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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 ON PAGE 226]

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'M GOING TO CALL US BACK INTO
6 OPEN SESSION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ
7 THE REPORT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
10 IN SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2020. ITEMS CS-1 AND
11 CS-2, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. WE
14 WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
16 FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE
17 REVEREND JOHN H. TAYLOR, BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
18 LOS ANGELES, ST. PAUL'S COMMON IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, FOLLOWED
19 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY CRISTINA GARCIA, FORMER
20 MASTER SERGEANT FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND CALIFORNIA
21 NATIONAL GUARD FROM THE CITY OF LA CRESCENTA IN THE 5TH
22 DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

23
24 **REV. JOHN TAYLOR:** THANK YOU, GRACIOUS CHAIR. THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE WARM INVITATION. ON BEHALF OF THE 200

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1 INSTITUTIONS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES, IT IS MY
2 BLESSING TO INVITE EVERYONE TO BOW THEIR HEADS. GOD OF ALL
3 CREATION, ON THIS DAY, THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH REMEMBERS YOUR
4 GREAT REFORMER, MARTIN LUTHER, WHO DIED 474 YEARS AGO ON
5 FEBRUARY 18. ALTHOUGH GRAVELY BURDENED BY THE PREJUDICES OF
6 HIS TIME, MARTIN INVITED PEOPLE OF ALL FAITH TO BEGIN TO THINK
7 FOR THEMSELVES. AND HE PROPOSED THE TERRIFYING IDEA THAT GOD
8 DIDN'T EXIST TO GLORIFY THE CHURCH, BUT THE CHURCH EXISTED TO
9 GLORIFY GOD AND TO CARE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. GRACIOUS GOD, MAY
10 ALL OF US WHO WORK IN HUMAN INSTITUTIONS REMEMBER MARTIN
11 LUTHER TODAY AND EVERY DAY, WHETHER WE SERVE IN FAITH
12 INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE INDUSTRY, OR GOVERNMENT. WHEN WE ARE AT
13 OUR BEST, WE DO OUR WORK NOT FOR OUR OWN SAKE BUT FOR THE SAKE
14 OF ALL YOUR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE WEAKEST AND MOST
15 VULNERABLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKE JESUS WHO WILL HAVE NOWHERE
16 TO LAY THEIR HEADS TONIGHT, EVEN THE PRISONER WHOM YOU COMMAND
17 US TO TREAT HUMANELY. GOD OF ALL, BLESS AND INSPIRE ALL THESE,
18 YOUR SERVANTS, AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS THEY MAKE THEIR
19 COMMUNITY JUST A LITTLE SAFER AND MORE DECENT TODAY AND EVERY
20 DAY BY VIRTUE OF THEIR DEVOTED AND CREATIVE WORK. WE PRAY ALL
21 IT THIS IN YOUR MIGHTY NAME, AMEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **CRISTINA GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I WILL BE LEADING
24 YOU IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG,
25 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN,

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1 YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
2 ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
3 STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
4 NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR
5 ALL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO THANK
8 RIGHT REVEREND JOHN HARVEY TAYLOR FOR PROVIDING OUR INVOCATION
9 TODAY. RIGHT REVEREND TAYLOR BEGAN HIS MINISTRY AS 7TH BISHOP
10 AT THE 6TH COUNTY EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES BACK IN
11 2017. BEFORE HIS ELECTION TO THE DIOCESE, HE SERVED AS A VICAR
12 OF THE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN RANCHO SANTA
13 MARGARITA, CALIFORNIA. HE WAS ORDAINED AS AN EPISCOPAL PRIEST
14 IN 2004 AFTER STUDYING AT THE EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN
15 CLAREMONT. RIGHT REVEREND TAYLOR AND HIS CHURCH SERVICES THE
16 COMMUNITY WITH WELCOMING SPIRITS AS YOU CAN TELL. HE HAS SAID
17 TO OUR DIVIDED NATION AND TO THOSE LIVING IN FEAR AND
18 UNCERTAINTY, THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH THROWS ITS ARMS OPEN. THANK
19 YOU AGAIN FOR BEING HERE WITH US TODAY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
20 WORKING WITH YOU AND THE CHURCH TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITIES.
21 THANK YOU SO MUCH, REVEREND.

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23 **REV. JOHN TAYLOR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT IS A
24 PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF YOUR DISTRICT. CALL US IF YOU NEED US.
25 GOD BLESS CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING MASTER
3 SERGEANT CRISTINA GARCIA FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
4 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. MASTER SERGEANT GARCIA SERVED IN THE
5 UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FROM
6 1996 TO 2020, LAST SERVING WITH RECRUITING AND RETENTION
7 BATTALION IN AZUSA, CALIFORNIA. DURING HER SERVICE, SHE WAS
8 AWARDED THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WITH A BRONZE AND SILVER
9 OAK LEAF CLUSTER, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, ARMY GOOD CONDUCT
10 MEDAL WITH BRONZE AND SILVER CLUSTER, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
11 SERVICE MEDAL, NON COMMISSIONED OFFICER DEVELOPMENT RIBBON
12 WITH THREE BRONZE CLUSTERS, ARMY SERVICE RIBBON, ARMED FORCES
13 RESERVE MEDAL, AND THE DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE. SHE RECEIVED
14 A BACHELOR'S OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
15 PHOENIX, AND SHE LIVES IN LA CRESCENTA WITH HER SON AND TWO-
16 YEAR-OLD BOSTON TERRIER. SHE SERVES AS A PROGRAM COORDINATOR
17 FOR THE U.S. WOMAN'S VETS ON POINT PROGRAM, WHICH IS
18 DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING THE CRITICAL NEEDS AND ELIMINATING THE
19 BARRIERS BY WOMEN VETERANS AFTER THEIR MILITARY SERVICE. SHE
20 IS A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VETERANS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE
21 AND CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK BY MENTORING SERVICE MEMBERS AND
22 VETERANS. MASTER SERGEANT GARCIA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
23 TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
24 TODAY. LET'S GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE].
25 OKAY, WE ARE GOING TO DO PRESENTATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS,

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1 BEGINNING -- BUT FIRST, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WOULD LIKE TO
2 ACKNOWLEDGE SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG
5 SHOUT OUT TODAY TO THE STUDENTS OF THE LA MIRADA YOUTH IN
6 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, WHO ARE HERE THIS AFTERNOON. WHY DON'T YOU
7 GIVE THEM ALL A GREAT ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. YOU
8 KNOW, EACH YEAR, A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM LA MIRADA HIGH
9 SCHOOL ARE SELECTED TO SHADOW MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE
10 CITY AND COUNTY LEVELS, AND THESE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING HOW
11 THEY CAN USE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE NEEDS OF THEIR
12 COMMUNITIES. I'M REALLY GLAD TO WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. I
13 HOPE YOU GET A GOOD LESSON ON HOW COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKS, AND
14 AGAIN LET'S APPLAUD THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
15 HOW GOVERNMENT IMPACTS THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
16 [APPLAUSE].

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAVE THE
19 FIRST PRESENTATIONS.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'M VERY
22 HAPPY TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION.
23 TODAY, I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY SALUTE THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM. IN THE NAME OF
25 CELEBRATING ENGINEERS, AND THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL, I THINK,

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1 BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE MAY NOT REALLY REALIZE JUST HOW MUCH WORK
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DOES. IT'S VARIED. IT IS FAR,
3 AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE STANDING HERE WITH ME ARE SOME
4 OF THE BEST MANAGERS AND STAFF THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY.
5 THEY HELP TO MAKE OUR PROJECTS RUN AND WORK, OUR
6 INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL AS HELPING US WITH DESIGN OF
7 FACILITIES AND MAKING SURE THAT EVERYTHING RUNS ACCORDINGLY.
8 BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR ME, IT IS THAT THEY DO CARE ABOUT
9 OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND, FOR ME, THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN
10 TERMS OF HOW OUR DEPARTMENTS DEAL WITH CONSTITUENTS BECAUSE
11 THEY ARE NOT JUST MY CONSTITUENTS. THEY PART OF THE COUNTY.
12 AND THEY, IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN HERE
13 MANY, MANY YEARS, SOME RECENT, BUT THEY ARE VERY DEDICATED TO
14 OUR CONSTITUENTS AND THEIR NEEDS. I WANT TO THANK OUR
15 DIRECTOR, MARK PASTRELLA, ALSO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK IN
16 HELPING US MOVE MANY, MANY, INNOVATIVE PROJECTS ALONG, DEALING
17 ALSO WITH THE L.A. RIVER, THE SOUTH L.A. RIVER, AND WITH OTHER
18 MAJOR FLOOD PROJECTS AND RELATED THINGS THAT GO ON, BUILDING
19 HOSPITALS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, AND LIBRARIES, AND
20 DIFFERENT FACILITIES THAT HELP OUR COMMUNITY. I'M HONORED TO
21 RECOGNIZE OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARTICULARLY THE
22 LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT STANDS WITH ME, MARK PASTRELLA, THE
23 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MASSOOD EFTEKHARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
24 AND ALICIA RAMOS, THE CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER. TOGETHER, THEY
25 HAVE BEEN MAKING GREAT PROGRESS ON WHAT I CALL THE RESTORATIVE

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1 CARE VILLAGE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., THE COUNTY'S FLAGSHIP HOSPITAL.
2 FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, THIS PROJECT WILL ADDRESS AFFORDABLE
3 HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT NEEDS ON THE EAST SIDE,
4 WHICH INCLUDES BOYLE SIGHTS, EL CERRITO, AND LINCOLN HEIGHTS.
5 IT WILL HAVE WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR SOME OF THE MOST
6 VULNERABLE CONSTITUENTS IN THE COUNTY, AND NOT JUST FROM THAT
7 AREA, BUT FROM THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT WILL HAVE
8 RECUPERATIVE CARE CENTER WITH 96 BEDS AND A RESIDENTIAL
9 TREATMENT PROGRAM WITH 64 BEDS. AND WHILE THE PROJECT IS NOT
10 DONE YET, I WANTED TO COMMEND THEM FOR BEING SO COMMUNITY-
11 MINDED, AS I SAID EARLIER, THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS.
12 NATURALLY, WHENEVER WE, AS A COUNTY, PROPOSE TO DO SOME BIG
13 CHANGES IN POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETIMES,
14 NOT ALWAYS, BUT SOMETIMES, THERE IS PUSH BACK BECAUSE PEOPLE
15 MAY NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTAND WHAT DIRECTION WE'RE GOING IN. SO
16 IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT THIS TEAM ENGAGES IN A THOROUGH
17 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS THAT MAY BE UNPRECEDENTED. I WOULD
18 SAY HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD JUST TO
19 INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT'S TO COME, BUT ALSO LISTENING
20 AND TAKING TO HEED WHAT THE CONCERNS ARE OF THE COMMUNITY.
21 THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS PROJECT VERY DIFFERENT. AND THERE ARE
22 OVER 50 DIFFERENT COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
23 THAT HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS PROJECT, AND THESE INDIVIDUALS
24 HERE HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO MEET WITH THEM, TO TALK TO THEM,
25 AND TO TAKE THEIR INPUT. THEY HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN MOVING THE

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1 PROJECT FORWARD TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE KNOW WILL PAY
2 OFF LATER ON. AND ONE THING THAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT, ON
3 THIS PROJECT, WE'LL HAVE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT IN TERMS
4 OF JOB CREATION, NOT JUST TREATMENT -- YES, BECAUSE THAT'S A
5 BIG PART OF IT -- BUT ALSO TO HELP REVITALIZE A PART OF L.A.
6 COUNTY IN THE BOYLE HEIGHTS AREA THAT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED FOR
7 MANY, MANY YEARS. SO I WANT TO SAY TO THEM FOR HOW GRATEFUL I
8 AM, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF THEM. AGAIN, I
9 WANT TO THANK MARK, MASOOD, ALICIA, AND THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT
10 BECAUSE THEY DON'T JUST WORK ON HEALTHCARE RELATED PROJECTS. I
11 THINK TWO WEEKS AGO, WE WERE OUT AT A SITE VISITING A LANDFILL
12 WHERE THERE WAS GOING TO BE SOME NEW INVOLVEMENT TO CLEAN UP
13 THE WORK THAT THE LANDFILL STILL REQUIRES TO TREAT METHANE
14 GAS. THESE ARE COMPLICATED THINGS, AND SOMETIMES THE COMMUNITY
15 IN THE SURROUNDING AREA DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE
16 WHAT IT TAKES TO PUT THESE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT IN THE GROUND TO
17 HELP MAKE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I
18 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THAT ESPECIALLY AND FOR HELPING US WORK
19 ON MANY OTHER ISSUES. SO WITH THAT, PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND
20 OF APPLAUSE, AND I WILL HAVE MARK AND PASTRELLA AND ALICIA
21 RAMOS SPEAK. [APPLAUSE].

22

23 **MARK PASTRELLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, SO MUCH FOR
24 ACKNOWLEDGING THIS OUTSTANDING TEAM OF PUBLIC SERVANTS HERE
25 FROM PUBLIC WORKS, WHOSE GOAL IS TO BE A BUILDER OF CHOICE FOR

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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. AND OTHER
2 CLIENTS THAT WE WORK FOR DAY IN AND DAY OUT THAT PROVIDE THE
3 MONEY FOR THESE OPERATIONS, AND FOR SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY
4 SUPERVISOR FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP WITH RESPECT TO REMINDING US IT
5 IS ALWAYS COMMUNITY FIRST, LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I AM
6 SO PROUD THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THE WAY WE ARE LISTENING AND
7 THAT WE ARE REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT IS
8 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A LONG TIME AT
9 PUBLIC WORKS TO MASTER, SO WE MIGHT DEVELOP THE TRUST OF THE
10 COMMUNITY BEFORE WE EVER TURN A BLADE OF DIRT OR LAY A BRICK
11 IN A FACILITY OR COMMUNITY SO WE KNOW WE'VE MET THE
12 COMMUNITY'S NEEDS AND UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE BUILDING AND WHO
13 WE ARE BUILDING FOR BEFORE WE START THOSE PROJECTS. SO AGAIN,
14 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE TEAM FOR PUBLIC
15 WORKS. I THINK YOU ASKED FOR ALICIA TO COME UP. I'D BE PROUD
16 TO HAVE ALICIA COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL. ALICIA.

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18 **ALICIA RAMOS:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS AND TO THE BOARD. IT IS ALWAYS A PRIVILEGE TO WORK FOR
20 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHAT WE DO IS MEANINGFUL, AND THIS
21 PROJECT MANAGEMENT STAFF TAKES IT VERY SERIOUSLY, AND IT
22 REALLY IS AN ENJOYMENT TO DO THIS NOT JUST FOR THE PROJECTS
23 AND THE SERVICES THAT THEY PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT TO DO
24 IT WITH THE COMMUNITY IS A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHAT WE
25 DO. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE].

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M
3 DELIGHTED TODAY TO MAKE THIS --

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS. CAN EVERYBODY HOLD IT DOWN PLEASE WHILE WE ARE DOING
7 PRESENTATIONS? THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I'M
10 DELIGHTED TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. IT IS A PART OF A LARGER
11 SET OF CONCERNS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE NATION HONORING
12 BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH. AND
13 TODAY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORK OF THE BLACK BUSINESS
14 ASSOCIATION, WHICH MARKS -- [APPLAUSE] -- 50 YEARS OF
15 ACHIEVEMENT. SHOW THEM SOME LOVE. [APPLAUSE]. WE CELEBRATE
16 THE ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND LEGACY OF AFRICAN-
17 AMERICANS IN SHAPING THIS NATION, AND WE COMMEMORATE THIS
18 OCCASION IN HONORING THOSE TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE. AND WE TAKE
19 PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE WORK OF EARL SKIP COOPER. GIVE HIM A
20 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]. AND THE ENTIRE
21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. EARL SKIP COOPER IS THE PRESIDENT AND
22 C.E.O., AND THE CHAIR IS GWEN MOORE, THE HONORABLE, GWEN
23 MOORE. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE HER FOR THE WORK THAT THEY ARE
24 DOING. [APPLAUSE]. AND BOARD MEMBERS DENISE PEOPLES, NATHAN
25 FREEMAN, EZEKIEL PATTEN, BARBARA STANTON, AND THE ONE AND ONLY

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1 OSEE GUNZAK. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, ALL OF THEM, WILL
2 YOU, PLEASE. FOR 50 YEARS OF B.B.A. HAS EMPOWERED AFRICAN-
3 AMERICANS AND OTHER DIVERSE BUSINESS OWNERS THROUGH SERVICE,
4 ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION. FOUNDED IN 1970 AT A TIME OF
5 SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSION AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, PARTICULARLY
6 FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS, AND TODAY, 50 YEARS LATER,
7 THE B.B.A. REMAINS DEDICATED TO ITS MISSION TO ADVOCATE AND
8 PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN-OWNED BUSINESSES
9 AND INCREASE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY. AND, UNDER SKIP'S
10 LEADERSHIP, THE B.B.A. HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST
11 VIABLE MINORITY BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY,
12 ACROSS THE STATE, AND WELL BEYOND, EVEN ACROSS THE NATION. AND
13 IT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF MINORITY
14 BUSINESSES BROADLY DEFINED IN TERMS OF OWNERSHIP AND
15 PARTICIPATION. WE'RE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO EARL SKIP COOPER,
16 WHO CELEBRATED HIS 76TH BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY THE 4TH. SO HE'S
17 A BLACK HISTORY MONTH -- [APPLAUSE] -- HE IS ALL ABOUT
18 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH BECAUSE HE WAS BORN IN AFRICAN-
19 AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH. [LAUGHTER]. HE'S A STRONG ADVOCATE
20 AND LEADER AND WILL SHOW THAT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR YEARS
21 TO COME WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD FOR HELPING COMMUNITIES OF
22 COLOR GAIN ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND TO CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES
23 WITHIN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, AND I'M PLEASED TO NOTE
24 THAT SKIP HAS BEEN ON THE CASE, PUSHING MANY OF US IN THE
25 PUBLIC SECTOR, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES ARE

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1 RIGHT, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE INCLUSION FOR PARTICIPATION, FOR
2 WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES, MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, THOSE WHO
3 ARE VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES, AS WELL AS THOSE FOR THE
4 DISABLED COMMUNITY. HE HAS BEEN AN ADVOCATE ACROSS THE BOARD.
5 AND SO I SIMPLY WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE
6 HIS LEADERSHIP AND THE CONSISTENT WORK OF THE B.B.A. PLEASE
7 JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING EARL SKIP COOPER AND THE BLACK
8 BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE DONE. [APPLAUSE
9]. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT IS NOT EASY
10 TO STAY ON YOUR FEET FOR 50 YEARS. NOW I'M GOING TO TAKE THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO SUBJECT MR. COOPER TO ULTIMATE DISCIPLINE BY
12 SAYING HE HAS ROUGHLY ONE MINUTE TO RESPOND WITH WORDS OF
13 APPRECIATION, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

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15 **EARL SKIP COOPER:** FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY LONG-
16 TIME FRIEND, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, A LIFETIME
17 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT. AND ON BEHALF OF THE BLACK BUSINESS
18 ASSOCIATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR
19 THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS, AND I AM GOING TO HAVE
20 TO DO A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN, WHO I
21 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH -- STARTED WORKING WITH IN 1974 AND
22 WORKING WITH THE SECOND SUPERVISORY DISTRICT, YVONNE
23 BRATHWAITE BURKE, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND A NUMBER
24 OF OTHER SUPERVISORS IN BACK OF US. SO AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE

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1 BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ENTIRE
2 COUNTY FOR THIS SPECIAL RECOGNITION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, PLEASE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IF YOU
5 WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO JOIN ME. (OFF-MIC COMMENTS). IT IS A
6 LITTLE REUNION UP HERE. IT IS A LITTLE REUNION. NOTHING WRONG
7 WITH A REUNION. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I
8 APPRECIATE IT WHEN YOU HIJACK MY PRESENTATIONS. [LAUGHTER].
9 AND TAKE SKIP WITH YOU, WILL YOU? [LAUGHTER]. IT IS A
10 SPECIAL GROUP RIGHT THERE. GIVE THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF
11 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
12 CHAIR, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY. WHEN WE THINK
13 ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 AND ACROSS THE NATION AT LARGE, WE SEE A TESTAMENT TO FAITH
15 AND TO PERSEVERANCE AND TO EXCELLENCE. I SAID TO FAITH,
16 PERSEVERANCE, AND EXCELLENCE. [AUDIENCE: YES!]. A TESTAMENT
17 FROM GENERATIONS OF COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO ACCEPTED THE
18 UNRELENTING WORK OF EXPANDING THE REACH OF FREEDOM TO ALL. SO
19 MUCH OF THE PROGRESS THAT WE SEE TODAY WAS WON STEADILY ACROSS
20 HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH THE HUMANITIES, AND I SPECIFICALLY
21 REFER TO THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT. TODAY, WE STAND ON THE
22 SHOULDERS OF INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS HATTIE MCDANIELS, PAUL
23 ROBESON, RAY CHARLES, AND MANY, MANY MORE. YEAH, ALL RIGHT
24 SHOUT IT OUT, THEN! YES, CALL AND RESPONSE IN HERE. OKAY, ALL
25 RIGHT. ALL RIGHT! ANYBODY ELSE, OTHERWISE -- [LAUGHTER] --

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1 I'M PUSHING FORWARD RIGHT NOW. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. ANY MORE?
2 THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]. GET IT OUT WHILE YOU CAN! YEAH.
3 AFRICANISMS ARE STRONG TODAY. SHOUT OUT. AND SO AS WE REJOICE,
4 TODAY, WE RECOGNIZE THE LEGACY OF THESE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE
5 AND THE SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE SO THAT WE MAY HONOR AND
6 CELEBRATE WHAT WE DESCRIBE AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. TODAY, I
7 HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE TO WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS AN AUGUST GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO EACH, IN THEIR
9 OWN RIGHT, HAVE MADE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT IN THE REALM OF ARTS
10 AND ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL AS CULTURE. THIS IS A GROUP OF SEVEN
11 INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED NO INTRODUCTIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT
12 ONLY IN OUR HOME, BUT THEY ARE IN OUR HEART AS WELL. TAKE A
13 LOOK AT THE VIDEO BEHIND US. [VIDEO]. [APPLAUSE].

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
16 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]. AND THEIR VERY PRESENCE SPEAKS FOR
17 ITSELF, LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO
18 THE ONE AND ONLY, DEBBIE ALLEN, ACTRESS, DANCER,
19 CHOREOGRAPHER, TELEVISION DIRECTOR, AND ARTS ADVOCATE. A BIG
20 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR DEBBIE ALLEN! [APPLAUSE] AND THEN
21 THERE'S OUR GOOD FRIEND WREN BROWN, ACTOR, PRODUCER, AND
22 DIRECTOR, AND FOUNDER OF THE EBONY REPERTORY THEATRE! WREN,
23 STEP FORWARD. YOU KNOW HIM AND RECOGNIZE HIM, BEN GUILLORY,
24 ACTOR, THEATER PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, AND FOUNDER OF THE ROBEY
25 THEATER COMPANY. BEN GUILLORY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! [

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1 APPLAUSE]. SHE IS THE POET LAUREATE OF LOS ANGELES. SHE HAS
2 SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY, A PROFESSOR OF CONSEQUENCE. SHE IS
3 ROBIN COSTE LEWIS. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND TO MY
4 LEFT, ONE WHO WAS RECOGNIZED BY MANY OF US, ACTRESS, SINGER,
5 AUTHOR, AND ACTIVIST. SHE IS SHERYL LEE RALPH! [APPLAUSE].
6 NEXT TO SHERYL IS THE ONE AND ONLY WENDY RAQUEL ROBINSON,
7 RENOWNED ACTRESS, DIRECTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER, AND FOUNDER OF
8 THE AMAZING GRACE CONSERVATORY, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE! [
9 APPLAUSE]. FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE LULA
10 WASHINGTON DANCE THEATER, SHE IS LULA WASHINGTON! [APPLAUSE
11]. WELL, WITH THIS GROUP, YOU SEE, WHETHER THROUGH THE THEMES
12 OF THE SONNET, THE MOVEMENT OF A DANCER, OR A MONOLOGUE ON A
13 STAGE, THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR SOULS, INSPIRATION FOR US TO
14 CHASE AND CAPTURE OUR DREAMS AND TO CHALLENGE US TO RESHAPE
15 THE AMERICAN NARRATIVE AGAINST CONSIDERABLE ODDS. THEY ARE
16 CENTRAL TO WHO WE ARE AS A PEOPLE, AS A COUNTY, OF DREAMERS
17 AND STORYTELLERS AND CREATORS AND VISIONARIES. THAT'S WHO WE
18 ARE. THAT'S WHO THEY ARE. AND WE SHOULD THANK THEM FOR BEING
19 HERE WITH US TODAY. IT IS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR HIGH
20 HONOR TO RECOGNIZE YOU. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR
21 SPECIAL GUESTS TODAY. AND COLLEAGUES, [APPLAUSE]. MADAM
22 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO JOIN US.
23 WE ARE GOING TO ASK OUR GUESTS TO STEP FORWARD, AND WE'RE
24 GOING TO TAKE A PHOTO WITH THEM. [APPLAUSE].

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHILE THEY ARE FINISHING UP DOWN THERE,
2 QUIETLY, PLEASE, I KNOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL MAKE
3 SURE -- QUIET. THANK YOU. MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS
4 FACE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT MAKE SAVING MONEY MORE
5 DIFFICULT. ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE, 12 PERCENT OF
6 ADULTS WOULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH SAVINGS TO COVER UNEXPECTED
7 EXPENSES OF \$400. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 43 PERCENT OF
8 RESIDENTS LACK ENOUGH SAVINGS TO SUBSIST IN THE POVERTY LEVEL
9 THREE MONTHS WITHOUT INCOME. SPECIFIC DEMOGRAPHICS ARE MORE
10 VULNERABLE TO THE HARDSHIPS FROM A LACK OF SAVINGS. WOMEN ARE
11 80 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO LIVE IN POVERTY THAN MEN, AND 75
12 PERCENT OF SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE NO PERSONAL SAVINGS AND
13 INSTEAD RELY ENTIRELY ON THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY. TO ADDRESS
14 THIS GROWING CONCERN, THE F.D.I.C.'S LOS ANGELES ALLIANCE FOR
15 ECONOMIC INCLUSION LAUNCHED L.A. SAVES WEEK. L.A. SAVES IS
16 SUPPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS
17 CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, LOCAL NONPROFIT
18 ORGANIZATIONS, AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. TOGETHER, THEY
19 ENCOURAGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR ECONOMIC
20 CHALLENGES BY PRIORITIZING THEIR SAVINGS. THIS REGIONAL
21 ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN EDUCATES RESIDENTS AND SUPPORTS THEIR
22 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO MAKE SAVING A
23 PART OF THEIR ROUTINE. WHEN WE TAKE THE L.A. SERVES PLEDGE, WE
24 BECOME PART OF A GROWING EFFORT TO MAKE L.A. COUNTY MORE
25 FINANCIALLY EMPOWERED. ADEQUATE SAVINGS ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF

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1 SOUND FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ASSET BUILDING. HAVING ENOUGH
2 MONEY SAVED HELPS US SURVIVE FINANCIAL SETBACKS AND AVOID
3 HARMFUL LOANS. TO ATTEST TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SAVINGS, WE ARE
4 JOINED BY A FEW MEMBERS OF L.A. SAVINGS PROGRAM. MARIE -- I'M
5 SORRY, MARY SALINAS DURANS SERVES AS A SENIOR COMMUNITY
6 AFFAIRS SPECIALIST FOR THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
7 CORPORATION, AND CHUNYEN CHEN IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
8 ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND. MARY AND CHUNYEN ARE LONGTIME
9 CHAMPIONS IN THE FIELD OF ASSET BUILDING AND HAVE SPEARHEADED
10 CREATIVE WAYS TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SAVE AND
11 TO INVEST. WITH THEIR HELP, THE L.A. SAVES CAMPAIGN CONTINUES
12 TO MOTIVATE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES TO SAVE MONEY,
13 REDUCE DEBT, AND BUILD WEALTH. AFTER TAKING A PLEDGE OF
14 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY, L.A. SAVES PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE TIPS
15 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT AND REMINDERS ABOUT ACHIEVING THEIR
16 ECONOMIC GOALS. THESE PRACTICES HELPED L.A. SAVES REACH
17 THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS EACH YEAR. THIS YEAR, THEY HOPE TO HAVE
18 EVEN MORE TAKE PART IN THIS INCREDIBLE PROGRAM. IT TRULY IS A
19 PRIVILEGE TO CELEBRATE L.A. SAVES WEEK WITH YOU, AND I
20 ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO TAKE THIS PLEDGE. IT
21 IS OKAY TO START SMALL, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO START THINKING BIG.
22 EVERY LITTLE BIT OF SAVINGS WILL HELP. VISIT AMERICASAVES.ORG.
23 AGAIN, VISIT AMERICASAVES.ORG TO TAKE THE PLEDGE. YOU'LL FIND
24 THE STRATEGIES TO HELP YOU SAVE, ADVICE FOR GETTING OUT OF
25 DEBT, AND EVEN FUN INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MONEY PERSONALITY

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1 TYPE. TO SAVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, THERE ARE
2 EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS NEXT WEEK AT LOCAL LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WANT TO MAKE THIS ACCESSIBLE TO
4 EVERYBODY YOU. YOU CAN VISIT D.C.B.A.'S WEBSITE AT
5 DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV FOR LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
6 I WANT TO THANK D.C.B.A., JOE NIKITA, MARY, AND CHUNYEN FOR
7 JOINING US TODAY AND FOR ENCOURAGING US TO THINK AHEAD ON
8 FINANCIAL PLANNING AND FOR PEACE OF MIND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
9 FOR HELPING TO EMPOWER AND LET PEOPLE KNOW NO MATTER HOW MUCH
10 THEY SET ASIDE, NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT
11 COMES TO FINANCIAL LITERACY. SO THANK YOU. LET'S GIVE THEM A
12 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE].

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. SUPERVISOR BARGER,
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THANK YOU TO THE
16 ENTIRE BOARD FOR DECLARING L. A. SAVES WEEK EVERY FOURTH WEEK
17 OF FEBRUARY, AND REALLY THE SUPERVISOR SAID IT ALL. I JUST
18 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AGAIN, MY TEAM, DONISHA SMITH AND ALEX
19 RODRIGUEZ HERE IN THE CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. AND
20 HOPEFULLY EVERYBODY HITS THE WEBSITE, TAKES THE PLEDGE. SAVING
21 A LITTLE MEANS A LOT. AND IF YOU CHECK OUT YOUR MONEY PROFILE,
22 I'M A SPENDER. CHECK OUT WHAT YOU ARE [LAUGHTER]. SO I
23 ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO TAKE THE PLEDGE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

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1 **MARY SALINAS STURON:** I'M MARY SALINAS STURON. AND I WOULD LIKE
2 TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR ANGELENOS TO SAVE, AND, AS IT WAS
3 SAID, EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT, LAST
4 YEAR, \$1.8 MILLION WERE SAVED BY ANGELENOS. SO GO TO
5 L.A.H.S.A.VES.ORG AND PLEDGE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW, I'M EXCITED TO CELEBRATE SOME OF
10 THE MOST TALENTED AND DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT TODAY. THE K9 UNIT IS PROUDLY MADE UP OF 6 TEAMS
12 WHO ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING CITIES IN THE INCORPORATED AREAS
13 ALL OVER THE COUNTY. THEY PATROL COUNTY BUILDINGS, HOSPITALS,
14 PARKS, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THEY ALSO TEACH COUNTY
15 EMPLOYEES FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING, BOMB THREATS, AND
16 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. TODAY, I'M HONORED TO RECOGNIZE TWO
17 SERGEANTS AND ONE OF THEIR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS FOR THEIR
18 INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO THE K9 UNIT. DEPUTY NICOLAS CASTELLANOS
19 HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO SERGEANT AFTER SERVING WITH THE K9 UNIT
20 SINCE 2014. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FAMILY SINCE 2000. HE AND HIS CANINE
22 PARTNERS, XENA, WHO IS HERE -- CORRECT, THIS IS XENA? -- AND
23 DEUCE, HAVE CONDUCTED MORE THAN 500 SWEEPS FOR EXPLOSIVE
24 MATERIALS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HAVE RECOVERED 5
25 OUTSTANDING FIREARMS USED IN CRIMES. HE HAS USED HIS EXPERTISE

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1 TO SERVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EDUCATING
2 MORE THAN 5,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES ABOUT ACTIVE SHOOTER
3 SITUATIONS, SUSPICIOUS AND UNATTENDED PACKAGES, AND BOMB
4 THREATS. HE HAS RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTINGUISHED AWARD
5 FOR HIS ROLE IN TRAININGS AND RECEIVED THE LIFE SAVINGS AWARD
6 FOR HIS BRAVE ACTIONS TO SAVE A COMMUNITY MEMBER WITH A MENTAL
7 ILLNESS ATTEMPTING SUICIDE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 SERVICE, SERGEANT, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR BRAVERY AND
9 DEDICATION, AND WE WISH XENA -- NO, XENA IS NOT RETIRING. XENA
10 IS VERY MUCH GOING TO BE INVOLVED, BUT WE WISH YOU MUCH
11 SUCCESS MOVING FORWARD. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
12 APPLAUSE. SHE IS TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE. HOW OLD IS SHE? SHE IS
13 ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD. SHE HAS GOT A LOT OF TIME LEFT IN HER.
14 SHE IS VERY SWEET. AND NOW, I'M EXCITED TO RECOGNIZE SERGEANT
15 BRADLEY FEDER AND HIS CANINE PARTNER, FURY, FOR THEIR SERVICE.
16 WE WILL GIVE FURY AND SERGEANT FEDER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [
17 APPLAUSE]. SERGEANT FEDER JOINED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN
18 2006 AND HAS SERVED IN THE K9 UNIT SINCE 2014. I'M GRATEFUL
19 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS PROMOTION TO
20 SERGEANT AND TO WISH FURY A VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT. THEY HAVE
21 BECOME THE DYNAMIC DUO. IN 2015, FEDER AND FURY FOUND A WEAPON
22 THAT WAS USED IN AN ATTEMPTED DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN
23 BELLFLOWER. ANOTHER K9 TEAM RESPONDED DAYS PRIOR BUT WERE NOT
24 ABLE TO LOCATE THE WEAPON. NO TASK WAS TOO BIG FOR FEDER AND
25 FURY, AND THE TWO USED THEIR SKILLS TO LOCATE THE WEAPON,

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1 EARNING A SPECIAL COMMENDATION FOR THEIR SEARCH. AMONG THEIR
2 OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, FEDER AND FURY -- I DON'T KNOW WHY --
3 THEY TOLD ME NOT TO SAY FURRY, AND NOW I'M SAYING FURRY --
4 FURY HAVE RECOVERED 7 FIREARMS, CONDUCTED MORE THAN 500 SWEEPS
5 FOR EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, AND LED TRAININGS FOR MORE THAN 5,000
6 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AS BOTH SERGEANT FEDER AND CASTELLANOS
7 EMBARK ON THEIR NEW ROLES, IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE THANK THEM FOR
8 THEIR DEDICATION TO THE K9 UNIT. THEIR BRAVERY AND
9 DETERMINATION HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY MADE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 COMMUNITIES SAFER. I WANT TO WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK BOTH
11 IN RETIREMENT AND IN ACTIVE DUTY AS YOU MOVE FORWARD KEEPING
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT. THIS IS
13 SOMETHING THAT MANY TIMES THE K9S AND OUR UNITS GO
14 UNRECOGNIZED, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE JUST
15 WHAT A COMMITMENT IT IS BY OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ON UP TO
16 TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AND CONTINUE THE TRAINING, WHICH IT TAKES
17 A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT AND LOVE. SO, WITH THAT, LET'S GIVE
18 THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE].

19
20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THAT WAS IT, ALL RIGHT. SO WHILE WE'RE
23 ON DOGS, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MADELINE. MADELINE
24 IS A GERMAN SHEPHERD HUSKY MIX, SO MADELINE IS GOING TO BE A
25 BIG DOG. MADELINE IS ONLY TWO MONTHS OLD, FEMALE, BUT ALSO

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1 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT OUR ANIMAL SHELTER IN DOWNEY, 562-
2 728-4610. AND THERE ARE MANY MORE MADELINE'S OUT THERE TO BE
3 ADOPTED, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO EITHER GO ONLINE OR IN
4 PERSON TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS TO ADOPT. SO YEAH, THIS IS GOING
5 TO BE A BIG DOG, A SHEPHERD-HUSKY MIX. WE HAVE NO CAT TODAY.
6 NO CAT. ALL RIGHT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE
7 CALL THE AGENDA NOW THAT PRESENTATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
10 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL
11 DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX EXEMPT
14 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
16 EXCEED \$15 MILLION TO FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION,
17 CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF A 34 UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL
18 HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. ON ITEM 1D, A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 2D
20 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
21 ISSUANCE OF A TAX EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS BY
22 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE
23 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8 MILLION TO FINANCE THE SITE
24 ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF EL MONTE METRO
25 APARTMENTS, A 28 UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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1 IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE. ON ITEM 2D MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 4, THIS IS THE AGENDA
3 FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEMS 1P AND
4 2P MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
5 PAGE 5 CONSENT CALENDAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-17. ON
6 ITEM 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE
7 HELD. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 2 INCLUDES A REVISION AS
9 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 3, A MEMBER OF
10 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 4, A
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 4
12 INCLUDES AS REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
13 ON ITEM 5, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 HELD. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS REQUEST TO
15 REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2 TO STATE THAT THE BOARD INPUT SHALL
16 BE INCLUDED ON PRIORITIZATION OF STAFF POSITION FOR THE
17 INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION AND THAT THE HIRING OF STAFF POSITIONS
18 FOR GRIEVANCES AND ASSESSMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE BOARD APPROVAL
19 OF THE PROPOSED GRIEVANCE PROCESS. THE REVISED MOTION IS
20 AVAILABLE AT THE RAIL, AND ON THIS ITEM, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
21 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7 AND 8, SUPERVISOR
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE
23 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 9-12, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
24 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS

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1 14-18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC -- I'M SORRY, 14-17, MEMBERS OF
2 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 16,
3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 18-85, ON ITEM 18, A MEMBER OF
4 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES
5 TO ITEM 23, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME
6 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEMS BE
8 HELD. ON ITEM 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
9 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THIS ITEM INCLUDES A REVISION AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS VOTING NO, AND MEMBERS OF
13 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 23, A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS
15 24, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 25-36, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 37, THE FIRE CHIEF
18 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT. ON
19 ITEMS 38-42, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
20 HELD. ON PAGE 29, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
21 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
22 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEMS 43A AND
23 43B, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
24 THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 43B ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
3 EXCEPTIONS AS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THAT WILL BE THE
4 ORDER.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 30, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
7 ITEMS 46-48, ITEMS 46 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
8 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8 CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND
9 WAGE REGULATIONS CHAPTER 8.52 BY CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS,
10 PERMITTED RENT INCREASES, AND APPLICATIONS FOR RENT
11 ADJUSTMENT, PERMITTED PASS THROUGH RECOVERY OF COST TO
12 TERMINATION, AND TENDENCIES OF PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES TO BE
13 IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY. ON ITEM 46, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD
14 LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS VOTING NO, AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER
15 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 48 IS
16 AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8
17 CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATION CHAPTER 8.57
18 BY CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED RENT INCREASES, AND
19 APPLICATIONS FOR RENT ADJUSTMENT, PERMITTED PASS THROUGH
20 RECOVERY OF COST REGISTRATION OF MOBILE HOME PARK PROCEDURES
21 AND GUIDELINES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY. ON ITEM 47,
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS NO. AND ON THIS
23 ITEM, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
24 ITEM 48 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE
25 TITLE 32 FIRE CODE TO REPEAL PORTIONS OF THE FIRE CODE THAT

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1 INCORPORATE PORTIONS OF THE 2016 ADDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA
2 FIRE CODE AND REPLACING IT BY INCORPORATING THE 2019 ADDITIONS
3 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODES WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND
4 AMENDMENTS. AND ON ITEM 48, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 32, SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEMS 49 IS A
6 REQUEST TO APPOINT NORMA GARCIA TO THE ROLE OF ACTING DIRECTOR
7 OF PARKS AND RECREATION EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2020, AT AN ANNUAL
8 SALARY OF \$257,082. ON ITEM 49 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 33, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ON ITEM
10 50, THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS REQUESTS
11 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 26, 2020 AS INDICATED ON THE
12 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
13 MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

14
15 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
16 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
18 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
19 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
21 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
22 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
23 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
24 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
25 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE

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

20
21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, LET ME TELL YOU THE PLAN FOR
22 TODAY. WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEMS 19, 13, AND 24 FOLLOWED BY
23 ITEMS 2, 7, 8, THEN ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND FINISHING
24 WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF THE SPEAKERS ON SOME
25 OF THE ITEMS, THE PERIOD OF TIME TO ALLOWED TO SPEAK IS GOING

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1 TO BE ONE MINUTE. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL ANNOUNCE THAT AS
2 YOU ARE COMING UP, BUT IT IS BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS
3 THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SPEAKING ON VARIOUS ITEMS. SO WITH
4 THAT, LET'S BEGIN WITH ITEM 19, WHICH WAS HELD BY MYSELF.
5 WE'RE GOING TO NOW HEAR FROM PHIL ANSELL, WHO IS GOING TO COME
6 UP, BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A FEW
7 COMMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK L.A.H.S.A. FOR LEADING TODAY'S
8 PRESENTATION ALONGSIDE THE PARTNERS FROM ACROSS ALL COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENTS. ONE DRIVING FACTOR FOR MY MOTION WAS SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS LAST WEEK WAS TO PROVIDE MORE CLARITY AROUND
11 L.A.H.S.A.'S STRUCTURE AND REALLY THEIR FUNCTION. ANOTHER WAS
12 TO ENHANCE STRUCTURES FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNICATION. IT
13 IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE DISCUSS COMPLEX SYSTEM-WIDE PROBLEMS
14 WITH THE DELIVERY OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN A PUBLIC FORUM. THE
15 UNDERUTILIZATION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS AND
16 SOLUTIONS BEING PUT IN PLACE TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM IS WHAT WE
17 NEED TO FOCUS ON TODAY AND IS WHAT I'M HEARING FROM MY
18 COMMUNITIES AS I GO OUT INTO THE DISTRICT. WHILE THE COUNTY
19 CONTINUES TO LOOK AT THE OPTIONS FOR ENHANCED GOVERNANCE,
20 PERFORMANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY STRUCTURES AT
21 L.A.H.S.A. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT EFFORTS ALREADY
22 UNDERWAY BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME EFFORTS UNDERWAY
23 TO RETHINK HOW L.A.H.S.A. IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING SERVICE AND
24 TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE ON THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES. IN
25 THE COMING WEEKS, WE WILL HEAR UPDATES FROM L.A.H.S.A. AD HOC

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1 COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AS WELL AS PROGRESS REPORTS ON THEIR
2 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN. I'M ENCOURAGED BY THESE ACTIONS
3 THAT L.A.H.S.A. HAS INDEPENDENTLY PURSUED OUTSIDE OF THE
4 MOTION THAT WE BROUGHT IN AND OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE CITY OF L.A.
5 IS ASKING. BUT, AS AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES A SIGNIFICANT
6 AMOUNT OF BUDGET, APPROXIMATELY \$244 MILLION OF MEASURE H
7 FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR '19-'20, AND \$204 MILLION THE YEAR
8 BEFORE, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SERIOUSLY EXAMINE HOW
9 EFFECTIVELY THESE FUNDS ARE MOVING THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. AND INTO
10 THE COMMUNITY. WITH THAT BEING SAID, WE WILL GO AHEAD AND HEAR
11 TODAY'S PRESENTATION AND THEN CONTINUE WITH REMARKS AND
12 QUESTIONS. I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WANT TO WAIT FOR THE
13 PRESENTATION? BUT AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.
14 THIS IS REALLY -- I GOT FEEDBACK LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
15 FROM THE MOTION THAT WE BROUGHT IN FROM SOME OF MY COMMUNITY
16 REPRESENTATIVES AND ELECTEDS WHO ARE THANKING THIS BOARD FOR
17 RECOGNIZING THAT, WHILE IT WAS NOT A FACT THAT IT WAS L.A.
18 CITY CENTRIC AS IT RELATED TO THE FUNDING GOING OUT. THEY FEEL
19 LIKE THEY NOW HAVE A VOICE AND THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE PART
20 OF THE DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF HOW WE ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS ON A
21 COUNTY-WIDE BASIS BECAUSE, AS I SAID, SOMETIMES PERCEPTION
22 BECOMES A REALITY FOR PEOPLE OUT THERE, AND THE PERCEPTION WAS
23 THAT THEY WERE NOT BEING HEARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU. I DON'T
24 KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST. PHIL?

25

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1 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR
2 SCHEDULING TODAY'S PRESENTATION. TODAY'S PRESENTATION WILL BE
3 -- THE LEAD WILL BE HEIDI MARSTON, THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE
4 DIRECTOR FROM L.A.H.S.A. SHE IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORE
5 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING FUNDING THAT PROVIDES PERMANENT
7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, SHERI TARDAROFF, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 SERVICES, MARIA FUNK, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
9 EMILIO SALAS, FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
10 AUTHORITY, AND DOUG GUTHRIE, THE HEAD OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
11 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THESE ORGANIZATIONS COLLECTIVELY
12 ADMINISTER MULTIPLE FUNDING STREAMS, TWO LARGELY FEDERAL
13 FUNDING STREAMS, THAT PROVIDE RENTAL SUBSIDIES AND SERVICES
14 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSCORE THAT THE
15 FUNDING THAT IS THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION IS NOT
16 MEASURE H. FUNDING, BUT RATHER IS PRINCIPALLY FEDERAL FUNDING
17 USED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE
18 TO TURN IT OVER TO HEIDI MARSTON.

19
20 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THANK YOU, PHIL, AND THANK YOU FOR THE
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COME AND SPEAK WITH YOU. WE ARE REALLY
22 EXCITED TO TALK ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WHAT WE ARE DOING
23 COLLECTIVELY AS A SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING
24 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE VALUABLE
25 PRECIOUS RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE. SO PHIL BRIEFLY ALLUDED TO

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1 THIS, BUT I DO WANT TO GIVE A CHANCE FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO
2 INTRODUCE THEMSELVES. AND THEN I'LL KIND OF GUIDE US THROUGH
3 THE PRESENTATION. FUNDAMENTALLY, HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND,
4 WHICH IS WHAT YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT TODAY, IS A PARTNERSHIP. IT IS
5 FACILITATED AND WAS INITIATED BY L.A.H.S.A. AND ALL OF THE
6 PARTNERS HERE AT THE TABLE ARE BOUGHT INTO THIS A HUNDRED
7 PERCENT, AND WE ALL AGREE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT THING AND THE
8 RIGHT APPROACH FOR OUR SYSTEM TO BE TAKING. SO AGAIN, WE'RE
9 EAGER TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU. OTHER PARTNERS WHO ARE NOT HERE
10 TODAY BUT WHO ARE AN ACTIVE PART OF THIS PROCESS IS THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AS HOLDERS OF A GOOD NUMBER OF
12 OUR FEDERAL RESOURCES, AS WELL AS UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS
13 ANGELES AND THE L.A. CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE. AND WITH THAT, I
14 WILL GO DOWN AND LET THE TEAM INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

15

16 **EMILIO SALAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EMILIO SALAS, THE EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

18

19 **DOUG GUTHRIE:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M DOUG GUTHRIE, THE
20 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF
21 LOS ANGELES.

22

23 **MARIA FUNK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MARIA FUNK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
24 HOUSING AND JOB DEVELOPMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
25 HEALTH.

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2 **CHERI TODOROFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHERI TODOROFF, THE DIRECTOR
3 OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

4

5 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THANK YOU. SO TO KICK US OFF, WE HAVE A FEW
6 SLIDES TO FRAME OUT WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON AND THEN WE WOULD
7 LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND GO DOWN ANY
8 DIRECTION THAT YOU ALL DEEM REASONABLE. SO THE FIRST PIECE IS
9 REALLY JUST TO GROUND US IN WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND WHEN
10 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AS IT RELATES
11 TO HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND. SO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
12 CAN MEAN A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. I THINK LANGUAGE IS
13 SOMETHING THAT WE'VE TAKEN AWAY FROM THIS PROCESS IN SPEAKING
14 ON THE SAME TERMS. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT P.S.H., WE ARE REALLY
15 TALKING ABOUT HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLUS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
16 EQUALS P.S.H. UNDERNEATH HERE IN THE ORANGE AND THE BLUE, YOU
17 SEE THAT THAT COULD MEAN A PROJECT-BASED RESOURCE WHERE WE
18 HAVE A DEDICATED UNIT WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TIED IN. IT
19 COULD ALSO MEAN A TENANT-BASED UNIT, WHICH WOULD BE LIKE A
20 VOUCHER SOMEBODY HAS IN THEIR HAND, A MARKET RATE APARTMENT
21 THEY NEED TO FIND, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. BUT FOR THE
22 PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION, P.S.H. WILL REFER TO ALL OF
23 THESE PIECES THAT WE ARE TRYING TO BRING TOGETHER IN THE MOST
24 EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE. SO FRAMING OUT THE PROBLEM THAT WE
25 HAVE COME TOGETHER TO SOLVE, WE HAVE A LACK OF UNIFIED

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1 UNDERSTANDING OF OUR P.S.H. RESOURCES, MEANING THERE ARE A LOT
2 OF WAYS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY THAT WE RECEIVE FUNDING AND A LOT
3 OF WAYS WE PROVIDE SERVICES AND FUNDING FOR P.S.H. THE CHART
4 ON THE LEFT IS INTENDED TO BE A VISUAL OF ALL THE DIFFERENT
5 RESOURCES, BE IT STATE, LOCAL, OR FEDERAL, THAT WE RECEIVE IN.
6 I THINK COLLECTIVELY, THERE IS A GOOD UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT
7 EACH ENTITY OWNS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF L.A.C.D.A. OWNS A
8 PORTION OF THAT PORTFOLIO, L.A.C.D.A. HAS A GREAT HANDLE ON
9 THAT. BUT IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT THE ENTIRE PICTURE, WE KNOW
10 OUR PIECE OF THE PIE, BUT WE ARE NOT LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PIE
11 COLLECTIVELY. SO THE INTENTION OF HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND IS
12 TO BRING THAT UNIVERSAL UNDERSTANDING SO THAT WE ARE LOOKING
13 AT HOW ALL OF OUR RESOURCES INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER,
14 REGARDLESS OF WHO FUNDS THEM OR WHO ADMINISTERS THEM. WHAT'S
15 DRIVING UNDERUTILIZATION ACROSS OUR SYSTEM AND ACROSS OUR
16 RESOURCES FOR P.S.H. IS A NUMBER OF FACTORS, SOME OF WHICH WE
17 HAVE DIRECT CONTROL OVER, OTHERS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF OUR
18 CONTROL. THE VARIOUS FUNDERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IS CERTAINLY A
19 CHALLENGE WHICH IS WHY HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND WAS CREATED,
20 BUT OF COURSE IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT A LOW VACANCY RATE,
21 ESPECIALLY IN OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, WHETHER OR NOT
22 OUR HOUSING SUBSIDIES ARE APPEALING TO LANDLORDS, ALL OF THOSE
23 THINGS ARE ALSO MAJOR DRIVERS INTO UNDERUTILIZATION, BUT WE
24 ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT COLLECTIVELY WE HAVE AN
25 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND THAT WE'RE DOING

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1 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS ACROSS OUR
2 WHOLE SYSTEM TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO MOVE
3 SOMEBODY FROM THE SIDEWALK INTO A UNIT. AND SO WITH THAT, WE
4 ARE BRINGING HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND FORWARD, AND ESSENTIALLY,
5 HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND PULLS ALL OF US TOGETHER THROUGH A
6 CRISIS RESPONSE LENS. WHEN THE IDENTIFIED ISSUE OF
7 UNDERUTILIZATION CAME TO THE FOREFRONT IN NOVEMBER, WE MADE A
8 CALL TO H.U.D. TO SAY WE NEED TO TREAT THIS LIKE A DISASTER.
9 IN TIMES LIKE HURRICANE HARVEY OR HURRICANE FLORENCE, H.U.D.
10 WORKS WITH CONTRACTED STAFF TO SEND THEM OUT TO THOSE AFFECTED
11 AREAS IN TIMES WHEN A NATURAL DISASTER HAS CAUSED MANY PEOPLE
12 TO BE UNHOUSED VERY QUICKLY. SO THE IDEA HERE IS TO TAKE THAT
13 SAME APPROACH. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE
14 REHOUSED VERY QUICKLY. SO BRING THE DISASTER RESPONSE LENS TO
15 CENTRAL COMMAND TO HELP US ANSWER THESE THREE QUESTIONS AS A
16 SYSTEM. HOW MANY P.S.H. UNITS AND SUBSIDIES ARE AVAILABLE IN
17 L.A. COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF WHO OWNS THEM AND WHO IS FUNDING
18 THEM? HOW ARE THEY BEING UTILIZED, AND WHERE ARE THEY? AND
19 WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO RAPIDLY ADDRESS, MATCH, AND
20 HOUSE PEOPLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AGAIN, REGARDLESS OF WHO
21 IS ADMINISTERING THOSE RESOURCES? OUR GOAL THROUGH HOUSING
22 CENTRAL COMMAND COLLECTIVELY IS TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME
23 IT TAKES TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO HOUSING, TO INCREASE OUR
24 UTILIZATION. IF WE HAVE AVAILABLE RESOURCES, WE SHOULD BE
25 USING THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY ACHIEVING REAL-TIME

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1 KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE ARE OUR UNITS, WHERE ARE THEY VACANT, SO WE
2 ALL HAVE A COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING. ENGAGING OUR LANDLORDS, A
3 LOT OF THAT WORK HAS STARTED, BUT ACCELERATING THAT,
4 EFFICIENTLY PRIORITIZING PEOPLE WHO NEED P.S.H. P.S.H.
5 REPRESENTS OUR MOST EXPENSIVE RESOURCE AND OUR MOST PRECIOUS
6 RESOURCE, SO REALLY MAKING SURE WE ARE TARGETING TO VULNERABLE
7 PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT VERY INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT. AND
8 SIMPLIFYING THE PROCESSES THAT WE OWN. SO SIMPLIFYING THE
9 HOUSING APPLICATION PROCESS AND SIMPLIFYING WHAT IT TAKES TO
10 GET SOMEBODY INTO A UNIT. OUR FUNDAMENTAL GOAL IS 95 PERCENT
11 UTILIZATION OF ALL OF OUR P.S.H. RESOURCES, AGAIN, REGARDLESS
12 OF WHO OWNS THEM, WITH REAL-TIME KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE WE ARE
13 RELATIVE TO THAT GOAL. A COUPLE OF MILESTONES WE WANTED TO
14 FLAG, WE ARE ONLY IN, AS I SAID, THIS STARTED IN DECEMBER. WE
15 ARE ONLY IN FEBRUARY, BUT A LOT OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.
16 FIRST HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENSUS ON DIGITAL DOCUMENTATION
17 REQUIREMENTS, SO FORMERLY THERE'S A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF
18 WHAT WAS REQUIRED AND WHAT COULD BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY
19 VERSUS HARD COPY. SO OFTEN TIMES, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
20 HOMELESSNESS WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE HARD COPIES OF THEIR
21 DOCUMENTS WITH THEM, LIKE A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, TO BRING TO
22 GET THEIR HOUSING APPLICATIONS. THAT'S NO LONGER THE CASE. WE
23 STORE THINGS ELECTRONICALLY NOW. DOCUMENTS CAN BE EMAILED AND
24 ARE HOUSED IN A CENTRALIZED SYSTEM SO THAT ONCE WE HAVE IT, WE
25 HAVE IT. A BIG EFFICIENCY, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR CASE MANAGERS ON

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1 THE GROUND WHO ARE TRYING TO GET THESE FOLKS MOVED THROUGH.
2 L.A.H.S.A. MAINTAINS A SYSTEM CALLED R.M.S., THE RESOURCE
3 MANAGEMENT INVENTORY, WHICH IS INTENDED TO GIVE US A FULL
4 PICTURE OF ALL RESOURCES. SINCE WE HAVE STARTED THE PROCESS
5 AND COMPARING NOTES ACROSS AGENCIES, WE'VE IDENTIFIED 3,000
6 ADDITIONAL INVENTORY UNITS, NOT VACANT, BUT ADDITIONAL
7 RESOURCES THAT WEREN'T KNOWN TO THE WHOLE SYSTEM. THEY WERE
8 KNOWN TO PARTS OF US. SO BASICALLY BY COMPARING OUR NOTES,
9 WE'RE ALL WORKING NOW FROM THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING
10 OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND WHAT'S NOT SO WE CAN
11 AGAIN REHOUSE PEOPLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE THIRD
12 ACCOMPLISHMENT WE WANT TO FLAG IS THAT DISABILITY
13 DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT EXPIRE. PRIOR TO THIS, SOMEBODY WHO WAS
14 DEEMED PERMANENTLY DISABLED WAS HAVING TO GO BACK TO THE
15 DOCTOR EVERY 45 DAYS TO GET RECERTIFICATION THAT THEY WERE
16 DISABLED. THERE IS NO NEED TO DO THAT IF YOU ARE PERMANENTLY
17 DISABLED. SO OUR HOUSING AUTHORITIES HAVE ELIMINATED THAT
18 BARRIER. AND AGAIN, THESE ARE THINGS WHEN WE'RE TAKING THIS TO
19 THE COMMUNITY, TO OUR PROVIDERS, OUR CASE MANAGERS, IT IS LIKE
20 STANDING OVATIONS BECAUSE THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT
21 GET IN THE WAY AND EFFICIENCIES WE GAIN BY JUST SITTING AT THE
22 TABLE TOGETHER. AND THEN LASTLY, I WANTED TO GO THROUGH THE
23 TIMELINE. IN NOVEMBER, WE IDENTIFIED THIS URGENT NEED FOR
24 UNDERUTILIZATION. IT WAS INITIALLY DRIVEN BY OUR CONTINUUM OF
25 CARE, WHICH IS A FEDERAL RESOURCE, BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO LIMIT

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1 IT IN SCOPE. WE WANTED TO LOOK AT ALL OF OUR RESOURCES
2 COMPREHENSIVELY TO IDENTIFY WHAT IS OUR UNIVERSE. IN DECEMBER,
3 ALL THE SYSTEM PARTNERS STARTED MEETING, AND THAT IS EVERY
4 SINGLE DAY FOR TWO HOURS AT L.A.H.S.A. AT THE TABLE IN A WAR
5 ROOM MODEL LED BY OUR DISASTER RESPONSE EXPERTS FROM ACROSS
6 THE COUNTRY, NOT ONLY LOOKING AT WHAT THE CHALLENGES ARE, BUT
7 BRINGING OUR DATA AND OUR I.T. FOLKS TO BUILD OUT SYSTEMS THAT
8 CAN SUPPORT THIS SO OUR SYSTEMS CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER, AND
9 WHETHER YOU GO TO L.A.H.S.A. OR D. H. S., WE HAVE THE SAME
10 ACCESS TO INFORMATION. A LOT OF JANUARY WAS SPENT BUILDING
11 THOSE THINGS OUT, BUILDING FEEDBACK LOOPS SO THAT THERE'S
12 REDUNDANCIES, AND WE DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON HUMAN INPUT AS MUCH
13 AS WE HISTORICALLY DID. AND STARTING THIS WEEK, WE ARE DOING
14 ON THE GROUND TESTING, SO OUR TEAMS ARE MOVING INTO PROVIDER
15 SPACE IN S.P.A.S 4 AND 7 TO WORK WITH OUR PROVIDERS ON WHO IS
16 ON YOUR LIST IN THIS S.P.A. THAT SAYS THEY ARE MATCHED TO A
17 RESOURCE. LET'S FIND THEM. LET'S GET THEM READY, AND LET'S
18 MOVE THEM IN AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND LET'S TRACK THAT TO
19 SEE WHERE WE CAN BRING ALL OF THESE EFFICIENCIES TO SCALE. AND
20 THEN FINALLY, WE'LL SCALE THAT ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. SO
21 AGAIN, I KNOW THAT WAS KIND OF A BRIEF OVERVIEW, BUT I HAVE MY
22 COLLEAGUES HERE, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT
23 YOU HAVE.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS WANTS TO ASK A
2 QUESTION, BUT CAN YOU JUST FOR THE HOUSING COMPONENT, THE
3 VOUCHERS VERSUS THE ACTUAL DOLLARS BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S THIS
4 CONCEPTION THAT WE HAVE SENT BACK VOUCHERS, THAT WE DIDN'T USE
5 THE VOUCHERS. BUT IN FACT, WE SPENT ALL THE MONEY. SO COULD WE
6 GET A CLARIFICATION BOTH FROM COUNTY AND CITY BECAUSE BOTH
7 WERE ACCUSED OF SENDING BACK VOUCHERS WHEN, IN FACT, IT IS
8 KIND OF MISLEADING IN TERMS OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

9

10 **EMILIO SALAS:** IN TERMS OF HOW IT WORKS, WE GET AN ALLOCATION
11 OF FUNDING AND ALSO SLOTS THAT CORRESPOND TO THAT FUNDING. SO
12 IF THERE IS UNDERUTILIZATION OF THE GRANT, THE FUNDS GET
13 RETURNED TO H.U.D., GET RETURNED TO A POOL IN WHICH WE
14 REAPPLY FOR THOSE FUNDS. WE DO NOT LOSE THOSE SLOTS, PER SE.
15 WHEN WE GET GRANTS THE FOLLOWING YEAR, IN FACT WITH THE YEAR
16 IN QUESTION, IN 2017 WITH THE UNDERUTILIZATION, THE FOLLOWING
17 YEAR, WE ACTUALLY RECEIVED A LARGER GRANT. SO THOSE SLOTS OR
18 THOSE CERTIFICATES, PER SE, ARE NOT LOST. THEY ARE RETAINED
19 WITHIN THE CONTINUUM.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES, I BELIEVE THAT HE WAS REALLY REFERRING TO THE
22 CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDING, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN SECTION 8
23 VOUCHERS BECAUSE SECTION 8 VOUCHERS CAN BE USED FOR A NUMBER
24 OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT
25 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, LONG TERM CONTRACTS, SECTION 8,

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1 ALTOGETHER, WE'RE PROVIDING COMMITMENTS TO OVER 20,000 UNITS
2 FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGH ALL THESE DIFFERENT
3 RESOURCES. AND MUCH OF THAT COMES FROM OUR REGULAR SECTION 8
4 PROGRAM. LAST YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, WE SPENT 101 PERCENT OF THE
5 BUDGET IN THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. WE HAD TO GO INTO RESERVES TO
6 MEET THE CURRENT COMMITMENTS WE HAD OUTSTANDING. HOWEVER,
7 WE'RE AUTHORIZED TO DO A NUMBER OF UNITS. WE DIDN'T HAVE
8 ENOUGH MONEY TO DO THESE UNITS. SO WE ONLY UTILIZED 91 PERCENT
9 OF OUR AUTHORIZED UNIT, BUT WE SPENT 101 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET
10 ON THAT UNDER THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. THE TWO OTHER DIFFERENT
11 PROGRAMS, THE CONTINUUM OF CARE I THINK IS WHAT WAS BEING
12 DISCUSSED IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED. WE GET
13 ANNUAL GRANTS THAT GET STAGGERED, AND IT IS A MORE DIFFICULT
14 POPULATION TO PLACE, AND AS WE WERE SAYING, WE HAVEN'T BEEN
15 ABLE TO FULLY UTILIZE THE CONTINUUM OF CARE. FOR INSTANCE, IN
16 THE 2018 PROGRAM, FOR H.A.C.L.A., WE -- WE HAVE GOT GRANTS,
17 ABOUT 58 GRANTS, TALLING \$56 MILLION, I BELIEVE IT IS. WE
18 PROJECT WE WILL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE 84 PERCENT OF THE UNITS
19 THAT WERE ALLOCATED UNDER THOSE GRANTS, BUT 77.5 PERCENT OF
20 THE BUDGET, AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR THAT. AND SO
21 THAT'S, THAT'S A CHALLENGING PROGRAM AND ONE I'M SURE WE'LL
22 TALK ABOUT A LITTLE BIT MORE HERE. AND THEN FINALLY, THERE'S
23 THE V.A.S.H. PROGRAM WITH VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, AND THAT'S ALSO A
24 CHALLENGING PROGRAM FOR US. AT H.A.C.L.A., WE'RE AUTHORIZED TO
25 DO 4,600 UNITS OF V.A.S.H., HOWEVER, WE'VE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO

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1 UTILIZE, I BELIEVE IT'S 68 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET ON V.A.S.H.,
2 AND THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THERE IS WE CANNOT HOUSE IF WE DON'T
3 GET REFERRALS FROM THE V.A., AND SO, REFERRALS FROM THE V.A.
4 HAVE BEEN WAY BEHIND WHAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PROCESS THOSE.
5 WE NEED MORE REFERRALS, AND THAT'S A HISTORICAL PROBLEM NOT
6 JUST IN L.A., BUT IT'S A HISTORICAL PROBLEM WITH THE PROGRAM
7 AROUND THE COUNTRY.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO HOW MUCH DOES THE COST OF RENT IMPACT
10 EVEN THE REFERRALS BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT OUR HIGH
11 COST OF RENT TO HOUSE SOMEONE ON SECTION 8 THAT IS HOMELESS IS
12 \$1,200, WHICH IS, IN ESSENCE, ONE OF THEIR VOUCHERS IS WHAT
13 I'M TOLD, IT EQUALS OUT, BECAUSE THE AVERAGE COST IS ABOUT
14 \$790 OR \$800. SO WITH THE V.A. PROGRAM, AS WELL, I MEAN JUST
15 EVEN SAYING THE WORD VETERANS AND HOMELESS IN THE SAME
16 SENTENCE ALWAYS BOTHERS ME. BUT THAT SEEMS LIKE THE KIND OF
17 CURE THAT WE COULD PUSH THE V.A. TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE BECAUSE
18 THAT -- AGAIN, IS -- IS EMBARRASSING.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** IF I MAY ADDRESS THAT, SUPERVISOR. YOU MADE AN
21 INTERESTING POINT IN REFERENCE TO THE COST TO HOUSE HOMELESS
22 FOR OUR SECTION 8 PROGRAMS. SO NOW THAT WE ARE USING 100
23 PERCENT OF OUR TURNOVER VOUCHERS AND THEY'RE BEING DEDICATED
24 TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION, ON AVERAGE, IT COSTS 50 PERCENT
25 MORE PER VOUCHER TO HOUSE THAT POPULATION. SO TO DOUG'S POINT,

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1 FOR THE COUNTY, WE USED 92 PERCENT OF OUR VOUCHER SLOTS BUT
2 106 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET ON THE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD YOU LIKE
5 TO SAY SOMETHING?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M CONFUSED. IT JUST SEEMS THAT THERE ARE A LOT
8 OF THINGS THAT WE'RE NOT PRIVY TO, AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE
9 INTENTIONALLY IS NOT TELLING US, BUT EVEN JUST TO HEAR SOME OF
10 THE INFORMATION YOU'RE PROVIDING HERE TODAY, I HAVE NOT HEARD
11 FROM MY STAFF WHO ARE MY HOMELESS DEPUTY AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT
12 HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS. SO ONE, IF WE HAVE AN IMPEDIMENT
13 WITH THE V.A. IN TERMS OF VOUCH VOUCHERS, I THINK WE OUGHT TO
14 WORK ON THAT RIGHT AWAY AND GET LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS TO OUR
15 CONTACTS RIGHT NOW ON THAT. I THINK THE FRUSTRATION FOR SOME
16 OF US, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THE BOARD FOR
17 ASKING FOR THIS REPORT, AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE ONGOING
18 BECAUSE THERE'S STILL A LOT OF, FOR ME, CONUNDRUMS THAT EXIST
19 FOR CHALLENGED AREAS EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE CITY. I REALIZE WE
20 HAVE A LOT OF NEED HERE, AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH AFFORDABLE
21 UNITS, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SAY AFFORDABLE UNITS, UNITS
22 AVAILABLE FOR THE CAPACITY, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WE
23 DO, MEANTIME, IN S.P.A.S IN MY AREA WHERE, LITERALLY, WE DON'T
24 HAVE ANY STRUCTURED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT EXISTS,
25 AND THE FACT THAT SOMETIMES OUR STAFFS HAVE TO GET INVOLVED

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1 INDEPENDENT OF L.A.H.S.A. AND OTHERS TO IDENTIFY PLACES OR TRY
2 TO ESTABLISH THOSE COORDINATED EFFORTS, I THINK IS SOMEWHAT
3 FRUSTRATING. IT IS TAXING ALSO ON OUR STAFFS TO ALSO HAVE TO
4 DO THAT. AND MAYBE -- AND I'M OKAY WITH US DOING THAT NOW, BUT
5 I THINK AS WE MOVE FORWARD WE NEED TO HAVE MORE OF A
6 STRUCTURED PLAN THAT DOES THAT, THAT COLLABORATES WITH OUR
7 OFFICES, OR AT LEAST WITH OUR -- NOT JUST THE S.P.A., BECAUSE
8 THAT HAPPENS, BUT WITH US BECAUSE WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF CALLS
9 AND INPUT AND CAN HELP DIRECT AND ALMOST TELL SOME OF OUR
10 CITIES, ESPECIALLY IN OUR -- I KNOW, IN MY CASE, WHERE WE
11 WOULD LIKE TO SEE PLACES OPENED OR WHAT IDENTIFIED PROPERTIES
12 THAT WE COULD WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM ON. I THINK THAT'S A BIG
13 CHALLENGE. WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS, JUST IN THE VETERAN'S
14 COMMUNITY, HOMELESS VETS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO GO DOWN TO THE
15 V.A. THEY'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO TO LONG BEACH,
16 AND THERE'S SOME STRUCTURAL IMPEDIMENTS, AND WE OUGHT TO THINK
17 ABOUT CREATING THESE ONE-STOPS, DECENTRALIZED. SO I GET IT
18 THAT THE INFORMATION COMES DOWN HERE TO THE CENTRAL COMMAND,
19 BUT HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THEN THAT WE DO NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN
20 THE LITTLE SPIGOTS OUT IN THE SUBURBS OR IN THE AREAS WHERE WE
21 TEND TO REPRESENT CLUSTERS OF CITIES THAT HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO
22 DEAL WITH THIS, AND THEY'RE ON -- SOME ARE WELL-INTENDED. MOST
23 OF THEM I THINK WANT TO DO SOMETHING BUT ARE FRUSTRATED WITH
24 HOW TO BEGIN THE CONVERSATION WITH REAL ESTATE, ALSO WITH
25 MOTEL ASSOCIATIONS OR OWNERS, AND EVEN UTILIZING SOME OF THE

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1 OTHER SERVICES THAT YOU PROVIDE. ONE THING I WANT TO SAY,
2 THOUGH, IS I REALIZE THAT THIS WHOLE EFFORT IS REALLY TO LOOK
3 AT THE ACUTE PATIENT, RIGHT, THAT HAS A MEDICAL HISTORY AND
4 THERE ARE SOME BARRIERS THERE. I WANT TO ASK IF IT'S POSSIBLE
5 TO MAYBE TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT THAT, THAT STANDARD, AND ALLOW
6 FOR PEOPLE THAT DO HAVE SOME MEDICAL PROBLEMS, BUT MAY NOT BE
7 AS ACUTE. WHO SETS THAT STANDARD FOR ACUITY IS BECAUSE THAT'S
8 WHERE WE'RE LOSING PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICTS, IN MY CITIES, THAT
9 QUALIFY? AND YET THEY DO NEED HELP BECAUSE THEY EITHER ARE
10 ATTACHED TO A FAMILY, AND IF SOMETHING CONTINUES TO GO DOWN
11 THE NEGATIVE ROAD, YOU ARE GOING TO SEE MORE FAMILIES AND
12 THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THE STREET. AND I THINK WE COULD BE A
13 LITTLE BIT MORE NIMBLE ABOUT IT, AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT
14 PROCESS.

15

16 **HEIDI MARSTON:** SO IN TERMS OF HIGH ACUITY, WE LOOK AT PEOPLE
17 WHO HAVE A V.I.-S.P.D.A.T. SCORE GENERALLY OF 12 AND ABOVE,
18 AND WHAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW IS EVEN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE KNOWN
19 TO US, THERE ARE THOUSANDS MORE THAT ARE 12 AND ABOVE THAN
20 THERE ARE P.S.H. RESOURCES. AND IT IS NOT ONLY ABOUT MEDICAL,
21 AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS THAT FACTOR INTO
22 THAT COMPLEXITY SCORE THAT WE'RE EVALUATING SEPARATELY TO TEST
23 THE EFFICACY OF TO MAKE SURE WE'RE LOOKING AT THINGS THE RIGHT
24 WAY. HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT P.S.H. IS OUR MOST EXPENSIVE
25 RESOURCE, MAKING SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT RESOURCE

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1 THE MOST ARE BEING PRIORITIZED AND THEN IF WE HIT A POINT,
2 WHICH WOULD BE AMAZING, THAT THOSE FOLKS ARE ALL HOUSED, THE
3 PEOPLE WHO HIGH ACUITY ARE TAKEN CARE OF AND WE CAN MOVE DOWN
4 THE LIST, I THINK WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO. BUT WHAT WE'RE ALSO
5 BUILDING OUT, THIS IS NOT BEING DONE IN ISOLATION, SO IT'S
6 ALSO ABOUT BUILDING OUT THE OTHER INTERVENTIONS IN THE
7 MEANTIME LIKE RAPID REHOUSING AND SOME OF THESE OTHER
8 PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE ROBUST
9 SERVICE PACKAGE BUT STILL MEETS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT
10 NOT BE AS SICK OR FRAIL.

11
12 **SUP. SOLIS:** I GUESS I WANT TO SEE THAT PUT FORWARD OR FLESHED
13 OUT SO THAT I CAN TAKE SOMETHING OUT TO MY CITIES AND SAY THIS
14 IS WHAT WE BELIEVE CAN HAPPEN OUT HERE AND WITH A TIMELINE
15 BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE FRUSTRATING PART FOR ME. IT IS NOT
16 THAT I DISAGREE WITH WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. THIS IS
17 TREMENDOUS. THE ENTIRE EFFORT IS -- IT IS HEARTBREAKING
18 BECAUSE IT REQUIRES SO MANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL SOURCES
19 OF FUNDING AND STATE, AND I HAVE YET TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF IT
20 COMPLETELY HOW WE CAN REALLY GARNER THAT AND USE IT QUICKLY
21 BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING, AS SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE HAVE
22 TALKED, SPOKEN TO IN THE PAST, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIVES,
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY DYING IN MY DISTRICT, PEOPLE THAT ARE
24 -- HAVE SO SEVERELY HEALTH DEPRIVED THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN
25 SEEN BY A DOCTOR 10 YEARS AGO. AND NOW THEY FALL INTO OUR

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1 SYSTEM, AND WE ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY THERE, AND I'M NOT
2 SAYING NOT TO, BUT I'M JUST SAYING OUR DETECTION, OUR
3 PREVENTION REALLY HAS TO BE I THINK EXPANDED IN A MUCH MORE
4 EFFICIENT MANNER SO THAT WE DON'T SEE THAT 10-YEAR PATIENT
5 THAT WE'VE SEEN FOR 60 CYCLES COME THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS AND
6 WE HAVEN'T SAID, "HEY, ENOUGH, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF
7 YOU, IN THIS WAY, IN THIS MANNER." AND I REALLY, I MEAN, IT
8 JUST REMINDS ME OF AN ARGUMENT THAT WE HAD ON THIS BOARD, SOME
9 OF YOU WEREN'T EVEN HERE, ALMOST FIVE YEARS AGO, ABOUT THOSE
10 PEOPLE THAT RECYCLE THROUGH OUR SYSTEM, AND OUR SYSTEM ISN'T
11 TALKING TO EACH OTHER TO SAY THAT PERSON FITS THE CRITERIA FOR
12 BEING HOMELESS. AND TYPICALLY, IF THEY WERE IN -- IF THEY WERE
13 INCARCERATED, THEY HAD SOME SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS OR ACUITY
14 THERE THAT WE DIDN'T DO SOMETHING TO HELP MONITOR AND FOLLOW
15 AND TRACK THAT INDIVIDUAL IN SOME WAY BECAUSE IT IS COSTING US
16 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN OUR OTHER GENERAL BUDGET. YOU KNOW, AND
17 THAT'S THE THING THAT I WORRY ABOUT. WHY ARE WE NOT BEING MORE
18 FOCUSED AND STRATEGIC TO REALLY GET THIS DONE IN A BETTER
19 MANNER, AND I KNOW, PHIL, YOU'VE HEARD THIS ARGUMENT BEFORE
20 FROM ME, AND SOME I KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS. BUT I JUST
21 REALLY WANT TO SEE SOME TIMELINES AND SOME CLARITY SO THAT I
22 CAN GIVE SOMETHING TO MY PROVIDERS SO THEY CAN GO ONLINE AS
23 WELL AND BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THEM, IN EL
24 MONTE, IN BALDWIN PARK, IN POMONA, IN CUDAHAY, IN SOUTHGATE
25 AND I THINK RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE NOT FEELING THAT THAT

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1 CONVERSATION IS HAPPENING TO THEM. AND I REALLY JUST WANT TO
2 OPEN UP THE COMMUNICATION.

3

4 **HEIDI MARSTON:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY?

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THANK YOU, I
11 APPRECIATE THIS. I THINK I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR AT LEAST A
12 YEAR TO HEAR THE IDEA THAT WE'RE TREATING THIS LIKE AN
13 EMERGENCY, LIKE AN NATURAL DISASTER. I MEAN, WE'VE ALL SEEN
14 THE NEWS WHERE SOMEONE IS DISPLACED, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE
15 DISPLACED, BY A HURRICANE, A FLOOD, A FIRE, AND WHAT WE
16 WITNESS IS ALL HANDS ON DECK, NOBODY HAPPY UNTIL THOSE PEOPLE
17 ARE SHELTERED. AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT SAME FEELING COMING
18 FROM ALL OF YOU. SO I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT WE'LL
19 PROBABLY NEVER EXACTLY GET AN ACCURATE COUNT, OR NUMBER, OF
20 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BECAUSE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
21 HOUSING IS JUST THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PLUS THE SERVICES. SO
22 ANYTHING CAN BE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. A PROJECT CAN BE
23 BUILT LIKE THAT. A RENTAL UNIT CAN BE THAT. LANDLORDS CAN
24 ENTER INTO THIS EQUATION. I MEAN MEASURE H. PROVIDES THE
25 SERVICES. THIS IS JUST SAYING THAT WE'RE GIVING RENTAL

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1 ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOUSING PIECE, BUT THE SERVICES ARE WHAT
2 L.A. COUNTY VOTERS VOTED FOR, AND WE APPROPRIATED \$470 MILLION
3 LAST YEAR FOR SERVICES. SO I'M TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ON HOW
4 WE'LL EVER REALLY KNOW, YOU KNOW, WHAT THAT NUMBER ACTUALLY IS
5 BECAUSE ANYTHING COULD BECOME A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSE,
6 RIGHT?

7

8 **HEIDI MARSTON:** ABSOLUTELY, AND YOU'RE GETTING TO SOME OF THE
9 COMPLEXITY THAT LANGUAGE REALLY MATTERS HERE, RIGHT? SO
10 THERE'S THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL UNIT IN THE PROJECT-BASED
11 ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE KNOW THE UNIT, AND IT IS ALWAYS KNOWN TO
12 US. THEN THERE'S THE VOUCHER THAT IS IN SOMEBODY'S HAND WHERE
13 THEY LOOK FOR A MARKET RATE UNIT, BUT WE CAN KNOW THE VOUCHER.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT DO WE CONSIDER PERMANENT, THIS IS
16 THEIR PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR HOW LONG?

17

18 **HEIDI MARSTON:** FOR AS LONG AS THEY CHOOSE TO LIVE THERE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** UH-HUH, YEAH. PHIL?

21

22 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. JUST TO ADD ON THIS, NOT
23 ALL PERMANENT HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS
24 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** I GET THAT, BUT I SAID RENTAL ASSISTANCE PLUS
2 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES MAKES IT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

3

4 **PHIL ANSELL:** IF THE RENTAL SUBSIDY AND THE SERVICES ARE
5 PERMANENT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S WHAT I SAID. RIGHT. SO I GUESS WHAT MY POINT
8 WAS THAT CAN FLUCTUATE. I MEAN, IDEALLY, WELL, NOT IDEALLY,
9 TYPICALLY EVEN A MOTEL UNIT COULD BE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
10 HOUSING IF THAT'S SOMETHING IF THE COUNTY HAS ENTERED INTO A
11 MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A MOTEL, OR IF WE DO REHABILITATION
12 AND ADAPTIVE REUSE FOR A MOTEL, THAT COULD BECOME -- SO IT IS
13 JUST RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND THEN IT IS THE SERVICES.

14

15 **HEIDI MARSTON:** YEAH, AND THEN IT'S RECONCILING, SO IF D.M.H.
16 OR D.H.S. ARE PROVIDING SERVICES, THAT BEING KNOWN TO ALL OF
17 US, IN THE SAME WE KNOW WHAT A PROJECT BASED UNIT IS SO WE CAN
18 PUT IT IN ONE SYSTEM AND HAVE THAT COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. SO ARE YOU SEEING THE COORDINATED ENTRY
21 SYSTEM AS BEING A PART OF THIS, AND HOW IS IT A PART OF THIS?
22 IS IT FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE? OR IS IT, YOU KNOW, TONIGHT WE
23 FOUND SOMEBODY WHO IS REALLY READY TO RECEIVE, THEY WANT
24 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES? DO THEY HAVE TO GET IN LINE, OR CAN WE
25 MATCH THEM WITH A PLACE IMMEDIATELY?

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1

2 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THIS IS ALL BEING SUPPORTED THROUGH COORDINATED
3 ENTRY SYSTEM, AND WE'RE RETINING C.E.S. TO KIND OF BUILD ON
4 WHAT THIS IS IDENTIFYING AND BUILD OUT THAT SYSTEM. SO, AS WE
5 GO TO GROUND IN S.P.A.S 4 AND S.P.A. 7, THE FIRST THING THOSE
6 TEAMS ARE GOIGN TO DO IS LOOK AT EVERYBODY IN THAT S.P.A. WHO
7 SAYS I AM EITHER MATCHED TO A RESOURCE, I'VE BEEN SAID THAT
8 I'M ELIGIBLE FOR P.S.H., WHERE ARE YOU, WHO IS YOUR I.C.M.S.
9 CASE MANAGER, WHO'S YOUR WHATEVER CASE MANAGER? LET'S FIND
10 YOU, AND THEN LET'S PUT YOU IN THE VACANT UNIT THAT WE
11 IDENTIFIED, BUT CLEANING THAT UP IS REALLY THE FIRST PIECE OF
12 IT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** SO WE KEEP GETTING THE NUMBER THROWN AROUND TO US
15 THAT THERE'S 30,000 OUT THERE NOW WHO WOULD ACCEPT HOUSING.
16 ALL 30,000 OF THEM, ARE WE SEEING THEM AS NEEDING PERMANENT
17 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

18

19 **HEIDI MARSTON:** NO.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** HOW MANY OUT THERE RIGHT NOW THAT ARE WILLING TO
22 ACCEPT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DO WE HAVE A NUMBER FOR?

23

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1 **HEIDI MARSTON:** I CAN GET YOU THE EXACT NUMBER, BUT WHAT I DO
2 KNOW IS IN TERMS OF HIGH ACUITY, IT TENDS TO BE 30 TO 40
3 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION BEING IN THAT HIGH ACUITY.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** SO THAT IS -- DO THE MATH.

6

7 **HEIDI MARSTON:** IT DEPENDS. I WILL COME BACK WITH THE EXACT
8 NUMBER.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES HIGH ACUITY MEAN?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, AND DO WE KNOW AT THIS POINT HOW MANY -- AND
13 ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY PERMANENT
14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS ARE AVAILABLE? IS AVAILABLE AND
15 VACANT THE SAME? ARE YOU --

16

17 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THOSE ARE THE SAME, INTERCHANGEABLY, BUT HOW
18 MANY ARE VACANT AND ARE THEY CODED THAT WAY SO WE KNOW --

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** DO WE KNOW THAT NUMBER RIGHT NOW?

21

22 **HEIDI MARSTON:** WE DON'T KNOW YET, BUT AS WE GO TO GROUND THIS
23 WEEK, WE WILL KNOW WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. IN S.P.A. 4 AND
24 7, WE ALSO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASSESSED, HAVE SAID

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1 YES, SPEAKING TO THAT 30,000 NUMBER, IN THOSE S.P.A.S THAT
2 WE'RE THEN PRIORITIZING --

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** SO IT IS NOT ALL 30,000. YOU THINK IT'S --

5

6 **HEIDI MARSTON:** NOT IN S.P.A. 4 AND 7, THEY HAVE A SUBSET OF
7 THAT 30,000 WHO ARE HIGH ACUITY AND MATCHED TO PERMANENT
8 HOUSING.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, I'M JUST CURIOUS. WHEN
11 YOU TALK ABOUT HIGH ACUITY, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT INDIVIDUALS
12 THAT MAY NEED -- WHAT DOES HIGH ACUITY MEAN? DOES THAT MEAN
13 ONGOING WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE
14 SERVICES, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREET? I
15 MEAN, I DON'T --

16

17 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THAT'S A GOOD -- WHEN I SPEAK TO HIGH ACUITY,
18 I'M SPEAKING THEIR V.I.-S.P.D.A.T. SCORE, WHICH IS PRETTY
19 FUNDAMENTAL, LIKE A 12 AND ABOVE ON A SCALE OF 0-17, BUT MAYBE
20 I WILL LET D.H.S. OR D.M.H. SPEAK A LITTLE MORE TO HIGH ACUITY
21 BECAUSE YOU GUYS REALLY SPECIALIZE IN THAT POPULATION IN WHAT
22 YOU LOOK FOR.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT SO WE THINK THERE'S ABOUT 3,600, MY
25 STAFF JUST GAVE ME THAT NUMBER, OF THOSE WHO NEED PERMANENT

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1 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT HAVE SAID THEY ARE WILLING TO TAKE IT.
2 AND DO WE THINK THOSE UNITS EXIST CURRENTLY? PHIL IS SAYING
3 NO.

4

5 **HEIDI MARSTON:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE THAT MANY UNITS, BUT
6 WE FIRST NEED TO KNOW WHO THE PEOPLE ARE BECAUSE I THINK, TO
7 YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, ALSO, SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
8 BEEN IDENTIFIED MIGHT ALSO NEED EVEN A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE
9 THAN P.S.H., SO PART OF IT IS GETTING TO DO THE CASE
10 CONFERENCE TO KNOW WHO NEEDS CONSERVATORSHIP, WHO NEEDS A
11 BOARD AND CARE LEVEL, AND IT'S KIND OF CLEANING THAT UP, TOO.

12

13 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, L.A.H.S.A. IS CLOSE TO COMPLETING IN
14 PARTNERSHIP WITH EVERYONE AT THIS TABLE AN UPDATED SYSTEMS
15 ANALYSIS, WHICH LOOKS AT THE MOST CURRENT AVAILABLE DATA AND
16 IDENTIFIES OUR CURRENT INVENTORY OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, RAPID
17 REHOUSING, AND INTERIM HOUSING, OUR PIPELINE FOR BOTH INTERIM
18 HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND OUR NEED. AND THEN THAT
19 DIFFERENCE IS THE GAPS THAT WE HAVE, AND THAT WILL BE READY TO
20 BE PUBLICLY RELEASED NEXT MONTH AND WILL BE VERY HELPFUL IN
21 GUIDING LOCAL POLICY DECISIONS, AND ALSO MAY PROVE QUITE
22 RELEVANT TO THE POLICY DEBATE IN SACRAMENTO REGARDING THE --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** ULTIMATELY, ARE WE EVER GOING TO FIND OURSELVES IN
25 A POSITION WHERE WE'RE PITTING A PERSON WHO IS HOMELESS BUT

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1 DOESN'T NEED THE SERVICES TO A PERSON WHO NEEDS IT? LIKE,
2 AGAIN, BECAUSE NOW -- PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS JUST THE
3 UNIT WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, BUT WOULD WE FIND OURSELVES IN
4 A POSITION THAT WE ARE CHOOSING BETWEEN BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID,
5 IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE TO DO THE SERVICES, OR JUST FINDING THE
6 PEOPLE -- THE 30,000 THAT SAY THEY ARE READY TO RECEIVE
7 HOUSING, ARE WE JUST TRYING TO GET THEM OFF THE STREETS AND IN
8 PERMANENT HOUSING WITHOUT THE SERVICES? I MEAN I SEE US KIND
9 OF COLLIDING THERE. WHO IS GOING TO MAKE THOSE JUDGMENT CALLS?

10

11 **PHIL ANSELL:** THERE'S REALLY THREE TIERS. THERE'S PEOPLE WHERE
12 THE EXCLUSIVE PROBLEM IS NOT ENOUGH TO PAY THE RENT, FOR
13 EXAMPLE, A SENIOR ON S.S.I. OR S.S.D.I. MAYBE ALL THEY NEED IS
14 A RENTAL SUBSIDY, AN ONGOING RENTAL SUBSIDY LIKE SECTION 8.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** DO THEY GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS?

17

18 **PHIL ANSELL:** EXCUSE ME.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** DOES THAT PERSON GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS?

21

22 **PHIL ANSELL:** THEY ARE IN A DIFFERENT BUCKET. THEY ARE NOT IN
23 THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BUCKET. THEN FOR RAPID
24 REHOUSING, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO TYPICALLY WOULD NEED HELP
25 GETTING WORK --

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** I KNOW, I KNOW WHAT THESE ARE, PHIL. I'M JUST
3 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THE PRIORITY IS GOING TO BE.

4

5 **PHIL ANSELL:** THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO --

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AND HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR THAT.

8

9 **PHIL ANSELL:** THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T GET PERMANENT
10 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BECAUSE THEY DON'T NEED A PERMANENT RENTAL
11 SUBSIDY AND DON'T NEED PERMANENT SERVICES.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, YOU ARE NOT UNDERSTANDING MY QUESTION. THAT'S
14 OKAY.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY, THERE ARE
17 DIFFERENT BUCKETS OF RESOURCES THAT HAVE DIFFERENT TARGETED
18 SUB POPULATIONS, AND PART OF THE CHALLENGE WHAT WE'RE TRYING
19 TO DO IS IDENTIFY WHAT ARE ALL OF THOSE BUCKETS, WHO IS IN ALL
20 OF THOSE BUCKETS.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** AND ARE WE --

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT OUR SUPPLY IS SO SMALL VERSUS THE DEMAND. I'M
2 WONDERING HOW, WHO IS GOING TO START MAKING THOSE CHOICES.

3

4 **HEIDI MARSTON:** AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT OUR SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
5 WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO IS WE'LL SAY WE HAVE THIS MANY
6 RESOURCES FOR THIS MANY PEOPLE, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SOME HARD
7 CHOICES, BUT WE NEED TO DO IT WITH DATA. SO WE WILL COME BACK
8 WITH THAT ANALYSIS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THEN ONE LAST THING, MADAM CHAIR. I WAS
11 JUST GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON THE V.A. ISSUE. I HAD NO IDEA THAT
12 WE HAD TO GET REFERRALS BEFORE WE USED THE V.A.S.H. AND AS YOU
13 SAID, THOSE ARE SLOW COMING. I DO THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THIS
14 BOARD WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO TAKE AN AGGRESSIVE RESPONSE TO
15 WITH OUR, CERTAINLY WITH OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND A
16 DIRECT LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WE CAN CONSISTENTLY USE THAT SORT OF HELP. I
19 KNOW WHEN SECRETARY MCDONALD WAS SECRETARY OF THE V.A., HE WAS
20 IN OUR OFFICES IN A REGULAR BASIS TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE
21 STAFFING PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAVE WITH THE V.A., AND FOR THE
22 V.A. TO PRIORITIZE THIS.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THEY NEED TO TREAT THIS AS AN EMERGENCY TOO.
25 THIS IS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, AND THEY NEED TO TREAT THAT AS

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1 THAT WAY AS WELL, AND WE SHOULDN'T BE SENDING BACK VOUCHERS,
2 YOU KNOW, THE VETERAN'S ONES OR THE OTHER TYPE. ABSOLUTELY
3 NOT.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE IN ENTIRE AGREEMENT. WE CAN HOUSE THE VETERANS
6 IF WE GET THE REFERRALS. WE'VE GOT THE RESOURCES TO DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK THEM TO TRANSFER
9 THE ABILITY TO DO IT TO US TO TRIAGE, LIKE THEY DO WHEN WE
10 HAVE TO DO COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING INSPECTIONS LICENSING AND
11 ALL BECAUSE IF THEY CAN'T DO IT, OR THEY ARE INCOMPETENT AND
12 CAN'T DO IT, THEN LET US TRIAGE AND CHECK THE BOXES THAT
13 THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CHECK, TOO. IT IS ALL THE SAME,
14 RIGHT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** NO, THEY HAVE TO PULL FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES TO
17 IDENTIFY A QUALIFIED VETERAN.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, THEY CAN PAY. WE WILL TRIAGE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** IT IS PART OF A STATUTE, AND IT GOES TO THE NEXT
22 POINT THAT WE NEED ADVOCACY FROM SOME STATUTORY CHANGES WITHIN
23 SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS TO THEN ADDRESS IT. RIGHT NOW,
24 STATUTORILY THE V.A. HAS TO HAVE THEM. THEY HAVE TO BE

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1 ELIGIBLE FOR V.A. BENEFITS BEFORE THEY CAN BE REFERRED.

2 PERHAPS THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
9 THE INFORMATION WE'VE GOTTEN SO FAR. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS
10 THAT WE CONCLUDE AS WE HEAR THIS IS IT IS A LOT OF COMPLEXITY
11 IN TERMS OF FUNDING STREAMS, WHO DEFINES WHAT AS WHAT, AND HOW
12 WE DEAL WITH THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY I THINK THE NOTION OF THE
13 CENTRAL COMMAND IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ONE, AND I WAS
14 REALLY GLAD TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION THAT YOU TOOK TO EACH ONE
15 OF US, HEIDI, BUT ALSO TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS.
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN IS VERY CONCERNED AND CORRECTLY SO THAT THIS
17 SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN EMERGENCY, BUT I HAVE TO SAY I THINK
18 THE CENTRAL COMMAND IDEA IS THE WAY THAT WE SHOULD BE DEALING
19 WITH EMERGENCIES. I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER, AND THE CHAIR AND I
20 REMEMBER REALLY WELL, THE WOOLSEY FIRE. IT WAS A DISASTER. IT
21 WAS A QUICK-BURNING EMERGENCY. AND THERE WAS A LOT OF RESPONSE
22 TO IT, BUT THERE WASN'T MUCH COORDINATION. I MEAN THEY TRY.
23 THEY TRY TO HAVE A CENTRAL COMMAND, BUT THE SHERIFF WAS IN ONE
24 TENT, AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS IN ANOTHER TENT, AND L.A.
25 FIRE WAS VERY HELPFUL, BUT THEY WERE SOMEWHERE ELSE, TOGETHER,

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1 BUT NOT TOGETHER. AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF
2 THE INVESTIGATION THAT WE DID ABOUT THE FIRE AND THE, YOU
3 KNOW, THE RECOMMENDATIONS WAS A REAL, SORT OF, CENTRALIZED WAY
4 OF, A., FIGURING OUT WHO HAD WHAT AND HOW THEY WERE USING IT,
5 AND B., HOW THE COMMUNITY COULD BE ENGAGED AS WELL IN, YOU
6 KNOW, IN USING IT. SO I WANTED TO JUST SAY THAT I REALLY
7 APPRECIATE THIS WORK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT YOU
8 LEARN FROM ROLLING OUT THE CENTRAL COMMAND. THE SECOND THING
9 IS, WE TALK A LOT ABOUT PREVENTION, AND WE HAVE TALKED ALSO
10 ABOUT THE FACT THAT SOME PREVENTION IS IN OUR HANDS, AND SOME
11 OF IT JUST ISN'T. I THINK IT IS VERY FORTUITOUS AND GOOD THAT
12 WE HAVE OUR RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCES ON THE DOCKET TODAY
13 BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO SAY LET'S
14 TRY TO KEEP THINGS AS AFFORDABLE AS POSSIBLE TO HELP PEOPLE,
15 AND THERE'S A BUCKET, AS PHIL CALLS IT, TO HELP WITH
16 PREVENTION. I ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT APPRECIATION FOR THE
17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR, ONE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN TALKED ABOUT,
18 BUT IT USED TO BE THAT YOU ARE BEING RECOGNIZED AS A PERSON
19 WITH A DISABILITY, YOU HAD TO KEEP RENEWING THAT. YOU HAD TO
20 KEEP SENDING IN PROOF FROM YOUR DOCTOR. PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW,
21 AND THEY COULDN'T DO IT. AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
22 L.A.H.S.A. DID WAS TO CLARIFY THIS DOESN'T EXPIRE. YOU DON'T
23 HAVE TO KEEP DOING IT. AND SO THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO
24 WITHOUT CHANGING THE LAW, BUT I REALLY AGREE WITH MY
25 COLLEAGUES THAT WE OUGHT TO GO ALL OUT TO SEE WHAT IN THE

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1 FEDERAL AND STATE LAW WE CAN DO TO HELP. SO IN THE BOTTOM LINE
2 OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S THE INVENTORY, AND MY COLLEAGUES VERY
3 RIGHTFULLY ASK, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE HECK IS PERMANENT
4 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND THE NOTION THAT VARIOUS PIECES OF THE
5 INCOMING MONEY IS ALLOCATED FOR DIFFERENT LEVELS OF NEED, I
6 THINK, WAS WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTED. REMEMBER HOW LARGE THE
7 GROUP WAS THAT FIGURED OUT WHAT THOSE BUCKETS WERE GOING TO
8 BE. IT WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE
9 DOING. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEAR ABOUT HOW CENTRAL COMMAND ROLLS
10 OUT AND HOW IT HELPS AND WHAT MODIFICATIONS WOULD NEED TO BE
11 MADE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO TWO THINGS, THE WHOLE
14 SETTING OF STANDARDS FOR ACUITY ELIGIBILITY BECAUSE I'VE HEARD
15 ALSO THAT, WHILE SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE ELIGIBLE AND THEY ARE
16 CLASSIFIED BY THAT STANDARD, THEY GET PLACED IN SUPPORTIVE
17 HOUSING, BUT THEY MAY REFUSE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I
18 ACTUALLY HEARD THAT. AND SO WHY ARE WE EXPENDING MONEY ON
19 SOMETHING THAT ISN'T EVEN BEING UTILIZED. I DON'T KNOW IF IT
20 IS CUSHIONED, IF IT'S SET ASIDE AND IT'S NOT EXPENDED, DOES
21 THAT MEAN THE NEXT PERSON CANNOT GET A HOLD OF IT BECAUSE IT
22 IS NOT BEING UTILIZED THERE BECAUSE IT HAS IDENTIFIED FOR THAT
23 ONE INDIVIDUAL? THAT'S ONE. AND THEN THE OTHER IS I'VE HAD
24 INSTANCES WHERE WE'VE HAD PEOPLE WHO, WHEN THEY DO GET A
25 VOUCHER, AND NOT JUST VETERANS, BUT JUST A VOUCHER AND ARE

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1 ELIGIBLE FOR THAT, THEY WHERE IT IS PLACED -- SO IF THEY ARE
2 FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THAT IS 22, 23 MILES OUT. THEY
3 HAVE NO CONTACT, NOTHING IN COMMON WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING MAYBE
4 IN A CENTRALIZED AREA ON 6TH AND MAIN OR WHATEVER. SO THEY
5 REFUSE. SO HERE WE ARE AGAIN AT THIS CYCLE. AND I'M WONDERING
6 IF WE CAN SOMEHOW TRY TO EXPEDITE THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR
7 BUSINESSES FOR MOTELS, APARTMENTS, ON A MUCH QUICKER, FASTER,
8 RESPONSE RATE AND HOW CAN WE BE HELPFUL TO DO THAT. AND THE
9 BEST THING I CAN SAY IS THAT SHOW SUCCESSES WHERE THEY'VE
10 WORKED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY SO WE CAN HAVE THAT, I
11 HATE TO SAY IT, DOG AND PONY SHOW WITH PEOPLE THAT CAN
12 ACTUALLY SEE WHAT THE RESULTS ARE. I THINK IT IS TIME. WE JUST
13 CAN'T WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO BE SITTING, EVEN NOW AS I SPEAK, IN
14 OUR WINTER SHELTER IN BASSET PARK, ELDERLY WOMEN WHO HAVE
15 MAYBE NOT HAD ANY TYPE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR YEARS, BEEN
16 OUT ON THE STREETS FOR 10 YEARS. THEY OBVIOUSLY NEED -- THEY
17 SHOULD, TO ME, BE A PRIORITY. AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME, MY HEART
18 JUST CRIES WHEN I SEE THE SUFFERING AND PAIN AND THE INABILITY
19 THAT WE HAVE TO CHANGE ANYTHING. SO YOU ARE HEARING OUR
20 FRUSTRATION, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO WORK WITH YOU. WE KNOW WE
21 HAVE TO, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO STREAMLINE THINGS. SO I WOULD ASK
22 YOU TO GIVE US A RESPONSE BACK MAYBE ON THIS WHOLE ACUITY AND
23 WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP OUR CITIES THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE BORDERS
24 OF L.A.

25

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1 **HEIDI MARSTON:** ABSOLUTELY.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON SOMETHING
4 BECAUSE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I THINK YOU KIND OF GOT ME THINKING
5 ABOUT CAPACITY AND EXACTLY HOW MANY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
6 HOUSING SLOTS WE NEED, AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, ESPECIALLY
7 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PERCENTAGES. AND THEN I LOOK AT THE FACT
8 THAT YOU IDENTIFY LOW RENTAL VACANCY, SO THERE'S NOT AN
9 INVENTORY OUT THERE TO PLACE THOSE THAT EVEN WITH RENT
10 CONTROL, WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PLACE THEM THERE. SO MY
11 QUESTION IS, IS THERE A WAY TO BREAK IT DOWN BY, BECAUSE THIS
12 BOARD HAS BEEN VERY UNITED IN TERMS OF BOARD AND CARE AND THE
13 FACT THAT WE HAVE BOARD AND CARES CLOSING, WHICH IS GOING TO
14 PUSH PEOPLE EITHER ON THE STREET, OR WORSE, DEAD BECAUSE THESE
15 ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT TRULY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME TAKING CARE
16 OF THEMSELVES, AND, IF LEFT ON THE STREET, MAY NOT SURVIVE. SO
17 I GUESS WHAT I WOULD ASK IS, KNOWING THERE'S A LOW RENTAL
18 VACANCY RATE, NUMBER ONE, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ABILITY TO
19 GET MORE UNITS ONLINE, AND I KNOW THAT H.H.H. IS SUPPOSED TO
20 DO THAT FOR THE CITY OF L.A., AND I DON'T KNOW, YOU KNOW,
21 THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THAT IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T
22 GOTTEN THIS BOND OR WHATEVER THE FINANCING IS THEY DO WITH
23 H.H.H., BUT I THINK, I'M THINKING THAT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO
24 COLLECTIVELY, AND I KNOW WE ARE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS
25 PUTTING IN AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, BUT IN TERMS OF THE

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1 PERMANENT, STRATEGIZE ON HOW WE ADDRESS THE FACT THAT THERE'S
2 A LOW RENTAL VACANCY AND YET THE NEED CONTINUES TO GO UP, BUT
3 THEN ALSO SUBSET BOARD AND CARE. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF ADDITIONAL
4 BOARD AND CARE WOULD WE NEED, OR WILL WE NEED, IF WE
5 SUCCESSFULLY BRING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS INTO PERMANENT
6 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH CLEARLY WOULD BE THE BOARD AND CARE
7 FOR THOSE THAT WOULD FALL UNDER THE CRITERIA OF D.H.S. AND/OR
8 MENTAL HEALTH. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED TO THINK THAT WAY SO
9 WE CAN BETTER IDENTIFY AND REALLY TARGET THE HOUSING BECAUSE
10 WE COULD BUILD, YOU KNOW, 30,000 UNITS RIGHT NOW, BUT NOT ALL
11 OF 30,000 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE GOING TO BE RIGHT FOR THOSE
12 UNITS. THAT'S WHY THE WHOLE S.R.O., WHICH I GUESS THERE'S A
13 NEW TERM FOR IT NOW, BUT I CALL IT S.R.O., IS GOING TO BE
14 IDEAL FOR SOME, AND NOT ONLY IS IT MORE AFFORDABLE, IT IS MORE
15 EFFECTIVE BECAUSE YOU HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO YOU DON'T WANT THEM
16 TO BE LOCKED INTO A UNIT AND NOT GET THE SERVICES AND GET
17 INTEGRATED BACK IN. AND AN S.R.O. PROVIDES YOU WITH AN
18 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEM A SINK AND A TOILET, BUT ALSO A
19 COMMON MEETING PLACE WHERE THEY DO THEIR MEETINGS, THEIR
20 EATING, THEIR PREPARATION AND ALL THAT. SO I THINK, DOWN THE
21 LINE, WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT THE SUBSETS AND START TO TARGET
22 BECAUSE VETERANS IS KEY, AND I THINK THAT ONE SEEMS -- IT
23 SOUNDS LIKE THE EASIEST TO FIX, BUT IT IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE
24 THE MOST DIFFICULT GIVEN THE BUREAUCRACY IN D.C., BUT I THINK

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1 WE NEED TO REALLY START TO SET UP BULL'S EYES IN TERMS OF WHAT
2 WE WANT TO DO AND BEGIN TO PICK AWAY AT EACH ONE OF THOSE.

3

4 **HEIDI MARSTON:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. AND TO YOUR POINT, THE SYSTEM
5 ANALYSIS LOOKS AT P.S.H. BUT RECOGNIZING, I HAVE BEEN WORKING
6 WITH DR. SHERIN AS WELL ON WHAT IS THE TRUE GAP FOR OUR BOARD
7 AND CARE, IF WE THINK OF IT AS INVENTORY OUTSIDE OF OUR P.S.H.
8 INVENTORY AND HOW TO WE ADVOCATE TO EITHER MAINTAIN WHAT WE
9 HAVE AND TO BUILD OUT NEW. SO I APPRECIATE THAT, COMPLETELY
10 AGREE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. DO YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** SO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WE REALLY HAVE
15 TARGETED PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE MOST SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, AND
16 THROUGH OUR HOME TEAMS, THAT IS THEIR TARGET, THAT THEY ARE ON
17 THE STREETS OUTREACHING TO PEOPLE WHO MAY NEED CONSERVATORSHIP
18 AS YOU MENTION. SO WE HAVE REALLY BEEN WORKING ON MAKING SURE
19 THAT WE HAVE ALL THE HOUSING NEEDS FOR OUR CLIENT AVAILABLE,
20 NOT JUST PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, BUT ALSO PERMANENT
21 HOUSING, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE CALLING OUR BOARD AND CARES. IN
22 FACT, WE HAD A STAKEHOLDER MEETING THIS MORNING WITH DIFFERENT
23 STAKEHOLDERS VERY INTERESTED IN THE BOARD AND CARE ISSUE. MANY
24 OPERATORS WERE THERE, AND REALLY WORKING WITH THEM TO TRY TO
25 SUSTAIN AND EVEN GROW THE BOARD AND CARE NETWORK. SO THERE ARE

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1 PEOPLE THAT MAY BE ON CONSERVATORSHIP THAT PERMANENT
2 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS NOT THE RIGHT INTERVENTION FOR THEM, AND
3 WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON GROWING AND SUSTAINING THAT NETWORK AND
4 FINDING FUNDING SOURCES BECAUSE I THINK THAT HAS BEEN ONE OF
5 OUR CHALLENGES IS THAT THERE IS NOT A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE
6 FOR BUYING BOARD AND CARES OR REHABBING BOARD AND CARES, THAT
7 IT REALLY IS TARGETING WHAT WE CALL MORE TRADITIONAL PERMANENT
8 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND SO WE AS A DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH
9 OTHER COUNTIES HAVE BEEN REALLY ADVOCATING TO FIND WHERE IS
10 THAT FUNDING SOURCE FOR THAT IMPORTANT HOUSING RESOURCE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO ONE OF MY MEMORY SERVES ME, WHEN WE
13 TALKED ABOUT IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT
14 THE COST WOULD BE TO PLACE SOMEBODY IN A CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL
15 IF THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY AT HOME, AND THE COST WAS
16 SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FOR THE STATE, NOT FOR THE COUNTY, FOR THE
17 STAET. THE COUNTY WAS DOING IT BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING
18 TO DO TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOME. FROM A FINANCIAL
19 STANDPOINT, IT WAS A WINDFALL FOR THE STATE, BUT THE COUNTIES
20 WERE CARRYING THAT COST. NOW IT HAS GOTTEN A LOT MORE EVEN,
21 SOME MIGHT ARGUE MAYBE NOT, BUT IT IS MORE FAIR. I WANT TO
22 ARGUE THE SAME THING ON THIS. WHAT IS THE COST TO THE STATE IF
23 WE HAVE SOMEONE ON THE STREET THAT WAS ON BOARD AND CARE, FELL
24 INTO HOMELESSNESS, HAS TO GET BACK INTO CARE, HAS TO GET
25 HEALTH SERVICES, HAS TO START WITH MENTAL HEALTH, I WOULD

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1 ARGUE THAT WE ARE A PARTNER WITH THE STATE AND WE ARE SAVING
2 THE STATE MONEY BY MAINTAINING THE BOARD AND CARES, THEREFORE,
3 IF NOT IN BOARD AND CARE, WHERE WOULD THEY BE, AND WHAT WOULD
4 THE COST BE TO THE STATE? SO I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT
5 ALSO. THIS BOARD LOOKS AT IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF IF IT IS
6 THE RIGHT THING TO DO, AND IT IS A COMPASSIONATE THING TO DO,
7 BUT MAYBE WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT IT FROM THE FINANCIAL
8 IMPLICATIONS OR RAMIFICATIONS TO THE STATE IF THESE
9 INDIVIDUALS FALL OUT OF, AND I KNOW YOU CAN CALL PERMANENT
10 HOUSING. I STILL CALL IT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BECAUSE
11 THE REALITY IS, IN THESE BOARD AND CARES, THEY ARE GETTING THE
12 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THEY NEED THAT THEY WILL NEED ONGOING, BUT
13 THEY ARE BUILT IN SO IT'S NOT LIKE THE MEASURE H. DOLLARS WE
14 ARE TALKING ABOUT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO START THINKING ABOUT
15 OUR NARRATIVE FROM THE STATE STANDPOINT AS TO WHAT THE COST
16 SAVINGS IS GOING TO BE TO THEM AND WHY IT IS THE RIGHT THING
17 TO DO LONG TERM. THAT'S JUST MY OPINION.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THERE'S A STATE PROGRAM CALLED THE ASSISTED
20 LIVING WAIVER, AND I THINK IT WAS SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT
21 PURPOSE, THAT PEOPLE THAT WERE IN, FOR INSTANCE, SKILLED
22 NURSING FACILITY, THAT THE STATE REALIZED IT WAS CHEAPER TO
23 HELP THEM TRANSITION TO THE COMMUNITY, MAYBE LIVE IN A BOARD
24 AND CARE AND GET THESE SERVICES. I THINK ONE OF THE CHALLENGES
25 HAS BEEN THAT THERE IS A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF SLOTS

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1 AVAILABLE THAT THE STATE CONTROLS AND HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN GET
2 INTO THAT PROGRAM. SO THERE'S A LONG WAITING LIST, AND I THINK
3 THE STATE RECOGNIZES IT IS CHEAPER TO HELP PEOPLE TRANSITION
4 INTO THE COMMUNITY. IT IS JUST EXPANDING THOSE TYPES OF
5 SERVICES, AND THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH CAL AIM TO
6 EXPAND THOSE TYPES OF RESOURCES.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT IS AN ARTIFICIAL
9 NUMBER THAT PROBABLY HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED THAT THEY ARE LIVING
10 OFF OF, EVEN WITH THE SECTION 8 VOUCHERS THAT WE GET RIGHT
11 NOW, PROBABLY A LITTLE MORE UPDATED, BUT NOT MUCH, AND I HAVE
12 A FEELING THAT THE STATE NUMBER IN TERMS OF THE SLOTS IS BASED
13 ON AN ARBITRARY, DEFINITELY DOES NOT REFLECT WHAT WE ARE
14 SEEING WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR HOMELESS COUNT HERE AND THE
15 INCREASE IN THOSE THAT ARE ENDING UP ON THE STREET. SO ONCE
16 AGAIN, WE COULD PUT A NUMBER OUT THERE AND SAY WE'RE ONLY
17 GOING TO HOUSE \$15,000 KNOWING DARN WELL THAT THE NEED IS
18 BEYOND 15,000. WE'RE NOT DODGING THAT BULLET. WE ARE ACTUALLY
19 HERE TO SAY WE'RE READY TO ADDRESS THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT ARE
20 NEEDED, WHETHER IT BE BOARD AND CARE, PERMANENT HOUSING
21 STRAIGHT SECTION 8, YOU KNOW, NO SUPPORTIVE SERVICE
22 WRAPAROUND, AND/OR WRAPAROUND. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
23 ENGAGE THE STATE WHO, BY THE WAY, I HAVE TALKED TO OUR
24 SERVICES AT LEAST, AND I KNOW OUR REPRESENTATIVES COVER BOTH,
25 OR ALL, OF OUR DISTRICTS. THEY HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE TO THAT,

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1 BUT WE'RE GOING TO ENGAGE, AND THAT'S WHY, NEXT WEEK, WHEN WE
2 GO UP TO SACRAMENTO, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE GOING TO
3 BRING UP BECAUSE WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. THEY ARE ALL OF
4 OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND IF THERE'S A WAY FOR US TO HELP THE
5 STATE, I THINK IT IS A WIN WIN, AND IT IS DEFINITELY A WIN FOR
6 THOSE THAT ARE ON THE STREET. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP TO SAY, AND
9 AGAIN, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS KEEPING THOSE BOARD AND
10 CARES THAT ARE OPERATING NOW IN BUSINESS. WE ACTUALLY
11 APPROPRIATED MORE MONEY OUT OF OUR OWN BUDGET TO HELP
12 SUBSIDIZE THEIR RATE OF RETURN, BUT MANY OF THEM ARE READY TO
13 GO OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY JUST CAN'T -- SO THAT'S
14 IMPORTANT, AND THE OTHER THING I WAS THINKING ABOUT,
15 PREVENTION IS A BIG ISSUE FOR THIS BOARD. IT IS ONE OF OUR
16 STRATEGIES. AND, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, IF A UNIT CAN BECOME A
17 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING JUST BY ADDING SERVICES, WE KNOW
18 THERE'S PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP WHERE THEY ARE, IN
19 THEIR UNITS, WHETHER IT IS A MOBILE HOME. AND THEN IF WE NEED
20 TO ADD SERVICES BECAUSE THEY ARE ON THE BRINK, THEN WE ALSO
21 NEED TO BE LOOKING AT THAT. AND I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION. IS
22 ANYBODY ELSE DOING THIS COMMAND CENTER, HOUSING CENTRAL
23 COMMAND?

24

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1 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THEY'RE NOT. I WOULD SAY NATIONALLY, ARE
2 FINDING OUT ABOUT IT AND COMING TO WATCH THE PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN, AGAIN, I LIKE HEARING WHAT I'M HEARING
5 TODAY ABOUT IT BEING A SENSE OF URGENCY. I'M FRUSTRATED WITH
6 THE VETERAN'S ISSUE BECAUSE, AGAIN, IF THERE WAS A NATURAL
7 DISASTER, F.E.M.A. WOULD NOT BE ASKING FOR CREDENTIALS OF
8 VETERANS BEFORE THEY GOT SHELTERED THAT NIGHT. SO THEY'RE NOT
9 LOOKING AT THIS THE WAY WE ARE, AND I URGE ALL OF YOU TO SAY
10 THAT OUT LOUD TO THEM THAT IF IT WAS REALLY A NATURAL
11 DISASTER, THEY WOULDN'T BE CHECKING A VETERAN'S CREDENTIALS
12 BEFORE THEY GET THEM THE NEEDED, EMERGENCY HOUSING THAT THEY
13 NEEDED. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOW WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL,
17 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING MORE INFORMATION AS WE MOVE
18 FORWARD ON THIS, AND THANKS TO OUR PARTNER AT THE CITY OF L.A.
19 WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, WOULD YOU CALL UP THOSE THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
21 PUBLIC COMMENT -- I MEAN ON THIS ITEM.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
24 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
25 NAME? SARAH DUSSEULT, ANTHONY HAYES, HERMAN HERMAN, ERIC

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1 PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ANTONIA RAMIRIEZ, YVONNE
2 AUTRY, AND PATRICIA MCALLISTER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
3 WILL ASSIST YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SARAH DUSSEAUT:** HI, I'M SARAH DUSSEAUT. I'M BACK AGAIN.
8 THANK YOU ALL, SUPERVISORS, FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING TO
9 HOUSE OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR BARGER
10 AND SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. THIS IS JUST A START. I JUST WANT
11 TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR THAT WE NEED BOTH SHORT TERM AND
12 LONG TERM WORK. WHAT THE COMMISSION IS WORKING ON IS TO
13 ELEVATE THE ISSUE AROUND THE NEED FOR REAL-TIME INFORMATION SO
14 THAT POLICYMAKERS, PARTICULARLY THE BOARD, CAN MAKE THE BEST
15 DECISIONS POSSIBLE SO THAT THINGS LIKE THE ISSUE AROUND THE
16 V.A.S.H. VOUCHERS COMES TO YOUR ATTENTION FASTER AND THEN YOU
17 CAN BE A PARTNER IN ADVOCATING FOR WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
18 WE'RE REALLY EXCITED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE
19 TODAY. I WANT TO THANK HEIDI AND HER TEAM AND EVERYONE WHO IS
20 WORKING WITH CENTRAL COMMAND. AND WE LOOK FORWARD FOR MORE
21 REFORMS TO COME. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
24 YOU CONTINUE TO DO, SARAH, ON THIS FRONT. HERMAN?

25

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** THANK YOU, BEN CARSON AND DONALD TRUMP IN
2 BEVERLY HILLS TODAY. WE FINALLY FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH BEHIND
3 THE M.R.S. L.A.H.S.A. HOUSING. STATEMENTS IMPLORING
4 INSUFFICIENT RESULTS OF SERVICES. AM I NOT RIGHT? HEIDI, PHIL,
5 A BUNCH OF [EXPLETIVE]. AD HOC, \$244 MILLION BUDGET AND
6 NOTHING TO SHOW. NOTHING TO SHOW! SHAME ON YOU. AND YET, THE
7 CONDITIONS ON OUR STREETS ARE DEPLORABLE, MAKING AN EYESORE
8 OUT OF HUMAN LIVES, SIMPLY BECAUSE AN ITEM FOR THOSE OF SENIOR
9 CITIZENS, WORDS ARE ABSOLUTELY DISHONEST, UNFAIR, AND FAILED.
10 I GOT THE REPORT, [EXPLETIVE] -- (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

11

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

13

14 **ANTHONY HAYES, JR.:** OKAY, MY NAME IS ANTHONY HAYES, JR., AND I
15 NOTICE YOU LEFT OUT MEDICARE A AND B IN YOUR BUDGET. WELL,
16 THERE'S A PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ON MEDICARE, WHO ARE
17 HOMELESS, BECAUSE MEDICARE WON'T COVER HOUSING. NOW, I FILED A
18 CLAIM FOR DAMAGES BECAUSE OF THAT. AND YOU OWE ME \$10,000 A
19 MONTH, THE COST OF LIVING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS \$5,000 NOT
20 \$700, NOT \$1200. WHERE DO YOU PAY RENT FOR \$1200 OR \$700? I
21 DON'T THINK NONE OF YOUR RENT UP THERE. SO YOU'RE DOING IT ON
22 PURPOSE.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, NO CLAPPING. YOU CAN RAISE YOUR
25 HANDS.

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2 **ANTHONY HAYES, JR.:** YOU ARE BECOMING THE OPPRESSOR. OKAY. NOW
3 I HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS SINCE 2011 AND TALKING TO YOU.
4 MY SON RIGHT NOW IS A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY YOUR
5 EMPLOYEES, AND THIS IS WHAT THIS CLAIM IS ABOUT. I'M FROM
6 ATLANTA, AND YOU STOPPED ME WORKING ON MY THREE JOBS.

7

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

9

10 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THIS POVERTY HOLOCAUST IS NOT COMPLEX, BUT
11 GENOCIDE. CALL IT WHAT IT IS. SPACE IN THE UNIVERSE IS
12 DYNAMICALLY COMPLEX, BUT IT IS IN PERFECT ORDER. THIS SO
13 CALLED HOMELESS POVERTY COMPLEXITY IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE
14 AGENCIES DEPARTMENT HEAD BIG ENCHILADAS AND THE WICKED EVIL
15 SATANIC ELITE ZIONIST JEWS CONVOLUTED AND SCHIZOPHRENIC COUNTY
16 SYSTEM. THIS HOMELESS POVERTY HOLOCAUST AND HARDSHIP, NOT TO
17 MENTION PAINFULLY STRESSFUL, IS BY THE SATANIC ELITE ZIONIST
18 JEWISH DESIGN. THEY ARE STONEWALLING THE HOUSING FOR ALL
19 LAWFUL HOMESS CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY THE INJURED ELDERLY AND THE
20 HOMELESS WOMEN AND OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES MILITARY
21 VETERANS. THEY ARE SUBSIDIZING ALL THIRD WORLD GHETTO. I HAVE
22 AN IDEA. LET'S PRIORITIZE THE HOMELESS HOUSING ISSUE. LET'S
23 PUT ALL THE ELITE SATANIC ZIONIST JEW FREE MASON [EXPLETIVE]
24 ON THE STREETS, THEIR FAMILIES, WITH NO CELLPHONES AND NO
25 POLICE PROTECTION. THEN THAT WOULD INCLUDE ATTORNEYS, JUDGES,

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1 COMMISSIONERS, THE EVIL ERIC GARCETTI, THE A.C.L.U., ALL THE
2 JEWISH DEVELOPERS, THE JEWISH REAL ESTATE MOGULS, THE JEWISH
3 LANDLORDS, AND ALL THE JEWISH STAKEHOLDERS, AND ALL THE
4 ISRAELI MOSSAD. AND GUARANTEED EVERYTHING WOULD BE SOLVED. GOD
5 BLESS AMERICA AND DONALD TRUMP.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, MR. PREVEN?

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN EVERYONE HOLD THE TIME, PLEASE? CAN
12 EVERYONE PLEASE HOLD IT DOWN? THANK YOU. SORRY, MR. PREVEN.
13 START THE CLOCK OVER AGAIN. ONE MINUTE, THANK YOU.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY,
16 AND I TOOK NOTE OF THE SPEAKER, I THINK IT WAS MS. MARSTON,
17 WHO TOLD THE STORY ABOUT HOW AFTER THEY FINALLY WERE ABLE TO
18 DISENTANGLE THE IDEA THAT SOMEBODY HAD TO RE-CERTIFY THEIR
19 DISABILITY EVERY 45 DAYS, THE EMPLOYEES THEMSELVES BURST INTO
20 A STANDING OVATION. WELL, THAT IS GREAT NEWS, OBVIOUSLY. AND
21 KUDOS TO THE TEAM FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A POWERPOINT THAT
22 ACTUALLY LOOKS STATE OF THE ART AND IS LEGIBLE. BUT WHAT I'M
23 WORRIED ABOUT IS I REALLY TRIED TO PAY ATTENTION, AND YET I'M
24 MASSIVELY CONFUSED. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY DID WE CREATE SO
25 MANY TENTACLES THAT CHECK EACH OTHER AND CANNOT MOVE FORWARD?

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1 I'M STARTING TO LOSE CONFIDENCE THAT THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT
2 APPROACH, TO POUR MORE AND MORE MONEY INTO A GROUP THAT
3 DOESN'T POST INFORMATION THAT'S ACCURATE, THAT WON'T ANSWER
4 QUESTIONS LIKE WHAT IS THE 2,750, WHAT ARE THE OUTREACH
5 EMPLOYEES OUT THERE WORKING GETTING PAID. WHY IS THAT A HARD
6 SCRABBLE QUESTION? ANSWER IT. THANKS.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD
9 YOU PLEASE CALL SOME MORE NAMES.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ARNOLD SACHS
12 AND RED CHIEF HUNT PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
13 YOU?

14

15 **YVONNE AUTRY:** YES, IT'S MOST IMPORTANT THAT THIS MONEY IS
16 ALLOCATED IMMEDIATELY. THERE ARE THREE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT
17 ARE REPORTED DYING EVERY DAY. I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT
18 THERE ARE MORE BECAUSE I'M QUITE OFTEN ON SKID ROW. I HAVE
19 REPORTS THAT IN THE MIDNIGHT MISSION, THOSE PEOPLE ARE BEING
20 ABUSED. IT IS JUST VERY SIMPLE. YOU GIVE THE SERVICES THAT
21 YOU'VE PROMISED INSTEAD OF ABSORBING THE MONEY BACK INTO THE
22 SYSTEM, WHICH IS WHAT YOU'RE DOING. EMINENT DOMAIN SHOULD BE
23 CALLED. THOSE PEOPLE CAN BE HOUSED IMMEDIATELY THROUGH EMINENT
24 DOMAIN. SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS USE THE MONEY, HOUSE THE PEOPLE,
25 AND OFFER THE SERVICES WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO EITHER BECOME

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1 SELF-EMPLOYED, FUNCTIONAL, SELF-SUFFICIENT, OR EMPLOYABLE. THE
2 MAJORITY STILL ARE BLACK PEOPLE, PEOPLE OF COLOR. VETERANS, I
3 GIVE MONEY I DON'T EVEN HAVE. THAT IS A DISGRACE, AND YOU
4 SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. THIS IS ENGINEERED. SO JUST
5 USE THE MONEY. IT IS HERE, YOU ARE GIVING MONEY TO THE POLICE,
6 THE COUNTY. WHY CAN'T YOU ALLOCATE THE MONEY FOR THOSE THAT
7 ARE MOST IN NEED?

8

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

10

11 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER, I'M AN INTUITIVE
12 INTROVERT, AND MY BRAIN IS PROGRAMMED TO SEE SCAMS. THEY WAY
13 YOU TALKED TODAY AS IF YOU HAVE NEVER EVER EVEN HEARD OF THIS
14 SITUATION HAPPENING. YOU TALK LIKE SOMETHING THAT'S NEW, THEM
15 DYING ON THE STREET AND EVERYTHING. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR
16 OVER THAN 10 YEARS, AND SEE EVERY TIME YOU BRING IT UP, MORE
17 MONEY GETS FUNNELED INTO YOUR POCKETS. SEE, I KNOW THE GAME
18 YOU ARE TALKING TODAY LIKE OH, WE HAVE SUCH A PROBLEM AND THEN
19 THREE OR SIX MONTHS FROM NOW, YOU WILL DO IT AGAIN. WE DIDN'T
20 KNOW THIS, LET'S SEE, NOW WE WILL DO THIS. LET ME TELL YOU
21 SOMETHING. YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW, EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU.
22 EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS CORRUPTION AND
23 THIS OF MY PEOPLE, THE FOUNDATIONAL BLACK PEOPLE, FOUNDATIONAL
24 MEANS WE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF SLAVES, NOT PEOPLE OF COLOR
25 BECAUSE PEOPLE OF COLOR MEAN HISPANIC, LATINO, AND THE REST OF

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1 THESE PEOPLE WITH A LITTLE SKIN COLOR. OKAY, THIS IS ABOUT MY
2 PEOPLE, AND YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. (OFF-MIC
5 COMMENTS). SORRY, START THE CLOCK OVER FOR, GENEVIEVE, PLEASE.
6 CAN YOU START IT OVER? THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, DR. CLAVREUL.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
9 CLAVREUL. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT ITEM AGAIN, BUT FROM THE
10 BEGINNING, I ALWAYS FELT IT WAS A LACK OF URGENCY, AND THE
11 CENTRAL COMMAND IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT
12 REALLY FUNCTIONING, AND I AM GLAD TO SEE SOME OF YOUR ANGER
13 COMING THROUGH. MINE I HAVE BEEN FROM A LONG TIME. AND I JUST
14 HOPE THAT YOU DEMAND WAY BEYOND THE REPORT THAT THINGS ARE
15 BEING DONE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT DONE, AND I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT
16 FROM DAY ONE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SOMEBODY WHO ANSWER DIRECTLY
17 TO YOU AND OVERSEE WHAT IS GOING ON BECAUSE YOUR COMMISSIONER
18 ARE NOT DOING THE JOB THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO. I HAVE GONE TO
19 MOST OF THE MEETING, AND I AM APPALLED WITH THE LACK OF
20 URGENCY. EVERYBODY OUT DOING -- ACT NOW.

21

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

23

24 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** YES, I AM THE RED CHIEF HUNT. LIKE I SAID TIME
25 AND TIME BEFORE, IS THAT EVERYBODY UP HERE IS FRUSTRATED WITH

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1 L.A.H.S.A. AND WHAT IS GOING ON AND THINGS LIKE THAT, ALL THE
2 RED TAPE. AND THE REASON WHY IS DON'T NOBODY KNOW HOW TO DO
3 THE LOGISTICS. I HEAR ALL THIS RHETORIC, AND I MADE ONE SIMPLE
4 FORM TO DO ALL THE CUTICLES, CUTICLE 1 TO CUTICLE 5. SOME
5 PEOPLE CAN BE HOUSED, AND SOME PEOPLE CAN'T. SOME PEOPLE NEED
6 BEDS WHERE THEY NEED MORE ATTENTION, BUT HERE'S WHAT I'M
7 FINDING OUT IS THE FRUSTRATION, AND YOU GUYS ARE EVEN
8 FRUSTRATED ABOUT THIS, AND I'M LISTENING TO THIS BECAUSE
9 NOBODY KNOWS HOW TO WORK OUT THE LOGISTICS. WE NEED TO GET
10 SOMEBODY IN THERE THAT CAN BE ACCOUNTABLE AND START HOUSING
11 PEOPLE INSTEAD OF JUST ALL THE RHETORIC AND JUST ALL THE TALK.
12 WE NEED TO TELL A FRIEND, LIKE ALPHA BETA SHOPPING CENTER, AND
13 GET OUT AND START HELPING THESE PEOPLE, AND THAT MEANS
14 EVERYBODY. WE HAVE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN HERE ARE PUSHING CARTS
15 THAT WE CAN'T EVEN HELP BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A HOMELESS
16 COORDINATOR. LET'S START HERE.

17

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

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
21 YOUR DISCUSSION OF STRUCTURE, YOUR AD NAUSEUM OF CARE -- BY
22 THE WAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ARE WAIVING THE WRONG FINGER.
23 WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. YOU
24 ARE LIKE THIS. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FUNDS, WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANY
25 WORD ABOUT ANY AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FUNDS SINCE THE AFFORDABLE

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1 CARE ACT WAS INITIATED IN 2012. THAT'S GOT TO BE LIKE \$200,
2 \$300 MILLION THAT CAME TO THE COUNTY. WHERE'S THE MONEY?
3 OUTSIDE YOU HAVE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION. THIS IS UPDATED
4 11/27/2019, L.A.H.S.A. WINTER SHELTER SCHEDULE. IMPORTANT
5 NOTE, ALL SITES HAVE A ONE BAG RESTRICTION. WHAT THE HELL IS
6 THAT? THIS IS FOR PEOPLE TO SLEEP AT, FOR ELDERLY, WHATEVER,
7 ONE BAG, UPDATED, 11/27/2019. SO YOUR DISCUSSIONS, FLUSH THE
8 TOILET.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT COMPLETES THE PEOPLE THAT
11 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. I
12 MOVE THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO RECEIVE AND
13 FILE. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THIS
14 WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE ARE GOING TO BRING UP ITEM 13,
15 IMPLEMENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH
16 INTEGRATION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
17 HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I SEE OUR
20 DEPARTMENT HEADS MAKING THEIR WAY HERE, BUT TODAY, WE'RE GOING
21 TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE PRIORITIES AND
22 METRICS FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH INTEGRATION, A.H.I. AS A
23 BOARD, WE HAVE CALLED ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO INTEGRATE,
24 WORK TOGETHER, ENHANCE PATIENT CARE, ALL THE WHILE DECREASING
25 SOCIAL INJUSTICES AND TEARING DOWN SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF

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1 HEALTH, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET GIVEN THEM THE TEAM NEEDED TO
2 ACCOMPLISH SUCH A WEIGHTED TASK. AND WEEK AFTER WEEK, OUR
3 BOARD TAKES UNPRECEDENTED STEPS TOWARDS A VISION OF INTEGRATED
4 HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS, AND I THINK WHEN WE SAY ALL,
5 WE MEAN ALL. WE'RE DISCUSSING A CARE-FIRST MODEL FOR THOSE
6 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE'RE
7 TALKING ABOUT WEEKLY, ABOUT HOW TO BETTER CARE FOR OUR
8 HOMELESS POPULATION. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR FOSTER CHILDREN
9 AND OUR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR
10 VETERANS. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
11 EVERY WEEK, STRIVING TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF CARE THAT DOESN'T
12 ALLOW THEM TO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS. WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT
13 TODAY IS THAT, GOING FORWARD, THIS MEANINGFUL WORK WILL BELONG
14 TO A TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO WILL MAKE IT THEIR EVERYDAY JOB TO GET
15 IT DONE. THIS ALLIANCE WILL HAVE A CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER WHO
16 WILL LEAD A SMALL TEAM OF PROJECT MANAGERS, THE C.O.O. WILL
17 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD THAT IS CHAIR OF THE A.H.I. FOR
18 THAT YEAR, AND THE ROLE OF THAT CHAIR WILL ROTATE AMONGST
19 THESE THREE DEPARTMENT HEADS. WITH APPROVAL OF THIS STRUCTURE
20 TODAY, WE'RE ADOPTING THEIR PROPOSED PRIORITIES, INTEGRATION
21 AND DEVELOPMENT OF PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND HEALING SERVICES,
22 REDUCTION OF HEALTH INEQUITIES, AND IMPROVEMENT OF
23 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. THESE WILL JUST BE THE BEGINNING
24 FOR THIS GROUP, AND ONGOING STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT WILL
25 HAPPEN AND CONTINUE TO REFINE AND ADD TO THOSE AS NEEDED. I'M

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1 REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
2 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU TO THE THREE DEPARTMENT
3 HEADS FOR PROPOSING THIS MODEL THAT IS BALANCED AND SUPPORTIVE
4 TO THE WORK THAT THE BOARD HAS REQUIRED OF YOU. I THINK WE
5 WERE ALL STRUGGLING AFTER MITCH LEFT BECAUSE HIS VISION FOR
6 WHAT THIS WOULD LOOK LIKE MADE A LOT OF SENSE WHEN HE WAS
7 THERE, WHEN HE WAS HERE SHEPHERDING THAT, THEN HE LEFT, AND WE
8 HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING SINCE THEN TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS WOULD
9 LOOK LIKE. I ALWAYS HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THREE OF YOU,
10 AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO COME UP WITH THIS
11 MODEL AND THIS PROPOSED ALLIANCE, AND I ALSO WANTED TO SAY A
12 BIG THANK YOU TO OUR LABOR PARTNERS, OUR HEALTH COMMISSIONERS,
13 OUR HEALTH STAFF DEPUTIES FOR EACH OF US, AND ALL THE
14 COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT CAME TOGETHER TO REFINE THIS
15 STRUCTURE. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF INPUT OVER THE
16 LAST YEAR TO MAKE THIS A PERFECT MODEL. NOTHING IS EVER
17 PERFECT, AND I'M SURE AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS, WE WILL LOOK
18 AT AREAS THAT CAN BE IMPROVED AND TWEAKED. BUT HONESTLY, I
19 THINK THIS IS A GOOD MODEL AND I KNOW I, FOR ONE, COMPLETELY
20 TRUST THE THREE OF YOU TO WORK TOGETHER TO BREAK DOWN THE
21 SILOS THAT SOMETIMES KEEP CROPPING UP IN YOUR OWN DEPARTMENTS,
22 BUT I'M VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR
23 THE THREE OF YOU. YOUR VISION, YOUR PASSION, YOUR DEDICATION,
24 NONE OF THAT HAS EVER BEEN IN QUESTION FOR ME, AND I LOOK
25 FORWARD TO REALLY SEEING HOW THIS WORKS. I THINK IT WILL BE A

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1 MODEL THAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES AND HEALTH
2 AGENCIES WILL LOOK TO REPLICATE. SO THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN
7 FOR LETTING ME COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. I THINK WHEN SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS AND I WERE FIRST RUNNING FOR THESE SEATS, WE WERE
9 TALKING A LOT ABOUT SILOS, AND I'M NOT A FARMER. I HAVE NO
10 IDEA WHAT A SILO IS, BUT I HAD HEARD A LOT ABOUT SILOS. AND I
11 THINK WHAT PEOPLE MEANT WAS D.H.S. IS DOING WHAT THEY DO.
12 D.M.H. IS DOING WHAT THEY DO. PUBLIC HEALTH IS DOING WHAT THEY
13 DO. AND NEVER THE THE THRAIN SHALL MEET. AND IT WAS HARD FOR
14 ME BECAUSE IN PAST LIVES, I HAD TALKED A LOT ABOUT HOW THE
15 PATIENT THEMSELVES, THE PATIENT OR THE USER OF OUR SERVICES,
16 WERE NOT DIVIDED UP LIKE THAT, AND WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT
17 MIND/BODY RELATIONSHIP AND ALL THOSE THINGS THAT EVERYBODY HAD
18 IN COMMON. AND THEN ALL VIOLENT STUFF WAS IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND
19 THE ADDICTION SERVICES AND, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER. IT WAS
20 SCATTERED. SO I AM REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THIS. AND I LIKE A
21 COUPLE MORE THINGS ABOUT IT. PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, BUT LIKE 1/3
22 OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY WORK IN THESE THREE
23 DEPARTMENTS. IT'S BIG. AND OVER 1/3 OF THE WHOLE BUDGET OF THE
24 COUNTY IS IN THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS, SO IT REALLY MAKES A LOT
25 OF SENSE TO COORDINATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO LIKE THE

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1 IDEA OF THE NOTION OF ROTATING CHAIRS OR WHATEVER THE -- THE
2 FIRST AMONG EQUALS WILL BE CALLED. WE DO IT HERE, AND PEOPLE
3 SAY, OH, YOU ONLY DO IT FOR A YEAR, WHATEVER. BUT THAT GIVES
4 US A CHANCE TO PREPARE, AND IT ALSO, KIND OF, SAYS OKAY, FOR
5 THIS YEAR ONLY, IN ADDITION TO ALL THE OTHER STUFF WE ASK YOU
6 TO DO, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS A
7 LITTLE BIT BIGGER FOR OVERSEEING HOW WE COULD BETTER WORK
8 TOGETHER. SO I'M VERY PLEASED TO SEE THIS BEFORE US AND REALLY
9 PLEASED THAT YOU DESIGNED IT YOURSELVES AND WE COULD SIMPLY
10 SAY YEAH, WE THINK IT COULD WORK. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I ECHO THE COMMENTS OF MY
13 COLLEAGUES. I HAVE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW
14 THAT THE SILOS, WHILE SERVED A PURPOSE AT ONE TIME, ARE AN
15 IMPEDIMENT NOW IN TERMS OF HOW WE VIEW GIVING SERVICES, AND I
16 WANT TO THANK OUR THREE DIRECTORS FOR ALL THE WORK AND
17 STREAMLINING APPROACHES YOU HAVE TAKEN TO WORK WITH OUR MOST
18 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT ARE BEING SERVED BY EACH ONE OF
19 YOUR DEPARTMENTS. BUT I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY CALL OUT ONE AREA
20 THAT WE ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT IN THE PRIOR PRESENTATION
21 REGARDING THE HOMELESS, AND THAT IS HOW WE PRIORITIZE VETERANS
22 AS A SPECIAL POPULATION BECAUSE, THOUGH MOST VETERANS ARE
23 ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES, THE V.A. DOES NOT HAVE THE
24 CAPACITY OR THE FOOTPRINT TO PROVIDE CARE FOR ALL THE VETERANS
25 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'VE SEEN THAT IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL

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1 VALLEY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAVE SEEN THAT FIRSTHAND. AND
2 CONGRESSWOMAN CHU HAS OPENED UP A SUBCLINIC IN ARCADIA TO TRY
3 TO FILL IN THAT GAP. ADDITIONALLY, A REPORT PUBLISHED IN THE
4 2016 HARVARD LAW SCHOOL PERIODICAL NOTED THAT 6.5 PERCENT OF
5 THE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED SINCE 2001 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE,
6 WHICH I HAD NO IDEA, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR V.A. SERVICES AND
7 BENEFITS, COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT THESE ARE VETERANS WHO
8 HAVE HIGHLY ACUTE NEEDS AND ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO HAVE MENTAL
9 HEALTH ISSUES AND TWICE AS LIKELY TO COMMIT SUICIDE, WE NEED
10 TO PUT THEM INTO A PRIORITY CATEGORY. WE ARE THE SAFETY NET
11 FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND MUST COORDINATE AS BEST WE
12 CAN FOR THEIR BENEFIT. AND I KNOW, DR. SHERIN, YOU CAME FROM
13 THE V.A., SO YOU KNOW FIRSTHAND THE INNER WORKINGS OF THAT --
14 OF THE V.A. ONE EXAMPLE THAT AROSE RECENTLY WAS A VETERAN WHO
15 WAS WILLING TO GET A SHELTER AND RECEIVE HELP, HOWEVER, HE
16 NEEDED A T.B. TEST IN ORDER TO GET ACCEPTED. THE D.M.H.
17 CLINICIAN ON SITE DID NOT KNOW OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
18 CAN PROVIDE FOR THE TESTING FOR FREE. MY OFFICE CONNECTED THE
19 DEPARTMENTS TO COORDINATE THE SERVICE FOR THIS ONE VETERAN. IN
20 THE END, IT WORKED OUT WELL. I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF
21 BECAUSE IT TRULY DID JUST TAKE COLLABORATION, BUT THERE WAS --
22 IT WORKED OUT. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE ALLIANCE WHICH CAN
23 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS THE ONE I DESCRIBED IN ORDER TO
24 RE-INVENT THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS IN ORDER TO MAKE IT AS EASY
25 AS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND AGAIN TO OUR MOST

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1 VULNERABLE CONSTITUENTS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT TRULY DO
2 FALL THROUGH THE SAFETY NET. AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES WOULD
3 AGREE, WE KNOW HEALTHCARE. WE KNOW WHAT OUR BENEFITS AND ALL
4 ARE, BUT TO NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM IS OVERWHELMING. CAN YOU
5 IMAGINE INDIVIDUALS COMING IN THAT DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO
6 NAVIGATE OUR COUNTY SYSTEM? IT WOULD BE DAUNTING, AND THEY
7 WOULD FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU. I THINK
8 THIS IS TRULY A GAME CHANGER FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND I LOOK
9 FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST? DO
10 YOU ALL WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? DO YOU WANT A PRESENTATION, OR
11 DO YOU JUST --

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY COULD JUST A LITTLE BIT
14 SHORT, GIVE US WHY YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M BARBARA FERRER,
17 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I WANT TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
18 WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM ALL YOUR OFFICES. I WANT TO
19 ALSO THANK YOUR HEALTH DEPUTIES WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN A BIG PART
20 OF US CRAFTING A PROPOSAL THAT CAN MEET THE EMERGING NEEDS, IN
21 PARTICULAR, I, TOO, WANT TO SHOUT OUT OUR CLOSE COLLABORATION
22 WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS. WE ACTUALLY COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS
23 WITHOUT THE UNIONS. THEY GAVE US BUT REALLY IMPORTANT
24 FEEDBACK, BUT I THINK, MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR US, THEY'RE THE
25 FOLKS WHO ACTUALLY INTEGRATE, AND THEY'RE THE FOLKS WHO

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1 ACTUALLY DELIVER SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THE 10.3 MILLION
2 PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO THERE'S REALLY ABSOLUTELY
3 NOTHING WE DO THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
4 UNIONS. AND ALSO, I WANT TO MENTION OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE
5 ALL SPOKE TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS, OUR COMMISSIONS, OUR
6 BOARDS, AND REALLY HEARD WHAT THEY THINK IS MOST NEEDED IN A
7 STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION, AND
8 OBVIOUSLY, FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY, IT WAS BETTER
9 COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION. AND I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS WE
10 WORK HARD TO DO WHAT WE DO AND DO IT WELL, BUT WE RECOGNIZE
11 THAT IN ORDER PARTICULARLY TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR
12 EVERYBODY, WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB AROUND THE COORDINATION,
13 AND WE THINK THIS STRUCTURE CREATES THE FLEXIBILITY WE NEED
14 AND THE STAFF SUPPORT WE NEED TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT, IN
15 PARTICULAR, THE DIRECTIVES FROM THE BOARD. YOU'VE IDENTIFIED
16 THE MOST CRITICAL AREAS FOR US TO BE DOING OUR WORK, AND WE'RE
17 HONORED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE
18 THAT HAPPENS. AS YOU KNOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING ON A C.O.O.
19 THAT CAN WORK WITH A TEAM OF PROJECT MANAGERS AND REALLY
20 PRIORITIZE THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT HAPPENS ACROSS OUR THREE
21 DEPARTMENTS AND WOULD BENEFIT FROM WHAT I THINK IS A SENSE OF
22 URGENCY AND THE STAFFING TO SUPPORT THAT SENSE OF URGENCY. SO
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE SUPPORT.

24

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1 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M CHRISTINA GHALY,
2 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I ECHO
3 BARBARA'S COMMENTS. FIRST, THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND
4 YOUR STAFF, FOR ALL OF OUR TEAMS THAT I KNOW WORKED ON PUTTING
5 THE WORK PLAN TOGETHER AND ARE SO COMMITTED TO DOING THE WORK.
6 WE ALL KNOW WHAT WE WANT THE SYSTEM TO WORK LIKE, AND WE
7 ACKNOWLEDGE MANY OF THE POINTS THAT YOU'VE RAISED, THAT IT IS
8 OFTEN VERY COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT FOR PATIENTS AND CLIENTS
9 AND INDIVIDUALS TO NAVIGATE. AND WE NEED TO MAKE THAT BETTER
10 FOR PEOPLE, AND I THINK WE HAVE, COLLECTIVELY ACROSS OUR THREE
11 DEPARTMENTS, WONDERFUL VISION ABOUT HOW TO GET THERE. WHAT WE
12 NEED IS SOME OF THE ON THE GROUND TEAMS AND PROJECT MANAGERS
13 TO HELP WITH THAT. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO LABOR'S SUPPORT.
14 THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL, AS BARBARA SAID, IN HELPING US
15 THINK THROUGH THE PROPOSALS AND THE INITIATIVES AND
16 IMPORTANTLY HOW TO COMMUNICATE IT AND HOW TO MAKE SURE IT
17 RESONATES WITH OUR FRONT LINE STAFF WHO ULTIMATELY DO ALL OF
18 THE WORK. SO WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT GIVING THIS NEW MODEL
19 A TRY, PUTTING IT INTO EFFECT, AND COMING BACK IN THE FUTURE
20 TO REPORT TO YOU ALL ABOUT THE OUTCOMES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
21 ACHIEVE FOR OUR CLIENTS AND PATIENTS COLLECTIVELY.

22
23 **DR. JOHN SHERIN:** THANKS A LOT, SUPERVISORS, JOHN SHERIN,
24 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I ECHO EVERYONE'S POINTS HERE, A
25 LOT OF THANKS TO GO AROUND TO THE COMMUNITY, CERTAINLY, TO ALL

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1 OF OUR FRONT LINE AND OUR UNION, OUR LABOR PARTNERS. WE REALLY
2 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THIS STRUCTURE TO IMPLEMENT MANY,
3 MANY THINGS WE'VE WANTED TO IMPLEMENT FOR A LONG PERIOD OF
4 TIME. AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT EVEN MITCH KATSU, WHEN HE WAS
5 HERE, HAD CERTAIN GOALS THAT THIS IS A WAY FOR US TO
6 OPERATIONALIZE THOSE EFFORTS. WE, AS THREE DIRECTORS, ARE
7 PRETTY BUSY MANAGING OUR OWN BOOKS OF BUSINESS, AND WHEN IT
8 COMES TO SHARED BOOKS OF BUSINESS, IT REALLY RELIED UPON US AS
9 INDIVIDUALS DOING A LOT OF THAT WORK, AND WE REALLY HAVE TO
10 HAVE A PLATFORM TO MOVE THE WORK, TO HELP US DO -- TO
11 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMS AND TO LEVERAGE OUR STAFF IN A MORE
12 COORDINATED AND INTENTIONAL MANNER. SO WE VERY MUCH LOOK
13 FORWARD TO MOVING AHEAD, DEMONSTRATING IMPACT, AND COMING BACK
14 AND REPORTING ON IT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, AGAIN. THE IDEA OF THE ROTATING CHAIR
17 AND I UNDERSTAND, DR. FERRER, YOU ARE GOING TO START AS THE
18 CHAIR? HAVE THEY VOTED YET?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT'S RIGHT, YES.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. SO WE, AGAIN, THAT'S A -- THAT'S A TOTALLY
23 DIFFERENT MODEL, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE DO, YOU KNOW, AND WE
24 ROTATE IT SO THERE'S NO HURT FEELINGS THAT SOMEBODY GETS
25 PASSED OVER. IT IS ON AUTOMATIC THING, AND I THINK WE -- EACH

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1 CHAIR BRINGS A DIFFERENT PERSONALITY AND DIFFERENT PRIORITIES,
2 BUT AGAIN, I THINK THAT THE FACT THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE
3 ROTATING WILL, I THINK WILL BE REALLY HEALTHY. I CAN'T BELIEVE
4 I'M SAYING HEALTHY TO THREE DOCTORS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
7 ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US. I'M SORRY, PUBLIC SPEAKERS. I WAS
8 TALKING ON THE ITEM. CAN YOU CALL THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
9 SPEAK? AND THEN WHILE THEY ARE COMING UP -- HOLD ON, GO AHEAD.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
12 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
13 NAME? LAUREN NAKANO, ALINA MENDIZABAL, PATRICK DEL CONTE,
14 PATRICIA CASTILLO, HERMAN HERMAN, WAYNE SPINDLER, DR.
15 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, LIAN CHIEN, JULIE WU HSIEH, AND ARNOLD
16 SACHS, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, AND PATRICIA MCALLISTER, PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, AND BEFORE THEY START, I JUST WANT TO
20 SAY THE CORONAVIRUS, WHICH WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT IN THE
21 NEXT ITEM, IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHERE THIS AGENCY MODEL IS GOING
22 TO BE KEY BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE HOSPITALS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
23 MENTAL HEALTH ALL TALKING. IT IS NOT JUST WITHIN PUBLIC
24 HEALTH. SO WITH THAT, WELCOME. YOU ARE ON.

25

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1 **ALINA MENDIZABAL:** ESTEEMED BOARD, MY NAME IS ALINA MENDIZABAL.
2 I HAVE BEEN A 35 YEAR DEDICATED D.H.S. EMPLOYEE, EXECUTIVE
3 BOARD MEMBER WITH S.E.I.U. 721, AND THE FIRST OF THE
4 HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION ADVOCATES. TOGETHER, THE
5 TRANSFORMATION ADVOCATES, AND THE L.M.T.C., AND THE
6 PARTNERSHIP, WE'VE DONE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS TO IMPROVE
7 OUR COMMUNITY. AND LIKE YOU SAID, THE SILOS WERE SEPARATING
8 US. AND SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW IS VERY VALUABLE FOR
9 OUR PATIENTS AND OUR COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. LAST YEAR, THE
10 THREE DIRECTORS OF D.H.S., MENTAL HEALTH, AND D.P.H. CAME TO
11 THE L.M.T.C. TABLE, LABOR MANAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL,
12 TO SHARE THE A.H.I. PLAN, AND WE REQUESTED THAT THE FRONT LINE
13 VOICES BE VALUED THROUGH EVERY STEP OF THE TRANSFORMATION. WE
14 REQUESTED THAT THE L.M.T.C. CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE AS A
15 PLACE TO MOVE IDEAS AND PROJECTS FOR THE A.H.I. JUST CULTURE
16 HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR BIGGEST PROJECTS, AND AS YOU WILL HEAR,
17 WHICH IS ON YOUR '18 AGENDA ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT, IT
18 WAS THE DEPARTMENTS WITH THE MEDICAL PROVIDERS THAT WERE ABLE
19 TO 67 PERCENT DECREASE IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE BECAUSE OF THE
20 WORK JUST CULTURE AND THE WORK WE'VE DONE. SO, THANK YOU SO
21 MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HERMAN?

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO I HAVE IN MY HAND, FOR THE RECORD, REGARDING
2 MOMMY JANICE HAHN, THREE DOCUMENTS. I HAVE TWO DOCUMENTS FOR
3 THOSE OF YOU HERE, COUNSEL, L.L.C.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HERMAN HERMAN, STAY ON THE SUBJECT,
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M JUST TRYING TO GET MY DOCUMENTS ON RECORD,
9 ALL OF THEM SUBMITTED.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** KEEP ON THE HEALTH AGENCY.

12

13 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO HERE'S MY POINT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO
14 IMPLEMENT AN ALLIANCE TO HEALTH INTEGRATION, WHO THE HELL ARE
15 YOU [EXPLETIVE]TING? MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND
16 HEALTH SERVICES IS SOMETHING I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH BECAUSE I
17 ADVOCATE FOR ALL PEOPLE, ALL COLORS, UNDER ONE NATION, UNDER
18 ONE GOD, BUT APPARENTLY THERE'S OBJECTIVES, AND I'M NOT THE
19 ONE JUMPING THROUGH THE HOOPS.

20

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

22

23 **PATRICK DEL CONTE:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PATRICK DEL CONTE. I'M A
25 TRANSFORMATION ADVOCATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,

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1 AND I'M AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I WANT TO
2 THANK THE DIRECTORS FOR THE HEALTH AGENCY, JOHN SHERIN OF
3 D.M.H., DR. CHRISTINA GHALY OF D.H.S., AND DR. BARBARA FERRER
4 FOR D.P.H. FOR THEIR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH S.E.I.U. LOCAL
5 721 AND OUR LABOR PARTNERS. TOGETHER IN OUR PARTNERSHIP, WE
6 HAVE DEVELOPED A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION AND CONSENSUS
7 BUILDING THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO
8 MOVING THE PRIORITIES OF THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH INTEGRATION
9 BECAUSE IT WORKED. WE WORKED ON THEM TOGETHER, AND BECAUSE IT
10 IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR OUR CLIENTS AND OUR PATIENTS. THE
11 SHARED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE PROPOSED IN THE MOTION IS
12 SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AND IT REPRESENTS HOW WE NEED TO
13 TRANSFORM THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND IT FOCUSES ON THE
14 PRIORITIES VERSUS WHO IS IN CHARGE. WE HAVE BEEN TESTING THIS
15 IN THE L.M.T.C., AND IT WORKS. WE HAVE BEEN TESTING THIS, AND
16 WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OUR GOALS, AS THEY'VE ALL MENTIONED. SO I
17 WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD IN THIS DIRECTION. THANK
18 YOU.

19

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

21

22 **LIAN CHIEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LIAN CHIEN. I
23 WORK AS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NORTHEAST MENTAL HEALTH AND ALSO AS
24 A MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION ADVOCATE. 5 YEARS AGO, I SAT
25 HERE, ACTUALLY SAT THERE, AND SPOKE OF AN AGENCY TO IMPROVE

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1 THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BY
2 WAY OF INCREASED COLLABORATION AMONG OUR THREE DEPARTMENTS.
3 AND IN THE PAST 5 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR
4 DEPARTMENTS WORK WITH US FRONT LINE STAFF IN PARTNERSHIP. DR.
5 SHERIN, DR. FERRER, AND DR. GHALY LISTEN TO US. THEY BREAK
6 BREAD WITH US. THEY COLLABORATE WITH US. SO TODAY I'M SPEAKING
7 IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A NEW ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH
8 INTEGRATION TO CONTINUE OUR GOAL OF IMPROVING HEALTHCARE WITH
9 A RENEWED EMPHASIS ON INTEGRATION. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT OUR
10 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND ACHIEVE
11 EXCELLENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** ESTEEMED BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON, AND I WANT TO THANK
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND KUEHL FOR YOUR DUE DILIGENCE IN FOLLOWING
17 UP ON THE INTEGRATION AS A PRIORITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I'M
18 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE L.M.T.C. PARTNERSHIP, AND FOR THE FIRST
19 TIME ON BEHALF OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND
20 DENTISTS. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT MAKES SENSE TO
21 HAVE A FOCUSED STRATEGY ON MOVING INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE THAT
22 VALUES THE EMPLOYEES THAT PROVIDE IT. WE ARE READY TO
23 COLLABORATE WITH YOU AND THE HEALTH LEADERS WHO HAVE PROVEN TO
24 WALK THE WALK WITH US IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. WE HAVE ALREADY
25 STARTED TO MOVE TOWARDS INTEGRATED PROJECTS ACROSS THE

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1 DEPARTMENTS, AND WITH THE RIGHT STRUCTURE AND THE RIGHT
2 RESOURCES, OUR OUTCOMES CAN ONLY BECOME GREATER. LIKE
3 EVERYTHING NEW, WE MUST CONTINUALLY ASSESS AND PLAN FOR THE
4 CHANGES IN STRUCTURE AND ROLES PROPOSED THROUGH THIS MOTION.
5 THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **JULIE WU HSIEH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JULIE WU HSIEH. I'M
10 A PSYCHIATRIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I HAVE
11 BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS. I AM HERE TO
12 LEND MY SUPPORT TO THIS MOTION FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH
13 INTEGRATION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR
15 HEALTH INTEGRATION FOR A VERY LONG TIME. IN FACT, I WAS ONE OF
16 THE ONES HERE 5 YEARS AGO TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF CREATION OF
17 THE HEALTH AGENCY. SINCE THEN, I HAVE SEEN OUR SERVICES
18 IMPROVE FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THROUGH THE CLOSE
19 COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP OF ALL THREE DEPARTMENT HEADS
20 AND THE UNIONS. I ASK MYSELF WHO BETTER TO LEAD THAN THE THREE
21 LEADERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PROVEN THEIR INVESTMENT IN INTEGRATED
22 CARE, IN PUTTING OUR PATIENTS FIRST, PARTICULARLY OUR MOST
23 VULNERABLE, MAKING L.A. COUNTY THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE. THIS
24 MOTION WILL GIVE OUR THREE DEPARTMENTS, HEALTH SERVICES,

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1 MENTAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC HEALTH, EQUAL VOICES IN BRINGING US
2 INTEGRATED CARE. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **LAURA NAKANO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LAURA
7 NAKANO. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF BLUE ZONES PROJECT AT BEACH CITIES
8 HEALTH DISTRICT, AND I'M A COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMUNITY
9 PREVENTION AND POPULATION HEALTH TASK FORCE, AND I'M HERE
10 TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE
11 ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH INTEGRATION. AS AN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER
12 OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S, I OFFER SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION ON BEHALF
13 OF THE TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE IS ADVISORY TO THE HEALTH
14 AGENCY AND BELIEVES THAT, WHILE IT IS A MONUMENTAL EFFORT TO
15 INTEGRATE A SYSTEM AS LARGE AS L.A. COUNTY, DOING SO AND
16 MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO INTEGRATE A SYSTEM AND BREAKDOWN SILOS
17 IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ALL DEPARTMENT
18 PROGRAMS. ON BEHALF OF THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT, WE
19 FULLY SUPPORT THE COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY-
20 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS, AND ESPECIALLY
21 COLLABORATION TO ADDRESS HIGH PRIORITY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES
22 ACROSS COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE SEEN IN THE SOUTH BAY -- THANK
23 YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** CHAIR SAID NAVIGATE THE COUNTY SYSTEM. HOW
3 ABOUT TRUDGE, STUMBLE, JUMP THROUGH THE LAYERS OF LOOPHOLES?
4 YOU DON'T NAVIGATE. THIS IS TOTALLY A SCHIZOPHRENIC SYSTEM.
5 WHAT YOU NEED IS PROZAC AND ZOLOFT TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THIS
6 COUNTY SYSTEM. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, INTEGRATED HEALTH TO ME
7 IS ENCOMPASSING THE MIND, BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT. WE HAVE
8 BECOME SO POLITICALLY CORRECT IT IS NAUSEATING. AS A
9 CONSEQUENCE, WE HAVE A SYMPTOM OF CHRONIC HOMELESS AND POVERTY
10 HOLOCAUST CRISIS. NOW LET US HELP EACH PERSON TO BE AN
11 INDEPENDENT UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL THINKER AND NOT CRUCIFY OR
12 DEMONIZE THEM. AGAIN A REAL MENTAL HEALTHCARE WORKER AND/OR
13 PSYCHIATRIST WOULD KNOW HOW TO MAKE THAT DAMAGED OR INJURED
14 INDIVIDUAL WHOLE AND COMPLETE, FOLLOW THEIR INNATE GOD GIVEN
15 DESTINY, AND TO DO LESS WOULD BE A SIN OR A CRIME. AGAIN A
16 PSYCHIATRIST'S JOB IS TO EDIFY, INSTILL, AND MAKE THAT PERSON
17 WHOLE, MIND, BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YVONNE AUTRY, YOU SIGNED UP TO
20 SPEAK? YOU WANT TO SPEAK? OKAY, GO AHEAD AND SPEAK. WAYNE.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH, OKAY. NOW, YOU GET TO THE EXPERTS. IF
23 ANYBODY KNOWS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, IT IS ME. I HAVE BEEN
24 CARRYING FOR MY LITTLE UNCLE HERMAN JASON WESSON, JR., A.K.A.
25 HERB WESSON, THE MOST MENTALLY ILL MAN IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SO

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1 AGAIN, SEE, HE WANTS TO SIT IN THAT CHAIR. DON'T LET THE
2 MENTALLY ILL SIT IN CHAIRS AND VOTE YOUR RIGHTS AWAY. SUPPORT
3 THE L.A. TIMES AGAINST MENTALLY ILL. VOTE NO ON HERB WESSON
4 FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SAY YES TO PROPER
5 MENTAL CARE. DO NOT ALLOW THE INSANE TO TAKE PRECEDENCE HERE.
6 NOW, JANICE HAHN, YOU ENDORSED HIM, I KNOW YOU WANT TO TAKE IT
7 BACK. HERB WESSON, THE MENTALLY ILL, IS BLACKMAILING YOU. WE
8 WILL SET YOU FREE. NO ON WESSON.

9

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

11

12 **YVONNE AUTRY:** THANK YOU. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
13 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS SYSTEM IS ACTUALLY ENGINEERING AND
14 BREEDING DYSFUNCTIONAL PEOPLE WHO ARE THEN MISDIAGNOSED AS
15 BEING MENTALLY ILL. IT IS NOT EVEN PREDOMINANTLY A CONGENITAL
16 ISSUE. SOME IS ENVIRONMENTAL. SOME HAS BEEN, OF COURSE,
17 ENGINEERED ESPECIALLY IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. IT IS ALSO AS A
18 RESULT OF SUCH A POOR S.A.D., WHICH IS A STANDARD AMERICAN
19 DIET, WHICH IS COMPLETELY DEFICIENT IN THE VITAL VITAMINS AND
20 NUTRIENTS, NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THE PSYCH MED INDUSTRY
21 IS A HUGE INDUSTRY, JUST LIKE THE WEAPONS INDUSTRY, THE MEAT
22 INDUSTRY, AND JUST LIKE THE HOMELESS INDUSTRY, AND THE PRISON
23 INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. SO YOU MAKE MONEY OFF OF MENTALLY ILL
24 DEPRESSED SUICIDAL PEOPLE, AND IT IS ENGINEERED. SO THAT BEING
25 SAID, I THINK WE SHOULD FOCUS ON PREVENTION, TREATING WHAT'S

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1 GOING ON, COUNSELING, PRAYER, IMPROVING THE DIET, AND ALSO
2 HEALING METHODS, LIKE --

3

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

5

6 **YVONNE AUTRY:** LIKE YOGA AND LIKE TAI CHI.

7

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

9

10 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** ALL OF THIS MENTAL ILLNESS WITH AFRICAN-
11 AMERICANS IS SOMETHING NEW. IT STARTED WHEN THIS STATE AND
12 THIS COUNTRY DECIDED TELLING POOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN-
13 AMERICANS, IF YOU WANT S.S.I. BENEFITS, YOU APPLY FOR
14 DISABILITY, AND THEN THEY GET THEM ON THOSE PSYCH MEDS. AND
15 THAT'S HOW THEY BECAME MENTALLY ILL. WE NEVER HAD THIS KIND OF
16 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. THAT'S HOW THEY GOT
17 HOOKED ON THIS. NOW, WHO IS OVER THIS WHOLE DRUG THING IN THIS
18 COUNTRY? HER NAME IS NORMA VOLKOW. SHE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
19 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE. SHE IS THE GREAT
20 GRANDDAUGHTER OF LEON TROTSKY. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO LEON
21 TROTSKY IS, HE IS FROM THE RED ARMY OF RUSSIA, COMMUNIST
22 RUSSIA. YES, SHE IS. AND SINCE SHE HAS BEEN THE HEAD OF THIS
23 INSTITUTE, THE DRUG PROBLEM THAT WE'VE HAD IN THIS NATION HAS
24 NEVER, EVER BEEN THIS BAD. AND BASED ON MY RESEARCH, THIS IS

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1 ALL PART OF THE COMMUNISTS TRYING TO TAKE OVER THIS NATION.

2 AND THIS DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THAT'S WHERE THE COMMUNISTS ARE.

3

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

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS,

7 AND THIS CRAP AGAIN. I MEAN THIS IS LIKE YOU MENTIONED, EVERY

8 HEAD, EVERY CHAIR THAT SITS IN A ROOM WASHES THE SAME CLOTHES

9 OVER AND OVER AGAIN. YOU HAD PRIORITIES TO ENROLL HOMELESS

10 PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH PLAN, WHICH WOULD BE INSURED

11 BY L.A. CARE AND HEALTHNET, WHICH WERE THE PROGRAMS FROM THE

12 STATE'S MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, COVERED CALIFORNIA. YOU HAVE MANY

13 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ENROLLED. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THAT?

14 AND THE FUNDING THAT CAME FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGAIN, I

15 MEAN IF YOU HAVE A DUMB MORON WHOSE INSURANCE COMPANY INSURES

16 THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM, THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM. PEOPLE MAKE

17 BAD INVESTMENTS. IN THIS CASE, IT WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT FOR

18 THE COUNTY, AND YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. THAT'S

19 REALLY TOO BAD.

20

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

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, I'M A VERY UNHAPPY CAMPER. TO

24 GIVE ONLY ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM IS A BIG MISTAKE.

25 THAT ITEM SHOULD NEVER BE HAPPENING. WE ARE GOING TO SPEND

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1 MORE MONEY TO HAVE THEM, THOSE THREE PEOPLE, ARE THE C.O.O. OR
2 WHATEVER IT IS, AND THEN OF COURSE A UNION IS FOR IT BECAUSE
3 THEY GET TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE WORKING. ANYWAY, I DID A P.R.A.
4 REQUEST IN AUGUST 1ST OF LAST YEAR. I STILL DON'T HAVE AN
5 ANSWER. I'M DOING ANOTHER ONE TODAY. I DEMAND TO HAVE A
6 RESPONSE WITHIN 7 DAYS.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, COUNTY COUNSEL --

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YOU ARE CREATING A MONSTER.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE TURNAROUND ON P.R.A. REQUESTS
13 BECAUSE THIS IS LIKE THE 16TH TIME THAT DR. CLAVREUL SAID SHE
14 PUT IN A P.R.A. AND GOTTEN NO RESPONSE? SO CAN YOU HAVE
15 SOMEONE COORDINATE WITH HER BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WHETHER WE LIKE
16 IT OR NOT, WHEN YOU ASK FOR A P.R.A., YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO GET
17 THE INFORMATION? AND IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS A CONTINUAL THEME
18 WITH DR. CLAVREUL. I'M SURE ALL OUR OFFICES HAVE BEEN
19 APPROACHED BY HER ON THIS.

20

21 **ATTORNEY:** MADAM CHAIR, IN FACT THERE ARE VERY DEFINITE TIME
22 LINES FOR RESPONDING TO P.R.A.S. I HAVE LOOKED AT SOME OF DR.
23 CLAVREUL'S PRIOR REQUESTS. AND MY BELIEF, AND I COULD BE
24 MISTAKEN, BUT WE WILL LOOK INTO IT. MY BELIEF WAS THAT THEY
25 HAD BEEN RESPONDED TO.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. CAN YOU HAVE SOMEONE FROM
3 COUNTY COUNSEL GO OVER TO MAKE SURE PLEASE, THANK YOU. IS
4 THAT THE LAST SPEAKER? OKAY. THAT IS THE LAST SPEAKER. THIS
5 ITEM IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO
7 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE
8 ORDER. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 24, WHICH IS A REPORT ON A
9 PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THAT WAS ALSO HELD
10 BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS,
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO THE
14 DOCTORS. TODAY, I THINK WE ARE GOING TO HEAR BACK ABOUT A
15 PLAN TO PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OUR
16 RESIDENTS DURING THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK. EVERY WEEK,
17 WE HAVE BEEN HEARING AN UPDATE ON THE ACTUAL VIRUS AND HOW IT
18 IS IMPACTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT SADLY, WE ARE ALSO
19 SIMULTANEOUSLY HEARING CONTINUED REPORTS OF FEAR AND
20 DISCRIMINATION, AND IN DOING THIS MOTION, MY HOPE WAS TO
21 RAPIDLY INFUSE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH NECESSARY SERVICES TO HELP
22 DECREASE THIS FEAR AND ANXIETY AND DO MORE EDUCATION. THANK
23 YOU TO DR. SHERIN AND DR. FERRER FOR COLLABORATING ON THIS
24 PLAN, AND I'M VERY ANXIOUS TO HEAR WHAT YOUR PLAN IS, AND I
25 MIGHT HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS AFTER YOU MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR
3 PRESENTATION, THE TIMELINESS ON THIS ACTUALLY IS VERY FITTING
4 BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IN MY DISTRICT WE HAVE -- I HAVE TWO
5 CONSTITUENTS WHO ACTUALLY KNOW FROM SANTA CLARITA WHO WERE
6 PART OF THE SHIP THAT WAS QUARANTINED IN TOKYO. THEY GOT ON
7 THE PLANE TO COME BACK HERE, AND HER HUSBAND HAD A FEVER AND
8 WAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS. AND, AS I WATCHED THEM
9 DOCUMENT THEIR TIME ON THE SHIP, ONE OF THE CONCERNS THEY HAD
10 WAS ABOUT THE REACTION FROM THE COMMUNITY KNOWING THAT THEY
11 MAY OR MAY NOT, EVEN THOUGH AT THAT POINT THEY WERE
12 ASYMPTOMATIC AND HAD NOT TESTED FOR IT. AND SO NOW WE HAVE A
13 SITUATION WHERE IT IS PUBLIC. I MEAN, THIS IS LIVING OUT IN
14 REAL-TIME, ON THE NEWS, THAT THE HUSBAND'S TESTED POSITIVE.
15 THEY HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP FOR 14 DAYS, SO THEY ARE MONITORING
16 HER, AND I HOPE AND PRAY THAT SHE REMAINS ASYMPTOMATIC AND
17 DOES NOT TEST, BUT THE COMMUNITY IN THE RESPONSE IS GOING TO
18 BE AN ISSUE FOR THEM TO DEAL WITH, EVEN IF IT IS SOMEONE BEING
19 AFRAID TO BE IN THE SAME ROOM WITH THEM. OVER THE WEEKEND, WE
20 HAVE NEW NEIGHBORS THAT KNOCKED ON OUR DOOR, AND THEY HAD
21 SELF-QUARANTINED THEMSELVES FOR 14 DAYS, AND MY HUSBAND NOR I
22 WAS IN FEAR, AND WE WELCOMED THEM, AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE.
23 BUT I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE EXCEPTION, AND YOU HAD THE PRESS
24 CONFERENCE LAST WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE, ABOUT
25 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS. BUT THERE IS A WHOLE

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1 CATEGORY THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS, AND THOSE ARE THAT HAVE
2 EITHER COME IN CONTACT OR HAVE HAD THE VIRUS, WHICH IS
3 TREATABLE WHEN DONE PROACTIVELY. SO I THINK WHEN WE BUILD IN
4 THIS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I GUESS MY POINT IS THAT THERE IS A
5 WHOLE SET OUT THERE NOW THAT NEEDS TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE
6 FACT THAT THIS IS NOT -- THERE IS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, IF
7 THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED AND THEY ARE BACK IN THE COMMUNITY,
8 THEY ARE NOT CONTAGIOUS. SO OWE NEED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AS
9 WELL ON THAT.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I TOTALLY AGREE, SUPERVISOR, AND I THINK YOU ARE
12 RAISING A REALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT POINT. WE HAVE TRIED TO
13 STRESS THIS THAT THE SITUATIONS ARE GOING TO CHANGE IN ALL OF
14 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE CASES. AND,
15 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE CASES, THEN GETTING OUT REAL
16 INFORMATION, ACCURATE INFORMATION, TO PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT THIS
17 VIRUS IS AND HOW IT IS MOST EASILY TRANSMITTED AND WHAT IT IS
18 NOT BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, AND WE'VE STARTED A NEW
19 SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, I THINK JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT, YOU
20 KNOW, OUR RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND THIS. THE INCUBATION PERIOD IS
21 PROBABLY AT ITS LONGEST, 14 DAYS, WHICH IS WHY YOU KEEP
22 HEARING THAT PEOPLE ARE QUARANTINED FOR 14 DAYS OR ASKED TO
23 SOCIALLY-ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS. ONCE THOSE 14 DAYS ARE OVER AND
24 PEOPLE REMAIN ASYMPTOMATIC AND DON'T TEST POSITIVE, THEY ARE
25 NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY DON'T

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1 HAVE ANYTHING TO TRANSMIT. YOU KNOW, THERE'S NO SIGN THAT THE
2 VIRUS IS PRESENT. AND RIGHT NOW AGAIN, I WANT TO REMIND
3 EVERYBODY, WE HAD OUR FIRST CASE THREE AND A HALF WEEKS AGO IN
4 L.A. COUNTY. WE'VE HAD NO OTHER CASES. THAT PERSON LIVED IN
5 WUHAN CITY, DIDN'T LIVE HERE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT I THINK PART OF THIS, EXCUSE ME IF I CAN SAY
8 IT, IT IS NOT ABOUT THE FACTS. I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE
9 TODAY IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU JUST SAID. I THINK THERE IS FEAR,
10 DISCRIMINATION. I MEAN IT GOES BEYOND THE FACTS OF THIS, AND I
11 THINK PART OF WHAT WE WANTED TO KNOW IS WHAT DO WE HAVE
12 AVAILABLE TO HELP, NOT ONLY THOSE --

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** LIKE THE GOLDMANS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THE ONES THAT ARE COMING HOME, BUT ALSO WE KNOW
17 SCHOOLS, THERE HAS BEEN ALREADY SOME DISCRIMINATION, SOME
18 BULLYING. I THINK IT IS INTERESTING THAT TODAY ON CONSENT,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WERE PROCLAIMING A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
20 TODAY REMEMBERING THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT THAT
21 HAPPENED NOT TOO LONG AGO. AND I THINK THE ENTIRE A.P.I.
22 COMMUNITY IS SUFFERING FROM DISCRIMINATION AND FEAR. I THINK
23 THAT PEOPLE'S WHEN THEY EVEN WEAR A MASK, THEY GET DIRTY
24 LOOKS. SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE -- IT IS NOT ABOUT THE
25 FACTS, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? WHAT CAN WE PROVIDE

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1 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE RETURNING WHO, OR
2 LANDING IN SOME OF THE AIR FORCE BASES AND THEN ARE GOING TO
3 RE-INTEGRATE INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR SCHOOLS, WHAT DO WE
4 HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ONCE YOU ARE DONE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
7 REQUESTED TO SPEAK. GO AHEAD, DR. SHERIN.

8

9 **DR. JOHN SHERIN:** THANKS VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. AND I REALLY
10 APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP ON YOUR PART TO ASK US TO COME UP WITH
11 AND ARTICULATE A PLAN BECAUSE REALLY THIS TYPE OF SITUATION,
12 IT CHALLENGES US AS A SOCIETY, AS A COMMUNITY. IT'S ONE THAT
13 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO REALLY CREATE MORE DISCONNECTION WHEN WE
14 ARE ALREADY SUFFERING FROM BEING DISCONNECTED, AND WHAT WE'RE
15 TRYING TO DO IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN
16 COLLABORATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH,
17 IS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS A STRATEGY TO GET OUT THE RIGHT
18 INFORMATION AND TO MAKE SURE WE CAN BRING RESOURCES TO PEOPLE,
19 INCLUDING CARE WHEN SOMEONE IS REALLY SUFFERING SIGNIFICANTLY
20 AS A RESULT. WHEN IT COMES TO REAL CONCRETE EFFORTS, WE HAVE
21 DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED INFORMATIONAL FLIERS. IN FACT, WE
22 HAVE A RESOURCE TABLE IN THE BACK WHICH HAS OUR FLIERS IN
23 SEVERAL DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. AND THAT INFORMATION WE'RE HOPING
24 WILL HELP SOME PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THINGS THAT OTHERWISE ARE
25 CREATING ANXIETY AND FEAR FOR THEM. WE HAVE A LIST OF

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1 PROVIDERS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE
2 A.P.I. COMMUNITY. THERE'S A LOT OF EDUCATION THAT'S AVAILABLE
3 THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS AROUND ANXIETY, AROUND BULLYING,
4 AROUND DEPRESSION. WE ALSO HAVE OUR 24/7 D.M.H. ACCESS LINE
5 BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE CONTACTED WHEN WE'RE NEEDED IN REAL-
6 TIME. WE ALSO, THROUGH OUR WEBSITES, ARE MAKING INFORMATION
7 AVAILABLE BROADLY NOT JUST BY HARD COPY. THE OTHER THING WHICH
8 IS A REALLY BIG PIECE OF IT IS OBVIOUSLY OUTREACH AND
9 ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE ACTIVELY MONITORING AND ASSESSING FOR
10 PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT IN OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR
11 STAFF AND THROUGH OUR CONTRACTED STAFF. WE ARE COMMUNICATING
12 THROUGH TELEVISION, RADIO, AND SOCIAL NETWORKING ABOUT OUR
13 ABILITY TO DELIVER SERVICES. WE HAVE WORKED WITH OUR
14 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO MANAGE THESE SCENARIOS IN
15 PARTICULAR. WE'RE LEVERAGING CERTAIN TYPES OF TREATMENT,
16 INCLUDING D.B.T., WHICH CAN BE VERY HELPFUL. WE'RE ALSO USING
17 A LOT OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
18 BECAUSE REALLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS TRAUMATIC FOR
19 OUR POPULACE. LASTLY, YOU KNOW, WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE
20 THAT OUR HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND OUR OWN PEOPLE IN THIS
21 MASSIVE COUNTY ARE AWARE OF THE FACT AND ALSO CAN HAVE ACCESS
22 TO OUR SERVICES WHEN THEY'RE NEEDED.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU REQUESTED
25 TIME TO SPEAK?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I THINK
3 WE'RE ALL VERY DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT ON OUR
4 COMMUNITIES OVERALL AND SPECIFICALLY THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY. AND
5 I WAS VERY PLEASED IN THE FORUMS THAT WE'VE HOSTED, BOTH
6 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN THERE. WE HAD ONE RECENTLY AT A
7 RESTAURANT, AND WE HEARD SOME OTHER ISSUES THAT WE'RE GOING TO
8 BE ADDRESSING, TOO, WITH RESPECT TO THE TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES
9 THAT ARE ALSO BEING MISTREATED AND WHAT HAVE YOU. AND PART OF
10 IT HAS TO DO WITH THE LOSS OF ECONOMICS IN TERMS OF SOME OF
11 THESE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT BEING VISITED UPON BY
12 CUSTOMERS ANYMORE, SO THERE'S A BIG DROP IN TERMS OF THEIR
13 ABILITY TO PAY FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND WE NEED TO DO SOME
14 WORK THERE TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT EMPLOYERS KNOW HOW TO TREAT
15 THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THAT EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
16 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND WHAT HAVE YOU. THAT'S ONE PART OF
17 IT, BUT I DID HEAR ALSO A VERY DEEP CRY FOR MENTAL HEALTH
18 ASSISTANCE, AND IT IS VERY HARD TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES
19 TO A GROUP, A CULTURE, THAT IS VERY CLOSELY ALIGNED. THEY
20 DON'T SHARE WHEN THERE ARE PERSONAL ISSUES THAT GO ON. SO PART
21 OF IT IS MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT APPROPRIATE PEOPLE
22 THAT CAN SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE AND ALSO ARTICULATE THAT BECAUSE
23 EVEN IF YOU TRANSLATE IT LITERALLY TO PEOPLE IN THEIR
24 LANGUAGE, IT MAY NOT BE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE. SO I WANT TO
25 UNDERSCORE THAT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING OUT, I JUST

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1 GOT THIS FROM MY STAFF, PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH ON COPING WITH STRESS DURING THE INFECTIOUS
3 DISEASE OUTBREAK, SO IT IS OUT, AND THERE IS INFORMATION, AND
4 THERE IS ONE, THERE WILL BE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE I
5 BELIEVE IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, IT'S ALREADY IN THREE LANGUAGES.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE'S ONE IN SPANISH. I BELIEVE YOU ARE
10 GOING TO HAVE SEVERAL IN CHINESE, VIETNAMESE, CAMBODIAN,
11 ARABIC, ARMENIAN, FARSI, TAGALOG, JAPANESE, AND KOREAN,
12 RUSSIAN LANGUAGES, WHICH IS GREAT. BUT I WOULD SAY THIS ISN'T
13 ENOUGH. WE STILL NEED FORUMS, COMMUNITY-BASED. AND I WOULD
14 URGE YOU TO ALSO BRING OUT YOUR OTHER NAVIGATORS, THE
15 PROMOTORAS AND OTHER NAVIGATORS WHO ARE TRUSTED IN OUR
16 COMMUNITIES BECAUSE THERE IS ALSO, AS WAS STATED, THE
17 DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPS, AND I HAVE
18 SEEN SOME OF THAT COMING OUT WITH LATINOS FEARING THEIR ASIAN
19 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND WE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TOLERATE THAT
20 AT ALL, AND WE NEED TO STEP OUT AND SAY WE'RE AGAINST IT. SO I
21 KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING SOME EVENTS AND WE'VE INVITED
22 THE COMMUNITY TO COME, SO I THINK IF ALL OF US CAN DO THIS AND
23 HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AS WELL AS CONSUMER OR THE
24 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS COULD BE HELPFUL BECAUSE MANY
25 PEOPLE ARE VERY PARALYZED. THERE'S THIS PARALYSIS, AND IT'S

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1 SOMEWHAT REMINISCENT FOR ME IN TERMS OF THE SEPARATION OF
2 FAMILIES BECAUSE YOU HAVE MANY CHINESE FAMILIES, SOME THAT ARE
3 IMMIGRATED HERE, HAVE PARENTS HERE, SECOND OR THIRD
4 GENERATION, AND HAVE GRANDPARENTS AND OTHERS ABROAD. THEY ARE
5 GOING THROUGH SOME TRAUMA THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE, SEPARATION. I
6 AM NOT A PSYCHIATRIST OR SOCIOLOGIST, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT
7 IT IS REAL FOR THESE PEOPLE, AND THERE ARE TENDENCIES FOR --
8 AND I HAVE SEEN IT ALREADY IN PEOPLE THAT I KNOW, SUICIDAL,
9 DEPRESSION, BECAUSE OF THE SEPARATION FACTOR AND BECAUSE OF
10 THE NOT KNOWING HOW THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR BUSINESSES ARE
11 DOING ABROAD. SO CAN YOU JUST IMAGINE ALL THOSE SACRIFICES
12 THAT PEOPLE HAVE MADE, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU ARE CUT OFF
13 FROM YOUR LIVELIHOOD, YOUR WORTH, YOUR RESPECT, AND YOUR
14 SPOUSE? THAT, TO ME, IS JUST INCREDIBLE. SO I REALLY DO THINK
15 WE SHOULD BE DOING MORE, EVEN SESSIONS ON OUR CHANNEL, OUR
16 COUNTY CHANNEL, THAT CAN TALK TO THIS AND SAY WHERE YOU GO FOR
17 HELP. MAYBE DO LITTLE TIDBITS OR SNIPPETS IN THEIR LANGUAGE.
18 CALL US, HERE WE ARE FOR YOU. I JUST THINK THERE IS AN URGENCY
19 TO THIS, AND IT IS GOING TO GET, THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE
20 CASES COMING OUT, AND THEY'RE GOING TO COME HERE TO L.A.
21 COUNTY, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. SO, AND I -- I, FOR ONE,
22 WANT TO BE ON THE SIDE OF MAKING SURE WE DO AS MUCH PREVENTION
23 AND CORRECT INFORMATION, BUT I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN
24 THAT, RIGHT NOW, THERE'S FLURRY OF MISINFORMATION, AND THERE
25 ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE XENOPHOBIC AND THEY ARE -- THEY COULD CARE

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1 LESS ABOUT OUR ROLE, BUT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE CAN
2 MEET IT. I WANT TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THIS.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I DO WANT TO ALSO TALK ABOUT A POINT
5 SUPERVISOR BARGER RAISED WITH RETURNING TRAVELERS. WE DO
6 ASSIGN A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TO EVERY RETURNING TRAVELER, AND
7 WE TRY TO MEET ALL THEIR NEEDS. I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT ONE
8 NURSE TRIES TO MEET ALL THEIR NEEDS, BUT WE DO TRY TO CONNECT
9 AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE EXPERIENCING. AND I DO THINK THE
10 SEPARATION ISSUES ARE WAY BIGGER THAN WE'VE ACKNOWLEDGED.
11 PEOPLE WHO ARE CHINESE NATIONALS CAN ACTUALLY NOT COME HERE
12 RIGHT NOW. SO IT HAS CREATED HUGE FEARS FOR MANY FAMILIES
13 ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO GET TOGETHER AND STAY TOGETHER, AND I
14 THINK IT'S BIG WONDERFUL WORKING WITH DR. SHERIN AND HIS TEAM
15 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THIS IS, YOU KNOW, IT TAKES MORE THAN OUR
16 RESOURCES. I WANT TO ALSO SAY D.C.B.A. IS HELPING US LOOK
17 INTO, YOU KNOW, WHAT WOULD A BUSINESS BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN TERMS
18 OF SUPPORT BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN THIS PRECIPITOUS DROP IN
19 PEOPLE COMING INTO THEIR SHOPS OR THEIR MARKET, AND I ALSO
20 WANT TO THANK D.H.S. BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE HOSPITAL RESPONSE
21 IS CRITICAL. WE DO HAVE FOLKS WHO NEED ACCESS TO QUARANTINE
22 AND ISOLATION AS THEY ARE UNDERGOING THEIR TESTING, AND I WANT
23 TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK ALL THE FOLKS AT OLIVE VIEW WHO HAVE
24 STEPPED UP TO HELP US IN A COUPLE OF SITUATIONS. SO I WANT TO
25 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER

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1 DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FROM THE ENTIRE BOARD, BUT I APPRECIATE
2 THE FACT THAT THE CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS THE FEAR IS
3 OVERWHELMING AND DISPROPORTIONATE IN ITS IMPACT IN OUR A.P.I.
4 COMMUNITY. AND WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SORT OF
5 MITIGATE THE ECONOMIC AND THE EMOTIONAL COSTS AND
6 CONSEQUENCES.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** IF I COULD JUST REALLY QUICKLY COMMENT, THIS IS A
9 REAL EXAMPLE OF HOW THE PROMOTER PROGRAM CAN BE SO POWERFUL,
10 AND I WISH I COULD SAY WE HAD AN ADEQUATE PROMOTER PROGRAM IN
11 ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES IN ALL LANGUAGES AND
12 CULTURES. WE DON'T, ALTHOUGH THAT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT
13 WE ARE STRIVING FOR THROUGH OUR PREVENTION EFFORTS, AND THEN
14 ALSO THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PLATFORMS THAT WE'VE BEEN DEVELOPING
15 OVER THE PAST COUPLE YEARS WITH THE SCHOOLS AND IN THE
16 LIBRARIES IN PARTICULAR ARE PLACES WHERE WE CAN GO INTO THE
17 COMMUNITY WITH MATERIALS. WE CAN PROVIDE PRESENTATIONS. AND WE
18 CAN ALSO IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING AND GET THEM
19 CONNECTED UP WITH SERVICES. BUT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US
20 TO LEARN HOW TO ACTIVATE AND RESPOND IN A REALLY THOUGHTFUL
21 WAY, AND WE ARE DOING OUR BEST, AND WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR
22 SUPPORT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU TOLD ME I COULD SPEAK. THANKS AGAIN, AND DR.

4 FERRER, I DIDN'T MEAN TO CUT YOU OFF WHEN YOU YOU WERE GIVING

5 US THE REAL FACTS BECAUSE IT IS TRUE, PART OF WHAT WE DO NEED

6 TO DO IS REMIND PEOPLE THAT WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF

7 OUTBREAK YET IN L.A. COUNTY BUT HONESTLY, RIGHT NOW, YOU TURN

8 ON THE T.V., AND YOU SEE THE HAZMAT UNIFORMS, AND YOU GET BAD

9 NEWS, AND YOU LOOK AT THAT SHIP, THE WESTERDAM I THINK, WHERE

10 NO ONE WAS SYMPTOMATIC AND YET, ONCE THEY GOT OFF IN CAMBODIA,

11 NOW ONE PERSON HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO HAVE IT. SO I THINK IT IS

12 THAT -- THAT SORT OF OVERWHELMS THE FACTS TO MOST PEOPLE, AND

13 I THINK THAT'S WHY WE REALLY WANTED TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO TO

14 SUPPORT. AND I ALSO WORRY THAT THIS FEAR AND IGNORANCE AND

15 DISCRIMINATION COULD ALSO RESULT IN PEOPLE NOT COMING FORWARD

16 WHEN THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THE WORST

17 THING THAT CAN HAPPEN, IF PEOPLE HAVE THE SYMPTOMS AND AS

18 MUCH AS WE ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO SELF REPORT, BECAUSE OF WHAT

19 THEY COULD FEAR, COULD BE AN ATTACK ON THEMSELVES, THEIR

20 FAMILIES, IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, THEIR SEPARATION, THEY'RE

21 GOING TO BE LESS LIKELY TO SELF-REPORT. SO ALL OF THIS PLAYS

22 INTO IT. I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK, ON THIS ACCESS LINE, DO YOU

23 EXPECT TO GET REFERRALS TO THIS ACCESS LINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT

24 OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE? OR DO YOU EXPECT PEOPLE CALL

25 IT THEMSELVES? AND WHAT ABOUT SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS, ARE

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1 WE ASKING THEM TO CALL THE ACCESS LINE, OR DO THEY NEED TO GO
2 THROUGH ANOTHER MECHANISM TO GET REFERRED FOR THESE SERVICES?
3 WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I WOULD SAY ALL OF THE ABOVE, WE HAVE AN ACCESS
6 LINE 24/7 THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING IN REAL-TIME TO
7 EMERGENCIES. IT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIAGING FOLKS TO
8 DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESOURCES IF THERE'S NOT AN ACUTE EMERGENCY
9 TYPE SITUATION. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANYONE COULD CALL THE
10 LINE, IT'S 800-854-7771, TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GET
11 HELP, TO REQUEST US TO SEND OUT TEAMS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
12 AND EDUCATION. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO
13 REACH OUT TO US, AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND OUR TEAMS OUT
14 INTO THE FIELD FOR WHATEVER WE CAN TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND CARE
15 WHEN IT'S NEEDED.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE REQUEST TO SPEAK?
20 OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.
21 WOULD YOU CALL UP THEIR NAMES, PLEASE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
24 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? HERMAN HERMAN, ERIC
25 PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, YVONNE AUTRY,

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1 PATRICIA MCALLISTER, WAYNE SPINDLER, JAHZARA HALLIDAY. PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST? YOU
5 CAN GO FIRST.

6

7 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. MENTAL HEALTH,
8 THAT IS A BIG ISSUE WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS. AND LET ME JUST
9 REMIND YOU GUYS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THIS, ESPECIALLY
10 IN CALIFORNIA, BUT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, THEY
11 DIAGNOSED AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN WITH A.D.H.D. MORE THAN
12 ANYBODY IN THIS COUNTRY. AND DR. UMAR JOHNSON, U-M-A-R
13 JOHNSON, HE IS A BOARD CERTIFIED. HE IS A DOCTOR OF CLINICAL
14 PSYCHOLOGY AND A BOARD CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST. HE IS
15 TEACHING AFRICAN-AMERICAN MOTHERS AND FATHERS ON HOW NOT TO
16 LET THESE WHITE TEACHERS, IT'S THE WHITE RACIST TEACHERS WHO
17 ARE DIAGNOSING OUR CHILDREN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN,
18 FOUNDATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN. AND THESE CHILDREN ARE
19 THEN PUT ON ALL OF THESE PSYCH MEDICATIONS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE
20 SO MANY AFRICAN-AMERICANS, YOUNG ADULTS, WHO ARE BEING DRUGGED
21 UP WITH THESE PSYCH MEDICATIONS, AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A
22 PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO GO TO TWITTER
23 AND TYPE IN D-R, DR. UMAR JOHNSON, AND GO TO FACEBOOK AND
24 YOUTUBE AND CONTACT HIM.

25

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

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3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO YOU SEE, WHERE ARE OUR SPEAKERS? WHY WILL
4 THEY NOT ENGAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN WHAT WE HAVE TO CRITICIZE
5 THEM ABOUT? WHO ARE THEY RUNNING FROM? WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO
6 HIDE BESIDES THE MESH OF [EXPLETIVE] WORDS THEY PRODUCE UNDER
7 A PATTERN AND PRACTICE THAT WE HEAR TIMELY AND OVER AND OVER?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HERMAN, CAN WE STAY ON TOPIC?

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11 **HERMAN HERMAN:** OH, I AM, I'M DEALING WITH YOU PEOPLE, MENTAL
12 HEALTH. AND WHEN IT COMES YOU A SUPPORTIVE ACTION OF WHAT YOU
13 SHOULD BE DOING, WHICH IS A J-O-B, YOU ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL. YOU
14 SOUND LIKE THAT TYRANT, HERMAN WESSON, FROM THE CITY OF LOS
15 ANGELES WHO ACCUSED ME OF HAVING PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS, BUT
16 IT IS APPARENT. IT IS APPARENT.

17

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

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IT IS VERY APPARENT. YOU HAVE THE [EXPLETIVE]
21 PROBLEM, NOT ME.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WAYNE?

24

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO YES, AGAIN, NO ON HERB WESSON, THE MENTALLY
2 ILL CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR. SO WE'RE HERE NOT TRYING TO CURE
3 PEOPLE. WE'RE HERE TO MASK OVER THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. SO
4 WHAT DO THEY DO? THEY TAKE PEOPLE THAT HEAR VOICES AND GIVE
5 THEM A PILL, PILLS. THAT'S ALL THEY DO, PILLS. AND THAT IS NOT
6 PROPER MENTAL HEALTHCARE. YOU HAVE TO TALK TO PEOPLE AND GET
7 TO THE ROOT CAUSE OF WHAT'S CAUSING THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS. I
8 DID THAT WITH HERMAN JASON WESSON JR. I FOUND OUT WHAT'S GOING
9 ON. HE IS PAYING 7 PERCENT ON TWO MORTGAGES OF \$1.39 MILLION,
10 AND HE IS GOING TO TURN 70. THAT LEADS TO MENTAL CRISIS. NO ON
11 HERB WESSON FOR SUPERVISOR.

12

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

15

16 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, NO, NO, NO. LADIES
17 AND GENTLEMEN, REMEMBER THE ASIANS ARE VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE TOO
18 BY THESE DIRTY ROGUE LABORATORIES AND THEIR DEADLY VIRUS
19 INNOCULATIONS TO CURTAIL THE POPULATION, THUS, I AM GRATEFUL
20 TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS ON OPENING CORRECTLY, ADMONISHING
21 THE COMMUNITY ON NOT REACTING TO ASIAN BOMBSHELL BECAUSE OF
22 THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK FEAR. I DECIDED TO GO TO CHINATOWN. I
23 DO LOVE THE ASIANS, AND I ALWAYS HAVE BECAUSE OF THEIR LOVING
24 PEACEFUL BUDDHAHOOD. AND I DO LOVE BUDDHISM FOR ITS KINDNESS
25 AND ITS BEAUTY. HILDA SOLIS IS RIGHT. WE MUST NOT

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1 DISCRIMINATE, RETALIATE, BULLY, AND/OR MAD DOG THEM. TRULY,
2 LET US HELP THEM AND KEEP THE ASIAN BUSINESSES ALIVE. THE
3 ASIANS ARE CULTURALLY COURTEOUS AND DEEPLY REVERENT PEOPLE.
4 LET US CHANT, CHANT, CHANT FOR ALL THE VICTIMS AND THE SAFETY
5 AND THE WELLBEING OF AMERICA AND OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES
6 PILOTS AND OUR MILITARY PERSONNELS WHO ARE STAFFING ALL THE
7 VICTIMS OF CORONAVIRUS, AND LET US PRAY FOR THEIR SAFETY AND
8 THEIR FAMILIES, AND ALSO FOR OUR BELOVED HONORABLE PRESIDENT
9 DONALD AND MELANIA TRUMP. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI, PERTAINING TO THE CORONAVIRUS, WE HAVE THE RIGHT
14 TO BE SCARED. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A FEAR BECAUSE THIS IS
15 SOMETHING THAT CAN KILL A PERSON, AND IF A PERSON IS NOT AWARE
16 THAT THEY HAVE IT, IT CAN HAVE CONSEQUENCES SO YOU GUYS HAVE
17 NO RIGHT TO TELL US THAT WE CAN'T BE IN FEAR OF A VIRUS OR A
18 DISEASE THAT IS GOING AROUND. NO, IT IS NOT OKAY TO BULLY
19 PEOPLE, BUT IT IS RIGHT TO BE NATURALLY AWARE OF YOUR HEALTH
20 AND WHO YOU ARE AROUND. WE CAN WEAR MASKS. WE CAN PROTECT
21 OURSELVES AS PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU GUYS WOULD DO THE SAME AROUND
22 THESE SAME PEOPLE. SO IT IS NOT BULLYING, THANK YOU.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NO CLAPPING PLEASE. GO YOU JUST
2 GO LIKE THIS WITH YOUR HANDS OR YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.
3 OKAY? THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

4

5 **YVONNE AUTRY:** I THINK THAT QUITE OFTEN THESE VIRUSES ARE
6 CONTRIVED TO INSTILL FEAR, FEAR OF CULTURE, TO INCRIMINATE A
7 CULTURE, ESPECIALLY AS IT IS PROLIFIC AND IT IS INCREASINGLY
8 ARMED AND POSES A THREAT AGAINST AMERICA, SO IT IS AGAIN
9 PLACING A NEGATIVE IMAGE AGAINST SOMEBODY. IF YOU JUST THINK,
10 A LOT OF THESE VIRUSES, NOT ONLY ARE THEY MAN-MADE, BUT AGAIN,
11 IT'S CONTRIVED PROPAGANDA AGAINST A PEOPLE, JUST LIKE A.I.D.S.
12 WAS USED AGAINST BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE. THINK
13 ABOUT IT. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
14 MISDIAGNOSED ON PURPOSE. THEY ARE SACRIFICED. IT IS
15 JUSTIFIABLE EXPERIMENTATION. AGAIN, THIS IS HUGE BUSINESS.
16 SOME ARE USED AS SEX SLAVES, TARGET PRACTICE FOR TRAINING
17 PURPOSES. I HAD BEEN MISDIAGNOSED. IT WAS USED AS AN EXCUSE TO
18 DISCRIMINATE, BLACKLISTING HIGHLY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE AND
19 PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT EASILY CONTROLLED BY THE SYSTEM ARE
20 MISDIAGNOSED AND EXPLOITED EVERY DAY.

21

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

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M GOING TO
25 BE RELENTLESS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. AND I'M SURE YOU CAN ASK

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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER WHAT RELENTLESS MEANS WHEN I COME FROM. THE
2 RESPONSE YOU GIVE ME, NOTHING BUT BLANK PIECE OF PEOPLE,
3 EVERYTHING REDACTED. YOU KNOW, IT IS APPALLING. AND TODAY, WE
4 ARE SUPPOSED TO GET THE REPORT. WHERE IS THE REPORT? SINCE I
5 CAME IN THIS MORNING, I ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE REPORT. YOU
6 KNOW IT IS TIME THAT YOU RESPECT THE PUBLIC. AND TO GIVE ONE
7 MINUTE TODAY TO ALL OF THOSE ITEMS IS TOTALLY A DISSERVICE TO
8 THE COMMUNITY. I AM CONCERNED, AND I RESENT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
9 MISREPRESENT THE FACT. I DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE
10 P.R.A. AND I RESENT IT.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, OUR OFFICE WILL FOLLOW UP DR.
13 CLAVREUL. WE WILL WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND LOOK AT THAT,
14 OKAY? MR. PREVEN.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THERE'S A LITTLE TURN
17 AROUND HERE. YOU GUYS ARE WORKING ON THE PUBLIC RECORD ACT FOR
18 US? I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU ARE THE ONES WHO HOLD THE RECORDS,
19 FOR THE RECORD. BUT I DO APPRECIATE IT. MENTAL HEALTH IS A
20 GOOD AREA FOR CONSIDERING THAT. TODAY, IN THE REPORT THAT YOU
21 ARE PUSHING TO THE VERY BACK OF THE MEETING ON LITIGATION.
22 THIS IS SHEILA KUEHL'S STRATEGY. THAT IS WHY, RIGHT AFTER
23 THIS, I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS, WE HAVE A WHOLE
24 CROWD OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO COME UP AND SYSTEMATICALLY
25 FILIBUSTER ON SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO THEM BUT THEY ARE

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1 INVITED DOWN TO DO IT. AND THE REASON WHY IS YOU DON'T WANT TO
2 TALK ABOUT LITIGATION. WHERE IS MARY WICKHAM? THAT'S THE SIXTH
3 MONTH IN A ROW. WHERE IS SHE?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ON POINT TO THE ITEM WE ARE TALKING ABOUT?

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH I'M TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH IN THE
8 SCHOOLS IS WHERE YOU LEARN.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, MENTAL HEALTH AND SCHOOLS. KEEP
11 TALKING.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S WHERE YOU IDENTIFY KIDS WHO NEED HELP, BUT
14 THEN WHEN YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF IT AND JUST FOCUS ON HOW
15 YOU'RE HELPING THEM IN SCHOOL --

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** MR. PREVEN, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** OH, PLEASE, MR. HAFFETZ. SIT DOWN, SIR. OH, YOU
20 ARE SITTING DOWN. SORRY.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU ARE NOT ON TOPIC --

23

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU HAVE TAKEN THIS MEETING AND TURNED IT INTO A
2 FILIBUSTER OF SELF-CONGRATULATION. WHY ARE WE NOT ALLOWED TO
3 SPEAK ON THE ITEMS --

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. IS THAT
6 ALL THE SPEAKERS? THAT IS ALL THE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM, AND
7 SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED
8 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. OR I'M SORRY, BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO NOW, ARE WE ON TO ITEM
10 NUMBER 2? IS THAT CORRECT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER? ITEM 2 IS
11 ELIMINATING LOS ANGELES COUNTY CRIMINAL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE
12 FEES. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO
13 MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW WE
16 HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING
17 TIRELESSLY ON THIS ISSUE FOR MAYBE A FEW YEARS, AND I WANT TO
18 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME ON THIS. I THINK THAT
19 TODAY IS I THINK A GOOD START FOR THE COUNTY AGAIN. WE HAVE
20 ALREADY REAFFIRMED LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE. WE DID THAT WITH
21 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE WERE ABLE TO ELIMINATE \$80
22 MILLION WORTH OF FEES THERE, BUT NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO
23 REALLY SERIOUSLY LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP REFORM THE
24 SYSTEM FURTHER. SO EVERY DAY AROUND THE COUNTY, AS YOU MAY
25 KNOW, WHEN DEFENDANTS ARE IN OUR CARE AND ARE SENTENCED,

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1 JUDGES ALSO ORDER THESE SAME INDIVIDUALS TO PAY A SERIES OF
2 FINES AND FEES ON TOP OF THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM PUNISHMENTS. SO
3 THE FEES GO TO PAY FOR CRIMINAL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE
4 FUNCTIONS AND ARE NOT MEANT TO BE ADDED PUNISHMENT, BUT
5 BECAUSE THESE COSTS CAN QUICKLY EXCEED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS,
6 INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE OFTEN THE ONES
7 HAVING TO MAKE THESE PAYMENTS, AND THEY THEMSELVES HAVE THE
8 EXPERIENCE OF AN ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT. THESE FEES CAN QUICKLY
9 ADD UP. SOMETIMES OVER \$5,000 FOR A SINGLE CASE. PAYMENT OF
10 THE FEES BECOME DUE WHEN THE DEFENDANTS ARE INCARCERATED OR
11 UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION. THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A
12 MINUTE. THINK ABOUT THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PAYING THEIR TIME
13 BEING CHARGED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, ON TOP OF THAT,
14 INTEREST. IT IS OVERWHELMING. AND AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE
15 LOOKING FOR HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND GENERAL STABILITY, TO BE
16 ABLE TO MAKE GOOD ON THEIR PROMISES TO THE COURTS, AND TO
17 THEMSELVES, AND TO THEIR FAMILIES, WE ARE ACTUALLY NOT
18 ALLOWING THEM TO BE ABLE TO BECOME STABLE AND INDEPENDENT. WE
19 ARE ALMOST, AS SOMEONE SAID, PUTTING A SHACKLE ON ONE FOOT AND
20 LETTING THE OTHER FOOT BE FREE. THE INABILITY TO PAY THESE
21 FEES CAN IMPACT, AS YOU KNOW, A PERSON'S CREDIT AND THEIR
22 ABILITY TO SECURE HOUSING OR EMPLOYMENT. AND IT FORCES THEM TO
23 CHOOSE BETWEEN PAYING FOR NECESSITIES OR MAKING PAYMENTS
24 TOWARDS THESE FEES, AND, IN SOME CASES, BEING UNABLE TO AFFORD
25 PAYMENTS CAN CAUSE PEOPLE TO AGAIN COMMIT A CRIME. WHILE SOME

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1 OF THESE FEES ARE IMPOSED BY THE STATE, SOME FALL WITHIN OUR
2 JURISDICTION, THE BOARD'S DISCRETION. WE COULD, IN FACT,
3 IMPOSE CEASING THE COLLECTION OF THESE FEES. SO I WOULD LIKE
4 TO THANK, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME AS COAUTHOR
5 ON THE MOTION WHICH I BELIEVES SEEKS TO FINALLY ELIMINATE THE
6 FEES WHICH ARE WITHIN OUR CONTROL. OVER A YEAR AGO, AS YOU
7 KNOW, WE FORGAVE \$89 MILLION IN OUTSTANDING DEBT LEVIED
8 AGAINST FAMILIES FOR THE CARE OF THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE IN
9 PROBATION DETENTION. AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE ARE HERE NOW,
10 TODAY, TO BEGIN DOWN THE SAME PATH OF FORGIVING OUTSTANDING
11 DEBT AND ELIMINATE THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THAT
12 IMPACT ADULTS IN THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
13 SYSTEM. I'M PLEASED THAT WE'RE READY TO TAKE THIS IMPORTANT
14 STEP BECAUSE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE
15 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS
16 MEET. THE PURPOSE OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, AS YOU KNOW, IS FOR
17 PEOPLE TO PAY THEIR DUES, TO REHABILITATE AND MOVE TOWARDS
18 BUILDING A LIFE TO BE PROUD OF AND HOPEFULLY BE REUNITED BACK
19 IN SOCIETY. IT SHOULDN'T BE TO CONTINUALLY PUNISH THOSE WHO
20 ARE ALREADY PAYING THEIR DEBTS TO SOCIETY, AND IT IS ALMOST
21 MOST DEFINITELY NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO
22 PUNISH POOR PEOPLE FOR THEIR POVERTY. SO STUDIES HAVE SHOWN
23 THAT THESE FEES DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT LOW INCOME
24 COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND FURTHERMORE THEY
25 IMPOSE HARDSHIP ON FAMILIES AND CAN PUSH PEOPLE FURTHER INTO

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1 POVERTY OR SOMETIMES INTO A DEEPER, DEEPER HOLE THROUGH
2 PENALTIES OF PAYMENT PLANS, LATE FEES, COLLECTION FEES, AND
3 EVEN INTEREST CHARGES. IN THE LAST YEAR, THIS BOARD TOOK A
4 SERIES OF BOLD ACTIONS TO DECLARE WE ARE COMMITTED TO A CARE
5 FIRST JAIL LAST APPROACH TO TRANSFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE
6 SYSTEM BECAUSE IT IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY BY IMPROVING THE
7 HEALTH AND ECONOMIC STABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THE DECEMBER
8 REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O. AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS FOUND
9 THAT THE COUNTY EXPERIENCES LITTLE OR NO FISCAL GAIN FROM THE
10 CRIMINAL FINES AND FEES. SPECIFICALLY, SINCE 2014, THE COURTS
11 HAVE ASSESSED AN AVERAGE OF \$121 MILLION EACH YEAR AGAINST
12 INDIVIDUALS, BUT ONLY AN AVERAGE OF \$11.4 MILLION WAS
13 COLLECTED. THAT IS 9 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT ASSESSED. THE
14 COUNTY RECEIVED ON AN AVERAGE OF ONLY \$4.5 MILLION, WHICH IS
15 ONLY 4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. FURTHERMORE, THE CURRENT
16 OUTSTANDING BALANCES OF FINES AND FEES AND RESTITUTION IS A
17 TOTAL OF \$1.8 BILLION OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS. THAT IS NOT
18 ACCOUNTING FOR THE COST OF THE COLLECTIONS. IT IS TIME WE MOVE
19 IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION AND TAKE AWAY THESE HURDLES THAT KEEP
20 PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM GETTING BACK TOGETHER, HEALING
21 APPROPRIATELY, GETTING BACK INTO OUR SOCIETY, AND REALLY
22 HAVING THE COUNTY RESOURCES FOCUSED ON REHABILITATING PEOPLE
23 AND DOING THE RIGHT THING. WE DID IT WITH OUR YOUTH IN
24 PROBATION, AND WE CAN DO IT HERE. I AM PROUD OF THE WORK THAT
25 OUR COMMUNITY, DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON

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1 THIS IN GROUPS FOR LABORING AND BRINGING THIS TO OUR
2 ATTENTION. I THINK IT IS A GOOD DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
3 ANGELES AS WE BEGIN THESE REFORMS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK,
4 AGAIN, THE BOARD FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE AND FOR THE WISDOM OF
5 THE BOARD AND THEIR MEMBERS. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL WITNESSES,
6 MADAM CHAIR, ON OUR BEHALF?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
11 THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO
14 SAY SOMETHING?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
17 SET OUT A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THIS IS A LONG TIME COMING AND
18 VERY, VERY NEEDED BECAUSE THERE WERE, REALLY, TWO MAIN
19 ARGUMENTS FOR ELIMINATING THESE KINDS OF FEES. ONE OF THEM, AS
20 YOU VERY RIGHTLY POINTED OUT, HAS TO DO WITH THEY ARE MOST
21 OFTEN ASSESSED ON POOR PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR BECAUSE THEY
22 ARE THE ONES MOST JUSTICE INVOLVED. AND IT JUST WORSENS IT.
23 YOU END UP HAVING TO BORROW MONEY AT A VERY HIGH INTEREST
24 RATE, OR YOU PUT SOMETHING IN HOCK. OR YOU -- SOME PEOPLE HAVE
25 HAD TO GET AN EXTRA JOB. SOME PEOPLE HAVE EVEN SOLD BLOOD SO

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1 THAT THEY COULD GET SOME MONEY. I MEAN EVERYBODY TRIES REALLY
2 HARD, BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP UP. IT'S KIND OF LIKE NO MATTER HOW
3 FAST YOU RUN, YOU FALL FURTHER BEHIND, AND IT ALSO MEANS THAT
4 YOUR CREDIT SCORE IS DAMAGED BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T PAY AND SO NOW
5 YOU CAN'T GET AN APARTMENT OR YOU CAN'T BUY A CAR, SO IT MAKES
6 A LOT OF SENSE, AND IT IS A LONG TIME COMING AND THANK YOU FOR
7 BRINGING THIS MOTION. AND THE OTHER, AS YOU POINTED OUT, IS
8 THE COUNTY IS NOT REALLY BENEFITING FROM ANY OF THIS. YOU
9 CAN'T COLLECT. YOU'RE JUST PUTTING PEOPLE DEEPER IN DEBT. YOU
10 HAVE TO EXPEND MONEY TO COLLECT IT, SOMETIMES MORE THAN YOU
11 ARE GETTING BY THE TIME YOU GET ANYTHING. SO THIS IS THE TIME
12 TO DO IT. ALSO ON THE GREEN SHEET, I WANTED TO NOTE THAT YOU
13 ADDED A 5 SIGNATURE LETTER IN FAVOR OF SENATOR MITCHELL AND
14 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SKINNER'S BILL TO LOOK INTO DOING THIS AT THE
15 STATE AS WELL, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT BECAUSE THERE
16 ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS, AS YOU KNOW, FUNDED, WHETHER IT IS
17 RIGHT OR NOT, BY SOME OF THESE FINES AND FEES, AND THEY HAVE
18 INDICATED THAT WE WANT TO ASK THEM TO PAY ATTENTION TO
19 PROVIDING ADEQUATE RESOURCES IF THERE ARE POTENTIAL REVENUE
20 LOSSES. LIKE IF ANY OF THE FINES GO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
21 SHELTERS, YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO HAVE TO PAY THEM, BUT YOU
22 DON'T WANT THE SHELTERS TO DO WITHOUT THE MONEY AS WELL. SO I
23 LIKE THE ADDITION IN THE GREEN SHEET OF ASKING THEM TO FIND A
24 BETTER WAY TO DO IT. I THINK WE CAN TALK TO THEM WHEN WE'RE
25 THERE NEXT WEEK ABOUT THIS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEY KNOW OUR

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1 CONCERN. BUT MOSTLY, IT IS JUST AS I SAID, LONG TIME COMING,
2 RIGHT THING TO DO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING IT.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, WELL, I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY THANKS TO
7 MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS
8 FORWARD. I'M SO PROUD OF THIS BOARD FOR CONSISTENTLY TAKING
9 STEPS TO REFORM OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND I THINK WHAT
10 WE'RE DOING HERE IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THAT, AND IT IS
11 REALLY COMPELLING TO THINK THAT THESE FEES, ON TOP OF FINES,
12 REALLY ARE A PENALTY. THEY ARE ANOTHER BURDEN. AND AS YOU
13 KNOW, WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT OUR HOMELESS
14 POPULATION AND HOW WE PREVENT MORE PEOPLE FROM BECOMING
15 HOMELESS, AND WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THESE FEES CAN ADD UP TO
16 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, AND THAT IS WHAT PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM
17 GETTING BACK ON THEIR FEET WHEN THEY ARE REINTEGRATING INTO
18 THEIR HOMES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT
19 THE COUNTY ISN'T EVEN COLLECTING A LOT OF THE MONEY FROM THESE
20 FEES, THAT'S ONE ISSUE, AND THEN EVEN IF WE DO, THAT AMOUNTS
21 TO A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR
22 US TO KEEP CHARGING THESE FEES THAT ARE NOT BEING PAID, AND
23 THEN TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE SUCH A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR MOST
24 VULNERABLE IN OUR POPULATION. SO I KNOW IT'S ALWAYS, WE ALWAYS
25 GRAPPLE WITH SOMETHING THAT DECREASES OUR REVENUE IN THE

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1 COUNTY, AND YET THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT WILL BE THAT GREAT
2 OF AN IMPACT TO THE COUNTY BUT WILL MEAN SO MUCH TO PEOPLE WHO
3 ARE IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS,
4 AND I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT, SO WE WILL HEAR FROM A LIST OF SPEAKERS.
7 LET'S CALL OUT SOME NAMES.

8

9 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, MADAM PRO TEM. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
10 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?
11 BETH COLGAN, SONIA LOPEZ, BROOKE LONGUEYVAN, ANDRIENNA WONG,
12 MILINDA KAKANI, ROY GORHAM, DAVID CHUCO, CARIZMA BROWN, PHU
13 HUYNH, LOUIS PHAM, ANA PARRA, NICOLE BROWN, ANTHONY ROBLES,
14 KIM MCGILL, LARRY LAVEN. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
15 ASSIST YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW FOR ONE MINUTE
18 FOR EACH SPEAKER. SO IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT HERE. WE HAVE A
19 LOT OF FOLKS SIGNED UP, AND YOU CERTAINLY CAN PASS ALONG YOUR
20 TIME OR SAY THAT YOU'RE IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, AND THAT ALSO
21 WILL HELP TO MOVE THE PROCESS ALONG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO,
22 GO AHEAD.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
25 EVERYTHING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID. MY NAME IS VAN NGUYEN,

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1 AND I'M HERE WITH HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT
2 AT 16 YEARS OLD, I WAS SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE SENTENCES PLUS 27
3 YEARS. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, I WAS ALSO ASSESSED WITH A
4 \$10,000 COURT FEE. SO AT THE TIME, I REMEMBER BEING SENTENCED
5 TO PRETTY MUCH DIE IN PRISON, BUT THE ONLY THING I WAS
6 CONCERNED ABOUT WAS ACTUALLY THE FINE, THE FEE THAT I HAD TO
7 PAY BECAUSE I COULDN'T IMAGINE HOW I WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY THIS
8 AMOUNT OF MONEY. SO IT IS A BLESSING AND UNEXPECTED THAT I GOT
9 A SECOND CHANCE OUT HERE, AND YET IT IS STILL THERE, THIS FEE.
10 I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO PAY IT OFF. IT IS TOO
11 OVERWHELMING FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT. SO I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY
12 HOW MUCH I STILL OWE, BUT IT IS SUCH A BURDEN, NOT JUST TO ME,
13 BUT TO MY WHOLE FAMILY, EVERYBODY WHO TAKES CARE OF ME. AND
14 FOR A LOT OF US, WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN FAMILIES THAT WE
15 HAVE, TOO. SO THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **ADRIENNA WONG:** HI, ADRIENNA WONG WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA. WE'RE PART OF THE LET'S GET FREE L.A. COALITION.
21 IN APRIL 2019, THE NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED A PIECE ON
22 CRIMINAL SYSTEM FEES AND LOOKED SPECIFICALLY AT THE SITUATION
23 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THAT PIECE CONCLUDED, AND I QUOTE, "THAT
24 SYSTEM FEES ARE A HIGHLY INEFFECTIVE REVENUE SOURCE AND, AS A
25 MORAL FORCE, DOWNRIGHT DEPRAVED." SO I JUST WANT TO THANK

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1 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR THEIR MORAL LEADERSHIP AND
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS
3 MOTION. I ALSO JUST WANT TO UPLIFT THE FACT THAT MANY
4 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, MANY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS, CAME OUT TO TALK
5 ABOUT THE IMPACT OF FEES ON THEIR LIFE TODAY AND WHY THIS
6 MOTION IS IMPORTANT. AND UNLIKE SOME OF THE VOICES WE'VE HEARD
7 TODAY, ARE NOT COMPENSATED BY THE COUNTY FOR THEIR TIME. SO
8 WAITING FOR THREE HOURS IS A REAL SACRIFICE AND HARDSHIP FOR
9 THEM. AND SO I THANK THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE MANAGED TO
10 STAY AND HOPE THE BOARD TAKES THAT INTO CONSIDERATION.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MUCH. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU, WE ACT LIKE IT IS SO STRANGE, AND YOU
15 UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU TAKE A YOUNG PERSON FROM HIS EDUCATION,
16 YOU PUT THEM IN TO LOCK UP, IT IS CALLED FREE SLAVERY. THEY
17 GIVE HIM 5 OR 10 CENTS A DAY, AND THIS IS NOT A STRANGE STORY.
18 YOU ASK ABOUT THE MENTAL CONDITION, TAKE A CHILD, PUT HIM ON
19 DRUGS, AND HIS NEXT HOME IS THE JAILHOUSE. AND IT IS REAL
20 SIMPLE AND PLAIN AND CLEAR, AND YOU ALL PUT A MAN BY THE NAME
21 OF SYDNEY GOTLEY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BOUGHT HIM ALL
22 L.S.D. AND DRUGS SO HE COULD UNEQUIP ALL THE RACES WITHOUT THE
23 EXCEPTIONS OF THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW BETTER THAN TO LET THESE
24 DOCTORS FOOL THEM TO GET ON -- PUT THEIR CHILDREN ON DRUGS,
25 AND THEY END UP IN JAIL.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **LOUIS PHAM:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LOUIS PHAM. I'M ALSO WITH
5 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I JUST RECENTLY GOT OUT OF PRISON AFTER
6 SERVING 24 YEARS. SO HAVING CAME HOME, I STILL HAVE TO DEAL
7 WITH COURT FINES AND FEES WHICH TOTAL OVER \$5,000. THIS IN
8 ITSELF HAS MADE MY TRANSITION TO SOCIETY VERY DIFFICULT AND
9 HAS BEEN -- AND I ALSO KNOW A LOT OF OTHERS ARE BEING AFFECTED
10 BY THIS, AND THIS IS WHY I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO
11 ELIMINATE COURT FINES AND FEES. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. KIM MCGILL WITH THE
16 YOUTH JUSTICE COLLATION, AND WE'RE ALSO PROUD MEMBERS OF THE
17 LET'S GET FREE COALITION. WE APPRECIATE YOU, SO MUCH,
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE AND
19 BEING COURAGEOUS IN BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND TO SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BACKING YOU UP ON THIS. WE ALSO
21 WANT TO THANK ROHINI KANA WHO WORKED SO HARD ON THIS. THE
22 ORIGINAL JAIL THAT THE U.S. SYSTEM WAS BASED ON WAS THE CLINK,
23 THE BRITISH JAIL AFTER WHICH ALL OTHER JAILS GOT THEIR
24 NICKNAME. ORIGINALLY, PEOPLE WERE GIVEN NO FOOD AND HAD TO BEG
25 FOR SNACKS AND SCRAPS AT THE JAIL BARS FROM THE PASSING

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1 PUBLIC. THE INTENT WAS TO PUNISH POVERTY. 240 YEARS AFTER THE
2 CLINK WAS CLOSED, IN LOS ANGELES, FAMILIES STILL HAVE TO
3 CHOOSE BETWEEN CORE EXPENSES, FOOD AND HEALTHCARE, AND COURT,
4 SHERIFF'S, AND PROBATION FEES. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE
5 BETWEEN FOOD AND THEIR FREEDOM. TODAY'S HISTORIC MOTION WILL
6 ELIMINATE COUNTY IMPOSED COURT, PROBATION, AND SHERIFF'S FEES
7 FOR ALL AGES. FOR DAVID, WHOSE INCOME WAS SOCIAL SECURITY AND
8 PARTICIPATION AS A RESEARCH SUBJECT IN MEDICAL TRIALS, WHEN HE
9 HAD TO PAY HIS ENTIRE YEAR'S EARNINGS OF \$4300 TO ELIMINATE
10 HIS DEBT TO THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE TODAY. I
11 HOPE YOU VOTE YES.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **BROOKE LONGUEVAN:** HI, MY NAME IS BROOKE LONGUEVAN. I'M A
16 PUBLIC DEFENDER. THESE CRIMINAL SYSTEM FEES HARM OUR
17 COMMUNITY, AND COLLECTING THESE FEES IS NOT WORTH THE COST.
18 OUR CLIENT WAS FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PAYING HER COURT FEES
19 AND PAYING HER NECESSARY DENTAL TREATMENT. WITH THE THREAT OF
20 INCARCERATION FOR FAILURE TO PAY HER FEES, SHE CHOSE TO FORGO
21 THAT DENTAL TREATMENT. WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT HER COURT DATE TO
22 PAY HER FEES, SHE HAD SEVERAL MISSING TEETH. SHE LOST HER
23 TEETH BECAUSE SHE WAS FORCED TO SPEND WHAT LITTLE MONEY SHE
24 HAD ON HER COURT FEES TO AVOID JAIL, MONEY THAT SHE NEEDED TO
25 ACCESS MEDICAL CARE. SHE IS NOT ALONE. PUBLIC DEFENDERS HAVE

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1 BEEN TELLING THESE STORIES IN COURTROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTY FOR
2 YEARS. THIS NOT ONLY AN INCREDIBLE BURDEN FOR OUR CLIENTS BUT
3 IT ALSO TAKES AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME, COURT TIME, AND
4 RESOURCES TO HANDLE FEE ASSESSMENTS, ABILITY TO PAY HEARINGS,
5 AND PROBATION VIOLATIONS. THESE ARE THE REAL COSTS OF CRIMINAL
6 SYSTEM FEES. WE URGE THE BOARD TO ELIMINATE COUNTY IMPOSED
7 SHERIFF, PROBATION, AND COURT FEES AND SIGN ON TO SUPPORT S.B.
8 144. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. [APPLAUSE]. IF YOU
11 COULD HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE. IF YOU AGREE, JUST -- RAISE THE
12 ROOF, AS THEY SAY. THANK YOU. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I AGREE WITH NO FINES AND FEES BECAUSE WE ARE ALREADH
15 PUNISHED WHEN WE GO TO COMMUNITY SERVICE OR GET INCARCERATED
16 FOR A CRIME. THOSE INCARCERATED CAN'T MAKE BAIL BECAUSE IT'S
17 TOO MUCH MONEY. THEY CHOOSE THEIR FAMILY OVER THEIR FREEDOM.
18 THOSE INCARCERATED FOR MANY YEARS DESERVE A FRESH START AND A
19 NEW LIFE. THEY ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH WEIGHING THEM DOWN. IT IS
20 HARD FOR FELONS TO GET A JOB AND TO BE ACCEPTED RIGHT AWAY
21 INTO THE COMMUNITY, SO WHO ARE YOU GUYS TO PUT FINES AND FEES
22 ON THEM WHEN IT IS ALREADY HARD ENOUGH TO GET UP ON THEIR OWN
23 WHEN THEY GET OUT OF JAIL? AFRICAN-AMERICANS MAKE 9 PERCENT OF
24 THE POPULATION, BUT THEY ARE 30 PERCENT IN PRISON JAILS. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

3

4 **MILINDA KAKANI:** MILINDA KAKANI WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL'S

5 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PROJECT. MY POSITION TEAM PROJECT EXISTS

6 BECAUSE THE SYSTEM THAT IS CHARGED WITH CARING FOR, RAISING,

7 AND REHABILITATING AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAS

8 FAILED. THE WORLD NEEDS SOME GOOD NEWS TODAY, AND I'M THANKFUL

9 YOU ALL HAVE THE COURAGE TO BOTH DRAFT AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF

10 ELIMINATING FEES IMPOSED ON THOSE CYCLING THROUGH OUR CRIMINAL

11 SYSTEM, AND BY THOSE, I'M REFERRING TO LIKES OF SUMMER

12 HARDSON, ADOPTED BY A MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER AT SIX ONLY TO

13 REENTER THE SYSTEM YEARS LATER. SHE AGED OUT OF THE SYSTEM

14 HOMELESS, FAMILY-LESS, EDUCATION-LESS, JOBLESS, BUT WITH A

15 CONVICTION RELATED TO STEALING CLOTHES FOR HER DAUGHTER WHO

16 SHE WATCHED REENTER THE SAME SYSTEM THAT ESSENTIALLY TOOK

17 EVERYTHING FROM HER. SUMMER'S SENTENCE INCLUDED THREE YEARS OF

18 PROBATION AT AN AMOUNT OF \$4,200, PROBATION REVOCATION

19 RESTITUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300, AND OF COURSE PROBATION WAS

20 REVOKED, AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER DOLLARS RELATED TO RANDOM COURT

21 FEES AND FINES. SHE WILL FOREVER BE SHACKLED TO THE SYSTEM,

22 AND IF WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER, NO ONE

23 SHOULD SUFFER THIS FATE.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. WE WANT TO CALL MORE WITNESSES?

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1

2 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
3 INDIVIDUALS ALSO PLEASE COME FORWARD. HERMAN HERMAN, DR.
4 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, DIANA SALMERON, VICTORIA COPELAND, TIA
5 KOONSE, JULIO REQUENO, KENT MENDOZA, JOASIEL GONZALEZ, SHEILA
6 PINKEL, CYNTHIA BLAKE, BRIDGET CERVELLI, MEREDITH GALLEN,
7 DAVID TURNER, GLORIA GONZALEZ, ANTONIO AQUINO, JACOB JACKSON,
8 EMILIO LAQUEZ ZAPIEN, ELIZABETH VIRRUETA, RONALDO VILLEDA,
9 JARED O'BRIEN, EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, KATH ROGERS, JOHNNY TORRES,
10 ADAM ZARAGOSA, JAKE BATINGA, ARNOLD SACHS, ANTONIA RAMIREZ,
11 IRVING LEO, BETH COLGAN. I'M SORRY, YOU WERE CALLED. BELEN
12 FLORES, YVONNE AUTRY, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, LUPITA CARBALLO,
13 JUAN MORALES, HECTOR PACHECO, RED CHIEF HUNT, WAYNE, KRUTI
14 PAREKH, AND RED CHIEF HUNT. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
15 WILL ASSIST YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. OKAY, GO AHEAD MA'AM. YES. PULL THE
18 SPEAKER UP -- THE MIC, PULL IT UP SO -- WE CAN'T HEAR YOU
19 WELL.

20

21 **ANELES MAXWELL:** OKAY, ANELES. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, MY MOM WAS
22 LOCKED UP. AND I FEEL LIKE THAT SHE DID 6 YEARS IN TIME. AND
23 SHE GOT OUT, AND SHE WASN'T ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ME BECAUSE
24 SHE HAD THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FEES. AND THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE
25 BECAUSE MY MOM SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE FEEDING OUT ON THE

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1 STREET TO TAKE CARE OF ME BECAUSE SHE'S A MOTHER. SO THAT'S
2 UNACCEPTABLE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 TIME.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
8 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. EXTREME ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, THESE
9 UNREASONABLY HIGH ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CAN BE EXTREME AND ARE
10 OFTEN MUCH HIGHER THAN THE FINE THEY ARE BASED ON, A FEE THAT
11 SHOULD BE SMALLER THAN THE FINE ITSELF. IN THE CASE OF A
12 MISDEMEANOR, THE FEE CAN BE AS MUCH AS 7 TIMES THE FINE
13 ITSELF. A PERSON PUNISHED FAIRLY HAS NO RIGHT TO HOLD A
14 GRUDGE, BUT THESE FEES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONALLY HIGH AND
15 VIOLATION OF THE 8TH AMENDMENT PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE FINES
16 FROM BEING IMPOSED, AND THUS MOTIVATE DEFENDANTS TO STEAL,
17 CHEAT, OR RESORT TO OTHER ILLEGAL MEANS TO PAY OFF WHAT IS
18 OFTEN AN UNAFFORDABLE FINE DISGUISED AS A FEE. 8TH AMENDMENT,
19 EXCESSIVE BAIL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED NOR EXCESSIVE FINES
20 IMPOSED, WHICH IS WHAT THEY ARE DOING HERE, NOR CRUEL AND
21 UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT INFLICTED, THAT'S THE 8TH AMENDMENT.

22

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

24

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1 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN. I'M A
2 SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, AND I'M
3 HERE TO TESTIFY IN STRONG FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 2. SPECIAL
4 THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, KUEHL, ROHINI KANA, AND ALL THOSE
5 WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING SO HARD ON THIS MEASURE. LAST YEAR, I
6 HELPED TO COORDINATE AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
7 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INTERCEPT 6 WORK GROUP OR
8 SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH FOCUSED ON SUPERVISION IN THE THE
9 COMMITTEE. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO END THE
10 COLLECTION OF FEES AND FORGIVE OUTSTANDING DEBT. THIS IS AN
11 ESSENTIAL STEP IF WE TRULY WANT TO PUT CARE FIRST AND USE
12 JAIL AS A LAST RESORT. SO I JUST STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
13 THIS AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO YOU SEE, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ELIMINATING
18 SUCH FEES BECAUSE YOU ARE TAKING ALL OTHER LEGAL ACTIONS AS
19 NEEDED TO DESTROY LIVES, AND IT MUST END NOW. FEES SUCH AS
20 PEOPLE OF COLOR, FEES AGAINST MINORITIES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE
21 OF PUNISHMENT, AN AVERSE EFFECT THAT DETRIMENTALLY IMPACTS AND
22 HARMS YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. I HAVE NEVER BEEN
23 INCARCERATED. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? WELL, I MUST BE LYING
24 BECAUSE I DEFINITELY KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SIT BEHIND BARS
25 INCARCERATED BY A DOG, WOOF WOOF. BUT WITH FIVE SIGNATURES,

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1 STARTING WITH GAVIN NEWSOM, HOLLY MITCHELL, VOTE HOLLY
2 MITCHELL, GET RID OF HERB WESSON AND YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.
3 (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).
4

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

8 **DAVID:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DAVID, AND I'M HERE TO ASK
9 FOR THE ELIMINATION OR THE REDUCTION OF THE FEES AND FINES
10 ASSOCIATED WITH INCARCERATION, PROBATION, COMMUNITY SERVICE,
11 AND RESTITUTION. THESE FEES ARE EXCESSIVE AND OPPRESSIVE, AND
12 THEY UNFAIRLY TARGET THE POOREST RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. MANY
13 PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED, IN JAIL, LOSE EVERYTHING AS A RESULT.
14 THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. MANY LOSE THEIR
15 MEANS OF EMPLOYMENT AND ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND
16 THEIR FAMILIES UPON RELEASE. THEY ARE FACED WITH THE ALMOST
17 IMPOSSIBLE CHALLENGE OF PEACING THEIR LIVES BACK TOGETHER.
18 THEY SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO PAY THE FEES, FINES, AND
19 COURT COSTS THAT COME WITH BEING ON PROBATION AND COMMUNITY
20 SERVICE AND COURT MANDATED PROGRAMS THAT THEY ARE FORCED TO
21 COMPLETE. I RECENTLY COMPLETED A PROBATION TERM OF THREE
22 YEARS, AND EVERY MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS, I PAID \$100 WITHOUT
23 FAIL, AND I WAS STILL TOLD THAT I OWED HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN
24 RESTITUTION. SO PLEASE END THE FEES, PLEASE, PLEASE. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** YEAH, THE RED CHIEF HUNT, I WANT TO ECHO THE
5 SAME SENTIMENTS. I ADMIRE SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS BILL FORTH.
6 MY ATTORNEY'S RIGHT HERE SITTING WITH ME RIGHT HERE. AND SHE
7 WITNESSED EVERYTHING AND THE FEES AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO I'M
8 A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THAT, JUST LIKE THE LIVING EXAMPLE GOING
9 THROUGH ALL THE PROGRAMS WITH EVERYTHING ELSE. SO SOLIS, LET
10 ME TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOU. YOU DESERVE TO BE COMMENDED FOR
11 THIS ISSUE AND ALL OF YOU GUYS. WE'RE GOING TO VOTE YES ON
12 THIS. MY WHOLE CROWD HAS TOLD TO VOTE YES ON THIS. SO GO AHEAD
13 AND PASS THIS BILL. PLEASE RESPECT THE COMMUNITY. POOR PEOPLE
14 ARE BEING JUST MUTILATED BY THIS WHOLE PAYMENT THING. I HAVE
15 BEEN IN THE COURT SYSTEM, AND I HAD TO GO TO FEDERAL COURT TO
16 OVER TURN A LOT OF THESE DECISIONS. SO I FEEL FOR YOU GUYS.
17 SOLIS, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. I LOVE YOU GUYS. I'M OUT ON THAT
18 NOTE. MY ATTORNEY IS GOING TO BE REPRESENTING ME AFTER THIS,
19 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PLEASE, COULD YOU REFRAIN FROM
22 CLAPPING AND PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR, NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **SHEILA PINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHEILA
25 PINKEL. AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. IT IS AN

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1 EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT IN TERMS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
2 IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT IN 2018, SUPERVISORS
3 SOLIS AND HAHN AUTHORED A BILL TO EXPUNGE ALL JUVENILE
4 DETENTION DEBT, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT DID NOT
5 INCLUDE DEBT INCURRED BEFORE THAT BILL WAS PASSED. SO I WANT
6 TO CONGRATULATE YOU THAT YOU HAVE ACTUALLY INCLUDED A
7 PROVISION TO EXPUNGE ALL PRIOR DEBT AS WELL AS STOPPING THE
8 ACCUMULATION OF FEES AND FINES. THIS IS TRULY A WONDERFUL
9 ADDITION TO THIS PROVISION, AND I TOTALLY SUPPORT IT.

10

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

12

13 **MEREDITH GALLEN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
14 MEREDITH GALLEN. I'M A DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER. ANYTIME A
15 PERSON IN L.A. COUNTY IS CONVICTED OF A CRIME, THEY ARE
16 ASSESSED A HOST OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES ON TOP OF THEIR
17 SENTENCE. JUDGES SPEED THROUGH THESE CRIMINAL FINES AND FEES
18 AS IF THEY ARE AN AFTERTHOUGHT. HOWEVER, AS PUBLIC DEFENDERS,
19 WE SEE FIRSTHAND THE IMPACT THESE PENALTIES HAVE THE LIVES OF
20 OUR CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND WE KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD
21 NOT BE AN AFTERTHOUGHT. AS ADVOCATES, WE HAVE FEW, IF ANY,
22 MEANS BY WHICH TO ALLEVIATE THESE BURDENS. SO WE ARE OFTEN
23 LEFT TO BEAR WITNESS AS OUR CLIENTS MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES TO
24 PAY THESE FEES, AS THEY FORGO MEDICAL TREATMENT, DONATE
25 PLASMA, TAKE OUT PAYDAY LOANS, OR SEEK SECOND OR EVEN THIRD

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1 JOBS. WE WATCH AS THESE PENALTIES INHIBIT OUR CLIENTS' EFFORTS
2 TO SUPPORT THEIR LOVED ONES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR
3 COMMUNITIES. WE ARE THRILLED THAT TODAY THE BOARD IS TAKING
4 ACTION THAT RECOGNIZES THAT THESE FEES SHOULD BE TREATED AS A
5 SERIOUS MATTER OF CRIMINAL SYSTEM REFORM NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT.
6 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

7

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

9

10 **JOASIEL GONZALEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
11 MY NAME IS JOASIEL GONZALEZ, PART OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE
12 COALITION. AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT FEES AND FINES. I DON'T
13 KNOW HOW THIS IS GOING TO HELP OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE FEES AND
14 FINES TEND TO HOLD US DOWN INSTEAD OF HOLDING US UP AND
15 PUSHING US FORWARD TO, LET'S SAY, TAKE OUT A LOAN. THAT IS
16 GOING TO STOP US FROM DOING IT BECAUSE FEES AND FINES, IF YOU
17 DON'T PAY A FEE, THEN YOU GO TO COLLECTION. THEN AFTER
18 COLLECTION, THAT TURNS TO BE A WHAT IS CALLED A WARRANT. AND
19 THEN AFTER A WARRANT, THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE ON THE RUN
20 BECAUSE INSTEAD OF PAYING THE RENT, YOU ARE WORRYING ABOUT
21 PAYING SOME OTHER BILL THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU BECAUSE
22 YOU COMMITTED SOMETHING WRONG. EVERYBODY COMMITS SOMETHING
23 WRONG IN THEIR LIFESTYLE, BUT WE HAVE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO
24 SWITCH UP AND CHANGE OUR LIFESTYLE AND HOW WE MANAGE IT. SO
25 PLEASE END FEES AND FINES BECAUSE IF WE KEEP FEES AND FINES,

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1 THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT A LOAN, BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT,
2 EVEN AFFORD A HOUSE IN THE FUTURE MAYBE. SO PLEASE HELP US,
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **CYNTHIA BLAKE:** HI, MY NAME IS CYNTHIA BLAKE. AND I AM WITH THE
6 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M ALSO A MASTERS STUDENT AT
7 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS. I'M IN FAVOR FOR
8 ITEM 2. I WAS PUT ON PROBATION. I WAS HOMELESS. I HAD SEVEN
9 CHILDREN. I WAS -- FOUND MYSELF ON PROBATION, OWING WELL OVER
10 \$5,000, AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET OUT OF THAT SITUATION WAS TO
11 GO TO PRISON. I WAS UNABLE TO PAY ANY OF IT. EVEN IF THEY SAT
12 THERE AND SAID \$10 A MONTH, WHATEVER, WHATEVER, AT THAT TIME
13 IT WAS JUST BEYOND MY MEANS. I JUST COULD NOT DO IT. AND I
14 ENDED UP GOING TO PRISON, AND, YEAH, THAT FEE WENT AWAY, BUT
15 THEN THEY TACKED ON MORE FEES FOR BEING IN PRISON. IT IS JUST
16 NEVER-ENDING. IT IS A REVOLVING DOOR OF FEES AND STIPULATIONS
17 AND LOSS OF FREEDOM.

18

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

20

21 **JULIO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JULIO, AND I'M WITH THE
22 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M A STUDENT AT FREELAKE HIGH SCHOOL
23 FIGHTING FOR THE REVOLUTION TO EMPOWER AND EDUCATE LOS
24 ANGELES. I'M IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATING ALL FEES AND FINES
25 BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN IMPACTED SINCE I WAS 12 BY THOUSANDS OF

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1 DOLLARS IN PROBATION AND COURT FINES AND FEES. MY MOM WASN'T
2 ABLE TO PAY IT OFF. (INDISCERNIBLE) STRESS, IT WAS STRESS FOR
3 HER. MY SON'S ON PROBATION FOR THREE YEARS, BUT SINCE WE CAN'T
4 PAY FOR IT, THEY JUST ADDED THREE MORE. WHEN THE COUNTY
5 ELIMINATED FEES AND FINES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, IT HELPED ME
6 RELIEVE MY FAMILY FROM STRESS AND TRAUMA. IT FINANCIALLY
7 AFFORDED -- 2/3 OF PEOPLE ON PROBATION MAKE LESS THAN \$20,000
8 A YEAR. 32 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE MAKE LESS THAN \$10,000 A YEAR. HOW
9 CAN WE CONTINUE TO PAY BACK MONEY? WE ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING
10 TO SURVIVE. IN POOR COMMUNITIES THERE ARE LOTS OF STUFF THAT
11 NEEDED TO BE PAID IN THE HOUSE LIKE ELECTRICITY, CAR
12 INSURANCE, RENT, AND FOOD. I GET IT. WE'RE YOUNG, AND WE HAVE
13 TO BREAK THE LAWS. THERE SHOULD BE CONSEQUENCES. WE DO IT FOR
14 A REASON, LIKE WE'RE TRYING TO EAT. PAY A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN
15 FEES ONLY TRAPS US DEEPER IN THE STREETS.

16

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

18

19 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES WITH THE YOUTH
20 JUSTICE COALITION. AND FOR A LONG TIME, L.A. HAS BEEN THE
21 LEADER IN -- THE NATION'S LEADER AND THE WORLD'S LEADER IN
22 POLICING AND INCARCERATION. NO OTHER COUNTY IN THE NATION IS
23 AS HEAVILY POLICED AS L.A. COUNTY, AND ARGUABLY SOME SAY THE
24 WORLD. NO OTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD HAS A LARGER JAIL SYSTEM
25 THAN L.A. COUNTY. SO THE FACT THAT ALONG WITH THIS ISSUE AND

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1 MANY OTHER ISSUES, THERE'S AN EFFORT BY THIS BOARD AND THE
2 STAFFERS AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO REVERSE THIS DAMAGE AND
3 BE A LEADER, NOT IN INCARCERATION, BUT IN ACTUAL YOUTH AND
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, IT MEANS A LOT. I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY,
5 AND I APPRECIATE SOLIS'S OFFICE FOR HEARING OUT THE COMMUNITY
6 AND ALLOWING THE COMMUNITY TO BE PART OF THIS DECISION MAKING
7 BECAUSE IF WE ARE MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED AND WE CAN INFLUENCE
8 THE WAY THE COUNTY IS RUN, IT WILL BE BETTER FOR EVERYBODY
9 BECAUSE, AS DIRECTLY IMPACTED PEOPLE, WE KNOW THE IMPACTS, AND
10 WE KNOW THE SOLUTIONS. SO THANK YOU. PLEASE ALL SIGN THAT
11 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR S.B. 144 ABOUT HOLLY MITCHELL TO
12 ELIMINATE FEES STATEWIDE. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **JACOB JACKSON:** HOW ARE YOU DOING? MY NAME IS JACOB JACKSON
17 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND LET'S GET FREE
18 COLLATION. I'M HERE TO ELIMINATE ALL COUNTY IMPOSED FEES. I
19 WAS IMPACTED BY FEES AND FINES AFTER GETTING PLACED ON
20 PROBATION. BUT THANK YOU TO YOUTH JUSTICE COLLATION, WE
21 ELIMINATED YOUTH FEES, BUT THERE'S STILL ADULT SIDE. MY MOM
22 BECAME FRUSTRATED OVER TIME THAT SHE KEPT SEEING THE MAIL FROM
23 PROBATION ABOUT FEES AND FINES AT THE STATE PILING UP. SHE
24 STILL WORKS TWO JOBS. BILLS GETTING HIGHER, AND HER HEALTH IS
25 RECKONING, FIGHTING LEUKEMIA, BUT SHE STILL IS PERSEVERING,

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1 AND BILLS KEEP COMING. THIS IS A SIMILAR STORY TO TENS OF
2 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY WHO
3 ARE BURDENED BY THEIR FEES. PROBATION CHARGES UP TO \$5,800 FOR
4 SUPERVISION, WHICH NEGATIVELY IMPACTS A PERSON'S CHANCE TO
5 SUCCEED. 90 PERCENT OF FAMILIES CHARGED BY PROBATION FEES BY
6 L.A. COUNTY WERE FAMILIES OF COLOR. 2/3 OF PEOPLE ON PROBATION
7 MAKE LESS THAN \$2,000 A YEAR, AND NEARLY 2 IN 5 MAKE LESS THAN
8 \$10,000 A YEAR. AND I KNOW FROM MY COMMUNITY I RESIDE IN,
9 EVERY DAY IS A STRUGGLE JUST TO MAKE A DOLLAR AND BARELY
10 LIVING DAY BY DAY DOLLAR BY DOLLAR. I SUPPORT ELIMINATING ALL
11 FEES AND FINES, BUT TO USE THIS MONEY TO REINVEST INTO
12 COMMUNITY SERVICE INCLUDING FREE OPTIONS FOR DIVERSION, COURT
13 ORDERED PROGRAMS, SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION AND S.B. 144
14 AUTHORED BY SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

15

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

18

19 **BRIDGETT CERVELLI:** HI, MY NAME IS BRIDGET CERVELLI. I'M A
20 RECENT GRADUATE OF CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND FORMERLY
21 INCARCERATED MYSELF. MY FINES AND FEES AND COST OF MY
22 INCARCERATION ADDED UP TO OVER \$10,000. AT THE TIME I WAS
23 INCURRING THE FEES, I WAS HOMELESS. I WAS IN A TERRIFYING
24 ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP. I WAS DEALING WITH ADDICTION AND MENTAL
25 HEALTH ISSUES. SO MY CONCERNS WERE SURVIVAL, AND I DON'T KNOW

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1 HOW I WAS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THESE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN
2 FINES AND FEES. I DON'T KNOW HOW I WAS EXPECTED TO BE NOTIFIED
3 OF THESE FINES AND FEES. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO LIVE. I
4 DIDN'T EVEN HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTENT OF MY FINES AND FEES
5 UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN MY INCOME TAXES WERE GARNISHED WHEN I WAS
6 FINALLY MAKING MONEY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO
7 DO. IT IS NOT INCOME. AND JUST ONE THING I WANT TO SAY, THANK
8 YOU FOR BRINGING THIS, AND YOU KNOW, OTHER COUNTIES HAVE DONE
9 THIS. I HAD ABOUT \$5,000 OF MY FEES FORGIVEN IN OTHER
10 COUNTIES, SO LET'S CATCH UP, L.A. THANKS.

11

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

13

14 **HECTOR PEREZ PACHECO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HECTOR PEREZ PACHECO. I'M A
16 COMMISSIONER FOR THE COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT PROGRAM AS WELL AS
17 A COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WORKFORCE
18 INVESTMENT BOARD, AND WE SERVICE, THROUGH THE WORKFORCE
19 INVESTMENT BOARD, THE POOREST OF THE POOR AS WELL AS THE
20 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY. CUTTING OUT THESE
21 FEES WOULD DEFINITELY HELP THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE. WE
22 STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THE MEASURE SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS PUT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

24

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

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2 **VICTORIA:** HI, I'M VICTORIA, GRADUATE RESEARCHER AT THE
3 U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER WHERE I WORKED ON AN ANALYSIS WITH THE
4 SCHOOL OF LAW REGARDING COURT RELATED DEBT AND COMMUNITY
5 SERVICE. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE REPEAL OF FINES AND FEES
6 IN L.A. COUNTY COURTS BECAUSE OUTCOMES ARE POOR. THE C.A.O.
7 REPORT SHOWS COUNTY PROBATION BALANCE IS \$1.8 BILLION GOING
8 BACK 50 YEARS AND HAS GIVEN UP SOME \$1.2 BILLION IT WILL
9 LIKELY NEVER COLLECT. IN OUR OWN STUDY, PEOPLE OWED 5 TIMES
10 THEIR BASE FINE IN FEES UNRELATED TO UNDERLYING OFFENSES,
11 INFLATING TRAFFIC TICKETS TO AN AVERAGE \$520 AND BASIC
12 MISDEMEANORS TO, USUALLY VEHICLE RELATED, TO \$1,800. THE
13 CONSEQUENCES ARE CIRCULAR. ANNUALLY A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE
14 REGISTER TO PERFORM 8 MILLION HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN
15 L.A. 84 PERCENT OF PEOPLE ARE DOING SO BECAUSE THEY CANNOT
16 AFFORD TO PAY. MANY FACE BARRIERS TO COMPLETING HOURS BY THE
17 DEADLINE, WHICH CAN SEND THEM TO COLLECTIONS OR, WORSE, EVEN
18 JAIL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CONSIDERATION OF THE
19 MOTION IN CALLING FOR THIS ELIMINATION OF COURT FEES AND
20 FINES.

21

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

23

24 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA.
25 I'M A POLICY MANAGER WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. AND I

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1 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
2 BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION UP. I'M GOING TO KEEP IT SHORT
3 AND SIMPLE. I DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING TOO MUCH. I FEEL LIKE
4 EVERYBODY HAS EXPRESSED THE FEELINGS THAT I SHARE. IN A.R.C.,
5 WE HAVE OVER 1,000 MEMBERS WHERE ARE CLEARLY OUT IN THE
6 COMMUNITY, LIVING LIVES, RAISING FAMILIES, AND BEING WITH
7 THEIR LOVED ONES. SO THIS ISSUE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR
8 MEMBERS BECAUSE EVERY TIME I GO TO MY OFFICE AND I SEE PEOPLE
9 COMING IN AND OUT TO GET OUR SERVICES, ONE OF THE MANY
10 BARRIERS THAT I SEE THEM DEALING WITH IS FINES AND FEES. WE
11 ALREADY ARE FACING MANY BARRIERS AS FORMERLY INCARCERATED
12 INDIVIDUALS. THIS ADDS ANOTHER LAYER OF BARRIERS, AND THESE
13 FEES, YOU KNOW, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, THEY ARE ROOTED IN --
14 THEY ARE RACIST. WE ARE PERSONS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY
15 VULNERABLE AND PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY FACING MANY THINGS IN
16 THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND TO ADD ANOTHER LAYER OF RACIST POLICIES
17 IS NOT GOOD. SO THANK YOU TO THE BOARD, AND PLEASE VOTE ON
18 THIS AND SUPPORT THE STATE LEGISLATION.

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

21
22 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU, NO TO REFORMS. FRY THEIR ASSES.
23 AGAIN, LET US NOT REWARD THE CRIMINAL OFFENDERS AND FELONS. DO
24 NOT FEEL SORRY FOR THEM. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE HIGH CRIMES AND
25 GANG EPIDEMICS. STICK IT TO THEM AND CHEMICALLY CASTRATE THESE

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1 [EXPLETIVE]. ALL OF THESE CRIMINAL LATINOS, [EXPLETIVE],
2 GANGBANGERS, AND [EXPLETIVE] BLACK PIMPS, JEWISH WHITE GOYAN
3 PEDOPHILES. AND THE ZIONIST JEWISH DRUG CRIMINAL EMPIRE
4 WARLORDS, FRY THEIR ASSES, ATTORNEYS IN THE A.C.L.U. NEED
5 MONEY AND MORE CRIMINALS, YET THEY ARE NOT THE ONES THAT ARE
6 LIVING ON THE STREETS GETTING TERRORIZED AND TORTURED BY THESE
7 DAMN CRIMINALS THAT ARE ATTACKING US ON A DAILY BASIS TO THE
8 ELDERLIES, THE MILITARY VETERANS, AND THE HOMELESS WOMEN. SO
9 AGAIN GOOD PEOPLE LIKE THE ROBIN HOOD SHERIFF LEE BACAS, THEY
10 ARE DOING TIME FOR STANDING UP TO THESE CRIMINAL THUGS. WHO IS
11 STANDS UP TO THESE CRIMINAL THUGS? IT AIN'T MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
12 OR HERB WESSON. [EXPLETIVE] NO. THOSE OF US WHO STAND UP TO
13 THESE CRIMINALS ARE TORTURED, GANG STALKED, HARASSED, AND
14 ATTACKED ON A DAILY BASIS. STAND UP TO THEM AND YOU WILL SEE
15 THE (INDISCERNIBLE). GOD BLESS AMERICA.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **LUPITA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LUPITA, AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH
20 JUSTICE COALITION. COST OF INJUSTICE NEEDS TO STOP. FOR PEOPLE
21 WHO ARE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY, THESE FEES CAN PLUNGE THEM
22 INTO DEBT THAT MULTIPLIES AS DUE DATES ARE MISSED. A PERSON
23 WHO COMMITS A JAIL SENTENCE FOR PROPERTY THEFT CAN BE HIT WITH
24 COURT CHARGES TO NEARLY \$8000 INCLUDING MONTHLY FEES.
25 ENROLLING IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CAN REQUIRE \$50

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1 PAYMENT. COURT DEBT FALLS MOST HEAVILY ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND
2 LATINO COMMUNITIES IN L.A. BECAUSE OF OVER POLICING AND BIAS
3 IN THE SYSTEM, THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **VIOLET:** MY NAME IS VIOLET FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION --
8 [APPLAUSE] --

9

10 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ. I'M WITH THE
11 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND FINES AND FEES HAVE BEEN CREATING
12 A CYCLE OF INCARCERATION, POVERTY, AND INSTABILITY FOR
13 THOUSANDS OF WOMEN OF COLOR AND FAMILIES. PROBATION FEES FORCE
14 ME TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TAKING COLLEGE CLASSES AND SPENDING TIME
15 WITH MY DAUGHTER. BEING A MOTHER BEING MY PRIORITY ALSO BECAME
16 A ROLE THAT WAS PUSHED FURTHER AWAY FROM ME AND ALSO HAVING TO
17 SUPPORT HER FATHER IN PAYING THE FEES THAT ULTIMATELY ONLY
18 PUSHED MY FAMILY AND I DEEPER INTO A CYCLE OF POVERTY. MY
19 BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER IS HERE WITH ME TODAY ALONG WITH OTHER
20 POWERFUL WOMEN OF COLOR WHO HAVE HAD TO FACE THESE BURDENS AND
21 RESPONSIBILITIES EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF INSTABILITY. THIS IS
22 PERSONAL. THE SHACKLES THESE FEES AND FINES HOLD ON US ARE
23 HEAVY AND KNOWING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS NO IDEA WHERE
24 THE MONEY IS COLLECTED GOES TO ONLY REITERATES THE FACT THAT
25 FEES AND FINES NEED TO BE ELIMINATED.

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2 **KRUTI PAREKH:** I JUST REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE GLORIA AND
3 VIOLET FOR COMING UP HERE. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH, AND I'M A
4 PART OF THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION AND IN GREAT
5 SUPPORT OF NO MORE FEES, NO MORE FINES. I LOVE THAT WE COULD
6 SEE A FOUR-YEAR-OLD COME UP HERE BECAUSE SHE IS LITERALLY AN
7 EXAMPLE OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZERS THAT ARE IN THIS ROOM RIGHT
8 NOW. THE FACT THAT YOU ALL JOINED WITH COMMUNITY TO MAKE THIS
9 MOTION MOVE FORWARD IS INCREDIBLE. IN MY SHORT TIME OF BEING
10 IN THIS ROOM TODAY WHERE WE HAVE THE WORDS UP THERE THAT SAY
11 WE HAVE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR
12 THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH, WE ARE SEEING
13 THAT IN MOTION IN THIS MOMENT WHERE COMMUNITY IS WORKING
14 CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE INCREDIBLE CHANGE HAPPEN SO
15 THAT NO MORE FOLKS BECOME HOMELESS, MORE PEOPLE BECOME STABLE,
16 MORE FAMILIES BECOME STABLE, THANK YOU.

17

18 **IRVING ALVAREZ:** MY NAME IS IRVING ALVAREZ WITH BROTHERS, SONS,
19 SELVES COALITION AND WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND
20 AMENDMENT 13 WAS WRITTEN BECAUSE OF SLAVERY, BUT WE STILL
21 ENSLAVE INTO FINES AND FEES THAT ARE STILL EXTORTING OUR
22 FAMILIES. ME COMING OUT THE PRISON SYSTEM AFTER DOING THREE
23 YEARS OF INCARCERATION, I HAVE GOTTEN NOTHING BUT EXTORTION
24 FROM MY OFFICERS IN ASKING WHERE IS THE MONEY. SO WE NEED TO
25 STOP ALL OF THIS BECAUSE A LOT OF THINGS HAPPEN. WE HAVE

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1 POVERTY. WE HAVE HOMELESSNESS ISSUES THAT ARE MORE OF A
2 PRIORITY TO OTHER THINGS ASKING ABOUT MONEY AND EXTORTIONS
3 FROM THE GOVERNMENT. AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF
4 TAKING AWAY FROM ME, GIVE ME SOMETHING. GIVE ME SOME
5 EDUCATION. GIVE ME SOMETHING, BUT THIS IS ALL WE HAVE GOTTEN
6 TAKEN AWAY. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY. EVEN MOMS CANNOT
7 EVEN HAVE DIAPERS BECAUSE GO THEY TO GO AND SELL THEIR FOOD
8 STAMPS AND DO ALL THESE ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS JUST TO MAKE THE
9 LEGAL SYSTEM HAPPY. SO WE NEED TO STOP THIS. AND WE NEED TO
10 MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER AND STOP ALL THESE WEIRD THINGS
11 HAPPENING FROM US. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **ELLIE:** HI, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ELLIE. I'M WITH THE YOUTH
16 JUSTICE COALITION. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU ALL TO
17 SUPPORT DEBT FREE JUSTICE BY VOTING YES ON TODAY'S MOTION AND
18 ALSO TO SUPPORT S.B. 144. PEOPLE WHO ALREADY SERVED TIME
19 SHOULD NOT BE PUNISHED AND FORCED TO PAY MORE FEES AND FINES.
20 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MANY OF US AND OUR COMMUNITIES KNOW ALL
21 TOO WELL. MANY OF OUR FAMILIES ARE OFTENTIMES FORCED TO TAKE
22 UNFAIR PLEA DEALS IN ORDER TO GET OUT OF JAIL SIMPLY BECAUSE
23 THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY BAIL. UNFAIR FEES AND FINES ARE
24 MERELY AN EXTENSION OF THE HISTORICAL OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS THAT
25 TARGET AND EXPLOIT AND PROFIT OFF OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SO

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1 AGAIN, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TODAY AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD.

3

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

5

6 **BELEN FLORES:** HI, MY NAME IS BELEN FLORES. I'M A COMMUNITY
7 ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY COALITION, AND I ALSO SUPPORT THE
8 ELIMINATION OF THESE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. AS HAS BEEN
9 ACKNOWLEDGED, IT IS JUST AN EXTENSION OF PUNISHMENT, AND LIKE
10 GLORIA MENTIONED EARLIER WITH HER DAUGHTER UP HERE, A LOT OF
11 THAT BURDEN FALLS ON WOMEN OF COLOR WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
12 PAYING THE FINES AND FEES PARTNERS, OF LOVED ONES, OF FAMILY
13 MEMBERS, AND I HOPE YOU SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND ALLEVIATE THAT
14 BURDEN OFF WOMEN OF COLOR'S BACKS. BUT ALSO AS YOU'VE
15 RECOGNIZED THE EXTENSION OF THIS PUNISHMENT, I HOPE YOU ALSO
16 WORK TOWARDS PUTTING A PLAN TOGETHER TO REFUND MONEY TO A LOT
17 OF THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN TORN APART AND HAVE BEEN
18 FINANCIALLY PARALYZED BECAUSE OF THESE VERY, TO PUT IT
19 BLUNTLY, VERY RACIST POLICIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY
20 APPLIED TO COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

21

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

23

24 **JOAQUIN GRANGER:** HI, MY NAME IS JOAQUIN GRANGER. I'M SPEAKING
25 ON BEHALF OF DAVID TURNER. I WANT TO ALSO SAY IN THE

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1 RECOGNITION OF WHAT GLORIA SAID ABOUT KIDS GROWING UP IN A
2 FAMILY WHERE MY MOTHER HAD TO CONSTANTLY MOVE OVER AND OVER
3 AGAIN JUST TO PAY OFF MY FATHER'S FEES AND HAVE TO CONSTANTLY
4 SWITCHING THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS ACROSS CALIFORNIA WAS
5 EXTREMELY IMPACTFUL ON ME NOT ME WITH HAVING LESS STABLE
6 HOUSING. WITH THAT, EVEN NOW, BEING GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL
7 IN L.A. COUNTY AND BEING IN COLLEGE AND BEING EDUCATED, STILL
8 PUTTING A BURDEN ON ME TRYING TO ENSURE THAT I HAVE A JOB THAT
9 CAN ACTUALLY STILL HELP MY MOM PAY OFF THOSE FEES THAT WERE
10 REGULATED TO MY FATHER. AND EVEN TRYING TO ENSURE THAT THE
11 FAMILY IS STILL STABLE IS EXTREMELY IMPACTFUL EVEN ON THE KIDS
12 NOW THESE DAYS. AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND I WANT TO
13 ENSURE THAT YOU ALL ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BECAUSE THIS IS
14 EXTREMELY IMPACTFUL ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. IT DESTROYS
15 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND MULTIPLE WAYS POSSIBLE BECAUSE
16 FAMILIES ARE BEING BROKEN APART BECAUSE OF THIS.

17

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

19

20 **ADAM ZARAGOSA :** YES. MY NAME IS ADAM ZARAGOSA WITH THE
21 COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM. I'M JUST CALLING -- I'M JUST HERE TO
22 SAY I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS. BEING IMPACTED BY THESE FEES AND
23 INCARCERATED AS A JUVENILE TRIED AS AN ADULT, I UNDERSTAND THE
24 HURDLES THIS PLACES. NOT JUST THAT, WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY
25 WHERE I COME FROM, I SEE THE HURDLES IT HAS ON THESE YOUTH.

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1 JUST LAST MONTH, I WAS IN COURT WITH ONE OF MY CLIENTS WHO WAS
2 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BECAUSE HE COULD NOT PAY HIS FEES. IT
3 DIDN'T MATTER THAT HE DID THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH US. HE
4 GOT THE MENTORING, THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES. BECAUSE HE DIDN'T
5 HAVE THE CURRENCY TO PAY HIS BILLS, HE IS SITTING IN COUNTY
6 JAIL RIGHT NOW. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. I'M IN FAVOR, AND
7 THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **EMILIO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EMILIO WITH LET'S GET FREE
12 AND YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. COUNTY FEES AND FINES ARE A
13 VICIOUS STORY ABOUT INTERSECTIONAL OPPRESSION. ECONOMIC
14 OPPRESSION, 2/3 OF PEOPLE ON PROBATION MAKE LESS THAN \$20,000
15 A YEAR. ALL OF THEM HAVE TO PAY FEES. NEARLY 40 PERCENT OF
16 PEOPLE ON PROBATION MAKE EVEN LESS THAN \$10,000 A YEAR. ALL OF
17 THEM HAVE TO PAY FEES. GENDER OPPRESSION, A NATIONAL SURVEY
18 SAID THAT 83 PERCENT OF PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THESE
19 FEEES ARE WOMEN. IN L.A., WE KNOW THAT IS MOSTLY WOMEN OF
20 COLOR. RACISM, BLACK FOLKS MAKE UP ONLY 9 PERCENT OF THE
21 COUNTY POPULATION BUT OVER 30 PERCENT OF COUNTY LOCK UPS. WHEN
22 BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE ARE TARGETED, IT'S OFTENTIMES BLACK AND
23 BROWN MOTHERS, AUNTIES, COUSINS, GRANDMAS, WIVES, FRIENDS, AND
24 PARTNERS WHOSE LIVES ARE IMPACTED WHILE MANY ARE ALSO
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHER CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THE

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1 HOUSEHOLD. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CHOOSING BETWEEN FOOD, DIAPERS,
2 GAS, TAP CARDS, RENT, OR KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON. THANK YOU FOR
3 THIS MOTION. LET'S GET FREE.

4

5 **JOHNNY TORRES:** HELLO. I'M JOHNNY TORRES WITH THE COMMUNITY
6 HEALTH TEAM, DISTRICT 1. WE WANT TO THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS,
7 FOR BRINGING MOTION FORWARD. PLEASE, WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS
8 MOTION TO ELIMINATE FEES. MANY OF THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WE
9 WORK WITH, THAT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST HURDLES THEY HAVE TO
10 ENCOUNTER IS TRYING TO OVERCOME THESE FEES. AFTER GOING
11 THROUGH THE TRAUMA OF BEING INCARCERATED, AND ALL THE
12 SUBJECTAL TRAUMA THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THROUGH INCARCERATION,
13 ONCE THEY COME OUT, HAVING TO FACE THESE HUGE FEES, THIS
14 FURTHER CONTRIBUTES TO THEIR HARDSHIP AND THE RECIDIVISM. I
15 HAD A YOUNG MAN THAT'S ACTUALLY A MENTOR. I DON'T WANT TO SAY
16 HIS NAME OUT OF RESPECT, BUT THE GREATEST CRIME HE EVER
17 COMMITTED WAS TAGGING. HE WENT ALL THE WAY STRAIGHT TO STATE
18 PRISON JUST FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND TAGGING. AND WHEN NOW HE
19 IS MENTORING THE YOUNG PEOPLE AS HE CAME OUT, AND HAS HAS NOT
20 BEEN VIOLATED. HE'S DOING EVERYTHING PERFECT, BUT HE JUST
21 CANNOT PAY THE RIDICULOUS AMOUNT OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF
22 FEES THAT HAVE BEEN PUT ON HIM. SO WE SUPPORT HILDA SOLIS. WE
23 SUPPORT THIS MOTION, THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU SPEAK, CAN WE CALL
2 FOUR MORE NAMES.

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD? MARQUIES NUNEZ, DR. MELLO DESIRE, CHRISTIAN THOMAS,
6 AND CHRIS BERCOMBIE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOU ARE ON.

10

11 **JARED O'BRIEN:** GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS JARED O'BRIEN WITH THE
12 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, LET'S GET FREE COALITION, AND L.A.
13 YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OR NO INCOME
14 COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM THE UNFAIR COSTS OF FEES
15 AND FINES FOR YEARS UPON YEARS. THESE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU
16 CHOOSE TO -- THESE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU CHOOSE TO
17 REPRESENT. I AM A YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY AND THE COST OF LIVING
18 IS ALREADY HIGH AS CAN BE. WHEN IT COMES TO RENT, SCHOOL,
19 CLOTHES, TRANSPORTATION, AND FOOD, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE
20 GOT TO WORRY ABOUT, WE DON'T NEED FINES AND FEES. ELIMINATING
21 FINES AND FEES WOULD NOT BE A FAVOR. IT WOULD BE WHAT IS FAIR.
22 IT WOULD BE WHAT IS LONG OVERDUE FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES IN
23 L.A. COUNTY AND NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY BUT ACROSS THE STATE.
24 I URGE YOU ALL TO VOTE YES ON THE MOTION AND TO SIGN ON TO
25 S.B. 144. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **RONALDO VILLEDA :** HELLO, MY NAME IS RONALDO VILLEDA. I AM
5 WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING
6 COLLATION. WE NEED TO ELIMINATE FINES AND FEES BECAUSE NOT
7 ONLY ARE THEY COSTING THE COUNTY MONEY, BUT THEY ARE RUINING
8 LIVES. A PARENT SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO COMPROMISE FEEDING THEIR
9 CHILD BECAUSE OF A COURT FINE AND LIVE IN FEAR OF
10 INCARCERATION. WHAT PURPOSE ARE FINES AND FEES SERVING BUT
11 CREATING ADDITIONAL BARRIERS FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES AND
12 FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS? IT SHOULD BE
13 UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO PUNISH SOMEONE BECAUSE OF THEIR
14 SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS AND INABILITY TO PAY. THE STRESS, THE
15 WORRY, THE THREATS TO GARNISH WAGES ONLY CREATE A LARGER
16 DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PROBATION
17 AND THE COMMUNITY. LET US ABOLISH FINES AND FEES AND ALLEVIATE
18 BUT ONE OF THE BURDENS CAUSED BY PROBATION TO OUR COMMUNITIES.
19 PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AGENDA. SUPPORTING THIS MOTION IS
20 SUPPORTING ALL OF OUR A.R.C. MEMBERS WHO ARE COMING HOME. I
21 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS
22 MOTION. I URGE YOU GUYS TO VOTE YES. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **JUAN MORALES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JUAN MORALES, AND I AM A
2 MEMBER OF THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
3 MEMBERS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION AND
4 WOULD LIKE TO URGE ALL MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM 2 ON THE
5 AGENDA. I WOULD LIKE TO MAYBE ELABORATE MORE ON CERTAIN
6 CONTEXTS, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF TIME, I WILL KEEP IT TO MY
7 EXPERIENCES WITH SCHOOL INSTEAD OF WHAT MIGHT LEAD PEOPLE TO
8 MAKE BAD DECISIONS AGAIN DUE TO FINANCIAL PRESSURE. THE FIRST
9 YEAR OF BEING ACCEPTED TO U.C. SAN DIEGO AFTER I'D GONE BACK
10 TO TO SCHOOL AFTER MY PERIOD OF INCARCERATION, I POSTPONED MY
11 ACCEPTANCE BECAUSE I COULDN'T FINISH PAYING THE FEES, AND MY
12 TRANSFER REQUEST WAS DENIED. I WAS GIVEN TWO YEARS ADDITIONAL
13 PROBATION BECAUSE I STILL COULD NOT PAY MY FEES, WHICH PUT ME
14 UNDER A SITUATION WHERE I HAD TO PAY THEM BEFORE LEAVING OR
15 NOT GO. PLEASE DO NOT PUT PEOPLE IN THIS SAME SITUATION.

16

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

18

19 **ANTONIO AQUINO:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTONIO AQUINO. I'M FROM
20 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. AS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED MAN, I
21 DID SIXTEEN AND A HALF YEARS IN PRISON. AND I'VE HELD
22 NUMEROUS JOBS WHILE INCARCERATED, MOST OF WHICH ONLY PAID 8
23 CENTS PER HOUR WHICH DOES NOT REALLY HELP MUCH WITH COURT FEES
24 AND FINES. SO I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING
25 THIS FORWARD BECAUSE AS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED MAN, RETURNING

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1 BACK INTO SOCIETY IS NOT EASY TO GET BACK ON OUR FEET. SO
2 ELIMINATING THE COURT FEES AND FINES IS ONLY A STEPPING STONE
3 IN MOVING FORWARD TO NOT GO BACK INTO CRIME, TO NOT COMMIT
4 FELONIES OR MISDEMEANORS THAT MAY PUT PEOPLE BACK IN PRISON.
5 THE ONLY WAY TO ELIMINATE THIS IS THE WAY WE ARE DOING NOW.
6 AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT FOR THAT. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MARQUIESE NUNEZ:** MY NAME IS MARQUIESE NUNEZ. I'M A PART OF
11 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. AND I WAS INCARCERATED WHEN I WAS 15
12 YEARS OLD. AND I JUST CAME HOME 4 MONTHS AGO AT 28 YEARS OLD
13 DUE TO S.B. 260 AND S.B. 1437. AND A LOT OF GREAT THINGS HAVE
14 BEEN HAPPENING WITH YOU GUYS MAKING OUR COMING HOME BETTER.
15 AND IT IS AMAZING. IT'S AMAZING WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE, AND I'M
16 PAYING \$12,000 IN FEES RIGHT NOW. AND I JUST GOT A NOTICE IN
17 THE MAIL LIKE TWO WEEKS AGO, AND IT WENT UP TO \$13,000. AND
18 WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED, I WAS WORKING HARD, AND I PAID OFF
19 \$2,000 OF THAT FEE. AND IT IS JUST CRAZY HOW IT WENT UP AFTER
20 I CAME HOME. IT'S JUST LIKE WOW. SO I FEEL LIKE I GOT PUNISHED
21 FOR COMING HOME, AND IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL. AND I
22 JUST FEEL LIKE IT COULD BE BETTER, AND WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS
23 THAT GOAL, AND I APPRECIATE YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU GUYS ARE
24 DOING. AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD.

25

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

2

3 **JACOB PATINGA:** HI MY NAME IS JACOB PATINGA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF
4 OF THE NATIONAL LAWYER'S GUILD AS AN INTERN. THE NATIONAL
5 LAWYER'S GUILD RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN A FINE AND FEE
6 REDUCTION CLINIC FOR STREET VENDORS AND UNDOCUMENTED
7 IMMIGRANTS, THE UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY. SOME VENDORS HAD DOZEN
8 OF CITATIONS AND THE FEES AND FINES OFTEN ADDED UP TO SEVERAL
9 THOUSAND DOLLARS. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY MAKING LESS
10 THAN \$15,000 A YEAR SO IT IS A BURDEN THAT IS SO SEVERE IT
11 CANNOT POSSIBLY BE MET. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 AND KUEHL AND URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE RESOLUTION
13 UNANIMOUSLY, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOUR NAME WAS CALLED, PLEASE MAKE SURE
16 YOU ARE UP FRONT BECAUSE WHEN WE GET TO THE LAST SPEAKER, YOU
17 LOST YOUR CHANCE AND OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SO IF YOU'VE BEEN
18 CALLED, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **KATH ROGERS:** HI, MY NAME IS KATH ROGERS. I'M ALSO HERE WITH
21 THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.
22 AND THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS WHO INTRODUCED IT, SOLIS AND
23 KUEHL. WE ARE ALSO HERE TO ENCOURAGE A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THIS
24 MOTION AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT S.B. 144.
25 WE RUN TWO HOMELESS LEGAL CITATION CLINICS, AND WE SEE

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1 FIRSTHAND THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF FEES ON OUR CLIENTS WHO
2 CAN BARELY AFFORD TO PAY THE UNDERLYING FINE FOR MERELY
3 EXISTING, FOR QUALITY OF LIFE OFFENSES THAT THEY ARE FACING IN
4 COURT. AND ONE CLIENT HAD TO BUY NEW SHOES THEY COULDN'T
5 AFFORD TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, NOT TO MENTION
6 LATE FEES, NOT TO MENTION COMMUNITY SERVICE FEES. SO PLEASE
7 VOTE YES UNANIMOUSLY ON THIS IMPORTANT AND VITAL MOTION. THANK
8 YOU.

9

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

11

12 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA WITH
13 THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COLLATION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS
14 TODAY FOR PRESENTING THIS ITEM. AT AGE 15, I WAS SENTENCED TO
15 JUVENILE LIFE. I CAME HOME FOUR MONTHS AGO, SO I KNOW HOW HARD
16 THE REENTRY PROCESS IS. AND WITH COMING HOME, I FEEL LIKE OUR
17 PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A FRESH START. AND A FRESH START DOESN'T
18 BEGIN WITH BEING IN DEBT WITH FINES AND FEES, SO THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
23 SOMEBODY MENTIONED THEY WERE IN PRISON FOR 13 YEARS. 13 YEARS
24 AGO, THE COUNTY'S BUDGET WAS \$18 BILLION. IN THIS PAST YEAR,
25 IT WAS \$36 BILLION DOLLARS. SO THE BUDGET HAS DOUBLED IN THAT

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1 PERIOD OF TIME. YOU MENTIONED 50 YEARS AGO THIS PROGRAM HAS
2 BEEN IN EFFECT, MS. SOLIS. SO WOW, 13 YEARS AGO, YOU COULD NOT
3 DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. POOR PEOPLE ARE POOR PEOPLE. IT DOES NOT
4 MATTER HOW OLD OR WHAT GENERATION YOU ARE. THIS GENERATION,
5 LAST GENERATION, THE GENERATION BEFORE, OR EVEN THE NEXT GEN,
6 YOU HAVE NO DATA ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS. PEOPLE WHO FAIL TO DO
7 ANYTHING OVER THEIR TIME WHEN THEY WERE IN OFFICE SHOULD NOT
8 BE REWARDED WITH A NEW POSITION IN A DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT
9 ENTITY. SO YOU HAVE BEEN SITTING UP HERE, COLLECTIVELY, FOR,
10 LIKE, OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE. YOU SHOULD
11 GET OUT AND GET OUT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND MR. SPINDLER, WOULD YOU TRY
14 TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING NOISE BEHIND THE SPEAKERS WHEN THEY'RE
15 TALKING? PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** KEITH WALKER CURRENTLY IS IN NORTH
18 COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. HIS DATE OF BIRTH IS 12/26/95,
19 AND HIS BOOKING NUMBER IS 5258290. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING
20 HOUSED AT NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. HE IS THE SON
21 OF LORETTA ANDREWS, WHO WAS KILLED ON FEBRUARY 1ST. WE ARE
22 REQUESTING KEITH WALKER ATTEND HIS MOTHER'S FUNERAL, IF
23 POSSIBLE. I DON'T CARE IF YOU WANT TO SEND A BUFFALO, THE
24 SHERIFFS, OR WHOEVER TO SHACKLE HIM UNTIL HE GETS TO THE
25 CHURCH DOOR, BUT I THINK BECAUSE HOUSING WAS NOT AN ISSUE FOR

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1 THE COUNTY TO HELP WITH HIS MOTHER, THAT AT LEAST FOR KEITH,
2 IF HE HAS TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN JAIL FOR A MURDER
3 HE DID NOT COMMIT BECAUSE, OF COURSE, IN THE AREAS THAT YOU
4 HAVE, NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE FEES OUTSTANDING FOR POSTING BAIL,
5 YOU CHARGE BLACK AND BROWN KIDS FOR CRIMES THEY DID NOT
6 COMMIT. AND THIS IS IN THE CASE OF KEITH WALKER. SO I'M ASKING
7 JACQUELINE MARTIN FROM DISTRICT TWO, THE DEATH CERTIFICATE
8 THAT SHE'S PRODUCING FOR LORETTA ANDREWS, THAT IT PRODUCES FOR
9 KEITH WALKER IN JAIL.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YVONNE.

12

13 **YVONNE AUTRY:** YES, YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY. I SEE IGNORANCE IS
14 NOT BLISS. I HAVE SEEN WITH MY EYES THAT THE MAJORITY, IF NOT
15 ALL, OF THOSE IMPACTED ARE YOUNG BLACK AND HISPANIC YOUTH,
16 THAT IS INCRIMINATING THE FUTURE GENERATION, ESPECIALLY THE
17 POOR PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THAT IS EVIL. THIS COUNTRY HAS A
18 HISTORY OF THAT. WHY DON'T YOU BREAK WITH THAT TRADITION FOR
19 2020? IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, TRY SOMETHING NEW. YOU
20 CAN'T MAKE AMERICA ALL WHITE OR GREAT AGAIN. SO WHY DON'T YOU
21 USE THE AUTHORITY THAT YOU HAVE. I HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF
22 TRAUMA. I HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED. I COULDN'T AFFORD THOSE COURT
23 FEES FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER., I HAD NO IDEA THESE YOUNG
24 PEOPLE WERE BEING INCARCERATED FOR A LACK OF MEANS. THAT IS
25 RIDICULOUS. THAT IS A WHOLE BUSINESS, AGAIN, INCRIMINATING

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1 THOSE THAT ARE POOR EVEN IF THEY ARE INNOCENT OR VICTIMS. AND
2 YES, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THAT BECAUSE YOU ALL ARE
3 MAINTAINING THIS MOST EVIL STATUS QUO.

4

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

6

7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, AND JANICE KNOWS THIS, THANK GOD IT IS
8 ONLY 60 SECONDS. IMAGINE IF I HAD 5 MINUTES ON THIS ONE. IT
9 ALL STARTED WITH MARK FURHMAN, DIDN'T IT? O. J. TRIAL. NOW WE
10 ARE HERE IN 2020. YOU GET A \$200 FINE. IT BECOMES A THOUSAND
11 DOLLARS BECAUSE OF ADDED COURT COSTS AND FEES. NOW WE GET
12 HOLLY MITCHELL. HOLLY MITCHELL WHO SAVED US. SHE'S GOING TO
13 GET THAT BILL IN SACRAMENTO. PUT HER IN THAT SEAT THAT RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS IS SITTING IN. YES, FOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. THANK GOD. AND THEN WE HAVE GEORGE GASTON WHO
16 CAME FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. JACKIE LACEY,
17 YOU HAVE HAD 8 YEARS TO DO THIS. YOU COULD HAVE PULLED OUT A
18 PIECE OF PAPER AND MADE IT LAW. YOU SCUMBAG. GEORGE GASTON FOR
19 --

20

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

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
24 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK THAT IS A GREAT MOTION AND IS
25 AN EQUALIZER BECAUSE WEALTHY PEOPLE CAN PAY THE FEES WITH NO

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1 PROBLEM, BUT THE POOR ARE THE ONE WHO ARE THE MOST AFFECTED.

2 SO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT BECAUSE THAT'S ADDING MORE

3 PUNISHMENT TO THE PUNISHMENT AND IS TOTALLY UNFAIR BECAUSE

4 THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO PAY THOSE FEES. SO THANK YOU FOR

5 THAT ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER

8 SPEAKERS, AM I CORRECT? EVERYONE HAS BEEN CALLED, MADAM

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER? ALL RIGHT, SO THE ITEM IS MOVED BY

10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS

11 ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT IS THE ORDER. THANK

12 YOU. [APPLAUSE]. PUT YOUR HANDS UP, UP IN THE AIR. THAT'S

13 GOOD, THAT'S GOOD. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND, AS YOU LEAVE, IF

14 YOU CAN DO SO QUIETLY, WE'D REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE IT. ALL

15 RIGHT. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 7, FEDERAL

16 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION

17 INDIANS. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. YOU GUYS, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, AS THIS BOARD HAS

24 ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PAST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE LARGEST

25 POPULATION OF --

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK INTO YOUR MIC?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M DOING AS BEST I CAN.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. PLEASE, EVERYBODY. I KNOW THAT
7 SECURITY IS GOING TO HELP US KEEP QUIET. PLEASE. I'M SORRY,
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. ONCE AGAIN,
11 APPROXIMATELY 200,000 RESIDENTS OF CERTIFIED INDIGENOUS
12 HERITAGE CALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOME. WE HAVE ALREADY
13 ACKNOWLEDGED IN OTHER INSTANCES THAT THIS COUNTY HAS THE
14 LARGEST POPULATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKAN
15 NATIVES IN THE NATION. WE ARE SEEKING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN
16 THE ACTION THAT WE ARE TAKING. APPRECIATIVE OF THE
17 COAUTHORSHIP OF SUPERVISOR HAHN. VERY FEW TRIBES HAVE REACHED
18 THIS STAGE IN THE FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS, AND IT IS
19 OUR GOAL TO JOIN WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE JOINT
20 CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION TO EXPRESS OUR
21 SUPPORT FOR THE BANDS OF PETITIONS SEEKING FEDERAL
22 ACKNOWLEDGMENT. WE CONGRATULATE THE BAND ON REACHING THIS
23 STAGE, WHAT WE KNOW HAS ALREADY BEEN A YEARS LONG PROCESS, BUT
24 DON'T GIVE UP. DON'T GIVE OUT. WE ARE HERE TO GO ON THE RECORD
25 AND SAY WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR EFFORTS. THAT CONCLUDES MY

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1 REMARKS, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD ASK MY CO-AUTHOR IF SHE WOULD
2 LIKE TO WEIGH IN, AND THEN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, WE CAN GO TO
3 THE SPEAKERS WHO ARE HERE FOR THEIR OPPORTUNITY HERE HEARD.
4 MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
7 WEIGH IN ON THIS?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. I HAVE
11 BEEN A LONG SUPPORTER OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF OUR NATIVE
12 AMERICAN TRIBES. I EVEN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, I
13 SPOKE OUT AGAINST A VERSION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT THAT
14 DID NOT GIVE THE TRIBE AUTHORITY TO CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE NON-
15 INDIANS WHO ASSAULT INDIAN SPOUSES OR PARTNERS IN INDIAN
16 COUNTRY. THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM TRIBE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1797
17 AND TRACES ORIGINS TO AREAS OF MODERN DAY L.A. COUNTY
18 INCLUDING CATALINA ISLAND. L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST
19 NUMBER OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN ANY URBAN LOCATION IN THE UNITED
20 STATES. AND OUR LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
21 COMMISSION HAS ADOPTED A MOTION SUPPORTING THE TRIBE'S
22 REQUEST. AND THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED THEIR
23 OWN RESOLUTION. THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION
24 INDIANS HAS SPENT YEARS WORKING TOWARDS GAINING FEDERAL

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1 RECOGNITION. THIS WILL OPEN UP SO MANY NEW DOORS FOR THEM, AND
2 I'M READY TO SUPPORT THEM TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE SPEAKERS SIGNED UP
5 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE DO. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
8 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME?
9 ALEXANDER FERGUSON, RUDY ORTEGA, PAT LOPEZ, JOHNNY TORRES,
10 ADAM ZARAGOSA, ERIC SANCHEZ, PAT LOPEZ, ALAN SALAZAR, JULIO
11 PEREZ PACHECO, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, AND PAMELA VILLASENOR.
12 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

13

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

15

16 **ALEXANDRA VALDEZ:** HI, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA VALDEZ.
17 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
18 NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION. AND TODAY, I'M HERE TO
19 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION WHO, ON JANUARY 21ST, 2020
20 AT THEIR MEETING APPROVED A MOTION SUPPORTING THE FERNANDENO
21 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS' APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL
22 RECOGNITION, AND I'M HERE TODAY ON THEIR BEHALF TO ENCOURAGE
23 YOU ALL TO CONSIDER DOING THE SAME. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TIME.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, WELCOME.

2

3 **RUDY ORTEGA, JR.:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RUDY ORTEGA, JR. MADAM

4 CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, I'M TRIBAL PRESIDENT OF THE FERNANDENO

5 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, AND I AM SAYING THIS

6 HONESTLY AND HUMBL Y. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS UP BEFORE YOU

7 ALL. MY GREAT GRANDFATHER, WHO WAS ANTONIO MORIE ORTEGA, SINCE

8 1892 STRUGGLED TO MAINTAIN ANCESTRAL LANDS AND PRESERVE RIGHTS

9 OF OUR PEOPLE. TODAY, 128 YEARS LATER, WE HAVE FILED OUR

10 PETITION. THE TRIBE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW

11 WHO IS SEEKING THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND HAS A FILED PETITION.

12 AND WE ARE LOOKING TO HOPEFULLY SUCCEED AND BE SUCCESSFUL IN

13 THAT. THIS ALSO OPENS UP THE PATH FOR OTHER TRIBES IN LOS

14 ANGELES, SUCH AS THE GABRIELINO TONVA, AS WELL. SO WITH THIS,

15 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS CONSIDERATION AND

16 SUPPORTING OUR TRIBE'S MOVEMENT IN ACHIEVING FEDERAL

17 ACKNOWLEDGMENT, THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **ERIC SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS ERIC SANCHEZ. I AM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

22 FOR PUKUU CULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND I WANTED TO THANK

23 SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR

24 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. PUKUU AS WELL AS OTHER NATIVE

25 ENTITIES IN L.A. COUNTY DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS MOTION FOR

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1 FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF
2 MISSION INDIANS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND TO BE OFFICIALLY
3 RECOGNIZED, AND WE HOPE THE OTHER SUPERVISORS CAN JOIN IN THIS
4 HISTORIC MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS LIVED
5 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. IT IS TIME TO BRING
6 LIGHT TO THEIR STORY, AND WE HOPE WE CAN JOIN AND SEE YOU ALL
7 BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT STORY. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **PATRICIA LOPEZ:** PATRICIA POVEY LOPEZ, NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
12 COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. WE ASK THAT
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENDORSE THIS PETITION NUMBER 158 TO
14 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL
15 ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION
16 INDIANS. THE TRIBE HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY FOR DECADES TO
17 ACHIEVE RECOGNITION. THIS WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR
18 THE TRIBE, FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY ENTITIES, AND THE
19 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. WHY, HOW WILL THIS IMPACT THE
20 FERNDENO? IT WILL PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR CLAIMING REPARATIONS
21 AND ENABLE RESTORATION FOR THE LEGAL RIGHT TO EXIST AS A
22 SOVEREIGN NATION, A RIGHT THAT WAS CRUELLY AND FORCIBLY TAKEN
23 AWAY BY MEANS OF GENOCIDE AND SLAVERY. IT WILL PROVIDE
24 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MANY PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT THEIR TRIBAL
25 MEMBERS, TO NAME A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

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1 PROGRAMS, WITH GRANTS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SUCH AS MENTAL
2 HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH, THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
3 SCHOLARSHIPS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS --

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SUBMIT IT FOR THE RECORD?

6

7 **PATRICIA LOPEZ:** I HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT IT'S
10 INCLUDED IN THE RECORD.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, I HAVE. AND I'VE ALSO PUT IN
13 DOCUMENTATION OF THE NUMBER OF NATIVE TRIBES AND ANCESTRAL
14 LANDS, ETC.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PERFECT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING
17 HERE. NEXT SPEAKER. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU CALL
18 SOME MORE SPEAKERS.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. WOULD HERMAN
21 HERMAN, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, KIM MCGILL, ALAN SALAZAR, HECTOR
22 PEREZ PACHECO, JULIA PEREZ PACHECO, AND WAYNE SPINDLER PLEASE
23 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

24

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

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2 **ALAN SALAZAR:** MY NAME IS ALAN SALAZAR. I AM THE SON OF AVIL
3 AND THERESA SALAZAR, THE GRANDSON OF VERA AND EMANUAL SALAZAR.
4 AND THE GREAT GRANDSON OF ANTONIO MORIE ORTEGA. MY ANCESTORS,
5 MY FAMILY MEMBERS WERE BROUGHT TO THE SAN FERNANDO MISSION
6 STARTING IN 1799. TODAY, IS AN EMOTIONAL DAY FOR ME. MY
7 ANCESTORS HAD THEIR LAND TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM MOSTLY BY
8 POLITICIANS, SPANISH, MEXICAN POLITICIANS. U.S. POLITICIANS
9 WHEN CALIFORNIA BECAME A STATE. MY ANCESTORS SURVIVED THE
10 MISSION PERIOD, BEING ENSLAVED, ONE OF THE WORST GENOCIDES IN
11 U.S. HISTORY. AND TO HAVE POLITICIANS, OUR LEADERS TODAY,
12 SUPPORT US, I CANNOT THINK OF THE WORDS TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I
13 APPRECIATE THIS, THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **PAMELA VILLASENOR:** I AM A CITIZEN OF FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND
18 OF MISSION INDIANS, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHICH IS ALSO
19 HOME TO MY VILLAGE OF TUJUNGA. I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF OUR TRIBE. A
21 FAVORABLE VOTE BY THE SUPERVISORS MEANS TAKING ACTION ON THE
22 OLDEST SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH IS
23 SUPPORTING THE LEGALLY UPHELD SOVEREIGNTY OF THE FERNANDENO
24 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. SUPPORTING THE TRIBE'S
25 ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS ALSO A FIRST STEP TOWARDS HEALING HISTORICAL

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1 TRAUMA. IN FACT, I AM THE TRIBE'S JUVENILE DEPENDENCY
2 REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF OUR TRIBE WOULD
3 SUPPORT BETTER OUTCOMES FOR TRIBAL FOSTER YOUTH, INCLUDING THE
4 DOZENS OF OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE D.C.F.S. INVOLVED RIGHT NOW. IT
5 IS TIME FOR COLLECTIVE HEALING, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 CONSIDERATION IN THIS VOTE.

7

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

9

10 **JULIA PEREZ PACHECO:** HI. [SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN
11 ENGLISH]. HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JULIA PEREZ
12 PACHECO. I'M (INDISCERNIBLE). AND I'M 15 YEARS OLD. AND I'M IN
13 SUPPORT OF THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS TO
14 GET FEDERAL RECOGNITION. AS A NATIVE YOUTH, I FEEL LIKE IT IS
15 HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW WHO WE ARE AND TO BE CONNECTED
16 TO OUR CULTURE. THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION
17 INDIANS HAVE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW ME AND MY PEERS TO BE
18 IN TOUCH WITH OURSELVES AND FEEL COMFORABLE AND CELEBRATE OUR
19 CULTURE. FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS ARE
20 DOING GREAT WORK IN PROMOTING HERITAGE AND CULTURE TO YOUTH
21 AND FAMILIES. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION TO
22 RECOGNIZE THE FERANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
23 BECAUSE THEY ARE AFFECTING ME AND MY FAMILY IN A POSITIVE WAY.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD JOB. NEXT SPEAKER. HERMAN?

2 HERMAN?

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4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IT IS NOT JUST A BAND OF INDIANS. IT IS THE

5 AMERICAN INDIANS THAT SAVED YOU FROM WORLD WAR II. IF IT

6 WASN'T FOR A LANGUAGE YOU CANNOT COMPREHEND, GUIDED BY SPIRITS

7 THAT CONDEMN YOU TO BRING PEOPLE TO AN END IN THEIR DEMISE.

8 SWEEP US OFF THE LAND AND PUSH US INTO THE CORNERS OF THE EVIL

9 WORLD THAT YOU STOLE FROM US. I'M FROM PHOENIX. IT DOESN'T

10 MATTER WHAT TRIBE I'M FROM. WHAT MATTERS IS I'M A SPEAKING

11 VOICE WITH THE DEMON THAT YOU'VE CREATED AND NOW I KNOW THE

12 TATAKNA WHO SITS THERE, RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU SHALL BE KNOWN AS I

13 AM THE HUNTER AND LIVE FOREVER.

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS HECTOR PEREZ PACHECO. I'M A

18 (INDISCERNIBLE). THEY REFER TO US AS THE ZINKAS. AND I HAVE

19 BEEN WORKING WITH THE NATIVE COMMUNITY FOR 30 YEAR, AND I

20 WITNESSED THE GOOD WORK THAT THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF

21 MISSION INDIANS HAVE DONE TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND

22 THEM BECOMING FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED WILL HELP THEM CONTINUE TO

23 DO THAT WORK AND EXPAND THEIR WORK TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY OF

24 LOS ANGELES. SO I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THE

25 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THEIR FEDERAL RECOGNITION. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I'M JOHNNY TORRES WITH SAYA COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM
5 DISTRICT 1. BUT I'M ALSO CHIHENDE WARM SPRINGS APACHE OF NEW
6 MEXICO. AND AS I LOOK AT THE SEAL OF LOS ANGELES AND I SEE THE
7 TONGVA WOMAN WITH THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS TO HER BACK, WE
8 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE TATAVIAM BECAUSE WE KNOW THEY'RE THE
9 INDIGENOUS NATIVE PEOPLE OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND ANTELOPE
10 VALLEY. AND ME AS AN INDIGENOUS MAN STANDING BEFORE YOU TODAY,
11 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE TATAVIAM'S GETTING THE FEDERAL
12 RECOGNITION THAT THEY DESERVE, THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **ADAM ZARAGOSA:** HI, MAY NAME IS ADAM ZARAGOSA, SOLEDAD
17 ENRICHMENT ACTION EAST L.A. COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM, DISTRICT
18 1. I MYSELF AGAIN AM IN FAVOR OF THIS, OF GETTING THEM
19 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED. IT WAS NOT UNTIL I CAME INTO THIS WORK
20 AND STARTED DOING THIS WORK THAT I EVEN GOT RECONNECTED WITH
21 MY CULTURE AND UNDERSTOOD THAT I AM NATIVE, AND NO ONE SHOULD
22 HAVE TO BE COMING IN HERE AND FIGHTING FOR SOMETHING THAT
23 WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. SO I DON'T EVEN
24 KNOW WHY IT IS A QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY BE FEDERALLY

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1 RECOGNIZED OR NOT WHEN THIS HAS BEEN US FROM THE BEGINNING OF
2 TIME. WITH THAT, [SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH]
3

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

5

6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO IT IS GOOD, AND THANK YOU ONLY TO JANICE
7 HAHN, ONLY JANICE HAHN. RIDLEY-THOMAS, HE DON'T CARE ABOUT
8 NATIVE AMERICANS. YOU ARE JUST RUNNING FOR OFFICE. THAT'S ALL
9 IT IS. MR. NATIVE AMERICANS, HOW MANY YEARS YOU BEEN HERE, I
10 HAVEN'T HEARD YOU SAY THAT WORD ONE TIME THE WHOLE TIME YOU
11 HAVE BEEN HERE UNTIL NOW FOR YOUR LITTLE CAMPAIGN. BUT JANICE
12 HAHN, WHEN SHE IS IN CONGRESS, WHAT DID SHE DO? FOUGHT FOR
13 NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS AND FUNDING FOR THE CABINET POSITION
14 AND FUNDING FOR THE CABINET POSITION IN THE INTERIOR
15 DEPARTMENT WHICH IS UNDER FUNDED. SO WHAT IS HE DOING? WHAT'S
16 REPARATIONS? I AM 1/8 CHEROKEE. WHAT IS IT? I'M GOING TO GO TO
17 WHAT MORONGO AND PUT IN A COUPLE OF CHIPS AND WIN \$5? A
18 CASINO, THAT IS WHAT IT IS? WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO GET THE
19 LAND BACK? THESE TRIBES ARE NATIONS UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION,
20 AND THEY'VE NEVER BEEN FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED. RECOGNIZE THE
21 NATION --

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?
24 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, NOW
6 WE ARE ON TO OUR FINAL ITEM, I BELIEVE NUMBER 8, THAT WAS HELD
7 BY THE BOARD. THAT IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY
8 BILL 2025 GIBSON. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HELD THAT
9 ITEM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** VERY QUICKLY, I WANTED TO UNDERSCORE HOW
12 FAR WE'VE COME ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, JAIL
13 DIVERSION, ETC. TOWARDS A COMMITMENT TO DOING THE RIGHT THING.
14 AND SO, IN 2015, WE LAUNCHED THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
15 REENTRY KNOWING THAT APPROPRIATE TREATMENT WOULD MAKE
16 COMMUNITIES SAFER, BREAK THE CYCLE BETWEEN JAIL AND
17 HOMELESSNESS, AND ULTIMATELY SAVE PUBLIC FUNDS. WE KNOW THAT
18 TO BE FACTUAL AT THIS POINT. O.D.R. HAS DIVERTED 4400 PEOPLE
19 FROM COUNTY JAIL BASED ON DATA, OBJECTIVE, INDEPENDENTLY
20 VERIFIED DATA THAT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT MORE CLINICAL
21 TREATMENT, RESTORATIVE HOUSING, MAKES A QUALITATIVE
22 DIFFERENCE. UP TO 90 PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS REMAIN HOUSED
23 AFTER SIX MONTHS. GOOD THING. IT'S COST EFFECTIVE. \$70 PER
24 DAY, AS OPPOSED TO \$600 PER DAY INCARCERATED. WHAT IS BEFORE
25 US, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IS WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR

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1 DOING THIS WORK AND BETTER. WE'RE SEEKING TO SCALE UP
2 DIVERSION INTERVENTIONS. AND I'M PLEASED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 MENTAL HEALTH LEADING THE CHARGE OF THIS EFFORT, MOVING BEYOND
4 THE DEFINITION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTERS, INNOVATING WITH
5 THE NOTION OF RESTORATIVE CENTERS, VILLAGES, AND THE LIKE. AT
6 THE CAMPUS OF M.L.K., CULVER CITY, AND HARVARD U.C.L.A., WE
7 HAVE ESTABLISHED THREE PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTERS, BUT
8 THIS IS WELL BEYOND THAT. WE HAVE SOBERING CENTER IN SKID ROW,
9 AND ALL OF THE WORK THAT IS DONE ON THE FRONT END AS WELL. BUT
10 WHAT IS BEFORE US IN THIS LEGISLATION IS CAPITALIZING ON THE
11 GOOD WORK THAT THIS BOARD HAS DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH THIS
12 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE MENTAL HEALTH
13 DEPARTMENT. SO A.B. 25, IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. I SIMPLY
14 REQUEST THAT WE GO ON RECORD AFFIRMING THAT AND CELEBRATING
15 THE POTENTIAL TO EXPAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RESTORATIVE
16 VILLAGES IN THE PROPER WAY, CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY
17 TRAJECTORY OF THIS BOARD IN TERMS OF ALTERNATIVES TO
18 INCARCERATION AND CLINICAL ENHANCEMENT FOR THOSE WHO ARE
19 OBVIOUSLY IN NEED. WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ASK THAT
20 WE AFFORD THE COAUTHOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND THEN HEAR
21 FROM DR. SHERIN.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, THEN
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS DID AS WELL. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS.
25 I, WHEN I GO OUT AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING AS IT RELATES

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1 TO PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS POPULATION
2 THAT NEEDS SUPPORT, THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES IS A MODEL
3 THAT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE, AND IN FACT, I WOULD ARGUE THAT
4 WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WITHOUT THE LEGISLATION, SO I THINK IT
5 IS GREAT THAT WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION. THIS
6 COUNTY, UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION, DR. SHERIN, WE ARE PURCHASING
7 500 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. WE'RE EXPANDING OUR NETWORK OF
8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS SO THAT WE HAVE GOT CAPACITY. WE ARE
9 DOING THE RESTORATIVE CARE. WE'RE WORKING TO HAVE URGENT CARE
10 FOR MENTAL HEALTH. SO THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE ONE MORE STEP
11 TOWARD CROSSING THAT FINISH LINE. BUT I THINK WE HAVE BEEN
12 VERY PROGRESSIVE IN HOW WE HAVE REALLY LOOKED AT THE ISSUE.
13 AND ON DIVERSION, WE KNOW IT IS A FORM OF DIVERSION,
14 ABSOLUTELY, BUT IT IS ALSO GOING TO HELP US GET PEOPLE OFF THE
15 STREETS OR EVEN PREVENT THEM FROM ENDING UP ON THE STREETS, OR
16 IN OUR JAILS, WHICH IS DIVERSION. SO I'M 100 PERCENT ON BOARD.
17 WE ARE DOING IT AT OLIVE VIEW, SYLMAR. AND I'M VERY EXCITED
18 ABOUT THAT. AND FOR ANYONE THAT DOESN'T THINK THE COMMUNITY
19 WILL SUPPORT SOMETHING, IN THE BEGINNING, THEY WERE A LITTLE
20 APPREHENSIVE, BUT WHEN EDUCATED, THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S
21 OFFICE WORKING WITH US, WE WERE ABLE TO EDUCATE THE
22 CONSTITUENTS, AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PLEASE EVERYBODY, BUT
23 OVERALL, THEY UNDERSTAND IT AND SUPPORT IT. SO IT CAN BE DONE.
24 SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO SAY IT IS A GREAT MOTION. I THINK
2 IT IS TRUE, WE HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THIS MODEL CAN WORK,
3 AND I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENTS BECAUSE WE ARE
4 DOING IT. AND I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE THE HEALTHY
5 VILLAGE. AND THANKS TO DR. SHERIN AND THE WORK OF OUR OTHER
6 DEPARTMENTS PUTTING TOGETHER THE ESSENCE OF THIS DREAM, IT IS
7 FINALLY A REALITY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING IT REPLICATED
8 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND EVENTUALLY SHOWCASING LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY AS BEING IN THE FOREFRONT WHERE THESE PROJECTS ARE
10 ACTUALLY THRIVING AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TIME TO SHOWCASE
11 TO THE REST OF THE COUNTY AND THE WORLD.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A GREAT PIECE OF
16 LEGISLATION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER MIKE
17 GIBSON FOR WORKING WITH THE COUNTY TO PUT IT TOGETHER. WE KNOW
18 THAT RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES ARE GOING TO BE SUCH AN
19 IMPORTANT PART OF OUR FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS, IMPROVE
20 HEALTHCARE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE. I'M PROUD ONE OF THEM IS
21 GOING TO BE IN THE 4TH DISTRICT AT RANCHOS LOS AMIGAS IN
22 DOWNEY. AND I THINK THAT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I
23 APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DID ON THIS, DR. SHERIN, AND
24 I PLAN TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOU ARE ON, DR. SHERIN. WE WILL LET
2 YOU HAVE A MIC, MAYBE.

3

4 **DR. SHERIN:** IS THIS THING? THERE WE GO. THANKS VERY MUCH,
5 SUPERVISORS. AND THIS IS AN EXCITING BILL AND OPPORTUNITY,
6 AND IT IS A FIRST STEP AT A LEGISLATIVE LEVEL AND AT AN
7 ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL TOWARDS WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE. I WANT TO
8 THANK YOU ALL BIG TIME FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I WANT TO THANK THE
9 C.E.O. AND THE C.E.O.'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOLKS, WHO HAVE
10 BEEN REALLY HELPFUL, ASSEMBLYMAN GIBSON FOR AUTHORIZING, AND
11 ALSO THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH, OBVIOUSLY, AND COUNTY COUNSEL. COUNTY COUNSEL DID A
13 LOT OF RESEARCH HERE TO IDENTIFY AN OLD WELFARE AND
14 INSTITUTION CODE, 5768, WHICH REALLY PROMPTED A LOT OF THE
15 IDEAS WITH THIS PARTICULAR BILL. RESTORATIVE CARE PROGRAMS
16 REALLY AS A GENERAL THEME ARE REALLY RESOURCE ARRAYS ACROSS
17 THE CONTINUUM OF CARE SO THAT THEY'RE -- WE ARE BASICALLY CO-
18 LOCATING URGENT CARES ALONG WITH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
19 PROGRAMS, IN PATIENT SERVICES, SUB ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH
20 TREATMENT BEDS FOR BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AND FOR ADDICTIONS, AS
21 WELL AS INTENSIVE OUT PATIENT SERVICES. AND IN ADDITION, VERY
22 IMPORTANTLY, REINTEGRATION ORIENTED SERVICES AND
23 OPPORTUNITIES, A BIG PEER COMPONENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
24 THE INVOLVEMENT OF PROBATION. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THAT RESOURCE
25 ARRAY AND THEN I THINK ABOUT LEVERAGING OUR CAMPUSES WHERE WE

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1 HAVE SITE CONTROL THAT WE ARE REALLY PUSHING FOR WHAT I LIKE
2 TO THINK OF AS DIVERSION 101. WE NEED TO BE DIVERTING PEOPLE
3 FROM THE STREETS AND FROM THE JAILS TO CARE AND USING OUR
4 CAMPUSES AS THE PLATFORM TO DO THAT. THERE ARE MANY CAMPUSES
5 THAT WE HAVE, AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THAT WE HAVE STARTED
6 PLANTING THE FLAG WITH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS, THE
7 CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN
8 THROUGH C.H.A.F.A. WE LOOK TO BUILD OUT OUR CAMPUSES. WE LOOK
9 TO SHOW THE WAY FOR OTHER COUNTIES THAT ARE WATCHING THIS AND
10 I THINK ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT. AND THE THING TO UNDERSTAND
11 ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR BILL IS THAT IT WILL AUTHORIZE US TO BE
12 EXEMPT FROM LICENSING WHILE WE BUILD THE PROGRAM. AND THEN A
13 NEW PROGRAM TYPE WILL BE LICENSED. SO INSTEAD OF HAVING TO GET
14 4 OR 5 SEPARATE LICENSES, THERE WILL BE, ASSUMING THAT WE CAN
15 PASS LEGISLATION, THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM THAT ENCOMPASSES ALL
16 THESE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS UNDER IT AND WE THINK REALLY KIND OF
17 SET THE STANDARD FOR HOW WE CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK, AND
18 THEIR SICKNESS IS DRIVING THEM INTO THE STREETS AND INTO THE
19 JAILS, WHICH IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. THE OTHER THING I
20 WILL TELL YOU IS THAT THIS IS REALLY ALSO LEADING THE WAY FOR
21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION AT THIS STATE. THE STATE RIGHT
22 NOW IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, GEE, WE HAVE THESE MENTAL HEALTH
23 ADMINISTRATIONS AND THESE SUBSTANCE USE, THESE ADDICTION
24 ADMINISTRATIONS, THEY ARE ENTIRELY SEPARATE. THIS PROGRAM
25 BRINGS THEM TOGETHER, AND WHEN WE CAN BLEND THE FUNDING

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1 STREAMS, AND WE CAN WEAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLATFORMS INTO
2 ONE WITH THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM IN PLACE, IT WILL BE A NEW DAY.
3 SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND WE WILL
4 CONTINUE TO DRIVE THIS HOME.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT, THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN. MADAM
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED
8 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE ANTHONY HAYES, ERIC PREVEN, DR.
11 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, WAYNE
12 SPINDLER, DR. MELLO DESIRE, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
13 WILL ASSIST YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FIRST SPEAKER. YOU CALLED THE NAMES, WHO
16 IS SPEAKING? MR. SACHS, WELCOME.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. TELL ME AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO
19 UPDATE ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. AND THIS THIS AFFORDABLE
20 CARE ACT WAS -- DON'T -- ISN'T THAT THE SAME INSURANCE THAT IS
21 IN NEW YORK, THE L.A. CARE? THAT'S YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY, DR.
22 THOMAS. AND YET, YOU NEED A NEW SOURCE OF INCOME? IF
23 PRUDENTIAL HAD TAKEN OVER THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 INSURANCE PLAN, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEANING UP IN MONEY. BUT
25 YOU DECIDED TO HAVE THIS COMPANY START IN, LOOK, 1999? YOU

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1 WERE A CITY COUNCILMAN IN 2004, AND YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
2 AND THEN YOU WAITED AND WAITED AND WAITED UNTIL THE AFFORDABLE
3 CARE ACT CAME ALONG IN 2008, AND YOU JUMPED IN WITH YOUR
4 INSURANCE PLAN AND HAD EVERYBODY ENROLLED, AND YOU DIDN'T
5 SPEND A PENNY, AND THEN YOU GOT CAUGHT WITH YOUR HANDS IN YOUR
6 PANTIES.

7

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

9

10 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY NOT TO VOTE FOR
11 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. THIS IS ANOTHER
12 EXAMPLE, DELAYS OF DECADES, DECADES. WHY CAN HILDA COME HERE,
13 WHY CAN JANICE COME HERE, AND JUST IN A FEW SHORT YEARS PUT IT
14 TOGETHER? BECAUSE THESE TYRANTS LIKE HERB WESSON AND MARK
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAVE BEEN HOLDING THESE THINGS UP, THESE FUNDS,
16 LAUNDERING THEM INTO THESE NONPROFITS, CLAIMING THEY ARE
17 HELPING PEOPLE, ALL A BIG FAT [EXPLETIVE] SCAM -- (OFF-MIC
18 COMMENTS).

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU PLEASE SPEAK TO THE ITEM THAT IS
21 BEFORE US, GIBSON'S LEGISLATION, WAYNE? GIBSON'S LEGISLATION.
22 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **ANTHONY HAYES:** YES, MY NAME IS ANTHONY HAYES, JR. AND YOU KNOW
25 THE WORD TAX IS ANOTHER WORD FOR SLAVE. SO I SEE UP THERE YOU

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1 SAY TAX COLLECTOR. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE SAYING SLAVE
2 COLLECTOR. I FILED A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES BECAUSE I'M A VICTIM OF
3 --

4
5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU DO KNOW WE ARE TALKING ON A.B.
6 2025.

7
8 **ANTHONY HAYES:** I'M A VICTIM OF FALSE INCARCERATION. L.A.
9 COUNTY SHERIFFS STOLE MY SUBURBAN.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
12 UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT.

13

14 **ANTHONY HAYES:** STOLE MY SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY. I NEED YOU TO
15 PAY IT ALL BACK. I'M FROM ATLANTA. I HAD THREE JOBS AND MY OWN
16 PLACE IN ATLANTA.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SUPPORTING A.B. 2025?

19

20 **ANTHONY HAYES:** AND YOU STOPPED ME FROM WORKING ON MY THREE
21 JOBS, L.A. COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

24

25 **ANTHONY HAYES:** AND I NEED MY MONEY BACK.

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1

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

3

4 **ANTHONY HAYES:** MY SON IS STILL A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
5 CAUSED BY YOUR EMPLOYEES.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. YOU ARE OFF
8 TOPIC. SO I'M TRYING TO BE POLITE AND LET YOU KNOW YOU CAN
9 COME BACK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. SO,
10 DR. CLAVREUL OR MELODY, WHICH WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST?

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
13 I AM TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 2025. I REALLY APPRECIATE
14 THAT. I THINK IT IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD TO DOING SOME GOOD
15 WORK, AND I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF IT, SO THANK YOU FOR
16 BRINGING IT.

17

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

19

20 **DR. MELLO DESIRE:** THIS IS A GREAT BILL. UNFORTUNATELY, WE NEED
21 TO SEE SOMETHING MORE STRONGER. GIBSON, FIRST OF ALL, MARK
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS, MARQUIS HARRIS DAWSON, YOU GUYS CAUSES US IN
23 SOUTH L.A. MENTAL ANGUISH. SO I'M HOPING THIS ASSEMBLY BILL
24 THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO SEND TO GAVIN NEWSOM, WHICH IS ALSO
25 NOT DOING ANYTHING FOR HOMELESSNESS EXCEPT WHAT SENDING

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1 TRAILERS AT THE LAST MINUTE. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, JUST AS
2 INTERESTING AS NANCY PELOSI TOOK THE SPEECH AND STARTED
3 RIPPING IT UP, NOT PAYING ATTENTION. EVERYONE LOOKING DOWN ON
4 THEIR PHONES. I THINK LET ME FINISH THIS 19 TO 20 SECONDS OF
5 CAPTURING OUR GOVERNANCE AND WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS
6 TO BE INTERVENING BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE TALKING, YOU GUYS ARE NOT
7 EVEN LOOKING UP. THIS IS EVERY WEEK, AND YOU WONDER WHY
8 HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION IS AN ISSUE. SO, WE'RE DONE
9 WITH THIS GOVERNANCE. WE'RE GOING TO GET A MAYOR.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. ARE THERE ANY
12 MORE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? ALL RIGHT, THEN THIS ITEM IS
13 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND I WILL
14 SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION BY THE BOARD, THAT WILL BE THE
15 ORDER. THAT COMPLETES ITEMS BY HELD BOARD MEMBERS, AT THIS
16 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM ANY MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE
18 FOLLOWING ITEMS THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ OFF.
19 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEMS. AND GIVEN THE
21 TIME CONSTRAINT AND THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, IF YOU'VE SIGNED
22 UP FOR ONE ITEM, YOU'LL BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE, FOR TWO ITEMS OR
23 MORE, YOU WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 AND MR. SPINDLER -- THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
2 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
3 NAME? YVONNE AUTRY HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
4 ITEMS 1D, 2D, 4, 5, 10, 11, AND 14. PATRICIA MCALLISTER ON
5 ITEMS 3, 4, 14, 25, 26, 40, AND 43A, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ON
6 ITEMS 1, 4, 6, 18, 22, 23, 25, AND 35, 43A, 46, AND 47.
7 JOASIEL GONZALEZ ON ITEM 6. ROY GORHAM ON ITEMS 4 AND 43A.
8 HERMAN HERMAN ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS. ZAHARA COLLEY ON ITEMS
9 2D. ANTHONY HAYES ON ITEM 4. ANELES MAXWELL ON ITEM 2P. KIM
10 MCGILL ON ITEM 6. ERIC PREVEN ON ITEMS 1, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21,
11 23, 27, 30, 38, 43A, 43B AND 49. ANTONIA RAMIREZ ON ALL
12 REMAINING ITEMS. JULIO REQUENO ON ITEM 6. ANTHONY ROBLES ON
13 ITEM 6. WAYNE SPINDLER ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS. ZACHARY WARMA
14 ON ITEM 4. ARNOLD SACHS, ITEM 4, 17, 30, 35. MEGAN MELGAARD ON
15 ITEM 6, 16. EDNA MONROY ON ITEMS 22, 46, AND 47. FAVIOLA
16 PABLO ON ITEMS 22, 46, AND 47. DUNIA CABRERA 22, 46, AND 47.
17 BLANCA DUENAS, 22, 46, AND 47. KRUTI PAREKH ON ITEM 6.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER. MR. PREVEN.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. AND
22 I JUST HAVE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO A, THE LONGTIME ABSENCE NOW
23 OF MARY WICKHAM. LESTER TOLNAI IS NOT THE COUNTY COUNSEL. AND
24 HE DIDN'T EVEN SIGN THE LITIGATION REPORT. I'M VERY CONCERNED
25 ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON. THE LITIGATION REPORT IS ABYSMAL.

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1 OKAY, WE ARE LOOKING AT, FOR FISCAL YEAR '18-'19, A TOTAL
2 148.5 MILLION, UP 9 PERCENT IN LITIGATION COSTS. OF THE \$148.5
3 THE COUNTY EXPENDED IN LITIGATION COSTS, 91.5 WAS PAID TO
4 SATISFY 16 JUDGMENTS. THAT IS UP 24 PERCENT. AND HERE IS THE
5 ONE YOU HAVE TO CHOKE DOWN. THE COUNTY PAID 31.1 MILLION IN
6 JUDGMENTS, UP 147 PERCENT. SO, WHEREAS IT'S TERRIFIC TO WAIVE
7 THE FEES YOU'VE BEEN COMPRESSING PEOPLE DOWN WITH FOR YEARS,
8 WHAT ABOUT THIS? AND THEY'RE PAYING MORE TO THEMSELVES IN
9 COUNTY COUNSEL, AS MR. TOLNAI, WHO HAS BEEN DILIGENT IN HIS
10 FAILURE TO REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED ON OCTOBER 1ST WHEN YOU WENT
11 INTO THE BACK ROOM TO FILE A LAWSUIT AND NEVER ANNOUNCED
12 WHAT'S HAPPENING. MR. ZORABIAN AND EVERY -- NICOLE DAVIS
13 TINKAM, BLAINE MCHPHILLIPS, UP AND DOWN THE LINE, THEY ALL
14 PLAY DUMB. SO SUPERVISOR, I APPRECIATE YOUR LEANING IN TO HELP
15 CLAVREUL GET PUBLIC RECORDS, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.
16 THIS LEGAL TEAM IS OUT OF CONTROL. THE PARKS AND REC TEAM IS
17 DOING TERRIFIC. NORMA GARCIA JUST GOT A 257 THOUSAND DOLLAR
18 RAISE TO BE DIRECTOR. THAT'S FUNNY HOW IT HAPPENED THE WEEK
19 AFTER THEY JACKED UP THE COUNTY GOLF RATES, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WHY WOULD YOU CHARGE AN EXTRA 25 PERCENT TO
21 COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO CAN BARELY AFFORD TO TEE OFF AT COUNTY
22 GOLF COURSES? WHY WOULD YOU JACK THOSE RATES UP BECAUSE
23 AMERICAN GOLF AND WESLEY EDEN AND THE PRIVATE EQUITY GROUP
24 THAT WE DRAG YOU INTO THE NEW YORK TIMES. NOT TO BE CONFUSED
25 WITH THE APRIL 2019 DRAGGING YOU IN THAT RESULTED IN HILDA

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1 SOLIS CELEBRATING FOR 15 MINUTES OUT IN THE CORRIDOR ABOUT
2 WAIVING THESE HORRIBLE FEES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS GROUP.
3 THIS GROUP JUST PLAYS A GAME. YOU PLAY A GAME OF BRING PEOPLE
4 DOWN AND SLAP US ON THE BACK.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM 17 AND
9 ITEM 35. ITEM 17 REFERS TO CRIME VICTIMS, AND ITEM 35 REFERS
10 TO SEARCH AND RESCUE OF VICTIMS. AND THE REASON I BRING THESE
11 UP IS BECAUSE OF AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT METRO
12 HEADQUARTERS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN DR. THOMAS WAS BOASTING
13 ABOUT DURING A RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR ONE OF THE WORKERS WHO
14 WORKED THERE FOR 47 YEARS, THAT SHE KNOWS WHERE THE BODIES ARE
15 BURIED. WHERE ALL THE BODIES ARE BURIED, HOW DO YOU BOAST
16 ABOUT KNOWING ABOUT DEAD BODIES AND NOT REPORT IT TO THE LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT? WHERE IS THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO ASK
18 DR. THOMAS WHAT EXACTLY DID HE MEAN BY DEAD BODIES? IS HE
19 AIDING AND ABETTING IN A CRIME? IS THIS SOMETHING YOU WANT
20 FROM AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, TO BOAST IN FRONT OF A WHOLE CROWD
21 OF PEOPLE, OH, SHE KNOWS WHERE THE DEAD BODIES ARE? THAT'S
22 PRETTY AMAZING. YOU'VE GOT TO STAND UP AND TAKE A BOW ON THAT,
23 SIR. WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP? SHOW US YOUR BETTER SIDE. TURN
24 AROUND AND BEND OVER. IT IS PRETTY AMAZING YOU CAN GET OVER
25 WITH IT. WHAT? EXCUSE ME. YOU SAT IN THE SAME MEETING, MA'AM.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. SPINDLER, I AM GOING TO ASK YOU TO
3 LEAVE.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EVERYBODY WHO SAT THERE SHOULD BE A WITNESS TO
6 WHAT HE SAID AND NOBODY HAS SAID ANYTHING. THAT MUST BE SOME
7 REAL POWER, BLACKMAIL POWER, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION POWER.
8 THAT'S A YOUTH BEAT DOWN. IT'S PRETTY -- AND I ALSO REMEMBER
9 SEVERAL YEARS AGO YOU EVEN THREATENED SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
10 WIFE. HOLY COW, THAT'S QUITE A RESUME, AND YOU ARE GOING TO
11 BRING IT TO CITY COUNCIL? WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT. WRONG
12 FINGER.

13

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MADAM CHAIR AND
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE MOTION FOR SWIM
18 ACROSS AMERICA, WHICH IS A NATIONAL NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION
19 THAT RAISES MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS
20 THROUGH SWIMMING EVENTS. WE HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE 33 YEARS
21 AND HAVE RAISED OVER \$85 MILLION IN TOTAL, AND IT IS ABOUT
22 TIME THAT WE BRING SWIM ACROSS AMERICA TO LOS ANGELES. OUR
23 BENEFICIARY IS THE JOHNSON COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER
24 FOUNDATION AT U.C.L.A. AND THE BEST PART OF SWIM ACROSS
25 AMERICA IS THAT THE FUNDS RAISED LOCALLY STAY LOCAL. OUR

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1 HONORARY CHAIR WILL BE MAYOR BILL BRAND. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOST
2 OUR EVENT AT REDONDO BEACH ON OCTOBER 4TH. WE EXPECT TO RAISE
3 \$200,000 IN OUR FIRST YEAR, AND WE ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
4 A GROSS FEE WAIVER SO THAT 100 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS RAISED CAN
5 GO BACK TO U.C.L.A. AND SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR NONPROFIT
6 GUIDE STAR PLATINUM AND CHARITY NAVIGATOR STATUS. THANK YOU SO
7 MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND FOR YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** CAN I JUST SAY, THANK YOU, IT IS GOING TO BE A
10 GREAT EVENT, AND YOUR MAYOR IS SUCH A GREAT AMBASSADOR FOR ALL
11 GOOD THINGS AND PARTICULARLY THE OPEN WATER SWIMS IN REDONDO
12 BEACH. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO HOLD THSE EVENTS. AND THIS
13 IS REALLY A GOOD CAUSE.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WE HOPE YOU JUMP IN WITH US, AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, SHE WILL.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE A
20 SPOT FOR YOU. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND I'M GOING TO ADDRESS TWO MATTERS. MISS
25 HAHN AND THE REST OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THERE IS ONE

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1 GENTLEMAN UP THERE THAT KNOWS ME FAIRLY WELL. THEY ALMOST GAVE
2 ME AN AWARD, BUT MY WORDS RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE ELDERLY PEOPLE
3 THAT ARE OUT HERE IN THE STREET. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE
4 USING THEM BY GIVING THEM CARS AND PAYING A LITTLE BILL. AND
5 THIS IS FACTS. I WROTE A WHOLE ARTICLE ON IT. I CALL IT THE
6 WOOLY LYNCH SYNDROME. THEY ARE USING OLD PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY
7 DON'T HAVE NO KIND OF WAY TO GET BACK AND TO DO ANYTHING. AND
8 LET ME GO TO MY OTHER MATTER BECAUSE IT'S MORE IMPORTANT. I
9 BOUGHT A CAR FROM A POLICE IMPOUND. I GOT THE CAR. AFTER I
10 PAID THEM -- I PAID CASH. AFTER I GOT THE CAR, THEN THEY
11 DECIDED THIS CAR HAS A CAMERA IN IT. IT HAD A NEUTRAL SWITCH
12 IN IT. AND IT TURNED AROUND. THEY SHUT THE CAR DOWN. MY CAR
13 HAVEN'T RUN NOW FOR OVER FOURTEEN DAYS. MA'AM, I MIGHT BE A
14 LITTLE OFF TOPIC, BUT I WANTED YOU TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING
15 TO THE OLDER PEOPLE OUT HERE NOW. THEY ARE USING THEM. AND IT
16 JUST AIN'T RIGHT BECAUSE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT HELP.

17

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

19

20 **YVONNE AUTRY:** YES, I JUST WANTED TO FOR THIS RECORD THANK MR.
21 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR A.A.V. REP, I
22 WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY EMPLOYMENT FOR A NUMBER OF THE PHONE
23 BANKING OPPORTUNITIES. SO, I WANT THAT ON THE RECORD BECAUSE I
24 WAS ABLE TO HAVE INCOME AS HAD BEEN BLACKLISTED AS AN
25 OUTSPOKEN MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, A FORMER BLACK PANTHER

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1 VANGUARD AND, AS MANY AFRICAN AMERICANS, HAVE BEEN
2 UNEMPLOYABLE. BECAUSE OF THIS AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS
3 REPRESENTATION, WE WERE EMPLOYED. SO I WANT THAT ON THE
4 RECORD. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIS OTHER POLITICS, HIS
5 INVOLVEMENTS, BUT I AM GRATEFUL FOR THAT. REGARDING THE
6 MISDIAGNOSIS AND CATEGORIZING PEOPLE AS MENTALLY ILL IN THIS
7 COUNTRY, AGAIN, WHICH IS A VERY LUCRATIVE BUSINESS. I WOULD
8 ENCOURAGE PRECAUTION, AGAIN, BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE WHO HAVE
9 BEEN MISDIAGNOSED ARE USED. THEY ARE USED AS SEX SLAVES. THEY
10 ARE USED AS ENERGY FOR VAMPIRES, CANNIBALS, ENERGETIC --

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, YVONNE. THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
13 DR. GENEVIEVE.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WANT TO BRING BACK THE
17 ISSUE AS USUAL WITH THE APPOINTMENT FOR COMMISSIONER OF H.I.V.
18 WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE, AT LEAST A FEW OF THEM SHOULD HAVE NO
19 CONFLICT. THIS ONE AGAIN PROVIDE CARE. I KNOW ONE DAY YOU
20 COULD BE CITED FOR THAT. ALSO I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT CS-
21 1 WAS NOT BROUGHT UP TO MY ATTENTION. IT WAS ADDED LATER ON,
22 AND I WAS JUST HOPING THAT ONE DAY YOU WILL REALLY TAKE CARE
23 OF DISMISSING DR. CHRISTINA GHALY FOR CONTINUALLY LYING AND
24 MISREPRESENTING THE FACTS. I AM VERY CONCERNED OF WHAT

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1 HAPPENED TODAY. AND ALSO ON ITEM 4, I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF
2 ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY AMONG SENIORS.

3

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

5

6 **RALPH JEAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RALPH JEAN. I'M A
7 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR
8 STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY. I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO
9 THANK THE BOARD FOR PASSING RENT STABILIZATION FOR
10 UNINCORPORATED L.A. IN REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 22. BUT WITH MY
11 LIMITED TIME, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO
12 ACCEPT THE AMENDMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS -- TO ACCEPT THE
13 SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS MY COLLEAGUES AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE
14 LAID OUT IN REGARDS TO THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE. THEY
15 CAN EXPOUND FURTHER, BUT THE L.A. THAT I KNOW -- IN THE L. A.
16 THAT I KNOW, FAMILIES SHOULDN'T BE PENALIZED FOR TAKING --
17 RENTERS SHOULDN'T BE PENALIZED FOR TAKING IN THEIR FAMILIES IN
18 TIMES OF NEED, BUT IN THE CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE,
19 IF LANDLORDS SOUGHT OUT TO DO SO, THEY COULD HOLD THAT AGAINST
20 A TENANT. ALSO, IN MY EXPERIENCE, I KNOW THAT 60 DAYS IS NOT
21 ENOUGH TIME TO FIND HOUSING IN L.A., AND SO I WOULD IMPLORE
22 YOU ALL WOULD MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THAT, AS WELL.

23

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

25

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1 **DUNIA CABRERA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DUNIA CABRERA. THANK
2 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR PASSING THIS ORDINANCE. WE NEED TO
3 STRAIGHTEN THE DETAILS AND THE PROTECTIONS FOR THE RENTERS. I
4 THINK THAT FOR HELPING A FAMILIES MEMBER SHOULD NOT BE A
5 REASON TO BE EVICTED, ESPECIALLY IF WE ARE NOT VIOLATING THE
6 CAPACITY LIMITS. IT'S VERY HARD TO PAY THE RENT. IT IS VERY
7 EXPENSIVE AND WHEN WE GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANOTHER PERSON.
8 SO WE'RE NOT GIVING SOMEONE ELSE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE WITH
9 SOMEONE ELSE. WE ARE DOING THAT BECAUSE RENT IS VERY EXPENSIVE
10 TO LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO THEY WANT TO RAISE OUR RENTS, AND
11 THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE US HAVE HELP WITH THE RENT, TO PAY THE
12 RENT. THAT IS A REASON WHY I WAS NOT ABLE TO PAY MY RENT AND I
13 WAS FORCED TO BE HOMELESS. I WAS LIVING IN MY CAR WITH A 10-
14 YEAR-OLD AND A 7-YEAR-OLD SON. I ASK YOU FOR YOUR HELP TO LOOK
15 AT THESE LAWS.

16

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

18

19 **EDNA MONROY:** AND THE TENANT'S MESSAGE WAS NOT CAUGHT. SO I
20 WANT TO SAY THAT. SO HI, EVERYONE. I'M EDNA MONROY WITH
21 S.A.J.E., STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY. I AM HERE TO
22 FIRST OF ALL SAY THAT WE ARE DEFINITELY MOVING ON THE CORRECT
23 DIRECTION AS L.A. COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. WE ARE
24 MAKING HISTORY BY HAVING A STRONG RENT CONTROL LAW, HOWEVER,
25 CURRENTLY, IT IS NOT AS STRONG AS IT CAN POTENTIALLY BE. A LOT

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1 OF THE AMENDMENTS THAT WERE SUGGESTED BY THE UNINCORPORATED
2 TENANTS UNION HAVE NOT BEEN INCORPORATED, HAVE NOT BEEN
3 ACCEPTED. AND THAT IS VERY CONCERNING, SUCH AS THE TENANT'S
4 STORY THAT LANDLORDS, AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
5 LOOPHOLES AND CONTINUE TO EVICT PEOPLE LIKE BLANCA, LIKE MANY
6 OTHER TENANTS THAT WE SEE IN OUR WEEKLY TENANT ACTION CLINIC.
7 SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU ALL, FOR ALL OF US AS L.A. COUNTY,
8 TO TAKE THE LEAD BY DOING.

9

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

11

12 **BLANCA DUENAS:** BUENOS TARDES -- GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS
13 BLANCA DUENAS. I'M FROM EASTSIDE LEADS AND FROM U.T.U. I THINK
14 THE THEME RIGHT NOW IS JUST CAUSE. I'M HERE BECAUSE TODAY YOU
15 WILL BE VOTING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE PERMANENT LAW. YOU WOULD
16 THINK THAT THESE ARE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE PROTECTING THE
17 COMMUNITY, BUT IT WORRIES ME THAT I DON'T SEE ANY OF THE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MY COMMUNITY. I THINK WE SHOULD MEET
19 TOGETHER FOR THIS TOPIC. I AM ASKING -- I AM IMPLOING EACH OF
20 YOU -- I AM ASKING FOR ALL OF YOU TO MEET WITH US WITH THE
21 COMMUNITY SO THAT YOU CAN -- WE CAN HAVE A DIALOGUE AND BE
22 ABLE TO SHOW SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE HAVE
23 PROPOSED. WE SHOULD BE VERY SPECIFIC ON HOW WE DESIGN OR
24 SPECIFY THESE JUST CAUSES.

25

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

2 SPEAKER.

3

4 **ZACHARY WARMA:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ZACHARY

5 WARMA, PUBLIC POLICY SPECIALIST FOR THE DOWNTOWN'S WOMEN

6 CENTER. AND I STAND BEFORE YOU TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

7 ITEM 4 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AMONG SENIORS. ON JANUARY 30TH,

8 THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER RELEASED THE 2019 CITY OF LOS

9 ANGELES WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THE REPORT, WHICH FOCUSED ON

10 THE NEED OF WOMEN FACING HOMELESSNESS CITY WIDE, CONTAINED

11 IMPORTANT INSIGHTS INTO THE CHALLENGES FACED BY OLDER WOMEN.

12 49 PERCENT OF ALL UNHOUSED WOMEN SURVEYED WERE OVER THE AGE OF

13 51. OVER HALF OF WOMEN REPORTED BEING HOMELESS FOR THE FIRST

14 TIME WERE OVER THE AGE OF 51. 20 PERCENT WERE AT LEAST 62

15 YEARS OR OLDER, AND MOST JARRINGLY 23 PERCENT OF WOMEN AGE 51

16 EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE LAST YEAR. OLDER WOMEN FACE UNIQUE

17 CHALLENGES IN ACCESSING SERVICES AND FACE VERY SPECIFIC HEALTH

18 ISSUES. SO WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OLDER ANGELENOS ON

19 THE CUSP OF HOMELESSNESS, WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN

20 AND SOLIS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER AND URGE COUNTY

21 LEADERSHIP TO DIRECT ATTENTION AND RESOURCES TO THIS

22 INCREDIBLY VULNERABLE POPULATION.

23

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

25 SPEAKER.

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1

2 **ANTHONY HAYES:** YES, MY NAME IS ANTHONY HAYES, JR. AND I HAVE
3 MEDICARE PART A. AND B. AND YOU ARE NOT HOUSING PEOPLE THAT
4 ARE ON MEDICARE PART A AND BE. SO WHAT I HAD TO DO, I FILED
5 FOR DAMAGES. I FILED A SMALL CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY COUNSEL,
6 AND YOU DID NOT APPEAR IN COURT. THAT IS A DEFAULT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. SECURITY, CAN YOU ASK --

9

10 **ANTHONY HAYES:** AND YOU CANNOT RULE IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANTS WHEN
11 THEY DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT. THAT IS A BREACH FINE, 18 U.S.C.
12 3571 PENAL CODE, \$250,000, PERJURY FINE \$10,000. HOW YOU FIX
13 THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, HOW YOU FIX THE HOMELESS FOR PEOPLE ON
14 MEDICARE, STARTING FROM 1865, YOU PAY THE BLACK CULTURE, THAT
15 BLACK MAN AND THE BLACK WOMEN, \$5,000 A MONTH. STARTING FROM
16 1865. THAT'S HOW YOU FIX IT FOR THE BLACK CULTURE.

17

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

19

20 **FAVIOLA PABLO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FAVIOLA PABLO. I'M WITH
21 UNITED TENANTS. WE ARE PART OF THE UNINCORPORATED TENANTS
22 UNITED COALITION. WE WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR PASSING
23 A PERMANENT RENT STABILIZATION FOR UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES
24 AND LOOK FORWARD TO IMPLEMENTATION. WE HAVE SEEN A HIGH VOLUME
25 OF TENANTS COMING FROM UNINCORPORATED L.A. AREA TO OUR WEEKLY

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1 TENANT CLINIC THAT ARE AT HIGH RISK OF GETTING EVICTED. WE
2 HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE TO
3 CLOSE ANY POSSIBLE LOOPHOLES IN THE ORDINANCE THAT WILL AFFECT
4 RENTERS ACROSS UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES AND MAKE THIS
5 ORDINANCE THE BEST IT CAN BE. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** NUMBER 4, LADIES STOP THE UNSAFE, UNSANITARY,
10 SLEEP DEPRIVATION, VIOLENCE, THEFT, GANG STALKING, VANDALISM,
11 GROPING, AND HARASSMENT ALL NIGHT AND DAY OUTSIDE OF SKID ROW
12 AT LA PLACITA FOR SENIORS. WE ARE SUBJECTED TO JUNKIES,
13 CRIMINALS, GANGBANGERS, SKID ROW BLACKS, WHO COME IN ALL NIGHT
14 AND JUST HARASS US TO NO END AND STEAL AND WAKING US ALL NIGHT
15 LONG. THIS HAS TO STOP. AND IF YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING IT, WE
16 ARE GOING TO KEEP PUMPING AND LETTING YOU KNOW THIS HAS TO
17 STOP. WHAT WE NEED THERE AT LA PLACITA ARE TENTS, BLANKETS,
18 AND TARPS. THANK YOU. AND NOW, NUMBER FIVE. PLEASE LOOK AT THE
19 MOVIE, "FAREWELL TO MANS" AND OUR ABSOLUTE BEAUTIFUL ABOUT THE
20 JAPANESE INTERMENT. GOD BLESS THE JAPANESE. [SPEAKING
21 JAPANESE] NUMBER 36, WE MUST DO MORE TO DETER AND STOP
22 FIREMEN, L.A.P.D., SHERIFFS DEPUTIES, AND PARAMEDIC SUICIDES.
23 WE MUST INCORPORATE A LESS STRESSFUL AMBIANCE AND TOOLS TO RE-
24 ENGAGE IN MAKING THEM WHOLE AND --

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT IS OUR LAST SPEAKER. MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU LIST OFF THE ITEMS WE WILL BE
3 VOTING ON?

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1D, 2D, 1P,
6 2P, 1, 3-6, 9-12, 14-18, 20-21, ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR BARGER
7 VOTES NO, 23, 25-36, 38-42, 43A, 43B, 46 AND 47, SUPERVISOR
8 BARGER VOTES NO, 48, 49, AND CS-1 WAS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR ARE
9 BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
13 THE ORDER. NOW IT IS TIME PUBLIC COMMENT. MADAM EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER WILL YOU PLEASE CALL UP THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
15 SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT. THEY WILL BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE EACH.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD
18 WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? ANTHONY
19 HAYES, JR., HERMAN HERMAN, WAYNE SPINDLER, ERIC PREVEN, BRYAN
20 RANGER, ROY GORHAM, LARRY LAVEN, SARAH GOLDZWEIG, ADAM HERSKO-
21 RONATAS, JOHN KERIN, KENT MENDOZA, RICCI SERGIENKO, JOSIAH
22 EDWARDS, RONALDO VILLEDA, EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, ROSALIE HANFT,
23 ANTONIA RAMIREZ, YVONNE AUTRY, RED CHIEF HUNT, ROBIN MOORE,
24 PATRICIA MCALLISTER, WAYNE, SHARI TINSLEY, RED CHIEF HUNT,

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1 JAMES ESSEX, CHRISTIAN THOMAS, CHRIS BERCOMBIE, JOHNNY SIGHT,
2 DR. MELLO DESIRE, AND ROSHANA KULA, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE THOSE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED
5 UP TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT? ALL RIGHT, FIRST SPEAKER.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN, NICE STARTING AHEAD OF ME. IT'S
8 ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS IS A
9 LITTLE HEARTBREAKING. AND I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ON
10 NEXT TUESDAY THERE IS NO MEETING. THERE'S NO BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS MEETING, WHICH IS EXTREMELY SNEAKY AND WEIRD, AND
12 A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SHOW UP BECAUSE THERE'S NO GOOD
13 REASON. AND ALSO AS DR. CLAVREUL SAID TODAY, YOU HAD AN
14 11:00AM CLOSED SESSION, BUT NONE OF US WHO ORDINARILY RECEIVE
15 E-BLASTS GOT THAT. SO THAT WAS TOTALLY SNEAKY AND DEFECTIVE.
16 AND I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WOULD DO THAT. I DO KNOW WHY YOU
17 WOULD TO DO THAT ACTUALLY BECAUSE I THINK YOU ARE IN A RUSE.
18 THE IDEA IS IS THAT WE ARE THE WONDERFUL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 DOING A GREAT JOB, SLAPPING ONE ANOTHER ON THE BACK ALL THE
20 TIME, AND THEN THE FOLKS WHO HAVE GENUINE CONCERNS, LIKE THE
21 PEOPLE BEHIND ME, WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL DAY LONG, ARE
22 PUSHED UNTIL AFTER THE PARADE OF CONGRATULATIONS. DO YOU THINK
23 WE'RE STUPID? I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE STUPID IN L.A. COUNTY,
24 AND I THINK YOU OUGHT TO LOOK AT THE IOWA CAUCUS AND ALL THE

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1 DUMB STUFF YOU HAVE BEEN DOING THAT'S NOT WORKING. I'M A
2 DEMOCRAT, BUT IT'S NOT WORKING.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, I FIRED ALL JUDGES IN 50 STATES.
7 AND THE LAND HAS BEEN DECLARED BACK TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS IN
8 50 STATES. SO THAT MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER CHARGE ME PROPERTY
9 TAX ON MY OWN LAND. STARTING FROM 1865 THE COUNTY IS TO PAY
10 EVERY BLACK MAN, EVERY BLACK WOMAN \$5,000 A MONTH. OKAY YOU
11 SKIPPED SO MANY GENERATIONS, AND THIS IS WHY WE HAD A HOMELESS
12 PROBLEM, AND YOU DIDN'T PUT A BUDGET IN FOR MEDICARE FOR
13 PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS. I HAD THREE JOBS IN MY OWN PLACE
14 LIVING IN ATLANTA DOING JUST FINE, MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS. I
15 GET LETTERS TO MY JOB AT THE GEORGIA WOOL CONGRESS CENTER
16 SAYING I OWE MONEY FOR TWO KIDS. I ONLY HAVE ONE. YOU STOPPED
17 ME FROM WORKING ON MY THREE JOBS. I FILED A CLAIM. L.A. COUNTY
18 SHERIFFS STOLE MY SUBURBAN. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
19 STOLE \$6,000 OF MY MEDICARE MONEY THAT I USE SO I CAN GET
20 BETTER. YOU NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE ABUSE AS A CRIME, JUST
21 LIKE YOU NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE SLAVERY AS A CRIME.

22

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

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO WHY IS IT THAT OUR L.L.C. HAS NOT
2 INTERRUPTED US? I'LL TELL YOU WHY. SOMETIMES, ABOUT A WEEK AGO
3 WHEN MISS SHEILA KUEHL AND TWO LEGAL PEOPLE WALKED UP TO ME
4 HERE STANDING OR SITTING AND PUT THEIR FINGER IN THEIR FACE
5 TELLING ME THAT THAT MESSAGE ON YOUR PIECE OF PAPER, THAT
6 LEGAL PIECE OF PAPER, IS NOT CONTENT PROTECTED. WELL, YOU'RE
7 WRONG. AND FOR THAT REASON, I GOT THAT LITTLE 3 BY 5 CARD IN
8 THE MAIL REGARDING MY POTENTIAL LAWSUIT, AND THIS IS ON THE
9 RECORD. DO NOT THREATEN PEOPLE SIMPLY BECAUSE OF PROTECTED
10 SPEECH OF CONTENT. YOU DON'T REGULATE WHAT IS CONTENT. THE
11 JUDGE REGULATES CONTENT. AND IF YOU SEE A SWASTIKA, IT HAS
12 NOTHING TO DO WITH A THREAT. IT HAS TO DO WITH PROTECTED
13 SPEECH, THANK YOU JENNIFER H. COPP OF STANLEY MOSK COURTS AND
14 THAT OF LONG BEACH. [EXPLETIVE] YOU.

15

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

17

18 **ADAM HERSKO-RONATAS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ADAM HERSKO-RONATAS.
19 AND I AM PART OF SUNRISE MOVEMENT L.A. TWO WEEKS AGO, MYSELF
20 AND SEVEN OTHER YOUNG ADULTS TOOK A DAY OFF FROM OUR
21 RESPECTIVE JOBS AND CLASSES TO BE HERE TO SPEAK TO OUR
22 SUPERVISORS ABOUT A NUMBER OF PRESSING ISSUES CONCERNING OUR
23 COMMUNITIES. WE ARRIVED EARLY. WE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. WE WAITED FOR NEARLY 4 HOURS, AND THEN ONLY ONE OF
25 US WAS ACTUALLY ABLE TO STAY THE ADDITIONAL 4, ALMOST 5, HOURS

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1 TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TO THE BOARD. FEW ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO AFFORD
2 THAT SORT OF TIME OFF FROM THEIR DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES. AND
3 BOTH THAT MEETING AND TODAY'S, YOU MADE IT CLEAR YOU WANT TO
4 ENGAGE WITH THE YOUTH IN THIS COUNTY. WELL, HERE WE ARE. WE
5 ARE BACK HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR CONCERNS AND MAKE IT
6 KNOWN THAT, AS YOUR CONSTITUENTS, WHAT WE ARE ADAMANT ABOUT
7 YOUR PRIORITIES TO BE. AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, LOS ANGELES IS
8 THE LARGEST URBAN OIL FIELD IN THE COUNTRY, AND 60 PERCENT OF
9 WELLS IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE IN THE
10 INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD WHICH BORDERS MY RESIDENCE IN SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR? CAN YOU PUT IT IN
14 WRITING AND SUBMIT IT FOR THE RECORD?

15

16 **ADAM HERSKO-RONATAS:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU HAVE IT IN WRITING, WE WOULD BE
19 HAPPY TO, AND THEN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL DISTRIBUTE THAT.
20 THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **JOSIAH EDWARDS:** HELLO, I AM JOSIAH EDWARDS FROM SUNRISE LOS
23 ANGELES AND A CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE TO TALK TO
24 YOU ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE
25 NOT SIGNED THE NO FOSSIL FUEL PLEDGE. AND YOU ARE THE ONLY

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1 CANDIDATE FOR C.D. 10 ACTIVELY ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM THE
2 FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY. THIS INCLUDES DONATIONS FROM THE LIKES
3 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO
4 OF THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE WILDFIRES IN CALIFORNIA AND COUNTY
5 HISTORY, THE AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL, WHICH ADVOCATES THE
6 USE OF NATURAL GAS, AND THE CALIFORNIA RESOURCE CORPORATION A
7 COMPANY THAT OWNS MORE THAN 17,000 UNPLUGGED WELLS THROUGHOUT
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THESE ENTITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
9 SPEWING NOXIOUS FUMES AND CONTAMINATING THE NEIGHBORHOODS,
10 WHICH WE ANGELENOS HOLD SO DEAR. THEY HAVE DIRECTLY AFFECTED
11 YOUR CONSTITUENTS, WHO VOTED YOU IN. THEY HAVE -- I HAVE
12 SUFFERED FROM HIGH RATES OF CHILDHOOD ASTHMA. REMEMBER WHO
13 VOTED YOU INTO OFFICE. THEY COULD JUST AS EASILY VOTE YOU OUT.
14 THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **SARAH:** HELLO, I'M SARAH. I'M FROM SUNRISE L.A. AS WELL, AND
19 I'M ALSO HERE TO TALK ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. AS MY FELLOW
20 ACTIVISTS AND FRIENDS HAVE EXPRESSED, WE ARE CALLING ON YOU
21 TODAY PRIORITIZE PEOPLE OVER MONEY OR POWER. WE ARE CALLING ON
22 EACH OF YOU TO SIGN THE NO FOSSIL FUEL MONEY PLEDGE. WE ARE
23 CALLING ON YOU TO DEMAND THAT NOW NEW OIL WELLS ARE OPENED
24 ANYWHERE IN THIS COUNTY. WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO END THE
25 CURRENT EXTRACTION, PROCESSING, AND STORAGE THAT THREATENS THE

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1 HEALTH AND LIVES OF YOUR COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING ALISO CANYON
2 AND THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO
3 IMPLEMENT A 2500 FOOT HEALTH AND SAFETY SETBACK BETWEEN ALL
4 OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS AND THE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE LIVE AND
5 WORK AND LEARN. AND AT THE MOMENT, REGULATIONS ONLY REQUIRE
6 400 FOOT SETBACK FROM SENSITIVE LAND. WE ARE CALLING FOR 100
7 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY BEFORE 2030. WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO
8 SUPPORT A TRUE GREEN NEW DEAL FOR LOS ANGELES WITH A JUST
9 TRANSITION FOR WORKERS NOW. LOS ANGELES CANNOT WAIT ANY
10 LONGER. FOSSIL FUELS HAVE STOLEN TOO MANY LIVES, AND THEY
11 CONTINUE TO TAKE MORE WITH EACH SECOND THAT WE FAIL TO ACT.
12 WE ARE HERE TODAY TO HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE.

13

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

15

16 **RICCI SERGIENKO:** HI, YES, MY NAME IS RICCI SERGIENKO FROM
17 SUNRISE L.A., AND I'M ALSO HERE TO TALK ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY.
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ACCEPT FOSSIL FUEL FUNDING, DESPITE
19 BEING THE SUPERVISOR TO THE DISTRICT WITH THE LARGEST METHANE
20 GAS LEAK IN HISTORY. YOU ARE TAKING MONEY FROM CORPORATIONS
21 AND INSTITUTIONS WHOSE PROFITS RELY ON THE FORCES KILLING AND
22 SICKENING THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT AND REPRESENT.
23 CALLING ON THE EXPEDITED CLOSURE OF ALISO CANYON WAS NOT SOON
24 ENOUGH, AND MORE GAS HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM ALISO CANYON
25 SINCE THE TIMELINE WAS ANNOUNCED. YOU HAVE ALSO TAKEN MONEY

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1 FROM CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION, A FOSSIL FUEL COMPANY
2 THAT DOES NOT EVEN OPERATE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND ARE
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTRACTION AND STORAGE IN WILMINGTON AND
4 ELSEWHERE. YOU RECEIVE MONEY FROM BOARD MEMBERS OF A NUMBER OF
5 GAS AND OIL COMPANIES, INCLUDING PARSELY ENERGY, BLACKBRUSH
6 OIL AND GAS, AND MOST NOTABLY, SEMPRA ENERGY, THE PARENT
7 COMPANY OF SOCAL GAS WHICH ALSO RUNS THE ALISO CANYON GAS
8 STORAGE FACILITY.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. IF YOU WANT TO
11 SUBMIT THAT FOR THE RECORD, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING
12 AND YOU WANT TO SUBMIT IT TO GO INTO THE RECORD WITH THE
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO. THANK YOU.
14 NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **JOHNNY SIGHT:** YES, MY NAME IS JOHNNY SIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, I
17 WANT TO THANK THOSE THAT MADE CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM REGARDING
18 THE DISABLED BECAUSE I WAS HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. THEY
19 WERE NOT LISTENING TO ME. THEN I'M DISABLED. I COULD NOT STAND
20 LONG. ANYWAY, THEY MADE CHANGES, ALLOWED ME TO SIT DOWN. THANK
21 YOU VERY MUCH. FINALLY, OTHERWISE, I WAS GOING TO GET IN TOUCH
22 WITH A.D.A. YEAH, I'M A NUMBER OF DISABLED MEMBER SENIOR FROM
23 DISTRICT 9, AND I FIRST WANT TO PUT OUT A PROPOSAL. IF IT IS
24 ALREADY THERE, I DON'T WANT TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. MY CONTACT
25 INFO, I SIGNED IN, MY EMAIL ACCOUNT AND MY PHONE NUMBER, BUT I

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1 THINK CHURCHES CAN HELP WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, STARTING
2 OF WITH AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF THE FACILITIES, WORKING AFTER
3 FIVE YEARS UP TO 5 YEARS OF THEIR FACILITIES TO HELP WITH
4 HOMELESSNESS. THEY ARE A 501C3 ORGANIZATION, AND THEY SHOULD
5 BE HELPING US DO THE REAL THING INSTEAD OF MAKING BUSINESS FOR
6 IT.

7

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M HERE ALSO WITH THE SUNRISE MOVEMENT. I HAVE
12 BEEN WITH THEM OVER TWO YEARS, AND THEY HAVE DONE LOT OF WORK
13 IN COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE WHICH IS REAL, AND WE'RE HOPING
14 YOU CAN SUPPORT THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SUNRISE MOVEMENT IN
15 THEIR EFFORTS TO END FOSSIL FUELS AND COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE.

16

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

18

19 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
20 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. OPTIONS, A FORGOTTEN RESOURCE, DRUG
21 ADDICTED BABIES SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO A QUALIFIED RELATIVE
22 BEFORE BEING ADOPTED BY A PARTY OUTSIDE THE BABY'S FAMILY. I
23 BELIEVE THAT THE COURTS RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF A QUALIFIED
24 FAMILY MEMBER TO ADOPT WHEN TAKING DRUG ADDICTED BABIES FROM
25 THEIR PARENTS. THE COURTS RECOGNIZE THE OPTION OF A QUALIFIED

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1 FAMILY MEMBER AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ADOPTION BY A PARTY OUTSIDE
2 THE FAMILY, BUT SHUT AN EYE TO THE OPTION OF A QUALIFIED
3 RELATIVE ON ACCOUNT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY RICH
4 FAMILIES LOOKING TO ADOPT. I'M ASKING THIS BOARD TO COMPEL
5 FAMILY SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT IN CHARGE OF ADOPTIONS TO
6 RECOGNIZE THE OPTION OF A QUALIFIED FAMILY MEMBER TO ADOPT
7 INSTEAD OF SWEEPING THE OPTION OF A FAMILY MEMBER UNDER THE
8 RUG.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD DAY, SHARI TINSLEY, KIDS VOICES MATTER. ON
13 11/12/2019, I ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING L.A.P.D. JUVENILE
14 DIVISION REINVESTIGATING CHILD MALTREATMENT CASES. HONORABLE
15 KATHRYN BARGER REACHED OUT TO L.A.P.D. TO FOLLOW UP AND ALSO
16 REACHED OUT TO ME. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY FOR NOT FOLLOWING
17 UP SOONER, BUT THE FAMILIES ARE KEEPING ME BUSY. NOT ONE CASE
18 OF CHILD MALTREATMENT BEING IS FOLLOWED UP WITH MEDICAL EXAMS.
19 THE CORONER IS THE ONE WHO IS INFORMING US OF THE CONTINUOUS
20 PHYSICAL ABUSE OF THE CHILD. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS HAVE
21 TAKEN PRECEDENCE IN FAMILY AND CHILDREN COURT IN DETERMINING
22 CUSTODY. AS A MANDATED REPORTER, I WANT THE CASE I BRING TO
23 YOU REINVESTIGATED AND RESOLVED. I'M QUITE SURE L.A.P.D. HAS
24 EXTREME DETERRENTS IN THEIR REINVESTIGATION.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT IS YOUR TURN. PULL THE MIC
2 UP SO WE CAN HEAR YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I GAVE THE DOCUMENTS TO THE PEOPLE IN HERE, AND I
5 HOPE THEY GAVE THEM TO YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, WE GOT IT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M HERE TODAY AT 8:00 IN THE
10 MORNING.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO YOU --

13

14 **SPEAKER:** AND THE REASON I'M HERE IS BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN MOST
15 SEVERELY GRAND THEFT SWINDLED CONTINUOUSLY SWINDLED, AND I
16 HAVE PROOF. AND THEY'RE NOTORIOUS FOR SWINDLING. AND THEN THE
17 PAPER, IT EVEN STATED THAT THE ASSESSOR, HE CAMPAIGNED THAT
18 HE IS GOING TO HELP AND GET RID OF ALL THE CORRUPTION. I MOST
19 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE ASSESSOR. I WOULD
20 LIKE TO SPEAK WITH THE ASSESSOR AND SHOW HIM --

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO?
23 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE COME AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS
24 FROM THE ASSESSOR. DO WE HAVE ANYONE FROM THE ASSESSOR'S HERE?

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1 WE WILL GET SOMEBODY FOR YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY MORE SPEAKERS?

2 ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS? NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **CHRIS ABERCROMBIE:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS ABERCROMBIE. AND I'M
5 HERE ON BEHALF OF LUCETTA MARIE ANDREWS. AND I FEEL LIKE SHE
6 IS GOING TO GET JUSTICE FOR HER LOSS. SHE SHOULD NOT GET HIT
7 BY A CAR AND NOT BE ABLE TO GET PAID FOR THE FUNERAL. I FEEL
8 IT IS A LOT OF BLACK AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO SUFFER, WHO LOSE
9 OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO GET THE LIFE TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY
10 THE ONES THAT HOMELESS. EVERYBODY THAT'S HOMELESS DOESN'T MEAN
11 THEY HAVE BEEN ON DRUGS, DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY .COMMITTED A
12 CRIME. IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS. I'VE
13 BEEN SUCCESSFUL. NOW I'M HELPING THE COMMUNITY. NOW, I'M
14 MAKING A CHANGE, AND I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING THAT IS TAKES,
15 EVERYTHING IN POWER. THERE IS NOBODY THAT IS GOING TO STOP ME
16 FROM MAKING THE CHANGE. I'M GOING TO SHOW THE WORLD HOW WE'RE
17 GOING TO COME ALL TOGETHER. SO NOBODY HAS TO LISTEN, BUT IF
18 THERE IS ONE PERSON LISTENING IN THIS ROOM, I WANT TO LET YOU
19 KNOW. I WILL BE BACK EVERY WEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON BEHALF
20 OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS BECAUSE I AM LEADER. I AM A PUBLIC
21 SPEAKER. AND I WILL MAKE A CHANGE.

22

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

24

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1 **CHRISTIAN THOMAS:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN THOMAS, AND I'M
2 CURRENTLY HOMELESS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS EVER BEEN
3 HOMELESS OR ANYTHING, BUT YOU CAN BECOME HOMELESS JUST THE
4 DROP OF A DIME. NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE GROUND.
5 THEY'RE FUNDING ALL THESE PROGRAMS SUCH AS H.O.P.I.C.S. THAT
6 IS SUPPOSED TO HELP THE COMMUNITY, AND THEY'RE NOT HELPING THE
7 COMMUNITY. A FRIEND OF MINE WAS HIT BY A CAR, WRONGFULLY,
8 AFTER SHE ASKED FOR HELP. YOU GUYS CAN ROLL YOUR EYES AND
9 EVERYTHING, BUT PEOPLE STILL GOING TO COME UP HERE AND TALK
10 AND TELL HOW YOU WE FEEL. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SLEEP ON THE
11 GROUND IN A TENT OUTSIDE WITH YOUR BABIES? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE
12 TO GO STEAL WHAT YOU NEED TO FEED YOUR BABIES? YOU KNOW, THAT
13 IS SAD. AND YOU GUYS SHOULD HAVE MORE EMPATHY. THAT'S ALL I
14 GOTTA SAY.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YVONNE.

17

18 **YVONNE AUTRY:** I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT WHAT THE SISTER SAID
19 BECAUSE THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY, ESPECIALLY SINCE
20 YOU'RE FINANCING A POLICE STATE UNDER MARSHAL LAW. WE HAVE
21 H.H.H. WE HAVE H AND OTHER FUNDS THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN REALLY
22 BEING USED TOWARDS THAT ARE MOST INDIGENT. THREE A DAY ARE
23 DYING THAT ARE REPORTED. RELATIVE, THAT BEING SAID, PLEASE USE
24 THE MONEY, CLAIM THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE -- THAT HAVE BEEN
25 DESERTED UNDER EMINENT DOMAIN, THAT WHICH IS WITHIN YOUR

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1 AUTHORITY. YOU CAN REMOVE THE PEOPLE AS 2040. THAT VISION IS
2 REALIZED. I KNOW YOU'RE REGENTRIFYING. THE PEOPLE ARE BEING
3 MURDERED, GERM WARFARE. POLICE ARE MURDERING THEM, BAD DRUGS.
4 UNINTENTIONALLY, IT IS AN EXTERMINATION PRIMARILY OF BLACK
5 PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. ON RIVERSIDE, THE HOMELESS ARE
6 WHITE. THE CONSTITUENCY IS WHITE. SO PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN. I
7 KNOW YOU HAVE THE MONEY AND THE AUTHORITY. IT IS ENGINEERED.

8

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

10

11 **DR. MELLO DESIRE:** WORLD OF DANCE HAS USED WESTERN AND 60TH
12 LOT. THEY DID NOT NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY. WORLD OF DANCE IS ALSO
13 PRODUCED BY "X FACTOR," "AMERICA'S GOT TALENT," SO ON AND SO
14 FORTH WHICH IS N.B.C. NOW THAT LOT, 100,000 SQUARE FOOT
15 FACILITY HAS NOT BEEN OPENED TO BUILD HOUSING. SO MARQUIS
16 HARRIS DAWSON AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS DECIDE TO USE THE LOT AS
17 COMMERCIAL SO THEY CAN MAKE FILMING FEES. IT'S DISGUSTING. AT
18 LEAST POST BEFORE THAT YOU ARE FILMING IN OUR AREA, BUT
19 BECAUSE SOUTH L.A. AND IT'S JUST NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF
20 IGNORANT BLACK PEOPLE, SPANISH PEOPLE WHO DON'T REALLY GET
21 ALONG, SO LET'S FILM HERE BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER. NO, WE'RE
22 GOING TO ASK N.B.C. TO LEAVE WESTERN AND 60TH IF WE DON'T HAVE
23 ANY OF THE BLACK KIDS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD PART OF WORLD OF
24 DANCE, STARTING WITH ANDY NELSON AND GARY HOOD, TWO OF THE
25 CELEBRITIES THAT ARE PARKED IN WESTERN AND 60TH'S LOST. SO I'M

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1 DISGUSTED BY THIS BEHAVIOR. CALIFORNIA GOVERNANCE IS NOTHING
2 BUT A BUNCH OF DUMB [EXPLETIVE]. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TIME AND CONSIDERATION AND LISTENING.

4

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

6

7 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THE TWO ROBIN HOODS ARE SHERIFF LEE BACA AND
8 THE LATE CHIEF DARRYL GATES, WHO BOTH DID NOT AND WOULD NOT
9 PANDER TO CRIMINALS NOR REWARD THESE, BUT STOOD UP TO THEM AND
10 FACED THEM HEAD ON. AND THEY TOOK ON THESE CRIMINAL DOMESTIC
11 TERRORISTS, AND THEY KEPT US SAFE. GOD BLESS THEM. RIGHT NOW,
12 I AM, AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, GANG STALKED EVERYWHERE I GO,
13 ANYWHERE, I GET ATTACKED BULLIED AND VIOLATED. I BELIEVE HERB
14 WESSON, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, MARQUIS HARRIS DAWSON, THE
15 N.A.A.C.P. THE BLACK PANTHERS, THE ELITE SATANIC ZIONIST JEWS,
16 THE ISRAELI HABAD, THE ISRAELI MASSAD, THE JEWISH WORLD
17 CONGRESS. AND SEVERAL OTHERS, THE MEDIA, HAVE BROKEN INTO MY
18 STORAGE FACILITATES. THEY TEAR MY TENTS. THEY SEND THESE WHITE
19 TRASH JUNKIES, THESE SKID ROW BLACKS, THESE [EXPLETIVE]
20 GANGBANGING [EXPLETIVE] AND CRIMINAL DEVIANTS TO HARASS ME
21 NIGHT AND DAY. I CANNOT GO ANYWHERE, NOT EVEN TO THE
22 [EXPLETIVE] TOILET WITHOUT HAVING THEM UP MY [EXPLETIVE]
23 EVERYWHERE I GO.

24

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

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1

2 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, ANYBODY BUT WESSON, THAT PIECE OF
3 [EXPLETIVE], NO ON HERB WESSON, THE HUMAN SCUMBAG. SO THE L.A.
4 TIMES ENDORSED MY CANDIDATE, HOLLY MITCHELL. I BROUGHT HER
5 INTO IT. JAN PERRY JOINED IN. JAN PERRY/HOLLY MITCHELL FOR THE
6 RUNOFF. HERB WESSON FOR 3RD SO WE CAN RETIRE THIS PIECE OF
7 GARBAGE AND PUT HIM BACK IN LADERA HEIGHTS IN THAT LITTLE
8 HOUSE THAT HE CANNOT AFFORD, CARPET BAGGER SCUMBAG. HE'S GOT
9 HIS WHOLE FAMILY WORKING HE'S GOT HIS WIFE WHO DOESN'T HAVE A
10 [EXPLETIVE] COLLEGE DEGREE -- (OFF-MIC COMMENTS).

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. HERMAN HERMAN, NO
13 CLAPPING. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **JAMES ESSEX:** HAIKU. CITY OF ANGLES, CITY OF NIGHTS, THE CITY
16 OF DARINGS DO, DELIGHTS. IMAGINE THE FIRST TIME YOU FLEW INTO
17 L.A. AT NIGHT AND HOW THE CITY WAS LIKE FOREVER. IT SEEMED
18 LIKE THE PLANE WOULD NEVER GET TO THE AIRPORT. THERE WAS SO
19 MUCH AREA, 4,761 SQUARE MILES. NOW IF YOU LEFT THE PLANE AND
20 TOOK A BOAT AND WENT OUT INTO THE DARKNESS BEYOND THE AIRPORT,
21 YOU WOULD SEE THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF LIGHT. IT'S JUST NOT HOT
22 LIGHT. IT IS THE COOL LIGHT OF THE STARS. I AM SUGGESTING
23 TODAY HERE THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXTEND THE COUNTY
24 LIMITS TO 20,000 SQUARE MILES. IT'D BE 4,000 OF LAND, WHICH
25 IS ROCK AND FIRE AND 16,000 OF AIR AND WATER, AND THAT WILL

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1 INCLUDE THE OCEANS. AND WE WILL FULLY ADOPT ALL THE CITIZENS
2 OF THAT PART OF OUR CITY, AND WE WILL CALL IT THE CETACEAN
3 NATION. SO THAT'S IS JUST A THOUGHT, KIND OF A THOUGHT. WE
4 WILL SEE HOW IT GOES. ANYWAY, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH BECAUSE YOU
5 DO SUCH GOOD WORK AND YOU HAVE TO PUT UP WITH SO MUCH STUPID
6 [EXPLETIVE]. HAVE A NICE DAY, LOVE.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT.
9 IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO DO THE ADJOURNMENTS IN ORDER.
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS NOT HERE, SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
14 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STUART KETCHUM, A REAL
15 ESTATE ICON, A PHILANTHROPIST, AND CIVIC LEADER, WHO WAS
16 DIRECTOR EMERITUS ON THE BOARD OF BOTH THE METROPOLITAN
17 Y.M.C.A. AND THE L.A. MUSIC CENTER FOUNDATION. HE HELPED TO
18 ENSURE THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL WAS COMPLETED, ALSO SERVED
19 AS A GOVERNOR TO THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE AS WELL AS ADVISOR
20 TO THE CITY OF L.A., MAYOR BRADLEY, MAYOR RIORDAN ON MAJOR
21 EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CARRIE,
22 AND HIS 5 CHILDREN, MALLORY, SCOTT, MITCHELL, DARCY, AND
23 STEVEN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF MELVIN SEEMAN, SOCIOLOGIST, WHO DIED ON JANUARY
25 31ST. A PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF SOCIOLOGY AT U.C.L.A., HE WAS

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1 BEST KNOWN FOR HIS FOUNDATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMPIRICAL
2 STUDY OF ALIENATION. HE SERVED AS DEPARTMENT CHAIR IN
3 SOCIOLOGY AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC SOCIOLOGICAL
4 ASSOCIATION. IN 1991, HE WAS AWARDED THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL
5 ASSOCIATION'S PRESTIGIOUS COOLEY-MEAD AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
6 TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. FROM 1988 UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, HE WAS
7 SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE ACADEMIC VICE CHANCELLOR AT U.C.L.A.,
8 HELPING ON THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND MANAGING
9 ESPECIALLY DELICATE AND DIFFICULT ACADEMIC PERSONNEL MATTERS.
10 IN 2014, FOR HIS ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS, HE
11 RECEIVED A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE U.C.L.A.
12 EMERITI ASSOCIATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY BROTHERS, SAM, HIS
13 CHILDREN, PAUL AND TERESA, AND HIS GRANDSON, DAN. AND I MOVE
14 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LYLE MAYS,
15 GRAMMY AWARD WINNING KEYBOARDIST, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 12TH.
16 MAYS WAS A JAZZ KEYBOARDIST WHOSE WORK, CHIEFLY WITH THE PAT
17 METHENY GROUP, WON NEARLY A DOZEN GRAMMYS. HE CO-FOUNDED THE
18 GROUP IN THE '70S. HE WAS A PERFORMER, COMPOSER, AND ARRANGER.
19 THE GROUP'S INNOVATIVE FUSION STYLE INCORPORATED DIVERSE
20 SOUNDS, SUCH AS ROCK, CONTEMPORARY JAZZ, AND WORLD MUSIC. MAYS
21 WAS ALSO A SIDE MAN FOR ALBUMS BY JAZZ ROCK AND POP ARTISTS,
22 INCLUDING JONI MITCHELL, RICKIE LEE JONES, AND EARTH, WIND,
23 AND FIRE. HE HELPED COMPOSE SOUNDTRACK MUSIC FOR SEVERAL
24 MOVIES, INCLUDING THE 1985 FILM, "THE FALCON AND THE SNOWMAN."

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1 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS NIECE, AUBREY JOHNSON. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE. FIRST, ALAN
8 HALKETT, A RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, WHO PASSED AWAY
9 AT 88. HE PROUDLY SERVED AS AN AVIATOR AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR
10 IN THE U.S. NAVY FOR FOUR YEARS, THEN HE CONTINUED HIS
11 EDUCATION AT U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW AND GRADUATED ORDER OF THE
12 COIF. HE PRACTICED FOR 33 YEARS AS A TRIAL LAWYER WITH LATHAM
13 AND WATKINS, A WORLD PREMIER LAW FIRM. AND HIS SELECTION AS A
14 MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS
15 WAS A TESTAMENT TO HIS EXTRAORDINARY LEGAL SKILLS AND
16 CHARACTER. ALAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY, HIS SONS, KENT
17 -- SORRY, HIS SONS, KENT AND JIM, DAUGHTER, KATE, AND FOUR
18 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO FOR ROBERT BACHARACH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT
19 OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES. ROBERT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79.
20 HE WAS THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF JACKI BACHARACH, WHO WAS MY
21 COMMISSIONER AND THE CHAIR OF OUR QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY
22 COMMISSIONER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY COG.
23 AFTER HIS CAREER OF MORE THAN 30 YEARS AT T.R.W. AS AN
24 AEROTHERMODYNAMICIST, BOB LOVED PLAYING BRIDGE AND
25 RACQUETBALL. HE WAS ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC AND KIND, AND HE

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1 RADIATED HAPPINESS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND HE MADE PEOPLE
2 FEEL HEARD WHETHER HE AGREED WITH THEM OR NOT. BOB SHARED HIS
3 LOVE OF LEARNING WITH HIS CHILDREN AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN. HE
4 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JACKI, HIS CHILDREN, LARRY, STEVE,
5 AND SANDY, AND HIS SIX WONDERFUL GRANDCHILDREN, PARIS, LUC,
6 BEN, CHARLOTTE, SASHA, AND TEVI. HE REALLY WILL BE MISSED.
7 ALSO FOR CLAIRE SPOTHELFER, WHO WAS THE FORMER MAYOR OF LA
8 HABRA HEIGHTS, WHO PASSED AWAY. CLAIRE WAS BORN IN THE
9 WILLOWBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD OF COMPTON IN 1934. SHE WAS THE
10 SECOND OF FIVE CHILDREN. SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND, PAUL, AND
11 THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, HEIDI AND DARREN. AND IN 1982, CLAIRE
12 AND HER FAMILY MOVED TO LA HABRA HEIGHTS AND QUICKLY GOT
13 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. CLAIRE JOINED THE LA HABRA HEIGHTS
14 IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AND LATER IMPLEMENTED AND RAN THE LA
15 HABRA HEIGHTS MUSIC IN THE PARK PROGRAM FOR 22 YEARS. TODAY,
16 THOUSANDS GATHER FROM LA HABRA HEIGHTS AND SURROUNDING AREAS
17 TO ENJOY THE OUTDOOR CONCERTS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT THE PARK ON
18 HACIENDA ROAD. SHE SERVED ON THE LA HABRA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
19 INCLUDING SERVING AS MAYOR. SHE LOVED THE HEIGHTS, AND THE
20 HEIGHTS LOVED HER. SHE WAS PATRIOTIC, GIVING, AND ALWAYS FOUND
21 A WAY TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT. SHE IS
22 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, PAUL, DAUGHTER, HEIDI, AND SON,
23 DARREN. ALSO FOR MARY "KAY" HORRELL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 93, A
24 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH WHERE SHE SERVED ON THE
25 CITY COUNCIL FROM 1985 TO 1993. SHE ALSO SERVED AS THE

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1 CHAIRWOMAN OF THE REDONDO BEACH LIBRARY COMMISSION, A MEMBER
2 OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. A TRAILBLAZING LEADER IN REAL
3 ESTATE, KAY FOUNDED REDONDO BEACH REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE
4 HORRELL REALTORS. SHE ALSO SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE
5 REDONDO BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE SOUTH BAY CHAPTER OF
6 THE CITY OF HOPE, AND THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS.
7 KAY IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, TANNA, MICHAEL, AND JAY,
8 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE LEAVES
9 A REMARKABLE LEGACY OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP. AND ALSO FOR
10 FRANKLIN HAYNES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. HE
11 GRADUATED FROM GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL AND EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S
12 DEGREE WITH A MINOR IN MUSIC AND RELIGION FROM AZUSA PACIFIC
13 UNIVERSITY, AND THEN HE GOT HIS MASTER'S IN BUSINESS
14 ADMINISTRATION AT CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS. HE WAS A
15 DEDICATED MEMBER OF MUSICIANS IN ACTION, WHERE HE ENCOURAGED
16 AND SUPPORTED MUSICIANS THROUGH VARIOUS TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS,
17 AND CONFERENCES. HE WAS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED SOLOIST AND
18 PRODUCED TWO GOSPEL RECORDING PROJECTS. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1991,
19 HE BEGAN HIS MINISTRY AND WORKED WITH HIS FATHER AS AN
20 ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT MOUNT ELIAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
21 IN 2008, HE BECAME PASTOR AT TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH IN
22 SAN PEDRO. AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH WORSHIP SERVICE, HE
23 WOULD SIT AT THE PIANO AND PLAY THE CLOSING HYMN, "GREAT IS
24 THY FAITHFULNESS," WHICH IS MY FAVORITE HYMN, BY THE WAY.
25 FRANKLIN ENJOYED GARDENING, COOKING, AND BAKING. AND HE TOOK

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1 PARTICULAR PRIDE IN HIS SIGNATURE GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE. HE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HIS STEPMOTHER, 10 SIBLINGS, AND MANY OTHER LOVING
3 FAMILY MEMBERS. AND ALSO FOR GIOVAN "JOHN" GIACOPUZZI, A
4 RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 81. HE WAS A
5 GRADUATE OF SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE MET THE LOVE OF HIS
6 LIFE, JEANIE SHUBIN. THEY WERE MARRIED FOR 28 YEARS AND RAISED
7 THEIR FAMILY IN HARBOR CITY. AND THEN THEY EVENTUALLY RETURNED
8 TO SAN PEDRO. JOHN WORKD AS A LONGSHOREMAN ON THE WATERFRONT,
9 BUT MOST OF HIS CAREER WAS SPENT AS OWNER AND OPERATOR OF
10 SHUBIN DISPOSAL IN THE CITY OF LOMITA. JOHN LIVED HIS LIFE IN
11 SERVICE TO OTHERS. HE WAS ALWAYS VOLUNTEERING, HELPING PEOPLE
12 IN NEED. HE DELIVERED MEALS TO SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGH MEALS
13 ON WHEELS. HE WAS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO ELKS,
14 WHERE HE SERVED AS A TRUSTEE. HE WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
15 LOMITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A PAST PRESIDENT THE LOMITA-
16 HARBOR CITY KIWANIS CLUB, WHERE HE WAS LEGION OF HONOR
17 RECIPIENT FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE. JOHN WAS PRECEDED IN
18 DEATH BY HIS WIFE, JEANIE. HE IS SURVIVED BY THREE DAUGHTERS,
19 JODY, JILL, AND JOI, AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO FOR JOYCE
20 HOLLOWAY MCKELVY OSBORN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 93. SHE WAS BORN
21 AND RAISED IN LONG BEACH. SHE GOT HER BACHELOR'S FROM U.C.L.A.
22 IN 1949, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM CAL STATE
23 UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH. SHE TAUGHT IN LONG BEACH ELEMENTARY
24 SCHOOLS. IN 2009, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, THE NATIONAL TEACHER'S
25 SOCIETY, HONORED JOYCE FOR 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED ACADEMIC

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1 SERVICE. JOYCE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, CAROL AND
2 MARY MCKELVY, AND HER BELOVED NEPHEWS, NIECES, AND COUSINS.
3 AND ALSO, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
4 MEMORY OF RUDY GONZALES, A RESIDENT OF WILMINGTON, PASSED AWAY
5 AT THE AGE OF 90. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING THE KOREAN
6 WAR. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WONDERFUL HONOR GUARD TEAM OF
7 V.F.W. POST 2967 IN WILMINGTON, ONE OF THE BEST HONOR GUARDS,
8 AND ONE OF THE BEST POSTS ANYWHERE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
9 WIFE, LILIA, CHILDREN, RONNIE, MELANIE, AND MADELINE, 20
10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 31 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I WILL CERTAINLY
11 MISS RUDY AS I KNOW MANY WILL. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
14 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF DR. HWEI CHIH CHENG SUN, MOTHER
15 OF FORMER MAYOR OF SAN MARINO, RICHARD SUN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
16 FEBRUARY 16TH. A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION, DR.
17 SUN LED THE OPENING OF LIH JEN KINDERGARTEN AND LIH JEN
18 INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, NOW
19 CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST RENOWNED BILINGUAL EDUCATION
20 INSTITUTIONS IN TAIWAN. DR. SUN RECEIVED MANY ACCOLADES FOR
21 HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND EFFORTS. SHE RECEIVED AN HONORARY
22 CERTIFICATE FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI TO HONOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS
23 TO THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK, AND DISADVANTAGED
24 MINORITIES. SHE WAS LOVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN AND HER 11
25 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. SHE TRULY WAS AN

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1 AMAZING, AMAZING WOMAN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
2 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT
3 VETERAN BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE
4 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
5 NATIONAL CEMETERY THIS PAST MONTH, LOUISE BAILEY, AIR FORCE,
6 LLOYD BENNETT, ARMY, ARTHUR BERNELL, ARMY, LEE JOHNSON, NAVY,
7 JACK LUND, MARINES, DELBERT PRUITT, MARINES, ROBERT SMYTHE,
8 ARMY, GEORGE TATUM, JR. NAVY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND
9 SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. SO
10 WITH THAT, I HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO ACCEPT AND MOVE ON THOSE
12 ADJOURNMENTS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT WILL
13 CONCLUDE THIS BOARD MEETING, BUT I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO
14 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH, AGAIN,
16 WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH AT 9:30 DUE TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION BEING
17 HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 3RD, 2020. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2020

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

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 18, 2020,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 26th day of February 2020, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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