOTTEN CALLS FROM CITIES THAT ARE VERY, VERY, VERY CONCERNED
4 ABOUT THIS KNOWING THAT THE ONE CASE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. SO I
5 FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO REALLY GET OUT THERE AND PROVIDE
6 INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I SHARE
9 YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY ON MAKING SURE THERE IS GOOD INFORMATION
10 OUT THERE. I THOUGHT I WOULD TRY TO DO FOUR THINGS VERY
11 QUICKLY, GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND AND AN UPDATE, TALK
12 ABOUT THE SCREENING PROCESS, PARTICULARLY AS IT APPLIES TO
13 L.A.X., AND THEN TALK ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS,
14 WITH PROVIDERS, WITH SCHOOLS, WITH OTHER HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY
15 ROOMS, AND THEN TALK ABOUT COORDINATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD
16 WITH BOTH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE CENTERS OF
17 DISEASE CONTROL AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I
18 WANT FOLKS TO KNOW WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY. WE HAVE PRETTY
19 MUCH ALMOST DAILY CALLS WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
20 RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF A NOVEL, NOVEL MEANS A NEW, CORONA
21 VIRUS. CORONA VIRUSES, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, THEY ARE A
22 LARGE FAMILY OF VIRUSES. MANY CAUSE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS IN
23 PEOPLE, AND OTHERS CIRCULATE MOSTLY AMONG ANIMALS, CAMELS,
24 CATS, BATS. COMMON SYMPTOMS IN A PERSON WHO IS INFECTED WITH
25 A CORONA VIRUS CAN INCLUDE FEVER, COUGH, AND SHORTNESS OF

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1 BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING. STARTING IN DECEMBER OF 2019,
2 CHINESE AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED MORE THAN NOW IT'S OVER 300
3 CASES OF HUMAN INFECTIONS RESULTING FROM CORONA VIRUS,
4 INCLUDING SIX DEATHS THAT HAPPENED WITH AN OUTBREAK OF
5 PNEUMONIA IN WUHAN CITY IN CHINA. IN ADDITION, NOVEL CORONA
6 VIRUS INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN FOUR TRAVELERS, BUT
7 THEY ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL EITHER TO OR FROM WUHAN CITY,
8 INCLUDING ONE TRAVELER IN THE UNITED STATES THAT WAS
9 IDENTIFIED TODAY IN WASHINGTON STATE. THAT TRAVELER RETURNED
10 TO THE STATES ON JANUARY 15TH AND REPORTED TO THEIR HEALTHCARE
11 PROVIDER ON JANUARY 16TH, WAS TESTED, AS OF THIS MORNING, WE
12 HAVE OUR FIRST CONFIRMED CASE, AGAIN, A TRAVELER WHO WENT TO
13 WUHAN CITY AND THEN RETURNED HERE. THE C.D.C. HAS ISSUED BOTH
14 GUIDANCE AND A LEVEL TWO TRAVEL NOTICE WHICH REALLY TELLS
15 FOLKS THAT IT IS FINE TO TRAVEL TO WUHAN CITY, BUT YOU NEED TO
16 USE ENHANCED PRECAUTIONS SHOULD YOU GO THERE TO PREVENT
17 YOURSELF FROM COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE CORONA VIRUS. BECAUSE
18 THIS IS A NEW VIRUS AND WE DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT AND WE
19 NOW HAVE PERSON TO PERSON CONFIRMED TRANSMISSION, THE C.D.C.
20 INITIATED SCREENING INITIALLY AT THREE AREA AIRPORTS WHERE THE
21 MAJORITY OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS FROM WUHAN CITY, 75 PERCENT
22 OF THEM, WERE SHOWING UP. THAT'S L.A.X. HERE IN L.A., SAN
23 FRANCISCO AIRPORT, AND JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT IN NEW YORK
24 CITY. AND AS OF BEGINNING LATER THIS WEEK C.D.C. WILL EXPAND
25 THE AIRPORT SCREENING TO ATLANTA AND TO CHICAGO, AND THEY ARE

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1 WORKING ON REQUIRING ALL TRAVELERS FROM WUHAN CITY TO ENTER
2 THROUGH ONE OF THESE FIVE AIRPORTS. THAT MEANS FOLKS ARE ALL
3 SUBJECT TO THE ADDITIONAL SCREENING THAT I WILL DESCRIBE IN A
4 MINUTE AS THEY COME INTO THE UNITED STATES. I ALSO WANT TO
5 NOTE THAT 18 OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SCREENING FOR TRAVELERS FROM
6 WUHAN, AND THERE'S EXIT SCREENING LEAVING WUHAN RIGHT NOW IN
7 CHINA. OF THE 1,200 PASSENGERS THAT WERE SCREENED AT THE THREE
8 AIRPORTS OVER THE LAST WEEKEND, IT WAS REALLY THE LAST FOUR
9 DAYS, WE STARTED THE SCREENING FRIDAY NIGHT IN J.F.K., NONE
10 REQUIRED ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL TESTING. ABOUT A DOZEN REQUIRED
11 SOME ADDITIONAL SCREENING AT THE AIRPORT, BUT NONE WERE SENT
12 FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TESTING TO THE HOSPITALS. THE CASE THAT
13 ACTUALLY WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT
14 IDENTIFIED THROUGH SCREENING. THAT WAS A PATIENT WHO SELF-
15 REPORTED TO THEIR PHYSICIAN BECAUSE THERE IS INFORMATION OUT
16 THERE THAT IF FOLKS HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN
17 WUHAN, THEY NEED TO TALK TO THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. WE WILL
18 CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH L.A.X. AND WITH THE C.D.C. ON
19 THE SCREENING THAT HAPPENS AT OUR AIRPORT. THERE'S A SCREENING
20 AIRPORT AT L.A.X. FOLKS WHO HAVE TRAVELED FROM WUHAN ARE
21 IDENTIFIED. RIGHT NOW, WE SEE BETWEEN 40 TO 60 TRAVELERS A DAY
22 COMING TO L.A.X. FROM THE WUHAN PROVINCE. THEY ARE SCREENED
23 THERE FOR THEIR TRAVEL HISTORY AND SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS,
24 INCLUDING THEY ARE SCREENED FOR HAVING A FEVER. IF THEY MEET
25 THE CASE DEFINITION OF A POSSIBLE CASE FOR CORONA VIRUS, THEY

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1 WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO A MEDICAL FACILITY CLOSE BY IN L.A.X.
2 WE OBVIOUSLY WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR HOSPITALS AND WITH OUR
3 E.M.S. TRANSPORTERS SO THAT EVERYONE IS TAKING THE PRECAUTIONS
4 WHICH ARE STANDARD INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS. AT THIS
5 POINT, EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THERE'S A 14 DAY INCUBATION
6 PERIOD, ALTHOUGH WE'LL LEARN MORE AS THIS VIRUS EXPANDS ITS
7 REACH AND THAT PEOPLE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE TRANSMITTING THE
8 VIRUS BEFORE THEY HAVE THE SYMPTOMS.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. I THINK THE
11 REASON WHY -- I KNEW THERE HAVE BEEN THINGS BEING DONE AT
12 L.A.X., BUT WE'RE GETTING CALLS -- AT LEAST I AM GETTING CALLS
13 FROM CITIES ASKING WHAT IS IN PLACE. IS THERE ANY WAY OF YOUR
14 REACHING OUT TO SOME OF THOSE CITIES?

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** WE CAN DO -- FOR ALL THE CITIES.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SOUTH PAS, ARCADIA, DUARTE HAVE ALL --
19 ROSEMEAD IS ONE. YEAH, AND JUST OUTLINE WHAT THE PROTOCOL IS
20 BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A SENSE THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IS
21 GOING ON. THEY SEE IT ON THE NEWS UP HERE LEVEL AT L.A.X., BUT
22 YOU'VE -- I TOLD THEM THAT. I SAID I KNOW THAT, KNOWING YOU,
23 YOU HAVE THINGS IN PLACE, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO
24 ALSO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THIS IS PERSON TO PERSON
25 TRANSMISSION.

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1
2 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF PERSON
3 TO PERSON TRANSMISSION, BUT THERE IS NOW CONFIRMED PERSON TO
4 PERSON TRANSMISSION, SO WE DO HAVE TO TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS
5 THAT WE WOULD TAKE WITH ANY OTHER VIRUS. WE ARE GOING TO PAY
6 MORE ATTENTION TO THIS BECAUSE IT IS NOVEL. IT IS NEW. WE
7 DON'T HAVE A LOT OF HISTORY. WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS GOING TO
8 BE. AND CORONA VIRUS, AS MANY OF YOUR KNOW, IS THE SAME VIRUS
9 THAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH S.A.R.S. AND WITH M.E.R.S. SO IT CAN,
10 IN FACT, CAUSE SERIOUS DISEASE. WE DON'T SEE A LOT OF SERIOUS
11 DISEASE AT THE MOMENT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD SIX DEATHS. THOSE
12 ARE MOSTLY IN PEOPLE WHO ARE ELDERLY OR HAD UNDERLYING HEALTH
13 CONDITIONS. I LOVE YOUR SUGGESTION. WE'RE GOING TO DO A
14 SIMILAR OUTREACH TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. AGAIN, WE
15 LEARNED A LOT WITH MEASLES, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF INTERNATIONAL
16 TRAVELERS WHO ALSO ATTEND OUR SCHOOLS. I DO WANT TO SAY
17 EMPHATICALLY THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM BEING IN A
18 CLASSROOM SETTING OR A PUBLIC SETTING BECAUSE THEY COME FROM
19 WUHAN OR TRAVEL TO WUHAN. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY
20 EXCLUSIONS. THERE IS NO MEDICAL EVIDENCE THAT SUGGESTS THAT
21 PEOPLE WITH NO SYMPTOMS NEED TO BE EXCLUDED. WE ASK EVERYONE
22 TO COOPERATE WITH US ON THIS. VIRUSES CAN EMERGE ANYWHERE IN
23 THE COUNTRY, AND WHEN THEY EMERGE, WHEN A NOVEL VIRUS EMERGES,
24 THOSE THAT HAPPEN TO BE IN THAT PARTICULAR PLACE OR SPACE ARE
25 THE MOST LIKELY FOLKS TO GET SICK, BUT WE'RE WORKING

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1 DILIGENTLY TO MAKE SURE WE MINIMIZE SPREAD. OUR HOSPITAL
2 PARTNERS ARE WELL EQUIPPED TO TREAT. THERE IS NO VACCINATION
3 AGAINST THIS VIRUS AND NO PARTICULAR MEDICATION THAT HAS BEEN
4 IDENTIFIED AT THIS POINT THAT IS WIDELY AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH
5 THE C.D.C. IS WORKING ON THAT. BUT THERE IS GOOD TREATMENT TO
6 ACTUALLY SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO ARE ILL. AND I CAN PROMISE YOU WE
7 HAVE SENT OUT TWO GUIDANCES ALREADY TO ALL OF THE PROVIDERS IN
8 THE L.A. AREA ABOUT HOW TO TREAT AND TEST FOR CORONA VIRUS.
9 OUR LAB, OF COURSE, DOES ALL OF THE PACKAGING TO SEND THE
10 SAMPLES TO C.D.C. TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY
11 PACKAGED. C.D.C. IS DOING A RAPID TURN AROUND ON THE SAMPLES
12 THAT HAVE BEEN TESTED, SENT FOR TESTING, AND GETTING BACK TO
13 EVERYONE VERY QUICKLY. WE APPRECIATE THAT THE PUBLIC IS PAYING
14 A LOT OF ATTENTION. WE REALLY WANT TO THANK FOLKS WHO HAVE
15 BEEN TRAVELING TO AND FROM CHINA FOR PAYING A LOT OF
16 ATTENTION. WE WILL BE DOING SPECIFIC OUTREACH TO THE CHINESE
17 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE MATERIALS, OF COURSE, ALREADY ON OUR
18 WEBSITE ALREADY IN CHINESE JUST REMINDING PEOPLE THERE IS A
19 NOVEL VIRUS. HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IF YOU FIND YOURSELF
20 EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS AND YOU HAVE TRAVELED
21 RECENTLY TO WUHAN OR HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT FROM SOMEBODY WHO
22 WAS TRAVELING OR LIVING IN WUHAN.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT YOU ONLY BECAUSE I
25 THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M GLAD YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT GETTING INFORMATION
3 OUT IN THE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, CHINESE AND TAIWANESE, AND ALL
4 THAT, BUT ALSO GETTING PERSONNEL THAT SPEAK THE LANGUAGE TO
5 P.S.A. OR SOMETHING BECAUSE I THINK YOU ALSO HAVE TO ATTACK IT
6 FROM PRESS, THE PRINT MEDIA AS WELL AS THE TELEVISION. AND WE
7 SHOULD HAVE CONTACTS THERE, BUT I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE
8 IMPORTANT, AND JUST LISTING IS THERE GOING TO BE A HOTLINE
9 NUMBER OTHER THAN 211 WHERE THERE WILL BE AN ASIAN-SPEAKING
10 INDIVIDUAL THAT CAN HELP TRANSCRIBE THE INFORMATION AND GET
11 THE RIGHT ASSISTANCE. I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RIGHT.
12 THERE'S A LOT OF WE DON'T KNOW, WHAT IS THIS, AND I THINK JUST
13 CLARIFYING IT. I'M SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE WILL. WE ARE
16 ANXIOUS TO GET ADVICE AND OBVIOUSLY WORKING VERY CLOSELY. WE
17 PROBABLY WILL DO A MEDIA BRIEFING REALLY CONCENTRATING ON
18 GETTING IN CHINESE MEDIA AND WE WILL HAVE OUR STAFF THAT ARE
19 OBVIOUSLY SPEAKING MANDARIN AND TAIWANESE TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE
20 TO DO THAT BRIEFING SO THE INFORMATION CAN GET OUT IN A
21 LANGUAGE THAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, VERY GOOD, ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
24 WELL, THANK YOU. I KNEW YOU WERE ON TOP OF IT.

25

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1 **DR. FERRER:** WELL, IT CHANGES EVERY DAY. SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT
2 THAT MEANS, BUT WE'RE WORKING VERY HARD, AND THERE'S A GREAT
3 TEAM.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER ON THIS
6 ITEM.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD WAYNE SPINDLER PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

10

11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** AGAIN. I'M TRYING TO GET THIS PROGRAM WORKING,
12 SO I JUST WANT TO TELL EVERYBODY IN MANDARIN TO BE AVAILABLE
13 FOR THIS HERE, BUT APPARENTLY IT IS NOT WORKING. SO YES, WE
14 NEED TO HAVE NOTICES IN CHINESE, YOU KNOW, SO WE'RE TRYING
15 THIS RIGHT NOW. SO WE SEE THAT, AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO
16 KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO GO IN. I WILL DO MY BEST IN CHINESE.

17

18 **ATTORNEY:** THAT'S BEING DISRUPTIVE. IT IS JUST MOCKING.

19

20 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** LOOK AT THIS COUNCIL KNOWS HOW TO SPEAK
21 MANDARIN. IS THAT RIGHT?

22

23 **SUPERVISOR KUEHL:** I THINK HE JUST SAID HE WANTS SPAGHETTI AND
24 MEATBALLS. AND I THINK THEY ARE JUST RIGHT OUTSIDE.

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH, OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WITH
4 THAT, AND SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS, THAT IS JUST A REPORT, SO
5 THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE GOING GO ON TO SPECIALS, ITEM 49. AT THIS
6 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON
7 ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SPECIALS?
8 I DO. YEAH, AND THEN WE'D CALL IT UP. SO I HAVE A MOTION THAT
9 IS CO-AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND WILD LAND FIRES ARE
10 BECOMING MORE DESTRUCTIVE AND DEADLIER THAN IN THE PAST, AND
11 THE THREAT OF WILD FIRES IS BECOMING MORE PREVALENT THROUGHOUT
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DURING SEVERAL MAJOR FIRES IN THE
13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, POWER LINES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A
14 CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO START FIRES, ESPECIALLY DURING RED FLAG
15 CONDITIONS. IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF WILD LAND FIRES
16 DUE TO POWER LINE AND POWER EQUIPMENT RELATED -- I KNOW, BUT
17 I'M JUST LOOKING. DO I HAVE TO READ THE WHOLE THING IN? ALL
18 RIGHT BECAUSE I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW LONG IT WAS. THE BOTTOM
19 LINE IS I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER LED BY THE OFFICE OF
21 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENTS OF REGISTRAR RECORDER, COUNTY CLERK, SHERIFF,
23 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, FIRE, HEALTH SERVICES, INTERNAL
24 SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS,
25 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND

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1 OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS NEEDED TO DEVELOP A SPENDING PLAN WITH
2 THE GOAL OF ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK IN WHICH
3 THE COUNTY COULD ENSURE THAT THESE ONE-TIME FUNDS ARE
4 ALLOCATED EQUITABLY TO PREPARE FOR, RESPOND TO, AND MITIGATE
5 NEGATIVE OUTCOMES OF THE P.S.P.S. EVENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE
6 BOARD IN 14 DAYS. AND THIS WILL BE ONLINE FOR EVERYONE TO
7 READ. SO IT IS A REPORT BACK, SO IT CAN BE ACTED ON TODAY.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO SUPERVISOR, THIS MOTION REQUEST AND
11 REPORT BACK WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THOSE
12 WHO WANT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM CAN DO SO WHILE
13 ADDRESSING THE ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
16 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
17 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD
18 BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE
20 ITEMS.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
23 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
24 NAME, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
25 BOARD ON ITEM 13, BETRIZ SANDOVAL, CHRISTOPHER TAPIA, DAVID

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1 GRUNWALD, EVANGELINA VBARRA, FEVI SANCHEZ, LEONORA CAMNER,
2 MARY LOU HERNADEZ, MARYANN AGUIRRE, OLDMEDINA ARAGON. ON ITEM
3 9, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
4 BOARD BRISIA GUITIERREZ, DANIELLE WONDRA, DIMITRI DUNN,
5 LINDSAY VRITY, MATTEL OCONGI, ROBIN PETERING, SHANTEL VACHANI,
6 TANEIL DUNN, TRAVIS CROWN. WENDY CABIL HAS REQUESTED TO
7 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 3, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS
8 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 3, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15,
9 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, JOSEPH MAIZLISH ON ITEMS 5 AND 21, ERIC
10 PREVEN ON ITEMS 12, 14, 17, 21, 22, 29, 30, 32, 35, 37, 38,
11 39, 42, 43, 48A, 48B, 48H. PATRICIA MCALLISTER ON ITEMS 3, 7,
12 9, 13, RED CHIEF HUNT ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND WAYNE
13 SPINDLER ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FIRST SPEAKER.

16
17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO DUE TO THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON MULTI-
18 ITEMS, IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON MORE THAN ONE ITEM, YOU WILL BE
19 GIVEN UP TO TWO MINUTES. FOR ONE ITEM, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

20
21 **DANIELLE WONDRA:** DANIELLE WONDRA WITH CHILDREN NOW. WE ARE A
22 RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION THAT TAKES A WHOLE CHILD
23 APPROACH, COVERING THE FULL RANGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES FROM
24 PRE-NATAL TO AGE 26. WE'RE HERE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 9,
25 THE BOARD MOTION TO INCREASE FUNDING DEDICATED TO ADDRESS

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1 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS
2 FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
3 IN HOUSING AND STABILITY FACE TRAUMA, BARRIERS TO EDUCATION
4 AND EMPLOYMENT, AND IMPAIRED HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH AMONG
5 OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES, WHICH IMPEDE THEIR SUCCESSFUL
6 TRANSITION TO ADULthood. ESPECIALLY IN L.A. COUNTY, WHERE
7 THERE IS SUCH A HIGH COST OF LIVING, IT IS CRITICAL TO TACKLE
8 THE HIGH RATES OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE
9 EXITING THE CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS SO THAT
10 THEY CAN AVOID CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND THRIVE AS ADULTS.
11 THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **BRISIA GUITTIEREZ:** HI. I'M BRISIA GUITTIEREZ. I'M WITH THE
16 L.A. OPPORTUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE. I'M 22 YEARS OLD. I
17 GRADUATED FROM C.S.U.L.B. AND I'M A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. THE
18 O.S.C. BRINGS TOGETHER PUBLIC AGENCIES, NONPROFITS,
19 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND EMPLOYERS TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO
20 ALLOW FORMER AND CURRENT FOSTER YOUTH TO BENEFIT FROM
21 EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THROUGHOUT THE PAST 11
22 YEARS, I PARTICIPATED IN MANY PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND
23 HAVE HEARD THE STORIES OF HUNDREDS OF FOSTER YOUTH. I'M HERE
24 TODAY BECAUSE THE STORIES THAT STOOD OUT MOST WERE THE ONE
25 THAT INVOLVED THE STRUGGLE FOR A HOME. TO BENEFIT AND TO

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1 THRIVE MEANS THAT SURVIVAL IS ALREADY ACHIEVED. YOUTH THAT ARE
2 HOMELESS FIGHT DAY BY DAY TO SURVIVE WHICH MAKES THEM STRONGER
3 AND MORE RESILIENT THAN MOST, HOWEVER, IT IS UP TO YOU TO
4 PROVIDE THEM WITH THE FUNDING AND RESOURCES THEY NEED TO
5 PROSPER. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM MORE THAN JUST THE FIGHT FOR
6 SURVIVAL. I CAN GUARANTEE THAT IF YOU INVEST IN OUR YOUTH
7 TODAY THAT THE FUTURE WILL LOOK A LITTLE BRIGHTER, THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **LINDSAY VRITY:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS LINDSAY VRITY. AND I'M
12 A NON MINOR DEPENDENT STAFF ATTORNEY WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW
13 CENTER. WE REPRESENT THE APPROXIMATELY 30,000 CHILDREN UNDER
14 THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPENDENCY COURT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
15 WE THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION
16 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF, WHICH IS MOTION NUMBER NINE. AS A
17 NON MINOR DEPENDENT ATTORNEY, I REPRESENT YOUTH WHO ARE 18 TO
18 21 YEARS OLD IN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE. THEY ARE WORKING OR
19 GOING TO SCHOOL AND MEETING WITH THEIR SOCIAL WORKER EVERY
20 MONTH. THE POINT OF EXTENDED FOSTER CARE WAS TO DISRUPT THE
21 FOSTER CARE TO HOMELESSNESS PIPELINE. YET 1 IN 4 OF THESE
22 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS WHILE IN FOSTER
23 CARE. TAKE MY CLIENT DEE WITH A LOCAL I.Q. SHE'S APPLIED TO
24 ALL 10 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS IN L.A. COUNTY.
25 SHE HAS BEEN DENIED FROM MOST. WITH HER CASA, HER SOCIAL

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1 WORKER, AND MY OFFICE SPENDING HOURS TO TRY TO FIND EVEN
2 TEMPORARY HOUSING OPTIONS, TODAY WE STILL HAVE NO OPTIONS FOR
3 HER. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SHANTEL VACHANI:** GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHANTEL
8 VACHANI, AND I'M A SENIOR POLICY ATTORNEY AT THE ALLIANCE FOR
9 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WHERE WE PROVIDE LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR
10 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIANCE, I'M HERE TO
11 EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE INCREASE IN H.A.P. FUNDING MOTION BY
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN. AND I WANT TO SHARE A FEW NUMBERS
13 TO THINK BACK TO WHERE WE'VE COME AND WHERE WE'RE GOING. AS OF
14 OCTOBER 1ST, 2009, ACCORDING TO C.W.S.C.M.S, THERE ARE 2,403
15 NON MINOR DEPENDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, ALL OF WHOM HAVE A LEGAL
16 RIGHT TO HOUSING THROUGH AGE 21 THROUGH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE.
17 HOWEVER, THERE IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH HOUSING STOCK TO MEET THE
18 NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION. TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, WHILE OUR
19 PROVIDERS ARE LICENSED FOR 700 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UNITS,
20 THERE ARE 406 ACTUAL T.H.P.P.N.M.D. UNITS AS OF TODAY. THE
21 PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE SET ASIDE OF H.A.P. FUNDING FOR
22 T.A.Y. IS A STRATEGIC USE OF FUNDS BECAUSE THEY ARE FLEXIBLE
23 IN NATURE AND WILL ALLOW L.A. COUNTY TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL
24 RESOURCES TO THIS POPULATION. WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
25 THIS MOTION.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, I AM GOING TO FOCUS ON 17 HAVING
5 TO DO WITH THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INTERMEDIARY. YOU KNOW WE
6 NEVER GOT A REPORT FROM HEALTH SERVICES, AND WHAT WE GOT HERE
7 ABSOLUTELY DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AS USUAL, THEY HAVE TO BE
8 DETERMINED. THERE IS NO DATE OF COMPLETION MOST OF THE TIME,
9 AND WHEN THERE IS DATE OF COMPLETION, WHEN YOU CHECK, THOSE
10 PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN STARTED YET. I'M GETTING VERY TIRED OF
11 RECEIVING WRONG INFORMATION AND SO ON. I AM DEMANDING
12 REPEATEDLY THAT WE FIND OUT WHY WE CANNOT GET A DEFINITIVE
13 REPORT ON THE BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. I ALSO WANT
14 TO KNOW WHY MR. JAMES BRADY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS LEAVING AT
15 THE END OF JANUARY, BUT WE WERE GOING TO PAY HIM UNTIL MAY
16 13TH. I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THOSE
17 THINGS. AND I SPOKE TO MR. JEREMY GRAY. HE HAD PROMISED TO
18 GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION TODAY. HE AVOIDED ME DURING THE
19 ENTIRE MEETING TODAY, WHICH OF CONCERN TO ME BECAUSE THAT'S A
20 PERSON WHO MAKES OVER \$220,000 A YEAR. AND I THINK THAT IT IS
21 TIME THE PUBLIC GETS SOME ANSWERS. AND YOU CAN BE SURE I AM
22 GOING TO DEMAND THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND I JUST HOPE THAT
23 IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ARE WATCHING TODAY, PLEASE FEEL FREE
24 TO CALL ME AT 626-844-7812 BECAUSE I AM GOING TO BE RELENTLESS
25 ABOUT MY ANSWERS. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND
5 I TAKE NOTED OF THE AS NEEDED MASTER AGREEMENT PROGRAM WHICH
6 YOU'VE GOT A COUPLE ON THE AGENDA TODAY. ONE IS BEING
7 CONTINUED FOR THE MASTER TECHNICAL SERVICES WHERE ACOM FEEDS
8 AT THAT TROUGH. AND THIS ONE THAT I'M LOOKING AT HERE IS
9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. SO WHAT COULD BE MORE CHARMING THAN
10 SENDING OUT FIRMS TO DO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE RIGHT
11 KIND, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY THE KIND THAT YOU SUPPORT. BUT IN THE
12 PROCESS, I HAVE LEARNED THAT NOT ONLY IS IT A CONTRACT FROM
13 FEBRUARY 2020 TO JANUARY 20, 2022, IN OTHER WORDS, THAT'S THE
14 ACTIVE PERIOD FOR THESE DEALS, BUT THEY WANT THE OPPORTUNITY
15 TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERMS. THAT'S
16 8 YEARS. ARE YOU KIDDING ME? THAT'S A HAMMER LOCK ON COMPANIES
17 WHO DO THIS WORK GETTING INVOLVED. AND WHAT WORRIES ME ABOUT
18 IT IS ALSO THAT TO COME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEY HAVE
19 TO SPEND OVER \$300,000. OTHERWISE. THEY JUST HAVE TO SEND YOU
20 A NOTE THAT THEY DID SPEND \$299,000. THIS SMELLS TO HIGH
21 HEAVEN IN THE NICEST WAY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEANS A LOT
22 TO THE ANGELENOS WHO COME DOWN HERE. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE TODAY
23 WHERE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO APPARENTLY COULDN'T STAY FOR THE
24 REST OF THE MEETING, HAD TO CHECK OUT, PUTS HIS \$1.4 BILLION
25 POT OF MONEY ON THE TABLE THAT HE THINKS GOVERNOR NEWSOM IS

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1 GIVING HIM TO HAND OUT, AND THEN DOWN COMES THE PARADE OF
2 ACCOLADES. IT ACTS LIKE A FILIBUSTER AGAINST ORDINARY MEMBERS
3 OF THE PUBLIC LIKE ME WHO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LIKE THIS,
4 WHICH SMELLS TO HIGH HEAVEN. SO, I FEEL LIKE THIS BOARD NEEDS
5 TO RECONCIEVE WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN RESPECT TO COMMUNITY
6 ENGAGEMENT NOT JAM THROUGH THESE COMPANIES WHO, BY THE WAY,
7 THERE WAS PLENTY OF FIGHTING ON THE INSIDE BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT
8 TO GET RID OF A SQUEAKY WHEEL, AND WE HAVE LOTS OF WAYS TO DO
9 THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AS YOU WELL KNOW. AND MY FINAL
10 REMARKS, I WOULD SAY IS THERE NO WAY THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS CAN CANCEL HAVING CLOSED SESSIONS BEFORE -- DO
12 THAT LATER?

13

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

15

16 **TRAVIS CROWN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS TRAVIS CROWN, AND I'M HERE ON
17 BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES L.G.B.T. CENTER (INAUDIBLE). I'M
18 HERE TO ADVOCATE TO RAISE THE H.A.P. FUNDING TO 18 PERCENT FOR
19 YOUTH SERVICES. HAVING BEEN HOMELESS AND NOW WORKING IN A DROP
20 IN CENTER, I SEE HOW MUCH OF A NEED THIS IS AND HOW LIMITED
21 OUR RESOURCES ARE DUE TO THE LACK OF FUNDING. HAVING MORE
22 MONEY FOR HOUSING RESOURCES, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND
23 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT WOULD GIVE OUR YOUTH THE LIFE THAT THEY
24 DESERVE. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCGALLASTER, I'M ON NUMBER 13
4 HERE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU WANT \$30 MILLION TO BUILD A
5 COUPLE OF PROJECTS. LISTEN, WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH LAND TO
6 PUT THE MILLIONS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE IN CALIFORNIA
7 IN HOUSING. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO GET THOSE 5 MILLION
8 ILLEGAL ALIENS, JUST 5 MILLION IN LOS ANGELES ALONE, ABOUT 15
9 MILLION THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, GET THE ILLEGAL ALIENS OUT OF
10 OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DEPORT THEM AND PICK UP THE BLACK
11 PEOPLE AND THE WHITE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IN THE THOUSANDS
12 OF SHELTERS THAT YOU HAVE AND PUT THEM BACK INTO THEIR
13 HOUSING. THAT'S THE ONLY SOLUTION. NOW, THIS IS WHAT I'VE
14 COME UP WITH. YOU JEWS, YOU HAVE SMUGGLED IN ALL THESE ILLEGAL
15 ALIENS, AND YOU'RE MAKING TRILLIONS TALKING ABOUT H. H. H. AND
16 YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD THIS. AND YOU ARE STILL SMUGGLING IN
17 ILLEGAL ALIENS. AND YOU ARE GIVING THEM HOUSING. I WAS TALKING
18 TO A HISPANIC GIRL TWO DAYS BEFORE THE NEW YEAR. AND I ASKED,
19 I SAID, "DO YOU HAVE ANY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?" SHE DIDN'T
20 KNOW WHO I WAS. SHE SAID, "I'M HAPPY NOW" SHE SAID, "I LOST MY
21 PLACE A MONTH AGO, AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN, AND I GOT A NEW
22 PLACE IN TWO WEEKS." DON'T TELL ME I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M
23 TALKING ABOUT. YOU HAVE GOT THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS IN OUR
24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THIS H. H. H. MONEY, THEY JUST GOT A
25 COMPLEX BUILT AT 88TH AND VERMONT. AND I WENT OVER THERE. IT

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1 LOOKS LIKE A DOLLHOUSE. IT MAY LAST THREE YEARS. THIS MONEY IS
2 EMBEZZLED. THIS IS WHAT YOU GUYS ARE ALL ABOUT, AND YOU'RE
3 MEETING HERE FOR SIX OR SEVEN HOURS, AND YOU MEET ONCE A WEEK.
4 I SAW MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IN THE MOVIE THEATER DURING THE DAY
5 DURING THE WEEK DAY. WE WANT YOU TO MEET AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK
6 TO HAVE ME SITTING IN HERE SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT HOURS. AND THEN
7 YOU GO OFF AND ON A HOLIDAY, YOU GET TO SOBER UP UNTIL 1:00
8 THE NEXT DAY AFTER A HOLIDAY. THAT'S A BUNCH OF BULL. WE'RE
9 GOING TO GET A PET --

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TANEIL FRANKLIN, AND I'M O.I.C.
14 YOUNG LEADER WITH THE ALLIANCE. I'M ALSO A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH
15 AND I'M CURRENTLY 19 YEARS OLD. AND I HAVE EXPERIENCED
16 HOMELESSNESS MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, ESPECIALLY DURING
17 MY CHILDHOOD. EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT CURRENTLY HOMELESS, I KNOW
18 MANY OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS STILL IN CARE ARE EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS. WHEN YOU'RE HOMELESS, YOUR WHOLE WORLD STOPS.
20 BASICALLY, YOU JUST -- THE WORLD JUST KEEPS GOING, AND YOU ARE
21 JUST THERE. JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING
22 DOESN'T MEAN THE WORLD IS GOING TO STOP. IF YOU CHOOSE TO MOVE
23 FORWARD, MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO BUILD MORE HOUSING, HIRE
24 YOUTH MENTORS, AND PROVIDE RESOURCES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH
25 CLINICS, CLOTHES, AND CHILD CARE. WE SUPPORT YOUR MOTION, AND

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1 THE O.I.C. LOOKS FORWARD TO BEING A PARTNER. FEEL FREE TO
2 REACH OUT TO US. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **WENDY CABIL:** HELLO AGAIN, THIS IS WENDY CABIL FROM ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY, AND I'M SPEAKING ABOUT THE COUNTY EQUITY INITIATIVE. I
8 BELIEVE IT'S NUMBER THREE. AND I'M TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY NOW
9 JUST TO ADDRESS IT AS KIND OF LIKE A PRE-FOR YOU ALL. I STILL
10 NEED TO FOLLOW UP, I SAID, WITH THE CHAIN OF COMMANDS WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I'M CONCERNED IT WILL ALSO
12 INCLUDE RACIAL EQUITY, AND THAT BEING SAID, THIS IS BASED ON A
13 PHONE CALL THAT I TUNED IN AT A CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE
14 RECENTLY, AND I WAS APPALLED TO FEEL OVERLOOKED AND BRUSHED
15 ASIDE WHEN I INQUIRED ABOUT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE BLACK
16 AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. SO I HOPE THAT WILL BE TAKEN INTO
17 ACCOUNT. I WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 MENTAL HEALTH, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HAVE MY SUPPORT IN
19 MAKING SURE THEY LISTEN AND THEY HEAR ME AND THAT WE CLARIFY
20 WHAT THEY FEEL IS CULTURAL COMPETENCY BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF
21 THE LEADING BODIES THAT SETS THE PACE AND THE FOUNDATION FOR
22 THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **DIMITRI DUNN:** HI, MY NAME IS DIMITRI DUNN. I'M A 20-YEAR-OLD
2 FOSTER YOUTH. I'M ALSO AN O.I.C. YOUNG LEADER WITH THE
3 CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE WORKING ON ADVOCACY FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE
4 YOUTH. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I WANTED TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE
5 WITH HOMELESSNESS. I'M CURRENTLY IN CARE, BUT I'M LIVING OUT
6 OF A SHELTER IN HOLLYWOOD. I'M ALWAYS IN A STATE OF
7 UNCERTAINTY. MY LIVING SITUATION IS TEMPORARY, AND I'M
8 CONSTANTLY JOB SEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT, BUT I
9 FEEL LIKE I'M SUFFOCATING. I LIVE IN A CONSTANT STATE OF FEAR
10 OF WHETHER OR NOT I WILL HAVE A PLACE TO LAY MY HEAD. I'M AN
11 ARTIST. I CREATE MUSIC. I ALSO CREATE FILMS, AND I DO
12 STORYTELLING. I SEE THIS AS A CAREER FOR MYSELF AND A CAREER
13 PATH FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME. LOTS OF MY PEERS, SOME OF THEM I KNOW
14 PERSONALLY, WITH DREAMS AND AMBITIONS LIKE MINE ARE JUST AS
15 DRIVEN AND HARD WORKING AS ME BUT ARE BEING HELD BACK BECAUSE
16 THE LIVING SITUATION IS JUST AS UNCERTAIN AS MINE. BUT IT
17 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. IMAGINE KIDS LIKE ME BEING ABLE
18 TO PURSUE OUR DREAMS WITHOUT LIMITS OR RESTRAINTS OR WITHOUT
19 THE FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN OR WHETHER WE'LL HAVE A ROOF OVER OUR
20 HEADS. YOU CAN CHANGE -- THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT THE REMAINDER OF
23 YOUR TESTIMONY FOR RECORD, THAT WOULD BE FINE. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **ROBIN PETERING:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. ROBIN PETERING. TODAY, I'M
2 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COALITION TO END YOUTH
3 HOMELESSNESS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT AGENDA ITEM 9
4 AND REALLY SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN'S
5 MOTION IN INCREASING THE H.A.P. FUNDS TO 18 PERCENT. I AM A
6 FRONT LINE WORKER TURNED RESEARCHER BUT REALLY A LONG TERM
7 ADVOCATE. I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR OVER 15 YEARS. I REALLY
8 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE VOICES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE
9 COME UP ALREADY TODAY TO SPEAK, AND HOW IMPORTANT THEIR VOICE
10 IS IN THIS ROOM AND JUST HOW INCREASING THE FUNDING AND
11 SUPPORTS AND ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IS REALLY GOING TO
12 CONTINUE TO ELEVATE THAT. INVESTING IN YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IS
13 INVESTING IN UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS. WE CANNOT SOLVE THE OVERALL
14 CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS WITHOUT ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, AND
15 IT IS POSSIBLE TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS GIVEN THE SUPPORTS
16 AND RESOURCES. SO WE'LL REALLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU
17 SO MUCH.

18

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

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LET'S SEE IF I CAN FIGURE THIS OUT. YOU KNOW,
22 YOU WANT TO BE A GLOBAL POWER, CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, A
23 GLOBAL DESTINATION. SO I HAD A PROBLEM ON THE 910, THE SILVER
24 STREAK, WITH -- THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE SITTING ON IT, SOME
25 KOREANS, SOME ELDERLY KOREANS, SIX OF THEM, AND THEY USED UP

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1 SIX ROWS. AND I DIDN'T APPRECIATE THE FACT THEY WERE USING UP
2 THE MIDDLE OF THE BUS, SO I PRESENTED A LITTLE ROSA PARKS
3 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THEM. AND THEY DIDN'T LIKE MY
4 DEMONSTRATION, AND WHEN I GOT OFF ON OLIVE STREET, I WAS LIKE,
5 UH-OH, SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN. AND THEY REPLIED THAT
6 EVENING WITH AN INCIDENT. AND I THOUGHT, WELL-PLAYED. AND THEN
7 A WEEK LATER, SOMEBODY CAME OVER THE TOP. AND WHO IS ALWAYS
8 COMING OVER THE TOP, BUT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS? HE HAS NO IDEA
9 WHAT HAPPENED, JUST CAME OVER THE TOP. WHEN YOU AID AND ABET
10 FOREIGN CRIMINALS, YOU EXPECT TO GET THE RESULTS. AND THEY'RE
11 NOT GOING TO BE GOOD.

12

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

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM TODAY IS NUMBER
17 10, WAIVING THE \$4 PER VEHICLE PARKING FEE FOR 70 VEHICLES FOR
18 THE GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE. I KNOW, JANICE HAHN WAS TALKING
19 ABOUT THIS ALL LAST WEEK, ABOUT GETTING THAT. SHE WANTED THAT
20 DONE RIGHT AWAY. WE THANK JANICE HAHN. IT'S NOT SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, THAT WAS HER IDEA. SO LET'S GIVE CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE.
22 WE GOTTA GET THAT ASIAN MONEY ROLLING IN HERE. AND YOU GET
23 THIS NUMBER 11 HERE, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR
24 PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
25 PARAMOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A NOBODY. NOW WE GET OTHER ITEMS,

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1 BUT WE'RE ON THE LIGHTNING ROUND, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO
2 THIS REAL FAST. SO [EXPLETIVE] NUMBER 10, 11 -- [EXPLETIVE]
3 NUMBER 13 (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE PUB --

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES SPEAKERS THAT SIGNED UP ON
10 THESE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
11 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 3, 5, 7, 9,
14 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 32, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
15 ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE, 35, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 48A, 48B, AND
16 48H ARE BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THOSE ITEMS. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
21 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF
22 INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF
23 THIS BOARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL
24 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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2 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
3 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU
4 BETRIZ SANDOVAL, BRISSA PAGE, CHRISTOPHER TAPIA, CHUCK HART,
5 ERIC PREVEN, EVANGELINA YBARRA, FEVI SANCHEZ, IVONEE GAITER,
6 JAMES ESSEX, JOHN COHEN, JANET GUNTER, LARRY LAVEN, MARY LOU
7 HERNANDEZ, MONICA -- I'M SORRY, MONISHA PARKER, NATHANIEL
8 GOREMS, NOEL WEISS, OLMEDINA ARAGON, RED CHIEF HUNT, RONALDO
9 VILLEDA, WAYNE SPINDLER, ARNOLD SACHS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
10 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** FIRST SPEAKER?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I'M HERE TO APPLAUD THIS BOARD FOR TAKING UP THE
15 ISSUE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS IT RELATES TO THE STORAGE SPILL GAS
16 STORAGE FACILITIES IN PLAYA DEL RAY AND ALISO CANYON. WE ARE
17 PLEADING WITH THIS BOARD TO ALSO INCLUDE A MASSIVE \$25 MILLION
18 GALLON BUTANE GAS STORAGE FACILITY OWNED BY CRIMINALLY
19 CONVICTED PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE THAT SITS ON THE
20 LITERAL DOOR STEPS OF RESIDENTS AND SCHOOLS IN SAN PEDRO.
21 BUILT IN 1973, PROMOTING THE ENERGY POLICY OF THE NIXON
22 ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MISGUIDED NOTION THAT THIS HIGHLY
23 EXPLOSIVE GAS WOULD WEAN AMERICA OFF OF FOREIGN OIL, THIS 47
24 YEAR OLD FACILITY WAS GRANTED AN EMERGENCY EXEMPTION TO ALL
25 REGULATIONS ON A FAST TRACK TO CREATE A FACILITY TO RECEIVE

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1 L.P. GAS FROM ALGERIAN SHIPS. BUILT WITHIN THE ONLY EARTHQUAKE
2 RUPTURE ZONE IN THE ENTIRE L.A. HARBOR REGION, ON LAND --
3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CAN YOU SUBMIT IT FOR THE
5 RECORD? AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO.
6

7 **SPEAKER:** YOU HAVE A PACKET. THERE'S A PACKET THERE. WE ARE
8 PLEADING FOR A PRESENTATION BEFORE THIS BOARD OR TO BE
9 AGENDIZED. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
14 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. I HAVE HEARD THAT THE MEN'S CENTRAL
15 JAIL HAS RATS THE SIZE OF CATS. SETTING TRAPS COULD BE A
16 PROBLEM BECAUSE THE PRISONERS WOULD GET A HOLD OF THE TRAPS
17 AND MAKE WEAPONS OUT OF THEM. I SUGGEST EMPTYING OUT A QUARTER
18 OF THE JAIL AND PATROLLING IT FOR RATS. IF THIS EMPTY QUARTER
19 WAS TO REVOLVE AROUND THE JAIL, SOMEONE MIGHT KEEP TRACK OF
20 THE RATS TRAPS AND KILL THE RATS. PERHAPS THE QUONSET HUTS CAN
21 BE BUILT FOR THE DISPLACED PRISONERS, REPRESENTING A QUARTER
22 OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL POPULATION. YEAH, I FEEL IF THEY
23 WERE TO CORDON OFF A QUARTER OF THE JAIL, THEY COULD SET TRAPS
24 AND START CATCHING THOSE RATS. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **CHUCK HART:** CHUCK HART, I'M ADDRESSING THE L.G.B.T. FACILITY
4 THAT MISS COUNTRY ADDRESSED. ONE MINUTE IS NOT GOING TO COVER
5 EVERYTHING I WANTED TO SAY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR ALL HER EFFORTS, FIRST OF ALL AS A
7 NEIGHBOR, CONCERNED CITIZEN, COUNCIL MEMBER, CONGRESSWOMAN,
8 AND NOW COUNTY SUPERVISOR. AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP UP THE
9 WORK AND PUSH FOR SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE POTENTIAL FOR
10 DISASTER IS UNBELIEVABLY, 7 MILES OF HUMAN DECAMENT LAYING
11 OVER THE SIDEWALK. I WILL CLOSE BY THIS ONE STATEMENT. THERE'S
12 A LETTER FROM DR. B., WHO IS A WORLD RENOWNED EXPERT ON THESE
13 ISSUES.

14

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

16

17 **CHUCK HART:** PLEASE READ THAT LETTER. PLEASE.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, DID YOU WANT TO SAY
20 SOMETHING?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, I WANTED TO THANK JANET AND CHUCK FOR COMING
23 DOWN. I KNOW IT IS FRUSTRATING FOR THE PUBLIC SOMETIMES TO SIT
24 HERE ALL DAY AND THEN HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS US, BUT THESE
25 TWO HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR AS LONG AS I

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1 CAN REMEMBER, AND JUST I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT WE'RE PURSUING
2 ALL ANGLES, AND WE HAVE A MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCIL TOMORROW
3 TO DISCUSS WHAT OUR OPTIONS COULD BE. SO, THANK YOU FOR BEING
4 HERE.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, OTHER SUPERVISORS, I'M GOING TO
9 SPEAK TO YOUR OVERSIGHT FUNCTION. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
10 MY LATE SISTER, SUE COHEN TAYLOR. I SUBMITTED SOME NEW
11 PICTURES PERHAPS THAT ARE CLEARER THAN THE LAST TIME. I WAS
12 LOOKING AT HER AUTOPSY REPORT THAT I BOUGHT, AND I SEE AN
13 AWFUL LOT OF DISSECTIONS OF HER BODY, AND I AM WONDERING IS
14 NORMAL FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVER PROBLEMS. I WAS WORKING OUT
15 THERE AT THE HOSPITAL, AND I SAW HER WHEN SHE WAS YELLOW IN
16 THE 70S. I WAS WONDERING IS THIS -- I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO
17 LOOK INTO THIS AND FIND OUT IS THIS A NORMAL AUTOPSY BECAUSE
18 AN AWFUL LOT OF PARTS WERE TAKEN FROM HER. AND SHE WAS 78
19 POUNDS WHEN SHE ARRIVED. THE QUESTION IS SHE ARRIVED AT THE
20 MORGUE WITH 78 POUNDS, WAS SHE WEIGHING 78 POUNDS WHEN SHE
21 LEFT AND WENT OVER TO THE CREMATION PLACE ON FIRST STREET. SO
22 THIS IS REALLY -- I'M NOT A DOCTOR. SO IT TAKES A DOCTOR TO
23 LOOK INTO THIS. I APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING INTO THIS. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? NO, HIS TIME IS
2 UP FOR THIS BOARD MEETING. NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **MONISHA PARKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MONISHA PARKER. I HAVE BEEN IN
5 MY PLACE FOR TWO MONTHS. I'D LIKE TO THANK DR. --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. STOP. YOU ARE DISRUPTING THE
8 BOARD MEETING. YOU'VE USED ALL YOUR TIME ALLOCATED. SO IF
9 YOU'RE NOT -- SECOND WARNING, YOU CAN SIT DOWN AND LISTEN OR -
10 - (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). THIS IS THE THIRD WARNING. SORRY TO
11 INTERRUPT YOU. GO AHEAD AND RESET THE CLOCK FOR HER.

12

13 **MONISHA PARKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MONISHA PARKER. I HAVE BEEN IN
14 MY PLACE FOR TWO MONTHS, AND I WANT TO THANK DR. SHERIN FOR
15 HELPING ME GET MY FURNITURE FROM D.M.H. L.A. FARMER HOUSING IS
16 GOING TO EXIT PEOPLE STARTING NEXT MONTH BECAUSE THEY HAVE
17 BEEN OVER FOR THREE YEARS AND THEY ARE NOT BEING HOUSED,
18 WHATEVER. AND ALSO L.A. FARMER HOUSING DOES NOT HAVE CASE
19 MANAGERS TO ASSIST TO GET PEOPLE HOUSED BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE
20 BEEN THERE FOR SO LONG, AND THEY HAVE LOST HOPE, AND PLUS,
21 YOU'RE DEALING WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND MENTAL HEALTH AT
22 BRIDGE HOUSING. SO THE ONLY THING I'M SAYING IS, YOU KNOW, I
23 HOPE YOU CAN HOLD L.A. FARMER HOUSING ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT
24 HAVING CASE MANAGERS ON. THEY DIDN'T HAVE HOUSING NAVIGATORS.
25 SO THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT,
5 ABOUT THE CIGARETTES, THE MENTHOL CIGARETTES. AFRICAN-
6 AMERICANS, MANY OF THEM SMOKE MENTHOL CIGARETTES, AND TO
7 CRIMINALIZE AFRICAN-AMERICANS, I THINK WE NEED TO FILE SOME
8 LAWSUITS. THE COPS ARE GOING TO ARREST THEM, GIVE THEM
9 RECORDS. YOU CAN KILL THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE SMOKING A CERTAIN
10 CIGARETTE. THAT'S A BUNCH OF BULL. NOW HERE'S THE THING, I
11 FOUND OUT WHY WE HAVE SO MANY AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON SKID ROW,
12 ABOUT 20,000, INSIDE THOSE SHELTERS, WHY WE HAVE THEM IN
13 SHELTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND ON THE STREET IS BECAUSE THE
14 SOCIAL SERVICE INDUSTRY. THOSE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES,
15 P.A.T.H. AND THE REST OF THEM, ARE SENDING AFRICAN-AMERICANS
16 TO SKID ROW. AND THEY'RE SENDING THE WOMEN PRISONERS COMING
17 OUT OF THESE JAILS TO SKID ROW. THAT'S HOW WE GOT THEM THERE.
18 WE NEED TO FILE SOME LAWSUITS. I SOME NEED BLACK LAWYERS TO
19 STEP UP AND FILE SOME LAWSUITS AGAINST THE CITY AND THE COUNTY
20 FOR DISCRIMINATING AGAINST AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND PUTTING ALL
21 OF THESE MILLIONS OF ILLEGAL ALIENS IN MY PEOPLE'S HOUSING, WE
22 ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, WAYNE?

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH, YES, SO ANYWAY, IT IS GOOD HOW QUICK WE
2 GET TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS REALLY A RECORD.
3 ANYBODY BUT WESSON FOR SUPERVISOR. VOTE FOR HOLLY MITCHELL.
4 VOTE FOR HAMBURGER JAN PERRY, BUT DO NOT VOTE FOR HERB WESSON.
5 HE WILL BRING THE F.B.I. INTO THIS BUILDING. HE WILL CAUSE
6 ECONOMIC CALAMITY. NO ON HERB WESSON, THE LITTLE CHAIN SMOKING
7 TERRORIST, 200 NORTH SPRING STREET. JANICE HAHN KNOWS ALL
8 ABOUT IT. SHE IS GOING TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT IT ON WHEN HE'S
9 INDICTED. NO ON HERB WESSON. NOW WE GET TO MARK RIDLEY MAD
10 MAN. NO ON MARK RIDLEY MAD MAN. DON'T SEND HIM BACK. VOTE FOR
11 GRACE YOO, Y-O-O, FOR CITY COUNCIL. GET RID OF HERB WESSON.
12 GET RID OF RIDLEY-THOMAS. SEND THE TWO CRIMINALS INTO --

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WAYNE. THANK YOU. AND WE SAVED
15 THE BEST FOR LAST.

16

17 **JAMES ESSEX:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. REGARDING THE HOMELESS
18 PEOPLE, THE BEST THING YOU COULD GIVE TO THE HOMELESS WOULDN'T
19 COST A DIME, NO TAXPAYER MONEY, NO TREASURY GOING OUT. THE
20 BEST THING IS DIGNITY, AND DIGNITY COMES FROM BEING
21 PRODUCTIVE. YOU COULD HAVE THE HOMELESS PEOPLE GROW GRASS.
22 GRASS IS CHLOROPHYLL. GLASS IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT DOGS AND
23 CATS LOVE TO EAT BECAUSE IT CAN CLEAN THEIR TEETH. THE
24 HOMELESS PEOPLE COULD HAVE LITTLE BOXES OF GRASS WHICH THEY
25 COULD DELIVER TO THE HIGH RISES WITH THEIR LITTLE POD THINGS.

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1 THEY RUN AROUND THE CITY LIKE THAT. NO COST LIKE THAT. IT
2 COULD ACTUALLY BE SUPPORTED BY THE PRIVATE SECTORS, TOO. THEY
3 COULD PROBABLY PUT SOME MONEY ON THERE. I'VE GOT A LOT OF
4 IDEAS, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY A PLEASURE TO COME AND SEE YOU
5 BECAUSE I LOVE YOU SO MUCH. AND SEE YOU. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT IS ALL OUR SPEAKERS. NOW
8 WE WILL MOVE TO ADJOURNMENT. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
9 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NACE COHEN,
14 ENTREPRENEUR AND PHILANTHROPIST, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 11TH. HE
15 WAS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, EARNED A BRONZE MEDAL OF HONOR
16 FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT IN ACTION. HE STARTED A PIONEERING
17 VERTICALLY INTEGRATED BUSINESS, PROGRESSIVE PRODUCE, IN 1967.
18 HE WAS A TRUE PHILANTHROPIST AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
19 LOS ANGELES SEPHARDIC HOME FOR THE AGED AND ON THE BOARD OF
20 DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED AND THE CITY OF
21 HOPE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, VICKI, RODELL, JAQUIE,
22 AND SUZANNE, AND HIS STEPSON, MARC. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN SERLING,
24 EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND WIDOW OF "TWILIGHT ZONE" CREATOR ROD
25 SERLING. CAROLYN SERLING DIED ON JANUARY 9TH. SHE WAS A

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1 VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL, THE P.T.A., AND SERVED
2 IN VARIOUS ROLES FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. SHE WAS A
3 PASSIONATE SUPPORTER OF MANY CAUSES, MOST NOTABLY
4 ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE CAUSES, WOMEN'S ISSUES, LIBERAL
5 POLITICS, AND EDUCATION. AND IN ADDITION TO BEING A CREATIVE
6 PARTNER TO HER HUSBAND FOR THE ORIGINAL SERIES, SHE WAS THE
7 EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF THE CURRENT REVIVAL OF THE "TWILIGHT
8 ZONE," WHICH IS HOSTED BY JORDAN PEELE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
9 DAUGHTERS, JODI AND ANNE, HER HALF-SISTER, DEEDIE, AND SEVERAL
10 GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
15 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRIEDA CAPLAN, WHO WAS 96
16 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEKEND. YES. SHE WAS KNOWN AS THE
17 KIWI QUEEN AND THE MOTHER GOOSEBERRY. SHE BROKE THE GLASS
18 CEILING IN THE PRODUCE WORLD AND FOREVER CHANGED THE WAY
19 AMERICANS EAT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. FRIEDA IS CREDITED WITH
20 INTRODUCING KIWIS, MANGOS, HABANERO AND SHISHITO PEPPERS,
21 PASSION FRUIT, BEAN AND ALFALFA SPROUTS, BABY CARROTS, SUGAR
22 SNAP PEAS, AND HUNDREDS MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES INTO THE
23 SUPERMARKET MAINSTREAM. SHE WAS DEEMED THE FIRST WOMAN TO OWN
24 AND RUN HER OWN PRODUCE HOUSE IN LOS ANGELES' PRODUCE MARKET
25 IN THE UNITED STATES. FRIEDA WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS

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1 THE DAUGHTER OF RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS. SHE GRADUATED FROM
2 U.C.L.A. WITH A DEGREE IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. IN
3 1951, SHE MARRIED LABOR CONSULTANT AND PRESIDENT OF A
4 LONGSHOREMAN'S UNION, ALFRED HALE CAPLAN. HER WORK IN PRODUCE
5 BEGAN WITH HER HUSBAND'S AUNT AND UNCLE WHO MANAGED A PRODUCE
6 HOUSE, EVENTUALLY LAUNCHING HER OWN BUSINESS FOCUSING ON THOSE
7 OVER LOOKED FOODS AND VEGETABLES. AT A TIME WHEN MARKETS WERE
8 ONLY INTERESTED IN THE HIGH-VOLUME ITEMS, FRIEDA LISTENED TO
9 THE SMALL FARMERS. HER FIRST CLAIM TO FAME WAS THE KIWI. SHE
10 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO CARRY CHINESE GOOSEBERRIES BUT RENAMED
11 THEM KIWIFRUIT THINKING CUSTOMERS WOULD FIND THE NEW NAME MORE
12 APPEALING. I REMEMBER MY VERY FIRST KIWI. IT WAS THE STRANGEST
13 THING I HAD EVER SEEN. HER MANY ACCOLADES INCLUDED AN HONORARY
14 DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS FROM CAL POLY SAN LUIS
15 OBISPO, A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM UNITED FRESH PRODUCE
16 ASSOCIATION, A LEGACY AWARD FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
17 WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS, RECEIVED THE FIRST WORKING WOMEN
18 MAGAZINE'S FIRST EVER HARIETT ALGER AWARD FOR
19 ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE
20 PACKER NEWSPAPER'S, I LOVE THIS ONE, PRODUCE MAN OF THE YEAR
21 IN THE 1970S, WHICH SHE REJECTED UNTIL IT WAS RENAMED THE
22 PRODUCE MARKETEER OF THE YEAR. SHE WAS REALLY VERY ACTIVE
23 UNTIL JUST RECENTLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS,
24 KAREN AND JACKIE. I KNOW KAREN. PROBABLY MANY OF YOU DO, AS
25 WELL. AND FRIEDA REALLY HAD A LIFE WELL-LIVED AND HAS REALLY

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1 CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE FOR SO MANY OF US IN TERMS OF WHAT WE
2 EAT. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? OKAY, YEAH. I MOVE THAT
3 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KEN MILLER,
4 WHO WAS A LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF TORRANCE. AT THE BEGINNING OF
5 WORLD WAR II, KEN JOINED THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS AND SERVED IN
6 CHINA, BURMA, AND INDIA. AFTER HIS TIME IN THE SERVICE, HE
7 BECAME A TEACHER AND A REALTOR. LIVING IN TORRANCE HIS ENTIRE
8 LIFE, KEN SAW GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY AND
9 STARTED HIS CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVING ON THE TORRANCE
10 PLANNING COMMISSION. HE WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER FROM 1962 TO 1970
11 AND BECAME THE MAYOR OF TORRANCE FROM 1970 TO 1978. KEN
12 FOCUSED ON GAINING MORE PARK LAND FOR THE CITY AND ACQUIRED
13 THE LAND THAT BECAME PARTS OF COLUMBIA PARK AND WILSON PARK.
14 HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT,
15 THE BUILD OUT OF THE DEL AMO FASHION CENTER, AND A ROLE IN THE
16 CREATION OF THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION. KEN HAD
17 IMMEASURABLE IMPACT ON THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND HIS
18 CONTRIBUTION IMPACTED THE WAY THE CITY LOOKS TODAY. MAY HE
19 REST IN PEACE. THOSE ARE ALL MY ADJOURNMENTS. OH, NO, I HAVE
20 ONE MORE. I'M SORRY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
21 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JERRY -- OH, I HAVE TWO MORE -- JERRY
22 TRETTER. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67. HE WAS A SOUTH BAY
23 RESIDENT WHO GRADUATED FROM NARBONNE. HE SERVED SIX YEARS IN
24 THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND WORKED ON BOATS IN ALASKA. HIS FATHER
25 URGED HIM TO COME HOME AND WORK IN THE SHIPYARD. SO HE DID,

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1 AND HE BECAME A THIRD GENERATION OWNER OF THE MARINA SHIPYARD.
2 JERRY OWNED A HIGH SPEED RESCUE CRAFT TO FIND AND RESCUE
3 DOWNED PILOTS. HE WAS A WELL KNOWN YACHTSMAN AND OUTDOORSMAN
4 AND LIVED A GREAT LIFE DOING WHAT HE LOVED THE MOST. JERRY
5 TRETTER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KATHI, BROTHER, KURT, AND
6 STEPSONS, TOM AND JASON. AND I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN,
7 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BARBARA BURKE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
8 THE AGE OF 82. SHORTLY AFTER MOVING TO SAN PEDRO IN 1975,
9 BARBARA MET HER PARTNER OF 46 YEARS, CHARLENE. TOGETHER, THEY
10 OWNED AND OPERATED THE PETITE GARDEN RESTAURANT. BARBARA
11 ENJOYED GIVING BACK TO HER COMMUNITY. SHE SERVED AS THE
12 CHAIRPERSON OF THE T.W.C.A. PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, WAS A
13 MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO
14 BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL ROTARY CLUB. BARBARA WAS PRECEDED
15 IN DEATH BY HER SON, CHUCK. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER WIFE,
16 CHARLENE, AND MANY FAMILY MEMBERS. THAT'S ALL MINE.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF EUGENE HUNTER DRYDEN, A LIFETIME
20 RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. KNOWN
21 AS GENE, HE ATTENDED SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOLS AND GRADUATED
22 FROM CAL TECH WITH BOTH HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN
23 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. HE WORKED FOR AEROJET GENERAL/NORTHROP
24 GRUMMAN FOR 47 YEARS AS A MANAGER FOR ADVANCED PROGRAMS FOR
25 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. GENE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE

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1 OF 63 YEARS AND HIS CHILDREN, LORI, ONE OF MY DEAR FRIENDS AND
2 SON, JIM, AS WELL AS THEIR FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN
3 PEACE. ALSO, JOYCE WINIFRED GOAD, MOTHER OF ANTELOPE VALLEY
4 CEMETERY DISTRICT MANAGER, DAYLE DEBRY, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
5 AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS BORN IN LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND AND
6 SERVED IN THE WOMEN'S JUNIOR AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II.
7 DURING THE 1940S, JOYCE ACQUIRED A PEN PAL, ROBERT GOAD, A
8 U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN. THEY BECAME ENGAGED IN
9 1948 WHEN BOB WAS ON LEAVE IN ENGLAND, AND THEY WERE MARRIED
10 IN 1949. THE COUPLE MOVED WITH THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS TO
11 CAMARILLO IN THE EARLY '60S. JOYCE DESIGNED CALENDARS AND
12 LATER MADE ORNAMENTS AND CARDS. JOYCE IS SURVIVED BY HER
13 DAUGHTERS, DAYLE AND CAROL, A BROTHER, FOUR GRANDSONS, TWO
14 GRANDDAUGHTERS, AND A BROTHER-IN-LAW. ALSO DON PATRICK
15 MULLALLY, A RESIDENT OF GRANADA HILLS. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED
16 STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR BEFORE BECOMING AN EDUCATOR
17 AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 20 YEARS. HE WAS PARK MANAGER FOR
18 O'MELVENY PARK IN GRANADA HILLS FOR 12 YEARS. HE WAS A
19 PUBLISHED BIOLOGIST AND NATURALIST CREDITED IN PRESERVING
20 TOWSLEY CANYON IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AS OPEN SPACE. THE
21 TOWSLEY CANYONE LOOP TRAIL IS NAMED IN HIS HONOR. DON IS
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 42 YEARS, MARY, AND BROTHER, MICHAEL.
23 ALSO ARTHUR RAGEN, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED
24 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. ARTHUR SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
25 FORCE, REACHING THE RANK OF COLONEL. LATER IN HIS LIFE, HE WAS

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1 ACTIVE LOCAL VETERANS' GROUPS. HE SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
2 DAUGHTERS, SHERYL AND JANINE, GRANDDAUGHTER, AND GREAT
3 GRANDCHILD. ALSO BRYAN SUDBERY, A LOS ANGELES POLICE
4 DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND LANCASTER RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
5 THE AGE OF 52. HE SERVED AS AN OFFICER FOR 21 YEARS AND IS
6 REMEMBERED AS A GREAT ATHLETE. HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT
7 MOTORCYCLES, HIS FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. BRYAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS
8 FATHER, JAMES, MOTHER, NANCY, BROTHER, DONALD, AND DAUGHTERS,
9 KIERSTYN AND BREELYN. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
10 ED WALDHEIM, A LONG-TIME LA CRESCENTA BUSINESS OWNER, WHO
11 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. ED SERVED IN THE UNITED
12 STATES ARMY AFTER WHICH HE FOUNDED J.'S MAINTENANCE. FOR OVER
13 50 YEARS, HIS FAMILY BUSINESS HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE
14 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES' NONPROFITS AND SCHOOLS. ED CREATED
15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL TRAIL USE,
16 INCLUDING FRIENDS OF JAWBONE, FRIENDS OF EL MIRAGE, AND THE
17 CALIFORNIA TRAIL USERS COALITION. ED IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
18 LINDA, AND FOUR CHILDREN, CHRIS, MICHELLE, STEPHEN, AND SCOTT.
19 THOSE ADJOURNMENTS ARE BEFORE US. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED. THIS BOARD MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** ALREADY? SO SOON?

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 21, 2020

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

County of Los Angeles v. 8400 S. Vermont Avenue, L.P., et al.,
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC686141.

This lawsuit seeks acquisition of 16 parcels located at the corner of South Vermont Avenue and Manchester Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the Vermont and Manchester Transit Priority Joint Development Project. (20-0665)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

(Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1))

Consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position of Acting Director of Child Support Services. (20-0648)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer, and designated staff.

Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)

No reportable action was taken.

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