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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 ON PAGE 295]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE BOARD MEETING IN ONE MINUTE. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2020. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY RABBI JOCEE HUDSON, FROM TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD, IN LOS ANGELES, IN THE GREAT THIRD DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY SHAWNA KUHNS FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT. WOULD YOU ALL STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE TO?

JOCEE HUDSON: LAST NIGHT, JEWS ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WELCOMED IN THE HOLIDAY OF PURIM. ON PURIM WE READ THE BOOK OF ESTHER, WHICH TELLS HOW THE JEWS OF ANCIENT SHUSHAN NARROWLY ESCAPED DESTRUCTION AT THE HANDS OF A HATE-FILLED PALACE OFFICIAL NAMED HAMAN. THE HERO OF THE BOOK IS QUEEN ESTHER; ESTHER, WHO STARTS OUT NOT AS QUEEN, BUT AS A VULNERABLE, ADOPTED YOUNG WOMAN, IS CATAPULTED INTO A PLACE OF POWER IN A DIZZYING TURN OF EVENTS THAT LEAVES HER CLOSETED-- NO ONE KNOWS SHE IS JEWISH-- ISOLATED, AND AFRAID. WHEN ESTHER'S ADOPTED FATHER, HER UNCLE MORDECAI, LEARNS ABOUT HAMAN'S PLOT OF ERADICATION, HE WRITES ESTHER A LETTER. HE BEGS HER TO TAKE ACTION, TELLING HER TO GO BEFORE THE KING AND

FREE HER PEOPLE. AND ESTHER TELLS HIM NO. AND I LOVE HER FOR IT. ESTHER DEFIES ARCHETYPE. SHE IS NOT SUREFOOTED, OR FEARLESS, OR FILLED WITH SELFLESS ZEAL. SHE IS HUMAN. AND SHE IS AFRAID. SHE IS AFRAID BECAUSE HER WORLD IS SCARY, AND BECAUSE SHE KNOWS IF SHE GOES BEFORE THE KING UNINVITED, SHE RISKS DEATH. AND SHE IS JUST TRYING HER HARDEST TO STAY ALIVE. SO MORDECAI WRITES HER BACK AND SAYS, "DON'T IMAGINE THAT YOU WILL ESCAPE WITH YOUR LIFE BY BEING IN THE KING'S PALACE. WHO KNOWS? PERHAPS YOU HAVE BEEN PUT INTO THIS SITUATION FOR JUST SUCH A TIME AS THIS. PERHAPS YOU HAVE BEEN PUT INTO THIS SITUATION FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS." PERHAPS INDEED. ESTHER RELENTS. SHE TELLS HER COMMUNITY TO FAST ON HER BEHALF, AND SHE WALKS INTO THE KING'S CHAMBERS, AND SHE SAVES HER PEOPLE. AND IT'S A GOOD STORY. BUT WHY DO I TELL YOU THIS TODAY? BECAUSE MOST OF YOU-- ESPECIALLY YOU, OUR SUPERVISORS, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR COUNTY STAFF, YOU WHO SERVE OUR COUNTY WITH DIGNITY AND WISDOM AND COMPASSION-- YOU KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO GAZE OUT ON A CHAOTIC, SCARY, BEAUTIFUL, PROMISING WORLD, AND YOU KNOW THE WEIGHT OF THAT GAZE. YOU KNOW THE MOMENTS THAT BEG FOR PAUSE, AND THE MOMENTS THAT CALL FOR QUICK ACTION. ESTHER IS A TEACHER BECAUSE SHE REMINDS US THAT IT IS OKAY TO TAKE A BREATH BEFORE WE TAKE ACTION, BEFORE WE BOLDLY GO OUT AND SAVE THE WORLD. WOULD YOU DO THAT WITH ME NOW? WOULD YOU TAKE A BREATH... AND JUST ONE MORE? [INHALING.] NOW, IF YOU WILL, LET THOSE ANCIENT WORDS REST UPON YOUR HEART

THIS MORNING. PERHAPS EACH ONE OF YOU HAS BEEN PUT INTO THIS PLACE FOR JUST SUCH A TIME. THE WISDOM AT THE ROOT OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IS THAT WE KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION IS BEFORE US, AND WE CAN FEEL THE MOMENT CALLING US TO RESPOND, AND THAT IS POWER, AND THAT IS LEADERSHIP. AND SO ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE 14TH DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH OF ADAR, I PRAY THAT EACH OF YOU FEELS THE KAVOD, THE HONOR AND THE WEIGHT OF THIS MOMENT, FOR THIS IS OUR TIME RIGHT NOW, AND THIS IS OUR POWER, YOURS AND MINE, THAT CALLS US TO RESPOND TO THIS DAY. MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. AMEN. SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: I'M STILL CATCHING MY BREATH. VERY, VERY HAPPY TO ASK YOU TO HELP ME THANK RABBI JOCEE HUDSON, WHO IS AN ASSOCIATE RABBI AT TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD, WHERE SHE'S SERVED SINCE 2009. HER MISSION IS TO UPHOLD TORAH'S CENTRAL TEACHING THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED IN THE DIVINE IMAGE, AND DESERVING OF DIGNITY, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE. JOCEE HAS SERVED AS A RABBINIC LEADER OF TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD SOCIAL JUSTICE EFFORTS SINCE 2014, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAY LEADERS IN THE CREATION OF THE TEMPLE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION. RABBI HUDSON AND TEMPLE ISRAEL OF

HOLLYWOOD SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE IN L.A. VOICE, THE CALIFORNIA RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORMED JUDAISM, THE BLACK JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE, AND MANY OTHER JUSTICE GROUPS, BELIEVING THAT JUSTICE WORK IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN IT IS DONE IN COLLABORATION. TOGETHER, THEY HAVE BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN STATEWIDE CAMPAIGNS ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND CLIMATE CHANGE. JOCEE IS AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE FOR L.G.B.T.Q.-PLUS RIGHTS, AND IN 2017 TEMPLE ISRAEL WAS AWARDED THE RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER'S IRVING J. FAIN AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK. JOCEE AND HER PARTNER ROOK ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF SELAH, MAX, AND SOLOMON. PLEASE HELP ME THANK THE RABBI THIS MORNING FOR A POWERFUL INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SHAWNA KUHNS FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. SPECIALIST KUHNS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AS A SPECIALIST E-4, AND A MEDICAL SPECIALIST FROM 1988 TO 1996, LAST SERVING WITH THE 217TH EVAC HOSPITAL IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND HAS BEEN DEPLOYED TO SUCH VENUES AS IRAQ DURING THE GULF WAR. SHE IS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, AND NOW WORKS WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AS AN INTERMEDIATE BOARD SPECIALIST. SHE IS MARRIED TO MARTIN. THEY HAVE FIVE CHILDREN: AMBERLYNN, BETHANY, CHARLES, JESSICA, AND TRISTAN. SPECIALIST

KUHNS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLEASE GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. SHAWNA KUHNS. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE UP CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD PRESENTATIONS. WE WILL NOW HAVE BOARD PRESENTATIONS, BEGINNING WITH THE FOURTH DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THIS MORNING AND CONGRATULATE THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY! I THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. 80 YEARS OLD. [APPLAUSE.] JOINING US TODAY, WE HAVE THE GREAT MAYOR OF TORRANCE, PAT FUREY. WE HAVE THE TRANSIT DIRECTOR, KIM TURNER, AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S TRANSIT TEAM. THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM BEGAN ITS OPERATIONS IN JANUARY OF 1940, AND IT WAS CREATED TO FILL THE VOID WHEN THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY DISCONTINUED SERVICE FROM LOS ANGELES TO TORRANCE. IT HAS FLOURISHED AND HAS BECOME A RELIABLE PRESENCE IN THE REGION, OPERATING 63 BUSES, 11 ROUTES, AND PROVIDING SERVICE FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 MILLION PASSENGERS EACH YEAR. AND WITH ITS 100-PERCENT ALTERNATIVE FUEL FLEET, TORRANCE TRANSIT PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING THE LITTLE TRANSIT AGENCY THAT DOES BIG THINGS. I REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU, AS WELL, ON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED

TRANSIT AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION. CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT. THIS AWARD HONORS A SYSTEM THAT DEMONSTRATES EXCELLENCE IN ITS PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING RIDERSHIP, CUSTOMER SERVICE, SERVICE EXPANSION, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT HONOR, AND I'M SO GLAD THAT WE'RE HONORING YOU TODAY, BECAUSE MORE AND MORE TRANSIT AGENCIES, INCLUDING METRO, ARE WORKING HARD TO FIND WAYS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT HOME AND RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND YET THERE ARE CERTAIN PEOPLE-- MANY PEOPLE-- WHO ARE DEPENDENT COMPLETELY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. AND YOUR TRANSIT AGENCY IS A MODEL FOR THAT, BOTH WITH THE ALTERNATE FUEL VEHICLES, AS WELL AS YOUR PERFORMANCE AND YOUR EXCELLENCE. IT GIVES PEOPLE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. AND SO YOU'RE REALLY A ROLE MODEL FOR SO MANY TRANSIT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON 80 YEARS. I'M GOING TO HAVE-- MAYOR FUREY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? AND THEN, KIM, WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THEN WE'LL PRESENT YOU THE AWARD.

MAYOR FUREY: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND CHAIR BARGER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M MAYOR PAT FUREY FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND 80 YEARS AGO, WHEN THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RED CAR CEASED OPERATIONS FOR PASSENGER SERVICE IN THE SOUTH BAY, THE CITY OF TORRANCE DID WHAT IT HAD TO DO TO

ENSURE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WAS SUSTAINED IN THE REGION. THEY HAD FREE BUSES, AND THAT WAS THE START OF TORRANCE TRANSIT. WHO COULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT 8 DECADES LATER, TORRANCE TRANSIT IS STILL GOING STRONG, AND HAS GROWN INTO A REGIONAL PRESENCE? FROM NEARLY 4 MILLION PASSENGER BOARDINGS PER YEAR, TO OPERATING, AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, A 100-PERCENT ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUS FLEET, TORRANCE TRANSIT IS THE LITTLE TRANSIT AGENCY DOING BIG THINGS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION. THIS RECOGNITION TODAY, COUPLED WITH OUR RECENT CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION SMALL OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 2019, IS A TREMENDOUS HONOR FOR US. WE HAVE ACHIEVED A LOT, BUT THERE'S STILL MORE TO DO. IN CLOSING, MY THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THANK YOU FOR OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS, SUCH AS METRO AND THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OUR FELLOW MUNICIPAL TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND MOST OF ALL, THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PATRONS, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK, STUDY, AND DO BUSINESS IN THE SOUTH BAY. IT IS TRULY AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY WITH TEAM TORRANCE TRANSIT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

KIM TURNER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. THANK YOU TO OUR SITTING MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TORRANCE TRANSIT STRIVES EACH AND EVERY DAY TO PROVIDE RELIABLE, SAFE, INEXPENSIVE, AND COURTEOUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO OUR CUSTOMERS. OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENT IS A

REFLECTION OF THE HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND TEAMWORK THAT TORRANCE TRANSIT PUTS FORTH ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. TODAY I HAVE A FEW OF THE MEMBERS WITH ME TODAY. TO MY FAR LEFT IS JAMES LEE, MARK MCDOUGAL, MELODY LAWRENCE, DANA RUSH, AND RAUL SIMLO. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS. A LOT OF OUR DRIVERS-- WE HAVE OVER 167 EMPLOYEES, AND OFTENTIMES THE WORK, THE GRUNT WORK, IS DONE BY THE BUS OPERATORS AND THE MECHANICS WHO KEEP OUR BUSES ROLLING. THIS IS FOR THEM, AS WELL. WE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS PLACED IN THEIR DIVISIONS, AS WELL. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING US. WE TRULY APPRECIATE THIS HONOR. WE ARE A REGIONAL PARTNER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS OUR GOAL TO WORK WITH METRO TO HELP IT BECOME A WORLD-CLASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. SO AGAIN, AS A PARTNER, WE'RE HERE TO HELP THEM DO THEIR JOB, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO OUR BEST FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK, AND DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH BAY AND THE ENTIRE REGION. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THIS IS A REALLY SPECIAL PRESENTATION, I KNOW, FOR ME. NOT THAT I DIDN'T ALWAYS FEEL GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND WHAT WE CAN DO. BUT THIS, FOR ME, WAS ONE OF THOSE UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF HOW THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMES TOGETHER AND DOES SOMETHING PRETTY SPECTACULAR. WE'VE GOT SOME

SLIDES GOING ON BEHIND ME, AND THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, OF OUR VACANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC IN SAN PEDRO. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE WERE ENCAMPMENTS SURROUNDING THE BUILDING, AND PEOPLE WERE LITERALLY SLEEPING ON THIS EMPTY BUILDING'S DOORSTEPS. AND I THINK EVERYONE CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION, WAS WHY DON'T WE TAKE AN EMPTY COUNTY FACILITY AND TURN IT INTO A TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER AS SOON AS WE CAN? [APPLAUSE.] AND THAT'S WHAT WE DID. [APPLAUSE.] IN SIX WEEKS, THIS IS WHAT WE DID. AND IT WAS A SENSE OF URGENCY THAT I THINK WE ALL FEEL IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT SOMETIMES WE JUST AREN'T SEEING THE RESULTS OF THIS EMERGENCY CRISIS SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN, IN L.A. COUNTY. AND LAST WEEK-- AGAIN, SIX WEEKS AFTER THAT ORIGINAL PHOTO-- WE OPENED UP THIS BRAND-NEW, 40-BED SHELTER FOR WOMEN, MEN, AND THEIR PETS, COMPLETE WITH ONSITE MOBILE SHOWERS, THEIR OWN LAUNDRY FACILITY, AND, IMPORTANTLY, WRAPAROUND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'D THINK, HOW HARD CAN THIS BE, TAKING A VACANT BUILDING AND TURNING IT INTO A HOMELESS SHELTER? BUT IT WAS A HUGE UNDERTAKING. AND I WAS SO IMPRESSED BY MANY OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND AGAIN, I KNOW YOU ALL DO GOOD WORK ALL THE TIME, BUT EVEN YOU WILL ADMIT THIS WAS A BIT UNIQUE, AND IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT WE CAN POINT TO THAT WE DO ALL THE TIME AND HAVE A PROTOCOL FOR. OUR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-- THERE THEY ARE, HAMMERING, PAINTING-- AND OUR INTERNAL

SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORKED EVERY DAY ON EVERYTHING FROM UPGRADING THE BUILDING'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, REPAIRING WINDOWS, TO INSTALLING THE HOOKUPS FOR THE MOBILE SHOWERS AND THE LAUNDRY ROOM, TO HANGING CURTAINS AND PAINTING WALLS. THERE'S THE LAUNDRY ROOM. IT'S GOT FOUR, I THINK, WASHERS AND DRIERS. TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO SEPARATE THEIR COLORS. [LAUGHTER.] AND EVEN OUR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL BOUGHT A PALLET OF DOG FOOD, TREATS, AND PET TOYS FOR OUR RESIDENTS' COMPANIONS. AND EVEN TO HAVE DOGS IN THIS SHELTER. WHEN I BEGAN THIS PROCESS, I WOULD REGULARLY GO DOWN AND SPEAK TO MANY OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE STREETS, AND I SAID, "IF WE OPENED A SHELTER HERE, WOULD YOU CONSIDER COMING INSIDE?" AND ONE OF THEM WHO I GOT TO KNOW-- HER NAME IS KARINA-- SHE SAID, "ONLY IF I CAN BRING MY DOG." AND WE HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THAT. SO WE IMMEDIATELY MADE IT AVAILABLE FOR PETS. AND WE GOT AN OUTDOOR LITTLE KENNEL AND A DOG RUN FOR PETS. AND EVEN ONE OF THE RESIDENTS-- I THINK IT WAS KARINA WHO ACTUALLY IS HELPING TO WALK SOME OF THE OTHER DOGS, BECAUSE SOMETIMES SOME OF THE RESIDENTS HAVE SOME MEDICAL CHALLENGES THAT PREVENT THEM FROM REGULARLY KIND OF GETTING OUT OF BED AND WALKING. SO SHE IS LIKE, "I WILL WALK EVERYBODY'S DOG." OUR L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY DONATED DOZENS OF BOOKS, SO WE CREATED A LITTLE MINI LIBRARY INSIDE THE SHELTER FOR OUR RESIDENTS. AND OUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT OUR INSPECTIONS DONE QUICKLY. SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT

HOLDS UP THINGS BEING OCCUPIED, [LAUGHTER.] IS THOSE DARN INSPECTIONS. THEY ARE IMPORTANT, THEY ARE NECESSARY, BUT, YOU KNOW, MANY PEOPLE WILL SAY THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT HOLDS IT UP. AND I WILL TELL YOU, OUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT THOSE INSPECTIONS DONE QUICKLY. SO THE COMMON GOAL WAS, LET'S MOVE THESE PEOPLE INSIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND I WILL TELL YOU, LAST NIGHT, WHEN I WOKE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND IT WAS RAINING, I WAS SO HAPPY THAT WE ALL DID HAVE AN EXTREME MAKEOVER OF THIS COUNTY BUILDING, SO THAT PEOPLE COULD COME INSIDE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND OUR C.E.O. COORDINATED THE LIABILITY, MADE SURE THE FUNDING GOT OUT THE DOOR FAST. AGAIN, SOMETIMES THAT'S THE HOLDUP: WE CAN'T GET THE APPROPRIATIONS DONE. BUT OUR C.E.O. SAID, "NO, THIS IS IMPORTANT. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN." AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FAST-TRACKED OUR CONTRACT, AND HELPED OVERSEE THE ENTIRE PROJECT FROM START TO FINISH. I WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH HOW OUR COUNTY FAMILY EMBRACED THIS PROJECT AND CAME TOGETHER TO GET IT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. AND THIS MORNING, WE HAVE HERE TODAY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, I.S.D., COUNTY FIRE. AND I JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT PLAYED A ROLE IN OPENING THE SHELTER. I WANTED YOU TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL COUNTY SCROLL COMMEMORATING THIS, THANKING YOU. I KNOW IT'S OUR JOBS. I KNOW THIS IS WHAT WE ALL DO. WE'VE ALL GONE INTO PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A REASON. BUT HONESTLY, FOR ALL OF YOU TO

STEP UP TO THE PLATE SO QUICKLY AND SO AMAZINGLY, COMPETENTLY, IT WAS REALLY SO IMPORTANT, AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT WENT A LONG WAY TOWARD MAKING SURE THE COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO EMBRACED THIS FACILITY. BECAUSE IF YOU CAN DO SOMETHING WELL AND QUICK, AND YOU CAN BEGIN TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE, THEN THE NEXT TIME WE TRY TO OPEN UP A SHELTER IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, MAYBE SOME OF THOSE MISCONCEPTIONS WILL BE BROKEN DOWN. AND AS YOU SEE, SOME OF THE PHOTOS, YOU KNOW, ALL THE BEDS HAVE CLEAN SHEETS AND QUILTS. THERE WAS A BUSINESSMAN IN SAN PEDRO WHO MADE A LARGE DONATION SO THOSE BLUE QUILTS COULD ADORN EVERY SINGLE BED IN THERE. IT IS QUITE AN OPERATION, BUT IT-- I DIDN'T SEE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IT WAS PERFECT. IT WAS SMOOTH, IT WAS SEAMLESS, AND IT IS REALLY ONE OF THE MORE BEAUTIFUL FACILITIES I'VE SEEN. AND, YOU KNOW, YOU ALSO DID IT WITH COMPASSION AND LOVE AND DEDICATION. AND AGAIN, I KNOW THE COUNTY FAMILY DOES THAT ALL THE TIME. I KNOW THAT'S WHY WE WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT I REALLY SAW YOUR COMPASSION AND YOUR LOVE UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL. LET'S HAVE A COUPLE OF-- WELL, WE HAVE CHERI TODOROFF, THE HEAD OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO SPEAK FOR THIS ENTIRE COALITION OF DEPARTMENTS. AND IF ANYBODY ELSE WANTS TO SAY ANYTHING, THEY CAN. SHE GOT ON BOARD EARLY AND TOLD ME THAT WE COULD GET THIS PROJECT DONE, AND GET IT DONE FAST. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK HER AND APPLAUD HER FOR OUR

LEADERSHIP. BUT I WOULD LIKE EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE TO APPLAUD OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENTS FOR CREATING A HOMELESS SHELTER IN SIX WEEKS! [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. CHERI?

CHERI TODOROFF: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT WAS REALLY AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS A REALLY STRONG COMMITMENT TO HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND EXPERIENCING HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS COME INSIDE. WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR OFFICE'S-- YOU HAVE AN AMAZING STAFF. WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR STAFF, AND ALL THESE PARTNERS IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT NONE OF US HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT LIKE THIS, THAT OPENED SO QUICKLY, THAT MADE SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY HERE. IT WAS JUST AN AMAZING COLLABORATION AND EFFORT. THANKS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE. WE HAD A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, WHERE WE INVITED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY-- SOME OF YOU WERE THERE-- WHERE WE JUST DECIDED TO BREAK BREAD WITH OUR HOMELESS RESIDENTS WHO DECIDED TO COME INSIDE. AND MANY OF THEM WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW ALREADY-- AND THEY JUST HAD BEEN IN FOR FIVE DAYS-- HOW ALREADY IT HAD CHANGED THEIR LIFE. TWO OF THEM SAID THEY WERE ALREADY ON A LIST TO GET PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SO, WHAT YOU DO

MATTERS, WHAT YOU DO CHANGES LIVES, AND WHAT YOU DO, HONESTLY, I BELIEVE WILL BE A MODEL AS WE GO FORWARD. WE'VE ASKED OUR C.E.O., WE'VE ASKED SACHI, TO PROVIDE A LIST OF ALL THE OTHER VACANT COUNTY BUILDINGS IN L.A. COUNTY TO SEE WHERE ELSE WE MIGHT DO THIS. SO THIS IS THE NEW DREAM TEAM. THANK YOU. LET'S TAKE A PHOTO. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, DO WE HAVE EVERYBODY UP HERE? THIS IS WHAT SOCIAL WORK LOOKS LIKE, RIGHT HERE. [APPLAUSE.] [CHEERING.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YAY! [APPLAUSE.] LAST WEEK, WE DECLARED THE MONTH OF MARCH AS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN RECOGNITION OF THIS INCREDIBLE IMPACT THAT OUR SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND FAMILIES COUNTYWIDE, TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING 14 SOCIAL WORKERS FROM 8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THE THEME OF SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2020 IS, "SOCIAL WORKERS, GENERATIONS STRONG." THE THEME HAS VARIOUS MEANINGS. AS WE ENTER A NEW DECADE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK BACK AND HONOR THE POWERFUL AND POSITIVE IMPACT GENERATIONS OF SOCIAL WORK HAS HAD ON OUR SOCIETY. OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS ARE PRINCIPLED AND DEFINITELY PASSIONATE. THEY DO NOT SHY AWAY FROM HARD WORK OR DAUNTING CHALLENGES. WHEN GENERATIONS OF SOCIAL WORKERS CHOOSE TO WORK

IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT RESIDENTS, THEY ARE THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR COMMUNITY IS STRENGTHENED. TODAY, WE RECOGNIZE 14 OUTSTANDING SOCIAL WORKERS WHO PERFORM A CRITICAL ROLE IN 8 OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER. HERE, REPRESENTING EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS, ARE THE FOLLOWING SOCIAL WORKERS. AND IF YOU'LL RAISE YOUR HAND AS I SAY YOUR NAME? SONIA MARQUEZ. YAY! ANA GARCIA CONTRERAS. IN THE BACK? OKAY. HAITI QUAZEN. ALLISON SEAGER. YAY. YVETTE WILLOCK. TEDDY MCKENNA. WENDY GASTON. STEPHANIE CHEN. SYLVA KECHICHAN. OH, IT'S YOU. SORRY ABOUT THAT. HELEN BENSON. JAVIER ARVALO. YAY. DARKENYA WEBER-TENELL. ZEAMARA FLORES-HOLGINE, AND HER DAUGHTER LUCIA FLORES-HOLGINE. AND EUNICE COE, WHO UNFORTUNATELY RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, BUT HER HUSBAND ANDY IS HERE, ACCEPTING ON HER BEHALF. LET ME TELL YOU, SOCIAL WORKERS ARE TRULY THE GREASE ON THE ENGINE IN THE COUNTY. AND I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR A LONG TIME, I SEE THE IMPACT YOU HAVE ON LIVES EACH AND EVERY DAY, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR CHOOSING THIS SYSTEM TO COME INTO, AND THIS PROFESSION, TO REALLY GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. AND

BELIEVE ME, IF NOT FOR YOU, WE ALL WOULD NOT BE HERE. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] DOES ANYONE WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE SOCIAL WORKERS? LUCIA. LUCIA, SINCE YOU'RE THE DAUGHTER OF-- YOU CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT INSPIRED YOU. THERE YOU GO.

SPEAKER: OKAY. SO, I DECIDED TO GO INTO SOCIAL WORK AFTER I WORKED AS A TEACHER AIDE IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY SHELTER. AND IT WAS A 30-DAY SHELTER, AND I REALLY GOT TO SEE THE IMPACT OF HOW BIG OF AN IMPACT A SAFE ENVIRONMENT MAKES ON THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND MY MOM SERVED AS MY EXAMPLE ALWAYS. I MET A PARENT PARTNER WHEN I WAS INTERNING WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WHO TOLD ME THAT HE WAS REPEATEDLY ARRESTED FOR DRUG AND GUN SALES AND DIFFERENT THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I PUT THE TIMELINE TOGETHER, AND I REALIZED IT WAS MY MOM WHO ACTUALLY HAD HIS CASE. AND HIS CHILDREN WERE DETAINED BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION OF THE M.A.R.T. TEAM. AND HE TOLD ME THAT AFTER HIS CHILDREN WERE DETAINED, HE REALLY CHANGED HIS LIFE. HE COMPLETED ALL SERVICES. HE REUNIFIED WITH HIS KIDS. AND WHEN I TOLD HIM, "HEY, I THINK THAT AROUND THAT TIME, IT WAS PROBABLY MY MOM WHO DETAINED YOUR KIDS," HE SAID, "TELL HER SHE SAVED MY LIFE." AND SO I CARRY THAT STORY WITH ME ALWAYS, AND I'M VERY HONORED, AND I THANK EVERYBODY FOR THE RECOGNITION TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO GO ON TO THE NEXT PRESENTATION, SO IF YOU COULD HOLD IT DOWN WHILE WE DO THIS? HOLD ON. OKAY, I WAS LIKE, WHERE IS IT? IT IS MY HONOR TO RECOGNIZE THE DEEP HISTORY OF A UNIQUE FILM GENRE THAT ACTUALLY ORIGINATED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: FILM NOIR. THE FILM NOIR GENRE GOT ITS START IN THE 1940S WITH THE FAMOUS FILMS SUCH AS "DOUBLE INDEMNITY," "MILDRED PIERCE," AND "SUNSET BOULEVARD." THESE ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS FEATURED ICONIC SCENES STILL BELOVED IN FILM AUDIENCES TODAY. AND I KNOW I CAN SPEAK FOR MY HUSBAND, IT'S TRUE. FOR MORE THAN 22 YEARS, NOIR CITY HAS TAKEN PLACE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE EGYPTIAN THEATER IN HOLLYWOOD, AND IT CONTINUES TO GROW IN POPULARITY EACH YEAR. THE NOIR CITY FEST WAS THE BRAINCHILD OF THE FILM NOIR FOUNDATION'S EDDIE MULLER, WHO IS THE HOST OF TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES' NOIR ALLEY, AND THE AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE DENNIS BARTOK. THE FEST FEATURES RESTORED FILMS--INTERNATIONAL FILMS AND BELOVED AMERICAN CLASSICS. THIS YEAR WILL ALSO INCLUDE A SPECIAL MILITARY NIGHT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 43, WHICH IS AN AMAZING PLACE. WITH SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE HOLLYWOOD FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION'S CHARITABLE TRUST AND THE U.C.L.A. FILM AND TELEVISION ARCHIVE, THE FILM NOIR FOUNDATION HAS PROGRAMMED AND RESTORED SCORES OF DAMAGED AND LOST FILMS. WE ARE JOINED TODAY BY A MEMBER OF THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD, ALAN RODE, PRODUCER AND HOST FOR THE

ARTHUR LYONS FILM NOIR FESTIVAL IN PALM SPRINGS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE HIM HERE, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE GEMMA, TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS REMARKABLE EFFORTS TO KEEP HOLLYWOOD'S EARLY HISTORY INTACT. WE ARE ALSO JOINED BY DENNIS BARTOK, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE, A NONPROFIT FILM ORGANIZATION DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE MOVING IMAGE IN ALL ITS FORMS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE IMPORTANT PART HE'S PLAYED IN THE CINEMATHEQUE FAMILY AS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL ORIGINATORS OF NOIR CITY EVENT. THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE WONDERFUL NOIR CITY LEADERSHIP AND STAFF FOR PUTTING ON THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO ENJOY. IT TRULY IS SOMETHING THAT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME WE WILL BE THANKING YOU, BECAUSE MANY TIMES YOU HEAR ABOUT HOW THIS ART IS LOST, AND YET THIS TRULY IS WHAT PEOPLE LOOK AT AND INSPIRES THEM TO GO INTO THIS INDUSTRY. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN. AND WE'VE GOT THESE PROCLAMATIONS FOR YOU RIGHT HERE. SO LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THE BOARD. I'M PROUD TO ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT, EDDIE MULLER, AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF THE FILM NOIR FOUNDATION. THE FILM NOIR FOUNDATION IS A 501(C) NONPROFIT, AND WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE 2005, WHEN WE WERE SITTING AROUND A KITCHEN TABLE COMPLAINING THAT WE COULD NOT BOOK THE FILMS WE WANTED

TO SHOW BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT AVAILABLE. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE FUNDED AND FULLY PRESERVED 17 FULL-LENGTH MOTION PICTURES, AND WE HAVE ALSO FUNDED THE PRINT RESTORATION OF MANY MORE. AND OUR FESTIVALS NOW ARE IN 8 AMERICAN CITIES, BUT OUR KEYSTONE FESTIVALS ARE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE CRADLE OF NOIR, IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD, AS A 21-YEAR RETIRED NAVY VETERAN ON CAREER NUMBER THREE, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYBODY TONIGHT TO COME TO THE HOLLYWOOD LEGION THEATER. WE WILL BE SHOWING TWO FILMS FROM THE 1940S, AND VICTORIA MATURE, THE DAUGHTER OF VICTOR MATURE, WILL BE IN THE HOUSE WITH ME, WEARING OUR 40S REGALIA. SO I HOPE TO SEE EVERYBODY THERE, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYBODY, THE BOARD AND EVERYONE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO PENELOPE. PENELOPE IS A CHIHUAHUA, FEMALE, TWO MONTHS OLD, AVAILABLE AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. AND PENELOPE IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE PENELOPES IN OUR SHELTERS, LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO IN PERSON OR ONLINE, AND I GUARANTEE YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT. SO THIS IS PENELOPE. YES, BABY. AND THIS IS MISTY. MISTY IS A FIVE-MONTH-OLD FEMALE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. AGAIN, 562-728-4610. AND IF YOU'RE NOT IN A PLACE TO ADOPT A CAT, BUT YOU WANT TO FOSTER, WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FOSTER

PARENTS FOR OUR CATS. SO WITH THAT, I ENCOURAGE YOU AGAIN TO GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS. I GUARANTEE YOU WILL NOT LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED. SO THANK YOU, AND NOW WE WILL GO ON TO SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY I'M PRIVILEGED TO PROVIDE THIS PRESENTATION REGARDING THE WHOLE CHILD. TODAY I'M RECOGNIZING AN ORGANIZATION THAT DOES SO MUCH TO BUILD HAPPY, HEALTHY LIVES FOR CHILDREN ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND THEY ARE KNOWN AS THE WHOLE CHILD. THEY HAVE AN OUTSTANDING TEAM THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO WELL OVER 7,000 CHILDREN, 4,500 FAMILIES, AND 12,500 PEOPLE EVERY YEAR. 86 PERCENT OF THEIR CLIENTS ARE LOW TO EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, WITH A SINGLE FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD WHO IS RAISING TWO OR THREE CHILDREN ON AVERAGE. THAT IS INCREDIBLE. I HAVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BESIDE ME, CASTANZA PACHAN, AND PLEASE GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AND HER ORGANIZATION. THEY DESERVE IT. THEY REALLY DO. THE WHOLE CHILD HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 62 YEARS, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH, FAMILY HOUSING, PARENT ENRICHMENT, AND NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES TO FAMILIES IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEY HELPED OVER 2,000 FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. MADAM CHAIR, CAN WE PLEASE HAVE QUIET IN THE AUDIENCE?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YES. PLEASE, WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE RESPECT THE PEOPLE SPEAKING? THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. THEY HAVE HELPED OVER 2,000 FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. THE WHOLE CHILD IS THE LEAD HOUSING AGENCY IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES FOR THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM. UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN DESERVE STABLE HOUSING, THE ORGANIZATION HAS HELPED TO HOUSE OVER 500 FAMILIES, WITH A 98-PERCENT PERMANENCY RATE. THESE NUMBERS REVEAL THE AMAZING WORK THEY'RE DOING, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO, FOR OUR VERY VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THEY ARE KEY PARTNERS IN OUR FIGHT TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, AND I AM THANKFUL AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO HELP TURN AROUND THE LIVES OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN. I'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND, AND I CAN TELL YOU, THEY ARE OUR ANGELS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK CASTANZA TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DEAR SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US TODAY, AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION AND OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO A HEALTHY, THRIVING FUTURE. AS OUR NAME STATES, THE WHOLE CHILD APPROACHES A CHILD IN HER WHOLE. WE

PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT IF A CHILD DOESN'T HAVE A STABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME, THERE IS NO AMOUNT OF THERAPY THAT WILL STABILIZE HER. OUR HOUSING SERVICES PROVIDES THAT MUCH-NEEDED STABILITY TO FAMILIES TO MOVE FORWARD. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT CARING PARENTING AND PROPER NUTRITION ARE FUNDAMENTAL FOR PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD. OUR PARENT ENRICHMENT AND NUTRITION SERVICES ARE THE PERFECT COMPLEMENT TO THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO THE FAMILIES WE SERVE. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF THE TEAM MEMBERS JOINING US TODAY. FIRST, BOARD MEMBER ROB QUIST, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE WHOLE CHILD. ROB, THE BOARD'S GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT KEPT US FOCUSED IN OUR MISSION THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. ALSO, DOCTOR JUAN MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH. YOUR CLINICAL EXPERTISE, AS WELL AS THAT OF THE REST OF THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM, IS CRITICAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY CHILDREN. AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, VANESSA SADANO AND ERICA GUZMAN, DIRECTORS OF OUR HOUSING PRACTICE. THE RESOLUTION, COURAGE, AND PLAIN GETTING-IT-DONE ATTITUDE WITH WHICH YOU HAVE APPROACHED THE AMBITIOUS PROJECTS FOR HOUSING HOMELESS FAMILIES IS INSPIRING TO ALL OF US IN THE ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYBODY THAT SUPPORTS THE WHOLE CHILD AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN FOR THIS HONOR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE MORE PRESENTATION. THIS ORGANIZATION IS KNOWN AS BABY2BABY. AND I HAVE MARISSA MUMA, DISASTER RELIEF SPECIALIST, WHO HAS JOINED ME HERE AT THE WELL. AND I'M PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THIS ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN DOING SO MUCH TO PROVIDE TO OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED. THEY ARE KNOWN AS BABY2BABY, QUITE SIMPLY. THEIR IMPACT HAS ALSO BEEN INCREDIBLE. OVER 70,000 DIAPERS, WIPES, CLOTHING, CRIBS, BACKPACKS, AND MUCH MORE HAS BEEN DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO FAMILIES, SO PARENTS DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FEEDING THEIR CHILDREN VERSUS BUYING DIAPERS. THE FACT IS THAT ONE IN THREE FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE DIAPERS FOR THEIR BABIES. IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE THAT ADDS STRESS TO FAMILIES WHO ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THAT'S WHY BABY2BABY MISSION IS SO CRITICAL. THEY HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY WITH THE BASIC NECESSITIES THAT EVERY CHILD DESERVES: DIAPERS, CLOTHING, FOOD, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. NOW I'D LIKE TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION BRIEFLY TO THIS VIDEO. NOPE, THERE'S NO VIDEO. SORRY. OKAY. AND... WELL, REGARDLESS OF THAT, I CAN TELL YOU FIRSTHAND THAT BABY2BABY HAS DONE SOME REALLY OUTSTANDING THINGS. I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ONE OF THEIR

STORIES. RECENTLY, I CALLED UPON THEM TO ASSIST OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEY STEPPED RIGHT UP TO THE PLATE. A DELTA PLANE HAD SPILLED 15,000 GALLONS OF JET FUEL ON COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF LOS ANGELES, AND MANY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WERE IMPACTED BECAUSE THE FUEL WAS DUMPED ON SEVERAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. VERY QUICKLY WE NOTIFIED BABY2BABY, AND THEY ORGANIZED AND DISTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF CARE PACKAGES TO THOSE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY INCLUDED BRAND-NEW CLOTHING, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND BACKPACKS, SO THE CHILDREN COULD RESUME THEIR EDUCATION WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT THE FINANCIAL STRESSES OF REPLACING THEIR RUINED BELONGINGS BECAUSE OF THE FUEL SPILL. I WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SPEEDY AND GENEROUS RESPONSE, AND I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES. I KNOW OUR COMMUNITY IN SOUTHEAST REALLY APPRECIATES THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO, IN PARTNERING WITH US. PLEASE GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND I WILL ASK MARISSA TO SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JEN ARMSTRONG. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERE AT BABY2BABY, AND MARISSA MUMA IS OUR DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SPECIALIST WHO REALLY LED THE CHARGE WITH THIS PARTICULAR RESPONSE. AT BABY2BABY, WE ARE SERVING 250,000 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES JUST THIS YEAR, AND WE DO THAT BY PROVIDING BASIC ESSENTIALS LIKE DIAPERS AND CLOTHING AND BACKPACKS TO LOW-INCOME CHILDREN THROUGH HOMELESS SHELTERS,

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS, CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING L.A.U.S.D., WHERE WE ARE SERVING 19,000 CHILDREN THIS YEAR. THIS PARTICULAR RESPONSE, WE WERE SO GRATEFUL TO GET THE CALL FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE SO THAT WE COULD PARTNER TOGETHER TO GET THESE CHILDREN THE MOST BASIC ESSENTIALS THAT THEY REALLY NEEDED AT THAT TIME. OUR WORK CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIPS, AND WE ARE REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND BEYOND. MARISSA LEADS OUR DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM RESPONDED TO THESE EMERGENCIES, AS WELL AS HURRICANES, FIRES, ANYTHING RELATED TO THE DISASTERS THAT ARE IN THE NEWS AT THE MOMENT. SO, THANK YOU ALL. THIS MEANS SO MUCH TO ALL OF US. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AT BABY2BABY, WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU ARE AS PROUD AS I AM TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, WHY DON'T YOU JUST CLAP YOUR HANDS AND CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT THIS IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES?

[APPLAUSE.] WE CELEBRATE BECAUSE WE KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE, AND I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT AND HONOR INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES ON SO MANY LEVELS, SPECIFICALLY IN THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRIES, WHICH ARE CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF THE REGION'S CREATIVE ECONOMY. WHEN WE CONSIDER THE EXPERIENCE OF WOMEN IN HISTORY AND ACROSS THE NATION AT LARGE, WE SEE A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER, THE DETERMINATION, AND THE EXCELLENCE THAT MAKES US SO VERY PROUD, A TESTAMENT FROM GENERATIONS OF COURAGE. THAT COURAGE MANIFESTS ITSELF IN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THE UNRELENTING WORK OF EXPANDING THE REACH OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL THROUGH THE ARTS. WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF WOMEN SUCH AS ETHEL WATERS, JOSEPHINE BAKER, DOROTHY DANDRIDGE, CICELY TYSON, DIAHANN CARROLL, AND MANY, MANY OTHERS. WE REJOICE, AND TODAY WE RECOGNIZE THE LEGACY OF THESE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE, AND THE SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE SO THAT WE MAY HONOR AND CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; AND NOT ONLY DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, BUT EVERY MONTH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND SO THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO HONOR TWO WOMEN WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED ON SO MANY LEVELS TO THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT. LET ME BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING VANESSA BELL CALLOWAY, STAGE, SCREEN, AND TELEVISION ACTRESS, DANCER, PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR, AND ARTS ADVOCATE. SHE HAS APPEARED IN NUMEROUS FILMS AND TELEVISION SHOWS, SUCH AS "COMING TO AMERICA," "WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT," "BIKER BOYS," "INKWELL," "CRIMSON TIDE,"

"C.S.I.," "THE DISTRICT," AND MOST RECENTLY THE MOVIE "HARRIET," AND COUNTLESS OTHERS. SHE WON THE N.A.A.C.P. THEATER AWARD FOR BEST ACTRESS FOR HER ROLE IN "LETTERS FROM ZORA." AND LET'S GIVE VANESSA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SHE IS HERE, AND WE ARE PROUD OF THAT. TO MY RIGHT IS THE ONE AND ONLY KYM WHITLEY-- ACTRESS, AUTHOR, COMEDIENNE, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, ENTREPRENEUR, ARTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVOCATE. KYM HAS APPEARED IN NUMEROUS PROJECTS, SUCH AS "BEAUTY SHOP," "NEXT FRIDAY," "FISTFIGHT." LET ME GET OVER HERE. "THE PARKERS," "THE BOONDOCKS," "PINKY MALINKY," AND COUNTLESS OTHERS. SHE CONTINUES TO TOUR THE COUNTRY MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH THROUGH HER COMEDY, AND ALSO TRAINING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMEDIANS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THEM BOTH FOR BEING HERE TODAY. IT IS OUR HIGH HONOR TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR TALENTS, FOR THEIR GIFTS, AND FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. THESE ARE ARTS ADVOCATES, THESE ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THIS INDUSTRY, AND THEY ARE COMMUNITY-INVOLVED. THEY ARE ENGAGED. THEY LIFT UP VOTING. THEY LIFT UP A RANGE OF ISSUES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. BUT I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BEING HERE WITH US AND CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. [APPLAUSE.] AND I WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY NOW TO ASK VANESSA TO HAVE A FEW WORDS, AND THEN FOLLOWED BY KYM. VANESSA?

VANESSA BELL CALLOWAY: THANK YOU, MARK, AND THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS WONDERFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THIS MORNING, AND TO MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS, MY SISTER. I COULDN'T IMAGINE BEING HONORED WITH ANYBODY MORE THAN I WOULD LOVE TODAY. SO, AS A LITTLE GIRL IN CLEVELAND, I DREAMED ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, AND 40-SOMETHING YEARS LATER, TO HAVE SUCH A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A LARGE INDUSTRY, I'M HONORED TODAY, BECAUSE I DON'T TAKE ANY HONOR FOR GRANTED, MARK. SO I REALLY THANK YOU FOR THIS, BECAUSE MOMENTS LIKE THIS, THEY ALWAYS INSPIRE ME TO DO BETTER AND BE BETTER, TO GIVE MORE AND TO WORK HARDER. SO I THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME THAT I STILL HAVE QUITE A RESPONSIBILITY AHEAD OF ME. GOD WILLING, TO GIVE ME MANY MORE YEARS, I HAVE TO GIVE MORE OF MYSELF EACH YEAR THAT HE GIVES ME. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR, AND... YEAH, AND MY MOTHER IS HERE, AND MY DAUGHTER IS HERE. [APPLAUSE.] MY MOTHER BEVERLY IS HERE. MY DAUGHTER ASHLEY, MY PUBLICIST. AND TO MY GOOD FRIEND KYM, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR HONOR, SWEETIE. WE ARE BOTH FROM CLEVELAND, JUST SO YOU ALL KNOW.

KYM WHITLEY: THANK YOU, VANESSA. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU SO MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, YOU KNOW YOU GOT TO BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE THREE NAMES. AND I FELT LIKE AFTER THAT INTRODUCTION, I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO SAY, "AMEN, AND IT IS THE CHOIR COMING UP!" WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN

SUPPORTING ME FOR YEARS, AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP HAS MEANT A LOT. SO THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU TO L.A. COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY, OF COURSE, THAT CAME DOWN HERE FOR SUPPORTING ME, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE I WAS GOING TO BE HONORED IN SUCH AN OFFICIAL PLACE. LOOK AT THE SHIELD! [LAUGHTER.] BUT, YOU KNOW, ALSO BEING HONORED DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IS VERY IMPORTANT. I'VE HAD A LOT OF WOMEN WHO HAVE INSPIRED ME, A LOT OF TRAILBLAZING WOMEN, JUST LIKE MY SISTER-FRIEND VANESSA BELL CALLOWAY. QUICKLY, I WILL TELL YOU A QUICK STORY. BEFORE I GOT OUT HERE, I SAW VANESSA IN CLEVELAND, AND I SAID-- YOU REMEMBER THAT? I SAID, "VANESSA, WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO?" SHE SAID, "GIRL, YOU JUST REMEMBER, YOU BE THEIR FRIENDS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE AUDITION ROOM, BUT WHEN YOU GET IN THERE, YOU CUT 'EM!" AND I FOLLOW THAT ADVICE AND I'VE WON A LOT OF TIMES. AND I THANK YOU, AND WE HAVE BECOME VERY GOOD FRIENDS. OF COURSE, MY MOM, MY 6TH-GRADE TEACHER, THE WOMEN TODAY THAT HAVE BEEN HONORED-- JANICE HAHN, WHO JUST DID THAT FANTASTIC JOB. SO IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, TO BE A WOMAN AND TO BE HONORED DURING THIS TIME IS EXCITING. SO I WANT TO JUST THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR GIVING ME A REASON TO GET A NEW DRESS AND SOME SHOES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: COLLEAGUES, WON'T YOU COME JOIN ME AS WE HONOR BOTH VANESSA BELL CALLOWAY AND KYM WHITLEY? YOU'RE GOING TO STAND RIGHT HERE. YEAH. YES. AND I WANT TO MENTION THAT VANESSA BELL CALLOWAY'S MOTHER-IN-LAW INVOLVED HERSELF WITH THE ROSA PARKS SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER IN THE 80S, AND WE GO BACK THAT FAR. AND KYM WAS A TEACHER IN THE COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO NOW IS... THAT CONCLUDES PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON CLOSED-SESSION ITEMS, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, WHICH WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY 35 TO 45 MINUTES, AND THEN WE WILL BE BACK OUT. SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: CAN WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF QUIET WHILE WE-- THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND TODAY YOU ARE GOING INTO-- I AM SPEAKING INTO THE MICROPHONE. THANK YOU. YOU ARE GOING IN TO TALK-- WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT EXACTLY WHICH DEPARTMENT HEAD, BUT I JUST WANTED TO MENTION, IF IT IS THE GUY FROM I.S.D., PLEASE BE VERY VIGILANT ABOUT ITEM 29, WHICH IS THE MOTOROLA DEAL. AS I THINK YOU ALL KNOW, MITCHELL ENGLANDER SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO THE F.B.I. RECENTLY. SEVEN COUNTS OF ALL SORTS OF CRAZY PUBLIC CORRUPTION. AND IT'S WIDELY KNOWN THAT HE AND THE FIRM ENGLANDER KNABE & ALLEN ARE LINKED DIRECTLY TO MOTOROLA. IN FACT, MY HEAD ALMOST POPPED OFF WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE PROCUREMENT, AS YOU RECALL, FOR THE RADIOS FOR THE SHERIFF. NOW, TODAY IT IS FOR THE L.A.F.D., BUT THIS IS THE PROBLEM. WHEN THEY APPROVE PROCUREMENTS WITHOUT REAL, COMPETITIVE BIDDING, WHAT YOU GET-- AND SACHI HAMAI, OBVIOUSLY, IS LOOKING OFF REGALLY INTO THE DISTANCE, BECAUSE SHE IS ALSO THE HEAD OF L.A.-R.I.C.S. NOW SHE IS GOING OUT, I KNOW. WE GOT FESIA DAVENPORT COMING IN FOR 450 GRAND. BUT MY POINT IS, IS THAT WHEN WE DON'T DO COMPETITIVE BIDDING, THE PUBLIC DOES NOT BENEFIT. THE DEPARTMENTS DON'T BENEFIT. AND WE'RE GOING TO SPEND MORE THAN $35 MILLION IN ACCESSORY PROCUREMENTS THAT NOBODY SHOULD EVER GET INVOLVED.

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

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL, YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS HAVE THE SAME SUBJECT. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT DEPARTMENT HEADS, I THINK YOU SHOULD LOOK A LITTLE MORE INTENSIVELY TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DR. CHRISTINA GHALY. I WILL COME BACK EVERY TUESDAY AND SPEAK ON THAT SUBJECT UNTIL SHE IS GONE. AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY DON'T FIND ITSELF IN A HUGE FISCAL CRISIS BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM WITH D.H.S. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, IT IS 10:40 RIGHT NOW. I SEE US COMING BACK INTO OPEN SESSION ABOUT 11:15. SO 11:15, WE'LL BE BACK IN. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. OKAY, CAN EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE A SEAT AND HOLD IT DOWN? WE ARE NOW BACK IN OPEN SESSION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MARCH 10, 2020. ITEM CS-1, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 WITH THE SET MATTER, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ITEM S-1 IS A REPORT BY THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP ON DEVELOPING A COUNTY ROADMAP FOR EXPANDING ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY AND DIVERSION. ON ITEM S-1, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 2 AND 34-A, WHICH WILL BE HELD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AT THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. ON ITEM SD-1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-D, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 5, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THESE ITEMS. ON ITEMS 2-D THROUGH 10-D, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 18. ON ITEM 2, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS ITEM IS BEING HELD WITH S-1 AND ITEM 34-A AND 1. ON ITEM 3, 4, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM INCLUDES REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 7 THROUGH 12, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THIS IS A SUBSTITUTION MOTION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 17 AND 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 28, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 36. ON ITEM 19, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO APRIL 7, 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEMS 20 THROUGH 24, MEMBERS OF THE

PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THIS INCLUDES REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 27 AND 28, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 29, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 24, 2020. ON ITEMS 30 AND 31, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 32, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, TO MARCH 17, 2020. ON ITEM 33, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 37, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 34-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO S-1 AND S-2, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 34-A ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ON PAGE 38, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 37 AND 38. ITEM 37 IS A REQUEST TO APPOINT FESIA DAVENPORT TO THE

ROLE OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2020, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF 450,000. ON ITEM 37, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 38 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, MEASURE Q, Y, AND R, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 1.6 BILLION TO FINANCE AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT. ON ITEM 38, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 39, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 39 AND 40 WILL BE HELD FOR HEARINGS. ON PAGE 44, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON ITEM A-1, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO HOLD THIS ITEM RELATED TO THE THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH WITH INTRODUCTION OF THE CORONAVIRUS. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. LET ME TELL YOU THE PLAN FOR TODAY. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SET MATTER S-1, WHICH IS RELATED TO ITEMS 2 AND 34-A, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 25, THEN 1-D AND 5, WHICH ARE RELATED, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6 AND 13, THEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 39 AND 40, FOLLOWED BY ITEM A-1, THEN ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND FINISHING WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF ITEMS HELD, WE WILL ALLOW ONE MINUTE FOR EACH SPEAKER ON ALL ITEMS. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO MAKE REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A LOT TO SAY, AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT AFTER THE PRESENTATION. SO I WILL SIMPLY WANT TO BEGIN WITH GRATITUDE, WHICH IS THE WAY I THINK A GOOD WAY TO START THE DAY, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE HERE FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU FOR WAITING. WE TOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN WE THOUGHT, TALKING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT ARE MAKING PEOPLE WORRIED AND FRIGHTFUL AND SCARED AND SAD THESE DAYS. AND TO ME, THAT JUST MEANS THE TIMING OF THIS ISSUE COULD NOT BE BETTER. BECAUSE WHAT DO WE NEED MORE THAN GOOD NEWS? WHAT DO WE NEED MORE THAN COMING TOGETHER TO FORM A PLAN TO MAKE AS MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES EASIER AND BETTER AS WE CAN? THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP BROUGHT TOGETHER, REALLY, TRULY, AN UNPRECEDENTED GROUP OF MORE THAN TWO DOZEN

COUNTY LEADERS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN OVER THE LAST YEAR, TO THINK THROUGH ABOUT HOW WE COULD BUILD A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST SYSTEM. WE WANTED TO EXPAND TREATMENT OPTIONS IN A WAY THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO USE JAIL ABSOLUTELY AS A LAST RESORT. AND I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTED COUNTLESS HOURS AND A DEEP COMMITMENT TO THIS TASK, A FEW OF WHOM ARE UP HERE TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY REPORT. DR. ROBERT ROSS, WHO'S THE C.E.O. AND PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, WHO STEPPED IN TO LEAD THIS PROCESS AND, BY HIS OWN WORDS, WAS TRANSFORMED, BUT I CAN SAY REALLY TRANSFORMED THE PROCESS, SO THAT WE HAD THE MOST EXTENSIVE AND HONEST CONVERSATIONS WE'VE EVER HAD ABOUT THESE MATTERS IN THE COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS, DR. FERRER, DR. SHERIN, DR. GHALY, AND THEIR STAFF, BECAUSE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING BESIDES JAILS, IN MANY WAYS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE'S HEALTH. HOW SHALL THEY BE MORE HEALTHY, AND THEREFORE WE WILL BE MORE SAFE? I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE D.A.'S OFFICE, THE JUDGES WHO PARTICIPATED, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, JUDGE ESPINOZA AND ALL OF HIS STAFF, HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, SOME OF WHOM YOU WILL HEAR FROM HERE, LIKE DOLORES CANALES AND EUNISSES HERNANDEZ; AND THE A.T.I. LEADERSHIP TEAM, KAREN TIMAS AND DIANA ZUNIGA, AND OUR RESIDENT GENIUS WHOM YOU WILL HEAR FROM.

AND I KNEW SHE WAS A GENIUS BEFORE THEY NAMED HER. SO THE REPORT IS REMARKABLE IN MANY WAYS, NOT THE LEAST THAT IT BROUGHT COUNTY AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN A WAY I HAVEN'T EVER SEEN, TO DEVELOP A SHARED VISION. AND AS WE READ IN PROVERBS, WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH. AND THAT'S WHAT WE SEE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND OVER TO YOU, DR. ROSS.

DR. ROSS: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT IS WITH A DISTINCT SENSE OF GRATITUDE AND HUMILITY AND APPRECIATION THAT WE PRESENT THIS HISTORIC REPORT TO YOU ABOUT TRANSFORMING A SYSTEM FROM A SYSTEM THAT, FOR TOO MANY YEARS AND TOO MANY DECADES, HAS BEEN CENTERED ON BARS AND JAILS AND PUNISHMENT, AND WE WANT TO TRANSFORM TO A CARE-FIRST OPTION, AND JAIL AS A LAST RESORT. AND THAT REPORT IS COMING FOR YOU TODAY. WITH ME ARE COLLEAGUES FROM THE A.T.I. GROUP. EACH OF THEM WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A PART OF THIS REPORT TO YOU. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS WAS REALLY NOT JUST THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN IT THAT ARE CRITICAL AND VALUED, BUT I WANT YOU TO FEEL A SENSE OF PRIDE ABOUT THE PROCESS AND THE PARTICIPATION THAT LED TO THE RICHNESS, THE CONTENT, THE TEXTURE THAT ARE IN THIS REPORT. SO IF SOMEONE CAN ADVANCE THE SLIDES FOR ME, OR DO I DO THAT? OH, THE VIDEO.

SPEAKER: THIS IS VERY PERSONAL TO ME. I SPENT OVER 20 YEARS IN PRISON BEHIND A DRUG ADDICTION. MY FATHER ALSO SPENT OVER 20 YEARS IN PRISON BEHIND HIS DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEN NOW I HAVE A SON THAT IS A LIFER.

SPEAKER: WE HAVE CRIMINALIZED MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINALIZED BEING UNHEALTHY FOR TOO LONG IN THIS COUNTRY.

SPEAKER: AS A JUDGE, I WAS FREQUENTLY CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEM OF HAVING AN INMATE THAT I NEEDED TO SENTENCE, AND NOT HAVING ANY VIABLE COMMUNITY-BASED CARE PROGRAM FOR THAT INMATE. AND SO THE DEFAULT WAS EITHER COUNTY JAIL OR STATE PRISON FOR MANY INMATES THAT PROBABLY, IN HINDSIGHT, COULD HAVE BEEN CARED FOR IN THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKER: WE DO THINK ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTIONS AS BRAIN ILLNESSES, AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SUFFERING FROM A BRAIN CONDITION MAY EXHIBIT BEHAVIORS THAT END UP LEADING THEM FACE TO FACE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THAT CAN THEN LEAD TO SOMEONE BEING INCARCERATED.

SPEAKER: THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT IS DECADES, PERHAPS EVEN CENTURIES, IN THE MAKING.

SPEAKER: VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENDING UP FILLING UP OUR JAILS, FILLING UP OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND LIVING ON THE STREETS.

SPEAKER: WE HAVE 17,000 INMATES IN THE LARGEST COUNTY JAIL IN THE COUNTRY, AND IT IS A POPULATION THAT IS OVER-REPRESENTED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR, UNQUESTIONABLY.

SPEAKER: THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID AN INTERESTING THING WHEN THEY PUT TOGETHER THIS A.T.I. WORK GROUP. THEY SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ROUGHLY HALF COUNTY PEOPLE, COUNTY SYSTEM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEADERS, AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP ARE GOING TO BE COMMUNITY PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN IMPACTED."

SPEAKER: WE WENT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND GOT FEEDBACK FROM THOSE DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

SPEAKER: THERE'S OVER 100 RECOMMENDATIONS, 5 STRATEGIES ON HOW WE CAN DEVELOP AN ALTERNATE SYSTEM OF CARE, A DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF CARE AND HOUSING.

SPEAKER: OF RESTORATIVE VILLAGES.

SPEAKER: TRAINING 911 OPERATORS TO REDIRECT THE CALLS SO THAT A MENTAL HEALTH TEAM CAN BE SENT OUT IN A TIME OF CRISIS.

SPEAKER: YOU HAVE TO HAVE MORE HOUSING. YOU HAVE TO HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSING.

SPEAKER: THE ISSUE OF HYPER-INCARCERATION AND OVER-INCARCERATION AND HOMELESSNESS ARE VERY MUCH LINKED.

SPEAKER: IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE WE ARE SHOOTING AT THE STARS, BUT PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE IN THERE ARE VERY PRAGMATIC.

SPEAKER: I THINK THE COUNTY'S ALREADY ON THE RIGHT TRACK. THE COUNTY'S ALREADY RUNNING A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE SERVING AS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.

SPEAKER: L.A. COUNTY IS MAKING HISTORY RIGHT NOW. THIS IS A HISTORICAL MOMENT.

SPEAKER: IF WE REALLY INVEST INTO THE A.T.I., TRULY INVEST IN A SUSTAINED WAY, WE ARE GOING TO SEE OUR JAIL POPULATION, YOU KNOW, REDUCED. WE'RE GOING TO SEE PEOPLE HAVING ACCESS TO SERVICES WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE GOING TO SEE, YOU KNOW, FAMILY MEMBERS HAVING SOMEWHERE TO TAKE THEIR LOVED ONES

IF THEY ARE GOING THROUGH A CRISIS, AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE PEOPLE DIE IN OUR STREETS OR DYING IN OUR JAILS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

SPEAKER: LIKE WE SAY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST.

SPEAKER: FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, IT PROVIDES A SENSE OF HOPE THAT SOMEONE IS WILLING TO INVEST IN A FUTURE FOR THEM, THAT SOMEONE BELIEVES IN THEM, THAT THEY STILL BELONG IN THE COMMUNITY AND NOT BELONG IN A JAIL CELL.

SPEAKER: I LOOK BACK AT ALL THOSE YEARS THAT I SPENT IN PRISON, BUT THEN I LOOK AT THE WORK THAT I'M DOING NOW, HELPING TO REBUILD FAMILIES, RESTORING COMMUNITIES. IT FEELS LIKE THAT WASN'T JUST A WASTE OF 20 YEARS OF MY LIFE, BUT ACTUALLY EMPOWERING ME FOR SOMETHING GREATER THAN I COULD HAVE EVER EVEN IMAGINED. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. OKAY, THAT-- ONLY BECAUSE SHEILA KUEHL WAS CLAPPING FIRST WILL I LET THAT GO. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS INCREDIBLE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS. OH, I'M SORRY. OKAY. I'M SORRY, DR. ROSS.

DR. ROSS: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M TEMPTED TO JUST STOP THE PRESENTATION NOW AND GO INTO VOTING. BUT THANK YOU. THAT WAS REALLY EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO HELP US GET THAT VIDEO DONE, AND THE STAFF. SO WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND SPEND THE NEXT 20 MINUTES SUMMARIZING 100 PAGES OF CONTENT AND MORE THAN 100 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF DELIBERATION, CONVERSATION, AND DISCUSSION, AND SQUEEZE IT INTO A 20-MINUTE PRESENTATION. SO PARTS OF THIS ARE GOING TO FEEL LIKE DRINKING WATER FROM A FIREHOSE, BUT I WILL GET THROUGH IT, AND THEN YOU WILL HEAR FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AS WELL. SO WITH THAT, NEXT SLIDE. WHAT WE'LL DO, THE AGENDA FOR THIS PRESENTATION, YOU SAW THE VIDEO. I'LL BRIEFLY WALK THROUGH THE MISSION AND VALUES. DR. KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ WILL TALK ABOUT THE DATA AND RESEARCH ISSUES. MYSELF AND DOLORES WILL TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS THAT WE USE, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, WHICH WE ARE QUITE PROUD OF. I WILL GO THROUGH THE FINAL REPORT VISION AND A.T.I. STRATEGIES, AND WE'LL WRAP IT UP WITH A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ABOUT FUNDING STRATEGIES, AND OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEPS. SO, NEXT SLIDE? THIS WAS YOUR CHARGE TO US. YOUR CHARGE TO US WAS TO DEVELOP AND USE THE LANGUAGE OF A ROADMAP, AN ACTION-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. AND AGAIN, THE SIGNATURE THEME OF THE REPORT IN YOUR CHARGE TO US WAS A SYSTEM OF CARE THAT PROVIDES CARE FIRST, CARE AND SERVICES FIRST, AND JAIL AS THE LAST RESORT. EQUALLY IMPORTANT

WERE THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES THAT WE APPLIED TO THE WORK OF THE PLAN AS A FRAMEWORK: EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE. YOU'LL HEAR FROM PROFESSOR KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ ON THAT ISSUE MORE INTENSELY IN A SECOND. INCLUSION OF MANY VOICES-- THIS WAS THE KEY TO THE BEAUTY OF THE REPORT-- AND HUMAN-FIRST LANGUAGE WHEREVER POSSIBLE. NEXT SLIDE? DR. KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ WILL DO THE NEXT COUPLE OF SLIDES ON DATA AND RESEARCH.

DR. KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ: GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, MORE THAN 17,000 PEOPLE ARE CONFINED IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. MORE THAN 5500 OF THOSE RESIDENTS HAVE SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, TRAPPING THEM IN CAGES INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM THE CARE THAT THEY NEED AND THEY DESERVE. MEANWHILE, OF THE COUNTY'S NEARLY 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, BLACK PEOPLE ARE THE MOST DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY OUR JAIL SYSTEM. WE MAKE UP JUST 8 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY, BUT ABOUT 29 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION. AND ALTHOUGH THE DISPARITIES ARE NOT AS SEVERE, THE TREND IS GOING UPWARD FOR LATINX COMMUNITIES INSIDE THE LOCAL JAIL POPULATION. WHAT THIS ALL MEANS IS THAT BLACK AND LATINX FOLKS NOT ONLY COMPRISE THE MAJORITY POPULATION, BUT WE SHARE THE EXPERIENCES OF DISPARATE IMPACT. WHEN I TALK ABOUT DISPARATE IMPACT, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE FINES, THE FEES, THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, THE JOB DAYS THAT ARE LOST, THE MISSED DAYS OF SCHOOL, AND SO ON. NOW, THE RESEARCH IS NOT CLEAR ON THIS POINT, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THAT

IF WE DID A BETTER JOB AS SCHOLARS AND AS RESEARCHERS, WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT OUR LOCAL INDIGENOUS POPULATION, THE LARGEST URBAN INDIAN POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY, IS ALSO DISPARATELY IMPACTED BY OUR JAIL SYSTEM. SO THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT AN AMERICAN CITY LOCKING UP ITS MOST VULNERABLE AND ITS RACIALLY MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS. HERE IN L.A., CERTAINLY GOING BACK TO THE 1850S, THIS HAS BEEN THE PROJECT AND THE PRACTICE. IF YOU HAD GONE TO OUR LOCAL JAILS IN THE 1850S, YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT THE MAJORITY POPULATION WAS A GABRIELENO AND TONGVA POPULATION, LARGELY LOCKED UP ON PUBLIC ORDER CHARGES, VAGRANCY AND WHATNOT. SINCE THOSE DAYS, OUR RACIALLY MARGINALIZED AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HAVE CONTINUED TO BE DISPARATELY IMPACTED. WHETHER IT'S POOR WHITE FOLKS, IT'S CHINESE IMMIGRANTS, NONCITIZENS, LATINX, OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOLKS, THE TREND OVER TIME HAS BEEN THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DISPARATELY IMPACTED BY THE JAIL SYSTEM. I TAKE US ON THIS TOUR OF L.A.'S PAST OF OUR DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE LOCAL JAIL POPULATION TO SAY ONE THING, AND IT'S THIS: THAT OUR JAILS ARE A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES AS A SOCIETY AND THE POPULATIONS INSIDE. AND WHAT'S BEEN MOST REMARKABLE ABOUT THIS A.T.I. PROCESS IS THAT UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP AND LEADERSHIP OF DR. ROSS, AND WITH THE LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, THERE'S BEEN A PROFOUND COMMITMENT NOT JUST TO REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE LOCAL JAIL POPULATION, BUT TO ENDING THE RACIAL DISPARITIES

THAT HAVE PLAGUED OUR SYSTEM FOR CENTURIES. AND I COMMEND ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE A.T.I. WORKING GROUP FOR MAKING THIS REALLY BOLD COMMITMENT TO NOT JUST REDUCING THE SIZE-- AND I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS-- BUT MAKING THIS AN EXERCISE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN L.A.'S HISTORY, OF ACHIEVING RACIAL JUSTICE THROUGH TRANSFORMATIVE SOCIAL CHANGE. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE PROCESS, WHICH I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT YOUR BOARD SET THE TONE FOR AND SET THE STAGE FOR. BY THE NUMBERS, WE HAD TWO PHASES TO THE TIMELINE. WE CAME TO YOU WITH AN UPDATE ON PHASE ONE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO. BUT THE PHASE ONE PROCESS WAS TO DEVELOP A WORK GROUP-- THE STRUCTURE, THE MISSION, GETTING OUR ACT TOGETHER ABOUT HOW WE WOULD CONDUCT THE BUSINESS AT HAND. MORE THAN 270 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS AT THAT POINT IN PHASE ONE. FIVE WORK GROUP CONVENINGS, 18 AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 28 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, 29 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, AND 21 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ALL PARTICIPATING, AND WE DELIVERED AN UPDATE INTERIM REPORT TO YOU IN JUNE. AND THEN FOR PHASE TWO, WE OPENED UP THE TENT. WE GOT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE EXPANDED. AND THANK YOU, DOLORES AND MANY OF THE OTHERS WHO REALLY URGED AND PUSHED US TO GET OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY WITH MEETINGS IN YOUR DISTRICTS AROUND TOWN AND AROUND THE REGION. WE EXPANDED TO MORE THAN 1300 PARTICIPANTS, 8 WORK GROUP CONVENINGS, 38 AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 47 GOVERNMENTAL

DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, 108 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED. AND ALL OF THAT TRANSLATING, ALL OF THAT INPUT TRANSLATING INTO THE REPORT THAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY. THERE IS A PICTURE OF THE A.T.I., THE APPOINTED VOTING MEMBERS OF THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP, AND I'D LIKE THEM TO STAND AND JUST BE RECOGNIZED FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS. [APPLAUSE.] AND OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, IF YOU'RE A COMMUNITY MEMBER THAT ATTENDED OR PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE A.T.I. MEETINGS, COULD YOU PLEASE STAND? [APPLAUSE.] WE HELD TWO FULL-DAY RETREATS DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROCESS BOTH OF YOU, SUPERVISORS, YOU WOULD BE JUST REALLY, REALLY PROUD OF. IN THE FIRST RETREAT, WE FOCUSED ON RACIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR SETTING THE TONE FOR THAT RETREAT. IN THE SECOND RETREAT, WE HAD A FOCUS ON SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS. AND WE HAD QUITE A PRESENTATION AND EXCHANGE THAT WAS A REAL POWERFUL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MOMENT, WHERE SURVIVORS AND EX-OFFENDERS WERE AROUND THE SAME TABLE AND SPOKE TO ONE ANOTHER, AND EXCHANGED EXPERIENCES AND SHARED THOSE WITH THE A.T.I. SO I JUST WANTED TO CALL THOSE TWO OUT, AND IT WAS REALLY QUITE A TRANSFORMATIVE PROCESS FOR ME TO SEE THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF OUR PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN GETTING THE BEST MINDS AT PLAY. AND LET ME HAND OVER THE NEXT SLIDE TO DOLORES CANALES, WHO HELPED US WITH THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

DOLORES CANALES: HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE HONOR TO BE A VOTING MEMBER ON THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP, AND ALSO CO-CHAIR TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AD HOC, ALONG WITH MYSELF AND GAIL HABERMAN, AND OUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT GROUP WITH DIANA ZUNIGA, KAREN TIMAS, AND MYRA. AND SO I JUST HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR. SO, FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER OF 2019, THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE HELD SEVEN WORKSHOPS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION, AND UNDER-RESOURCED. THESE COMMUNITIES WERE SELECTED BASED ON DATA FROM THE MILLION DOLLAR HOODS AND THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. PLUS, WE HELD WORKSHOPS IN THE JAILS AND THE JUVENILE CAMPS. THE SERIES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS WERE COORDINATED BY LEAD ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH NEIGHBORHOOD. SOUTH L.A., IT WAS SUGGESTED COMMUNITY COALITION; EAST L.A., HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES; LONG BEACH, ASCENT. EL MONTE IS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CENTER. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PARTNERSHIP. LANCASTER, PAVING THE WAY FOUNDATION. POMONA, WITH PROTOTYPES. BUT I DO JUST WANT TO ADD VERY QUICKLY THAT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE DILIGENCE AND THE COMMITMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SHOWING UP TO THE COMMUNITY AD-HOC MEETINGS, WE COULDN'T HAVE COME THIS FAR IN SELECTING THE GROUP. SO I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I SHOULD'VE NEVER HAVE STARTED, BECAUSE I'M

GOING TO LEAVE SOME OUT, RIGHT? BUT JUST AMAZING ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE SO COMMITTED. AND I ALSO WANT TO MENTION ONE MORE THING. IN THE WORD "COMMUNITY," IT PRETTY MUCH SPELLS IT OUT, BECAUSE "UNITY" IS IN "COMMUNITY." BUT THEN IN "UNITY," IT'S YOU AND I, SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO MAKE THIS DIFFERENCE. KEEP COMMUNITY ENGAGED. THANK YOU.

DR. ROSS: NOW YOU SEE WHO THE REAL CHAIR OF THE A.T.I. WAS. [LAUGHTER.] NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS THE MONEY SLIDE. THIS IS REALLY WHAT ALL OF THE ENERGY AND ATTENTION AND PASSION AND WISDOM ROLLS UP TO. IT'S WHERE ARE WE AT TODAY, AND WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE, IN TERMS OF THE VISION? AND YOUR BOARD CHALLENGED US TO SET FORWARD A VISION AND A ROADMAP TO THAT VISION, AND THIS SLIDE SUMMARIZES IT. WE'RE MOVING AWAY FROM THEMES OF PUNISHMENT, JAILS, AND COURTS AS A DEFAULT, AS MANY SAY, AS JON SHERIN WOULD SAY; JAILS AND COURTS AS THE DEFAULT POINT OF SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH, A DE FACTO POINT OF SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE CENTRAL JAIL IS A FOCAL POINT, A DISCONNECT AND A FRAGMENTED SYSTEM. DIVERSION IS IN PLACE, BUT IT'S IN PARTIAL AND SPORADIC LEVELS; INADEQUATE SERVICE CAPACITY IN A SYSTEM WHICH PROFESSOR KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ CALLS OUT IS EXACERBATING REGIONAL INEQUALITY WEEK AFTER WEEK. AND THE VISION IS MOVING TOWARDS A SYSTEM THAT'S FOCUSED ON PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, REPLACING JAILS AS THE FOCAL POINT WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM OF CARE, A

DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM THAT IS WELL DISTRIBUTED AND ACCESSIBLE, INTEGRATED NETWORK, HOLISTIC DIVERSION AT ALL POINTS IN THE SYSTEM, HUMAN-CENTERED AND AT FULL CAPACITY, AND EMPHASIZING A RACIAL EQUITY LENS GOING FORWARD. NEXT SLIDE? 114 RECOMMENDATIONS. CERTAINLY A LOT TO GET YOUR ARMS AROUND, BUT THERE WAS A METHOD TO OUR MADNESS. THE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ARRAYED AROUND AN EVIDENCE-DRIVEN APPROACH CALLED THE INTERCEPT MODEL. WE'VE MODIFIED THE INTERCEPT MODEL TO POINT OUR ALL THE-- YOU KNOW, WHERE ARE THE POINTS IN THE SYSTEM WHERE AN IMPACTED PERSON CAN BE GREETED WITH CARE AND SERVICES RATHER THAN JAIL AND CUSTODY? AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM HERE FROM COMMUNITY-BASED CARE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND INTERVENTION SERVICES, FIRST TOUCH WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTERCEPT 2, BOOKING IN THE FIRST COURT APPEARANCE AT 3, JAIL CUSTODY AND THE COURT PROCESS AT 4, PRE-RELEASE AND RELEASE, AND THEN SUPERVISION IN THE COMMUNITY AT 6, AND THEN THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THAT SUCH A NEW SYSTEM OF CARE MODEL BUILT AROUND THESE INTERCEPT POINTS CAN BE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT. NEXT SLIDE? THE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DRIVEN BY FIVE STRATEGIES. AND I WILL SAY FOR YOUR BOARD-- AND THIS IS WHY WE COME TO YOU, BECAUSE THE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT NEW IDEAS. MOST OF THE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE STRATEGIES THAT THE COUNTY IS ALREADY ENGAGED IN AT SOME LEVEL AND AT SOME SCALE. I DID A PERSONAL COUNT OF ALL 114. I GOT UP TO ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE EXISTING STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS THAT JUST MANY OF THEM-- AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE LANGUAGE OF INCREASE, ENHANCE, UTILIZE, STRENGTHEN, ALSO THAT SCALE UP AND DO MORE OF THE PATH WE'RE ON NOW. THERE ARE SOME NEW IDEAS, AS WELL, HOWEVER, AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM OUR COLLEAGUES ABOUT THEM. BUT THE FIVE STRATEGIES ARE TO, NUMBER ONE, MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED HOLISTIC CARE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING AND SERVICE COORDINATION. YOU'LL HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUE JON SHERIN ABOUT THE RESTORATIVE VILLAGES. AS CHAIR, I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO FAVOR AND LOVE ANY ONE OF THE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS OVER THE OTHER, BUT I LOVE THAT CHILD. THAT IDEA OF UTILIZING EXISTING COUNTY FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY HEALTH FACILITIES, AND BUILDING A SYSTEM OUT AND USING THOSE COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AS SERVICE HUBS ALREADY BEGUN WITH M.L.K., ALREADY BEGUN WITH COUNTY U.S.C., THAT IS REALLY A BEAUTIFUL VISION TO SEE A BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURE OF WHAT THE SYSTEM USED TO LOOK LIKE, AND WHAT THE SYSTEM CAN BE WITH GREATER USE OF THOSE RESTORATIVE VILLAGE HUBS. SECOND STRATEGY, OF COURSE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSES, TRYING TO ENHANCE THOSE RESPONSES AND MINIMIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES WHEREVER POSSIBLE. STRATEGY 3, PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DIVERSION SERVICES. AND JUDGE ESPINOZA IS HERE TO ADDRESS ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THAT. GREAT WORK BEING DONE BY THE COUNTY ON THIS STRATEGY, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE AND SCALE IT

UP. STRATEGY 4 IS PROVIDING EFFECTIVE TREATMENT SERVICES AND ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS INSTEAD OF JAIL TIME. THIS HAS BEEN A FOCUS OF THE CONVERSATION THAT SACHI HAS BEEN CONVENING AT THE EXECUTIVE WORK GROUP. HOW DO WE GET MORE SYSTEM BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED SYSTEM BEDS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND NOT IN A JAIL SETTING? AND STRATEGY 5, HOW DO WE EFFECTIVELY MAKE SURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION IS AS BEAUTIFUL A THING AS THE REPORT, AND THAT WE'RE SEEING EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP, WORKING TO ELIMINATE RACIAL DISPARITIES, AND ENGAGING SYSTEM-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS. AND IN THIS SLIDE, LET ME HAND IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE JON SHERIN, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

DR. SHERIN: HELLO, BOARD. JON SHERIN, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WHAT AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE TODAY ON A BIG DAY. AND I WANT TO START BY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND FOR YOUR ACTION. I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND THE BIGGEST THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE. THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN PRETTY UNBELIEVABLE. AND BOB, OBVIOUSLY, YOU'VE DONE A MASTERFUL JOB DRIVING IT. AND I WOULD SAY, TO ECHO YOUR COMMENTS, THAT THE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN WHAT WE'RE HEARING AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS-- IT'S STRIKING, AND IT'S REALLY ABOUT EMPHASIS, IT'S ABOUT COMMITMENT, AND IT'S ABOUT PUSHING IT FORWARD. OBVIOUSLY, I'M VERY, VERY FOCUSED ON THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE. SO WHEN I'M THINKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE, I'M FOCUSING ON THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE; NOT ONLY FOLKS THAT HAVE WHAT WE

WOULD CALL SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND PHYSICAL ILLNESS, BUT ADDICTIONS. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THOSE PHENOMENA ARE DRIVING A LOT OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE HAVING, AND WE CANNOT IGNORE ANY OF THEM. WHEN IT COMES TO RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES-- SORRY, STRATEGY 1, AS BOB SAID, EXPAND AND SCALE COMMUNITY-BASED HOLISTIC CARE AND SERVICES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING AND SERVICE COORDINATION. A RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE IS A CONCEPT THAT WE DISCUSSED HERE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. AND THE IDEA HERE, REALLY, IS TO STOP PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO THE STREETS AND INTO THE JAIL WHEN THEY NEED CARE AND WHEN THEY FALL OUT OF THE COMMUNITY. AND REALLY, THE RESOURCE ARRAYS THAT WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER, YES, AT M.L.K., YES, AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., BUT ALSO AT OTHER SITES WHERE WE HAVE SITE CONTROL ON OUR HEALTH CAMPUSES, INCLUDING AT OLIVE VIEW, AT RANCHO, POSSIBLY, AND WE'RE STARTING IN THE A.V., AND PERHAPS EVEN AT HARBOR. THIS IS A WAY FOR US TO PUT TOGETHER SERVICE ARRAYS THAT WILL BE ROBUST AND WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS, WE'RE ALL OVER TRYING TO EXPAND OUR HOUSING. IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPING NEW HOUSING, WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT LEVERAGING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. AGAIN, BOARD AND CARES. THE BOARD AND CARE IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WHAT ARE OTHER COLLABORATIVE HOUSING MODELS THAT WE CAN INVEST IN TO GET OUR INVENTORY UP, CRITICAL TO DIVERSION, OBVIOUSLY, FROM BOTH THE STREETS AND

FROM THE JAILS. CAPACITY BUILDING. I TALK ABOUT THIS AS J.F.K. 101 ALL THE TIME. J.F.K., WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT DEINSTITUTIONALIZING, WAS SUGGESTING THAT WE WOULD INVEST IN COMMUNITIES AND BUILD UP COMMUNITIES ALONG THE LINES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW. WE DID NOT DO THAT IN THIS COUNTRY, AND IT WAS NOT DONE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE'RE BEHIND. WE NEED TO CATCH UP. WHEN WE DO THAT, PEOPLE WILL STAY IN COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO KEEP PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES. COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, A BIG PART OF THE SOLUTION. I DON'T THINK THERE'S A MORE AGGRESSIVE ADVOCACY GROUP THAN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AROUND GETTING A PEER SUPPORT SERVICES BILL PASSED IN THIS STATE, AND WE'RE BEHIND. BUT WE WILL BE DOING THAT WITH THIS GOVERNOR, AND WE'VE GOT A BUDGET ASK TO HELP ASSIST IN THAT PROCESS. CONSERVATORSHIP, AGAIN, AND ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT I'M DESCRIBING TO YOU HAVE SUPPORT FROM THIS BOARD THAT'S NOT JUST LOCAL, BUT THAT IS INFLUENCING STATE POLICY. AND WE'VE TAKEN A LOOK AT CONSERVATORSHIP AND HOW TO SUPPORT CONSERVATORSHIP WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN THE LEAD, AND THE ISSUE OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND HOW WE MANAGE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER. HARM REDUCTION. LOOK, IT'S ABOUT LOW BARRIERS AND LOW DEMANDS TO GET PEOPLE INTO THE CARE THAT THEY NEED. WE CANNOT OBSTRUCT PEOPLE GETTING INTO SERVICES, AND WE'VE DONE THAT FOR WAY, WAY TOO LONG. THIS COUNTY, I BELIEVE, IS LEADING IN THAT ARENA. STRATEGY NUMBER TWO, NEXT SLIDE. UTILIZE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSES FOR

INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER SITUATIONS CAUSED BY UNMET NEEDS. AVOID AND MINIMIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK, TALKING ABOUT A COORDINATED RESPONSE WHERE WE'RE SAYING, "HEY, WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE, EXPAND OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE REAL-TIME RESPONSE THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES." THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS DOING THIS. WE'VE GOT 10 NEW THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORT VANS THAT ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, THAT ARE STAFFED FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE HAVING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISES. WE ALSO, AS MANY FOLKS KNOW, HAVE A LOT OF CO-RESPONSE TEAMS. THE IDEA THERE IS TO MATCH THE DEMAND WITH OUR SUPPLY. AND I'VE BEEN SPEAKING WITH THE STATE SO THAT WE CAN GET ENOUGH FUNDING FOR ALL OF OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS TO BE DELIVERED IN VANS, SO THAT WE CANNOT ONLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES, BUT WE CAN TRANSPORT PEOPLE, NOT RELY UPON E.M.S. AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DO THE TRANSPORTATION. THE 911 REDIRECTION TO THE D.M.H. ACCESS LINE, AGAIN, THAT WAS LAST WEEK. HOW DO WE COORDINATE ALL OF THESE LINES SO THAT WE CAN DO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE ISSUES IN THEIR COMMUNITY? EXPANDING PRE-ARREST AND PRE-BOOKING DIVERSION PROGRAMS. THIS IS AN AREA OF MASSIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR US, MADE POSSIBLE BY US PUSHING OUT RESPONSE AND HAVING PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO GO AND RECEIVE TREATMENT. I WILL HAND IT OFF TO MY WONDERFUL COLLEAGUE.

DR. ROSS: NEXT SLIDE. EUNISSES HERNANDEZ?

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ: HELLO. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, FOR APPOINTING ME TO THIS COMMISSION, TO THIS WORK GROUP. IT'S REALLY BEEN, LIKE DR. ROSS SAID, TRANSFORMATIONAL, NOT ONLY FOR WHAT WE PRODUCE, BUT ALSO, I THINK, FOR OUR MOVEMENT. THIS COLLABORATION IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF, AND HOPE TO BUILD UPON IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A.T.I. SO THIS STRATEGY, STRATEGY NUMBER 3, IS TO SUPPORT AND DELIVER MEANINGFUL PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DIVERSION SERVICES. THIS CAME UP BECAUSE... FOR A COUPLE REASONS. OVER 44 PERCENT OF OUR JAIL POPULATION IS PRETRIAL. THAT'S OVER 7,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE, WHO HAVEN'T COMMITTED AN OFFENSE THAT THEY'RE INCARCERATED FOR, PRETRIAL. ALSO, THIS REALLY CAME OUT OF THE L.G.B.T.Q. SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AD HOC. WE HAVE THE EXAMPLE OF DEVELOPING A STRENGTH AND NEEDS-BASED SYSTEM OF PRETRIAL. A LOT OF FOLKS DON'T MAKE IT TO COURT BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE MONEY TO GO ON THE BUS, THEY DON'T HAVE CHILDCARE, THEY FORGOT THEIR COURT DATE-- REALLY SMALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO THEM, BUT ALSO THEIR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS, LIKE THEIR SUBSTANCE USE OR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. AND SO WE CAME UP, AS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO DEVELOP A.T.I.P.A., WHICH IS THE A.T.I. PRETRIAL AGENCY, THAT WOULD WORK AS A SERVICE BROKER

MODEL TO WORK WITH D.M.H., D.H.S., AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO COORDINATE SERVICES, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, SO THAT FOLKS CAN MAKE IT TO COURT. WE WANT THEM TO MAKE IT TO COURT, WE WANT THERE TO BE PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WE KNOW THAT GIVING THEM THESE SERVICES THROUGH THIS DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN IN A SAFE WAY. ALSO, RETURN TO COURT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THIS REALLY CAME UP, LIKE I MENTIONED AGAIN, BECAUSE FOLKS DON'T EVEN HAVE CELL PHONES. FOLKS DON'T EVEN HAVE A HOUSING ADDRESS WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY GET MAILERS WHEN THEY HAVE TO GO TO COURT. AND SO HAVING A PLACE THAT COULD PROVIDE THESE RETURN TO COURT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IS GOING TO GREATLY REDUCE FAILURES TO APPEAR, AND ALSO PROVIDE PEOPLE THE NECESSARY SERVICES THEY NEED TO ALSO MAYBE GET A JOB AND MAKE IT TO COURT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OKAY. THIS STRATEGY NUMBER 4, TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS INSTEAD OF JAIL TIME. THERE'S A GREAT BILL THAT PASSED, A.B. 1810, THE DIVERSION BILL, THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED. AND THIS NEEDS TO BE SCALED UP. WE KNOW THAT FOLKS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS DON'T NEED TO BE IN OUR JAILS, AND A.B. 10 CAME UP AS A RECOMMENDATION OF EXPANDING THAT PROCESS, BECAUSE IT ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO HAVE A CASE, WHO HAVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, TO ACTUALLY GET DIVERSION EVEN BEFORE THEY'RE CONVICTED, WHICH PREVENTS OVER 4,800 POLICIES TO BE ACTIVATED THAT PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE

SERVICES. SO WE BELIEVE, AND IT'S PART OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE A.T.I., THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD REALLY INVEST IN BUILDING OUT AND EXPANDING THE A.B. 1810 DIVERSION SCHEME, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE RE-ENTRY SERVICES LIKE DR. SHERIN MENTIONED, WITHOUT THE EXCESSIVE BARRIERS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF BARRIERS FOR PEOPLE TO GET HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES, IF THEY HAVE CERTAIN CONVICTIONS OR OTHER, YOU KNOW, INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO REMOVING THOSE BARRIERS IS GOING TO BE EXTREMELY CRITICAL TO GETTING PEOPLE SERVICES. THANK YOU.

DR. ROSS: NEXT SLIDE. WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE FINISH LINE HERE. THIS SLIDE TALKS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION, AND THIS IS THE STRATEGY THAT OPTIMIZES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS REPORT WILL, IN FACT, BE ANIMATED AND IMPLEMENTED, AND NOT RUN THE RISK OF GATHERING DUST. BUT IMPLEMENTATION WILL REQUIRE SOME ENTITY WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING SURE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT MOVE FORWARD, ENSURING THAT THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISPARITIES CONTINUES TO BE A KEY THEME OF THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND ALSO UTILIZING, AS PROFESSOR LYTLE HERNANDEZ DOES WITH THE MILLION DOLLAR HOODS PROJECT, HOW DO WE UTILIZE SYSTEM-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS AS A RESOURCE TO NAVIGATE SUPPORT AND RETURN INTO COMMUNITIES? AND THIS IS THESE THREE, THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE, THE ADVISORY COLLABORATIVE OF IMPACTED PEOPLE MAKING SURE THAT THAT WISDOM AND THAT

EXPERIENCE IS STILL INFORMING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND THE MATTER OF RACIAL EQUITY. I WILL SAY TO YOU, PUTTING MY FOUNDATION HAT BACK ON AS PRESIDENCY OF THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, THAT'S WHERE OUR FOUNDATION WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH YOU IN A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO ASSURE THAT WE HAD THAT KIND OF ADVISORY INPUT, AND THAT WE HAVE A RACIAL EQUITY EMPHASIS. AND WE'RE READY TO DO THAT JOINTLY WITH YOU MOVING FORWARD, AND HOPEFULLY ATTRACTING OTHER FOUNDATIONS TO DO THAT, AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE? FUNDING STRATEGIES. THERE ARE NINE OF THEM ON THIS LIST. IT'S A SLIDE THAT C.E.O. SACHI OR FESIA MAY WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENT ABOUT LATER, BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO GET THIS DONE. WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE PRICE TAG FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE REPORT. THE ONE THING I WILL CALL OUT THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE AND ASSERTIVE USE OF EXISTING FUNDING STREAMS, SOME ADVOCACY TO GET SOME NEW DOLLARS IN. BUT I'LL CALL OUT ON ITEM NUMBER 6 THERE ON THAT LIST, NET COUNTY COST. IF YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A STAKE IN THE GAME OF CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, AND YOU'RE REALLY A BEAN COUNTER FOR THE TAXPAYER COUNTY DOLLARS, ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE EVERY TIME WE TREAT SOMEONE IN A JAIL CELL, THAT FINANCING FOR THAT SUPPORT IS DISPROPORTIONATELY A NET COUNTY COST DOLLAR. AND EVERY TIME YOU TREAT SOMEONE IN A COMMUNITY SETTING, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE THESE OTHER EIGHT FUNDING STREAMS THAT ARE UP THERE. SO FROM A DOLLAR-TO-DOLLAR STANDPOINT, FROM A

RETURN ON INVESTMENT STANDPOINT, IT REALLY IS A SMARTER, MORE COST-EFFECTIVE WAY TO TREAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. OF COURSE IT'S MORE HUMANE, OF COURSE IT'S MORE EFFECTIVE, BUT IT'S ALSO MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, AS WELL. AND THEN THE LAST SLIDE. A COUPLE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. NUMBER ONE, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ISSUING THE MOTION THAT GOT THIS THING GOING. THANK YOU. WE FELT TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM ALL OF THE BOARD OFFICES AND ALL THE BOARD DEPUTIES, HOLDING OUR HANDS AND GIVING US GUIDANCE ALONG THE WAY. SACHI AND FESIA, GREAT SUPPORT FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. AND I WANT TO SAY, FINALLY, RECOGNIZE THIS AS A MOMENT THAT FOR ME WAS A TEACHABLE MOMENT ABOUT THE POWER OF MEANINGFUL, AUTHENTIC PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY. HAVING FOLKS AT THE TABLE IN THOSE MEETINGS, THAT DIDN'T ALWAYS AGREE AND DON'T SEE THESE ISSUES NECESSARILY THE SAME WAY IN MOMENTS, BUT MOST OF THE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUPPORTED WITH CONSENSUS SUPPORT FROM ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS. AND THOSE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ADVOCATES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND WE DID HAVE-- I WILL JUST CALL OUT, WE DID HAVE-- THERE WERE MOMENTS THAT WERE A LITTLE MESSY. I CALL THEM SANDPAPER MOMENTS, WHERE THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT POINT OF VIEW AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, BUT WE WORKED THROUGH IT. PEOPLE SAT AT THE TABLE. THEY DISAGREED. THERE WERE SOME UNCOMFORTABLE MOMENTS. BUT IT WAS WITH DIGNITY AND CIVILITY AND RESPECT, AND WE GOT THIS THING DONE. AND IT JUST

REALLY WAS-- I JUST WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR GETTING A PROCESS GOING THAT WAS PARTICIPATORY AND INCLUSIVE, AND WHERE PEOPLE WHO DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE ON ALL ISSUES ALL THE TIME REALLY COULD COME TO AGREEMENT AND COME TO CONSENSUS ABOUT A BETTER FUTURE AND VISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: THANK YOU. I WONDER IF I MIGHT ASK C.E.O. DESIGNATE FESIA DAVENPORT TO COMMENT, BECAUSE WHEN SHE TAKES OVER AT THE END OF THE MONTH, AS YOU'LL SEE IN THE UPCOMING MOTION, BAM! SO WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS AND WHAT YOU SEE FOR THE FUTURE OF IT.

FESIA DAVENPORT: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, DOCTORS ROSS, LYTLE HERNANDEZ, AND SHERIN, MS. CANALES AND MS. HERNANDEZ, AS WELL AS JUDGE ESPINOZA. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE TODAY, AND THANK YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS GROUP, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS SUPPORTED THIS ENTIRE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. WE KNOW THAT NOT TOO LONG AGO IN THIS COUNTY, THIS BOARD REACHED A MOMENT OF INFLECTION. AND THE BOARD HIT THE RESET BUTTON AND DECIDED THAT IT WOULD MOVE THE PARADIGM AWAY FROM INCARCERATION AND TOWARDS PREVENTION AND

TREATMENT, WHICH IS ALSO CALLED THE CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST MODEL. THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IN A NUTSHELL STANDS READY TO SERVE AS THE BOARD'S COORDINATING ENTITY AND AGENT TO MOVE THE PLAN FORWARD. OUR EXPERIENCE TELLS US THAT PLANNING IS THE FIRST STEP. AND WE KNOW THAT THE DETAILS MATTER. AND SO IT WAS ACTUALLY VERY COMFORTING WHEN WE READ THE REPORT AND WE NOTICED TWO THINGS: ONE, THAT THERE WAS A SEPARATION OF THE INTERCEPT, THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL, AND THERE WAS A PHASE ZERO THAT WAS ADDED. AND THAT PHASE ZERO FOCUSED ON PREVENTION AND TREATMENT. IT MADE IT VERY CLEAR AND DEFINITIVE HOW TO STRATIFY THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SO TO SPEAK. AND SECONDLY, AND MAYBE MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THE A.T.I. LEADERSHIP DID SOMETHING THAT I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY SEEN A LOT OF GROUPS DO. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF RECOMMENDATIONS. WE KNOW THAT IT WON'T BE SIMPLE. BUT THE GROUP GAVE US A NORTH STAR, SO TO SPEAK, AND THAT IS THE 26 FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. AND SO WHAT IT ALLOWS US TO DO IS TO ELIMINATE THE AMOUNT OF TIME DURING THE TRANSITION TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE MIGHT GET STARTED, SO WE ALREADY KNOW WHERE THAT IS. AND SO I THANK THE GROUP FOR THE THOUGHTFULNESS IN ESTABLISHING WHAT IS CALLED THE FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THEN LASTLY, I WILL SAY THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, I HEAR YOU. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS A ROBUST PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN COUNTY AND PRIVATE SECTORS, FOLKS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES, FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE

C.E.O.'S OFFICE STANDS READY TO PARTNER, TO COLLABORATE, AND TO COORDINATE TO MOVE THE WORK FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST A FEW MORE THINGS, AND THEN I WOULD ASK IF YOU WOULD ALLOW MY ESTEEMED CO-AUTHOR TO ALSO SPEAK, AND THEN OF COURSE THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES. FIRST OF ALL, WE'VE ALREADY HEARD THAT WE'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH. WE ARE DOING MUCH OF THIS ALREADY. AND WE'RE JUST NOT DOING IT ENOUGH, AND WE'RE NOT DOING IT IN AS COORDINATED A FASHION AS WE SHOULD. WE WANT TO FOCUS IN A LASER-SHARP WAY OUR VISION ON ALTERNATIVES, LOOKING AWAY FROM JAIL, LOOKING AWAY FROM THAT AS AN EASY ANSWER, WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE COURTS AND EVERY DEPARTMENT, EVERY ASPECT OF THE COMMUNITY, EVERYBODY ON BOARD. SECONDLY, I WANT TO SAY THIS IS NOT JUST ASPIRATIONAL. OH, YEAH, IT'S ASPIRATIONAL. THAT IS, IT SPEAKS OF OUR HOPES. BUT IT ALSO PROVIDES A PATH, A REAL PATH, THAT WE CAN FOLLOW AND ADOPT. AND WE'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE COUNTY, WHICH IS THE C.E.O., BECAUSE WE PROPOSE WHAT SHE DISPOSES, THAT THEY STAND READY IN EVERY WAY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THIRDLY, TODAY I THINK YOU KNOW, ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I'M BRINGING A MOTION FORWARD TO ASK THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE FIVE POLICY STRATEGIES, AND TO SEEK A LEGAL, FISCAL, AND OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE 26 FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS; AND PERHAPS EVEN MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO ACTUALLY CREATE THE

OFFICE WITHIN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD. AS FESIA HAS INDICATED, THE MOTION ALSO ASKS THE OFFICE TO CONTINUE THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, WHICH WAS A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF IT, AND WE REALLY MEAN IT, AND TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. NOT JUST "HERE'S WHAT WE THINK," BUT "HERE'S WHAT WE MUST DO TO ACHIEVE IT." SO, AS DR. ROSS SAID, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IMPLEMENTATION IS AS BEAUTIFUL A THING AS THE REPORT. AND THAT, I WOULD COMMIT TO YOU, IS THE WAY I WANT TO HOLD IT OUT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, VERY MUCH, AND THANKS TO EVERYBODY. I'M ACTUALLY KIND OF CLOSE TO TEARS, BECAUSE A LOT HAS HAPPENED. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE MADE IT HAPPEN. AND IT REALLY IS A PRIVILEGE TO JUST BE PART OF IT AND HOPE TO MOVE IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE LEADERSHIP AND THE INGENUITY OF SUPERVISOR SHEILA JAMES KUEHL FOR MOVING THIS AGENDA FORWARD, ALONG WITH HER QUITE CAPABLE TEAM. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRETY OF THE WORK GROUP-- ITS LEADERS. THEY HAVE DONE AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB. AND YOU DIDN'T TAKE FOUR OR FIVE YEARS TO DO IT. YOU STEPPED TO THE TASK. AND HERE WE ARE, PREPARED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT MOVE FOR WHAT I THINK IS ULTIMATELY RIGHT. MAY I

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHAIR OF THE WORK GROUP, NONE OTHER THAN DR. ROBERT A. ROSS, A PEDIATRICIAN, MY PEER GROUP. THEREFORE, THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY. YOU DIDN'T LAUGH, SO I'M GOING TO KEEP TALKING. [LAUGHTER.] CUT IT OUT. [LAUGHTER.] THE WORK THAT DR. ROSS HAS DONE IS RATHER EXCEPTIONAL. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. AND WE SALUTE YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WISDOM, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INVITING DR. ROSS TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE. HERB HATANAKA AND KAREN LANE, THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING AS THOSE WHO SERVED FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT. I THINK IT'S ALREADY BEEN SAID, IT'S WORTH SAYING AGAIN, THAT WE'RE AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT. AND JUSTICE REFORM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF A PARADIGMATIC SHIFT, BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT WE DO IS GOING TO GET THE ATTENTION OF PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT'S WHAT WE INTEND TO DO. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THREE THINGS VERY QUICKLY, REPRESENTED IN THE REPORT, WORTH STATING. I WON'T UNPACK THEM. I JUST WANT TO BRUSH UP AGAINST THEM AND SAY THE FOLLOWING: THE COUNTY IS NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH. THERE ARE SUCCESSFUL SOLUTIONS UNDERWAY, AND THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE CAN BUILD ON THEM, CAUSE THE C.E.O. AND THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO GO FASTER, RATHER THAN SLOWER, BECAUSE THIS REPORT WILL MAKE THAT MUCH MORE CLEAR. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS ALREADY MOVING AN AGENDA WITH RESPECT TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RESTORATIVE VILLAGES. THAT'S UNDERWAY. SECOND POINT

I WANT TO MAKE, THERE IS MUCH ABOUT TO BE SAID ABOUT THE INTERSECTIONALITY, INCLUDING BREAKING THE CYCLE BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION. INCARCERATION AND THEN HOMELESSNESS, AND BACK THE OTHER WAY AROUND. THIS OPENS UP A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO THINK MORE BROADLY AND MORE DEEPLY ABOUT WHAT JUSTICE REALLY LOOKS LIKE, WHAT IT MEANS TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE CREATED. THIRD POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WE ARE EFFECTIVELY SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF RACIAL JUSTICE INTERVENTION. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE STEPPING UP AND SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER WITH RESPECT TO RACISM, THE JAIL SYSTEM, RACISM IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, RACISM IN HOMELESSNESS AND THE LIKE, AND WE OUGHTN'T BE AFRAID TO CALL IT BY ITS REAL NAME. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE TO CONFRONT THIS WITH ALL OUR MIGHT AND ALL OF OUR IMAGINATION, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS REPORT HELPS US DO. I WANT TO END BY SAYING THE FOLLOWING: THAT I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL, THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY, AND THE PARTNERSHIPS. WE PUNCTUATE THE POINT BY SAYING RELATIONSHIPS DO MATTER. THE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PHILANTHROPY, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, ALL OF THAT MATTERS. AND NOT ONLY THAT, POLITICAL WILL, INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY, PARTNERSHIPS, THE GOOD NEWS AND THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FINDS ITSELF, WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MOVE THIS AGENDA FORWARD. THEREFORE,

WE HAVE NO EXCUSE NOT TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND, FRANKLY, WHAT HAS NEEDED TO BE DONE FOR A LONG TIME. SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS WORK, THIS EFFORT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE BALANCE OF WHAT WE WILL DO TODAY AND BEYOND.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? [APPLAUSE.] CAN YOU PUT YOUR HANDS UP? THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE BOARD, AS WELL AS OUR C.E.O. WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE PIECE OF WORK. I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD EVER SEE SOMETHING LIKE THIS PRESENTED IN SUCH A FORMAT THAT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND, AND I HOPE WILL BE EASY TO IMPLEMENT. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE PANEL. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE, ALSO, DR. ROSS FOR STEPPING IN. I KNOW THIS WAS NOT AN EASY JOB. AND WE TALKED ABOUT THAT. BUT THE PRODUCT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. IT'S A DYNAMIC, LIVING DOCUMENT. AND SOMEONE ASKED ME, WILL IT BE SOMETHING THAT JUST SITS ON A SHELF TO GATHER DUST? BY ALL MEANS, THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS DOCUMENT WILL DO. IT HAS ACTUALLY RECHARGED THIS COUNTY. YOU ALL HAVE MADE A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION, AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE AND THOSE THAT COULDN'T MAKE IT, THAT WERE INTERVIEWED IN THE JAILS AND IN PROBATION CAMPS. TO THEM I SALUTE, AND I THANK THEM. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY APPOINTEES. I WANT TO THANK DR. KELLY LYTLE FOR YOUR

TREMENDOUS REPUTATION AND THE CREDENTIALS THAT YOU BROUGHT TO THIS PANEL, AND YOUR INSIGHT; PETER ELIASBERG, WHO IS HERE IN THE AUDIENCE; AND ALSO JESSICA FERRIS, AS WELL AS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. YOU PROUDLY REPRESENT OUR DISTRICT AND MANY OF THE YOUNG VOICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I SALUTE ALL OF YOU. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. THAT'S FIRST. WE COULD NOT HAVE MOVED. THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD AND THE OTHER AGENCIES AND GROUPS THAT PERHAPS WERE RELUCTANT TO EVEN ENTER INTO THE DISCUSSION. BUT THAT'S THE PAST. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE FUTURE. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. YOUR CONVERSATIONS, YOUR COUNTLESS HOURS, ARE GOING GUIDE US AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND YOU HAVE TO REMAIN RELENTLESS. YOU DO. BECAUSE AT ANY MOMENT, THINGS CAN CHANGE. SO CONTINUING TO HAVE THAT INVOLVEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND WITH ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS, I WAS PROUD TO SEE THAT YOU HAD SO MANY MEETINGS, COMMUNITY MEETINGS, COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, IN EAST L.A., SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SOUTHEAST L.A., AND ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. BUT FOR ME, THAT'S A GAME CHANGER WHEN WE START TO REALLY HEAR THE VOICES OF PEOPLE THAT HAD NOT HAD THEIR VOICES LIFTED FOR DECADES. AND IT'S TIME, AND WE KNOW THAT. AND I THANK THIS BOARD FOR HAVING THE AUDACITY TO DO THAT. THE AUDACITY. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES. THERE IS ALMOST A COMPLETE CONSENSUS NOW ACROSS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT OUR HEALTH SYSTEMS AND OUR SERVICE SYSTEMS NEED TO COME TOGETHER AND COLLABORATE IN A MUCH MORE THOUGHTFUL, EFFICIENT,

AND LARGE-SCALE MANNER. IF WE DON'T DO THAT, THEN WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MAKE MISTAKES. AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT. HOMELESSNESS HAS ALREADY BEEN SPOKEN ABOUT. WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DETAINED IN OUR JAILS CIRCLE AND CYCLE IN AND OUT OF JAIL AND STREETS, ADDICTION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THAT HAS TO CHANGE. AND I KNOW IT WILL. AND IT STARTS TODAY. AS THE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THIS, I SAY THANK YOU TO YOU, BUT WE NEED MORE COLLABORATION. AND WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE SOME VERY TOUGH DECISIONS ABOUT HOW WE CONTINUE TO FUND THESE EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED HERE TODAY. WHERE DOES THE REVENUE COME FROM? HOW CAN WE CHANGE THOSE PRIORITIES ON THE BOARD, EVEN WITHIN OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE, AND NOT JUST SYSTEMS OF CARE, BUT ALSO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS? THOSE ARE THE BIGGER CONVERSATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE TOUGH, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THEM. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE IMPACT THAT YOU'RE MAKING ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES; NOT JUST THOSE THAT CAN'T STAND UP FOR THEMSELVES, BUT EVEN THE ONES THAT ARE FEARFUL BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THEY DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK UP BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT HAVE DOCUMENTATION, OR THEY MAY FEEL THAT THEY ARE EXPENDABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT, TO ME, MEANS A LOT. AND I HOPE THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. I WANT TO THANK THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, BECAUSE IF WE DIDN'T CREATE THAT OFFICE, I KNOW WE WOULDN'T BE HERE. THE ESSENTIAL TOOLS AND THE PRODUCTIVITY AND THE REPORTS THAT

YOU HAVE PUT OUT, I THINK, HAVE BEEN VERY CONVINCING FOR SOME OF US, AND HAVE LED US TO THIS PLACE. SO, JUDGE ESPINOZA, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR MIGHTY STAFF, BECAUSE YOU HAVE A SMALL STAFF, BUT THEY WORK VERY EFFICIENTLY. PERHAPS OTHER DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO LEARN FROM THAT. BASED ON THE RAND STUDY, WE KNOW THAT OVER 3,400 PEOPLE HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, THEY COULD BE DIVERTED UNDER O.D.R.'S PROGRAM. WE HAVE TO JUST FIND OUR WAY FORWARD TO MAKE THAT A REALITY. THAT IS PART OF WHY WE'RE TAKING STEPS-- AT LEAST IN MY DISTRICT, AND I KNOW WE WILL DO THAT IN OTHER DISTRICTS-- CREATING AN INNOVATIVE, RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE THAT I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE C.E.O. AND WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, D.H.S., AND ESPECIALLY OUR STAKEHOLDERS. 50 GROUPS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED AROUND THAT DISCUSSION. EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN THE REPORT HAS BEEN HAPPENING ON A SMALL LEVEL. SO, DR. ROSS, WHEN YOU SAID SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING, THEY HAVE BEEN HAPPENING, AND THEY INCLUDE ALMOST THE SAME INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE TODAY. SO I'M HAPPY THAT WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THE VALUE OF THAT COLLABORATION, AND WHAT IT MEANS, AND HOW IT BRINGS US TO A BETTER PLACE. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER CARE FIRST AND JAIL LAST, AND WE HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH THAT MODEL. AND IT GOES FOR OUR PROBATION CAMPS, AS WELL. WE HAVE TO ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ASSISTING THE FAMILIES THAT ARE

IMPACTED, AND OUR JUVENILES, ESPECIALLY. I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT I AM PUTTING FORWARD AN ADDITIONAL MOTION TODAY, ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I WANT TO THANK HER FOR JOINING ME AS CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. AND WE CAN ALL, THEN, SEE THE SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKING THAT THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP HAS MADE. FURTHERMORE, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING FORWARD THAT YOU HAVE MADE CALL FOR COMPREHENSIVE, COMPLEMENTARY, AND DISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO CHANGING OUR SYSTEMS. YOU'RE REALLY ASKING US NOT TO TINKER AROUND THE EDGES ANYMORE AND TO FIX THIS BROKEN SYSTEM, BUT TO ALSO REIMAGINE HOW WE DO THIS AND WHAT WE CAN DO WITH OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, OUR HEALTH SYSTEM, AND OUR SYSTEM OF DELIVERING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. AND GIVEN THE COMMITMENT THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE LAST YEAR TO REDUCING OUR RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION AND MOVING INTO CARE FIRST AND JAIL LAST, I THINK THAT THIS IS THE QUINTESSENTIAL EXAMPLE OF WHY WE HAVE THE BOARD-DIRECTED PRIORITIES. AMENDING THE JUSTICE REFORM PRIORITY TO USE THE FRAMEWORK YOU HAVE ALL LAID OUT WILL HELP US IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER. PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TIES TOGETHER THE INCREMENTAL STEPS THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN UNDERTAKING IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND IT MAKES A HELL OF A LOT OF DIFFERENCE. SO I REALLY LOOK TO WORKING WITH YOU, TO REVISITING, FINE-TUNING THIS WORK, THE REPORT-BACK, AND MOVING THIS AGENDA ITEM ALONG. BUT I DID WANT TO ASK ONE QUESTION OF DR. ROSS, IF I MIGHT. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A MASSIVE OVERHAUL,

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT JUSTICE REINVESTMENT, CAN YOU PLEASE DEFINE AND HELP US UNDERSTAND AND IMAGINE WHAT THAT MEANS?

DR. ROSS: YEAH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I THINK, IN THE WAY OF CONTEXT, LET ME CORRECT SOMETHING FOR THE RECORD. I MISSPOKE EARLIER. I SAID THAT MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ACTUALLY APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. AND WHAT I WAS DESCRIBING WAS THOSE TOUGH MOMENTS WHERE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNITY LEADERS, IMPACTED PEOPLE, AND THE POINT OF VIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DIDN'T SEE EYE TO EYE ON SOME OF THE ISSUES, AND THOSE CAME UP. I WILL SAY THAT WHEN THEY DID COME UP, IT WASN'T PERSONAL. WHEN THEY DID COME UP, IT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT PROFESSOR LYTLE HERNANDEZ AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SPOKE TO, WAS THE LEGACY OF RACIAL DISTRUST, AND RACIAL INJUSTICE WAS THE CULPRIT WHEN WE HAD THOSE DIFFICULT MOMENTS. AND I WILL SAY THAT, THAT SAID, LAW ENFORCEMENT FOLKS-- AND I WOULD SAY-- AND I WOULD DEFER TO JUDGE ESPINOZA TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THIS, BUT WE VISITED WITH THE JUDGES, AS WELL, AND PRESENTED THE REPORT TO THEM, AND THEY DIDN'T VOTE ON IT, BUT THEY JUST ACKNOWLEDGED IT. BUT I THINK LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COURTS RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED A NEW WAY FORWARD, THAT WE ARE PROBABLY DISPROPORTIONATELY SPENDING DOLLARS LOCKING PEOPLE AWAY, AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY SYSTEM OF CARE SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO END UP

HANDCUFFED WITH A POLICE OFFICER OR IN THE JUDGE'S CHAMBER IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT PREVENTION IS THE SMARTEST WAY TO GO. SO I'LL SAY THAT THERE'S A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT-- I MEAN, WE DIDN'T SIT DOWN AND SURGICALLY LOOK AT BUDGETS AND SAY WHERE DOLLARS SHOULD MOVE. THERE ARE COMMUNITY FOLKS WHO HAVE VERY STRONG OPINIONS ABOUT WHERE BUDGET DOLLARS SHOULD BE MOVED, AND I'LL LET THEM SPEAK TO THOSE. BUT I THINK THERE'S A STRONG GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT WE'RE SPENDING TOO MUCH OVER-INCARCERATING AND PUNISHING PEOPLE, AND NOT SPENDING ENOUGH INVESTING IN THE KIND OF THE ELEMENTS OF A SYSTEM OF CARE THAT WE NEED.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU ALL.

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

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A BIG MOMENT FOR L.A. COUNTY, AS EVERYONE HAS SAID. AND IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT WE'RE AT THIS POINT, FINALLY, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS WORK GROUP, I KNOW, HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY FOR ALMOST A YEAR TO GET THESE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS TO US, AND JUST THE WORKING GROUP IS REALLY UNIQUE. YOU KNOW, HALF OF THE WORKING GROUP WAS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THE OTHER HALF WERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND I THINK THAT IS SIGNIFICANT. MANY TIMES WHEN WE PUT TOGETHER WORKING GROUPS, WE HAVE A FEW TOKEN

COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND WE THINK WE HAVE COVERED THAT BASE. BUT THIS WAS SIGNIFICANT JUST IN THE MAKEUP OF THE WORKING GROUP, TO THINK THAT HALF AND HALF EQUALLY WERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS. AND I THINK THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO THESE 114 PRETTY AMAZING RECOMMENDATIONS. DR. ROSS, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU TO MY APPOINTEES, BRITTANY WEISSMAN AND DOLORES CANALES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. AND A SHOUTOUT TO EUNISSES, WHO YESTERDAY WAS SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S HONOREE AS THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, CAN WE PUT OUR HANDS UP? HANDS UP.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT, BECAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, I DON'T KNOW, 10, 15 YEARS AGO, HONORING A WOMAN WHOSE TOTAL LIFE IS ABOUT ADVOCATING FOR THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED, AND HOW WE BECOME A GENTLER AND KINDER COUNTY AS IT RELATES TO THE MOST VULNERABLE. SO THAT WAS A REAL THRILL FOR ME TO BE THERE AND LISTEN TO YOUR SPEECH, AND REALIZE HOW FAR WE'VE COME, EVEN AMONG WOMEN IN WHO WE CHOOSE TO HONOR. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO THAT.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YOU KNOW, I LOVE THIS BECAUSE THIS REPORT DOES GIVE US A GREAT BLUEPRINT. IT GIVES US A PATHWAY FORWARD ON WHAT OUR SYSTEM COULD AND SHOULD LOOK LIKE. IT DESCRIBES A SYSTEM OF CARE WHERE PEOPLE GET THE HELP THAT THEY NEED WHEN THEY NEED IT. YOU KNOW, I JUST HAD A VERY TEENY, TINY EXAMPLE OF ALL OF THIS. I HAD A GOOD FRIEND WHO FOUND HIMSELF IN OUR JAIL. DR. SHERIN AND I ACTUALLY VISITED HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES. AND I'M NOT A DOCTOR, I'M NOT A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE HE WAS GETTING WORSE BEING IN OUR JAIL. HE IS NOW IN A COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT CENTER. I JUST SAW HIM RECENTLY AT A PUBLIC EVENT. HE'S NOT THE SAME PERSON THAT DR. SHERIN, YOU AND I, SAW WHEN HE WAS INCARCERATED. SO IT'S CLEAR THAT COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT CENTERS REALLY DO PROVIDE THE KIND OF CARE THAT PEOPLE NEED. AND IT IS GRATIFYING, AS DR. ROSS SAID, THAT MANY OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WE'RE ALREADY DOING. WE DO HAVE THE FOUNDATION LAID TO JUST IMPROVE ON THAT. AND THAT'S GRATIFYING THAT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN THINKING IN THAT DIRECTION. WE DON'T NEED TO START COMPLETELY OVER. WE DON'T NEED TO START FROM SQUARE ONE. WE'VE GOT MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS RIGHT NOW IN PLACE TO DIVERT PEOPLE AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE THAT THEY NEED OUTSIDE OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND AS DR. SHERIN TESTIFIED HERE LAST WEEK, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO LOOK AT OUR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, MAKE SURE THAT IT IS FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY SO THAT PEOPLE CAN

GET THAT MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ATTENTION AS SOON AS THEY NEED IT, AND NOT END UP IN OUR JAIL, OR EVEN END UP IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM. THAT STILL DOESN'T USUALLY HAVE A GOOD OUTCOME FOR PEOPLE. SO I LOVE IT THAT WE ARE BUILDING RESTORATIVE VILLAGES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY, ONE AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. THIS IS PART OF OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE. BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR REALLY SHEPHERDING THIS AND FINALLY GETTING IT BEFORE US, WHERE WE ACTUALLY COULD ADOPT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I CERTAINLY WILL SUPPORT THAT. I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE DO NOT WANT THIS REPORT ON ANY SHELF, COLLECTING ANY DUST. WE ARE READY NOW. IT'S 2020, AND WE'RE READY IN THIS COUNTY TO BEGIN BEING A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IN HOW WE ARE SPENDING RESOURCES AND EFFORT TO DIVERT PEOPLE FROM OUR JAIL. CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST IS A VISION THAT WILL BE ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES, AND I THINK THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS DONE. YOU KNOW, THE ONLY THING I WONDERED IF ANYBODY WANTED TO COMMENT, I AM MOST CONCERNED ABOUT HOW DIFFICULT IT MIGHT BE TO BUILD UP THE CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I UNDERSTAND WHEN IT'S SORT OF IN OUR COUNTY HOSPITAL CAMPUSES, BUT I HAVE A FEELING WE NEED TO GO BEYOND THAT AND BUILD IT UP MORE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I HAVE BAD EXPERIENCES JUST IN TRYING TO BUILD AN 80-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. THE PUSHBACK THAT I GOT IN THAT COMMUNITY WAS PRETTY SEVERE. I'M DOING IT ANYWAY, AND I THINK WE DO HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO DO THIS,

BUT I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S ANY SENSE-- AND DID YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT CHALLENGES WE MIGHT HAVE IN BUILDING UP OUR CAPACITY, AND WHAT WE COULD DO BETTER GOING FORWARD TO ADDRESS... YOU KNOW, I HATE TO JUST CALL IT NIMBYISM, BUT THAT'S A LOT OF WHAT IT IS, TOO. BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE ACHIEVE THIS GOAL UNLESS WE REALLY BUILD UP OUR CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I FIND RIGHT NOW, WHETHER IT'S A HOMELESS SHELTER OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THESE ARE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO DO. SO BUILDING A, YOU KNOW, MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS COMMUNITY CENTER SEEMS TO BE IT MIGHT BE A CHALLENGE. AND I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT OR WHAT ADVICE YOU MIGHT GIVE US GOING FORWARD TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

DR. ROSS: YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT... TWO THINGS IN RESPONSE TO THAT QUESTION. THE FIRST IS... THERE IS A-- WE'RE AT A MOMENT NOW THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN AT 10 YEARS AGO, WHICH IS A FAIRLY REMARKABLE CONFLUENCE EVEN BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS IN WASHINGTON, SO THAT'S A HIGH BAR, AGREEING THAT WE HAVE HYPER-INCARCERATED AND OVER-INCARCERATED TOO MANY FOR TOO LONG. AND BRIDGING THAT GAP TO WHAT JUST HAPPENED RECENTLY WITH MEASURE R AND ITS RESOUNDING PASSAGE, RECENTLY, A REFERENDUM OF SORTS THAT-- YOU KNOW WHAT? IF WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I BELIEVE WE ARE, LET'S MOVE WITH GREATER PURPOSE AND DILIGENCE. ON THE ISSUE OF WHAT YOU SPOKE ABOUT THAT YOU'RE CONFRONTING IN YOUR DISTRICT,

WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT, ALTHOUGH I THINK THE MORE THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS SUCH AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I THINK YOU'LL HEAR FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HERE-- THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-- ON BOARD AND SUPPORTIVE OF THIS REPORT AND THE STATEMENT IT'S TRYING TO MAKE ABOUT A NEW NARRATIVE. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO SUCCESSFULLY INFUSE ITSELF INTO THE PUBLIC'S CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT THE NEED FOR CHANGE. AND THIS IS WHY I'M HAVING A ROOMFUL OF THESE ADVOCATES AND THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THIS KIND OF FUTURE AND THIS KIND OF NEW NARRATIVE, BECAUSE WE NEED THAT KIND OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY. WE NEED MORE NARRATORS FOR THIS CHANGE. AND THERE'S SYSTEMS AND POLICIES, BUT THERE'S PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY CHANGE OUR VIEW. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT BEFORE I CLOSE, AND IF ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO WEIGH IN, THE PROCESS TOOK A YEAR TO GET THE REPORT DONE. TWO PARTICIPANTS IN THE A.T.I. ACTUALLY HAD BABIES DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT WE WERE MEETING. AND DIANA ZUNIGA, WHO PROVIDED GREAT STAFF SUPPORT FOR US IN THE REPORT, I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE NOT ONLY HER WORK AND KAREN TIMAS', BUT DIANA ZUNIGA'S FATHER WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON DURING THIS REPORT. [APPLAUSE.] HIS NAME IS ANDRES. HE SPENT MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN PRISON. HE IS HERE TODAY. HE IS GETTING HIS LIFE BACK IN ORDER. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHAT YOUR BOARD IS DOING IS MAKING A STATEMENT TO THE ANDRESES OF THE WORLD: "YOU BELONG. YOU HAVE MEANING. WE WANT YOU TO

PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE WANT YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT. WE WANT YOUR VISION." AND SO, WELCOME. ANDRES, WHERE ARE YOU? [CHEERING AND APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YOU GUYS, PLEASE. CAN YOU JUST RAISE YOUR HAND? RAISE YOUR HANDS, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I'M GOING TO ASK, JUST BECAUSE WE'VE GOT 180 PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK, AND WHEN WE DO THE CLAPPING, IF WE COULD JUST RAISE OUR HANDS, I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT, STARTING EVERYONE UP HERE LEAD BY EXAMPLE. ALL RIGHT? [LAUGHTER.] YEAH. THERE YOU GO. ARE YOU DONE, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SPEAKER: IF IT'S OKAY, I'D LIKE TO RESPOND TO SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YEAH, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: SO, COMMUNITY IS WORKING WITH A DESIGN FIRM CALLED DESIGNING JUSTICE AND DESIGNING SPACES, AND WE'RE MEETING WITH THE BOARD ABOUT IT. PART OF THE WORK THAT'S GOING TO BE DONE AROUND THIS PROPOSAL IS TO IDENTIFY LOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHERE WE COULD BUILD, BUT ALSO WHEN THESE LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN

IDENTIFIED, DESIGNING JUSTICE AND DESIGNING SPACES AND ADVOCATES WILL WORK TOGETHER TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND THAT SPACE TO ASK, "WHAT DO YOU NEED? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THERE?" BECAUSE NIMBY FOLKS ARE OFTEN NOT FOLKS THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE IMPACTED. IT'S OFTEN, WHO HAS THE MONEY TO ATTEND? WHO ARE THE REAL-ESTATE AGENTS? AND SO THIS PROPOSAL AND THIS PROJECT THAT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH D.J.D.S. WAS GOING TO DO A LOT OF THAT LEGWORK TO GET RID OF THE NIMBYISM AND ACTUALLY BUILD WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY WANTS IN THOSE LOCATIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING REALLY QUICK. FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE PARTNERED WITH ARE DOING AMAZING WORK IN THEIR COMMUNITY WITH THE RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE. THEY ARE SERVICING THE HOMELESS. THEY ARE SERVICING THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND PROVIDING COUNSELING AND TREATMENT AND RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY. SO I ALSO WANT TO UPLIFT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DOING PHENOMENAL WORK IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES RIGHT NOW, TOO.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, RAISE YOUR HANDS. THERE YOU GO. THERE YOU GO. THERE YOU GO.

SPEAKER: CAN I GET A MIC? A LIVE MIC?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YEAH. REALLY QUICKLY, AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT, AS WELL. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: I JUST WANT TO RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND ASSURE YOU THAT THIS WORK CAN BE DONE, THE CAPACITY BUILDING THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY AND ITS SISTER AGENCY, HOUSING FOR HEALTH, CURRENTLY OPERATES 72 SITES, BOTH PROJECT-BASED AND SCATTERED HOUSING FOR THE POPULATION THAT WE HAVE REMOVED FROM THE JAILS. SO IT CAN BE DONE. WE HAVE A MODEL, AND WE JUST NEED TO BE RESOURCED. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AND THEN, SUPERVISOR, YOU WANTED TO COMMENT ON THAT?

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: JUST QUICKLY. I THINK, BECAUSE WE ARE SEEKING TO LOOK AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH A HEALTH LENS, IT JUST MAKES SENSE, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD, THAT WE LOOK AT THE FIVE HEALTH CAMPUSES, LAND THAT WE OWN, THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANYBODY ABOUT, OTHER THAN OURSELVES, AND BUILD THESE RESTORATIVE VILLAGES, BUILD THESE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTERS

THERE. IT'S A LOT OF LAND, THAT'S UNDERDEVELOPED IN SOME INSTANCES, AND I CAN TELL YOU, THAT IN OF ITSELF WILL BE A GAME CHANGER. IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING AT M.L.K. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO DO IT AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. THAT'S TWO OUT OF FIVE. IT SEEMS TO ME WE OUGHT TO BE THINKING ABOUT THE OTHER THREE TO GET THIS BALL ROLLING IN REAL TIME, AND WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN SO DOING.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: DR. SHERIN? GO AHEAD.

DR. SHERIN: I WOULD FIRST SAY THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO REINFORCE THAT THE OTHER CAMPUSES ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT, TOO, AND THAT WE ARE INVESTING, CERTAINLY, AROUND CARE AND HOUSING WOULD BE A PART OF THE MODEL. THE OTHER THING I WOULD SAY IS THAT THESE ARE COLLECTIVE PROBLEMS. THEY REQUIRE ALL-IN COLLECTIVE SOLUTIONS, AND THAT WE WILL HAVE SAFER AND HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES WITHOUT EXCLUSION. WE NEED INCLUSION. AND THEN ONE THING WHICH CAME UP AT THE STATE WHEN I WAS WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, IS THE CONCEPT OF YIMBY. YOU KNOW, HOW DO WE INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO SAY, "YEAH, IN MY BACKYARD"? HOW CAN WE FIGURE OUT A WAY TO REALLY MAKE IT WORTHWHILE FOR PEOPLE TO SAY THAT, NOT JUST BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO? SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SO I'M GOING TO SAY REALLY SHORT REMARKS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. BUT I JUST HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE REMEMBERED FOR, AS IT RELATES TO BEING ON THIS BOARD, BUT YOUR LEGACY, TRULY, ON THIS, THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THIS AND MOVING THIS FORWARD, IS GOING TO BE LONG-LASTING. AND I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO YOUR HEART. AND SO I JUST WANT TO REALLY COMMEND YOU IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY FOR YOUR TENACITY, FOR YOUR VISION, AND FOR YOUR COMPASSION. BECAUSE ALL THREE ARE WHAT GOT US HERE TODAY. AND I WANT TO THANK MY APPOINTEES, JIMMY WU AND LAWANDA HAWKINS, FOR THEIR TIME. I THINK JIMMY WU IS IN THE AUDIENCE. YEAH. THANK YOU, JIMMY, FOR YOUR TIME, AND LAWANDA. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. ROSS, BECAUSE I REMEMBER WHEN YOU CAME IN, YOU DID MAKE THE COMMENT, IT'S LIKE DRINKING OUT OF A FIREHOSE. AND WHEN I LOOKED AT THE REPORT, I GET IT. BUT I THINK THE WORD WAS USED IS "PRAGMATIC," AND IT IS PRAGMATIC. AND I THINK THAT'S A LESSON TO BE LEARNED FOR EVERYBODY, THAT YOU CAN LOOK AT THINGS THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS, BUT RECOGNIZE AT THE END, THE GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS ABOUT COMPASSION, NOT ABOUT BEING PUNITIVE. AND YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT INCARCERATION IS NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO GO WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW FUNDING WITHIN THE JAILS FOR THOSE THAT ARE PRE-ADJUDICATED, SO THEY ALREADY KNOW

THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM. AND I THINK THAT IT'S BETTER SPENT INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WHICH WE ARE ALREADY DOING. AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU TOUCHED ON THAT. WE ARE ALREADY MAKING PROGRESS IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, IN TERMS OF DRUG ADDICTION, ALCOHOL ADDICTION CAPACITY. BUT ALSO TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND DR. SHERIN, WE'RE ALREADY ON EVERY SINGLE CAMPUS, I KNOW AT OLIVE VIEW AND UP AT HIGH DESERT, BUILDING RECUPERATIVE CARE. AND IT IS ABOUT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC. AND WITH OLIVE VIEW, WE HAD TO DO MANY OUTREACH. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BECAUSE IT'S IN THE FIFTH, BUT ALL THE RESIDENTS ARE IN THE THIRD. AND WHEN YOU BROUGHT EVERYBODY TOGETHER AND YOU EDUCATED THEM, AND YOU EXPLAINED WHAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE ABOUT, NOT EVERYONE WANTED IT, BUT OVERWHELMINGLY EVERYONE SAID, "WE'RE READY. WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY MOVING FORWARD ON THIS." AND NOW WE'RE DOING IT. SAME THING WITH HIGH DESERT. THE COMMUNITY IS SO EXCITED TO HAVE THIS CAMPUS UP THERE. I MEAN, THE CITIES WERE ACTUALLY-- PALMDALE WAS WISHING THAT THEY HAD IT IN THEIR CITY. THEY WERE SAYING, "WHY DIDN'T WE GET IT?" WHICH IS A GOOD PROBLEM TO HAVE. BUT TO THAT POINT, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS WAS A LABOR OF LOVE. AND THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT, FOR MANY WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE COUNTY, THE CONCERN WAS-- AND WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, DR. ROSS-- THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE JUST ANOTHER REPORT THAT IS GOING TO SIT UP ON SOMEONE'S SHELF, AND IT WAS A GREAT IDEA, BUT. THIS

IS SOMETHING THAT SOME OF IT'S ALREADY IN PLAY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT COST SAVINGS, AND IT IS PENNYWISE, POUND FOOLISH. BUT I DO BELIEVE BY REDIRECTING FUNDS INTO THE COMMUNITY, IT IS GOING TO BE A MORE COST SAVINGS, IF YOU WILL, BUT MORE COMPASSIONATE WAY OF DOING IT. AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN I TOOK OVER AS CHAIR, I SAID THAT IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR YOUTH AND INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH. AND IT ALL STARTED WITH GOING TO THE PROBATION CAMPS AND SEEING HOW WE ARE CURRENTLY DEALING WITH THOSE IN OUR PROBATION CAMPS. AND MY THOUGHT WAS, DO WE WANT THEM TO COME OUT BROKEN, OR DO WE WANT THEM TO COME OUT BETTER? AND WE'VE NOW MOVED TOWARD PUTTING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE OUR OVERWHELMING GOAL IS TO MAKE THEM BETTER AND SUPPORTED, SO THEY DON'T END UP INCARCERATED IN A PRISON. AND I SEE THIS AS JUST ONE MORE STEP TOWARD THAT END. SO I WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. BUT, SHEILA, IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH SOMEONE. AND I KNOW PEOPLE ALWAYS SCRATCHED THEIR HEAD AND THINK, YOU KNOW, HOW DO WE GET ALONG SO WELL? IT'S BECAUSE I REALLY ADMIRE HOW YOU APPROACH THESE TYPE OF-- AND I DIDN'T WANT TO CALL IT A PROBLEM, BUT IT IS A PROBLEM, BECAUSE IT WAS A BROKEN SYSTEM. HOW YOU APPROACH THESE PROBLEMS WITH SUCH POSITIVE MOVEMENT GOING FORWARD, AND COLLABORATIVE. SO THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, MADAM-- OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: WELL, YOU KNOW, THEY SAY, "BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE." AND SO YOU HAPPEN TO BE ELECTED TO SOMETHING, DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN, AND THEN EVERYBODY WILL RUN WITH IT. BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A FUN FACT JUST TO SHOW YOU HOW INTERCONNECTED WE ALL ARE. ANDRES, WHOM WE WELCOMED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY, AND WHOM WE ARE SO PROUD OF, IS EMPLOYED BY THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING THROUGH AN S.B. 678 GRANT THAT OUR OFFICE GAVE THEM A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. THEY ARE BASED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND IT'S RUN BY A FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMAN. WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THE WORK, AND VERY PROUD OF YOU, AND HAPPY THAT WE COULD BE A LITTLE PART OF SPENDING THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON YOU. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OH, YAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU CALL UP SPEAKERS, AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE. AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY HARD. BUT KNOW THAT IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING IN WRITING THAT YOU WANT TO SUBMIT INTO THE RECORD, WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TAKE IT AND SUBMIT IT INTO THE RECORD. BUT WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT SIGNED UP? AND THEN YOU CAN COME UP TO THE FRONT. THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: HOLD THAT THOUGHT. YES, MR. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: AS THEY COME, YOU KNOW, OUR STAFF DOES WORK VERY HARD. I NEED TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO MICHELLE NEWELL FOR HER HARD WORK IN MAKING A LOT OF THIS HAPPEN. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE HER WORK AND THE WORK OF THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS. BUT MICHELLE LIFTED, AND I WANTED THAT TO BE ON THE RECORD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AND I LIKE ELISA, TOO-- MY STAFF. ALL OF OUR STAFF WORKING TOGETHER. BUT CLEARLY, MICHELLE, GOOD JOB. ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE ON. WELCOME.

PETER ELIASBERG: THANK YOU. PETER ELIASBERG, FROM THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SIX YEARS AGO, WE ISSUED A REPORT THAT CRITICIZED THE COUNTY FOR TREATING THE COUNTY JAIL--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: HOLD ON, PETER. STOP THE CLOCK. START IT OVER.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: USE THE MICROPHONE, PETER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: STOP IT AND THEN START AT ONE. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE HOLD IT DOWN OUT OF COURTESY TO THOSE THAT ARE SPEAKING, INCLUDING HERMAN? THANK YOU, PETER. GO AHEAD.

PETER ELIASBERG: PETER ELIASBERG, FROM THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SIX YEARS AGO, THE A.C.L.U. ISSUED A REPORT THAT CRITICIZED THE COUNTY FOR TREATING THE COUNTY JAIL AS THE DE FACTO MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE POOR AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. WE CALLED THE SYSTEM INHUMANE, INEFFECTIVE, EXPENSIVE, AND FAILED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY. WHAT A DIFFERENCE SIX YEARS MAKES. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE AS A MEMBER APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS OF THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP, AND TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR ALL THE CHANGES THAT IT'S MADE IN THOSE SIX YEARS, FROM THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY TO THE DECISION TO CANCEL THE MISGUIDED JAIL, AND THEN FOR FUNDING AND PUSHING FORWARD THIS GROUP. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE, BUT MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. THIS REPORT PROVIDES A ROADMAP FOR TRANSFORMING A BROKEN SYSTEM. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO STILL HAVE TO MAKE, AND THE PUBLIC ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE, HARD DECISIONS, BECAUSE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT PROPER FUNDING.

AND THE REALITY IS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK TO MOVING MONEY AWAY FROM INCARCERATION TO CARE.

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

WHITNEY DUKES: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. SO MY NAME IS WHITNEY DUKES. I'M THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR WORKING OUT OF THE VERA INSTITUTE'S CALIFORNIA OFFICE. SO I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND L.G.B.T.Q.-PLUS PEOPLE. IN A FEBRUARY 2019 MOTION, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL RIGHTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WITH THE COUNTY INVESTING A LOT IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION GENERALLY, THERE NEEDED TO BE ATTENTION PAID TO THE [INAUDIBLE] OF INCARCERATIONS FOR WOMEN, AND PATHWAYS OUT OF JAIL. THE A.T.I. GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND AD-HOC COMMITTEE TOOK ON THIS TASK, CONSIDERING LOCAL AND NATIONAL DATA, THE EXPERIENCES OF DIRECTLY IMPACTED PEOPLE, AND WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE RESULTING RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT THE MOST PROMISING PRACTICES TO DIVERT WOMEN FROM JAIL. THESE INCLUDE TAILORING CRISIS RESPONSES TO THE HIGH RATES OF MENTAL ILLNESS AMONG WOMEN, SUPPORTING PRETRIAL RELEASE, AND AVOIDING THE OVER-SUPERVISION THAT SO OFTEN SENDS WOMEN CYCLING IN AND OUT OF JAIL. THE COUNTY SHOULD IMPLEMENT THESE. WE ALSO URGE THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO L.G.B.T.Q.-PLUS PEOPLE, WHO OFTEN

EXPERIENCE HARM AND TRAUMA IN JAIL, BUT ARE OVERLOOKED IN RECENT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.

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

IVETTE ALE: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND REST OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS IVETTE ALE. I'M SENIOR POLICY LEAD WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE A.T.I. REPORT, AND PROUD THAT BOTH COMMUNITY AND COUNTY CAME TOGETHER TO REACH CONSENSUS. THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS CONSENSUS-BUILDING MODEL THAT WAS USED, AND THIS WAS YOUR VISION. THIS WAS IMPLEMENTED. AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT, MOVING FORWARD IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT THAT SAME CONSENSUS BASIS MODEL THAT DELIVERED THIS GROUNDBREAKING REPORT THAT IS NOW THE NEW PRECEDENT, NOT JUST FOR LOS ANGELES BUT FOR THE REST OF THE NATION, IS ACTUALLY A CONTINUATION OF THAT PARTICIPATORY MODEL. COMMUNITY NEEDS DECISION-MAKING POWER AT THE TABLE IN IMPLEMENTATION. COMMUNITY, SPECIFICALLY IMPACTED FOLKS, NEED TO BE NOT JUST CONSULTED, BUT ACTUALLY BROUGHT IN AS DECISION MAKERS, AS THESE INNOVATIVE, GROUNDBREAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MOVED FORWARD. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

IVETTE ALE: AND INCLUDE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? THERE YOU GO. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: I'M GOING TO START BY SAYING THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR SHELIA KUEHL, SOLIS, THE ENTIRE BOARD. THANK YOU TO DR. BOB ROSS AND THE LEADERS OF A.T.I. WORK GROUP: MY SISTER EUNISSES HERNANDEZ; MY MENTOR, COLLEAGUE, AND FAMILY, KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ. THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMMUNITY WHO SHOWED OUT. THIS WAS A LABOR OF LOVE AND STRUGGLE. THERE'S 114 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I ASSURE YOU THERE ARE MANY, MANY, MANY MORE THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN HOLDING FOR DECADES. THIS WORK GROUP, TO ECHO SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, IN MOST WORK GROUPS THERE ARE A COUPLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS-- I THINK THE WORD "TOKEN" WAS USED. THIS WAS NOT A TOKENIZING PROCESS. THIS WAS AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO ALWAYS DO THAT WHEN DEALING WITH ISSUES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AT LARGE. TO ECHO WHAT MY SISTER IVETTE SAID, THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS HAS TO BE EQUALLY AS RIGOROUS AND EQUALLY AS INCLUSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY AS THIS PROCESS, IN DRAFTING THIS REPORT WAS. THIS REPORT IS POWERFUL, BUT WHAT

CAN BE DONE WITH IT IS MORE POWERFUL. WHO YOU APPOINT AS THE DIRECTOR OF THIS A.T.I. INITIATIVE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND HOW THEY CONTINUE TO GALVANIZE AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. SO THANK YOU FOR GETTING THIS STARTED, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING IN THE PROCESS GOING FORWARD.

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

DIANA ZUNIGA: HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, AND I HAVE BEEN A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND ORGANIZER WORKING ON ISSUES OF INCARCERATION FOR A DECADE, AND HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE ISSUE MY ENTIRE LIFE. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY HOW DEEPLY HEALING IT IS TO HAVE MY FATHER HERE WITH ME AFTER BEING INCARCERATED FOR 10 YEARS. FOR HIM TO WITNESS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS JUST GROUNDBREAKING AND AMAZING. SECOND, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THIS BOARD. I'VE SEEN SEVERAL ITERATIONS OF THIS BOARD, AND THIS IS THE FIRST BOARD THAT IS BEING COURAGEOUS AND ACTUALLY GIVING US THE RESOURCES, THE TIME, THE SPACE, AND THE ENERGY TO DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE VISION. THIS WAS OUR DREAM FOR DECADES, AND YOU ALL GAVE US THE CAPACITY TO REALLY MOVE THIS FORWARD, SO THANK YOU. I ALSO JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE IN THIS CROWD. IT WAS TRULY, TRULY A GIFT TO BE WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO COME INTO THE

COUNTY, AND TO BE IN THE ROLE OF A CO-LEAD FOR THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP. WITHOUT THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. AND I APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ALL IN THIS CROWD THAT PUT SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY INTO IT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

DIANA ZUNIGA: LASTLY, JUST REALLY QUICK, THANK YOU FOR MOVING FORWARD THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. WE APPRECIATE THAT THERE'S A RACIAL EQUITY COMPONENT, AND WE HOPE THAT WE HAVE CONTINUOUS COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATION THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

BRILEY PRESLEY: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRILEY PRESLEY, AND I'M FORMERLY INCARCERATED, AND I'M HERE WITH ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I'M ALSO A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WITH ASCENT WHOLE PERSON CARE. AND I SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BECAUSE RE-ENTRY AND THE OPTIONS THAT I HAD AND THE TREATMENT THAT I HAD MADE IT AVAILABLE THAT I WAS ABLE TO USE MY LIVED EXPERIENCE TO BECOME A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. SO WE NEED TO INCREASE HOLISTIC COMMUNITY BASE FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK, AND ALSO O.D.R.

PROGRAMS, LOWER RECIDIVISM RATES, AND DIVERSION DOES WORK. I AM A WITNESS. AND THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR HAVING ME HERE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

ANDRES ZUNIGA: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ANDRES ZUNIGA. I WANT TO SERVE AS A VOICE FOR MY PEERS, FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE STILL INCARCERATED. THIS REPORT IS VERY ENCOURAGING, SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US TO LOOK FORWARD TO, SOMETHING THAT'S NEVER EXISTED BEFORE. I COMMEND EVERYONE INVOLVED, STARTING FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS TO EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM. OUR COMMUNITY THAT WILL SERVE THE REPORT STANDS FOR ITSELF. JUST WITH THE TITLE ITSELF, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, IS A POWERFUL STATEMENT, A STATEMENT FOR CHANGE, A CHANGE THAT ALL OF US ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO, AND I HOPE IT'S IMPLEMENTED IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER. CHANGE WILL SERVE AS FAVORABLE OUTCOME TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. I CAN'T EXPRESS INTO WORDS. I KNOW I MENTIONED IT JUST SECONDS AGO, BUT WHAT OUR PEERS, OUR PEOPLE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WITH THIS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

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

PATRICIA GUERRA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA GUERRA, WITH COMMUNITY COALITION. I FIRST WANT TO COMMEND THE EFFORTS

OF THE WORK THAT WAS DONE TO PUT FORTH THE REPORT. AND WE ARE HERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE REPORT AND THE FIVE STRATEGIES FOR THEM TO BE ADOPTED. BUT I WAS ALSO VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE TYPE OF QUESTIONS THAT SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN, AND BARGER ASKED TODAY, AND SPECIFICALLY I JUST WANT TO DRAW SOME BASIC, FUNDAMENTAL DEFINITIONS FOR HOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE KEY ITEMS AND ELEMENTS THAT ARE IN THE REPORT, AS WELL AS IN THE MOTIONS. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RACIAL EQUITY EXPERTS, RACIAL EQUITY EXPERTS ARE THE BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ARREST AND HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THE INCARCERATION SYSTEM. SO THEY NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT JUSTICE REINVESTMENT, I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER, SAYING THAT WE JUST HAVE TO BE COST EFFECTIVE. JUST REINVESTMENT MEANS THAT UPON PEOPLE COMING BACK HOME THAT THE MONEY NEEDS TO FOLLOW THE PEOPLE INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND THEN LASTLY, AROUND CAPACITY BUILDING. CAPACITY BUILDING ALSO MEANS THAT YOU ALSO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE THE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK HISTORICALLY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SAY. WE NEED TO ENGAGE THE SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND SPECIFICALLY SYSTEM-IMPACTED PEOPLE IN THE FOREFRONT, NOT IN THE END.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU READ SOME MORE NAMES?

MS. LINGAT: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ALSO PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: [READING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STACEY STRONGARONE. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE FOR THE VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. TODAY WE CELEBRATE THIS COLLABORATIVE PROCESS THAT LED TO THIS COMPREHENSIVE A.T.I. REPORT THAT'S BEFORE YOU. MANY INVOLVED WILL TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS A GROUNDBREAKING EFFORT FOR SO MANY REASONS, INCLUDING THE MANY WAYS COUNTY LEADERS AND COMMUNITY WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A VISION FOR CHANGE, AND WE'RE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN PART OF IT. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE JAIL SYSTEM AND THE RACIAL DISPARITIES HERE IN L.A., IT WILL TAKE A CONCERTED, PERSISTENT EFFORT TO CHANGE THINGS, AND THIS A.T.I. PROCESS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. WE ONLY HAVE TO LOOK TO OTHER BIG JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO SEE HOW REAL THE POTENTIAL IS FOR HERE IN L.A. IN THE PAST DECADE, JAIL POPULATIONS IN NEW YORK, IN NEW JERSEY, IN PHILADELPHIA HAVE DROPPED BY A THIRD OR EVEN A HALF, BECAUSE THEY INVESTED IN HOUSING, IN TREATMENT, AND CARE, INSTEAD OF ARRESTS AND INCARCERATIONS. EACH OF THESE PLACES ALSO EXPERIENCE

SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN CRIME. WE ENCOURAGE L.A. COUNTY TO DO THE SAME. THANK YOU.

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

DARRELL TOLIVER: HELLO. MY NAME IS DARRELL TOLIVER. I'M A MEMBER OF THE ASCENT TEAM WHOLE PERSON CARE. I DEAL WITH RE-ENTRY, HOMELESS, MENTAL HEALTH, ANY KIND OF SYSTEM THAT MY GROUP OR MY TEAM WILL GET UP. I'M HERE TO SAY I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS A.T.I. THING, AND I JUST NEED TO THANK EVERYBODY, BECAUSE THIS GIVES ME THE STRENGTH OF MY MORALS AND MY PRINCIPLES AND CHARACTER TO BE A PERSON OF GIVING BACK TO MY COMMUNITY. SO IT'S NOT JUST THIS, BUT IT'S EVERYBODY IN HERE THAT I GET MY STRENGTH FROM, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR THIS MOVE.

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

MICHELLE PARRIS: GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON, RATHER. MY NAME IS MICHELLE PARRIS. I'M A SENIOR PLANNER AT THE VERA INSTITUTE. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE A.T.I. REPORT, AND I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE PROCESS TO CREATE IT. IMPLEMENTING YOUR CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST CONCEPT IS GROUNDBREAKING FOR L.A., AND WILL TAKE COURAGE AND COMMITMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO

FEAR CHANGE. ONE IMPORTANT PART OF THE VISION IS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BOOKED INTO JAIL AND SITTING IN BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD BAIL. AND THIS MAY FEEL CONTROVERSIAL TO SOME, BUT WE'VE SEEN IT WORK IN PLACES LIKE NEW JERSEY, WHERE 70 PERCENT OF PEOPLE ARE RELEASED WITH CITATIONS WITHOUT FIRST GOING TO JAIL. WHEN THE STATE IMPLEMENTED BAIL REFORM IN 2017, OPPONENTS WARNED THAT CRIME WOULD SKYROCKET, BUT IT DID NOT. DECADES OF RESEARCH SHOWS COURT DATE REMINDERS AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GUARANTEE COURT APPEARANCES ON PAR WITH SETTING BAIL. A ROBUST, INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY, LIKE THE ONES IN NEW JERSEY, KENTUCKY, HOUSTON, AND SAN FRANCISCO, WORK. ONE KEY TO BUY-IN AND COMMITMENT, THOUGH, IS TRANSPARENCY. IT CAN BOLSTER THESE REFORMS AND HELP SUPPORTERS HOLD FIRM IN THE FACE OF THE INEVITABLE SENSATIONALIZING OF ONE CASE GONE WRONG.

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

ISIDRO AMADOR: THANK YOU, EVERYBODY. MY NAME'S ISIDRO AMADOR, WITH ASCENT WHOLE PERSON CARE; O.D.R., AS WELL. I JUST WANTED TO SAY, LIKE, I'M ALMOST IN TEARS BECAUSE OF MS. SOLIS, YOU SAID THAT ABOUT CAMPS, JUVENILE, FOSTER, AND I MYSELF GREW UP IN THE FOSTER SYSTEM, CAMP, Y.A., YOUTH AUTHORITY, AND I NEVER REALLY-- IF I HAD SOMETHING LIKE THIS THAT WAS GOING TO BE PUSHED FORWARD, IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS ALREADY IN PLACE

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MAYBE 22 YEARS OF MY LIFE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SPENT INCARCERATED. 22 YEARS OF MY LIFE. AND I ALMOST WANT TO BREAK OUT IN TEARS BECAUSE IF A SYSTEM LIKE THIS WAS INTO PLACE WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MAYBE I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO INTO THE FOSTER SYSTEM, INTO THE PLACEMENT SYSTEM, INTO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY SYSTEM. AND I SEE IT AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF IT BECAUSE IT'S JUST MOVING FORWARD. INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION, THERE'S MANY OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT WE CAN LOOK AT, AND STOP SENDING YOUTH AND YOUNG MEN INTO PRISONS.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS KIWAN YU. I WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES CARE TRANSITIONS. WHAT THIS MEANS IS I HELP SUPPORT PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAILS WITH RELEASE AND RE-ENTRY PLANNING, I.E. INTERCEPT 5. EVERY DAY, THERE ARE DOZENS OF PEOPLE ABOUT TO BE RELEASED IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT WITHOUT ENOUGH SAFE, HOLISTIC COMMUNITY TREATMENT OPTIONS. TO HELP US BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST NOT JUST IN INTERCEPT 5, BUT REALLY IN INTERCEPT ZERO IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, SO THAT ONE DAY, FEWER AND FEWER PEOPLE NEED OUR SERVICES. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

KELLI POOLE: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KELLI POOLE. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF COLLABORATION WITH WHOLE PERSON CARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO YOUR LEADERSHIP, BOARD MEMBERS, FOR JUST ALLOWING THIS VISION AND LEADING THIS WORK. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY IN SUPPORT OF OVERARCHING STRATEGY 5, THAT CALLS FOR THE SUPPORT OF AN ADVISORY COLLABORATIVE OF IMPACTED PEOPLE. MY COLLEAGUES IN WHOLE PERSON CARE AND MYSELF HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION AND NATIONAL HEALTHCARE EXPERTS TO FUND AND STAFF AN ADVISORY COLLABORATIVE, A RE-ENTRY HEALTH ADVISORY COLLABORATIVE WHICH IS STAFFED BY 11 FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, SOME OF WHICH ARE IN THE ROOM TODAY, THAT WILL SERVE AS TRUSTED PLANNING PARTNERS FOR US. AND I WOULD JUST URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND IN THE LEADERSHIP OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

DOMINIQUE DAVIS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DOMINIQUE DAVIS. I'M HERE AS A MEMBER OF ASCENT WHOLE PERSON CARE AND A.R.C., THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE BECAUSE OF THE WORK I DO AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER IN S.P.A. 6 AND S.P.A. 8. WE TAKE A HOLISTIC AND

COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT APPROACH TO OUR CLIENTS, AND WE FIND THAT IT WORKS. FOR MYSELF, PERSONALLY, WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE TODAY. AND I AM IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MAYRA RAMIREZ: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING US TO PRESENT ON SUCH AN IMPACTFUL WORK, AND TO THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP LEADS, SUCH AS MY TEAM-- DIANA ZUNIGA, GAIL HABERMAN, AND DOLORES CANALES-- AND OF COURSE THE VOTING COMMITTEE. MAY NAME IS MAYRA RAMIREZ, AND I AM THE STAFF LEAD FOR THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE, AND I WANTED TO UPLIFT THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IT WAS TRULY AN HONOR TO WITNESS THIS POWERFUL GROUP MOVE THE A.T.I. WORK FORWARD. WITHOUT COMMUNITY, WE WOULD NOT HAVE STRATEGIC, DOABLE, AND EFFECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW MUCH MORE WE NEED TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY WORK. THEY ARE THE REASON WHY WE ARE ALL HERE AND WHY SERVICES NEED TO EXIST, AND PROVE A NEED TO BE ELEVATED. AND JUST TO INFORM YOU MORE DEEPLY OF THE WORK, WE HAD OVER 400-PLUS PARTICIPANTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE, GUIDED BY THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND IMAGINE HOW MUCH

MORE WE CAN DO IF WE INVEST IN THIS MORE PROPERLY, RIGHT? SO, POWER TO YOU ALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MIKE RUSSO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MIKE RUSSO, WITH ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. I'LL JUST JOIN THE CHORUS, FIRST, OF FOLKS APPRECIATING THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD, OF THE WORK GROUP AND ITS CO-CHAIRS, AND ESPECIALLY THE STAFF IN HELPING GET US TO THIS POINT. WE'VE GOT A UNIQUE DOCUMENT THAT WE'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT TODAY, AND I THINK THAT REFLECTS THE UNIQUE PROCESS AND THE WAY THAT IT REALLY LISTENED TO COMMUNITY, AND WAS OPEN TO SOLUTIONS FROM FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN CLOSEST TO THE CHALLENGES AND KNOW WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO FIX IT. ALSO, APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION AROUND THE DAIS THIS MORNING, AND IDENTIFYING THE REAL CHALLENGES AND THE STEPS THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO GO THROUGH. CERTAINLY, MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY VOICE IN DECISION-MAKING HELPED GET US HERE. THAT'S GOING TO HELP DRIVE US TO THE NEXT STAGE. AND ALSO, WE KNOW THIS IS A SYSTEM THAT CREATES RACIAL DISPARITY. AND UNTIL WE ENGAGE AND GRAPPLE WITH, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE DIVESTMENT IN NEIGHBORHOODS HAS GOTTEN US TO THIS POINT, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SOLVE IT, AS WELL. AND SO GETTING DATA AND INFORMATION SO WE CAN DO JUSTICE REINVESTMENT TO GET DOLLARS BACK IN TO THE FOLKS MOST IMPACTED BY THESE SYSTEMS, THAT'S

THE HORIZON BEFORE US, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

CYNTHIA BLAKE: YES, HI. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA BLAKE, AND I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M ALSO IN THE MASTER'S PROGRAM AT C.S.U.D.H. I AM IN FAVOR FOR THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. I MYSELF WAS HOMELESS FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS WITH SEVEN CHILDREN, DRUG-ADDICTED IN THIS VORTEX OF CRAZINESS THAT I JUST COULDN'T GET OUT OF, AND THERE WAS NOWHERE TO GO FOR HELP. THERE WAS NOWHERE TO GO FOR HELP UNLESS YOU WANTED YOUR CHILDREN TAKEN. AND WITH THIS INITIATIVE, OR THIS CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, HOPEFULLY OTHER WOMEN WON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT I HAD TO, WHICH WAS LOSING MY CHILDREN AND HAVING TO GO TO PRISON, JUST TO BE ABLE TO GET THE HELP THAT I NEEDED. SAVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE HOME, NO MATTER WHERE THE HOME IS AT, IT SHOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL AND FOREMOST, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

HELEN EIGENBERG: HI. MY NAME IS HELEN EIGENBERG, AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I AM SO PROUD OF THE COUNTY AND ALL THE WORK THAT'S GOING INTO CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST. WHILE MY

COMMUNITY IS NOT IMPACTED, I BELIEVE THAT UNTIL ALL OUR COMMUNITIES ARE CARED FOR, WE CANNOT HEAL OUR COMMUNITY OR OUR COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I KNOW IN HANCOCK PARK, WHERE I LIVE, NO ONE WOULD COME IN AND TELL US WHAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND I THINK IT'S THE SAME THING IN OTHER COMMUNITIES. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT ALL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IMPACTED, AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THOSE AREAS, ARE INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SILVIA RODRIGUEZ: HI. SILVIA RODRIGUEZ, WITH ASCENT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE A.T.I. I WAS PART OF IT. I'VE BEEN SYSTEM-IMPACTED, TOO, AS A JUVENILE AND AN ADULT, AS WELL. SO, FOR YOU GUYS TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES AND THE SUPPORT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN DOMESTICATED UNDER CHAOS AND VIOLENCE, AND THAT IS TRYING TO BE REDIRECTED IN A POSITIVE WAY TO BE A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY, AND YOU GUYS ARE PROVIDING THE TOOLS FOR US TO HELP THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS NOT, YOU KNOW, KEEP PERPETRATING THE CYCLE AND GO BACK TO THE SYSTEM AND GO BACK TO OLD HABITS, BREAK THEM AND JUST START FRESH. AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU GUYS HAVE DONE TO KEEP PUSHING IT FORWARD, AND MAY JUST KEEP FLOURISHING WITH ALL YOUR SUPPORT. AND THANK YOU FOR

EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO FOR THE COMMUNITY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

DELIA BROWN: HI. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR BEING OPEN TO CHANGING THEIR PERSPECTIVE. MY NAME IS DELIA BROWN, AND I AM HERE WITH WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES, AND REFORM L.A. JAILS. THE COUNTY'S POOR AND UNHOUSED ARE VISIBLE TO ME EVERY TIME I LEAVE THE ARTISAN RESIDENCE BUILDING WHERE I LIVE AND WORK, IN THE PRODUCE DISTRICT OF DOWNTOWN L.A. THOUGH THESE PEOPLE ARE VIRTUALLY WITHOUT RESOURCES AND HAVE THE OUTWARD SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION, I'VE NEVER FELT MY SAFETY THREATENED BY ANY OF THEM. INSTEAD, I SEE PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE AND FIND COMMUNITY; PEOPLE WHO, UNLIKE ME, HAVE NOT HAD ACCESS OR THE SENSE OF AGENCY AND ENTITLEMENT TO GET THE ASSISTANCE THEY NEED. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT THE WORK OF A.T.I., IF IT'S TO PROCEED IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, INCLUDE MEMBERS OF IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AT FRONT AND CENTER AT EVERY STAGE OF SOLUTION AND DECISION-MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION. THE OVERWHELMING VICTORY OF MEASURE R PROVES THAT WE ARE IN THE CLEAR MAJORITY, AND 72 PERCENT WHO VOTED YES WOULD WANT THE 1 BILLION SITTING IN RESERVE FOR JAILS TO BE USED FOR THEIR EXPRESSED VALUES: CARE AND OPPORTUNITY, NOT PUNISHMENT AND EXACERBATION, BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JOHNNY MCCRARY: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHNNY MCCRARY. FIRST OF ALL, I GIVE GOD THE PRAISE. I'M A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOR ASCENT, AND I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF. WITHOUT A RECOGNIZABLE ROLE MODEL, I FELL... AS A JUVENILE, I WAS A JUVENILE CONVICTED OF A CRIME. I WAS RUNNING FROM ABUSE. I RAN TO THE STREETS. FROM JUVENILE HALL, I WENT FROM Y.A. TO THE PEN IN ONE SWOOP. NO ONE CARED ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE OF ME. THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE ROOT ISSUES. THEY ONLY CARED ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON THE SURFACE, MY OUTER BEHAVIOR. BUT I WAS A YOUNG CHILD. I WAS ABUSED, I WAS NEGLECTED, AND I NEEDED HELP. I WENT INTO THE SYSTEM AND CAME OUT WORSER THAN I WENT IN. WHEN I CAME HOME AND PAROLED, THERE WAS NO HEALTHCARE WORKERS. THERE WERE NO ONE TO CONNECT ME WITH ANY RESOURCES. SO I WENT BACK TO THE STREETS AND ENDED UP WITH A LIFE PRISON, A LIFE SENTENCE IN PRISON. I RETURNED HOME. NOW I'M PART OF THE SOLUTION VERSUS BEING PART OF THE PROBLEM. I TAKE PRIDE IN MY CLIENTS, HELPING THEM NAVIGATE THROUGH THE SYSTEM, BEING SOMEONE THEY CAN TALK TO WHEN THEY HAVE NO ONE ELSE THAT CONCERNS THEM.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU.

JOHNNY MCCRARY: AND I THANK EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON THE A.T.I. REPORT, AND ALL THE STAFF WHO WORKED WITH IT. I'M GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF IT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU.

JOHNNY MCCRARY: AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

REV. REEGIE BUNCH: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REEGIE BUNCH, WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND THIS IS NOTHING SHORT OF A SPIRITUAL MOMENT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO CALL OUT FOLKS WHO ARE TRANSFORMED BY THIS, FOLKS WHO WERE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE THEMSELVES AND FOLKS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE THEMSELVES IN FOLKS WHO NEED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. HOW SOON EVER, I THINK THAT THIS GREAT TRANSFORMATION CAN BE UNDONE BY CONTINUING TO GIVE MONEY TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ARTICULATE TO THE PUBLIC THAT AFTER THE HAND-CLAPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN, AND ALL THE THINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN, WHY DID THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVE $15 MILLION? AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THE QUESTION AND THE BRAVERY THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED TO UNDO THAT MONEY AND PUT THAT MONEY BACK INTO THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNITY. AND YES, WE ARE AT A TRANSFORMATIVE MOMENT, BUT WE

OUGHT NOT LET THAT TRANSFORMATIVE MOMENT BE UNDONE BY $15 MILLION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

RONALD TAYLOR: HELLO. MY NAME IS RONALD TAYLOR. I'M WITH ASCENT. JUST TO CONTINUE OFF OF WHAT MY COWORKER JOHNNY MCCRARY WAS STATING, THAT JUST BEING A PART OF ASCENT, WHICH WAS STARTED IN 2018 WITH THE ONSET OF FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS LIKE THIS, THAT CREATE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WHICH TAKE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE SYSTEM-IMPACTED AND TURN THEM INTO COMMUNITY LEADERS. I'VE WATCHED A SMALL TEAM GROW FROM INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE FACED WITH LIFE-CHALLENGING BARRIERS THAT WERE LIKELY TO FOLLOW THEM FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. BUT BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS, WHERE WE TURN THOSE INDIVIDUALS INTO LEADERS, I WATCHED THEM GROW AND BECOME PERFECT EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE RIGHT RESOURCES CAN PRODUCE WHEN CITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DECIDE TO INVEST IN THE HUMAN BEING. THE A.T.I. REPORT IS A BEAUTIFUL THING. JUSTICE IS IMPERFECT AND HUMANS ARE IMPERFECT, BUT IF WE TURN TO THE PEOPLE AND OFFER THEM THE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED, THEIR LIVES CAN BE MORE PERFECT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

DANIEL WHERLEY: HELLO. DANIEL WHERLEY, WITH THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. I JUST WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR ECHOING WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID, FOR TAKING THIS MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE LEADERSHIP OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE HERE, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT WE'RE ON THE PRECIPICE OF EVEN GREATER THINGS. I WAS STRUCK BACK IN JUNE AT THE PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN HAD ASKED A, I THINK, LEGITIMATE QUESTION, SAYING, "WE SEE ALL THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. WHAT'S NEW HERE?" I THINK SHE SAID, "WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA THAT WE HAVEN'T HEARD OR HAVEN'T PAID ATTENTION TO?" I THINK THE PRESENTATION, EVERYONE BEHIND ME HAS ARTICULATED WHAT THAT BIG IDEA IS. IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THAT 114 RECOMMENDATIONS, PER SE. IT'S THE PROCESS, THE IDEA OF INCLUSIONARY DECISION-MAKING THAT HAS TO BE CARRIED THROUGH, MOVING FORWARD. THOSE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO DRIVE IT FORWARD, AND THAT SHOULD BE THOSE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED, AND THEY SHOULD BE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS ABOUT THIS IS HOW THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE FOLKS WHO MAKE DECISIONS BROUGHT IN THE PEOPLE FROM THE

COMMUNITY, AND, AS DR. ROSS SAID, DIDN'T ALWAYS AGREE ABOUT WHAT WAS IN FRONT OF THEM, BUT THEY STAYED IN. AND THAT'S A LOT OF GOOD TALK. THESE ARE 114 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND NOW, IN ORDER TO WALK, WE HAVE TO INCLUDE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND ALSO PROBATION AND, FRANKLY, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN THE COUNTY FACES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE RIGHT THING, AND BECAUSE OF FEAR OF LIABILITY AND OF KIND OF RESTRICTION ON THE INSTINCT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, WE DON'T. AND HERE WE'RE GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING, I BELIEVE. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE KIND OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SPOKEN TODAY, WHO ARE A PART OF THIS PROCESS, WHO CAME IN THE DOOR, AND I HOPE THEY DON'T LEAVE. I HOPE THEY STAY. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY, BUT I HOPE THAT THIS MATERIALIZES INTO SOMETHING REAL, AS OPPOSED TO, LIKE EVERYBODY SAID, SITTING ON A SHELF. THIS IS NOT A SHELF PIECE. THIS IS SOMETHING TO HAPPEN TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

PAULA KAHN: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAULA KAHN. I'M SPONSORSHIP AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS FACILITATOR AT FREEDOM FOR IMMIGRANTS, AND I'M A PRODUCT OF A HIGH-SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM THAT EDUCATED YOUTH ON THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE AND GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TO TRANSFORM CRIMINALIZATION AND POLICING IN LOS ANGELES. I'M REALLY

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED, BECAUSE ON FEBRUARY 17TH-- OR NO, FEBRUARY 16TH-- I WAS ARRESTED AT UNION STATION FOR DENOUNCING THE CITATIONS OF TWO UNHOUSED BLACK MEN WHO WERE AT UNION STATION. IT WAS THE ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE 4118, AND I WAS ARRESTED, AND I HAD A MENTAL HEALTH BREAKDOWN, AND IT WAS REALLY NOT OKAY. IT WAS NOT THE PROPER RESPONSE TO DE-ESCALATION OF AN ARREST FOR PEOPLE SLEEPING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. MY ORGANIZATION, FREEDOM FOR IMMIGRANTS, IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO FOLLOWING IN THE LEAD OF THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, BECAUSE THE MOVEMENT TO ABOLISH I.C.E. AND PHASE OUT OF IMMIGRATION PRISONS IS GOING TO BE LOOKING TO THIS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

EDIN ENAMORADO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS EDIN ENAMORADO. I AM FROM SOUTHEAST, AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT FOR A.T.I. I AM A SINGLE FATHER WITH FULL CUSTODY OF TWO BOYS, NINE AND SEVEN, AND I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE L.A. I WANT TO MAKE L.A. BETTER, TO END MODERN-DAY SLAVERY, TO END SYSTEMIC RACISM. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO CONTINUE THIS LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE NATION, AND ONCE WE SET THE EXAMPLE, OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE NATION WILL FOLLOW. IN A RECENT STUDY, L.A.P.D. OFFICERS SEARCHED PEOPLE OF COLOR AND PEOPLE OF INDIGENOUS DESCENT MORE

OFTEN THAN WHITES, EVEN THOUGH WHITES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE FOUND WITH ILLEGAL ITEMS. 29 PERCENT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR WERE STOPPED AND SEARCHED, COMPARED TO 5 PERCENT OF WHITES, WHERE 20 PERCENT OF WHITES WERE FOUND WITH ILLEGAL CONTRABAND, COMPARED TO 16 PERCENT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR. THIS IS A 2019 STUDY, AND YOU WOULD THINK IT WAS A 1959 STUDY. WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

KRISHNA DALY: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KRISHNA DALY, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING MIRIAM'S HOUSE, ONE OF THE FEW SOBER LIVINGS IN LOS ANGELES THAT OFFERS A PLACE FOR DRUG- AND ALCOHOL-ADDICTED MOTHERS A CHANCE AT RECOVERY WHILE MAINTAINING CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN. WE PROVIDE A HOME, MEALS, MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTHCARE, JOB TRAINING, AND HELP FINDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. 80 PERCENT OF OUR CLIENTELE, OR 80 PERCENT OF THEM ARE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, AND OBVIOUSLY 100 PERCENT OF THEM ARE DRUG-ADDICTED. WE'RE APPEALING TO THE BOARD TO RECOGNIZE THAT CARE AND SERVICES SHOULD BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY TO THESE WOMEN, THESE MOTHERS. STUDY AFTER STUDY SHOWS HOW CRIPPLING THE EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION IS, NOT ONLY ON THE PERSONS INCARCERATED, BUT THEIR CHILDREN, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY. A YEAR AT MIRIAM'S HOUSE OFFERS WOMEN A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO

TRANSFORM THEMSELVES, THEIR LIVES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. IN OUR 13-YEAR HISTORY, 80 PERCENT OF OUR GRADUATES REMAIN SOBER, AND WE HAVE A 72-PERCENT FAMILY REUNIFICATION RATE. MIRIAM'S HOUSE CAN ONLY TREAT A MAXIMUM OF 15 WOMEN AND 30 CHILDREN A YEAR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

KRISHNA DALY: THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY. BEFORE WE GO ON TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER, WE HAVE SOME NAMES TO CALL.

MS. LINGAT: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY. GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER?

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THAT MOTION, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS GOING TO BE LOOKED AFTER AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS FOLLOWED UP, BECAUSE I HAVE COMPLAINED FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE

IN JAIL HERE, THEY DON'T EVEN GET THEIR PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION, OR IT'S ONLY ONE NURSE FOR 138 INMATES. SO I THINK WE HAVE MAJOR REVAMPING TO DO, AND CONTINUE ON THAT WAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

BRENDA VALIENTE: HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS BRENDA VALIENTE, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MIRIAM'S HOUSE. I WANT TO SAY I'M VERY, VERY IMPRESSED BY ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE A.T.I. GROUP AND OF THE BOARD. LITERALLY, WHAT I THOUGHT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, YOU GUYS HAVE MADE HAPPEN IN THE FIRST STEP, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MY CYNICISM BEING FURTHER PROVEN WRONG. WHEN I HEARD THE QUESTION, "WHAT DOES A RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE LOOK LIKE," MIRIAM'S HOUSE IS A RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE. IT'S A HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN RECOVERY. SO WOMEN WHO ARE COMING OUT OF PRISON, OFF THE STREETS, OR WERE IN TREATMENT PRIOR, THEY COME INTO THIS PROGRAM, THEY GET A YEAR OF HOUSING, THEY GET RECOVERY SERVICES, AND THEN THEY ALSO GET REUNIFICATION WITH THEIR CHILDREN. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT WASN'T DISCUSSED SO MUCH TODAY: THE FACT THAT THE PERSONS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHO ARE INCARCERATED, WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THIS, ARE REALLY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS. THEY'RE PARENTS. THEY'RE SISTERS, THEY'RE BROTHERS. AND WHEN WE GO AHEAD AND PROVIDE THESE SERVICES AS

THE ONES THAT ARE OUTLINED IN A.T.I., AND GO MORE TOWARDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND ALSO TAKING AWAY BARRIERS, WE REALLY BRING FAMILIES BACK TOGETHER, MEANING THAT WE IMPACT SO MANY LEVELS; NOT JUST THIS GENERATION, BUT THE ONES THAT FOLLOW. AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THAT, AND THANK YOU.

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

DESIREE MENCHACA: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DESIREE MENCHACA, AND I AM HERE, TOO, TO REPRESENT MIRIAM'S HOUSE. I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AS BOTH AN ALUMNI AND STAFF FOR A COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION THAT WORKS. WHEN I WAS 21 YEARS OLD, EXPERIENCING PROBLEMATIC SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND HAD BEEN SEPARATED FROM MY TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AMARA, WHAT I DIDN'T NEED TO BE WAS CYCLED IN AND OUT OF PRISON. MIRIAM'S HOUSE, A SOBER LIVING HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, OPENED DOORS FOR ME AND CHANGED MY LIFE. FOR ONE YEAR, I WAS PROVIDED HOUSING WITH RECOVERY-BASED SERVICES, ACCESS TO A NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND I WAS REUNITED WITH MY DAUGHTER WHILE GETTING THE HELP THAT I NEEDED. I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH THREE YEARS OF SOBRIETY, AND A WONDERFUL MOTHER TO AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, AND A HEALTHY MEMBER OF MY COMMUNITY, AND I'M DEDICATED TO GIVING BACK. THIS IS A LEGACY OF INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND NOT PRISON. THIS IS WHAT

CARE, NOT JAIL, LOOKS LIKE. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THIS IS WHAT KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER LOOKS LIKE. I HOPE TO ONE DAY SEE DOZENS OF MIRIAM'S HOUSE HOMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALL BE A PART OF MAKING THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU SO MUCH. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

TIFFANY DUVERNAY-SMITH: HI. MY NAME IS TIFFANY DUVERNAY-SMITH. I'M A SYSTEMS REFORM ADVOCATE, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO A.T.I. FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF THE WORK GROUP PROCESS. AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER, I FELT HEARD AND I FELT IMPORTANT. I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MILO, WHO IS A 28-YEAR-OLD THAT WAS FACING 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER. I'M HAPPY TO SAY HE WAS RECENTLY RELEASED INTO A TREATMENT PROGRAM, ONE YEAR INPATIENT, ONE YEAR OUTPATIENT. AND THE FELONY WILL BE DROPPED IF HE HAS A SUCCESSFUL TWO YEARS. I ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT BRUCE, WHO'S ABOUT 60 YEARS OLD. HE PULLED OUT A KNIFE IN A DOLLAR TREE, AND APPARENTLY IN THE VIDEO, YOU CAN TELL HE WAS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH EPISODE AND THAT NO PERSON WAS IN DANGER. INSTEAD, RECEIVING HIS THIRD STRIKE, HE WAS SENTENCED TO A LITTLE OVER 400 DAYS IN JAIL, AND AT THAT TIME, HE WAS ALREADY HALFWAY THERE. HE'S EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS, AND HAS BEEN PROMISED THAT HIS JOB IS STILL HOLDING HIS POSITION FOR HIM. I'M ECSTATIC ABOUT OTHERS HAVING OPPORTUNITIES TO BE FREE, HEALED,

AND RECEIVE TREATMENT INSTEAD OF BEING HUMANS IN CAGES FOR UNREASONABLE AMOUNTS OF TIME. MY OWN REQUEST IS THAT YOU LET MY PEOPLE GO. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

BRIANA BENDER: HELLO. MY NAME IS BRIANA BENDER, FROM COMMUNITY COALITION. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH COMMUNITY COALITION FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS NOW. IT IS AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE SO INVOLVED AS A WHITE PERSON IN MOBILIZING AND WORKING IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. I WANT EQUITY FOR MY PEERS SO THAT THEY MAY REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. I AM HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH COMMUNITY COALITION'S ABILITY TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST, THOSE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY THE SYSTEM, TO BUILD POWER FOR PROGRESS AND CREATE INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP. SO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE DEMAND THAT YOU PUT SYSTEM-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS FIRST. HEAR THEIR VOICES. INVOLVE THEM AT EVERY STEP OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IMPLEMENTATION AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. AND PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO THE PROBLEM ARE THE CLOSEST TO THE SOLUTION. THAT IS THE BEST QUALIFICATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

DAVID VAN DERVELDE: HI, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ABOUT THE URGENT NEED FOR FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN L.A. MY NAME IS DAVID VAN DERVELDE, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AWAKENING RECOVERY IN DISTRICT 2. WE ARE A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT RECOVERY HOME, PROVIDING A YEAR-PLUS-LONG RECOVERY SOLUTION FOR RECOVERING DRUG ADDICTS. AND THE MAJORITY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE COURT-ORDERED, PERIODICALLY ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. I AM HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP FINAL REPORT, AND URGE THE BOARD TO FUND AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, INCLUDING COMMUNITY IN THE PROCESS. AWAKENING RECOVERY WAS CREATED AS A RESPONSE TO THE EPIDEMIC OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM DRUG ADDICTION AND ALCOHOLISM. MANY ARE BEING INCARCERATED AND REOFFENDING DUE TO DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES BECAUSE OF A LACK OF ACCESS TO MEANINGFUL AND AFFORDABLE LONG-TERM RECOVERY ALTERNATIVES. 85 PERCENT OF THOSE INCARCERATED IN THE U.S. WERE SUBSTANCE-INVOLVED OFFENSES. 90 PERCENT OF OUR GRADUATES HAVE REMAINED SOBER, LIVE INDEPENDENTLY, AND ARE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTIVE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?

SPEAKER: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BARBARA, GOOD JOB FOR THE CORONA PRESS CONFERENCE YOU HAD THE OTHER DAY. TO BE OR NOT TO BE PROACTIVE, AS OPPOSED TO REACTIVE, WITH OUR HOMELESS CRISIS IS IMPORTANT. WE NEED MORE CUSTODIANS DAILY SPRAYING DISINFECTANTS. PLEASE SPEED UP THE HIRING PROCESS. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT VOTING, TO PREVENT LONG VOTING LINES, WE NEED TRUCKS WITH TROUBLESHOOTERS WITH THESE BOOTHS FOR OUR NOVEMBER ELECTION HERE IN LOS ANGELES TO GO AFTER P-45. I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T MENTION THE A.T.I. IF YOU'RE GOING TO INCARCERATE, WE SHOULD EDUCATE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A TRADE. YOU'LL HAVE IT MADE. WITH A TRADE, YOU HAVE IT MADE. IF THEY'RE ONLY DOING FIVE OR TEN YEARS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE BEING TRAINED TO DO SOMETHING, SO WE CAN HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO CARRY ON THEIR ACTIVITIES, SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THEM FROM BEING REINCARCERATED.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NEXT SPEAKER?

PEARL SOFFEL: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PEARL JOYCE SOFFEL, AND I AM RUNNING FOR MISS CLASSIC UNIVERSE. MY PLATFORM IS ADDICTION, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING ALTERNATIVES TO

INCARCERATION AND A.R.T., ANTI-RECIDIVISM ACT. I WAS IN AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM FOR 20 YEARS. I AM SYSTEM-IMPACTED THROUGH THE FOSTER CARE, AND THEN THROUGH C.D.C., CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, IN AND OUT. I AM A FELONY DRUNK DRIVER. THE JUDGE SAID I AM THE MOST DANGEROUS PERSON IN THE ROOM, BECAUSE I COULD POSSIBLY KILL SOMEBODY. I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO A PROGRAM. I WAS NEVER OFFERED ONE. I WAS ALWAYS DENIED A PROGRAM. AFTER 20 YEARS OF IN AND OUT OF JAILS AND PRISONS, I DECIDED I WAS GOING TO GO GET THE HELP THAT I NEEDED. ORANGE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE LONG-TERM PROGRAMS AT ALL. THE WAITING LIST IS EXTREMELY LONG TO GET INTO A PROGRAM, AND YOU GET KICKED OUT WHEN YOUR MONEY OR YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY RUNS OUT. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT I WENT INTO A NEW WAY OF LIFE, SUSAN BURTON'S PROGRAM. I WROTE HER A LETTER. SHE SAID, "COME STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT." I WAS THERE FOR 10 MONTHS AS A RESIDENT. I AM LIVING AS AN INDEPENDENT LIVING AND PROGRAMS WORK. THAT IS A SOLUTION. IT'S HUMANE AND IT IS THE ANSWER. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NEXT SPEAKER.

VIVI KRAUS: HELLO. MY NAME IS VIVI KRAUS, AND I'M A SOPHOMORE AT SCRIPPS COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT. THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, THE CLEARER IT BECOMES THAT JAILS AND PRISONS SIMPLY DO NOT WORK. THEY DON'T REDUCE CRIME OR PROTECT

SOCIETY. ALL PRISONS AND JAILS DO IS BREAK FAMILIES AND END LIVES. IF WE WANT JUSTICE, IT'S HIGH TIME WE STOP DUMPING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO CAGING HUMAN BEINGS, AND START REINVESTING WHERE OUR MONEY WILL ACTUALLY BEGET POSITIVE CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES AND IN HEALING. YOU, SUPERVISORS, HAVE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF POWER. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO EMPOWER OTHERS, AND THE POWER TO ENACT JUSTICE. DO THE RIGHT THING BY THE PEOPLE YOU'VE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE BY CENTERING THEIR VOICES AS YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. REMEMBER, THE PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEM ARE ALWAYS THE CLOSEST TO THE SOLUTION. USE YOUR POWER FOR JUSTICE, AND LET YOUR PEOPLE GUIDE YOU. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

SANDRA SUBLETTE: HI. MY NAME IS SANDRA SUBLETTE, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS WELL AS A STUDENT OF PITZER COLLEGE. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND I'M HERE IN SOLIDARITY WITH MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN TONIGHT, OR THIS EVENING, THIS AFTERNOON. I SPEAK TO YOU TO TAKE A MEANINGFUL STEP FORWARD IN SHOWING FUTURE GENERATIONS WHAT OUR STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY ARE. IN SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, IT IS A WAY FOR YOU TO SHOW ME THAT YOU CARE TO END THE RACIST POLICIES OF INCARCERATION, AND TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT EDUCATION AND HEALTH

SERVICES. PLEASE KEEP COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MIND THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. VOTE YES ON ITEM 3, AND FULLY FUND THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP REPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

HANNA CHO: HI. MY NAME IS HANNA CHO, AND I ATTEND SCRIPPS COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY ENDING MASS INCARCERATION COURSE. IN THE 1970S, PRISON ABOLITION WAS A REALITY AND DESIRE ACROSS THE U.S., AND IN 1972, A REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN, STEWART MCKINNEY, SPENT 36 HOURS IN PRISON. AFTERWARDS HE STATED, "I CAN'T SEE CONSIGNING ANY HUMAN BEING TO THIS KIND OF EXISTENCE." IN THE SAME YEAR, CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER EMANUEL MARGOLIS CONCLUDED FROM HIS BRIEF PRISON EXPERIENCE THAT INCARCERATION, THE TOTAL BEING IS INVOLVED AND AFFECTED: HIS DIGNITY, AND EVEN HIS SOUL. FOR DECADES, PEOPLE HAVE KNOWN THAT PRISONS DO NOT REHABILITATE. EVEN THOSE WHO SPENT A SHORT TIME WITHIN PRISON CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE PRISON SYSTEM IS CRUEL. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO DECADES IN PRISON IN WORSE CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF COLOR. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR CITY AND BEGIN TO ACTIVELY IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE INCARCERAL SYSTEM HAS ONLY INFLICTED AND CYCLED HARM ACROSS COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ITS

RESIDENTS DESERVE TO BE SUPPORTED THROUGH CARE AND FUNDING AND RESOURCES.

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

THOMAS SMITH: MY NAME IS THOMAS SMITH, AND I REPRESENT ASCENT. AND AT THE TIME THAT A.T.I. STARTED, MY EMPLOYER ALLOWED ME TO PARTICIPATE AND BE A PART OF THESE MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS WHICH WE HAD, AND BEING ON THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM. I'M JUST HAPPY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'VE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT TO WHERE WE CAN NOW MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THINGS THAT WE GOT BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THAT WOULD BE A VERY GOOD THING. I MEAN, I WAS A GUY THAT WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED. I SPENT 38 YEARS IN PRISON AS A YOUTH. AND IT'S JUST A GOOD THING TO BE BACK IN THE COMMUNITY AGAIN, AND TO BE SOMEONE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, AND ALLOWING THAT LIVED EXPERIENCE TO BE SAID AND BE A PART OF THE PROCESS IN WHICH THIS REPORT TURNED INTO. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO SHEILA KUEHL, FOR COMING AND SPEAKING AT THE EVENT; FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ALWAYS BEING THERE IN OUR CORNER WHEN WE ASKED HIM TO SPEAK UP FOR US, AS FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND AS INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

MIHAL ANSIK: GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS MIHAL ANSIK. I'M AN ATTORNEY AND AN ADVOCATE. I'VE WORKED WITH THE INCARCERATED COMMUNITY FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS NOW, AS WELL AS THEIR LOVED ONES. AND I LOST MY NOTES, SO I'LL JUST SPEAK FROM THE HEART. I JUST WANT TO URGE-- BESIDES CELEBRATING THIS REPORT, I WANT TO URGE THAT THE BOARD ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE NOT MERELY INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION, BUT ACTUALLY COMPRISE THE LEADERSHIP OF AN IMPLEMENTATION. I ACTUALLY WORKED AT AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION PROGRAM IN NEW YORK FOR FIVE YEARS. WE HAD RECORDING STUDIOS AND THERAPY AND WORKSHOPS AND ADVOCACY, AND IT WAS TRULY TRANSFORMATIONAL. AND IT WAS WHILE I WORKED AT THAT ORGANIZATION THAT I GOT THE CALL THAT MY STEPBROTHER HAD OVERDOSED ON HEROIN IN A K.F.C. BATHROOM. HE HAD BEEN A JOHN DOE, UNIDENTIFIED FOR THREE DAYS, AND HE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES, AND LIVED ON SKID ROW. I ONLY WISH THAT HE'D HAD THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT I THINK WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT MOVEMENT BEING LED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO MENTION TO THE AUDIENCE, WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 150 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP

TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ITEM. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO WAIVE YOUR TIME, PLEASE LET THE STAFF AT THE RAIL KNOW, AND YOUR NAME WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FORMAL RECORD. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING TO TODAY'S MEETING. SO WE'LL CONTINUE ON. AND I APPRECIATE THOSE THAT HAVEN'T SPOKEN THE FULL MINUTE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYBODY BEING HERE, OKAY? SO WITH THAT, NEXT SPEAKER.

DEANNA VAN BUREN: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DEANNA VAN BUREN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DESIGNING JUSTICE DESIGNING SPACES. WE ARE THE ONLY ARCHITECTURE AND REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT FIRM IN THE COUNTRY BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO END MASS INCARCERATION. WE ARE ABOLITIONISTS. AND WHILE WE HAVE SPENT A DECADE WORKING WITH MUNICIPALITIES AND C.B.O.S ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO IMAGINE A DIFFERENT FUTURE FOR JUSTICE, I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN A COALITION LIKE THIS PUT TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, EVER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON THE VERGE OF IMPLEMENTING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AT THIS SCALE. I AM BEYOND EXCITED ABOUT WHAT I'M SEEING. I CANNOT ENCOURAGE YOU ENOUGH TO BOTH FUND AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THE FINAL REPORT; AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY. IT IS THE ONLY WAY IT HAPPENS. WE'RE DOING THIS IN ATLANTA,

AND THAT IS WHY IT'S WORKING, BECAUSE SYSTEM-IMPACTED PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ARE AT THE TABLE, MAKING THE DECISIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. WE HAVE MORE NAMES TO CALL.

MS. LINGAT: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER?

LESTIAN MCNEAL: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LESTIAN MCNEAL. I AM THE DEPUTY CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR REFORM L.A. COUNTY JAILS. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WELL AS THEIR WORK TO GET US TO THIS POINT WHERE WE CAN MAKE SUBSTANTIVE REFORMS IN L.A. COUNTY AROUND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. LAST TUESDAY, THE COUNTY SPOKE OVERWHELMINGLY, LOUD AND CLEAR, IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE R IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO REFORM L.A COUNTY'S JAIL SYSTEM. WITH 72 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND COUNTING, CHANGE HAS COME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND CHANGE HAS COME DEFINITIVELY. THIS VICTORY FOR MEASURE R MEANS THAT THE COUNTY HAS A NEW PRIORITY, AND ARGUABLY A MANDATE TO

END MASS INCARCERATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE DO THAT NOT ONLY THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE R, BUT ALSO BY THE ADOPTION OF THE A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS, AND MOVING THIS REPORT FORWARD, AND MAKING SURE THAT THE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES THAT NEED HELP, NEED SERVICES, HAVE THE THINGS THAT THEY NEED.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU.

LESTIAN MCNEAL: WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS, AND KEEP COMMUNITY AT THE TABLE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

GARRETT JACOBS: THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THE SUPPORT AND THE CREATION OF THE A.T.I. WORKING GROUP. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE MODEL. MY NAME IS GARRETT JACOBS, ALSO WITH DESIGNING JUSTICE AND DESIGNING SPACES, AND CAN JUST GIVE TESTAMENT THAT THIS IS A MODEL FOR THE COUNTRY THAT WE'RE SEEING IN OTHER CITIES OPERATE. ALSO, JUST WANT TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION AND THE FUNDING OF THE WORK PLAN AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT MEMBERS OF THE NEW TEAM THAT ARE FORMED WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE IS, YOU KNOW, COMPRISED OF SYSTEM-IMPACTED AND COMMUNITY INDIVIDUALS, SO THAT ALL OF THE CREATIONS THAT COME OUT OF IT ARE CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE TO THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING

SERVICE. AND JUST WANT TO CONTINUE THE SUPPORT OF THOSE MEMBERS IN THOSE ROLES. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

JEANNETTE ZANIPATIN: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JEANNETTE ZANIPATIN. I AM THE STATE DIRECTOR FOR DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. WE ARE A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING FOR DRUG POLICIES GROUNDED IN SCIENCE, HEALTH, COMPASSION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WE COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SHOWING THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES IN L.A. COUNTY BY HEEDING OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO DECRIMINALIZE QUALITY-OF-LIFE CRIMES, INCLUDING PUBLIC DRUG USE, AND INVESTING IN HEALTH-CENTERED APPROACHES SUCH AS THE ADOPTION OF SAFE CONSUMPTION SITES. IT SHOULD COME TO NO SURPRISE THAT TREATING SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WITH INCARCERATION HAS ONLY EXACERBATED THE HARMS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, AND SO WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES TO TRY SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFERENT AND THAT HAS SHOWN PROMISING RESULTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS. BY REMOVING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR SIMPLE DRUG POSSESSION, WE ARE LIKEWISE REMOVING SOME OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS THAT CAN IMPEDE AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIVES WITH INCARCERATION. LET'S NOT FORGET THAT SOMEONE'S LIFE CAN BE LIMITED IN TERMS OF OBTAINING HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, AND EVEN COMPLICATE CHILD CUSTODY AND IMMIGRATION STATUS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ALICIA RHODEN: I'M ALICIA RHODEN. I'M A SOCIAL WORKER THAT DEALS WITH PEOPLE WHO GO THROUGH THE SYSTEM, AND I'M ALSO THE WIFE OF SOMEONE SPOKE ABOUT, SOMEBODY NAMED BRUCE. I'M HIS WIFE. HE WILL GET OUT IN A FEW MONTHS. BUT BEFORE THIS, HE WAS SENT TO PRISON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS AND A SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE. I'M VERY GLAD THAT THEY HAVE THIS PROGRAM, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATIONS, BECAUSE IT WILL SAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT'S A LONG TIME COMING. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW: MY CLIENTS, MY HUSBAND. BUT I SEE THERE'S A CHANGE THAT'S GOING TO COME. THE CHANGE HAS BEEN A LONG WAY. BUT WE HAVE TO COME TOGETHER AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE, SAYING WE WILL NOT LET IT STOP. I WILL NOT LET IT STOP. I CAN'T. I'VE BEEN MARRIED 39 YEARS, AND I'M STILL HERE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

KENNETH HARTMAN: MY NAME IS KENNETH HARTMAN. I LIVE IN SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT, AND I WORK IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT. I SERVED 38 YEARS IN THE CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM. BEFORE THAT, I WAS IN AND OUT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION SYSTEM, JUVENILE CAMPS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. NOW I WORK FOR CATALYST FOUNDATION IN LANCASTER, IN A WARM HANDOFF RE-

ENTRY PROGRAM, HELPING PEOPLE GET OUT OF PRISON, ADJUST TO SOCIETY, AND BE ABLE TO BECOME FUNCTIONING CITIZENS. I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF INCARCERATION DOES NOT WORK. IT'S A DISASTER. THIS A.T.I. REPORT IS A HUGE STEP FORWARD. I APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE FOR TAKING ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS, AND I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO CENTER PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE IN THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE, GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MARIA ALEXANDER: HELLO. MARIA ALEXANDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING. I LIVE AND WORK IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. IT'S SUCH AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, AND FOR EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON THIS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION REPORT. I AM SOMEONE WHO, IN THE 90S, SPENT MOST OF THE 90S HOMELESS OUTSIDE THESE DOORS BETWEEN HERE AND THE 110 FREEWAY, AND CYCLED IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTY JAIL, MANY TIMES PREGNANT, WITH NOT ONE OFFER OF SERVICES UNTIL 2002. SO I'M JUST SO HAPPY, YOU KNOW, FOR THIS EFFORT. I WANT TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AT THE TABLE, WITH VOTING PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS. AND I ALSO WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS FOR THOSE PROGRAMS THAT ARE

DOING THE WORK, AND HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK, AND AN INVESTMENT IN THOSE LED BY THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED IS GOING TO BRING GREAT RESULTS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

KIRSTEN CAPLAN: HELLO. MY NAME IS KIRSTEN CAPLAN, AND I COME FROM SHERMAN OAKS. I AM A FORMER SCHOOLTEACHER, AND I AM IN SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE HERE. THIS IS A HISTORIC DAY. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES AND JUSTICE L.A., WHO GAVE ME QUITE AN EDUCATION ON THE LIMITATIONS OF INCARCERATION. AND WORKING IN SCHOOLS, I KNOW THAT THERE CAN BE A LOT OF PUSHBACK ONCE CHANGE STARTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED, AND I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE THIS COUNCIL WHEN YOU FEEL PUSHBACK, ESPECIALLY REGARDING FUNDS, AND WHEN THERE ARE OTHER FORCES OUTSIDE THIS ROOM WHO TRY TO DISSIPATE AND DIVIDE US, THAT YOU REMEMBER THE WEALTH THAT YOU'RE INVESTING IS NOT JUST MONEY. YOU ARE INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN. YOU ARE INVESTING IN EDUCATION. YOU ARE INVESTING IN AN ALTERNATIVE FOR LOS ANGELES NOT TO BE JUST FAMOUS FOR HAVING ONE OF THE LARGEST INCARCERATED PLACES IN THE WORLD, BUT A BETTER PLACE ALTOGETHER. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NEXT SPEAKER? GO AHEAD, SIR.

ERNESTO GONZALES: GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERNESTO GONZALES. I'M HERE WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE ALTERNATIVE TO CUSTODY PROGRAM. AND SOMEBODY THAT'S BEEN RELEASED LAST YEAR IN DECEMBER, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT. AND WHILE INCARCERATED, I WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH A DRUG COUNSELOR WHO WAS GIVEN A CHANCE AT A PROGRAM. AND HE LATER BECAME INTO THE PRISONS TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE IN PRISON, IN ORDER TO LEARN AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR ADDICTIONS. AND I DO FEEL THAT THIS IS A RIGHT PATH FOR YOU GUYS, AND I DO HOPE YOU GUYS SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

ANA MINAURI: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANA MINAURI, AND I AM AN ORGANIZER AND DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AT HOMIES UNIDOS. I AM PROUD TO BE IN SOLIDARITY WITH JUSTICE L.A., AND IN SUPPORT OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION REPORT AND WORK GROUP. WHEN WE CALL INTO QUESTION THE COUNTY OF L.A.'S CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADAPT THIS MODEL, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY A MATTER OF EDUCATION OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, BUT RATHER A MATTER OF REPRESENTATION AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. I URGE THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE KNOW BY PRACTICE AND

EXPERIENCE THAT BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO HYPER-POLICING AND CRIMINALIZATION, AND FACING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT. WE KNOW THAT THE WEB THAT IS OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM DOES NOT SERVE THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE VULNERABLE IMMIGRANT YOUTH BEING PIPELINED THROUGH THE INCARCERATION-TO-DEPORTATION PIPELINE. IT IS TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO ADOPT THIS MODEL, WHICH TRULY REFLECTS THE VISION OF JUSTICE THAT THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY AND YOUR LEADERSHIP HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD AND ARE READY TO IMPLEMENT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NEXT SPEAKER?

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS GOOSE. I AM WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND IN 1998 I WAS ARRESTED FOR THE THIRD TIME FOR A NONVIOLENT PROPERTY CRIME-- BURGLARY. IT WAS MY THIRD ONE. BECAUSE OF THE THREE-STRIKE LAW, I WAS GIVEN 30 TO LIFE BECAUSE OF THAT. I WAS JUST RELEASED LAST AUGUST AFTER 21 YEARS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OF THE LAW, AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE. BUT I COMMITTED THOSE CRIMES BECAUSE OF A SEVERE GAMBLING ADDICTION. NO ONE AT THE TIME CARED ABOUT WHY I DID WHAT I DID. THEY JUST CARED ABOUT WHAT I DID. WHEN I WENT TO THE BOARD, AFTERWARDS THE BOARD SAID TO ME, THE COMMISSIONER SAID TO ME, "MR. PERRY, I APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE IN 1998, NO ONE SEEMED TO THINK ABOUT COMING UP WITH A BETTER WAY

TO HANDLE YOUR CASE THAN THEY DID WITH 30 TO LIFE." I'M REALLY GLAD THAT THIS IS HAPPENING. THIS IS GOING TO CREATE A DIFFERENT PATH. AND I WANT TO APPLAUD THE SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE PUSHED THIS. SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M 61 YEARS OLD, BUT AFTER READING YOUR BACKGROUND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I'VE DECIDED WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

NORMA PALACIOS: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM NORMA PALACIOS WITH THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE, AND A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I AM HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 17 LISTED IN THE A.T.I. REPORT, WHICH REQUESTS FOR THE CREATION OF SAFE CONSUMPTION SITES IN THE COUNTY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE 26 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM DRUG OR ALCOHOL OVERDOSE THAN PEOPLE IN THE GENERAL L.A. COUNTY POPULATION. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 17 WOULD GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE COUNTY. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 17 IS ABOUT REHUMANIZING PEOPLE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT PEOPLE AROUND US WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH DRUG USE DESERVE TO HAVE A SAFE PLACE WHERE THEY CAN COME AND GET THE HELP THEY NEED WITHOUT FEAR OF CRIMINALITY, JUDGMENT, OR DANGER. I ASK THAT YOU LOOK AT THE DATA ON THIS RECOMMENDATION, AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 17 AS AN

OPTION TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS WE ARE SEEING ON OUR STREETS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. WE'D LIKE TO CALL MORE NAMES NOW.

MS. LINGAT: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ALSO PLEASE COME FORWARD: [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

BILLY HARRIS: GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU. MY NAME IS BILLY HARRIS, AND I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION MOTION. I'M HERE REPRESENTING A.R.C. I'M ALSO A FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUTH WHO, AS BEING INCARCERATED AT 16, LEADING UP TO THAT TIME, I WAS TRAUMATIZED AS A CHILD. I FACED SEXUAL ABUSE, MENTAL, PHYSICAL ABUSE FROM MY CHILDHOOD, FROM AS EARLY AS AGE FOUR. THE THING IS, THE SYSTEM DIDN'T LOOK AT ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS AS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THEY JUST LOOKED AT THEM AS TROUBLED BEHAVIOR. SO I THINK WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT MENTAL HEALTH A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY IN THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS IMPACTING OUR YOUTH, IN PARTICULAR. AND I THANK YOU FOR TAKING THESE STEPS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER. WELCOME. HI.

JUAN MORALES: HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JUAN MORALES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF BY THANKING SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I WANT TO START OFF BY JUST TALKING ABOUT JUST MENTAL HEALTH, AND FINDING RELATABILITY THROUGH FAMILY TRAUMAS, AND LEARNING DISABILITIES PRE, POST, AND DURING INCARCERATION. I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES WAS FINDING PEACE, AND LEARNING HOW TO IMPLEMENT EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE LEARNED, AND TURNING IT INTO PURPOSE. WITH THAT SAID, I DON'T KNOW THAT THE PROPER STEPS ARE TO FIND AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, LET'S SAY, FOR IMPLEMENTATION, BUT I DO AGREE WITH THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE REPRESENTED IN TRYING TO SORT OUT WHAT THAT MEANS. AND TO EXPAND ON THAT, NOT JUST PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED, BUT ON ALL LEVELS OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT THAT MEANS FROM HAVING GOTTEN OUT. SO THANK YOU.

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

JOHN MATHEWS: HEY, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHN MATHEWS. I AM A LAWYER FOR THE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE, A FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR. I LIVE IN LONG BEACH, IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ALL THE WORK. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION MOTION,

AND THE PROCESS, ALL THE COMMUNITY IN THIS ROOM. I HAD SOME PREPARED STATEMENTS, BUT I WAS SPEAKING TO SOMEONE WHO... THERE WAS A FATHER HERE WHOSE SON DIED IN JAIL, AND HE HAD TO LEAVE. BUT I THINK THAT STORY IS REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THIS PROCESS AND WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING HERE IS GOING TO SAVE LIVES, EVEN MORE SO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND THE FACT THAT THIS IS A VERY VULNERABLE POPULATION IN THESE JAILS. WE NEED TO FREE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. I HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS PROCESS GOING FORWARD. AND AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE COMMUNITY THAT CAME OUT AND CONTINUES TO SHOW UP. THANKS.

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

MARQUIES NUNEZ: MY NAME IS MARQUIES. I'M A PART OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I THANK YOU GUYS FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU THAT GUYS ARE DOING HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING. AND WE GOT A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF US, AND WE CONTINUE DOING GREAT THINGS HERE. AND, YOU KNOW, TODAY IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS. AND I WAS 15 YEARS OLD AND INCARCERATED, AND I WAS LOOKING AT 72 YEARS TO LIFE, DUE TO CHILDHOOD TRAUMA. I SMOKED WEED AND I WAS A PART OF A LIFESTYLE, YOU KNOW, THAT I HAD TO CHANGE WHILE I WAS INCARCERATED. AND THAT WAS A HUGE DEAL. AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS INCREDIBLE, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'RE

DOING HERE. YOU KNOW, I WAS IN PRISON. I'M ALLOWED TO GIVE BACK TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE MENTAL DISABILITIES, THAT DIDN'T BELONG INCARCERATED. BUT, YOU KNOW, THEY WERE INCARCERATED, YOU KNOW? SO I JUST BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULDN'T, YOU KNOW, KEEP IT AS IT IS. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE THAT WAS INCARCERATED, AND THESE PEOPLE OBVIOUSLY HAVE MENTAL DISABILITIES. THEY PROBABLY WAS ON A SHORT BUS, AND THEN THEY WENT FROM THE SHORT BUS TO THE COUNTY BUS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE, YOU KNOW? AND WE'RE DOING THAT. THANK YOU ALL. I APPRECIATE IT.

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

PASTOR CALVIN SAULS: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PASTOR CALVIN SAULS. I LIVE, WORK, AND HAVE MY BEING IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE AS THE NETWORK STRATEGIST FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS. I DO MY WORK AROUND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM WITH COMMUNITY COALITION, AND THE JUSTICE EQUITY ALLIANCE, AND JUSTICE EQUITY TASK FORCE. I JUST WANTED TO LIFT UP THREE ASPECTS AROUND THIS HISTORIC DAY. FIRST ONE IS COLLABORATION. THE SECOND ONE IS RE-IMAGINATION. THE THIRD ONE IS IMPLEMENTATION. AROUND THE COLLABORATION, I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK AROUND COLLABORATING WITH A GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO THAT IS JUST EXCEPTIONAL. SECONDLY, BOLD RE-IMAGINATION FOR

THE WORK THAT SUPERVISORS HAVE DONE, ESPECIALLY RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL, AROUND INITIATING THIS. AND THEN THE KEY PIECE NOW IS COURAGEOUS IMPLEMENTATION AS WE MOVE THIS PIECE FORWARD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: CAN YOU SUMMARIZE?

PASTOR CALVIN SAULS: AND SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WALKING AND WORKING WITH YOU TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE INITIATIVES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

ALBERT MELENA: GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALBERT MELENA. I LIVE, WORK, AND RESIDE IN SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT. WE WERE ONE OF THE CONVENERS FOR THE WORK GROUPS, AND I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND FIRST OUR SUPERVISORS AND THE A.T.I. GROUP. THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A REPORT. THIS IS THE VOICES OF MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, CHILDREN OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. YOU KNOW, AND WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS TO BE ABLE TO REALLY PROVIDE A VOICE, TO GIVE A VOICE FOR THE PARENTS, THE MOTHERS WHO ARE PLEADING FOR HELP, AFRAID TO CALL 911 BECAUSE OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN. THIS REALLY IS AN OPPORTUNITY, AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLKS THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE, THE PEOPLE THAT ATTENDED THESE CONVENINGS, THE ORGANIZATIONS. AND I'LL TELL YOU, IT'S IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT

THESE SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OUT THERE OPENING DOORS, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES, ALTERNATIVES FOR FOLKS. THIS IS MONUMENTAL. AND I'M JUST HERE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THESE CONVENINGS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THANK YOU.

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

BYRON SMITH, SR.: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BYRON SMITH, SR., AND FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BEING SUCH COURAGEOUS LEADERS OF HAVING A PIVOTAL MOMENT AND MOVEMENT IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THIS MOMENT IS A MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT IN RACIAL EQUITY AND ADVOCATES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE SYSTEM IMPACTED, AND THE COMMUNITY LEADERS DEFINE THE MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS, INCLUDING THE WELLNESS AND HEALING. RACIAL EQUITY ADVOCATES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING A SYSTEM IMPACTED AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IMPLEMENTED THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND ITS STRATEGIES. WE BELIEVE, AS A COMMUNITY, THE TRUE MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS IS WHEN INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES ARE INVOLVED IN DECISION-MAKING. THE SUCCESS OF MEASURE R SENDS A CLEAR MANDATE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT THE PEOPLE WANT REFORM, AND THEY WANT IT NOW. IT'S CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

BYRON SMITH, SR.: IT'S CLEAR WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF WHAT BROUGHT US TO THIS TABLE, WHICH HAPPENED 43 YEARS AGO. BUT I'M GRATEFUL AND I'M THANKFUL, AND I JUST BELIEVE THAT OVERSIGHT TO THE PROCESS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.T.I. IS NECESSARY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

BYRON SMITH, SR.: I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATION.

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

TESSA PETERSON: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TESSA HICKS PETERSON. I'M A PROFESSOR FROM THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES. I HAVE BROUGHT MY ENTIRE CLASS WITH ME HERE TODAY. THIS IS MY CLASS, BECAUSE THIS IS OUR EDUCATION: POLITICAL EDUCATION AND UNDERSTANDING HOW GRASSROOTS SOCIAL CHANGE CONNECTS WITH OUR GOVERNMENT TO MAKE REAL TRACTION ON THE ISSUES OF OUR TIMES. I BELIEVE THAT THE FOLKS THAT WE HAVE INCARCERATED IN OUR SYSTEMS TODAY ARE THERE BECAUSE OF THE TRAUMAS OF INJUSTICE: TRAUMAS BORN FROM RACISM, SEXISM, HOMOPHOBIA, POVERTY, GANGS, VIOLENCE, AND WAR. WE ARE ALL LOOKING AT THAT, AND WE ALL HAVE BLOOD ON OUR HANDS

AS A RESULT, BECAUSE OUR TAXPAYING DOLLARS ARE SUPPORTING OUR SYSTEM OF MASS INCARCERATION. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS ADVOCATE FOR THE CHANGE BY THE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY THESE SYSTEMS, AND ALSO IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE IMPACTED, BUT ARE ALSO ACCOUNTABLE TO MAKING CHANGE, AND MUST BE IN SOLIDARITY OF THAT CHANGE. MY STUDENTS ASK ME WHO AM I TO BE A PART OF THIS WORK IF I'M NOT IMPACTED BY IT, AND I SAY, "WHO ARE YOU NOT TO BE? WHO ARE YOU TO SIT BACK IDLY WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING ON YOUR TIME?"

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. HANDS UP. THAT IS GOING TO BE THE LAST WARNING, BECAUSE WE'VE GOT 100 MORE SPEAKERS. THANK YOU. NEXT?

LATANYA WARD: MY NAME IS LATANYA WARD, AND I WANTED TO UNDERLINE WHAT'S BEEN SAID OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE BEING A PART OF EVERY LEVEL OF THIS WORK AHEAD OF US; ALL, IF WE WANT IT TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE. I'M THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NIPSEY HUSSLE INSPIRED PEACE MARCH FOR GANGS LAST YEAR AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AND WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR SOME OF THIS COMPASSION TO BE SET ASIDE FOR GANG MEMBERS, IN PARTICULAR, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND DRUG USE ISSUES. GANG INTERVENTIONISTS HAVE BEEN UNDER-RESOURCED IN IMPLEMENTING THE WORK BEING UPLIFTED TODAY FOR

FOREVER. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE US, AS WE ARE A LARGE JAIL POPULATION DUE TO TRAUMA, AS WELL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. WELCOME. OH, NO. HOLD ON ONE SECOND. YOU WANT TO READ SOME MORE NAMES? SORRY.

MS. LINGAT: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? [READING NAMES.] THAT WILL BE ALL THE NAMES WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT.

CHIDINMA UME: HELLO. MY NAME IS CHIDINMA UME. I WAS RAISED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND I'M A PROUD RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I CURRENTLY WORK FOR THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION, AND FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS, THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION HAS WORKED HAND-IN-HAND WITH COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE WORK AND THE PROCESS OF THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP. AND PERSONALLY, I FIND IT VERY HUMBLING TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS EXPERIENCE HERE IN L.A. AND IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE WE CREATED THE BLUEPRINT TO REDUCE THE RIKERS POPULATION, WHICH IS NOW HALF OF WHAT IT WAS WHEN WE STARTED THE WORK FIVE YEARS AGO. I'D

LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU AND MY FELLOW ANGELINOS TO COME AND SEE AN EXAMPLE OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. RIGHT NOW, AT THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION, THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION, HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH L.A COUNTY AND THE CITY, AS WELL AS MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS, TO SET UP A MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM SO THAT PEOPLE WHO COME INTO THE SYSTEM WHO NEED CARE CAN RECEIVE THAT CARE IN THE COMMUNITY. ONE LAST QUOTE FROM A PARTICIPANT WHO JUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THIS WAS THAT HE FEELS LIKE HE HAS HIS LIFE BACK. SO IT'S NOT JUST A PROGRAM. IT'S A CHANCE TO IMPACT PEOPLE AND GENERATIONS TO COME.

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

GILBERT JOHNSON: GOOD DAY, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GILBERT JOHNSON, WITH COMMUNITY COALITION, A 30-YEAR-OLD ANTI-RACIST SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE ORGANIZATION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: CAN WE HOLD IT FOR A MINUTE? CAN I HAVE SECURITY AT LEAST HOLD DOWN THE CONVERSATION IN THE BACK, PLEASE? I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU. START THE CLOCK OVER AND YOU CAN START OVER AGAIN. I APOLOGIZE. GO AHEAD.

GILBERT JOHNSON: ALL RIGHT. GOOD DAY, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GILBERT JOHNSON, AND I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY COALITION, A 30-YEAR-OLD ANTI-RACIST SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FOUNDED BY NOW CONGRESS MEMBER KAREN BASS TO ELEVATE THE LEADERSHIP, VOICES, AND LIVED EXPERIENCES OF THE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY FAILED CRIMINAL INJUSTICE SYSTEM LAWS AND POLICIES. I'D FIRST LIKE TO COMMEND EVERYONE THAT TOOK THE TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY TO BE HERE IN SOLIDARITY TO DEMAND CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST, AND EVENTUALLY JAIL NEVER. I WILL SAY THAT THE A.T.I. REPORT LOOKS VERY PROMISING, BUT COMMUNITIES LIKE MINE, LIKE SOUTH CENTRAL, HAVE RECEIVED MANY BROKEN PROMISES AT THE HANDS OF GOVERNMENT. THE COUNTY AND PHILANTHROPY MUST PUT THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS TO FULLY FUND THE A.T.I. WORK WITH REAL RACIAL EQUITY AND COMMUNITY SAY-SO AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS WORK. PUTTING THE PEOPLE FIRST MEANS THAT THE PEOPLE BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL INJUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE DECISION-MAKING POWER AT EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

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

MIKE GREENSPAN: MIKE GREENSPAN. HAPPY PURIM, YOU [EXPLETIVE] RABBIS. NOW, I WANT TO GO BACK TO A 19-YEAR QUOTE, BECAUSE SOMEBODY IN THIS ROOM MADE IT. HE SAID, "EVERYONE NEEDS

SALVATION. SOME GET THEIR SALVATION AT TWIN TOWERS." THAT WAS L.A. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO SAID THAT. SO, MY, HAVE TIMES CHANGED. NOW, SOMEONE WAS HERE LAST SUMMER, AND HE SAID, "I'M NOT GOING TO SAY WILLIE HORTON." WELL, I WILL SAY WILLIE HORTON, BECAUSE THAT GUY COMMITTED A MURDER, AND SOME LIBERAL DUMMY-CRAT NAMED MICHAEL DUKAKIS GAVE HIM A WEEKEND PASS OUT OF JAIL. SO HE WENT TO MARYLAND AND COMMITTED A RAPE AND ROBBERY. OH, YES, FOLKS. ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AREN'T THEY GREAT? THIS ISN'T MONOPOLY. WE'RE NOT GIVING OUT GET-OUT-OF-JAIL-FREE CARDS. THERE'S PEOPLE THAT HAVE DONE SERIOUS CRIMES AND NEED TO BE THERE. A GUY NAMED MITCHELL ENGLANDER, WHO RAN FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY KATHRYN BARGER, HE'S UP FOR SEVEN COUNTS IN FEDERAL COURT. YES, IT IS A FEDERAL CASE, AND HE COULD DO 50 YEARS, AND I HOPE HE DOES EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. AND ONE OTHER THING: SHIA LEBEOUF FOR--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

LATIA SUTTLE: HI. MY NAME IS LATIA SUTTLE. I'M A RETIRED ARMY VETERAN AND A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION. ON JANUARY 28TH, 2020, THE CENTER OF YOUTH WELLNESS AND CALIFORNIA SURGEON GENERAL DR. NADINE BURKE HARRIS ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF AN IN-DEPTH STUDY ON THE HEALTH-RELATED COSTS OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE, ALSO KNOWN AS TRAUMA, IN THE STATE OF

CALIFORNIA. THE STUDY REVEALS THE COST OF CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY IN CALIFORNIA AT APPROXIMATELY $113 BILLION. THERE'S BEEN A FEW SPEAKERS TO GET UP HERE TO STATE THAT THEY HAD WENT THROUGH TRAUMA, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT AS A CHILD, AND D.C.F.S. HAS BEEN AUDITED IN 2012 AND 2019, SHOWING THAT THEY'VE NEGLECTED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND INVESTIGATE THESE CASES. THIS TRAUMA LEADS INTO JUVENILE HALL, AND THEN INTO JAIL, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE CONNECTED WITH THIS A.T.I. WORK GROUP, TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S OVERSIGHT OF D.C.F.S., AS WELL. THERE ALSO NEEDS TO BE AN AUDIT ON THE CHILDREN THAT ARE IN THE FACILITIES, THE JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS, TO SEE HOW MUCH TRAUMA THEY HAVE ENDURED. THAT'S ALL.

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

DR. MICHAEL MENSAH: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M DR. MICHAEL MENSAH, AND I'M A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN PRACTICING PSYCHIATRY IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION NATIONAL BOARD. MY VIEWS ARE MY OWN. INCARCERATION WORSENS MENTAL ILLNESS FOR MY PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LOOK LIKE ME. FULLY FUNDING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN ALL DISTRICTS INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY WILL MODEL EXEMPLARY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. IT WILL ALSO FREE UP MORE SPACE IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS FOR PANDEMICS WE'RE CURRENTLY SUFFERING, LIKE C.O.V.I.D.-19. LET'S VOW

UNCONDITIONALLY TO FULLY DECRIMINALIZE MENTAL ILLNESS IN FIVE YEARS, SO THAT THE NEXT GENERATION LOOKS CLEARLY UPON 2020 AS A WATERSHED YEAR FOR PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

JUAN CORREA: GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JUAN CORREA, AND I'M REPRESENTING MY SON, JUAN CORREA, JR., THAT PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2017, IN A GENERAL POPULATION JAIL WHEN HE CAME ALONG TO THE TWIN TOWERS. I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY TRANSFERRED HIM, BUT THEY TRANSFERRED HIM. I HEARD SO MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE VULNERABLE HERE, AND I HOPE THAT MY SON'S DEATH WILL BE IN MEMORY OF TAKING CARE OF THOSE VULNERABLE PEOPLE THAT STILL EXIST. MY SON IS GONE, BUT STILL A LOT OF PEOPLE NEED THE HELP. AND THESE CHANGES THAT ARE SEEN TODAY ARE GOING TO BE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR ALL THE MOTHERS, FATHERS, FAMILY THAT HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

DR. ANNA DARBY: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. ANNA DARBY, AND I'M CHIEF RESIDENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M HERE TO VOICE MY STRONG SUPPORT OF

THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKING GROUP, AND TO ADVOCATE FOR FULL FUNDING OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. AS AN EMERGENCY DOC AT THE COUNTY, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I SEE A LOT OF OUR INCARCERATED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THEIR MOMENTS OF WORST CRISIS, AND I CAN TELL YOU FIRSTHAND HOW DESPERATELY WE NEED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. OUR CURRENT SYSTEM ACTIVELY WORKS AGAINST MY CAPACITY AND OUR CAPACITY TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE HEALTHCARE TO OUR COMMUNITIES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE JAILS. THE A.T.I. HAS BEEN SO PRODUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE, IN LARGE PART BECAUSE IT INVOLVED COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO CAN SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE EFFECTS OF MASS INCARCERATION. SO IN ADDITION TO FULL FUNDING, I WANT TO IMPLORE THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE A.T.I.'S IMPLEMENTATION, MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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

MEGAN CHOURREAU LYON: HELLO. MY NAME IS MEGAN CHOURREAU LYON, A STUDENT OF THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES, HERE WITH TESSA HICKS PETERSON. I'D LIKE TO START BY SAYING THAT AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THE PROCESS THAT I'VE SEEN UNRAVEL HERE TODAY, AND THROUGH THE WRITING OF THIS REPORT, HAS TRULY BEEN INSPIRING, AND IS A MODEL OF HOW, AS A SOCIETY, YOU TAKE A DEEP LOOK AT SOME OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF ISSUES. YOU DECIDE TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY AS THE FUNDAMENTAL PARTICIPANT IN

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY, AND YOU TAKE BRAVE, INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS. AND I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT HOW THIS PROGRAM CAN BECOME A POLICY BLUEPRINT TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION. I AM PART OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED STARTING OVER INC., IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, WHERE WE ARE STILL ADVOCATING FOR IN-PERSON VISITATION IN COUNTY JAILS. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I HOPE THAT THE WORK THAT IS DONE HERE IN L.A. CAN BE AN EXAMPLE THAT CAN THEN BE IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER COUNTIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

IZZY DETROY: HELLO. MY NAME IS IZZY DETROY, AND I'M ALSO A STUDENT AT PITZER COLLEGE. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, BECAUSE OF THE TOWN I GREW UP IN, AND BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF MY SKIN, I NEVER HAD TO WORRY ABOUT BEING PERCEIVED AS CRIMINAL OR DANGEROUS, AND EVERYBODY DESERVES THAT CHANCE IN LIFE. AS A YOUNG PERSON, PASSIONATE ABOUT HEALING AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, I BELIEVE THAT THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE HAS THE ABILITY TO SHOW FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT THERE IS HOPE. TO MAKE THIS INITIATIVE SOMETHING THAT IS MEANINGFUL AND TANGIBLE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS MUST BE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERY STEP OF IMPLEMENTATION. I IMPLORE YOU TO REMEMBER THIS, AND TO ACTIVELY MAKE AND MAINTAIN SPACE, BECAUSE IT IS OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO WILL LEAD US TO A MORE JUST FUTURE. WHEN IT COMES TO IMPLEMENTATION, THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE. THERE ARE LIVES AT STAKE.

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

VELVET YVETTE VICTORIAN: HI. MY NAME IS VELVET YVETTE VICTORIAN, AND I FOUND OUT RECENTLY-- SAY, IN THE LAST 10 YEARS-- THAT I WAS BORN AN ADVOCATE. FOR MANY YEARS, I DIDN'T TALK ABOUT BEING BORN IN CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN. AND I WAS BORN THERE IN 1962, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GAVE MY MOTHER HER FIRST JOB. AND WHEN I WAS BORN, MY MOTHER ENDED UP BECOMING ONE OF THE FIRST PARALEGALS IN THIS STATE. SO I KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN WITH YOU GUYS INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND NOT JAILS. YOU SEE, THE RESOURCES AFTER THE RIOT IS WHAT KEPT ME OUT OF JAIL. BECAUSE MY MOTHER WAS IMPACTED, WHEN I WOULD GO TO JAIL AS A JUVENILE, I WOULD TELL THEM, "IF YOU PUT ME IN JAIL WITH THOSE CRIMINALS, I'LL BECOME WORSE." AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO PRISON IN MY LIFE. AND I STARTED THE VELVETEEN RABBIT PROJECT THINKING THAT I WOULD HAVE TO HELP PEOPLE RE-ENTER SOCIETY FROM JAILS. BUT WHAT I'M SEEING, I'M HELPING THEM RE-ENTER SOCIETY FROM TENTS. AND I WANT YOU GUYS-- THANK YOU.

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

MATEO NAGASSI: HI. MY NAME IS MATEO NAGASSI. I'M A RESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN. I AM AN ACTIVIST. I AM A MEMBER OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND BLACK LIVES MATTER LOS ANGELES. I, TOO, WORKED ON THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND I'M INCREDIBLY PROUD TO BE HERE, AND I IMPLORE YOU TO EMBRACE OUR REPORT, OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, BECAUSE IT IS TRULY ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, BEFORE PUNISHMENT AND BEFORE CAGES. I AM ALSO A BROTHER. I HAVE TWO BROTHERS, CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY BROTHER ANTHONY. HE WAS ADDICTED TO CRACK FOR YEARS, AND HE COMMITTED HOME INVASIONS TO FEED HIS HABIT. AND THE DAY OF HIS LAST ARREST, MY BROTHER BROKE INTO A HOME AND THE FAMILY HAPPENED TO BE THERE, AND ANTHONY WAS SO HIGH OUT OF HIS MIND THAT BY THE TIME THE POLICE ARRIVED, HE WAS SITTING WITH THE FAMILY TALKING AND HAVING DINNER. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD HE HAD CARE AT THAT TIME INSTEAD OF A CAGE? WHAT WOULD HIS LIFE BE LIKE TODAY? OUR FAMILY'S LIFE. AND BECAUSE OF PAST CRIMES, ALL DRUG RELATED, MY BROTHER WAS SENTENCED TO AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING 120 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON, AND HAS BEEN THERE FOR 21 YEARS, STILL BATTLING DRUG ADDICTION. I'M CURRENTLY FIGHTING FOR HIS RELEASE. AND NO FAMILY AND NO PERSON IS DISPOSABLE. THANK YOU.

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

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS ISSUE HERE, AND THE PROBLEM IS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS. I DON'T COME HERE TALKING ABOUT BLACK AND BROWN. WE DON'T HAVE A BLACK AND BROWN, OKAY? THIS IS A BLACK ISSUE. THE BROWN, THEY'RE THE ONES LIVING IN OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEY HAVE OUR JOBS, AND BLACKS ARE ON THE STREETS. SO DON'T COME IN HERE LEACHING ON US LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE, OKAY? NOW, WE HAVE A PROBLEM HERE, ISSUES IN CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ABOUT YOU GUYS NOT COOPERATING WITH I.C.E. NOW, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE TRAINING AND GETTING THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS HELP. THEY NEED TO BE DEPORTED. NOW, I.C.E. COMES IN HERE AND YOU RELEASE THESE MURDERERS, RAPISTS, ROBBERS, THIEVES, DRUG DEALERS. STOP THE CLOCK, PLEASE. I LOST TIME. YOU RELEASE THESE PEOPLE ON US. OKAY? AND NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU WANT MORE PROGRAMS FOR THEM. PRESIDENT TRUMP IS FIGHTING AGAINST THESE SO-CALLED SANCTUARY LAWS AIMED AT LIMITING COOPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. SO CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. I AM FOR THIS PROGRAM IF IT'S TO HELP AFRICAN AMERICANS. I AM AGAINST IT IF IT HELPS ILLEGAL ALIENS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I GAVE YOU FOUR SECONDS. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

BLACC JACKSON: MY NAME IS BLACC JACKSON, FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR YOUTH AND OUR FAMILIES. MOST OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED TIME OR ARE SERVING TIME. I HAD MY FIRST CONTACT WITH POLICE AFTER BEING PUSHED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS PUT ON PROBATION AND STILL WORKING TO GET FREE FROM THE SYSTEM. THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN FACES THAT SYSTEM EVERY DAY. I WAS PROUD TO FIND THE A.T.I. PROCESS FOR THE YOUTH. THEY WON'T HAVE TO SEE INSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL. FOR THE 18- AND 25-YEAR-OLDS THAT FILL OUR JAILS BECAUSE OUR YOUNG AGE IS CONSIDERED A RISK FACTOR REQUIRING ATTENTION TO HOW YOU BUILD, WE DESERVE A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER THAT INCLUDES COLLEGES, JOB TRAINING, AND HOUSING. IT'S NO MYSTERY WHY WE'RE ON THE STREET. WE NEED TO EAT. IT'S NO SURPRISE WHY WE'RE GETTING HIGH. WE'RE GOING TO MEDICATE OUR FEELINGS WHEN WE HAVE NO ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE, WHEN WE HAVE WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THREATENING PROBATION OFFICERS, BUT WE NEVER SEEN A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR WHEN WE ARE CONSTANTLY STOPPED BY POLICE WITH GUNS OUT, WHEN WE HAVE NO LEGIT JOBS, BUT HAVE BEEN FORCED TO RISK OUR LIVES AND SELL OUR BODIES JUST TO SURVIVE. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT MORE YOUTH ARE PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED AND KILLED IN JAILS THAN OTHER AGE GROUPS WHEN YOU THROW US IN CAGES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? [APPLAUSE.] NO CLAPPING. YOU KNOW, PLEASE, YOU GUYS,

BECAUSE WE'VE GOT 50 MORE SPEAKERS, SO IT'S ANOTHER HOUR. AND EVERY TIME YOU CLAP, I'M GOING TO STOP THE BOARD MEETING. GO AHEAD.

JOSHUA HUI: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOSHUA HUI, AND I'M A CURRENT STUDENT AT PITZER COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT AND FULLY FUND THE A.T.I. AND INCLUDE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT BECAUSE I'M A COLLEGE STUDENT, I'M NOT AS INVESTED, OR THIS IS NOT MY ISSUE, OR THAT I WILL JUST GO OFF AFTER FOUR YEARS. AND I WANT TO REAFFIRM AND EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS VERY MUCH IMPORTANT TO ME. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ME AS A CURRENT RESIDENT OF L.A., A RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA, AND THIS NATION. BY FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A.T.I., INCLUDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THIS WILL SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO OTHER PLACES, TO OTHER COUNTIES, TO OTHER STATES, ON WHAT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP CAN LOOK LIKE. THANK YOU.

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

BRIAN KANEDA: HELLO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS BRIAN KANEDA, AND I AM WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, OR C.U.R.B. FOR SHORT. OUR MISSION IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN PRISONS AND JAILS, REDUCE THE NUMBER OF

PRISONS AND JAILS IN THE STATE, AND SHIFT WASTEFUL SPENDING AWAY FROM INCARCERATION AND TOWARDS THINGS THAT ACTUALLY KEEP US SAFE, LIKE HOUSING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, JOBS. WE BELIEVE IN CARE, NOT CAGES. WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT A.T.I. WE BELIEVE THIS IS VISIONARY WORK. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT, AND I AM HONORED TO HAVE HER BE ONE OF OUR LEADERS. THE THING THAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THIS REPORT IS THE INVESTMENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD URGE PEOPLE NOT TO THINK OF THOSE TWO THINGS AS SEPARATE. WE ARE JOINED TOGETHER. WE ARE LOCKED ARMS, WALKING ON THIS PATH TOGETHER TOWARDS A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST MODEL FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

KEELY NGUYEN: HI. I'M KEELY, AND I'M A STUDENT AT PITZER COLLEGE. I'M ALSO AN INTERN AT THE INLAND EMPIRE IMMIGRANT YOUTH COLLECTIVE, A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION LED BY QUEER AND UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH TO EMPOWER AND UPLIFT THEIR VOICES AND EXPERIENCES. I AM IN SUPPORT OF A.T.I. FOR MY OWN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH RACIALLY BIASED POLICIES AND IMPLICIT BIAS ON OUR OWN EDUCATION SYSTEM. PART OF THE REASON WHY LATINOS AND BLACK STUDENTS, OR BLACK YOUTH, ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY INCARCERATED AT HIGHER RISK COMPARED TO MOST ISN'T WITH HOW

THE EDUCATION SYSTEM HAS FAILED THEM, AND WHERE THEY INTERNALIZE HOW THEY'RE BEING TREATED AT SCHOOL, SUCH AS BEING CONSIDERED DELINQUENT WITH AUTHORITY WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR TEACHERS AND NURTURE THEM. SO LET'S SPEAK LOVE TO OUR YOUTH, AND I'M URGING YOU TO SUPPORT A.T.I. THANK YOU.

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

ESTHER GALEANO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ESTHER ABIGAIL GALEANO, AND I AM HERE TO REPRESENT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF A.T.I. AND ALL OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. I AM A PRODUCT OF A.T.I. AND THEIR WORK. TWO YEARS AGO, I WAS PREGNANT AND IN JAIL, FACING A MAXIMUM OF SIX YEARS IN PRISON. I WAS GOING TO LOSE MY DAUGHTER. AND THANKS TO THE WORK THAT A.T.I. HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE, I WAS ABLE TO KEEP MY DAUGHTER. I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM, PROTOTYPES WOMEN CENTER IN POMONA, AND I AM A FUNCTIONING MEMBER OF SOCIETY TODAY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

ELLA MEYER: HELLO, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ELLA, AND I'M A STUDENT IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN CARE FIRST, JAIL NEVER. I WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO HOW

ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE MANIFESTS IN MULTIPLE WAYS WITHIN THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. IT IS BECAUSE INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE SEEN AS DISPOSABLE THAT PRISONS ARE OFTEN BUILT ON OR NEAR ENVIRONMENTALLY TOXIC SITES, THUS SUBJECTING INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES TO HEALTH AND SAFETY THREATS. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN PRISONS ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED, AND I URGE THE COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A.T.I.

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

RYAN MECINAS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RYAN MECINAS. I'M HERE REPRESENTING HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I'M A PERSON WHO WAS STILL TRYING TO FIND HIMSELF IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANKS TO THIS PROGRAM, I HAVE LEARNED TO CONDUCT MYSELF, CARRY ON JOB ASSIGNMENTS, COUNSELING, MENTAL HEALTH, SOMETHING THAT I WOULD HAVE NEVER PROBABLY DONE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE SUFFER A LOT OF THINGS IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. L.A., EAST SIDE, EVERYWHERE ALL OVER LOS ANGELES, IT'S GANG VIOLENCE, DRUG ADDICTIONS, AND LOW SELF-ESTEEM AND HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY AND ANY ORGANIZATION. BUT HERE AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, THEY PROVIDE JOBS, NOT JAIL. WE'RE VERY THANKFUL FOR EVERY HELP, FOR EVERY DONATION, FOR HOMEBOY'S CAFETERIA, FOR LEARNING AND GIVING US VALUE IN OUR LIVES. I THANK FATHER

GREG, AND I THANK EVERYONE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND JOBS, NOT JAILS, AND I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS. GOOD AFTERNOON.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE AGAIN FOR SHARING. IT MEANS A LOT. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM A STUDENT AT PITZER COLLEGE, AND WE SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT A RESIDENT OF L.A. AND MY FAMILY IS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS ISSUE, I STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND JUSTICE L.A. TO END MASS INCARCERATION, AND TO INSTEAD SUPPORT HUMAN HEALTH, COMPASSION, EDUCATION, JUSTICE, OPPORTUNITY, AND WELLNESS. SUPPORT AND FULLY FUND A.T.I. REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

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

LEON PETERSON: MY NAME IS LEON PETERSON, AND I'M HERE WITH FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES. I FEEL THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE YOUTH'S FUTURE IS KEY. MY VISION IS NOT TO SEE OUR YOUTH BEHIND BARS. I AM IMPACTED BY THIS BECAUSE MOSTLY MY FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN GETTING ARRESTED WITH THE POLICE. WHEN THEY COME HOME, THEY'RE ALWAYS ANGRIER AND DEPRESSED THAN BEFORE JAIL. JAILS DON'T WORK FOR

US, JUST LIKE CAGES DON'T WORK FOR ANIMALS AT THE ZOO. I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY, STOP GANG VIOLENCE AND DRUG ADDICTION. I FEEL LIKE BLACK PEOPLE IS IMPACTED THE MOST, BECAUSE OF OUR SKIN COLOR. I FEEL THAT WE NEED MORE OPPORTUNITIES AND THINGS TO DO FOR OUR YOUTH, FOR WE CAN HAVE LESS PEOPLE IN JAILS AND LESS DEATHS. JUST LIKE ON MY SHIRT, IT SAYS, "CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL."

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

LEX STEPPLING: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LEX STEPPLING. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND CAMPAIGNS WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. WHAT I DO WANT TO SAY IS STILL, AS WE STAND RIGHT NOW, WE ARE THE LEADING JAILER IN THE COUNTRY. AND THERE HAS BEEN VISIONS FROM BOTH THE JUSTICE L.A. CAMPAIGN, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, AND EVEN ONES WE WEREN'T SURE ABOUT, LIKE THE RAND STUDY, HAVE ALL SAID WE HAVE TO MASSIVELY DECARCERATE ON OUR WAY TO THIS VISION, AND THAT STILL STANDS IN THE WAY OF EVERYTHING. SO IN ADDITION TO THIS INCREDIBLE PROCESS THAT WE'VE IMPLEMENTED, AND THIS INCREDIBLE VISION THAT CONTAINS, QUITE FRANKLY, ALL OF THE ANSWERS, WE NEED TO DECARCERATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE NEED TO DO IT WITHOUT FEAR, AND UNDERSTAND THAT RAPID DECARCERATION DOES EQUATE TO PUBLIC SAFETY. AND I WANT TO REITERATE THAT

HAVING THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID TO A.T.I., VERY MUCH IS THE ANSWER. THERE'S THE SAYING, "IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT." WELL, IF IT'S FIXED, DON'T BREAK IT. THANK YOU.

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

MICHELE MUSACCHIO: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU. MY NAME IS MICHELE MUSACCHIO, AND I TRAVELED HERE TODAY FROM ORANGE COUNTY. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT IS DUE TO YOUR LEADERSHIP THAT WHAT YOU DO IN LOS ANGELES, YOU DO FOR THE WORLD. RIGHT NOW IN ORANGE COUNTY, WE TOO ARE STARING DOWN EFFORTS THAT WOULD LOCK UP MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS BEHIND BARS, WHERE YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THEY DO NOT BELONG. AS POINTED OUT TODAY, THOSE DOLLARS BEHIND BARS REPRESENT A NET COUNTY COST. LIKE THE PEOPLE THEY ARE FOR, THOSE SERVICES BELONG DISTRIBUTED AND NETWORKED, IN PERSON, AMONG OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE BRING US FORWARD IN HISTORY IN CALIFORNIA WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS PLAN. THANK YOU.

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

JOASIEL GONZALEZ: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOASIEL GONZALEZ, PART OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND TODAY WE ARE HERE TO MAKE HISTORY, YOU KNOW,

BECAUSE A.T.I. PRESENTED A WORK GROUP THAT SUPPORTS AND SHOWS US HOW TO END MASS INCARCERATION. AND I AM IMPACTED BY THIS BECAUSE I URGE YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY FOR SURE IMPACT THE YOUTH AND THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IMMIGRANT YOUTH. JAIL FOR ME WAS NOTHING BUT A CONCRETE BOX. IT GAVE ME NOTHING. MY BROTHER HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE IN JUVENILE HALL. THESE SMALL EXPERIENCES CAN ALSO LEAD TO OUR DEPORTATION. MY COUSIN IS AN IMMIGRANT WHO CAME HERE AT AGE THREE. HE IS NOW 23. HE IS A YOUNG MAN AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HE TRIED TO GET A LEGAL WORK PERMIT TO WORK IN THE U.S., BUT INSTEAD GOT DENIED AND A THREAT TO BE DEPORTED FOR BEING PART OF A GANG DATABASE. A.T.I. MUST ALSO HELP MY COUSIN AND OTHER MIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY IN A COUNTY WITH 40 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION BEING BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S. THANK YOU.

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

NICOLE BROWN: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, BOARD. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, AND WE'RE HERE TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS DEDICATED OVER 10 YEARS TO REDUCING VIOLENCE AND PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH, BOTH HERE IN L.A. AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND WE FEEL THAT THE A.T.I. VISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES

STRONGER, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY SAFER. WHILE WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, WE FEEL THAT MANY OF THE FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO IMPLEMENT RIGHT AWAY. RECOMMENDATIONS SUCH AS CREATING A DECISION-MAKING BODY OF IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION, AND EXPANDING AND COORDINATING DATA COLLECTION ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS INITIATIVE. THE COUNTY SHOULD INITIATE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE'VE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT THROUGH GREAT CROSS-SECTOR, CROSS-COMMUNITY ENERGY, AND THE COUNTY NEEDS TO CAPITALIZE ON AND DEEPEN THAT COMMITMENT. THANK YOU. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THIS POWERFUL PROCESS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. KENT?

KENT MENDOZA: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M THE POLICY MANAGER AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND JUST THANK ALL THE BOARD JUST FOR THE FEEDBACK THAT I HEARD ABOUT THIS REPORT. I THINK IT WAS GOOD FEEDBACK. YEAH, I MEAN, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY MEMBERSHIP. YOU KNOW, A.R.C. HAS OVER 6,000-PLUS MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN PRISONS ALL AROUND CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE OVER A THOUSAND MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY OUT IN THE COMMUNITY,

LIVING, RAISING KIDS, PAYING TAXES, AND BEING POSITIVE ROLE MODELS TO THE COMMUNITY. AND, YOU KNOW, JUST WHEN I SEE THIS, JUST REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE LIVE IN A COUNTY WHERE WE HAVE THE LARGEST PROSECUTION OFFICE IN THE WORLD. WE HAVE THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE THE LARGEST PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE A LOT OF BIG DEPARTMENTS. AND TODAY WE ARE GOING WITH VOTING IN THIS REPORT. WE ARE GOING INTO A DIRECTION WHERE WE'RE NOW NOT ONLY BEING BOLD, BUT WE'RE STEPPING OUT OF THE BOX AND ACTUALLY CREATING REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU, AND I URGE YOU FOR AN AYE VOTE AND CONTINUE TO WORK, BECAUSE THIS IS JUST ONE THING OUT OF MANY THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KENT. NEXT SPEAKER. WELCOME.

MILA PERKINS: HI. MY NAME IS MILA PERKINS FROM YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES. IT WAS A BIG IMPACT ON ME BECAUSE MY FATHER MISSED MY CHILDHOOD, AND I WAS IN AN INCIDENT WITH AN OFFICER AND MISSED HOMECOMING. I WAS TRYING TO RESOLVE A FIGHT. AND AFTER IT HAPPENED, SHE ASSUMED IT WAS ME, AND PUSHED ME ON THE GATE, AND I FELT ATTACKED. I ALMOST GOT KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL FOR THAT. BUT IF THIS WERE AN ALTERNATIVE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. SO I

WOULD HAVE WANTED ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS MORE SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF JAILS. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER. YEAH.

MARIA CORREA: I'M MARIA CORREA. I'M JUAN CORREA'S MOTHER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ON SEPTEMBER 26TH OF 2017. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE COALITIONS DIGNITY AND POWER, JUSTICE L.A., AND REFORMS L.A., FOR THE LOVE, SUPPORT, THE CARING, THE UNDERSTANDING, AND THE HELP [INAUDIBLE]. I WANT TO ALSO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT MEASURE R, FOR THEIR CONCERN AND THE HEART, THE GREAT HEART THAT THEY HAVE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN NEED. AND ALSO, I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY CARES ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN NEED, ESPECIALLY EUNISSES AND THE PANEL FOR THIS GREAT VIDEO THAT THEY MADE FOR PEOPLE, THAT THEY REALLY TOUCH HEARTS AND LIVES, FOR PEOPLE REALLY HAVE FEELINGS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

LANIYA MALON: HI. MY NAME IS LANIYA, AND I'M HERE WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND ALSO ATTEND FREE L.A. HIGH

SCHOOL. THIS LAST SUMMER I WAS CHILLING AT THE PARK WITH FAMILY. THE PARK IS SOMEWHERE I GO OFTEN, AND SO I'M NOT HARD TO LINK UP WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS. WE WERE PLAYING AND ENJOYING OUR TIME HAVING FUN. THEN WE DECIDED TO WALK TO THE STORE, AND THE POLICE STOPPED US AGGRESSIVELY. THEY GOT OUT AND IDENTIFIED PEOPLE IN THE GROUP OF THEIR GOVERNMENT NAME. MY THING IS, WHY MESS WITH KIDS WHO WERE ENJOYING OUR TIME? I WAS THERE WITH LITTLE KIDS. I WAS SCARED, CONFUSED, AND PROTECTIVE OF MY FAMILY. I TOLD THEM TO RUN, THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION THEY COULD HAVE BEEN IN. WHY NOT APPROACH US WITH CARE FIRST, AND NOT GIVING US MORE FEAR? I SUPPORT THE A.T.I. FOR YOUTH, AGE 18 AND UP, AS IT HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR L.A COUNTY TO TREAT VERSUS WITH RESPECT AND LOVE. WE ARE GOOD PEOPLE. WE HAVE DREAMS AND WE DESERVE MORE THAN A LIFE IN JAIL, OR DEATH IN THE STREETS. WE SHOULD GET JOBS, COUNSELING, AND HOUSING, NOT JAIL. WHY BE LOCKED UP?

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

SPEAKER: I'D LIKE TO LET, IF YOU DON'T MIND, THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION FINISH THEIRS. THE NEXT PERSON IN LINE DOESN'T MIND, SO THEY CAN--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT, KIM? OKAY. GO AHEAD.

JARED O'BRIEN: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JARED O'BRIEN, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. BACK WHEN I FIRST GOT INTO THIS WORK, I KNEW THAT L.A. COUNTY WAS KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE, AND MAYBE EVEN THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, I DIDN'T SEE THIS IN MY COMMUNITY, MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE STILL HAVE THE LARGEST PROBATION SYSTEM, THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM, THE LARGEST JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS, AMONG MANY OTHER PUNITIVE SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE IN L.A COUNTY. MAKING A MOVE TOWARDS DOWNSIZING THE JAIL POPULATION IS HUGE FOR ME BECAUSE I MYSELF HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED, AND IT'S SOMETHING I DON'T WISH ON ANYONE. BEING 16 YEARS OLD AND FACING NINE YEARS IN PRISON TO BEING ON PROBATION THAT NEVER CARED FOR MY WELLBEING OR OFFERED ANY RESOURCES IS SOMETHING THAT MANY OTHER YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN L.A. COUNTY FACE ON A DAILY BASIS. WE HAVE BEEN RELYING ON A SYSTEM OF PUNISHMENT FOR SO LONG THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT CARE LOOKS LIKE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER?

PHAL SOK: GOOD AFTERNOON. PAUL SOK, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN THERE WERE NO CAGES IN THIS WORLD. THERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN THERE WERE NO FIREARM,

NO BADGES IN THIS WORLD, AND PEOPLE GOT ALONG JUST FINE. IT'S CALLED THE CREATION OF THE EARTH, HOWEVER YOU WANT TO TAKE IT: BIG BANG, GOD, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO TAKE. BUT ONE THING I WANT TO SAY IS, THERE'S MONEY TO DO THIS. SHERIFFS GET, WHAT, 3-SOMETHING BILLION DOLLARS? CAN WE TAKE SOME OF THAT AND SPEND IT ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE? CAN WE PUT YOUTH CENTERS ON THE CORNERS WITH SOME OF THAT MONEY? CAN WE TAKE JUST A PENNY ON EVERY DOLLAR THAT THEY GET? THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING. HOW ABOUT WE MAKE IT A NICKEL? IMAGINE THE THINGS WE COULD DO WITH THAT. AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU ALL, WHEN I WAS 16, MY DAD DIED, AND THE SCHOOL PUSHED ME OUT. I ENDED UP IN THE SYSTEM AT 17, TREATED LIKE AN ADULT. COULDN'T VOTE, COULDN'T BUY A PACK OF CIGARETTES, COULDN'T DO NONE OF THAT, BUT I SURE COULD BE PUT IN A CELL WITH A GROWN-ASS MAN. GOT THE BOOK THROWN AT ME. AND THEN, WHEN I CAME HOME, I DIDN'T GET TO COME HOME. I GOT PICKED UP BY I.C.E. BUT THANKS TO SOME OF YOU, I GOT A LETTER, THEN WENT TO GOVERNOR BROWN. I GOT MYSELF A PARDON, WHICH I DO APPRECIATE. BUT TODAY I STILL WORK WITH ALL THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, SUPPORT THEM EVERY DAY. WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. WE CAN'T BE BUILDING THEM CAGES ANYMORE. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOPE. PLEASE.

KIM MCGILL: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND WE'RE ALSO PART OF JUSTICE L.A. WE WERE HONORED TO BE IN THE A.T.I. PLANNING PROCESS. WE WANT TO LIFT UP THROUGHOUT THAT PROCESS AND AFTERWARDS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ALSO NEED TO BE CONSIDERED, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT THEY ENDURE THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTY JAILS, AS WELL AS THE HIGHEST RATE OF DEATH IN THE COUNTY JAILS. 10 YEARS AGO WHEN THE JAIL FIGHT STARTED, DIANA ZUNIGA WAS A REBELLIOUS, INGENIOUS ORGANIZER WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I WAS AT THOSE MEETINGS. I WAS ALSO AT THE RALLIES WHERE DOLORES CANALES WAS LEADING THE FIGHT TO END SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN THE STATE PRISONS. I WAS ALSO AT THE D.P.A. GATHERINGS WHERE EUNISSES HERNANDEZ WAS PUSHING FOR DECRIMINALIZATION WITH THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. AND NOW THEY ARE LEADING THE WORK GROUP THAT BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO ENVISION A NEW FUTURE FOR ALL OF US IN LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO ALSO SAY TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO STAND, BECAUSE WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF YOU, BECAUSE WE HAD THE COURAGE TO NEVER GIVE UP. WE HAD THE COURAGE NOT TO COMPROMISE OUR CORE VALUES THAT CAGES ARE INHUMANE AND UNJUST FOR EVERYONE. AND THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'LL PUSH FORWARD THE PLAN TO MAKE IT REAL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIM.

KIM MCGILL: TALK TO THE NEXT PERSON NEXT TO YOU. THANK THEM. HUG THEM. GIVE THEM A LOT OF LOVE FOR 10 YEARS OF FIGHTING.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIM. SECURITY. YOU GUYS. NEXT SPEAKER.

JOE MAIZLISH: SURE. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH, A THERAPIST WORKING MOSTLY IN WORKPLACE CRISIS SUPPORT. A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF L.A. REGIONAL RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP, ON WHOSE STEERING COMMITTEE AND POLICY COMMITTEE I SERVE. THEY ARE VERY PLEASED AS AN ORGANIZATION AND AS INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT AND BE PART OF AND MEET WITH THE CONSULTANTS AND HELP BUILD THIS A.T.I. NOTICE THAT INTERCEPT ZERO INCLUDES COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS OF CARE AND RE-ENTRY. THEY ARE VERY-- THERE'S A LOT OF-- IS THERE SOME DISTURBANCE GOING? OKAY. THERE'S A LOT OF OVERLAP BETWEEN THOSE SERVICES: THE SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE STAY AWAY FROM REPEATING, AND THE SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE NOT GET INVOLVED IN IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. LET'S NOTICE THAT. STRENGTHEN THEM BOTH. AND LET'S NOTICE, ALSO, THAT WE REACH BACK. SOMEBODY MENTIONED THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT TO FUND THIS. I'M WILLING TO PAY SOME MORE TAXES FOR IT. TELL THE STATE THAT. YOU CAN MAKE A GOOD CASE FOR IT.

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

ANDRE WEST: MY NAME IS ANDRE WEST, AND I FEEL LIKE ONE THING THAT COULD HELP US OUT IS BECAUSE WE KNOW, LIKE, THE TYPE OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO HELP OUT. LIKE, WE KNOW PEOPLE THAT COULD, LIKE, ENFORCE THE PEOPLE THAT HIRE PEOPLE TO HELP OUT, LIKE POLICE OFFICERS. WE KNOW THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT'S REALLY TRYING TO BE OUT THERE TO KEEP PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS, AND KEEP PEOPLE IN A CERTAIN PLACE WHERE THEY'RE GROWING AND COULD HELP THEMSELVES. AND WE KNOW PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST TRYING TO BE THERE SO THEY COULD ENFORCE AND MAKE THEIRSELVES SEEM BIGGER THAN ANOTHER PERSON. AND WE COULD HELP OUT IN THAT WAY. NOT JUST, LIKE, ME JUST SAYING THIS RIGHT NOW, AND THEN WE JUST THINK OF IT IN A WAY, LIKE, "OKAY, WE COULD DO THAT." REALLY THINK ABOUT THAT, SO WE COULD HELP OUR PEOPLE OUT AND KEEP THEM IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

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

YENISEL RAVELO: HELLO. MY NAME IS YENISEL REVELO, AND I AM A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT AT U.S.C., AND I AM A SOCIAL WORK INTERN AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. AS A SOON-TO-BE SOCIAL WORKER AND A PRODUCT OF INTERGENERATIONAL INCARCERATION, I URGE YOU TO PASS A MOTION OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I HAVE SEEN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FAIL MY PEOPLE CONSISTENTLY. I HAVE SEEN MY PEOPLE SUFFER WITH LONG-

TERM MENTAL ILLNESSES SUCH AS P.T.S.D. AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE NAME OF INCARCERATION. I HAVE WITNESSED THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WOUNDS IN THE NAME OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AND MODERN-DAY SLAVERY. INCARCERATION IS FUELED BY INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND DEHUMANIZING PUNISHMENT. INCARCERATION DOES NOT REHABILITATE. INCARCERATION IS NOT A SOLUTION. IT IS TIME FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE. IT IS TIME FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BECAUSE INCARCERATION AFFECTS ALL OF US. THANK YOU, AND I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS MOTION.

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

MARY SUTTON: HI. MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON, AND I COME FROM A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT THAT HAS FOUGHT AGAINST PRISON AND JAIL EXPANSION FOR, REALLY, ALMOST 20 YEARS, SO I ACKNOWLEDGE EVERYONE LIKE KIM DID. OF COURSE, I SUPPORT THE A.T.I. MY CONCERNS ARE, THOUGH, THAT IT IS STILL ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS AND TRAUMA THAT HAS ENSUED AFTER THE CRISIS, AFTER THE TRAUMA AND AFTER THE CRISIS, AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT REINVESTMENT IN SCHOOLS, JOBS IN THE COMMUNITIES. AND WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY. WE'RE THE LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD. YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT DOLLARS. A.B. 109 IS OVER $3 BILLION. 80 PERCENT HAS GONE TO THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THERE'S CONTRACTING NOW WITH THE GEOGROUP, THE LARGEST PRISON BUILDING IN THE WORLD, FOR RE-ENTRY SERVICES. THEY'RE GETTING

HUGE DOLLARS, AND THE COMMUNITY IS DEPENDENT ON THOSE DOLLARS. AND THE SCHOOLS ARE USING DOLLARS FOR POLICE FORCES, RATHER THAN SERVICES FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN. THIS IS ALL FACT, AND I WANT THAT ON THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

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

JAMES NELSON: HELLO. MY NAME IS JAMES NELSON, WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND JUSTICE L.A. I'M FORMERLY INCARCERATED. I'VE BEEN HOME FIVE YEARS NOW. I DID 29 YEARS ON A MURDER I DID NOT COMMIT. MY CASE IS STILL BEING LITIGATED. BUT WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO SAY IS, WE ALWAYS SAY THAT OUR CHILDREN IS OUR FUTURE, RIGHT? NOW THIS IS A CHANCE FOR US TO NOW REALLY PUT THE MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS, AND INVEST IN OUR YOUTH. AND ANOTHER THING IS THAT I'M ALSO ELATED TO BE A PART OF THE A.T.I. PROCESS. AND I'M BEING A PART OF THAT BECAUSE SITTING IN A JAIL CELL, NOT KNOWING WHEN I WAS GOING TO EVER COME HOME, AND THEN FINALLY COMING HOME AND BEING A PART OF THIS PROCESS, YOU KNOW, IT WAS WONDERFUL. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES. BUT WE HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN. WE NEED TO SEE THIS THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT WITH ALL INTENTIONS THAT WAS PUT INTO THIS IS CARRIED OUT, YOU KNOW? THAT WE ARE NOT BACK DOOR SOME KIND OF WAY TO WHERE THINGS IS NOT WHAT WE ACTUALLY WANTED. BUT I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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

SPEAKER: HI. AS A RAPE, ATTEMPTED MURDER, AND SHOOTING VICTIM, I AM SHOCKED AT THE INEQUALITY OF JUSTICE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: PULL YOUR MIC UP.

SPEAKER: THE PERSON THAT SHOT ME WAS A WHITE WOMAN WHO BROKE INTO MY HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WHILE I WAS SLEEPING, PUT A GUN TO MY HEAD, AND COMMITTED THE CRIME. THE INEQUALITY OF LISTENING TO THIS-- THE PERSON SERVED LESS THAN ONE YEAR IN A POSH, VERY EXPENSIVE REHAB CENTER, AND WAS NOT DRUG-ADDICTED. THERE WAS INEQUALITY ON THE C.R. 110, WHICH YOU REFUSED TO FILE-- THE COUNTY-- AND CAUSED NO RESTITUTION. THERE ARE SO MANY VIOLATIONS ON THIS. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS YOU DO NEED TO REMEMBER IS, THE VICTIMS OF THESE VIOLENT CRIMES, AND THE EXTREME VIOLENT CRIMES-- AND I KNOW A LOT OF THESE AREN'T VIOLENT CRIMES THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT-- IT'S LIFE-CHANGING. YOU GO FROM BEING AN EXECUTIVE TO BEING ILL THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. YOU HAVE CHRONIC ILLNESS. AND I DON'T THINK THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF IT, EITHER.

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

SIR BAILEY: YES. MY NAME IS SIR BAILEY, REPRESENTING YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, FREE L.A., ENCOUNTER L.A., AND JUST BEING A CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES, SO EXCITED TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS DONE, AND THE COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY. THIS INEQUITY INJUSTICE STARTS WAY BACK WITH OUR WAR ON DRUGS, WHEN BILLIE HOLIDAY SANG "STRANGE FRUIT" AND TRIED TO MAKE OUR COUNTRY AWARE OF MORE PEOPLE BEING HUNG AFTER SLAVERY WAS ABOLISHED THAN WERE KILLED DURING SLAVERY, AND HER CABARET CARD BEING TAKEN AND HER BEING ISOLATED, TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE TREATMENT TO JUDY GARLAND IN THE SAME SITUATION. SO WE KNOW THE HISTORY OF THIS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR STARTING US OUT WITH THE TRUTH THAT, WITHOUT A VISION, OUR PEOPLE PERISH. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, LIKE WE SAW AT THE SUPER BOWL, THAT THE CREDIT FOR THIS MOVEMENT ISN'T AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF POWER WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP, BUT WITH THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE BY PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES, AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE DAY STUDYING THEIR CASES AND BRINGING IT TO THE FOREFRONT. THANK YOU.

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

SOFIA QUINONES: [SPEAKS SPANISH.] MY NAME IS SOFIA QUINONES, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE GENOCIDE AND

THE TORTURE IN OUR SYSTEM, I STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU WHO HAVE FOUGHT IT FOR GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS. I'M HERE TO SAY, BE CAREFUL WITH THE PRIVATIZATION OF RE-ENTRY. AND SO THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY IN RE-ENTRY, AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN HERE SHOULD BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH A PENSION, OKAY? NOT WORKING FOR A NONPROFIT. THIS IS GREAT WORK, BUT WITH NO BENEFITS. WE FOUGHT TO BAN THE BOX. THEY SHOULD BE ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. CAN WE USE THIS AS AN EXAMPLE, AS A SEED, TO HIRE THEM AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH ITS OWN SEPARATE DIVISION? NO PRIVATIZATION TO RE-ENTRY. SOLIDARITY IN MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER?

EMILIO ZAPIEN: GOOD AFTERNOON. EMILIO, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, JUSTICE L.A. FIRST TIME I CAME TO SPEAK HERE WAS A JAIL FIGHT ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO. SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS THEN LOOKED AT US LIKE WE WERE OUT OF OUR MINDS. SO IT'S A VERY HAPPY DAY AND A VERY DIFFERENT CONVERSATION NOW. WE SAID IT THEN AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN: I'M HERE TO FIGHT FOR PRISON ABOLITION AND I ALWAYS WILL. I BELIEVE IN IT. MY COUSIN RECENTLY GOT SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS, AND HE'S NOW HEADED TO STATE PRISON. HE STRUGGLES WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND AFTER COMING HOME FROM LOCKUP, AT TIMES HE FELT MORE TRAPPED THAN WHILE HE WAS INSIDE. MY FAMILY'S SUFFERING RIGHT

NOW. HIS LITTLE BOY MISSES HIS DAD, AND HE'S ANGRY, AND I CAN SEE IT. I'M MAKING ANOTHER COMMITMENT THAT FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS I'LL BE HERE, AND WE WILL ALL BE HERE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT FOLKS LIKE GUILLERMO AND OUR LOVED ONES, COLLECTIVELY, HAVE SPACES AND PLACES AND PEOPLE AND SERVICES AND A VILLAGE THAT WE DESERVE, TO GIVE OUR FOLKS A CHANCE AT A SUSTAINABLE LIFE, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I'M FIGHTING FOR HIM. HIS SON WILL BE A TEENAGER WHEN HE COMES OUT. THANK YOU.

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

WAYNE SPINDLER: WAYNE FROM ENCINO. I GOT TO KEEP IT REAL LOW BECAUSE YOUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTY'S THREATENING TO THROW ME OUT OF THE MEETING. SO, I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED BEFORE. PUT A MAN IN A [EXPLETIVE] CAGE AND TURN HIM--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I TURNED IT OFF.

WAYNE SPINDLER: [INAUDIBLE]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: CAN YOU STICK ON THE SUBJECT, MR. SPINDLER?

WAYNE SPINDLER: [INAUDIBLE]

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

ARNOLD SACHS: WHY, YES, THANK YOU. SO THIS IS THE NEXT GENERATION COMING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EVERY 10 YEARS. WHAT HAPPENED TO PROP 30 AND THE FUNDS THAT IT RAISED IN 2012? BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. JERRY BROWN CAME DOWN HERE TO TALK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN CLOSED SESSION ABOUT FUNDING PROP 30. BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BALANCE THE STATE BUDGET. WHO WAS SITTING IN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THAT TIME? I DON'T KNOW. OH, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS HERE. HOW ABOUT-- OH, BY THE WAY, IT CHANGED SENTENCING PREROGATIVES. IT BECAME A JUDGE'S PREROGATIVE. HOW ABOUT SOME EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE? THEFT OF A FAMILY HEIRLOOM, LIKE A FAMILY BIBLE. HOW ABOUT TAXING A CHURCH? HOW ABOUT GANG RAPE? HOW ABOUT MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS? THEY SHOULD ALL BE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES. AND STOP PAYING JUDGES THE 50,000 A YEAR, AND MAYBE USE THE MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX TO HELP FUND SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A PUBLIC AGENCY, A PUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, THAT HAS PICKED UP THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S INDIGENT PEOPLE. WHY AREN'T THEY BEING ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT? WHO OWNS THAT COMPANY?

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

HERMAN HERMAN: YEP. I REMEMBER THOSE TWO NIGHTS IN BOYLE HEIGHTS WHEN THEY CAME OUT AND DRUG ME TO THE METROPOLITAN WHILE I WAS SICK, ALL BECAUSE OF MITCHELL ENGLANDER, WHO'S UNDER AN F.B.I. INDICTMENT. SENT THEM TO MY HOME WHILE I WAS SICK, AND TOOK MY [EXPLETIVE] ASS TO A JAIL-- [INAUDIBLE]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: CAN YOU STICK TO THE TOPIC, PLEASE?

HERMAN HERMAN: [INAUDIBLE]

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

VAN HUYNH: HI. MY NAME IS VAN HUYNH. I'M HERE WITH HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT, IN SOLIDARITY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY IN APPRECIATION FOR ALL OF YOU COURAGEOUS LEADERS ON THE FLOOR, AND ALSO IN THE AUDIENCE. AND SO WHEN I WAS-- BECAUSE I WAS UNWELL AS A TEENAGER, I WAS PRESCRIBED TWO LIFE SENTENCES PLUS 27 YEARS. AND SO IN THAT CELL, I LEARNED SO MUCH, AND I LEARNED TO ACTUALLY LOVE IT. I LOVED IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE. I DIDN'T HAVE HOPE. SO I WAS SO BLESSED TO BE OUT HERE BECAUSE OF S.B. 260. AND NOW THAT I'M OUT HERE WITNESSING ALL OF THIS, THIS REPORT, IT'S GIVING ME HOPE. AND BECAUSE OF THIS, I'VE DISCOVERED A NEW LOVE, WHICH

IS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION, TO TRY TO GIVE BACK AS MUCH AS I CAN. AND SO I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY ON THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND FOR SUCH A HOPEFUL FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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

DAVID LEVINE: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID LEVINE. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF A.T.I., REPRESENTING HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I THINK THAT GENTLEMAN EARLIER SAID THE CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE WERE ONCE CHILDREN, AS WELL, AND WE'RE THE EXAMPLES TO OUR CHILDREN TODAY. YOU KNOW, WE WON'T BE HERE FOREVER, AND SO WE NEED THEM TO BE INFORMED OF HOW TO DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY, SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE ON TO THEIR CHILDREN AND THE NEXT GENERATION. I'M GRATEFUL FOR A.T.I. AND THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE, AS WELL AS HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, BECAUSE THESE PROGRAMS DIDN'T EXIST WHEN I WAS A KID. AND BECAUSE THEY EXIST TODAY, IT'S BECAUSE I'M STANDING HERE TODAY, AND THAT'S THE REASON I'M STANDING HERE TODAY. SO I JUST THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE, AND I THANK YOU FOR THE BOARD, AS WELL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S OUR LAST SPEAKER? THERE'S ONE MORE SPEAKER. WHERE? GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OKAY. MY NAME IS DAVID, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M JUST HERE TO ASK THAT YOU FIND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR THE YOUTH. THE YOUTH IS THE FUTURE. THE YOUTH IS.. THE BROWN AND BLACK YOUTH ARE BEING INCARCERATED AT A HIGHER RATE, AS WE ALL KNOW. SO WE JUST ASK, PLEASE, FOR YOU TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THOSE ARE ALL OUR SPEAKERS ON THESE ITEMS. AND THESE ITEMS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS IN CLOSING?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO SPENT ALL THE TIME ON A.T.I., COMING TODAY TO TALK ABOUT IT. IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING AND AFTERNOON, BUT EVERYTHING YOU SAY IS TAKEN TO HEART. AND I REALLY THANK YOU. I THANK THE BOARD AND ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SO ITEM S-1 IS BEFORE US, AS A RECEIVE AND FILE. SO I'M GOING TO SAY, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US NOW, AND THAT IS GOING TO BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO

OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, ITEM 34-A IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. IT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. SO WE'VE GOT MORE WORK TO DO, SO IF YOU COULD BE QUIET AS YOU LEAVE, WE'RE GOING TO FINISH UP WITH THE BOARD AGENDA. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN HERE AND SPENDING THE DAY WITH US. SO I'M GOING TO TAKE AN ITEM OUT OF ORDER, AND THAT IS GOING TO BE ITEM NUMBER 6. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THAT ONE UP NOW, REGARDING THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER. AND AGAIN, I WOULD ASK THAT OUR INDIVIDUALS IN THE ROOM HELP THE AUDIENCE GET OUT QUIETLY. SO WITH THAT, ITEM NUMBER 6. SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPEN IT UP, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, I'LL JUST ECHO YOUR REMARKS ABOUT JUST IF YOU'RE LEAVING THE AUDITORIUM NOW, WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR MEETING. NOT THE MIDDLE ANYMORE, BUT WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION. COLLEAGUES, OBVIOUSLY, ELECTION DAY, OUR MARCH 3RD PRIMARY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HAS COME AND GONE. AND FOR ME, THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT THAN ANSWERS ABOUT WHAT TOOK PLACE ON ELECTION DAY. OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER, DEAN LOGAN, IS HERE TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND I'M JUST GOING TO SAY, FROM--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU GUYS, PLEASE. AND IF THE SECURITY OUT THERE IDENTIFIES WHO IS DISRUPTING, YOU WILL ESCORT THEM OUT OF THE ROOM. AND IT'S GOING TO START WITH YOU, MR. PREVEN. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND OBVIOUSLY, THIS MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US TODAY IS ASKING YOU TO, OBVIOUSLY, TAKE A GOOD HARD LOOK AT OUR ELECTION VOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR L.A COUNTY RESIDENTS. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE ANSWERS TODAY. PROBABLY, SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WILL BE ASKING YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I PERSONALLY DON'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE ANSWERS TODAY, BUT I DO EXPECT A VERY THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF WHAT HAPPENED. NOW, I WILL SAY, PERSONALLY, MY EXPERIENCE ON ELECTION DAY AT 8:45 IN THE MORNING WAS OKAY. I ONLY WAITED IN LINE A COUPLE MINUTES. I CHECKED IN. I FOUND THE MACHINES TO BE VERY USER-FRIENDLY, AND HAD NO PROBLEMS. BUT AS THE DAY PROGRESSED, I BEGAN HEARING ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE OF THINGS THAT, IN MY OPINION, WENT VERY WRONG ON ELECTION DAY. WE HAD INSTANCES OF PEOPLE WAITING TWO, THREE HOURS TO VOTE. AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE JUST GOT OUT OF THE LINE BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. THEY HAD KIDS TO PICK UP. THEY HAD WORK TO GET BACK TO. THEY WERE IN SCHOOL, THEMSELVES. AND WE DON'T KNOW. WE JUST DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY GOT

OUT OF LINE. I HEARD ABOUT THE E-POLL BOOKS THAT WERE NOT SYNCED PROPERLY, OR DID NOT FUNCTION AT ALL, SO THAT WHEN SOMEONE DID CHECK IN, THE ABILITY TO FIND THEIR NAME, EVEN AT THAT POINT, WAS DIFFICULT, AND MANY OF THEM WERE NOT EVEN FOUND IN THE SYSTEM, EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW THEY WERE REGISTERED TO VOTE, AND THEN THEY WERE GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. I HEARD REPORTS OF BROKEN V.S.A.P. MACHINES ACROSS ACROSS THE COUNTY. IN FACT, I DID, EVEN IN MY OWN POLLING PLACE-- WELL, IT WAS MY VOTE CENTER-- I SAW MACHINES WITH BLUE TAPE ACROSS THEM, SIGNIFYING THAT THEY WERE OUT OF ORDER. I HEARD STORIES OF MACHINES BEING OUT OF ORDER, CALLING FOR I.T. SUPPORT, HAVING THESE SUPPORT PEOPLE COME AND BEING UNABLE TO FIX THE MACHINES. I HAVE HEARD OF, YOU KNOW, OUR POLL WORKERS, OUR VOTE CENTER WORKERS, WORKING 12 TO 18 HOURS WITHOUT A BREAK. I ALSO HEARD OF SOME OF THESE WORKERS, ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD, NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED. I WAS TOLD THAT SOME WORKERS WERE ASKING FOR I.D.S, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. I HEARD THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT PARKING AT VOTE CENTERS, AND NOT ENOUGH CENTERS WITH A.D.A. ACCESS. I HEARD THAT NOT ALL VOTE CENTERS WERE SUPPLIED WITH PAPER BALLOTS. AND ONCE AGAIN, WORKERS WERE UNABLE TO REACH SOMEONE TO REMEDY THAT SITUATION QUICKLY. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A MANUAL TALLY OF 1 PERCENT, WHICH IS THE REQUIREMENT, BUT WONDERING IF YOU MIGHT CONSIDER 2 PERCENT, SINCE THIS WAS A NEW SYSTEM, AND MAYBE THAT WILL

GIVE US BETTER INFORMATION. YOU KNOW, AS YOU KNOW, STUFF HAPPENED UNDER YOUR WATCH THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE NEW V.S.A.P. SYSTEM ON ELECTION DAY. MEASURE F.D. WAS LEFT OFF OF 66,000 BALLOTS IN POMONA AND HAWTHORNE. AND I ALSO GOT A STACK OF LETTERS TODAY, ONE FROM CALABASAS, THE MAYOR OF CALABASAS, WHO SAID F.D. WAS ALSO LEFT OFF OF A PARTICULAR PRECINCT THERE, AND WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE-- - AGAIN, I FEEL LIKE WE DID HEAR-- I HEARD FROM MY CONGRESSWOMAN, CONGRESSWOMAN BARRAGAN, WHO SENT HER STAFF MEMBERS OUT TO VOTING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT ON ELECTION DAY, AND CAME BACK WITH MANY OF THESE SAME PROBLEMS THAT I HEARD ABOUT. I HEARD THAT WHEN POLL WORKERS HAD PROBLEMS, THEY ATTEMPTED TO REACH SOMEBODY IN YOUR OFFICE, AND MANY TIMES COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT PERSON THAT COULD HELP THEM WITH THE ISSUES. AGAIN, I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO ANSWER ANY OF THESE PROBLEMS. THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT PROBABLY DID GO RIGHT. BUT TO ME, THAT DOES NOT NEGATE EVERYTHING THAT WENT WRONG. VOTING IS-- I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, YOU KNOW THIS-- JUST SO FUNDAMENTAL, SO PRECIOUS, SO IMPORTANT. THIS ELECTION, WE ALWAYS SAY IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN OUR LIFETIME, AND A LOT WENT WRONG. AND I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, I WAS VERY, VERY DISAPPOINTED. VERY DISAPPOINTED. I KNOW IT WAS A NEW SYSTEM, BUT IT SEEMED TO ME LIKE WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TESTING THE ACTUAL MACHINE, BUT WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY. AND EVEN THOUGH WE HAD 11

DAYS FOR PEOPLE TO VOTE, WE KNOW THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WAITED UNTIL ELECTION DAY. I WAS ONE OF THOSE, MAINLY BECAUSE I HADN'T MADE MY MIND UP YET. AND SO I DID WAIT TILL ELECTION DAY. BUT WE WEREN'T READY FOR THAT MANY PEOPLE. I HEARD THAT THE LINES WERE LONG BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH WORKERS TO CHECK PEOPLE IN ON THOSE E-POLL BOOKS. SO THAT BECAME THE CHOKEPOINT. BUT IT'S JUST UNACCEPTABLE TO ME. AND I'M STILL GETTING COMPLAINTS. I'M STILL HAVING PEOPLE MEET WITH ME, SENDING ME ANONYMOUS REPORTS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE. SO FOR ME, THIS MOTION SAYS TO YOU, PLEASE INVESTIGATE ALL THESE ISSUES ON ELECTION DAY. MY CONCERN IS THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD WAY TO GATHER ALL THIS INFORMATION. I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE POSTING ON THEIR FACEBOOK. IF YOU HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE, TELL US WHAT IT WAS. BUT HOW IS THAT INFORMATION GETTING TO YOU? I KNOW I'M GETTING STUFF. CONGRESS MEMBERS ARE GETTING INFORMATION. HOW IS THIS ALL GOING TO GET TO YOU? I THINK EVERY POLL WORKER NEEDS TO BE INTERVIEWED, EVERY SINGLE POLL WORKER, TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCES WERE AND WHAT WENT WRONG. WE HAVE TO FIX THIS BEFORE NOVEMBER. WE CAN'T HAVE A BAD ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. WE CAN'T HAVE THESE SAME KINDS OF PROBLEMS IN NOVEMBER. THAT'S JUST UNACCEPTABLE. I KNOW WE SPENT $300 MILLION ON THIS NEW SYSTEM. AND I KNOW WHY WE DID IT. WE WERE TRYING TO MAKE VOTING MORE ACCESSIBLE. WE WERE TRYING TO MAKE IT EASIER. WE WERE TRYING TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE COULD SEE THE BALLOT IN A NUMBER OF LANGUAGES. WE WERE MAKING IT MORE

ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFERENT ABILITIES. WE WERE TRYING TO DO 11 DAYS, SO THAT WE GAVE EVERYBODY MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO VOTE. AND YET WHAT HAPPENED, I'M AFRAID, DID THE OPPOSITE. WE MADE IT LESS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE ON ELECTION DAY. WE MADE IT LESS CONVENIENT. WE MADE IT LESS DESIRABLE TO VOTE. SO, AGAIN, I HAVE REALLY-- I'M SORRY TO SAY, I'VE LOST CONFIDENCE. AND I KNOW THE PUBLIC HAS LOST CONFIDENCE. AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIX THIS, AND TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE PUBLIC BEFORE NOVEMBER. I WILL TELL YOU THAT PART OF THIS MOTION IS ASKING FOR THE C.E.O. TO HIRE A CONSULTANT. NOW, I SAW FROM YOUR E-MAIL THAT YOU'VE HIRED A CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT THIS, BUT THIS MOTION SPECIFICALLY SAYS, NOT YOU TO HIRE A CONSULTANT. I NEED THE C.E.O. TO HIRE A CONSULTANT. WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE LOOK AT THIS. AND I KNOW I'VE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR SECRETARY OF STATE, ALEX PADILLA, WHO'S MORE THAN WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND ALSO LOOK AT THIS. BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE WATCHING THIS. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS AN AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION, TALKING ABOUT THE VOTE BY MAIL. AND I KNOW SECRETARY PADILLA HAS CALLED ON US TO DO 100 PERCENT VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS TO ALL VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY. I SUPPORT THAT. BUT PART OF THE REPORT-BACK IS GOING TO HAVE TO LAY IT OUT FOR US WHAT THAT MEANS, WHAT THE FEASIBILITY OF THAT IS, HOW MUCH THAT'S GOING TO COST. BUT TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THINKING ABOUT THE FEW VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS THAT GOT MESSED UP THIS TIME, I'M

CONCERNED ABOUT SENDING VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS TO EVERY VOTER IN L.A. COUNTY. THAT REALLY CONCERNS ME. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, I JUST HAVE SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH WHAT HAPPENED. AND AGAIN, I KNOW SOME THINGS WENT WELL. PERSONALLY, I HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE. AND I WASN'T REALIZING UNTIL LATER IN THE DAY HOW BADLY IT WENT FOR SO MANY VOTE CENTERS. I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHY WE ONLY HAD A THOUSAND VOTE CENTERS, AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO REPORT BACK TO THAT. MY OTHER FEELING IS, I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT WE NEEDED TO DO THE 11 DAYS. I THINK THAT'S PART OF WHAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM WITH MAYBE FINDING VOTE CENTERS, BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, THOSE 11 DAYS THE MACHINES HAD TO STAY PUT IN WHATEVER CENTER AGREED TO HOST THEM. I THINK THE FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION IS WHERE WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR RESOURCES IN NOVEMBER. I THINK VERY FEW PEOPLE PARTOOK OF THE 11-DAY VOTING OPPORTUNITY. SO MY FEELING IS WE SHOULD SHORTEN THAT TO FOUR DAYS, COME NOVEMBER. BUT THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO ANALYZE AND TELL US WHAT HAPPENED. BUT I WILL TELL YOU, DEAN, THIS IS VERY, VERY SERIOUS. AND AGAIN, THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO VOTE. AND IF WE FOUND OUT THAT VOTER SUPPRESSION HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THINGS THIS WENT WRONG ON ELECTION DAY, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. AND I'M SORRY THAT THAT HAPPENED ON MY WATCH AS A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. SO, AGAIN, I KNOW WE'VE GOT OTHER-- MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO SAY SOMETHING. BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS

REPORT-BACK IS SO IMPORTANT. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE TOWN HALL MEETINGS OUT THERE IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. TALK TO PEOPLE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. NOT YOUR HANDPICKED GROUP, BUT ONE THAT'S MORE INCLUSIVE OF ALL THE COMMUNITIES THAT FELT DISENFRANCHISED IN THIS LAST ELECTION. AND EVEN ON THE 66,000 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS THAT DIDN'T HAVE OUR COUNTY MEASURE ON THERE. THIS WAS A MEASURE THAT WE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS, AND FOR YOU TO LEAVE THAT OFF OF 66,000 VOTERS, THEN SENDING THEM ANOTHER BALLOT AND ASKING THEM TO MAIL TWO BACK IN? YOU KNOW, AND AGAIN, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STUDY THAT. I WANT TO KNOW, OF THOSE 66,000 PEOPLE, DID THEY ALL MAIL TWO BALLOTS BACK IN? I HIGHLY DOUBT THAT. BUT MAYBE I'LL BE PROVEN WRONG ON THAT, AND THEY ALL FIGURED THAT OUT. BUT THERE WAS ISSUES WITH SAMPLE BALLOTS, WITH MAIL-IN BALLOTS, AND WITH IN-PERSON. I MEAN, ALL CATEGORIES HAD PROBLEMS. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING YOU, WORKING WITH YOU, PASSING ON TO YOU THE INFORMATION THAT I'M GETTING. BUT I KNOW, MYSELF, I'VE LOST CONFIDENCE, AND I'M SORRY THAT THAT'S HAPPENED. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SIGN ON TO THIS MOTION. AND, DEAN, WE'VE HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS. AND I HAVE

TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, F.D. WAS A SIGN THAT IT WAS LEFT OFF. BUT THEN, WHEN OUR OFFICE STARTS GETTING CALLS ABOUT PEOPLE NOT GETTING THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, AND WE GOT IT ON A THURSDAY, WE CALL YOU BECAUSE THE NUMBERS COMING IN CONCERNED US. WE FOUND OUT THAT 17,000 IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, VOTE-BY-MAIL DID NOT GET MAILED OUT. AND YOU KNEW ON TUESDAY. AND WE'RE GETTING CALLS IN OUR OFFICE FROM VOTERS WHO ARE CONCERNED: "WHERE'S MY BALLOT?" SO I KNEW THERE WAS A PROBLEM. AND THEN IT WAS AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK. BECAUSE I LOOK AT-- YOU KNOW, WE WERE GETTING CALLS, AND THIS IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM, BUT WE SHOULD BE LEAD ON THIS: THE MOTOR VOTER. PEOPLE ARE CALLING, SAYING, "I GOT MY BALLOT, BUT I'M REGISTERED AS "FILL IN THE BLANK," AND I DIDN'T REGISTER THAT WAY." IT TURNS OUT WHEN THEY WENT IN TO GET THEIR REAL I.D., THEY WERE REGISTERED A DIFFERENT PARTY. I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT HAPPENED. THAT'S SOMETHING. BUT THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THE STATE ON THAT. BUT THAT IS A PROBLEM. WE GET A CALL THAT SOMEONE TRIES TO GO TO VOTE AND THEY'RE ASKED TO SIGN A LIABILITY FORM, A WAIVER, IN ORDER TO ENTER THE VOTING AREA, WHICH, IN TALKING TO COUNTY COUNSEL, I DON'T THINK IS ALLOWED. I CAN UNDERSTAND IF ONE OR TWO OR THREE, OR MAYBE IN THIS CASE, WITH A COUNTY THIS LARGE, SIX OR SEVEN LEAD POLL WORKERS DON'T SHOW UP, BUT I'M HEARING IT WAS A LARGE NUMBER. SO I'M STARTING TO WONDER WHY THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP, AND YOU COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF THEM FOR DAYS. SO I'M

WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED THERE. WHAT WAS THEIR UNDERSTANDING, OR LACK OF? AND THE REASON WHY I'M CONCERNED IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR POLLS. AND IF THE EXPERIENCE IS BAD, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WANT TO VOLUNTEER. AND PART OF WHAT WAS GREAT ABOUT THIS NEW VOTING SYSTEM WAS, NUMBER ONE, IF YOU WORK DOWNTOWN, YOU COULD VOTE IN PASADENA, AND MAYBE LIVE DOWNTOWN, YOU COULD VOTE IN PASADENA. YOU COULD VOTE ANYWHERE, AND IT WAS ACCESSIBLE. AND ALSO, IT CONSOLIDATED. AND SO THE THOUGHT-- AT LEAST, I THOUGHT IT WAS-- THAT WE WOULDN'T NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS, AND IT WOULD BE A FAR EASIER WAY TO RECRUIT PEOPLE. AND BASED ON THE EXPERIENCES I'M HEARING FROM PEOPLE THAT WORKED THERE, THEY FELT LIKE THEY WERE THROWN INTO THE MIDDLE OF A POOL AND NOT TAUGHT HOW TO SWIM. AND THAT'S FRUSTRATING TO ME. NOW, I DO KNOW THAT EVERY 10 MINUTES, WE HAD TO RECHARGE ON THE STATE WAS UPDATING THEIR SYSTEM, AND IT TOOK ABOUT TWO MINUTES TO REBOOT IT. SO THE STATE, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY HAS SOME FIXES THAT THEY NEED TO DO, AS WELL. BUT NOT HAVING WI-FI? I MEAN, IF YOU'RE GOING TO NEED WI-FI, YOU SHOULD GET PLACES THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE WI-FI AVAILABLE. AND I'M TOLD THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL VOTING AREAS WHERE THERE WAS NO WI-FI AVAILABLE. I MEAN, THESE ARE THINGS, DEAN-- AND WHEN I HELD THE ITEM ON SANTA BARBARA-- AND I'M SURE SANTA BARBARA'S ELECTION WENT WELL-- MY BIGGEST FEAR WAS, DO WE HAVE ALL OUR DUCKS IN A ROW DOWN HERE BEFORE WE GO OFF TO ANOTHER COUNTY TO HELP THEM? AND

I HELD THE ITEM JUST FOR THAT REASON. I WANTED TO HEAR YOU SAY, "I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN DO IT." YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THIS COUNTY. AND I SAY THIS EVEN AS CHAIR. WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT WHAT OUR PRIORITY IS FOR THE YOUTH IN THIS COUNTY, ONE OF THE AREAS I TALK ABOUT IS REGISTRAR-RECORDER; EDUCATING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THE MINUTE THEY TURN 18, THEY SHOULD REGISTER TO VOTE. I TELL EVERYONE THAT WILL LISTEN, THAT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLES IN THIS COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO THE WAY WE CAN AFFECT AND CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES IS TO EMPOWER THEM TO USE THEIR VOICE AT THE BALLOT. BUT WHEN WE GET THE CALLS THAT WE'VE GOTTEN-- AND I'M SURE ALL OF US HAVE GOTTEN THEM-- IT'S DISHEARTENING, BECAUSE PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY'VE BEEN DISENFRANCHISED. AND AS SOMEONE WHO WAS ON THE BALLOT, THIS IS NOT ABOUT ME. BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR EVERYBODY ON THE BALLOT. AND THAT MEANS GIVING EVERYBODY THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEIR VOICE. I'M A PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL, BUT I TOOK MINE IN. AND LIKE YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I DIDN'T HAVE AN ISSUE, BUT I GOT THERE EARLY MORNING. YOU KNOW, IN OUR OFFICE, WE HAD EVERYBODY ON STAND-BY, READY TO TAKE CALLS, AS WELL AS TAKE ACTION. SO I HOPE-- AND I DON'T THINK THAT, GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T GET 17,000 OF THE VOTE-BY-MAIL OUT, I'M NOT REALLY CONFIDENT THAT THAT'S THE BEST-- HAVING EVERYONE GET A BALLOT, I MEAN, VOTE-BY-MAIL, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S NECESSARILY THE PANACEA TO THIS PROBLEM.

I THINK THAT WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHY PEOPLE GOT THEIR BALLOT BEFORE THEY GOT THEIR SAMPLE BALLOT, BEFORE THEY GOT THEIR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS AND ALL. IT ALL CAME IN, IN A MISHMASH WAY. AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT, DEAN. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT. I WOULD THINK YOU'D GET YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT, AND THEN YOU'D GET YOUR PERMANENT BALLOT. BUT THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT TOLD ME THEY GOT THEIR PERMANENT BALLOT, AND THEN SEVEN DAYS LATER, THEY GET THEIR SAMPLE BALLOT. AND THEN THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT COMES IN, WHICH PEOPLE PAY A LOT OF MONEY TO HAVE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT PUT OUT THERE FOR PEOPLE SO THAT THEY KNOW WHO THEY'RE VOTING FOR. IT DOESN'T DO A LOT OF GOOD WHEN THEY GET IT SEVEN DAYS LATER, AND THEY'VE ALREADY GOTTEN THEIR BALLOT. AND SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. AND I SAY "WE" COLLECTIVELY, BECAUSE WHILE WE'RE TALKING TO YOU, DEAN, THE BUCK IS STOPPING RIGHT HERE, AS IT DOES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BY THE WAY. OKAY? IT'S NOT JUST-- I MEAN, WE ARE, BUT SO IS UP THERE. AND I ALSO HAD A PHONE CALL, AND THE ONLY CONCERNS THAT WERE REALLY EXPRESSED AT THAT TIME WERE THE MORE-- YOU KNOW, THE "CONTINUE" BUTTON, AS IT RELATES TO THOSE THAT ARE ON THE BALLOT. SO BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER, WE HAVE TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE, SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS, AND I'M GOING TO ADD TO IT, AND I'M CERTAIN THAT PUBLIC COMMENT'S GOING TO ADD TO IT, AS WELL, WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO SAY, JUST AS THEY DID AFTER THE WOOLSEY FIRE, "THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. THIS IS WHY IT WAS BAD. THIS WAS A TERRIBLE THING, AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?" SO I WANT TO ADD TO SOME EXTENT WHAT I HEARD, IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE'VE ALREADY HEARD, ABOUT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FOR YOU TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. FIRST OF ALL, THE VOLUNTEERS WERE REQUIRED, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, NOT SIMPLY TO WORK FOR ONE DAY, BUT TO WORK FOR TWO DAYS, AND IN ADDITION, TO DO A WHOLE DAY'S TRAINING. SO THAT MEANT THAT THEY HAD TO COMMIT THREE DAYS. I WOULD REALLY LIKE US TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. AND I SAY "US" BECAUSE... YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING TO YOU BECAUSE WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU, AND WE'RE NOT DUCKING FROM IT. BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT I THINK HAVEN'T BEEN BROUGHT UP THAT I WANT YOU TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN LOOKING AT THIS. THE FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE, DEBRA BOWEN, WAS A VOLUNTEER IN THE MARINA. SHE WENT THROUGH HER TRAINING. AND SOME FRIENDS OF MINE WENT THROUGH IT WITH HER AT THE SAME PLACE. THEY SAID IT WAS STULTIFYING AND INSULTING; THAT THE PERSON WHO TRAINED WAS INSULTING. DIDN'T MATTER THAT IT WAS DEB BOWEN, BUT IT SORT OF EXACERBATED IT, SINCE SHE DID KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT VOTING SYSTEMS, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS. SO WE'VE HAD A LONG TALK ABOUT MUCH OF IT, AND I

THINK IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME, FROM LISTENING TO MY COLLEAGUES TALK, THAT THESE MOTIONS ARE GOING TO PASS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU, DEAN, BUT I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVEN MORE MS. DAVENPORT AND MS. HAMAI FOR THE NEXT 16 DAYS, OR WHATEVER IT IS, TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOVING UP THE TIMEFRAME, NOT ONLY ON THE REPORT-BACK, BUT ON THE ANALYSIS AND ANY IMPLEMENTATION. I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES THAT 11 DAYS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN VERY GENEROUS, BUT NOT NEEDED. THERE WAS A KIND OF A PERFECT STORM, NOT ONLY IN MY DISTRICT, BUT ESPECIALLY ON THE WEST SIDE, BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'VE EVER DRIVEN ON THE 10 IN THE MORNING, BUT IT'S STOPPED DEAD GOING WEST. WHY IS IT STOPPED DEAD GOING WEST? BECAUSE WE EMPLOY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON THE WEST SIDE. WE NOW HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO VOTE WHERE THEY WORK. SO THE LINES WERE EVEN LONGER AFTER THEY GOT OFF WORK. SECONDLY, BOTH AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE AND U.C.L.A., A LOT OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE HAD NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE. AND THEY SHOWED UP ON TUESDAY, UNDERSTANDING THEY COULD REGISTER TO VOTE. SO THERE WERE A COUPLE OF THINGS A LITTLE BIT OUTSIDE OUR OWN ABILITY TO CONTROL, INCLUDING PEOPLE IN MY PARTY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE HECK WAS LEFT RUNNING. AND EVERY DAY, THERE WERE FEWER PEOPLE, SO MANY OF THEM WAITED UNTIL TUESDAY, BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO VOTE FOR SOMEBODY WHO WAS STILL RUNNING. I VOTED FOR ELIZABETH WARREN, AND SHE WAS RUNNING ON TUESDAY, BUT BY THURSDAY SHE WAS NOT. SO, YOU KNOW, WHAT CAN YOU DO? SO I

WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE MOVE IMMEDIATELY, IF MY COLLEAGUES AGREE, TO A VOTE-BY-MAIL FOR EVERYONE. AND IT'S PARTLY BECAUSE-- THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY'RE REQUIRED TO DO THAT. IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT. ALL THE VOTING CAN STILL BE DONE IN PERSON. THE REASON IS, I THINK THAT THE PREDICTION ABOUT THE VIRUS IS GOING TO SCARE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ABOUT GOING OUT. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO DO. TWO-THIRDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ALREADY HAVE ELECTED TO RECEIVE A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT. THE SECOND THING IS, I THINK CUTTING BACK TO FOUR DAYS FOR THE OPEN VOTING WOULD BE PREFERABLE. HOWEVER, I WOULD DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PLACES PEOPLE CAN VOTE, BECAUSE WE WON'T BE STAFFING FOR THE WEEK BEFORE, AND TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO DO IT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT STATE LAW IS REQUIRING US TO DO ALL MAIL-IN BALLOTS BY 2024; NOT ONLY, BUT AS AN ALTERNATIVE. AND IN DOING THAT, THEY'RE ALLOWING US TO CUT BACK ON THE NUMBER OF VOTING PLACES, BECAUSE THE ASSUMPTION IS PEOPLE WILL VOTE BY MAIL. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THAT, AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD TEST IN NOVEMBER IF WE HAD A SHORTER VOTING TIME. I LIKE FOUR DAYS. I THINK THAT'S WHEN, IF ANYBODY VOTED BEFORE TUESDAY, MOST OF THEM DID. I VOTED ON SUNDAY, AND IT TOOK ME SIX MINUTES. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT WAS FORTUITOUS. AND THE ADDITION, I THINK, OF MORE ABILITY TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN STAFF THESE VOTING CENTERS. WE HAVE ALWAYS GONE TO OUR OWN EMPLOYEES AND ASKED THEM TO VOLUNTEER.

AND, I MEAN, THEY'RE PAID BY US, BUT THEY VOLUNTEER. AND I THINK THAT THAT IS A GOOD THING. BUT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT IF THEY HAVE TO COMMIT TO MORE THAN ONE DAY, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN ALL OF OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER THING TO LOOK AT. BUT I FINALLY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST MORE OF A SENSE OF URGENCY, AND NOT ONLY ON YOUR PART, BUT ON OUR PART AND ON THE C.E.O.'S PART, BECAUSE WHEN WE HAVE REPORT-BACKS, YOU KNOW, THEN WE GET A REPORT IN A MONTH. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE A LITTLE MORE SPEED-UP ABOUT AN ANALYSIS OF COST, AN ANALYSIS OF POSSIBILITY. BUT MAYBE NOT. I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST SAYING FOR ME.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I MEAN, FOR ME, I DON'T NEED IT TO BE SPED UP. I NEED IT TO BE DONE RIGHT. AND I REALLY AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO ACTUALLY INTERVIEW EVERY POLL WORKER, COLLECT ALL THIS INFORMATION, GET OUT TO THE PUBLIC, AND FIND OUT WHAT PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES WERE. SO, SPEEDING UP IS NOT AS IMPORTANT TO ME AS GETTING IT RIGHT.

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: OKAY. I WILL STAND BY WHAT I SAID. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF INFORMATION, AND WE WILL HAVE EVER MORE INFORMATION. MANY OF US HAVE HEARD FROM HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, AT LEAST. AND THE POLL WORKERS ACTUALLY HAD A PLACE WHERE THEY WENT IN AND INDICATED THEIR EXPERIENCE. AND 75

PERCENT OF THEM SAID IT WAS A REALLY GOOD EXPERIENCE. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT IS GOING TO HELP US, BECAUSE THEY NECESSARILY-- YOU KNOW, THEY... WELL, IT WAS ON THEIR SURVEY. IT DOESN'T MATTER, IN A WAY, BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE IDENTIFIED SO MANY ISSUES THAT CLEARLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. AND THAT'S WHY I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT A STRIKE TEAM, SUCH AS WE'VE USED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO HELP FIGURE OUR WAY THROUGH; AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS, TO INCREASE IT TO 100 PERCENT BY CHOICE. I WOULD WANT, OBVIOUSLY, THE NUMBER OF VOTING PLACES TO BE INCREASED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BECAUSE MUCH OF WHAT YOU SAID, I HAVE AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION, IN PART EVALUATING THAT THERE WERE SUFFICIENT ELECTION WORKERS WHO SPEAK THE LANGUAGES OF THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE. WE FOUND THAT THERE WAS SOME DISCREPANCY THERE, AND THE TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ELECTION WORKERS TO ENSURE THAT IT'S ADEQUATE, AND INCLUDES FEEDBACK FROM ELECTION WORKERS. NUMBER TWO, ASSESS WHETHER BALLOT BOXES SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES. THAT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. NUMBER 3, DEVELOP A PLAN TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM VOTERS AND ELECTION WORKERS REGARDING THEIR EXPERIENCE. SO THAT INCLUDES SOME OF

WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. AND THEN, FINALLY, DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, INCLUDING A COST ANALYSIS FOR PROVIDING VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS TO ALL VOTERS FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION. AND, YOU KNOW, BEFORE I CONCLUDE, I JUST WANT TO SAY, DEAN, YOU'VE WORKED REALLY HARD THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND I'M HAPPY YOU WORKED WITH ME AND MY OFFICE TO IDENTIFY NEW VOTING CENTERS. I THINK THAT WAS TREMENDOUS. IT REALLY WAS. WE EVEN DID SOME OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINGS BY HAVING VOTE CENTERS IN MEDICAL CLINICS, WHICH I HOPE INFORMATION THAT COMES BACK WILL TELL US THAT THAT REALLY WAS GOOD, A GOOD EXPERIENCE. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW THAT IN OUR DISTRICT, WE HAD A LOT MORE VOTING CENTERS, WHICH I APPRECIATE. BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION-- MAYBE THIS IS FOR OUR COUNTY COUNSEL-- IF WE ARE IN FACT STUCK TO THIS 11-DAY VOTING PERIOD THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE VOTING CENTERS, OR CAN WE COLLAPSE THAT TO FOUR OR FIVE? CAN I HAVE CLARIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON THAT?

SPEAKER: USE THE MIC.

ATTORNEY: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S THE ELECTION CODE THAT REQUIRES THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE VOTING CENTERS NEED TO BE OPEN, AND THE NUMBER OF ACTUAL VOTING CENTERS THAT NEED TO BE OPEN, ALSO.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: BUT WHAT DOES IT SAY? WHAT IS THE ACTUAL DAYS OF THE WEEK?

ATTORNEY: AT LEAST 740 VOTING CENTERS HAVE TO BE OPEN FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, AND 185 FOR 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. IN OUR CASE, ACTUALLY, THE COUNTY OPERATED A TOTAL OF 979 VOTING CENTERS DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY. SO WE'RE SET WITH THAT. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME WE JUST NEED TO WORK OUT THE BUGS, IN TERMS OF IF WE'RE GOING TO BE OPEN THAT LONG. IN SOME PLACES, WAS IT REALLY WORTHWHILE, RIGHT? SOME I DON'T KNOW THAT WERE AS POPULATED AS OTHERS. I KNOW THAT IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAD SMALL VOTING CENTERS. WE HAD SEVERAL MACHINES, AND ONLY HALF OF THE MACHINES-- OUT OF 12 MACHINES, SIX WORKED IN EAST L.A., AND PEOPLE WERE THERE IN LINE FOR THREE HOURS. AND THAT WAS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSED. SO, I MEAN, THAT'S A HARDSHIP. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND EVALUATE THAT, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. IT REALLY IS CRITICAL FOR US TO KNOW THE QUALITY OF OUR VOTING DEVICES, BECAUSE I HEARD A LOT OF ISSUES THAT MAYBE 1/3, OR LESS THAN A THIRD-- MAYBE ONE FOURTH, IN SOME CASES-- WERE NOT OPERATING, AND THAT WAS A CONCERN. AND JUST SOME OF THE IDENTIFIED PLACES WERE NOT STAFFED UP FOR A.D.A. REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS FOR POWER GENERATION, AND THAT WAS AN ISSUE. AND I THINK THERE JUST HAS

TO BE MORE OF A MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY THAT WE REALLY ARE SECURE IN THESE PLACES THAT WE IDENTIFY, BECAUSE THE LAST THING I WANT TO SEE IS WHEN WE'RE POSTING IT, WE HAVE A VOTING CENTER, AND THEN I SHOW UP THAT MORNING, JUST HAPPEN TO BE THERE, AND THE VOTING SIGN OUTSIDE SAYS, "THIS IS NOT A VOTING CENTER." AND THEN WE CALL AND FIND OUT, YES, IT IS. AND THEN WE'RE THROWN OFF AN HOUR AND A HALF. I KNOW THAT ISN'T ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT, BUT IT HAS TO DO WITH MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION IN THE LINE AUTHORITY. AND THAT JUST TELLS ME THAT WE NEED TO HAVE BETTER-TRAINED STAFF, AND WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE PROBABLY COUNTY STAFF HEADING MORE OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE C.E.O. CAN HELP US IDENTIFY GETTING THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE REALLY GOING TO COMMIT TO THIS, BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. SO THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY. AND I'LL SEND YOU AN INTERNAL NOTE AS TO WHAT I HAVE, IN TERMS OF WHAT MY OBSERVATIONS WERE. THANK YOU. AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADOPT THESE AMENDMENTS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING. BUT JUST FOR POINT OF CLARIFICATION: THE WAY I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WANTED TO DO WAS, IT'S BASICALLY A SAFETY NET. AND I DON'T THINK PEOPLE HEARD WHAT YOU SAID, AND THAT IS THE VOTE BY MAIL CAN STILL BE BROUGHT IN AND TURNED IN, BUT EVERYONE GETS A BALLOT, SO IT FLUSHES OUT ANY PROBLEMS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. I THINK THAT

WAS THE INTENT. SO IT'S NOT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF HAVING VOTING STATIONS. IT'S TO GIVE ALMOST LIKE AN INSURANCE POLICY OR A SAFETY NET, SO THAT EVERY VOTER GETS A BALLOT. BUT THEY STILL CAN COME IN AND VOTE VIA TOUCHSCREEN AND/OR FILL IT OUT AND SUBMIT IT. SO IT'S NOT IN PLACE. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLARIFIED FOR PEOPLE, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE WAS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ON THAT. GO AHEAD.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND I THINK IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY PADILLA, HE SAID THAT SOME OF OUR SURROUNDING COUNTIES-- OF COURSE, NO ONE'S AS BIG AS US, BUT SOME OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES ALSO HAD THIS V.S.A.P. SYSTEM, BUT WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE WAS THEY HAD 100-PERCENT VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS SENT TO THEIR VOTERS. SO HE FELT LIKE THAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE LONG LINES. THE LAST THING I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD REPORT BACK ON IS, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S THE LIABILITY FOR SMARTMATIC COMPANY? I MEAN, I FEEL LIKE GETTING MY MONEY BACK. WE SPENT $300 MILLION, AND TO GO IN AND HAVE 20 PERCENT NOT WORKING... HOPEFULLY, THE CONTRACT THAT YOU NEGOTIATED WITH THEM PROVIDED FOR SOME, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, US GETTING SOME MONEY BACK, OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MACHINES THAT DID NOT WORK, NOR COULD NOT BE FIXED THAT DAY. AND AGAIN, I DIDN'T READ THE FINE LINES OF THAT CONTRACT, BUT I'M HOPING THAT THEY HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY TOO, BECAUSE, NATURALLY, THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT IF THE MACHINES BREAK DOWN, BUT IT WOULD

BE THEIR FAULT. AND THE WAY-- AGAIN, WHAT I HEARD, SOMETIMES 20 PERCENT OF THE MACHINES WERE NOT WORKING ON ELECTION DAY. SO, HOPEFULLY, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING BUILT INTO THAT CONTRACT THAT CAN REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THAT KIND OF MALFUNCTION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, DEAN. OH, NO. I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: SORRY. JUST TWO MORE THINGS. ONE IS THAT EVERYONE REPORTED PROBLEMS WITH THE CHECK-IN TIME, THAT THAT REALLY WAS A BOTTLENECK FOR SO MANY. AND SO I WOULD WONDER IF SOMEWHERE IN HERE WE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW WE COULD HAVE TWICE AS MANY PEOPLE CHECKING PEOPLE IN. THAT MEANS WE NEED MORE IPADS. AND THE CONNECTIVITY ISSUE IS REALLY A STATE ISSUE, BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONES WITH THE LIST WHERE WE HAVE TO CHECK, "ARE YOU REGISTERED?" THE SECOND THING IS IN TERMS OF THE STATE LAW. BEN ALLEN ALREADY HAS A BILL TO SAY, "YES, YOU HAVE TO SEND A MAIL-IN BALLOT TO EVERYBODY." SO IT WOULD BE QUITE EASY TO SAY, "AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT FOR 11 DAYS," IF THAT'S WHAT WE DECIDE AFTER WE HEAR BACK ABOUT THE FEEDBACK. I ALSO WONDER WHETHER THERE IS A-- AND I'D ASK MY COLLEAGUES, THIS IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU-- BUT IF THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF A QUICKER REPORT-BACK ON THE MAIL-IN BALLOT ISSUE, BECAUSE WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO DO IT IF THAT BILL PASSES, OR IF ALEX, YOU KNOW, GETS IT TO BE PASSED. A SHORTER REPORT-BACK PERIOD LIKE,

YOU KNOW, 27 OR 30 DAYS, RATHER THAN THE 45 DAYS. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S POSSIBLE. AND THE C.E.O. MIGHT SAY THAT'S A PROBLEM.

C.E.O. HAMAI: I GUESS, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR, ARE YOU JUST ASKING FOR THE COSTS FOR ALL BALLOTS MAILED TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ALLOWED TO VOTE, AND WE WOULD JUST REPORT BACK ON THE COST OF THAT?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: I THINK IT WOULD BE THE COST. BUT ALSO, WE OFTEN USE THE WORD "FEASIBILITY," AND I GUESS I WOULD SAY THE POSSIBILITY. WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO GEAR UP TO DO THAT? BECAUSE TO REGULAR PEOPLE, WE'D SAY, "WELL, I GET STUFF IN THE MAIL FROM YOU ANYWAY. YOU COULD PROBABLY SEND ME ONE MORE THING IN THE MAIL."

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: FOR THE HOMELESS.

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: BUT THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE WITH AN OFFICIAL BALLOT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: WELL, AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE MISTAKES WERE MADE THIS TIME ON THE MAILED BALLOTS. UNTIL THAT GETS CLEARED UP IN MY MIND-- AGAIN, I HAVE SAID, YES, WE SHOULD SEND VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS TO EVERYONE, BUT I'M

REALLY INTERESTED IN HOW WE MESSED UP SOME THINGS ON THE VOTE-BY-MAIL. I ALSO DO THINK THE SAMPLE BALLOT DATES VERSUS THE MAILED BALLOTS ARE OFF, AND THAT'S A STATE ISSUE. AND I KNOW, DEAN, YOU'VE TOLD US ABOUT THAT. BUT WHAT FLEXIBILITY DO WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY TO SORT OF IGNORE WHEN THEY SAY-- I MEAN, WE'RE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS, BUT WHY CAN'T WE BE PROACTIVE AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE ALL HAVE THEIR SAMPLE BALLOT BEFORE THEY GET THEIR MAIL-IN BALLOT? SO THERE'S SO MUCH FOR ME, CURRENTLY, IN THIS LAST ELECTION THAT I WANT TO SEE AS PART OF, CAN WE GEAR UP TO MAIL EVERY SINGLE VOTER A BALLOT?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I MEAN, AND TO THAT POINT-- AND THEN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. BUT JUST BECAUSE THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE WAY IT IS, DOESN'T MEAN IT'S RIGHT. AND, YOU KNOW, THE EXPLANATION YOU GAVE ME ON THE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS NOT GOING OUT AT THE SAME TIME WAS BECAUSE OF THE 25TH CONGRESSIONAL SEAT, WHICH I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THAT IMPACTS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO THE TIMING ON THOSE GOING OUT. BUT JUST BECAUSE IT'S BEEN THAT WAY OR DONE THAT WAY, AND WE KNOW IT'S WRONG, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO FIX IT. SO, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAM CHAIR, I'M QUITE INTERESTED IN HEARING THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE

PROS AND CONS OF THE PROCESS, FOR OUR BENEFIT AND THE EDIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC. SO IF HE'S PERMITTED TO DO SO, THAT WOULD BE USEFUL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AND I WAS WAITING FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO ALL SPEAK, AND I WAS GOING TO ASK MR. LOGAN TO WEIGH IN ON THIS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MR. LOGAN?

DEAN LOGAN: AFTERNOON, BOARD. LET ME JUST START BY MAKING THE SAME STATEMENT THAT I MADE ELECTION NIGHT, WHEN I SPOKE TO THE MEDIA TO SAY, OBVIOUSLY, I HEAR YOU, AND I HEAR THE VOICES OF OUR VOTERS AND OUR POLL WORKERS. AND IT WAS NOT THE IMPLEMENTATION THAT WE HOPED IT WOULD BE. AND I REGRET THAT, AND I APOLOGIZE TO THE VOTERS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY THAT. I APOLOGIZE TO THE ELECTION WORKERS WHO WORKED DILIGENTLY UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. AND I APOLOGIZE TO YOUR BOARD FOR THAT. I RESPECT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE, AND I WILL DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT. BUT I ALSO ACCEPT AND TAKE SERIOUSLY MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, AND FOR ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION IN THE LARGEST ELECTIONS JURISDICTION IN THE COUNTRY. AND WHEN I SAY I HEAR YOU, AND WHEN I SAY I HEAR THE VOTERS AND THE POLL WORKERS, THAT'S NOT SUPERFICIAL. SO I WILL SHARE WITH YOU THAT IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, I HAVE

SPOKEN TO VOTERS AND TO POLL WORKERS, AND THEY'RE NOT NAMELESS PEOPLE. I'VE TALKED TO CURTIS WILLIS. I'VE TALKED TO HOLLY GUNDERSON, TO ADINE FORMAN, TO NICOLE MOORE, TO WILLIAM RORE. AND I'VE HEARD OF WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCES WERE, AND I FELT THAT EXPERIENCE. I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER EXPERIENCES OUT THERE, TOO, EXPERIENCES THAT I THINK LEAD TO THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE NEED, AND EXPERIENCES THAT I THINK DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DECISIONS THAT THIS BOARD, THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I AND MY STAFF HAVE MADE OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, I THINK REMAIN VIABLE AND SOLID. SO I DON'T THINK THE ANSWER IS TO GIVE UP ON THIS. I THINK THE ANSWER IS TO GET IT RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M COMMITTED TO DO. I DID NOT HIRE A CONSULTANT OUTSIDE OF YOUR MOTION AT THE TIME THAT WE HAD AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH GARTNER. I ASKED THEM IMMEDIATELY LAST WEEK TO BEGIN LOOKING AT THIS WITH US BEFORE THE MOTION HAD BEEN AMENDED. I DON'T THINK THAT WHAT I'VE ASKED THEM TO DO IS IN CONFLICT WITH YOUR MOTION. I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY REVIEW AND GUIDANCE, AND WELCOME THAT IF THAT'S THE DESIRE OF THIS BOARD. I'VE SPOKEN WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ALEX PADILLA. I AM NOT OPPOSED TO-- AND AGAIN, THAT'S NOT MY DECISION. I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THE VOTE-BY-MAIL PROPOSAL. I TOOK THAT INFORMATION IN FROM THE SECRETARY. HE HAD INDICATED THAT WE WOULD TALK ABOUT THAT. AND THEN, ULTIMATELY, HE DECIDED TO PUBLICLY RECOMMEND THAT. MY ONLY POINT-- AND I THINK YOU HAVE MADE IT YOURSELVES, MEMBERS

OF THE BOARD-- IS THAT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY ISSUE THAT HAPPENED ON TUESDAY, AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY ISSUE FOR ELECTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WE CAN DO THE ANALYSIS. WE CAN DO THAT QUICKLY. WE CAN GET YOU THE NUMBERS, THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THAT. I THINK IT'S PRUDENT TO DO THAT. IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, WE HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION FAIRLY SOON. AS HAS BEEN INDICATED, THERE'S A PATH RIGHT NOW WHERE YOUR BOARD CAN MAKE THAT DECISION. THERE'S ALSO TALK OF A LEGISLATIVE MANDATE OF THAT EFFECT. SO EITHER WAY, WE NEED TO PREPARE TO DO THAT, BUT THAT ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH. THE SYSTEMS THAT WE USE FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL ALREADY ARE TAXED, AND YOU'VE REFERENCED THAT. THERE WERE ISSUES WITH THAT. WE NEED TO GIVE YOU A FULL REPORT ON THAT, AND A FULL REPORT ON HOW WE WOULD ADDRESS THAT FOR THE EXISTING VOLUME, AS WELL AS THE INCREASED VOLUME. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT GOING FROM 63 PERCENT TO 100 PERCENT IS 2.5 MILLION VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS. SO THAT'S NOT JUST AN ADDITIONAL ROOM IN THE SPACE WHERE THEY'RE PROCESSED. THAT'S A DIFFERENT FACILITY. AND THAT'S A LOT OF MATERIALS AND PAPER. I HAVE JUST A SIDE NOTE ON THE CORONAVIRUS ISSUE. I'VE ALREADY ASKED OUR VENDOR TO COME TO US WITH SOLUTIONS; FOR INSTANCE, FOR ENVELOPES THAT DON'T HAVE TO BE SEALED BY LICKING THE ENVELOPES. SO WE ARE LOOKING INTO ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. THE ISSUES WITH THE TECHNOLOGY, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT ON

THAT. I WANT THAT TO BE VALIDATED EXTERNALLY, SO I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT THAT TODAY. I THINK, AS HAS BEEN STATED, THE BOTTLENECK WAS WITH THE CHECK-IN CENTER AND WITH THE E-POLL BOOK SYSTEM. THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO LOOK AT, CONTRACTUALLY. I JUST SAW THIS MORNING THE SAME COMPANY, SAME PRODUCT USED IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TODAY IN THEIR PRIMARY, SAME ISSUES WITH THE SINKING ISSUE. SO THAT WAS A COMMERCIAL OFF-THE-SHELF PRODUCT CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR USE IN CALIFORNIA. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT CERTIFICATION AND ABOUT A SOLUTION, BECAUSE WHILE THERE WERE ISSUES WITH THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES, FROM THE DATA I'VE SEEN SO FAR-- AND WE HAVE TO ANALYZE IT FURTHER-- THOSE ISSUES DIDN'T AFFECT PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO VOTE. THEY WEREN'T ABLE EVEN TO GET TO THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES, BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE CHECK-IN PROCESS. AND SO I THINK THAT, IN MY MIND, HAS TO BE PRIORITY ONE TO BE RESOLVED. I THINK THE OTHER ISSUE IS CAPACITY OF TRAINING THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE VOTE CENTERS. PLEASE HEAR ME CORRECTLY. I AM NOT SAYING THAT THERE'S ANYTHING DEFICIENT ABOUT THE WORKERS THEMSELVES. I THINK WHAT WE ASKED THEM TO DO IS A BRAND-NEW SYSTEM. WE NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM BETTER SO THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM BETTER. SOME OF THOSE DEVICES THAT YOU'RE HEARING THAT WERE BROKEN WERE NEVER POWERED UP, OR THERE WERE TROUBLESHOOTING PROBLEMS THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO FIX THOSE

ONSITE, WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE ADEQUATE TRAINING SO THAT PEOPLE COULD EXECUTE THOSE THINGS. WE ALSO IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF NEW LAWS DURING THIS ELECTION, INCLUDING THE CONDITIONAL SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION LAW, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME HAD VOTING AND VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON ELECTION DAY AT COLLEGE CAMPUSES. THAT TAXED OUR SYSTEM. IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO HAVE MORE RESOURCES TO DO THAT. THAT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHERE, EVEN WITH VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS, IF THEY'RE NOT REGISTERED YET, WE WOULDN'T HAVE A BALLOT TO THEM YET. SO WE NEED TO HAVE THE CAPACITY FOR THAT. THE VOTE CENTERS THEMSELVES, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, WE NOW HAVE DATA THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE. SO THAT WAS A BRAND-NEW SYSTEM. IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT IN SOME CASES, THE PLACES THAT WERE SELECTED TO BE VOTE CENTERS WERE INADEQUATE, IN TERMS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE, IN TERMS OF ELECTRICAL CAPABILITY. I WANT TO BE CLEAR, IT'S NOT WI-FI. IT'S CELLULAR CONNECTIVITY. WE DON'T USE WI-FI IN ELECTIONS. THAT'S PROHIBITED. BUT IT IS CELLULAR CONNECTIVITY. THAT WAS AN ISSUE. SOME PLACES, WE HAD LARGE ROOMS, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE CONNECTIVITY OR THE ELECTRICITY. AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL POINTED OUT, WE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO GO AND VOTE WHERE THEY WORK. WELL, WHAT WE SAW IN DOWNTOWN L.A. IS THAT FINDING PLACES THAT HAD LARGE SPACES, THAT WE COULD HAVE LARGE OPERATIONS, THAT DIDN'T PAN OUT, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO DO THAT. SO WE TOOK THE SPACES AVAILABLE, THE ACE HOTEL BEING A GOOD EXAMPLE. LOTS OF PEOPLE WENT THERE. IT WAS CONVENIENT,

BUT IT WAS WAY TOO SMALL FOR THAT CAPACITY. WE KNOW THAT NOW, AND WE HAVE AN ONRAMP TO CORRECT THAT, AND WE NEED TO START IMMEDIATELY. SO, AGAIN, I HEAR YOU IN SAYING WE NEED TO BE DELIBERATE AND EMPHATIC IN LOOKING AT THE ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS. WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT VALIDATED. YOU NEED TO HEAR THAT FROM OTHERS, NOT JUST FROM ME. AND WE NEED OUR WORKERS AND OUR VOTE CENTER PARTNERS TO FEEL HEARD IN THIS. BUT WE ALSO HAVE AN ELECTION IN APRIL, AN ELECTION IN MAY, AN ELECTION IN JUNE, AND WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR THE LARGEST ELECTION EVER IN NOVEMBER. SO WE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY ON SOME OF THIS STUFF. AND I WILL DO MY LEVEL BEST AND HAVE THE COMMITMENT OF MY STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR PARTNERS TO GET YOU THE INFORMATION TO REGAIN YOUR CONFIDENCE, AND TO POSITION US TO BE SUCCESSFUL MOVING FORWARD.

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

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL, MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, MR. REGISTRAR-RECORDER, I SOUGHT A SUCCINCT DISTILLATION OF PROS AND CONS, AS BEST AS YOU CAN OFFER THEM, BY WAY OF JUST A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT. AND I THINK WHAT I HEARD WAS AN ATTEMPT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW ARTICULATED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. LET'S ASSUME THAT THOSE COMMENTS WEREN'T OFFERED PRIOR TO YOUR REMARKS. WHAT WOULD YOU

OFFER IN A DISTILLED FASHION, IN TERMS OF AN ASSESSMENT, PRELIMINARY THOUGH IT MAY BE, OF THE PROCESS, THE EXPERIENCE, AND/OR THE RESULTS?

DEAN LOGAN: SUPERVISOR, I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION. I THINK, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT'S HARD TO PUT ASIDE THE COMMENTS AND THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED. BUT I THINK IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION, I WOULD SAY I BELIEVE THAT THE MODEL, THE VOTING MODEL, IS A SOUND MODEL. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE SYSTEM THAT WE BUILT IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND WITH VOTERS IN THIS COUNTY IS ALSO SOLID. I THINK THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT AND THE CAPACITY TO DELIVER ON THAT SOLID MODEL WAS LACKING, AND I THINK THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. I THINK THAT THERE ARE-- THERE IS GOOD DATA TO SHOW THAT, FOR MANY VOTERS, IT WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE. THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD, THE VOTERS WHO WENT TO VOTE CENTERS THAT DID NOT HAVE THE VOLUME, OR WENT DURING EARLIER IN THE DAY, HAD GOOD EXPERIENCE. WE HEARD FROM VOTERS WHO POSTED STORIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA, TELLING US THAT IT WAS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. AND AGAIN, I DON'T SAY ANY OF THAT TO DIMINISH THE EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE THAT. BUT I THINK THERE IS EVIDENCE AND DATA TO SUPPORT THAT THE MODEL, THE EQUIPMENT, AND WHAT WENT WITH IT IS SOLID, AND CAN DELIVER ON THE ACCESSIBILITY, THE INCLUSIVENESS, AND THE VOLUME. THE MOBILE VOTE CENTERS AND THE

FLEX CENTERS WHERE WE TOOK VOTING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY REACHED POPULATIONS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN REACHED IN L.A. COUNTY BEFORE. I THINK WE NEED TO DO MORE OF THAT, BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: YOU DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD A REPORT FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LOS ANGELES. HOW WIDELY WILL THAT BE DISTRIBUTED? WHAT'S YOUR INTENT IN THAT CONNECTION?

DEAN LOGAN: SO, THE REPORT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS THE EXIT POLL REPORT FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY ON THE VOTE CENTER EXPERIENCE. THEY TALKED TO ABOUT 3600 VOTERS WHO WENT TO 50 VOTE CENTERS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY ON ELECTION DAY. IT WAS THE LARGEST PER-CAPITA EXIT POLL IN THE NATION, AND I THINK THAT THOSE RESULTS SUPPORT THE ASSESSMENT THAT I JUST MADE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THAT, SO THAT THEY CAN SPEAK TO THAT, SO THAT THE PEOPLE WHO CONDUCTED THAT EXIT POLL CAN TALK ABOUT THAT FIRSTHAND, SO IT'S NOT US TELLING THAT STORY. BUT I THINK IT IS A DATA POINT THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT IN THIS ANALYSIS, AND THAT I THINK CAN BOLSTER THE FACT THAT THE MODEL IS SOUND, AND THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS SOUND, AS WELL.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC, ANY SUCH STUDIES THAT ARE DEEMED TO BE CREDIBLE, I'M SPEAKING TO THE CONCLUSIONS AND THINKING ABOUT THE METHODOLOGY AND/OR THE LEVEL AT WHICH IT WOULD BE DEEMED TO BE ROBUST MIGHT BE USEFUL IN OUR FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS, TO HAVE THAT AS A PART OF THE PRESENTATION INDEPENDENT OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER, BECAUSE I THINK THAT LEVEL OF INFORMATION, THAT DEPTH OF INFORMATION, IS GOING TO BE INSTRUCTIVE TO US AS TO HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. AND WITH YOUR CONSENT, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO ATTACH THAT TO ANY FORTHCOMING MOTIONS. DATA MATTERS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT'S INDEPENDENT AND DEEMED TO BE CREDIBLE. AND SO I WOULD OFFER THAT AS A CONSIDERATION, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO YOU WANT TO INCLUDE THE REPORT AS PART OF THE MOTION?

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: YEAH. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THOSE WHO CONDUCTED THE EXIT POLL BE A PART OF OUR DELIBERATIONS AND/OR-- I'M SORRY?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: HE'S TRYING TO GET A CLARIFICATION ON WHAT YOU WANT.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: L.M.U., BUT ANYONE ELSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF FUTURE CONVERSATIONS, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DOESN'T HAVE APPRECIATION FOR IT, AND IT SHOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT PRESENTATION, CONVERSATION ABOUT IT. AND I DON'T LIMIT IT, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I DON'T LIMIT IT TO L.M.U. ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS DONE SO, AS LONG AS IT'S INDEPENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO THAT WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF MORE INSIGHTS. I MEAN, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS WEIGHED IN. BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DATA-DRIVEN CONVERSATIONS, EVEN IF THE DATA DOESN'T NECESSARILY AGREE. AT LEAST WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF THAT BEFORE WE ULTIMATELY LAND OUR FINAL ASSESSMENT OF HOW THINGS DID GO, OR DID NOT GO, AND WHAT COULD, IN FACT, BE IMPROVED IN A SUBSTANTIAL WAY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, IF I COULD, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE ASKING FOR AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS. RIGHT? ONE THAT COULD BE DRIVEN BY THE C.E.O. AND I WOULD CONCUR THAT IT'S USEFUL TO HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION, AS WELL. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS A STUDY DONE BY LOYOLA, WHICH IS GREAT, BUT I ALSO THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO UNDERTAKE OUR OWN ANALYSIS AND EXAMINATION, THOUGH. I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: IT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR. I'M JUST SAYING, THE MORE THE MERRIER.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: DEFINITELY, WE HAVE TO--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: HE'S SAYING THAT THE L.M.U. BE INCLUDED AS WHAT THE CONSULTANT LOOKS AT, AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ANALYSIS.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: WHATEVER IS OUT THERE. WHATEVER IT IS. AND NOT IN LIEU OF WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING. BUT IF THEY HAVE A MASSIVE EXIT STUDY, I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO IGNORE THAT. IF BERKELEY OR U.S.C., U.C.L.A., WHOEVER ELSE DOES SOMETHING, IF IT'S WORTHWHILE, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT, AND LET IT INFORM OUR DELIBERATIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU CALL UP THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM?

MS. LINGAT: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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

KATHERINE CARPIO: HI. MY NAME IS KATHERINE CARPIO. I'M A FIELD ORGANIZER FOR CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN. TWO DAYS BEFORE SUPER TUESDAY, I VISITED NINE LOCAL VOTING CENTERS IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., WHERE THREE CENTERS WERE NOT SET UP, DUE TO THE WI-FI CONNECTIVITY, AND SIX OTHER CENTERS DID NOT HAVE HANDWRITTEN PAPER BALLOTS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE ALEX PADILLA REQUIRED, NOR DID THEY KNOW THESE BALLOTS EXISTED. THESE HANDWRITTEN BALLOTS ARE TIME-CONSUMING, SO WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD REVERT BACK TO REGULAR PAPER BALLOTS, WHERE WE CAN FILL IN THE BUBBLES. AS A FIELD ORGANIZER THAT EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ON ELECTION SECURITY, OUR COALITION IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED. THAT INCLUDES Q.R. CODES ON THE BALLOT DEVICES THAT VOTERS CAN'T ACCESS AND CAN BE HACKED, AND THE REGISTRATION PROCESSES THAT OCCUR ONLINE. PLEASE REVIEW THESE ISSUES IN TIME FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I APPRECIATED THE COMMENT ABOUT HOW, YOU KNOW, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WE HAD SO MANY LONG LINES, AND SO MANY PEOPLE WERE NOT SERVED AND DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO

VOTE. AND IN MY DISTRICT, IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT DEFINITELY HAPPENED. I HAVE THREE OR FOUR ANECDOTAL INSTANCES WHERE PEOPLE SHOWED UP, THE LINE WAS SIMPLY TOO LONG FOR WHAT THEY HAD PLANNED. EVIDENTLY, THEY WAITED UNTIL ELECTION DAY, WHICH IS A PROBLEM. BUT THE QUESTION IS, IS THIS BODY CAPABLE OF PLANNING ANYTHING? BECAUSE THIS MEETING IS ABSURD. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR EIGHT HOURS, AND 45 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE HAVE LEFT. SO EXCUSE ME, KATHRYN BARGER. DON'T BANG THE GAVEL. JUST LISTEN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NO, I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU. I'M TALKING TO THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOU.

ERIC PREVEN: NO, BUT DON'T TALK TO ANYBODY. LISTEN, LISTEN. IT'S VERY, VERY BAD, OKAY? THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES IT ALL THE TIME. IT'S LIKE A FILIBUSTER. SO ALEX PADILLA, ALL DUE RESPECT, IS A GUY WHO SITS UP THERE, WAVING-- IT'S NOT DEAN LOGAN'S PERSONAL FAULT, BUT THIS WAS A MESS, AND ALL FIVE OF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE. SO I LIKE THE KABUKI THEATER OF "WE'RE DISAPPOINTED WITH DEAN," BUT HONESTLY, GET IT TOGETHER.

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

ANASTASIA KASSAR: HI. MY NAME IS ANASTASIA KASSAR, AND I'M FROM THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN. I'D LIKE TO THANK

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. AS A MILLENNIAL YOUNG VOTER AND ACTIVIST, I SUPPORT THE MOTION TO REVIEW THE ELECTION DAY VOTING ISSUES, BUT WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO DO MORE. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LOSING FAITH IN OUR ELECTIONS, AND THEY'RE ALREADY RELUCTANT TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONSIDER THE CLEAN MONEY COALITION'S LETTER REQUEST TO FIX THE SECURITY FLAWS THAT EXPERTS HAVE IDENTIFIED IN THIS SYSTEM. THESE FLAWS AND OTHER QUESTIONS IGNITE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FEARS, AND THEREFORE LIMIT THEIR AND EVERYBODY'S DESIRE TO CAST THEIR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY. SO I ASK YOU TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, IF NOT NOW, THEN IN A FUTURE MEETING. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: I WAS AN ELECTION WORKER. MOST VOTERS COULDN'T BE FOUND IN THE NEW SYSTEM. WHETHER THEY HAD THEIR VOTER SAMPLE BALLOT POLL PASS OR AFFIDAVIT, WHEN SCANNED, THE SYSTEM REJECTED 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS' INFO. THE MESSAGE ON THE CHECK-IN BALLOT TABLET KEPT STATING "VOTER NOT FOUND." USING OTHER TABLETS DID NOT HELP. MANY VOTERS REPORTED THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR MAIL-IN BALLOTS, OR THE WRONG BALLOTS. THE CHECK-IN TABLET AUTOMATICALLY ISSUED PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR 80 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS. VOTERS WAITED FOR THREE TO FOUR HOURS. ABSOLUTELY, THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO BE RECEIVING

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. VOTERS SCREAMED AT US. WE WERE THERE FROM 6 IN THE MORNING TILL 10:30 AT NIGHT. NO FOOD. NO WATER. NO BREAKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAD YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR SCREAMING, WHY CAN'T THEY VOTE? WHY ARE THEY NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE? THEY REGISTERED ON TIME. THEY HAD THEIR VOTER INFORMATION RIGHT WITH THEM. THAT'S A CRIME. HE NEEDS TO RESIGN. [APPLAUSE.]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. YOU KNOW WHAT? ALL THE FIRST ROW-- GENTLEMAN WITH THE HAT, IF YOU CLAP AGAIN, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE. YOU, MR. SPINDLER, WAYNE, ENOUGH. I'M DONE. NEXT SPEAKER, WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

MATTHEW BARBATO: HELLO, BOARD. MY NAME IS MATTHEW BARBATO. ON ELECTION DAY, LIKE MANY VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY, I WITNESSED THREE-HOUR WAIT LINES, BROKEN AND INSUFFICIENT CHECK-IN MACHINES, AND OVERWHELMED STAFF. I ALSO SPOKE WITH AND WITNESSED AT LEAST THREE VOTERS LEAVING THE POLLS AND FOREGOING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE, DUE TO THE LONG WAIT. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO DESCRIBE THE EFFECTS THAT THE ATROCIOUS VOTING PROCESS HAD, OTHER THAN DISENFRANCHISEMENT. AS A CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER, I SPOKE WITH DOZENS AND DOZENS, IN FACT, A MAJORITY OF NO-PARTY PREFERENCE VOTERS AT THEIR HOMES, WHO WERE CONFUSED AND UNINFORMED ABOUT THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR VOTING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, PARTICULARLY MAIL-IN

BALLOT VOTERS. THIS MOST CERTAINLY RESULTED IN UNTOLD NUMBERS OF VOTERS NOT CASTING THEIR VOTES IN THE PRIMARY. ADDING TO THE CONFUSION IS THE USE OF NEEDLESS MULTIPLE TERMINOLOGY, SUCH AS "DECLINE TO STATE" AND "NO PARTY PREFERENCE" FOR THE SAME CATEGORY OF VOTER, AS WELL AS MULTIPLE MAILINGS OF INSTRUCTIONS AND VOTER GUIDES. I AM ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO ENACT AN INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE AUDIT OF THE VOTE COUNT AND VOTING PROCEDURES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE ELECTION BOARD AND THE VENDOR. THANK YOU.

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

JUDY BRANFMAN: HI. I'M JUDY BRANFMAN, FROM SANTA MONICA. I'VE WRITTEN LETTERS TO YOU WITH MANY MORE DETAILS, BUT ONE THING TO RESPOND TO THE MISSING 17,000 THAT YOU IDENTIFIED. ON FEBRUARY 25TH, I CALLED THE REGISTRAR TO FIND OUT WHY MY 84-YEAR-OLD NEIGHBOR HADN'T RECEIVED HER BALLOT. SHE'D REGISTERED TO VOTE ON FEBRUARY 9TH, DROPPED OFF AT THE REGISTRAR. AFTER INSISTING THEY GIVE ME AN ANSWER, IT TURNS OUT THERE WAS A HUGE-- THE WOMAN SAID HUGE-- BACKLOG, THAT THEY HADN'T, YOU KNOW, PROCESSED ANYTHING SINCE MAYBE FEBRUARY 9TH, AND THIS WAS THE 25TH. THE NEXT DAY, I GOT A CALL FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FROM THE REGISTRAR'S: "OH, MY GOD, WHAT CAN WE DO?" THEY HAND-BROUGHT THESE BALLOTS TO THESE TWO WOMEN IN MY BUILDING. AND SINCE THEN, JEFF KLEIN, AT THE REGISTRAR, HAS

INSISTED EVERY SINGLE REQUEST WAS PROCESSED BY THE 27TH AND SENT OUT. NOW, THAT'S A LIE. YOU KNOW, IT JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN. SO I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, OVER 30 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS ARE NO PARTY PREFERENCE, AND I THINK THIS PERFORMANCE BY EVERYBODY IS REALLY CLEAR EVIDENCE OF WHY. YOU KNOW, REALLY IRRESPONSIBLE. AND WE NEED PAPER BALLOTS, WITH THE MACHINES ONLY AS BACKUP.

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

ROB QUAN: MY NAME IS ROB QUAN. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH UNRIG L.A., AND I WANT TO PUSH BACK ON THE NOTION THAT WE NEED TO CURTAIL EARLY VOTE AND LIMIT IT. I WORKED IN 2008 FOR THE OBAMA CAMPAIGN AS A FIELD ORGANIZER IN LAS VEGAS. WE HAD TWO WEEKS OF EARLY VOTE. WE RECEIVED CASES UPON CASES OF LITERATURE FROM THE COUNTY THAT GAVE US BROCHURES TELLING PEOPLE WHERE THEY COULD VOTE IN CLARK COUNTY, ALL THE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION THEY NEEDED. THESE THINGS ALSO AVAILABLE ANYWHERE YOU COULD REGISTER TO VOTE. WE HELPED PROMOTE GETTING OUT THE VOTE BY INCLUDING THIS LIT IN EVERYTHING WE GAVE TO VOTERS. WE HAD AN 80-PERCENT TURNOUT IN NEVADA IN 2008. 50 PERCENT OF VOTES WERE CAST AT A VOTE CENTER. THIS IS WHY I WAS SO BAFFLED TO SEE THAT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO G.O.T.V. LIT AVAILABLE. A MONTH AGO, I REACHED OUT TO THEM AND ASKED, "DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION THAT

SAYS, 'VOTE FEBRUARY 22ND THROUGH MARCH 3RD, WEBSITE, PHONE NUMBER,'" AND THEY SAID NO, AND THEY HAD NO PLANS ON MAKING IT. AND FRANKLY, MIKE SANCHEZ IN THAT OFFICE WAS THE MOST DISMISSIVE PERSON I'VE ENCOUNTERED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT-- WE COULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS IF WE GOT PEOPLE OUT EARLY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. AND AGAIN, FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WANT TO SUBMIT IN WRITING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO, BECAUSE WE WILL TAKE THEM INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD. NEXT SPEAKER.

GLORY JONES: HI. MY NAME IS GLORY JONES. YOU SPEAK OF LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. I'M ACTUALLY A SOPHOMORE THERE, AND WE HAD PROBLEMS WITH NOT JUST LONG LINES AND ALL THE OTHER INEFFICIENCIES. WE DIDN'T JUST HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WI-FI. WE FULL-ON LOST POWER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. YOU CAN'T EXPECT STUDENTS TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS, ESPECIALLY WHEN VOTING CENTERS AT OUR SCHOOLS AREN'T OPEN FOR 11 DAYS. THE VOTING CENTER AT MY SCHOOL WAS ONLY OPEN FOR TWO TO THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. AND WE'RE STUDYING FOR MIDTERMS, WE HAVE CLASS, AND WE HAVE WORK, AS WELL, TO GET TO. AND I SWING BY MY VOTING CENTER AT 9:30 P.M. AT NIGHT, AND THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE FALLING ASLEEP, DOING THEIR HOMEWORK, SITTING IN CHAIRS,

GATHERING IN GROUPS, TRYING TO SING GOSPEL, FOR ALL I KNOW, BECAUSE THEY'RE WAITING IN LINES FOR SO LONG. AT SOME POINT-- AND YOU HAD PEOPLE CALLING OUT THESE INEFFICIENCIES DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. YOU HAD $300 MILLION TO GET YOUR STUFF TOGETHER. AT SOME POINT, WE HAVE TO QUESTION, WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS INEFFICIENCY? SO I URGE DEAN LOGAN TO RESIGN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK THIS LAST SPEAKER, DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SO-CALLED EXIT POLL?

GLORY JONES: I DIDN'T, BUT I HAD FRIENDS WHO DID, SO--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: BUT YOU DID NOT?

GLORY JONES: NO, I DID NOT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: IN REFERENCE TO DEAN LOGAN'S REMARKS THAT HE DID AN UNPRECEDENTED JOB OF REACHING OUT TO DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, AND THAT THERE WERE MANY GOOD ASPECTS OF THIS ELECTION, NO, DUDE. YOU [EXPLETIVE] UP. PEOPLE WERE NOT ABLE TO VOTE. I'M WONDERING IF THIS IS CALIFORNIA 2020 OR ALABAMA IN 1962. THIS WAS NOTHING OTHER THAN A DISGRACEFUL, UTTER FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT. HOW DARE YOU SIT THERE AND PRETEND IT WAS ANYTHING

OTHER THAN THAT? AND THE FACT THAT YOU STILL HAVE A JOB IS AN ABSOLUTE SCANDAL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

FIORELLA ISABEL: HI. I'M FIORELLA ISABEL. I AM A JOURNALIST AND AN OBSERVER, AS WELL AS AN ELECTION INTEGRITY ACTIVIST. I'VE TRAVELED TO IOWA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEVADA. AND WHAT I SAW HERE IN CALIFORNIA WAS BEYOND A DISGRACE. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE, AND IT COULD HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY AVOIDABLE. IN FACT, MYSELF AND MY COHOST REACHED OUT TO DEAN LOGAN AND ALEX PADILLA, WARNING THEM, AFTER TALKING TO POLL WORKERS LIVE ON VIDEO-- WE HAVE THIS FOOTAGE-- TELLING US THAT PEOPLE WERE GOING TO GET PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, THAT THE MACHINES WERE NOT WORKING, THAT THE SOFTWARE WAS UNRELIABLE, THAT IT WAS ALSO NOT SECURE. THE PREVIOUS MONTHS BEFORE, LAST YEAR IN JULY, WE ATTENDED A MEETING WITH JEFF KLEIN, WHO ASSURED US THAT, OH, WE WERE GOING FROM 4,000 MACHINES TO A THOUSAND MACHINES, BUT THAT WAS OKAY BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE 11 DAYS TO VOTE. GUESS WHAT? THAT ISN'T TRUE. WE WENT TO SEVERAL PRECINCTS. I BELIEVE WE WENT TO NINE. AND NONE OF THOSE PRECINCTS WERE EQUIPPED, MAYBE BUT ONE, AND THE COMPUTERS WERE STILL IN BOXES. SO THAT'S THE REALITY. DEAN LOGAN MUST RESIGN.

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

SPEAKER: PADILLA, APPARENTLY ELECTED L.A. COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER-- I SAY "APPARENTLY" BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. IT APPEARS SO, BUT MY NAME WAS WAY DOWN ON THE LIST. MANY PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES WERE WAY DOWN ON THE LIST BECAUSE OF THE "MORE NEXT" BUTTON DID NOT GET ELECTED. IF YOU WERE IN THE BOTTOM HALF OF A TWO-DOZEN LIST FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, YOU LOST, AND YOU LOST BADLY. "MORE NEXT" NEEDS TO BE ELIMINATED. CANDIDATES SHOULD BE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. BALLOT ORDER SHOULD NOT MATTER THAT MUCH. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE SUPERVISORS, YOU'VE ALL SAID THAT IT'S UNACCEPTABLE. YOU'VE SAID THAT YOU'VE LOST CONFIDENCE IN MR. LOGAN, BUT YOU HAVE NOT CALLED FOR HIM TO BE FIRED. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR HIM TO BE FIRED. MAYBE SHOOTING SOMEONE ON FIFTH AVENUE. BUT HE NEEDS TO BE FIRED. HE CRASHED THE SHIP OF DEMOCRACY OF L.A. COUNTY INTO THE ROCKS, AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, SHIP CAPTAINS ARE RELIEVED OF COMMAND OR THEY'RE MUTINIED. FIRE DEAN LOGAN.

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

TRENT LANGE: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. TRENT LANGE, PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF OUR ELECTIONS. THAT'S WHY A COALITION

OF 42 STATE, LOCAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACADEMIC EXPERTS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL ELECTION DEFENSE COALITION, FREE SPEECH FOR PEOPLE INDIVISIBLE, EQUAL JUSTICE SOCIETY, C.A.V.O., CALIFORNIANS FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS, AND OTHERS HAVE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND YOU, SAYING THAT WE ARE GRAVELY TROUBLED WITH MAJOR SECURITY FLAWS IN THE V.S.A.P. SYSTEM THAT RISK THE INTEGRITY OF OUR ELECTIONS, TWO OF WHICH LIKELY ADDED TO THE TERRIBLE LINES. ONE OF THOSE FLAWS IS THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES REQUIRE VOTERS TO SUBMIT THE VERIFIED BALLOTS BACK INTO THE SAME B.M.D., SO THAT LIKELY ADDED TO THE JAMMING. WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT ISSUE ON THE B.M.D.S. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT VOTING CENTERS DIDN'T PROVIDE NORMAL, HAND-MARKED PAPER BALLOTS, WHICH WOULD HAVE SPED THINGS UP. EVERY OTHER VOTING CENTER IN THE COUNTY DOES SO. SO WE URGE YOU TO LOOK AT THESE, ALSO. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER?

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM REALLY APPALLED OF WHAT I HAVE HEARD RECENTLY IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES, BECAUSE MANY OF THE ERRORS, LIKE THE BALLOT NOT RECEIVED, WAS FROM THE STATE. TWO TIMES THEY DID NOT SEND ME MY BALLOT, AND WHEN THEY DID, THEY PREVENTED ME FROM VOTING REPUBLICAN. THAT'S NOT LOGAN'S FAULT.

AND ALSO, EVERY PLACE IN THE METRO, FOR THE LAST MANY, MANY WEEKS, THERE WERE SIGNS EVERYWHERE ABOUT VOTING EARLY, FROM FEBRUARY 22ND TO MARCH 3RD. YOU KNOW, I AM A PERSON WHO IS ETHICAL AND BELIEVES IN THE TRUTH. AND WHAT I HAVE HEARD IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES HAS REALLY ANGERED ME. I HAVE GONE TO MANY OF THE POLLING PLACES, INCLUDING HERE DOWNSTAIRS. NOBODY WAS THERE. PEOPLE WEREN'T THERE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. SO SOMEBODY IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB. AND IT'S NOT LOGAN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. NEXT SPEAKER.

ROBIN GIBSON: MY NAME IS ROBIN GIBSON, AND A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO, I DELIVERED A LETTER TO EACH OF YOU, TALKING ABOUT WAYS THAT YOU COULD MAKE THIS ELECTION SAFE, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT. THE TESTS OF THE MACHINES SHOWED THAT IT COULD BE HACKED WITHIN SECONDS, AND WE WOULD NEVER KNOW. AND THAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE HAPPENED. WE DON'T KNOW. SO WE DON'T KNOW IF A SINGLE OF OUR BALLOTS HAS BEEN COUNTED PROPERLY, BESIDES ALL THE OTHER ERRORS. AND I HAVE THREE SHORT THINGS. I'LL GO QUICKLY. FOR THE AUDIT OF THE ELECTION SYSTEM, I WANTED TO RECOMMEND THREE NAMES. THESE ARE ELECTION INTEGRITY PEOPLE, AND THIS IS WHAT THEY DO FOR THE C.E.O. ONE IS BEV HARRIS, NATIONALLY KNOWN. ANOTHER IS JOHN BRAKEY, AND THE THIRD IS RAY LUTZ, BECAUSE HE'S CLOSE. HE'S IN SAN DIEGO.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

ROBIN GIBSON: CAN I SAY SOME QUICK THINGS? MY FRIEND CRAIG ALREADY HAD TO LEAVE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NO. I'M SORRY. BUT IF YOU'VE GOT THE LETTER, IF YOU WANT TO RESUBMIT IT, OR YOU'VE GOT A NEW LETTER, PLEASE--

ROBIN GIBSON: OH, NO. NO, MUCH MORE INFORMATION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. WE'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE IT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

RAJI RAB: HELLO, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT I HEARD-- LET ME PUT MY NAME ON RECORD. MY NAME IS RAJI RAB. I'M A CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE FROM DISTRICT 30, CALIFORNIA, AND BRING THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE TO YOUR GREAT PLATFORM HERE. THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT I HEARD TODAY WAS THE WORD "DISAPPOINTED." THAT WON MY HEART. THAT WON THE HEART OF THE PEOPLE THAT I TEXTED RIGHT AWAY, THAT THERE'S A PERSON OVER THERE, REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, SAYING THAT PERSON IS DISAPPOINTED. WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT $300. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT $300 MILLION, FOR GOD'S SAKE. AND THEN WE WANT TO SAY, HEY, WE WANT TO TRY THAT AGAIN? WE WANT TO GIVE THIS GUY

ANOTHER CHANCE? WHY? IS HE RELATED TO SOMEBODY? WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU KNOW WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING? PEOPLE ARE THINKING THAT YOU'RE ALL INVOLVED WITH THIS GUY. AND I'M BRINGING YOU THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. BE FAIR. BE FAIR. WE CANNOT KEEP GIVING CHANCES OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I BROUGHT THE DETAILS. MY TIME'S GOING TO BE UP. HE MUST BE FIRED. THIS IS FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

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

LINDA BASSETT: HI. MY NAME IS LINDA BASSETT. I AM AN ACTIVIST, AND I'M ON THE C.C.C., AND HOPEFULLY BEING ELECTED AGAIN. I'M HERE TO SAY NO TO VOTE BY MAIL. I'M OUT KNOCKING ON DOORS. PEOPLE, THOSE ADDRESSES AREN'T RIGHT. YOU GO KNOCK ON PEOPLE'S DOORS, THEY'RE NOT THERE. YOU'RE GOING TO SEND THEM BALLOTS? YOU NEED TO REALLY DO THE STUDIES OF WHAT IS THE BEST PRACTICE. WE NEED A COMMITTEE TO HELP YOU DO THAT. WE NEED AN AGENDA ITEM ON YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHERE WE CAN TALK AND DISCUSS AND HAVE TIME ABOUT THIS. WE SEE THAT LEADING EXPERTS KNOW THAT VOTE-BY-MAILS ARE HARVESTED AND CAN LEAD TO MASSIVE FRAUD. WE SEE SO IN CAROLINA AND TEXAS, WITH THE DISCOVERY THAT SOME BALLOTS WERE BOUGHT FOR MONEY AND TURNED IN BY THE HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS. ALEX PADILLA IS OUT OF HIS MIND. YOU NEED TO FIRE DEAN LOGAN. YOU KNEW THIS WHEN YOU

HIRED HIM IN 2007, THAT IN 2004, HE RESIGNED FROM WASHINGTON STATE BECAUSE OF ISSUES LIKE THIS, WITH--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.

LINDA BASSETT: FRAUD.

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

MELISSA MICHAELSON: HELLO. MY NAME IS MELISSA MICHAELSON. I'M A DELEGATE IN THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND A MEMBER ELECT OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, I'M ASSUMING. I WAS HERE ON JUNE 14, 2016, TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE ELECTION PROBLEMS THEN. TWO OF YOU WERE ON THE BOARD THEN. HERE WE ARE AGAIN, WITH DEAN LOGAN STILL AS REGISTRAR. I WON'T MINCE MY WORDS. DEAN LOGAN NEEDS TO GO. HE SEEMS TO KNOW FULL WELL WHAT HAPPENED. WHY DIDN'T HE FORESEE THIS? WHY DIDN'T YOU, FROM LAST TIME? VOTERS DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THE VOTING COMPUTERS, AND THAT'S NOT THEIR FAULT. PEOPLE WOULD TAKE THE BALLOT AWAY AND WALK OFF WITH IT. IN ALHAMBRA, I HAD TO HELP MAKE 17 SIGNS THAT READ, "DO NOT TAKE YOUR BALLOT. IT GOES BACK IN THE PRINTER FOR EACH BOOTH." THESE SIGNS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE ALREADY. I'M A CONCERNED AMERICAN AND I EXPECT MY VOTING SYSTEM TO RUN SMOOTHLY, NOT DISENFRANCHISE VOTERS WITH HOURS OF LINES, NOT WITHHOLD 17,000 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS. I EXPECT EVERY SINGLE

ELIGIBLE VOTE TO COUNT, INCLUDING EACH OF THE L.A. COUNTY 77,000 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT WERE GIVEN OUT. I OBSERVED SEVEN CENTERS. I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION FOR AN INVESTIGATION, BUT I WANTED TO INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF DEAN LOGAN NOW. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JEDDIE. I ACTUALLY RAN A LOCATION WITH 50 B.M.D.S, SO IT'S ONE OF THE LARGER LOCATIONS. AND FOR US, WE DID OKAY. THE LONGEST LINE WAS ONLY 30 MINUTES. BUT I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT WORKED. IT'S BECAUSE WE HAD AT LEAST TWO TO THREE PEOPLE THAT WERE TECHNOLOGICALLY EFFICIENT, AND WE KNEW HOW TO WORK THE MACHINES, FIX THE PRINTERS, AS WELL AS MADE SURE THE E-POLLS WERE SYNCED AT ALL TIMES. THAT WAS NOT TOLD TO US DURING THE TRAINING, SO THE TRAINING NEEDS TO BE BETTER. AS WELL, I SUGGEST WE NEED WAY MORE LITERATURE AHEAD OF TIME, LIKE THE OTHER GENTLEMAN SAID. G.O.T.V. LIT NEEDS TO BE SHARED MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME, SO PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE VOTING CENTERS ARE. AND ALSO, I THINK THEY SHOULD ALSO DISPLAY VOTING CENTER WAIT TIMES ON THE WEBSITE LIVE, SO PEOPLE CAN KNOW WHERE TO GO. WE WERE TRYING TO CALL PEOPLE TO COME OVER, BECAUSE WE HAD NO LINES, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE. IMPROVEMENTS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: GOOD IDEAS. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

MELANIE COHEN: HI. I'M MELANIE COHEN, FROM REDONDO BEACH. I HAVE LIVED IN CALIFORNIA FOR 30 YEARS. I HAVE NEVER STEPPED FOOT IN HERE BEFORE. I AM HERE TODAY AS AN ACTIVIST-- AN ENVIRONMENTAL ONE, AND ONE FOR VOTING. I HAVE BEEN A DEMOCRATIC VOTER FOR OVER 25 YEARS. I HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN MY BALLOT, PUT IT IN THE MAILBOX, AND AWAY IT WENT. AND IT WAS COUNTED, BECAUSE I COULD CHECK IT ON LAVOTER.NET. WELL, THIS YEAR, I MAILED IT 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, AND IT IS STILL NOT COUNTED. MY FRIEND LET ME KNOW THAT SHE WAS REGISTERED AS A DEMOCRAT, ALSO, FOR OVER 30 YEARS. WHEN SHE TOOK OUT HER ABSENTEE BALLOT TO VOTE-- SHE ALWAYS BRINGS IT TO THE POLLS-- SHE WAS REGISTERED AS A REPUBLICAN. OKAY. ACCORDING TO THE L.A. TIMES, WE HAVE UNTIL MARCH 27TH, MR. LOGAN, TO GET EVERYTHING DONE. WELL, GUESS WHAT? YOU'RE GOING TO DISENFRANCHISE US ALL. YOU HAVE TO COUNT EVERY VOTE. AND WE WANT YOU TO RESIGN. $300 MILLION?

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

EVAN GRIFFITH: I'M EVAN GRIFFITH. I MONITORED VOTE CENTERS WITH VOLUNTEERS IN EAST L.A., SOUTH L.A., AND KOREATOWN. WALNUT ELEMENTARY, 90-MINUTE LINES. PEOPLE LEFT. VOTERS WERE ASKED TO PRINT Q.R. CODES TO EXPEDITE LINES, WHICH WERE THEN

NOT VERIFIABLE, AND WHEN COUNTED SOME DID NOT REFLECT THE VOTERS' SELECTIONS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PARK. 4-AND-A-HALF-HOUR LINES. PEOPLE LEFT. VOTE MACHINES JAMMED, WORKERS' LAPTOPS FROZE, WORKERS STARTED GIVING OUT PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. LAFAYETTE RECREATION CENTER. A VOTER WAS GIVEN A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT MALFUNCTIONED, AND WAS THEN ASKED TO SUBMIT A WRITE-IN BALLOT. FRED ROBERTS RECREATION CENTER. LINE CUTOFF BEFORE 8:00 P.M., PROVISIONAL BALLOTS EVENTUALLY GIVEN OUT TO EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF REGISTRATION STATUS. A VOLUNTEER MONITORING THEIR COMPLAINT AND WAS SHOUTED OUT WITH, "WHY DO YOU HATE AMERICA?" AND WAS THREATENED WITH POLICE ACTION. ALGIN SUTTON RECREATION CENTER. SUPERVISOR CHARLENA BROWN THREATENED VOTERS, SAYING, "I CAN CLOSE THIS ANY TIME I WANT TO, AND IF YOU PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE HERE, YOU CAN LEAVE," AND BY POLL WORKER TAMARA SIMPSON, SAYING, "YOU PEOPLE HAD 13 DAYS TO VOTE. WHY THE HELL ARE YOU VOTING THIS LATE?" THIS IS DEMORALIZING. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND IF PEOPLE ARE TO HAVE FAITH IN ELECTORALISM, MASS DISENFRANCHISE IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT. WE NEED PAPER BALLOTS AND OPEN-SOURCE SOLUTIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.] PLEASE REFRAIN-- HANDS UP. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I WENT INTO A LIBRARY TO VOTE. IT WAS ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, AND

THERE WERE WORKERS IN THERE, BUT NO MACHINES WOULD WORK OR ANYTHING. SO I WENT IN AND I SAID, "WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?" THEY SAID, "WELL, THE LEAD PERSON DIDN'T SHOW UP." AND SHE SAID, "I'VE BEEN CALLING AND CALLING." ONE OF THE WORKERS, SHE SAID, "I CAN'T GET AN ANSWER." I SAID, "GIVE ME THE NUMBER." I CALLED AND GOT SOMEBODY ON THE PHONE. AND YOU KNOW ME. I SAID, "WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU BETTER GET SOMEBODY OVER HERE." 10 MINUTES, TWO WORKERS WERE IN THERE, PUTTING EVERYTHING TOGETHER. THEY ASKED FOR MY NAME AND MY PHONE NUMBER. TWO DAYS LATER, THEY CALLED ME TO SAY, "DO YOU WANT TO BE THE LEAD IN HERE?" I SAID, "MA'AM, I'M JUST A VOTER. I DON'T WANT TO WORK." BUT THAT'S NOT RIGHT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THINGS SET UP. SO WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE US TO GET OUT THERE AND GET THINGS DONE. WE'VE GOT PEOPLE LAYING ALL IN THE STREET. 54 BLOCKS ON SKID ROW OF MY PEOPLE, FOUNDATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICANS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE. QUIT VOTING FOR THEM. IF YOU SEE TOM JONES ON THE BALLOT, VOTE FOR ANYBODY EXCEPT FOR ONE OF THEM. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS BEEN IN THIS-- BEEN 28 YEARS HE'S BEEN IN THIS POLITICS. WE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF OFFICE.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: ANYONE BUT WESSON. VOTE NO. AS YOU SEE, THE BALLOTS DON'T WORK.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: MR. HERMAN, KEEP TO THE SUBJECT.

HERMAN HERMAN: NOTHING WORKS IN THIS CITY ANYMORE, OR IN THE COUNTY. NOT EVEN YOUR CAMERA, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO SHOW THAT I EXERCISE MY FIRST AMENDMENT AS AN AMERICAN TO HOLD A FLAG. YOU UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VIOLATE MY CIVIL RIGHTS BY HAVING YOUR SECURITY STAND BY ME AS I AM HERE TO LEGISLATE UNDER THE BROWN ACT. YOU HAVE ARMED PEOPLE WITH WEAPONS, ARMED PEOPLE WITH TASERS AND SPRAYERS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER?

HERMAN HERMAN: IT HAS A LOT TO DO. STOP [EXPLETIVE]--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THERE YOU GO. YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. I'M GOING TO ASK-- I'M ASKING YOU TO LEAVE, HERMAN. HERMAN, I'M ASKING YOU TO LEAVE. I'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR CONDUCT. WOULD YOU ESCORT MR. HERMAN OUT OF THE ROOM? THANK YOU. THANK YOU, HERMAN. IT'S UNFORTUNATE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, PABLO. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER? NEXT SPEAKER. HERMAN. OKAY. [DISRUPTION CONTINUES.] YEAH, LEAVE HIS DOG ALONE. GO. HERMAN HERMAN, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU-- OUT.

HERMAN HERMAN: I STILL LOVE YOU, MS. BARGER. I STILL LOVE YOU, MS. BARGER. I STILL LOVE YOU. VOTE NO FOR WESSON!

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER. BYE, HERMAN.

HERMAN HERMAN: I LOVE YOU, MOMMY! MOMMY!

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

ERNEST MOORE: MY NAME IS ERNEST MOORE. I'M A FOUNDER OF THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS NETWORK ORGANIZATION. I WAS GOING TO RUN FOR A SEAT IN THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THIS YEAR, BUT I SEE THAT EVERYTHING IS TOTALLY CORRUPT IN THE VOTING SYSTEM. I'VE BEEN WATCHING THIS FOR OVER A DECADE NOW. AS I SAID WHEN I FIRST STARTED COMING HERE ASKING FOR HELP ABOUT THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM, I ASKED, WHY IS IT THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS RAN TOTALLY UNOPPOSED FOR THIS TERM? THESE UNCLE TOM POLITICIANS ARE NOT WHO BLACK AMERICANS VOTE FOR. THAT'S MORE EVIDENCE THAT THESE ELECTIONS ARE TOTALLY RIGGED. WE NEED FULL TRANSPARENCY AND FULL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THESE ELECTIONS, AND I HAVE A METHOD FOR ACHIEVING THAT. SO I AM GLAD THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID THAT WE COULD SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, WHICH I HAVE HERE FOR JANICE HAHN, WHO IS MY SUPERVISOR.

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

MIKE GREENSPAN: MIKE GREENSPAN, AND I CANCELED SHEILA KUEHL'S VOTE FOR POCAHONTAS IN THE ELECTION. NOW, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I'VE DONE POLL WORK, TOO. BACK IN 2005, I WAS THERE DURING THE MAYOR'S RACE AS A CLERK IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. POLLING PLACES ARE SUPPOSED TO OPEN AT 7:00 NOBODY SHOWED UP TILL 8:30. AND THEN I DECIDED I WASN'T GOING TO DO THE RUNOFF. AND SOMEONE CALLED. I DECIDED, OKAY. AND THEY PROMOTED ME TO INSPECTOR. AND I GOT A CALL ON A FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER 6:00: "CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING AN INSPECTOR." AND I FIGURE, "OH, THAT'S NICE. SOMEONE'S REALLY DOING THEIR JOB." AND THEN THEY ASK, "CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR JAMES HAHN?" AND I THOUGHT, "WHAT?" AND I LATER FOUND OUT THAT THAT PERSON COMMITTED A MISDEMEANOR. AND, YOU KNOW, I TOLD THAT PERSON OVER THE PHONE, "JIM HAHN? WORST [EXPLETIVE] MAYOR WE EVER HAD."

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

MARGIE HOYT: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARGIE HOYT. I LIVE IN GARDENA, IN DISTRICT 2, IN THE SOUTH BAY. I AM A NEWLY ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN L.A. COUNTY. I UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO MAKE VOTING MORE CONVENIENT

BY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO VOTE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY, TO BE ABLE TO NOT HAVE TO BE TIED TO A PARTICULAR PRECINCT, BUT CAN VOTE FROM WORK, WHATEVER WOULD BE EASIEST. HOWEVER, WHEN I WENT TO THE MOCK ELECTION, I STARTED HAVING SEVERE MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE SYSTEM. I WAS VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE SIGNATURE METHOD, AND WONDER HOW MANY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ISSUED A PROVISIONAL BALLOT BECAUSE OF THE UNRELIABILITY OF THE SIGNATURE RECOGNITION, NOT TO MENTION THE NUMBER OF DISENFRANCHISED BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE E-POLL BOOKS THEMSELVES. SINCE THEN, I HAVE BECOME DISMAYED ABOUT THE USE OF UNRELIABLE AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, UNSECURE CELLULAR TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO DO THE CONNECTIVITY. AND ABOUT THE INSUFFICIENCY. I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE INSUFFICIENT--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. CAN YOU READ THE TWO NAMES THAT HAVE SIGNED UP, AS WELL?

MS. LINGAT: WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: LILLIAN CASTLE AND TOM VEDENTZ. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JEFFREY JOST. I'M THE SENIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER FOR DENSHO.ORG. THE VIEWS I'M EXPRESSING ARE MY OWN. I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE MODIFICATIONS TO THE ELECTION SYSTEM TO

MAKE IT MORE TRANSPARENT, VERIFIABLE, AND AUDITABLE. I PROPOSE THAT THE COUNTY MODIFY THE BALLOT DESIGN, ADD A TEAR-OFF RECEIPT WITH THE SAME BARCODES IN A HUMAN-READABLE DIGITAL SIGNATURE AS THE BALLOT. I PROPOSE THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDE BALLOT LOOKUP. VOTERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO THE COUNTY REGISTRAR WEBSITE, ENTER THEIR DIGITAL SIGNATURE, AND SEE THEIR BALLOT DATA. I ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE COUNTY PUBLISH THE ENTIRE SET OF BALLOT DATA, ALONG WITH OPEN-SOURCE VOTE TALLYING SOFTWARE. THIS WOULD ALLOW VOTERS TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN AUDITS OF THE SYSTEM. ALL SOFTWARE USED IN ELECTION SYSTEMS MUST BE OPEN-SOURCED, MUST BE RELEASED UNDER O.S.I.-APPROVED OPEN-SOURCE LICENSES, AND MUST ACTUALLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. I ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE COUNTY GO BACK TO NEIGHBORHOOD POLLING PLACES WITH PAPER REGISTRATION ROLLS TO AVOID THE KINDS OF ALLOCATION PROBLEMS AND THE PROBLEMS WE HAD IN THIS VOTING CENTER.

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

JED PAUKER: THANK YOU FOR HOLDING AND AMENDING THE MOTION, AND FOR YOUR PERSONAL STORIES. I AM JED PAUKER, 10-YEAR FORMER COMMITTEE AND PUBLICLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER ON VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS OF VENICE RESISTANCE, AND HERE TODAY INSTEAD OF LEADING MY MONTHLY MEETING WITH FELLOW INDIVISIBLE GROUP LEADERS AT SENATOR

KAMALA HARRIS'S OFFICE. FOR 34 YEARS, I MANAGED A MIDSIZE CORPORATE COMPUTER NETWORK. I MAKE SYSTEMS WORK. WE HAVE A COMMUNITY WILLING TO HELP. I CONCUR WITH AND REFER YOU TO COMMENTS FROM PROFESSOR STARK, THE CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN, AND INDIVISIBLES, AND WOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING: PRIORITIZE HAND-MARKED, O.C.R.-READABLE PAPER BALLOTS OVER B.M.D.S. DEPLOY THE MOST BASIC ONSITE DISASTER RECOVERY AT VOTE CENTERS. GET READY TO POSTPONE B.M.D. DEPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER IF IT FAILS TO COMPLY BY THEN. WE NEED A VOTING SYSTEM THAT AVOIDS EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF WRONGDOING, AND PROMOTES THE PUBLIC TRUST. THAT'S ROCKET SCIENCE. IT'S EASY.

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

UNA JOST: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M UNA LEE JOST, A PASADENA-BASED ATTORNEY AND ELECTION INTEGRITY ADVOCATE, AND PART OF A COALITION OF NONPARTISAN COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT ADVOCATES. I AND MY COLLEAGUE HERE, LINDA OKAMURA, ARRIVED HERE APPROXIMATELY 11 A.M., IN ORDER TO CEDE OUR TIME, OUR MINUTES, TO JEFFREY JOST, WHO JUST SPOKE BEFORE ME. AND I WAS TOLD-- WE WERE TOLD THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CEDE OUR TIME. AND WHEN WE CAME UP HERE, WE ARE NOW TOLD THAT I CANNOT CEDE MY TIME, THAT LINDA OKAMURA CANNOT CEDE MY TIME TO JEFFREY JOST, AND THAT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE. BUT WITH THE LITTLE 13-SECONDS' TIME THAT I HAVE,

I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE POINTS HERE. ONE IS, WE NEED TO HAVE ELECTION INTEGRITY AS ITS OWN AGENDA ITEM, SO WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

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

NANCY KREMER: HELLO. MY NAME IS NANCY KREMER. I'VE BEEN A POLL INSPECTOR FOR THE LAST DECADE. I WORKED FOR THE ELECTIONS FOUR DAYS THIS TIME. I CALLED THE COUNTY TO OFFER MYSELF AS A LEADER, AND THEY TOLD ME IF I COULD ONLY WORK NINE OF THE 11 DAYS, I WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A LEADER. THERE WERE 18,000 PEOPLE HELPING VOTERS IN THE ELECTION BEFORE THIS, AND THERE WERE 4,000 PEOPLE HELPING VOTERS ON THIS ELECTION. AND THAT IS THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM. MY CENTER WAS ISSUED 5 E-POLL BOOKS AND SIX STAFF. WE COULDN'T EVEN STAFF ALL OF OUR E-POLL BOOKS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE. TWO OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN BROUGHT UP. IN THE VEIL OF THE CORONAVIRUS, WITH THIS BOARD, WE WERE ISSUED A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE CLOTH TO CLEAN OFF THE DUST FROM OUR PRINTERS, BUT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO CAPTURE ANY PURELL ANYWHERE FROM THE COUNTY TO THE-- YOU KNOW, THE STYLUSES AND THE TOUCHSCREEN, THE VOTE SCREENS. WE WERE TRAINED HEAVILY, THOROUGHLY, ON THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR ALL OF THE ELECTION ELECTRONICS, BUT WE HAD NO TRAINING ON BALLOT SECURITY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT THE REST FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

NANCY KREMER: HOW DO I DO THAT TOMORROW, PLEASE?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

LINDA OKAMURA: LINDA OKAMURA. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN A REGISTERED VOTER FOR A LONG TIME, AND THAT I HAVE KEPT CHECKING MY REGISTRATION, AND IT WAS CHANGED TWICE. MY FRIEND, WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN A MAIL-IN VOTER, HER PARTY WAS CHANGED, ALSO, AND SHE HAD TO SCRAMBLE TO GET A NEW BALLOT. SO THERE WERE MAJOR PROBLEMS GOING ON WITH THE BALLOTING. SO I HADN'T REGISTERED THAT WITH ANYBODY, SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS IN THERE. THANK YOU.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD EVENING. ARNOLD SACHS. SO I HAVE TWO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HERE. ONE IS FROM FRIDAY, EDITORIAL: THE NEW VOTING SYSTEM MESS. IN JUNE 2018, ABOUT 118,000 COUNTY VOTERS WERE LEFT OFF THE ROLLS. THERE WAS AN ERROR IN 2016, ALSO. WHO WAS IN OFFICE IN THOSE YEARS? BOY, THAT WAS A QUICK 20 MINUTES, 20 SECONDS. AND IN THIS ARTICLE FROM FRIDAY, IT SAID LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS GIVEN

SPECIAL TREATMENT UNDER 2016 STATE ELECTION LAW. 2016. IN THIS ARTICLE, IT SAYS L.A. COUNTY HAS 5.5 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS. IT SAID 1.5 MILLION VOTES HAVE BEEN COUNTED, WITH APPROXIMATELY 700,000 LEFT. SO THAT MEANS 2.2 MILLION VOTERS VOTED, OUT OF 5.5. AND BY THE WAY, IS DEAN LOGAN ANY RELATIONSHIP TO CHARLES LOGAN, WHO WAS THE RECORDER FROM 1906 TO 1938? MAYBE THERE'S SOME NEPOTISM INVOLVED HERE. IT OUGHT TO BE LOOKED INTO.

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

LARRY LAVEN: YES. MY NAME IS LARRY LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THE PROBLEMS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THIS ELECTION. THE OLD SYSTEM WORKED FINE. THEREFORE, ALL THEY HAD TO DO IS PUT VOTER BOOTHS IN ALL THE OLD PLACES, AND THEN PUT OUT MORE FOR THE CONVENIENCE. WHAT COULD GO WRONG? IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE SIMPLER.

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

SOFIA QUINONES: MY NAME IS SOFIA QUINONES, AND I IMPLORE YOU TO PLEASE HOLD BACK ON THIS VOTE AND THIS AMENDMENT UNTIL YOU READ OUR EXTENSIVE REPORT THAT MAY ENLIGHTEN YOU, SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. WE HAVE KEY EXPERTS, SPECIFICALLY ON VOTE-BY-MAIL, ARTICLES SPECIFICALLY BY

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND WE DON'T TRUST VOTE-BY-MAIL. IT'S LIKE TOUCHSCREEN. AND SO THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET RID OF IT AND PRIVATIZE IT. THAT'S ANOTHER REASON. AND I COME HERE AS A NON-- I KNOW IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. WE'RE ASKING FOR A TASK FORCE. BUT I HAVE INFORMATION FROM PHILIP SPARK, WHO COULD NOT COME HERE TODAY. HE'S A PROFESSOR AT BERKELEY WHO IS AN EXPERT THAT WORKED WITH MR. ALEX PADILLA AND A BRAINTRUST THAT SAID, "DO NOT CERTIFY THESE MACHINES." AND, LIKE I SAID, PLEASE HOLD OFF. READ OUR REPORT. WE ASKED YESTERDAY THAT DEAN LOGAN RESIGN. WE WANT HIM TO BE FIRED TODAY. SO PLEASE HOLD OFF. I HAVE SUBMITTED THIS FOR THE RECORD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, IT'S SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD. EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MR. SPINDLER?

WAYNE SPINDLER: YES. SO, IN 2018, THE LAST ELECTION, A LATINO DEMOCRAT, HE BECAME OUR SHERIFF. SO THAT MEANS THE VOTING SYSTEM ACTUALLY WAS FAIR FOR ONCE. AND THAT MEANS YOU GUYS HAD TO CHANGE IT, SO YOU PUT DEAN LOGAN IN CHARGE TO DO WHAT HE DID UP IN SEATTLE AND [EXPLETIVE] EVERYTHING UP, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED BY DESIGN. HE'S JUST DOING WHAT YOU WANT. YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE JACKIE LACEY, FOR EXAMPLE, GET THE RUNOFF AGAINST ANOTHER LATINO DEMOCRAT, RIGHT? NO. YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE RIDLEY-THOMAS GET VOTED OUT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE YOU GOING TO STAY ON POINT? PLEASE.

WAYNE SPINDLER: DIVERSITY. YOU GUYS DON'T BELIEVE IN DIVERSITY. YOU WANT TO KEEP THE SAME CRAP GOING FOR GENERATIONS. WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VOTING. AND, [EXPLETIVE], GEORGE GASTON WILL BE OUR D.A., AND THANK YOU, ALEX VILLANUEVA--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU. I'M SORRY.

GRACE YOO: GOOD AFTERNOON. SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GRACE YOO. I'M ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR L.A. CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 10. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU HEAR THIS, BECAUSE THE ERROR THAT THE VENDOR MADE IN 2017 AGAINST KOREAN AMERICANS HAPPENED AGAIN. IT AFFECTED 23 PERCENT OF MY VOTERS IN C.D. 10. KOREAN SAMPLE BALLOTS DID NOT HAVE MY NAME. C.D. 10 CANDIDATES WERE NOT LISTED. C.D. 4 CANDIDATES WERE LISTED. THIS ERROR THAT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN OVER AND OVER TO CANDIDATES WHO CAN TAKE OUT ESTABLISHMENT IS DIFFICULT. I REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER HAVING SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS RECUSE HIMSELF, BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE HE CONTINUES TO SAY PROBLEMS WILL OCCUR. BUT WHEN THESE PROBLEMS ARE REPETITIVE AND ARE NOT RESOLVED, AND

VOTER SUPPRESSION CONTINUES, YOU'RE GOING TO BRING DOWN WHATEVER TRUST THERE MIGHT BE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: MADAM CHAIR, CAN I SAY SOMETHING? I KNOW I GOT A LETTER FROM THE KOREAN-AMERICAN COALITION, WHICH WAS ALSO SIGNED BY AMANDA SUSKIN FROM THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, FOR A3P.C.O.N., AND CHARLIE WU. SO WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS INFORMATION TO DEAN LOGAN ON EVERYTHING YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT. I HAVE IT IN WRITING, AND I WILL DEFINITELY PASS IT ON AS PART OF THE FULL REPORT OF WHAT WENT WRONG. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THAT IS ALL THE SPEAKERS, SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY MYSELF. WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. WHAT IS NEXT? I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE, SO I'M GOING TO NOMINATE SUPERVISOR HAHN TO BE ACTING CHAIR, TO CONCLUDE THE BOARD MEETING. DO I HAVE A SECOND? IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU? I'M ASKING. OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS. JANICE? YEAH. JANICE KNOWS SHE'S NOW THE CHAIR.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I THOUGHT I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS FOR A YEAR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WHAT ITEM ARE WE ON? CALL IT UP.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: DO WE HAVE A SCRIPT? I FORGOT HOW TO DO THIS. OKAY. OH. THIS IS MY ITEM. ITEMS 1-D AND 5 WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? OH, THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION. YOU KNOW, ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE APPROVED A SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION FOR MARINERS VILLAGE, WHICH IS, FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN MARINA DEL REY. AND IN EXCHANGE, WE ASKED THAT 20 PERCENT OF THE UNITS THERE BECOME AFFORDABLE. AND THEY AGREED. THAT ACTION ALONE DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE UNITS IN THE MARINA FROM 126 TO 322. AND WITH SO MANY NEW UNITS COMING ON LINE IN THE MARINA--

SPEAKER: FIRE DEAN LOGAN!

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND MORE UNDERGOING THE SAME SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION, IT MAKES SENSE TO APPLY WHAT WE LEARNED WITH MARINERS VILLAGE AND HAVE IT APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD. SO THIS MOTION DOES TWO THINGS. ONE, IT WILL REQUIRE A COMMITMENT OF 20 PERCENT AFFORDABLE UNITS IN THE MARINA, BOTH FOR ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION AND FOR APARTMENT COMPLEXES UNDERGOING SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION. AND WE'RE ALSO EXPEDITING THE

CREATION OF A NEW HOUSING PROJECT IN MARINA DEL REY ON AN EMPTY PARCEL THAT WILL CREATE 186 UNITS OF 100-PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS. AND I AM REALLY PROUD OF US FOR DOING THIS. I THINK-- YOU KNOW, FOR SO LONG, MARINA DEL REY SEEMED TO BE ONLY FOR THE RICH AND FAMOUS. AND YET, THIS REALLY IS COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. IT WAS A MANMADE MARINA SPECIFICALLY IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. THIS IS REALLY FOR, IN MY OPINION, ALL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ENJOY. WE'RE TRYING TO DO MORE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MARINA, LIKE PADDLEBOARDING AND CREWING FOR STUDENTS, AND NOT JUST HAVING MILLION-DOLLAR YACHTS IN THE MARINA. SO THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE, I THINK, OF HOW WE'RE SAYING, "YOU KNOW WHAT? WE SHOULD HAVE AFFORDABLE UNITS THERE, AS WELL." EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTY-OWNED PARCEL WE KNOW AS MARINA DEL REY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR CO-AUTHORING THAT MOTION. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: WELL, I LOVE THAT WE'RE DOING IT, AND I HOPE WE CAN GET TO 100-PERCENT AFFORDABLE IN SOME OF THESE PROJECTS, AND I THINK WE'LL JUST KEEP PUSHING TOWARD IT. BUT I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THAT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND THE LAST ONE I TALKED ABOUT WAS 100-PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SO THAT'S GOOD. WE'LL NOW

HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WE'LL ALLOW ONE MINUTE FOR EACH SPEAKER. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. THIS COMES BACK LIKE RIDING A BIKE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: JONATHAN JAGER. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND JUST EXPRESS HOW SUPPORTIVE WE ARE OF IT. WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL ADOPT A REVISED POLICY THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: FIRST, THE POLICY SHOULD MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF INCLUSIONARY UNITS FOR VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. CURRENTLY, THE 15 PERCENT INCLUSIONARY REQUIREMENT IS DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN VERY LOW, LOW, AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. IN LIGHT OF OUR HOUSING CRISIS, THE REVISED POLICY SHOULD SET ASIDE ALL UNITS FOR VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. SECOND, THE INCLUSIONARY REQUIREMENT SHOULD APPLY TO THE ENTIRE PROJECT, NOT BE LIMITED TO THE PERCENTAGE OF NET NEW UNITS CONSTRUCTED. THE NET NEW LIMIT PROVIDES DEVELOPERS WITH A LOOPHOLE TO THE INCLUSIONARY

REQUIREMENT, AND THEREFORE NEEDS TO BE ELIMINATED. THIRD, THE POLICY SHOULD CLOSE THE SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATIONS LOOPHOLE BY DEFINING DEMOLITION TO INCLUDE ANY SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION WORK THAT COSTS $40,000 OR MORE PER UNIT, AND INCLUDES THE CHANGING OF TWO OR MORE SYSTEMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD AROUND THIS POLICY AS IT'S DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED. SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MIKE GREENSPAN: MIKE GREENSPAN. HAPPY PURIM, YOU [EXPLETIVE] RABBIS. WHEN I FIRST SAW THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA, I'M THINKING, "IS THAT A CONTRADICTION? AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MARINA DEL REY." I MEAN, THE MARINA DEL REY I KNOW OF, WHAT IS AFFORDABLE? YOU KNOW, MAYBE WE CAN USE THE CLINTONESQUE TERM, THE WAY HE SAID, "WELL, YOU FIRST HAVE TO DEFINE WHAT 'SEX' IS, RIGHT AFTER YOU DEFINE WHAT 'IS' IS." WELL, YOU FIRST HAVE TO DEFINE WHAT "AFFORDABLE" IS, RIGHT AFTER YOU DEFINE WHAT "IS" IS. AFFORDABLE, MARINA DEL REY? WHO ARE WE KIDDING? OKAY, YOU WANT TO USE THE WORD "AFFORDABLE"? CAN'T WE AT LEAST START READING OUT SOME NUMBERS? YOU HEAR OF DROPPING NAMES. WELL, WHY DON'T WE DROP SOME NUMBERS? WHAT WILL THE RENT BE FOR, WHAT, A STUDIO, A ONE-BEDROOM, A TWO-BEDROOM, A THREE BEDROOM? I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. AFTER ALL, I JUST DON'T BELIEVE "AFFORDABLE" AND "MARINA DEL REY" BELONG IN THE SAME SENTENCE. NEVER HAVE AND NEVER WILL. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. I CAN GIVE HIM AN IDEA WHAT AFFORDABLE UNITS ARE. THEY WOULD GO FOR MAYBE 750 TO 950 A MONTH. THEY CALL THAT AFFORDABLE. NOW, THEY SAID IT'S JUMPING FROM 15 TO 20 PERCENT, SO MAYBE 10 OR 15 OR 20 APARTMENTS ARE AFFORDABLE. SO-CALLED AFFORDABLE. THEN IT KICKS UP TO LIKE $2,000, $3,000, $4,000 A MONTH. NOW, HERE'S THE DEAL. THESE DEVELOPERS GET TAX CREDITS FOR THIS, FOR HAVING AFFORDABLE UNITS. NOW, WHAT THEY'LL DO, THEY'LL GIVE THE AFFORDABLE UNITS OUT FOR ABOUT THREE, FOUR YEARS, AND THEN THEY'LL SEND THE TENANTS A LETTER, SAYING, "THIS UNIT IS GOING UP TO MARKET RATE." SO THEY KEEP THE TAX CREDITS, AND THEY ALSO PUT THE PEOPLE OUT AND GET MARKET RATE. THEY MAY PUT OUT FIVE HERE, FIVE THERE. NOW, WHEN YOU GO TO YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS OR COME HERE AND TELL THEM ABOUT IT, THEY SAY, "OH, AIN'T NOTHING WE CAN DO." WELL, YOU HELPED GET THEM TAX CREDITS. THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO. WHAT YOU'RE DOING, YOU'RE GETTING KICKBACKS. SO I'M NOT IMPRESSED WHEN YOU'RE SAYING IT'S JUMPING FROM 15 TO 20 PERCENT. AFFORDABLE SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE FOR THE ENTIRE COMPLEX, NOT FOR 5 OR 10, 15 APARTMENTS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

WAYNE SPINDLER: YEAH. SO, THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY, IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, JANICE HAHN IS AT 78 PERCENT. YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB IN MARINE DEL REY. WHEN YOU DO A GOOD JOB, I GOT TO SAY SO. YOU'VE BEEN CLEANING IT UP. YOU OPENED UP ALL THE STREETS-- VIA MARINA, ADMIRALTY WAY. YOU GOT ALL THE PROJECTS. YOU'RE FORCING THE DEVELOPERS TO STOP STALLING. NOW THE 20 PERCENT. SEE? THIS IS WHAT JANICE HAHN CAN DO. AND THAT'S WHY NOW, WITH THE INDICTMENT OF MITCHELL ENGLANDER, WE WILL BEGIN TO REDEEM JANICE HAHN, BECAUSE HERB WESSON IS STILL BLACKMAILING HER OVER THAT SEA BREEZE [EXPLETIVE]. SO ONCE WE GET THAT DONE, JANICE WILL COME WITH 100-PERCENT AFFORDABLE. RIGHT NOW, SHE'S GOT TO BE STUCK AT 20 PERCENT. SHE GRABBED THE 5 PERCENT. SO THIS IS WHY JANICE HAHN WILL WIND UP TAKING OVER THE COUNTY, AND THAT'S AFTER KATHRYN BARGER'S INDICTED JANICE HAHN FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT. BUT OBVIOUSLY, THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND THE THIRD DISTRICT KIND OF COME AROUND MARINA DEL REY. AND THERE'S A LONG HISTORY IN THE MARINA. I DON'T KNOW WHERE. I GUESS THEY DIALED HAFETZ OUT. HE WAS PART OF TEAM

MARINA. THIS IS ONE OF THE GREAT ABNEGATIONS OF YOUR PROFESSION, THE WAY THE REAL ESTATE THAT WAS EARMARKED FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS WAS CONVERTED IN DEVELOPER DEALS, FOR WHICH THESE DEVELOPERS, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, AFTER HAVING ERECTED PLACES TO LIVE, HAVE BASICALLY FLIPPED THOSE, AND THE PROFIT OF THOSE ENTITIES GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE POCKETS OF THE DEVELOPERS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S MR. TOLNAI AND THE COUNTY'S LAND. SO THIS IS JUST AN UNBELIEVABLE EMBARRASSMENT. NOW, WHY IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOU SIX MONTHS TO INVESTIGATE HOW TO MAKE SOME OF THESE PLACES AFFORDABLE IS RIDICULOUS. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK SANTOS KREIMANN AND THE COASTAL COMMISSION FOR FULLY BOTCHING THIS AND RUINING WHAT IS A GREAT PUBLIC AMENITY, SO THAT IT CAN ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO ELDERLY, AFFLUENT, LUXURY-CONDO PAYERS. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SIX MONTHS IS FAST. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ERNEST MOORE: ERNEST MOORE HERE, FOUNDER OF THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS NETWORK. MY QUESTION IS, AGAIN, WHEN YOU SAY "AFFORDABLE," WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE RENTS IN THE MARINA? I'D ALSO LIKE TO KNOW, THE FUTURE PROJECTS THAT YOU BUILD THERE, WHAT GUARANTEES THAT YOU WILL MAKE THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS WILL BUILD THOSE BUILDINGS? UNLIKE THE CUMULUS PROJECT THERE ON LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, THAT HERB WESSON HAD SOME ILLEGAL DEALINGS WITH, THERE'S NOTHING BUT MEXICANS BUILDING THAT PROJECT. AND

ALSO THE PROJECT ON WALSH STREET IN DOWNTOWN L.A., WHERE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS GOT ONE OF HIS SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TO THREATEN ME, SAYING THAT I CAN'T SPEAK TO HIM UNLESS I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT FIRST. THAT PROJECT'S BEING BUILT BY NOTHING BUT MEXICANS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING. AND BY THE WAY, COULD YOU ORDER SOME PIZZA FOR US? WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 9 O'CLOCK. IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA. I KNOW YOU ORDERED PIZZA FOR SOME SPEAKERS A FEW WEEKS AGO. I WAS WEARING A T-SHIRT AND I WENT OUTSIDE AND I SAW A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE EATING PIZZA. IT WOULD BE A NICE IDEA. SO THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACCORDING TO MEASURE H.H.H., AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. $500,000 FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. THAT'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THAT. SO MARINA DEL REY, WHAT IS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING? WHAT IS THE BASEMENT PRICE FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSE IN MARINA DEL REY? YOU KNOW WHO LIVES IN MARINA DEL REY? SLEEPY NATE HOLDEN LIVES IN MARINA DEL REY. HE MADE QUITE A KILLING IN CITY COUNCILMAN. SO MAYBE FOR AN ENTREPRENEUR OR AN INVESTOR OR OWN AN INSURANCE COMPANY, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET A PLACE IN MARINA DEL REY. BUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE AS AN INCOME? IF YOU HAVE THAT MUCH INCOME, YOU DON'T QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID,

MEDI-CAL, MEDICARE, OR COVERED CALIFORNIA. HOW IS THAT AFFORDABLE, MS. HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OR DO WE HAVE ANY MORE? WE HAVE NO MORE SPEAKERS. OKAY. ITEM 1-D AND 5 ARE NOW BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE IT AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL SECOND IT. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE WILL HEAR ONE-- OH, WHOOPS. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YEAH. SO, SUPERVISOR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEING CONTINUED: ITEM 13 CONTINUED TO MARCH 17TH, ITEM 25 CONTINUED TO MARCH 17TH, ITEM 39 CONTINUED TO MARCH 24TH, AND A-1 CONTINUED TO MARCH 17TH. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, WOULD THAT BE--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THERE BETTER NOT BE ANY OBJECTIONS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WERE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING? OKAY, NO OBJECTIONS. THOSE ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED. NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. ITEM 40, HEARING ON THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 32, FIRE CODE AMENDMENT. DO WE HAVE A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: I WOULD NEED TO SWEAR THOSE THAT PLAN TO TESTIFY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I'M GIVING IT BACK TO YOU. TAKE IT AWAY, CELIA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 40. THIS IS A HEARING AND ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 42, FIRE CODE, TO REPEAL THOSE PORTIONS OF THE FIRE CODE THAT INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE 2016 ADDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, AND REPLACING IT BY INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 ADDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, AND ITSELF LARGELY INCORPORATES THE 2018 ADDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND THERE IS NO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WOULD ERIC PREVEN, HERMAN HERMAN, WAYNE SPINDLER, AND MIKE GREENSPAN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

MIKE GREENSPAN: MIKE GREENSPAN. HAPPY PURIM, YOU [EXPLETIVE] RABBIS. NOW, WE HAVE THOSE THINGS CALLED THE SUPER SCOOPERS, AND THEY'RE GREAT. THEY REALLY ARE. NOW, THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A QUESTION I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND THAT IS, WHY DO WE LEASE THEM? WHY DON'T WE BUY-- B-U-Y-- THEM? AFTER ALL, DON'T WE HAVE A CALIFORNIA AIR GUARD? WE DON'T NEED THEIR STAFF FROM CANADA ON THE SUPER SCOOPERS TO FLY THEM. I'M SURE WE HAVE SOME VERY COMPETENT PEOPLE IN THE CALIFORNIA AIR GUARD THAT COULD ACTUALLY FLY THEM. ALL WE GOT TO DO IS BUY THEM. THE MONEY WE COULD SAVE BY BUYING THEM VERSUS LEASING THEM, AND HAVING TO HAVE THEIR CREW AND NOT OUR PEOPLE, MEANING PEOPLE WE HAVE PAID, SUCH AS THE CALIFORNIA AIR GUARD, THAT CAN FLY THEM. SINCE WHEN ARE THEY SO IGNORANT THAT THEY CAN'T FLY THE SUPER SCOOPERS? WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE CANADIAN PEOPLE FLYING THEM? THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

WAYNE SPINDLER: YES. AND, YOU KNOW, FOR THE RECORD, THE CODE AMENDMENTS WILL NOW BAN KATHRYN BARGER FROM FLYING FOR FREE IN A FIRE HELICOPTER. SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE HELICOPTER

GOES BACK TO FIRE USE ONLY, NOT HANDING OUT SCROLLS IN ACTON. SO, WHAT DOES THIS REALLY MEAN? I'VE READ THE WHOLE THING. AND QUITE FRANKLY, JANICE HAHN REALLY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS. NOBODY HERE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT IS. THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S NOT SURE WHAT IT IS. I MEAN, IT SOUNDS GOOD. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE ON THIS ONE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. I MEAN, I'D SAY ALL HELL'S GOING TO BREAK LOOSE. BUT I SAY, LET'S JUST FLIP A COIN AND LET'S GO AHEAD, AND WE'LL TRUST THIS FOR NOW. BUT I RESERVE MY OBJECTIONS LATER TO COME BACK AND GROUND THE HELICOPTER THAT KATHRYN BARGER'S BEEN USING, JANICE HAHN TO CHAIR THIS MEETING PERMANENTLY. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT'S ERIC PREVEN CALLING. AND OBVIOUSLY, HERE WE HAVE THE GREAT WORK OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT. NOW, I DON'T WANT TO CONFUSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH THE LA PUENTE HILLS CONSOLIDATED, THE SANITATION DISTRICT. THAT'S THE ONE THAT WE FINALLY GOT THE INFORMATION-- THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD-- THAT ON OCTOBER 1ST, YOU WENT INTO THE BACK ROOM, DECIDED, "LET'S SUE THE SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 18. WE'RE GOING TO GET $283 MILLION OFF OF THEM, 4 MILLION A YEAR FROM OUR OWN."

SO THIS IS THE COUNTY SUING THE COUNTY. NOW, I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S A LITTLE WEIRD FOR THE PEOPLE OUT IN THE BOONDOCKS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: IS THAT WHAT THIS ITEM IS ABOUT?

ERIC PREVEN: NO, NO, BUT I'M JUST GOING TO MAKE THE ANALOGY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I MEAN, I'M TOTALLY WITH YOU ON THAT. I'M TOTALLY WITH YOU ON THE SANITATION, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT THE ITEM IS.

ERIC PREVEN: AGREED, BUT THAT'S SEVEN SECONDS THAT YOU JUST TOOK BY NEGOTIATING WITH ME. I APPRECIATE IT. BUT THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, JUST TO REFRESH THE MEMORY, THAT'S THE ONE WHERE WE ROLLED OUT WITH VERY LITTLE TIME. EVERYONE WAS WORRIED, BUT SHEILA SAID WE GOT TO GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT A LOT MORE MONEY, AND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. SO I TALKED TO THE FIRE CHIEF TODAY. NOW HE'S GOT TO GET THE PENCIL OUT AND START TO FIGURE OUT HOW HE'S GOING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. SO THIS IS VERY GOOD. THIS IS A CODE. BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING. ARNOLD SACHS. SO YOU KEEP US HERE FROM 9:30. IT'S NOW 10 AFTER 5. YOU ELIMINATE PUBLIC HEARINGS BECAUSE YOU'RE, WHAT, YOU HAVE DIARRHEA OF THE MOUTH, AND YOU'RE RUNNING YOUR LIPS ABOUT NOTHING. YOU SPEND THREE HOURS TALKING ABOUT A PROGRAM--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON ITEM 40.

ARNOLD SACHS: I'M TALKING ABOUT CODES. HOW ABOUT CODES OF CONDUCT FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS. THIS IS ABOUT THE FIRE CODE, NOT THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

ARNOLD SACHS: MAYBE WE SHOULD CONSIDER A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE SUPERVISORS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY, THAT'S YOUR FIRST WARNING ABOUT STAYING ON TOPIC.

ARNOLD SACHS: ANYWAY, SO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WENT INTO A MOVIE THEATER AND YELLED, "FIRE!" WELL, THE SUPREME COURT SAYS THAT'S ILLEGAL.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY, I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT THE FIRE CODE IS, EITHER. OKAY, THANK YOU. YOU WEREN'T ON TOPIC, SO I'M GOING TO MOVE ON. IS THERE MORE SPEAKERS? OKAY. THERE ARE NO MORE SPEAKERS, SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. SO NOW ITEM 40 IS BEFORE US. IT'LL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW I'M THINKING WE'RE GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY. NOW IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: IVETTE ALE HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 1; INGRID ARCHIE ON ITEM 3; DOCTOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ON ITEMS SD-1, 9-D, 7, 22, 26, 27, 37; MICHAEL GREENSPAN ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 4-D, 5-D, 6-D, 7-D, 8-D, 9-D, 10-D, AND 12; HERMAN HERMAN ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS; YARI HERRERA ON ITEM 16; LARRY LAVEN ON ITEM 27; ROBERT LOPEZ ON ITEM 23; JOSEPH MAIZLISH ON ITEM 14; ERIC PREVEN ON ITEMS 3-D, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; ARNOLD SACHS ON ITEMS 2-D, 2, 9, 10, 11, 22, 26, 27; HUGH SCHURTZ ON ITEM NO. 9-D; WAYNE SPINDLER ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS; PATRICIA

MCALLISTER ON 2-D, 3-D, 4-D, 9-D, 12, 19, 20, 21, 29, 37, 38. IF YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR MORE THAN ONE ITEM, YOU WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONE ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE MINUTE. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: GO AHEAD. MR. PREVEN?

ERIC PREVEN: IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND, YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT MOTOROLA. I'M VERY CONCERNED ONCE AGAIN ABOUT ENGLANDER BEING INTERVIEWED BY THE F.B.I., AND THAT COMPANY BEING RIGHT UP IN THE BUSINESS OF ENGLANDER KNABE & ALLEN. AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY, INCLUDING SCOTT MINNIX, THE GREAT B.F.F. OF MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD DENY, BECAUSE HE LOOKED ME RIGHT IN THE EYE AND SAID, "IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD." AND I THINK YOU REMEMBER, SUPERVISOR-- OH, SHE'S GONE. SOLIS IS GONE. AND SHEILA KUEHL PRETENDED TO CARE, WHAT IS MOTOROLA DOING? AND I DON'T THINK IT'S GREY. I THINK EVEN THE FIRE CHIEF TODAY WAS LIKE, "WELL, THE VENDORS, THEY SET ALL THE TERMS." SO HERE YOU HAVE A COMPANY THAT IS JUST RIPPING OFF THE PUBLIC. NOW, WHY DO WE CARE? WHY DO WE CARE, RIGHT? WELL, BECAUSE WE NEED THE MONEY. WE NEED THE FIRE MONEY TO FIGHT THE FIRES. WE DON'T WANT TO BE ENRICHING VENDORS WHO HAVE BEEN KIND OF A STRANGLEHOLD ON THESE MUNICIPALITIES WHO DON'T HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL TO STAND UP TO THEM. SO IT'S TIME. AND WE WOULD LIKE SOME FEDERAL INTERVENTION IF THEY CAN'T DO IT THEMSELVES.

IT'S VERY TRICKY BECAUSE THEY SELL THE PORTABLE RADIOS TO THE FEDS, AS WELL. IT'S A VERY, VERY, VERY WORRISOME SITUATION. THE STATE LAW IS COMPETITIVE BIDDING, NOT KEEP SIGNING OFF ON THESE BIG DEALS. NOW, THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY WAS DOWN HERE TODAY. WHAT A GREAT LITTLE GROUP, AND I'M SO HAPPY THAT THE UPPER TIER GET PAID SO WELL, BECAUSE THEY RAISE A LOT OF MONEY. AND TODAY WE'VE ARRANGED FOR A 15-MILLION-DOLLAR HOWDY-DO TO THE THEATER. THEY'RE BUILDING A NEW THEATER THERE. BUT HERE'S WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO FOCUS ON: THE CHILDREN NEED TO BE ADMITTED TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY FOR FREE. FULL STOP. NOT BETWEEN 3 AND 4:15 ON MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S BIRTHDAY. NO. EVERY DAY. BECAUSE IF WE ARE NOT ENRICHING THE YOUTH WITH THESE GREAT ASSETS, BUT RATHER CREATING NEW PLACES TO CELEBRATE ONE ANOTHER AND HAVE ILLICIT FUNDRAISERS FOR THE SUPERVISORS AND SUCH, WHICH ONLY BRINGS IN $600,000 A YEAR IN REVENUE, IT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT. WHAT WE WANT IS THE CHILDREN TO HAVE ACCESS TO THESE GREAT THINGS. AND I GUESS YOU CALL IT AN EARLY NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT. THOSE NEED TO BE QUESTIONED, BECAUSE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS KNOWS, AND THE P.I.D. KNOWS, THAT THAT'S NOT--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: GOOD IDEA ABOUT THE FREE MUSEUM FOR KIDS. NEXT SPEAKER.

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I'D FIRST LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT NUMBER 38, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. SO THIS WAS ON THE BALLOT, PROPOSITION 13. THEY WANTED 15 BILLION FOR SCHOOLS. WELL, THE VOTERS SAID NO. WE'RE TIRED OF PAYING TAXES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT PASSING TESTS, LOW SCORES, WHY? BECAUSE 80 PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS IN L.A.U.S.D. ARE THE CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL ALIENS. THEIR PARENTS DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH WELL, SO THEY'RE NOT GETTING THAT KIND OF TRAINING AT HOME. THEY CANNOT COMPREHEND. I TAUGHT IN L.A.U.S.D. FOR SEVEN YEARS, SO I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. SO THEY'RE ILLEGAL ALIENS. AND THIS IS PER L.A.U.S.D. YOU CAN GO ON THE WEBSITE UNDER FINGERTIP. L.A.U.S.D. TELLS YOU THE STATISTICS OF THEIR STUDENTS. SO THAT'S NOT ME TALKING. THAT'S L.A.U.S.D. SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE NOT GIVING THEM ANY MORE MONEY. THOSE STUDENTS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME LEARNING BECAUSE THEY'RE BILINGUAL. THEY'RE NOT GETTING ANY SUPPORT AT HOME. OKAY? SO THAT'S REAL. SO I'M GLAD THE VOTERS VOTED IT DOWN, AND SO DID I. NOW, AS FAR AS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME BACKGROUND ON THIS GUY. HE WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 12 YEARS. PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW THAT. HE WAS RIGHT ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 12 YEARS. SEE, HE THINKS THIS IS A GAME. YOU KNOW, "I WANT TO RUN FOR THIS AND THAT, AND RUN FOR THAT NOW." HE'S THE ONE SITTING THERE WHEN ALL THESE PEOPLE BECAME HOMELESS. HE'S SERVED ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOING TO BE 16 YEARS. OKAY? 28 YEARS. NOW, LOOK.

WHEN YOU WALK DOWN THE STREET AND SEE ALL THOSE PEOPLE LAYING ON THE STREET, THINK OF RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA, JANICE HAHN, ALL THESE PEOPLE UP HERE, HERB WESSON, ALL OF THEM. THINK OF THEM. WE CANNOT KEEP TOSSING THEM AROUND. NOW HE WANTS TO GO BACK TO CITY HALL. HE CAN GET ONE MORE TERM AT CITY HALL. SO HE SAY, "OH, LET ME GO OVER THERE AND SIT OVER THERE FOR ONE MORE TERM, AND THEN I'M GOING TO TRY TO RUN FOR MAYOR." NO. YOU DON'T EVEN USE THE WORD "AFRICAN AMERICAN." YOU SAY "PEOPLE OF COLOR." "PEOPLE OF COLOR" MEANS ILLEGAL ALIENS. OKAY? THEY'VE GOT THE HOUSING. WE'VE GOT 54 BLOCKS OF BLACK PEOPLE ON SKID ROW, AND YOU CAN'T EVEN SAY "FOUNDATIONAL BLACK AMERICANS." WE WANT YOU OUT OF OFFICE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LARRY LAVEN: MY NAME'S LARRY LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. ITEM 27, MY HEALTH L.A. ONCE AGAIN, YOU'RE USING THE OPAQUE WORD "MENTAL HEALTH" WHEN YOU SHOULD USE THE TRANSPARENT WORD "PSYCHIATRY." THE WORD "MENTAL HEALTH" CAN ALWAYS BE REPLACED WITH THE WORD "PSYCHIATRY," AND ALL THE PSYCHIATRIST EVER DOES IS MEDICATE PEOPLE. SO, BASICALLY, YOU'RE PUSHING MEDICINE ON PEOPLE, WHICH IS LIKE PUSHING DRUGS. IT'S NOT GOOD. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ROBERT LOPEZ: ROBERT LOPEZ, AND I'M WITH L TECH NETWORK SERVICES. THIS IS FOR ITEM NO. 23. THIS IS FOR PAYMENT ON A JOB THAT I STARTED IN 2016. EXPENDED EVERYTHING. FINALLY FINISHED IT IN 2018 BECAUSE OF ALL THESE CHANGE ORDERS. INVOICED IT IN APRIL OF 2018. AND TO DATE, I HAVE NOT BEEN PAID A PENNY ON IT. I UNDERSTAND THINGS WENT ON. BUT I HAVE TO THANK I.S.D. AND THE I.S.D. MANAGERS FOR HELPING ME GET AT LEAST TO THIS POINT. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS GOING TO GET APPROVED SO I CAN GET PAYMENT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. WHO CAN HELP THIS GENTLEMAN FACILITATE THIS PAYMENT THAT HE SEEMS TO THINK HE'S OWED? DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK UP THERE? SEE THAT GUY RAISING HIS HAND? YEAH. WE'LL SEE IF THEY COULD FACILITATE TO GET YOU EVEN FARTHER. YEAH. THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT WITH US. NEXT SPEAKER.

ROBERT LOPEZ: THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH.

MIKE GREENSPAN: YES. MIKE GREENSPAN. ORANGE BOWL CHAMP FLORIDA GATOR. U.C.L.A.? I DON'T. NOW, LET ME GO OVER ONE OF THESE THINGS CALLED NUMBER 17. YES, WE'RE EXTENDING A REWARD. WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN? JULY 14TH, 2018. THE MURDER. AND YOUR

GUMSHOES STILL HAVEN'T SOLVED IT YET. NOW, JOHN WALSH USED TO ALWAYS SAY, "SNITCHES GET STITCHES," BUT I'M LOOKING MORE AT OTHER THINGS. I MEAN, THE LAST TIME A REWARD WAS PAID OUT, I THINK JANICE HAHN AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WERE ON THE CITY COUNCIL. THAT'S HOW LONG AGO IT HAPPENED. AND PAUL KORETZ WAS DOING AN IN-YOUR-FACE JOHN WALSH, NOT SAYING IT DIRECTLY, BUT INDIRECTLY. AND JOHN WALSH ONCE MENTIONED SOME OTHER REWARD, SO I'VE ONLY COUNTED TWO IN ALL THESE YEARS. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM YOU'VE EVER OFFERED, BUT FOR SOME REASON, THEY DON'T GET PAID. AND THEN, WHEN WE HAD THAT ROGUE COP DORNER, WELL, WHAT CAN I SAY? WHEN I GREW UP, THE POLICE WERE ALWAYS CALLED PIGS. NOW WE COULD CALL THEM WEASELS, BECAUSE THEY REALLY WEASELED OUT ON THAT DEAL WHEN SOMEBODY PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE TO HELP REPORT THE DORNER GUY, AND THEY HAD A BIG FIREFIGHT, AND HE GOT A BIG OLD GOOSE EGG, THE GOOD CITIZEN. SO THESE REWARDS ARE A DOG-AND-PONY SHOW, THEY'RE A FARCE, AND I JUST DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ANYBODY SHOWING UP ON THEM. I MEAN, WE'LL HAVE A WHOLE NEW GENERATION IN HERE. WE'LL HAVE YOUR KIDS' KIDS HERE, AND THEY'LL STILL NOT HAVE THIS REWARD PAID, OR ANY OF THE OTHERS. SO LET'S GET REAL ABOUT THESE REWARDS. AND AS FAR AS THE BONDS, 1 BILLION 600 MILLION. I GUESS THE VOTERS HAVE REALLY BEEN TAKING FOR A RIDE ON THESE THINGS, BECAUSE AFTER ALL, LOOK WHAT WE'RE GETTING FOR IT. TEACHERS GO ON STRIKE, COSTS OUR DISTRICT A QUARTER OF

A BILLION DOLLARS. WAH, WAH, WAH. WELL, WE VOTED DOWN THAT MEASURE E.E. ABORT ME, JANICE. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER.

WAYNE SPINDLER: OKAY. YES, AS WE MENTIONED, THE NONPROFIT WE'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH FOR FAMILY SERVICES, ABORT ME, JANICE. IT'S IN THE WORKS. SO WE'LL JUST GET IN THERE AND GET STRAIGHT TO THE ABORTION, AND THAT'S GOOD FAMILY PLANNING. NOW, AS YOU KNOW, A $10,000 REWARD IS ABSOLUTE NONSENSE. I MEAN, THAT USED TO BE THE AMOUNT WHEN JANICE HAHN'S DADDY USED TO CHAIR THESE MEETINGS. THAT WAS 45, 50 YEARS AGO. YOU GOT TO OFFER $100,000 NOW TO BRING IN A SNITCH. BECAUSE SNITCHES GET STITCHES, MAN. LOOK WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY IN FEDERAL COURT. I WAS OVER THERE FILING MY USUAL PAPERWORK, TRYING TO GET MONEY FROM THE CITY JUST BECAUSE THEY TRIED TO SHOOT ME IN A PARKING LOT. NO BIG DEAL. AND THEN THEY WHISK MITCHELL ENGLANDER IN THERE, UP TO THE THIRD FLOOR. YOU KNOW, SO HE SNITCHED. HE'S A [EXPLETIVE], AND THE SNITCHES GET [EXPLETIVE]. AND [EXPLETIVE] ARE SNITCHES. SO HE SAID TO ME, HE SAID, "HEY, MY BOND'S $50,000. HOW MUCH IS RIDLEY-THOMAS OFFERING?" I SAYS, "$10,000." HE SAYS, "10,000 AIN'T [EXPLETIVE]." SO ON BEHALF OF MITCHELL ENGLANDER AND HIS FAMILY, PLEASE INCREASE IT TO $100,000. NOW, FORGET THE CORONAVIRUS AND ALL THIS. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BIG ITEM ON THE

AGENDA: THE DRAGON BOAT PARADE AND WAIVING THE FEES IN CASTAIC LAKE SO THE PEOPLE CAN HAVE THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE COUNTY. NO. IT'S NOT PURELL. WE DON'T HAVE-- NO! IT'S NOT ELECTIONS. NO, IT'S NOT PUBLIC HEARINGS. IT'S WAIVING PARKING FEES SO KATHRYN BARGER COULD TRY TO BUY VOTES UP IN CASTAIC, YOU KNOW? BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'M GOING TO COUNT EVERY VOTE. AND WHEN I COME UP WITH THE VOTES, KATHRYN'S JUST GOING TO BE UNDER 40 PERCENT, AND SHE'S GOING TO BE IN A RUNOFF. JANICE HAHN, HOWEVER, WILL GET 87 PERCENT--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM CONCERNED BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, AND I ASKED THAT QUESTION LAST WEEK. WHEN WE HAVE A LOT OF CLOSED SESSIONS, AND YOU ALWAYS SAY, "NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN." WELL, LAST WEEK YOU HAD ONE OF THOSE CLOSED SESSIONS, AND ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW C.E.O. AND TODAY, GOD APPEARS AND WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE C.E.O. SO WHEN WAS A DECISION TAKEN? AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S ONE THING THAT'S PUZZLED ME ALL THOSE MONTHS, BECAUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN, I REALIZED WE DO NOT GET REPORTABLE ACTION, AND THAT CONCERNS ME. ALSO, A FEW MINUTES AGO, YOU DECIDED TO POSTPONE ITEMS 13, 25, AND 39. ACCORDING TO THE BROWN ACT, YOU CANNOT DO THAT. YOU HAVE TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO THOSE ITEMS. SO ANYWAY, I'M JUST-

- AND I GUESS IT IS BECAUSE I AM PICKY ABOUT ETHICS AND ABOUT THE TRUTH, I LIKE TO KNOW WHEN ACTION IS TAKEN. SO I THINK MAYBE IN THE FUTURE, IT WILL BE KIND OF NICE IF THE PUBLIC WILL GET SOME INFORMATION WHEN IT IS TAKEN. AND ALSO, MANY TIMES YOU ASK PEOPLE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS TO YOU. AND WHEN WE TRY TO ACCESS THOSE DOCUMENTS, NONE ARE AVAILABLE. THAT CONCERNS ME. SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND BY THE WAY, JUST REMIND PEOPLE THEY CAN SPEAK ON-- ANYONE CAN SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT, SO EVEN IF THE ITEM GOT CONTINUED.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: I NEVER SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT, EVER.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NO.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: FOR 20 YEARS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NO. WHY WOULD YOU? NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING. ARNOLD SACHS HERE. SO YOU HAVE MANY FEE WAIVERS. I'M STILL WAITING FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER THE FEE WAIVER FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS WHO COME DOWN HERE TO DO THEIR CIVIC DUTY AT THE COURTHOUSE, AND HAVE TO PAY $17 TO PARK. THAT SEEMS

AWFULLY UNDEMOCRATIC, WHILE THEY GIVE UP TIME, TO HAVE TO PAY $17, WHEN YOU CAN GET PARKING FOR LIKE $6 AT THE MUSIC CENTER. YOU OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. IT WOULD BE A REAL POSITIVE ATTITUDE. ITEM 22 REFERS TO YOUR NONPROFIT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE MARS BIOSCIENCE L.L.C. THAT YOU WANT TO OPERATE AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A., INSTEAD OF OPENING UP A HOMELESS SHELTER, LIKE YOU TALKED ABOUT IN ONE OF YOUR MANY GAB FESTS THAT YOU'VE HAD HERE. I WENT TO THE PROSPECTIVE HEARING AND I SAW THE PROSPECTIVE THAT HAD YOUR PICTURE ON IT, INVOLVING A COUNTY INVESTMENT. BUT NOT THE COUNTY PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LIKE SIT AROUND HERE. THEY HAVE TO INVEST SO THEY CAN GET THEIR RETIREMENT FUNDS. IT'S AWFULLY [EXPLETIVE] UP, YOU KNOW? YOU'RE JUST A CHEAP CROOK. AND SO YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR ROBUST HEARINGS. I'M TELLING YOU, YOU SHOULDN'T TAX THE CHURCH, LIKE YOU DID, $50,000 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, BECAUSE I WORKED AT THAT CHURCH. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN-- AND I ALSO WAS INVOLVED IN A POISONING. AND SO MY MEDICAL RESEARCH HERE, MY EMERGENCY CARE FOR CARDIAC CARE COST $50,000. AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED? THE CHURCH ENDED UP PUTTING IN A BUDGET DEFICIT OF $50,000. HOW DOES THAT WORK WHEN COUNTIES PLAN THE HEALTH AGENCY THAT I WAS COVERED BY DOESN'T PAY THE $50,000 BILL, BUT THE CHURCH DOES? YOU OUGHT TO LOOK INTO THAT. YOU OUGHT TO HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE LOOK INTO THAT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WE'LL GET RIGHT ON IT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: ON 1-A AND 9-A, BASICALLY. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE A LOT MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE IF YOU CONTINUE TO CHANGE TITLES WITHOUT A HEARING FROM JOINT TENANCY TO TENANTS IN COMMON IF A LAWYER REQUESTS IT. I HAVE ASKED FOR FOUR HEARINGS. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN BLOCKED BY THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD, EVEN THOUGH CLARENCE ALMA MIDA, YOUR SUPERVISOR, SHE'S LOOKED AT THE OWNERSHIP AND EVERYTHING THAT'S THERE. THE HOME WAS IN JOINT TENANCY WHEN MY PARENTS DIED. THE HOME WENT TO ME. THEY WERE LIVING IN A DIFFERENT STATE. WE PUT IT IN BECAUSE I'M SINGLE AND I'M DISABLED. LUIS ORIENDA HAS GONE OVER IT AFTER YOU FINALLY DID IT. I BEGGED KATHRYN BARGER'S GROUP TO MEET WITH ME WITH ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH INCLUDE ALL OF THE TITLES AND EVERYTHING ELSE, AND THEY REFUSED TO DO SO.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: I'LL DO THE REST IN PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. TIME IS UP. ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS THAT SIGNED UP FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WE NEED A VOTE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS SD-1, 2-D THROUGH 10-D, ITEM 1, 3 TO 4, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 12, ITEMS 14 THROUGH 18, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 24, ITEMS 26 THROUGH 28, ITEMS 30 THROUGH 31, ITEM 33, AND ITEMS 37 AND 38 ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. COLLEAGUES, THOSE ARE THE ITEMS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE MINUTE FOR EACH SPEAKER. COME ON DOWN.

MS. LINGAT: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: [CALLING NAMES.] PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: GO AHEAD.

MIKE GREENSPAN: MIKE GREENSPAN, A BRUIN-BUTT-KICKING FLORIDA GATOR. THERE WAS SOMETHING LAST WEEK, AND I LEFT BECAUSE OF HAVING TO DO OTHER THINGS, ABOUT RECOGNIZING SOCIAL WORK MONTH. AND WE HAVE SOMEBODY RUNNING FOR SUPERVISOR NAMED HOLLY MITCHELL, A DAUGHTER OF TWO SOCIAL WORKERS, RUNNING AGAINST THAT SLIMY, SLIMY HERB WESSON, JR. I MEAN, I REALLY HOPE SHE KICKS HIS BUTT. AND ONE OF THE THINGS HERB HAS DONE, HE'S RAISED TAXES, 1 BILLION 200 MILLION, OVER MEASURE H.H.H. HA HA HA. AND AFTER ALL, WITH ALL THAT MONEY, GUESS WHAT? HIS SON DONNIE IS HOMELESS. REALLY, FOLKS, MAYBE WE CAN GET SOCIAL WORKERS LIKE HOLLY MITCHELL AND HER FRIENDS TO ACTUALLY SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT PEOPLE LIKE HERB WESSON CAN'T. AND WE COULD PUT DONNIE WESSON FROM THE STREET TO SOME KIND OF HOUSING, BECAUSE DADDY HERB CAN'T DO IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ERNEST MOORE: MY NAME IS ERNEST MOORE, FOUNDER OF THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS NETWORK. POINTING A GUN AT SOMEONE'S FACE IN A RUDE AND THREATENING MANNER IS A FELONY. JACKIE LACEY SHOULD BE JAILED FOR THAT INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION. I KNOW MYSELF, BECAUSE A BUNCH OF L.A.P.D. OFFICERS TRIED TO FRAME ME UP BACK IN 2000 FOR WHAT THEY CALL A.D.W., WHEN A GROUP OF CRIMINALS WERE ON MY PROPERTY THAT I JUST RECENTLY INHERITED, TAKING ITEMS OUT OF AN APARTMENT I HAD EVICTED THEM FROM. I CALLED THE POLICE TO MAKE A CITIZEN'S ARREST, AND THEY CAME OUT AND TOOK ME TO JAIL, SEARCHED MY APARTMENT WITHOUT A WARRANT, FOUND MY SHOTGUN, AND CHARGED ME WITH ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON. THE ONE THAT ACCUSED ME OF POINTING-- JUST POINTING-- THE SHOTGUN AT HIM HAD A WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST THAT DAY FOR A.D.W. NOW, IT WAS MOSTLY MEXICANS THAT TRIED TO FRAME ME UP. I BEAT IT AT TRIAL. JACKIE LACEY IS A BLACK DEVIL. SHE'S AN ENEMY OF--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

HUGH SCHURTZ: HUGH SCHURTZ AGAIN, AND THIS IS THE SAME ITEM, AND I APOLOGIZE, BUT I'M TRYING TO FINISH IT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: CAN YOU LIFT YOUR MIC JUST UP A LITTLE BIT? I CAN'T HEAR.

HUGH SCHURTZ: OKAY. ON THIS, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH BLAKE CLAYTON, SHEILA KUEHL'S OFFICE, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY BARGER'S OFFICE, AND THEY'VE NEVER RETURNED A CALL. HE'S BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE. I'M GERRYMANDERED INTO KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT. I'M ACTUALLY IN SHEILA KUEHL'S. THE REASON THIS IS SO IMPORTANT IS THEY'RE SELLING MY HOUSE BECAUSE OF THIS. THEY TOOK MY HOME BECAUSE OF IT. AND THEY'RE SELLING IT ON THE TENTH OF APRIL. I WILL BE HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF NOT HAVING THAT HEARING. FOUR HEARINGS BLOCKED. NOW, THAT WAS REALLY SIMPLE. IF THERE HAD BEEN A PROBLEM WITH THE TITLE, WE COULD HAVE CLEARED IT UP. WE HAD FEDERAL DOCUMENTS. WE HAD STATE DOCUMENTS. AND AFTER I REVIEWED IT WITH CLARENCE AND WITH LUIS, BOTH, AND ALSO WITH BLAKE CLAYTON, THEY KNEW THAT THE HOUSE WAS IN JOINT TENANCY, AND THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN REVERTED TO ME.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU.

HUGH SCHURTZ: SO I'M JUST WONDERING. WHAT I WANTED TO ASK THE BOARD IS, CAN I WORK WITH THEM, RATHER THAN WITH MS. BARGER, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT WORKING WITH ME AT ALL.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NO. WHY DON'T YOU-- MY SUGGESTION IS, MAYBE GO WHERE IT SAYS CONSTITUENT-- I'M TIRED. CONSTITUENT

ASSISTANCE TEAM. WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK THERE AND JUST SEE IF YOU MIGHT MAKE SOME HEADWAY WITH SOME OF THEM? THEY'RE HERE TO HELP. THEY'RE HERE TO HELP. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LARRY LAVEN: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO. I MISSED MY CHANCE TO SPEAK ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I WANTED TO SAY THAT I DO NOT FAVOR LETTING CRIMINALS GO FREE WITHOUT DOING THEIR TIME. THESE PEOPLE IN THE ORANGE SHIRTS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN IN JAIL FOR USING DRUGS THAT THEY WERE WARNED NOT TO USE. BUT THEY USED THEM ANYWAYS AND GOT ADDICTED, AND NOW THEIR LIVES ARE IN AND OUT OF JAIL. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PUT THESE PEOPLE IN A CELL, PUT THEM ON A RANCH AND MAKE THEM MARCH, DIG DITCHES, OR WORK. I'VE BEEN LOCKED UP IN A CELL, AND I HAVE DONE BETTER ON A RANCH. I FEEL THAT ON A RANCH, I HAD A BETTER CHANCE TO REHABILITATE. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CAROLYN NAVARRO: MY DAUGHTER, VANESSA NAVARRO-- I'M CAROLYN NAVARRO-- WAS HARMED BY A COMPANY CALLED SYNERMED, USED BY L.A. CARE, WHICH IS PERTINENT BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER THE L.A. COUNTY SYSTEM. MY DAUGHTER ENDED UP DYING BECAUSE OF THE POOR CARE INVOLVING SYNERMED, SPELLED S-Y-N-E-R-M-E-D. GOOGLE "2019 SYNERMED" IF YOU WISH TO SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. THE

REASON I'M HERE IS I FEEL THAT L.A. CARE IS NOT NOTIFYING VICTIMS OF SYNERMED. I CONSIDER MY DAUGHTER A CRIME VICTIM. THE ONLY REASON I KNOW ABOUT SYNERMED IS BECAUSE I'VE INVESTIGATED IT. I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY NOTIFICATION ABOUT SYNERMED BEING CRIMINALS. AND NOW THEY ARE JUST BASICALLY-- IT'S AS BAD AS THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SCANDAL, AND NOTHING'S BEING DONE ABOUT IT BY THE COUNTY OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO HIDE IT FROM THE PUBLIC. AND THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF THIS COMPANY WHO WERE HARMED, JUST LIKE MY DAUGHTER, HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED THAT THEY WERE SCAMMED OUT OF THEIR HEALTHCARE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LYNNE PLAMBECK: MY NAME'S LYNNE PLAMBECK, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL DECISION AND THE ARGUMENTS THAT THE COUNTY MADE IN THAT CASE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT YOUR SPECIAL COUNSEL THAT YOU HIRED, THE SOHAGI LAW FIRM, YOU MAY NOT BE FULLY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE ARGUING IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CAUSE OF ACTION, THAT WE CLAIMED WE WANTED MORE SPANISH-SPEAKING MATERIALS FOR THE COMMUNITY, ET CETERA, AND THAT IT WAS A MAJORITY SPANISH-SPEAKING, AND SO THEY WERE NOT REALLY EVALUATING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. THE COUNTY'S ATTORNEY ARGUED THAT IT WAS NOT A

COMMUNITY OF COLOR. AND THE REASON IT WASN'T WAS BECAUSE THEY AVERAGED IN THE PERCENTAGE OF THE LATINO POPULATION WITH THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THEN DECIDED THAT IT WAS NOT A COMMUNITY OF COLOR. THE REASON THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW IS THAT IN YOUR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND OTHER PLANS YOU HAVE, YOU ARE CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. BUT ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN ATTORNEYS, YOU COULD NEVER HAVE A COMMUNITY OF COLOR IN LOS ANGELES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU.

LYNNE PLAMBECK: SO I WAITED SINCE 9:30 TO SAY THAT TO YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

WAYNE SPINDLER: HOLLY MITCHELL FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT. YAY! YAY. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A FIVE-WOMAN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. FIVE WOMEN OUT OF FIVE. L.A. CITY COUNCIL CAN ONLY GET TWO WOMEN OUT OF 15. THIS IS SO PROGRESSIVE AND SO WONDERFUL. WHAT'S STANDING IN THE WAY IS A CRIMINAL: A MIDGET WHO SMOKES, A CRIMINAL WHO WILL SOON BE INDICTED. HIS NAME IS HERB WESSON, AND HE'S BEEN BLACKMAILING THE GREAT JANICE HAHN. HE'S BEEN COMMITTING CRIME FOR 20 YEARS, AND HIS POOR, DRUG-ADDICT, HOMELESS SON DOUGLAS CANNOT GET HOUSING. BUT WE'RE GOING TO STOP ALL THAT. JANICE HAHN,

PLEASE ENDORSE RIGHT NOW HOLLY MITCHELL FOR THAT SEAT. YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO. AND FINALLY, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS THE DEMON, YOU WILL BE OUT, AND GRACE YOO WILL DEFEAT YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? WE HAVE NO MORE SPEAKERS. OKAY. NOW WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR-- OH. MR. SACHS.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU.

ARNOLD SACHS: SO, FORTUNATELY-- ARNOLD SACHS HERE. I FOUND THIS MEMO FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS. DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT LIMES, BUT IT DOES MENTION YOU HAVE UNITED HEALTHCARE AND KAISER PERMANENTE AND ANTHEM BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH ANTHEM IS A SUBSIDIARY OF, AND ALLSTATE YOU HAD ON YOUR AGENDA, WHICH WAS A SUBSIDIARY OF ALLSTATE INSURANCE. SO YOU HAVE FOUR INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES. BUT THEY DON'T MENTION L.A. CARE AND HEALTH NET, WHICH IS THE HEALTH INSURANCE PARTNERS FOR THE COUNTY. AND I'M THINKING THAT THESE COMPANIES ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE L.A CARE AND HEALTH NET COLLECTED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PREMIUM PAYMENTS, BUT NOW THEY'VE DECIDED NOT TO COVER THE PEOPLE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO.

AND THESE PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET PAYMENT, AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO COVER PEOPLE. THERE'S THAT LITTLE TWIST IN THE JUDGMENT HERE FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANY. I THINK IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S A PUBLIC OFFICIAL--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT IS THE LAST SPEAKER. SO AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD ALSCHULER, A BUSINESSMAN WHO DIED ON MARCH 1ST. HE FOUNDED A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY CALLED MODERN SERVICE OFFICE SUPPLY. SOLD IT IN '93 TO FOCUS ON NEW POSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP. HE SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF UNITED WAY L.A., UNITED JEWISH WELFARE FUND, VISTA DEL MAR, AND OTHER NONPROFITS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LYNNE, AND HIS DAUGHTERS MELANIE AND TRINA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEE PHILLIP BELL, T.V. HOST AND SOAP OPERA CREATOR, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 25TH. BELL AND HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM J. BELL, CO-CREATED TWO OF DAYTIME TELEVISION'S MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ENDURING DRAMAS: "THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS" AND "THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL." SHE BEGAN HER CAREER IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM, HOSTED HER OWN DAYTIME TALK SHOW IN HER HOMETOWN CHICAGO FOR 33 YEARS, WHERE SHE INTERVIEWED GUESTS LIKE PRESIDENTS GERALD FORD, RONALD

REAGAN, JUDY GARLAND, CLINT EASTWOOD, OPRAH WINFREY, LUCILLE BALL, THE BEATLES, AND THE ROLLING STONES. SHE ALSO PRODUCED AND NARRATED SEVERAL AWARD-WINNING SPECIALS AND DOCUMENTARIES ON SUCH TOPICS AS FOSTER CHILDREN, RAPE, AND DIVORCE. IN 2007, SHE WAS HONORED WITH A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT THE DAYTIME EMMYS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SONS WILLIAM AND BRADLEY, AND HER DAUGHTER LAURALEE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD BRADSHAW, A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 14TH. BEST KNOWN AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE L.A.X. THEME STRUCTURE, HE WAS A LARGE PART OF THE MID-CENTURY MODERN LOOK OF LOS ANGELES. HE WORKED WITH MANY WELL-KNOWN ARCHITECTS OF THE 50S THROUGH THE 80S, INCLUDING RICHARD NEUTRA, WELTON BECKETT, A.Q. JONES, PAUL WILLIAMS, WILLIAM PEREIRA, AND CHARLES LUCKMAN, ALL KNOWN FOR THEIR FUTURISTIC DESIGNS. IN 2013, HE WAS THE ONLY ENGINEER INCLUDED IN THE ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBIT AT THE GETTY MUSEUM, TITLED "OVERDRIVE: L.A. CONSTRUCTS THE FUTURE." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE DAUGHTERS, LINDA, BARBARA, AND VICTORIA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNARD BRISKIN, A BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 29TH. HE WAS A SUPPORTER OF NUMEROUS CAUSES, INCLUDING MEDICAL RESEARCH, SYNAGOGUE LIFE, WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE, HOMELESS, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH. HE AND HIS WIFE JUDY LED FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS FOR CEDARS-SINAI, CITY OF HOPE, U.C.L.A., TEMPLE

ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD, VENICE FAMILY CLINIC, JEWISH FEDERATION, JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, WITH WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, AND THE WALLIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, MANY OF WHICH BEAR THE FAMILY'S NAME AS AN ENDURING TESTAMENT TO THEIR GENEROSITY AND LEADERSHIP. HE WAS A PAST PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD. AND UNTIL HIS DEATH, HE CONTINUED TO ACTIVELY SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER AND THE VENICE FAMILY CLINIC. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDY, AND HIS CHILDREN JEFFREY, SHARON, DEBORAH, JULIE, MATT, REX, CAM, AND KEVIN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUDGE RAYMOND FISHER, WHO HELPED IMPLEMENT THE REFORMS THAT REBUILT THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER THE RODNEY KING SCANDAL IN THE 1992 RIOTS. IN '91, HE SERVED AS DEPUTY COUNSEL FOR THE CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION, AN INDEPENDENT PANEL THAT REVIEWED THE L.A.P.D. IN THE WAKE OF THE KING BEATING, AND SOUGHT TO DETAIL ISSUES OF EXCESSIVE FORCE. IN 1997, PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON APPOINTED FISHER AS THE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, THE THIRD-RANKING OFFICIAL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. TWO YEARS LATER, HE BEGAN WORKING AS A JUDGE WITH THE NINTH CIRCUIT U.S. COURT OF APPEALS. DURING HIS 20 YEARS ON THE FEDERAL APPELLATE CIRCUIT COURT THAT OVERSEES CALIFORNIA AND THE WESTERN UNITED STATES, FISHER WROTE OPINIONS THAT HELPED PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, UPHELD AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND PROTECTED THE RIGHTS

OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC TO WITNESS EXECUTIONS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE NANCY, AND HIS SON AND DAUGHTER. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN MEMORY OF GARY THOMAS, LONGTIME SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CIVIC LEADER. WAS A SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF AARON, THOMAS, & ASSOCIATES, A CHATSWORTH COMPANY THAT SPECIALIZES IN CREATIVE CONSULTING, PRINTING, AND DIRECT MAIL SERVICES TO THE POLITICAL SECTOR. HE WAS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF CIVIC AFFAIRS, AND PERHAPS WAS BEST KNOWN AS THE LONGTIME CHAIRMAN OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE WEST VALLEY, WHERE HE BELIEVED IN CHANGING GENERATIONAL POVERTY. AMONG OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING CHAIRS OF THE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, AND IN 2011 WON THE FERNANDO AWARD, THE VALLEY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT HONOR FOR LIFETIME VOLUNTEERISM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF LESTER DAVIDSON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 64. LESTER WAS THE HUSBAND OF DARNELLA DAVIDSON, WHO IS AN AMAZING WOMAN, THE BAND DIRECTOR AT SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, AND ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ART COMMISSION. LESTER WAS A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATIVE. HE GRADUATED FROM VERDUGO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL AND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE, WHERE HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATION. HE WORKED FOR L.A.U.S.D. FOR 34 YEARS AS A TEACHER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. HE ALSO SERVED AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY OCEAN LIFEGUARD AT DOCKWEILER AND TORRANCE BEACH FOR 40 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY DARNELLA AND THEIR DAUGHTER NOELLE. REALLY, MY HEART GOES OUT TO DARNELLA. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN REALLY HARD ON HER, BUT WE REALLY ARE SURROUNDING HER RIGHT NOW WITH LOTS OF LOVE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN OUR MEETING IN THE MEMORY OF GORDON DONLOU, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE MOVED TO REDONDO BEACH AT THE AGE OF 7, WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY BECAME ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. HE GRADUATED FROM REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND U.S.C., THEN WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. HE LATER MARRIED HIS WIFE AND STARTED A FAMILY, AND BECAME AN EDUCATOR IN THE SOUTH BAY, WHERE HE DEDICATED 38 YEARS TO MANY GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS. AFTER RETIREMENT, HE ENJOYED WATCHING TROJAN FOOTBALL, TRAVELING, DINNERS WITH HIS FAMILY, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS THREE GRANDSONS, WHO WERE THE LIGHT OF HIS LIFE. GORDON WAS A HUMBLE MAN WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY MORE THAN ANYTHING. HE IS SURVIVED BY MARIA, HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS, HIS DAUGHTER DORIS, AND HIS GRANDSONS TONY, DINO, AND MARIO. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN WHO WILL ALSO BE VERY MISSED. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HENRY GARCIA, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF WILMINGTON, WHO ALSO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 64. HE WAS A PROUD LONGSHOREMAN FOR I.L.W.U. LOCAL 13. HE SERVED ON MANY

COMMITTEES OVER HIS LONG CAREER. HE WAS A HUGE FAN OF MUSIC, THE RAIDERS, THE DODGERS, AND HE LOVED TRAVELING WITH HIS FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 47 YEARS, LAURA, THEIR CHILDREN LISA AND RICK, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROSALIND PALMER WALTER, WHO WAS THE ORIGINAL INSPIRATION FOR "ROSIE THE RIVETER," WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ONE OF FOUR CHILDREN OF CARLETON AND WINTHROP PALMER. SHE GREW UP IN FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT, AND GRADUATED FROM ETHEL WALKER SCHOOL. SHE WAS RECRUITED AT 19 AS AN ASSEMBLY LINE WORKER AT THE VOUGHT AIRCRAFT COMPANY IN STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, FOR THE WAR. SHE WORKED THE NIGHT SHIFT, DRIVING RIVETS INTO THE METAL BODIES OF CORSAIR FIGHTER PLANES AT A PLANT IN CONNECTICUT, A JOB THAT HAD ALMOST ALWAYS BEEN RESERVED FOR MEN. A NEWSPAPER COLUMN ABOUT HER INSPIRED OUR MORALE-BOOSTING SONG THAT TURNED HER INTO THE LEGENDARY ROSIE THE RIVETER, THE ARCHETYPE OF THE HARDWORKING WOMAN IN OVERALLS AND BANDANNA-WRAPPED HAIR, WHO KEPT THE MILITARY FACTORIES HUMMING. THE SONG CAPTURED A HISTORICAL MOMENT THAT DEFINED A GENERATION OF WOMEN DURING WORLD WAR II, WHO ENTERED THE WORKFORCE TO HELP KEEP THE WAR EFFORT AFLOAT AS THE MEN FOUGHT ON THE FRONT LINES. IT ALSO HELPED SOW THE SEEDS OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT OF THE LAST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY. IN 2007, DOUGLAS PARK IN LONG BEACH WAS RENAMED ROSIE THE RIVETER PARK, IN HONOR OF WOMEN WHO WORKED

IN DEFENSE CONSTRUCTION PLANTS DURING WORLD WAR II. LONG BEACH PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE WAR, BOTH AS THE HOME OF THE NAVY AND THE NAVAL SHIPYARDS. THOUSANDS OF WOMEN TOOK JOBS AT LONG BEACH DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT, THAT EMPLOYED ROUND-THE-CLOCK SHIFTS PRODUCING MILITARY AIRCRAFT. ROSALIND SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER ON A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, AND THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON HENRY THOMPSON, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR STEP-GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY STEP-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ROSIE THE RIVETER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I WAS READY TO DROP THE MIC. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, TAKE US HOME.

SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IVORY B. PATTON WILLIAMS. I'D ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. SHE WAS BORN ON MARCH THE 23RD, 1937, AUGUSTA, ARKANSAS. SHE PASSED ON MARCH THE 2ND HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE ATTENDED CARVER HIGH SCHOOL IN ARKANSAS, AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1956 WITH HER YOUNG DAUGHTER, THE LATE PASTOR DELORIS GLASS, WHO PROVIDED INVOCATIONS HERE, AND ALSO AT THE M.L.K. CAMPUS. MS. WILLIAMS FOUND EMPLOYMENT AS A NURSE'S ASSISTANT AT THE VIEW HEIGHTS CONVALESCENT HOME, AND LATER JOINED THE HUGHES AIRCRAFT STAFF AND MET THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, FUTURE HUSBAND JOSEPH WILLIAMS. SHE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, AND SERVED ON SEVERAL

CHURCH BOARDS, INCLUDING THE MOTHER'S BOARD, THE WOMEN OF JUDAH, AND WAS THE HEAD OF THE PASTOR'S AID. MS. WILLIAMS WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE OF THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY AND HER CHURCH FAMILY, HER GREEN THUMB, AND HER FAITH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN, BOBBIE, IVORY, PEGGY, PHILLIP, TERRY, AND SANDY, AND SEVEN SIBLINGS: DORA, EMERY, JAMES, JOE, MARY, AND LUCIETTA, AND FINALLY SONNY. AND SHE HAD 22 GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH CONGREGATION, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HER DEARLY. WE SEND OUR DEEPEST RESPECT AND REGARD TO THE FAMILY OF THIS STALWART INDIVIDUAL, IVORY B. PATTON WILLIAMS. AND MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I'D ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALLANA LYNN COOK, BORN ON NOVEMBER THE 25TH, 1945, IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY THE 22ND HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AT THE AGE OF 74. IT WAS IN 1968 SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES FROM MICHIGAN AFTER EARNING HER ASSOCIATE'S OF ARTS DEGREE FROM DELTA JUNIOR COLLEGE. IN LOS ANGELES, SHE FOUND EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE WORKED FOR THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS A TELEPHONE OPERATOR SUPERVISOR, AND FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A LEAD DISPATCHER. SHE LOVED CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND WAS KNOWN FOR HER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH, WHICH SHE HOSTED IN HER HOME FOR OVER 20 YEARS. MS. COOK WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN ARTIST, FOR HER LOVING AND GIVING SPIRIT, FOR HER LOVE OF COOKING, FOR HER FAITH, AND AS

THE QUEEN OF HER LOCAL RED HAT SOCIETY GROUP, THE RUBY FEDORAS. MS. COOK IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS CHERI AND DANIELLE, SON ROBIN, AND GRANDDAUGHTER KYLA, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND ALL OF HER FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY COWORKERS, WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE HER PASSING. SHE IS ONE OF L.A COUNTY'S BELOVED RETIRED EMPLOYEES. ALLANA LYNN COOK. MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. [GAVEL.]

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