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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2 **TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020, 9:30 AM**

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
7 MARCH 31ST, 2020. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE
8 TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF
9 ALL. AND ON THAT NOTE, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE EACH AND
10 EVERY ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO, OVER THE LAST FEW
11 WEEKS, HAVE STEPPED TO UP THE CHALLENGE OF ADDRESSING WHAT IS
12 GOING ON IN NOT ONLY L.A. COUNTY BUT THE STATE AND THE NATION.
13 AND I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO
14 HAVE BEEN BALANCING BOTH WORK AS WELL AS WHAT'S GOING ON IN
15 THEIR HOMES, AND I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY COUNTY
16 EMPLOYEE FOR BEING A PART OF THIS RISE TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS.
17 I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NURSES AND OUR DOCTORS ON THE
18 FRONTLINE AS WELL AS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, BOTH IN THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE, BUT ALL OF OUR
20 FIRST RESPONDERS WHO ARE GIVING OF THEMSELVES EACH AND EVERY
21 DAY, AS WELL AS OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAMS,
22 AND I COULD GO ON AND ON FOR THOSE THAT ARE CONTINUING TO COME
23 TO WORK TO HELP NAVIGATE WHAT WE NEED TO DO AS COUNTY
24 EMPLOYEES. AND I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR C.E.O. AND OUR
25 C.O.O. BEESIA AND SACHI, FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE SHOWN

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1 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE'VE GOT A LOT OF CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US
2 AS IT RELATES TO REBUILDING BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTY BUT ALSO
3 OUTSIDE THE COUNTY WITH OUR BUSINESSES AND ALL OF OUR
4 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
5 EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE DONE IN NAVIGATING THIS AS WELL AS MY
6 COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
7 REPRESENTING OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND ALSO COUNTY COUNSEL, THANK
8 YOU, MARY, FOR THE JOB THAT YOU'VE DONE, AS WELL. I KNOW THAT,
9 AT THE END OF THIS, WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS, AND WE WILL BE
10 STRONGER AS A COUNTY FAMILY. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE EACH
11 AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM
12 ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME
13 IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HERE.

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

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN? [SILENCE.] WE'LL GET HER
2 BACK ON THE PHONE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M HERE.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** HERE.

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10 **>MARY WICKHAM, COUNTY COUNSEL.**

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12 **>>ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CELIA ZAVALA.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HERE.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED
19 BY EMAIL AND MAIL AND WILL BE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. SO
20 ANYONE THAT SUBMITTED ANYTHING PRIOR TO THIS BOARD MEETING OR
21 EVEN IN REAL TIME VIA EMAIL, THAT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO
22 THE MINUTES. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
23 AND LISTENING TO THE LIVE BOARD MEETING IS INCLUDED ON THE
24 POSTED AGENDA AND ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' WEBSITE. SO,
25 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
3 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2. THIS IS AGENDA
4 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 5,
5 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 30. ON
6 ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
7 BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM 7, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE
10 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12,
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
12 HER OFFICE. ON ITEM 13, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED
13 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
14 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THIS
15 INCLUDES A REVISION MOTION -- REVISED MOTION SUBMITTED BY
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. THE REVISED MOTION IS
17 AVAILABLE ONLINE. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT
18 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 26TH, 2020. ON ITEM 20,
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
21 HER OFFICE. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
22 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON THIS ITEM, THIS
24 INCLUDES A REVISED MOTION SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS. THE REVISED MOTION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE. ON ITEM 29,

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO AMEND HER MOTION TO INCLUDE
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AS COAUTHOR. ON PAGE 29,
3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 31 THROUGH 72. ON ITEM 31, THE
4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
5 BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
6 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 5TH, 2020. ON ITEM 38, THE
7 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN
8 OFF CALENDAR. ON ITEM 61, ITEM 61 IS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR
9 ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION TO
10 SPECIFY THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
11 COORDINATING THE COUNTY'S ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY -
12 - SORRY -- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY
13 INCLUDING THE ACTIVATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY'S
14 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND SPECIFIES OTHER RELEVANT
15 DUTIES AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE CHIEF, THE FIRE
16 CHIEF, AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO
17 EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES. ON ITEM 61 WILL BE HELD TO ALLOW THE
18 SHERIFF TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. ON ITEM 62 IS AN URGENCY
19 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 5,
20 PERSONNEL RELATED TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEALTH INSURANCE FOR
21 NON-STUDENTS, PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. ON PAGE 51, THIS INCLUDES
22 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
23 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 70F ARE
25 BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE
4 ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION AS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
5 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 52, PUBLIC HEARINGS. ITEMS 73
8 THROUGH 75. ON ITEM 75, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS
9 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 26TH, 2020. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL
10 BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 56, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS
11 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON
12 ITEM A1, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUEST
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
14 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY, WE'RE GOING DO IT THIS
17 WAY. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 15, AND THEN GO ON TO ITEM
18 17, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 21, 25, AND 61, THEN PUBLIC HEARING
19 ITEMS 73 AND 74, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM A1, IF THAT MEETS
20 EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION. SO WITH THAT, LET'S BEGIN WITH ITEM
21 15. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
22 CAN UNMUTE YOUR MIC IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME REMARKS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO
25 WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR WORK THE PAST FEW WEEKS. IT'S BEEN GREAT

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1 TO WORK WITH YOU AND OUR ENTIRE TEAM, ALL THE OTHER BOARD
2 OFFICES, AS WELL AS OUR C.E.O. AND MANY OF THE DEPARTMENTS
3 THAT YOU LISTED. IT'S REALLY BEEN A TEST FOR ALL OF US. AND I
4 HAVE TO SAY YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN VERY, VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
5 AND VERY HELPFUL I THINK FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS IN THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO HAVING SAID THAT, I WANT GO RIGHT
7 INTO THIS. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR COAUTHORING THIS
8 MOTION, ITEM 15. AND ON MARCH 19TH OF 2020, THIS YEAR, THE
9 COUNTY ISSUED, AS YOU KNOW, AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PLACING A
10 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS
11 OF THE COUNTY. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE
12 COULD DO TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY. OUR SAFER AT HOME PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER ASKS
14 ANGELENOS TO STAY HOME. AND THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM ENSURES
15 THAT THOSE THAT HAVE HOUSING WILL NOT BE FORCED ONTO THE
16 STREETS WHILE WE ARE WORKING TO FLATTEN THE COVID-19 CURVE,
17 BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT CERTAINLY ISN'T ENOUGH. AND THERE
18 ARE MANY RESIDENTS WHO ARE STILL AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR
19 HOMES. AND WE KNOW WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO
20 PREVENT THAT. OUR EVICTION MORATORIUM IS A GOOD START, I
21 BELIEVE, BUT TO BE TRULY EFFECTIVE, IT NEEDS TO BE
22 STRENGTHENED TO HELP ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. SO,
23 THEREFORE, I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVES, WHICH
24 I BELIEVE HAVE ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED TO ALL OF YOU THAT WILL
25 BE ADDED TO THE MOTION TO STRENGTHEN IT. LET ME GO FORWARD,

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1 THEN. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1) DIRECT
2 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, IN CONSULTATION
3 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THE
4 WORKFORCE, DEVELOPMENT, AND AGING COMMUNITY SERVICES
5 DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY
7 DEPARTMENTS, TO REPORT BACK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS WITH RECOMMENDED
8 UPDATES ON THE MARCH 19, 2020 EXECUTIVE ORDER. RECOMMENDATIONS
9 SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, A) EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY'S
10 TEMPORARY EVICTION MORATORIUM TO INCLUDE THE CITIES IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY WITH CONSIDERATIONS FOR CITIES THAT ALREADY
12 HAVE LOCAL EVICTION MORATORIALS IN PLACE, B) EXTENSION OF THE
13 PAYBACK PERIOD FOR PAST DUE RENT FROM SIX MONTHS AFTER THE
14 TERMINATION OF THE MARCH 19, 2020, EXECUTIVE ORDER TO 12
15 MONTHS OR BEYOND, GUIDANCE FOR AND SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF THE
16 LANGUAGE IN SECTIONS 1A OF THE MARCH 19, 2020, EXECUTIVE ORDER
17 THAT REQUIRES TENANTS TO DEMONSTRATE AN INABILITY TO PAY RENT
18 OR RELATED HAD CHARGES DUE TO FINANCIAL IMPACTS RELATED TO
19 COVID-19. THE GUIDANCE AND REVISION SHOULD CONSIDER RELAXING
20 THESE REQUIREMENTS IN CONSIDERATION OF I) DIFFICULTIES THAT
21 CAN BEEN COUNTERED BY TENANTS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DEMONSTRATE
22 THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THEIR ABILITY TO PAY RENT OR
23 RELATED CHARGES AS STIPULATED IN SECTION 1A OF THE EXECUTIVE
24 ORDER, AND 2) THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS CRISIS WHICH MAY BE
25 EXACERBATED BY EVICTIONS THAT RESULT FROM EFFORTS TO CONTAIN

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1 THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. AND THEN, 2) DIRECT THE C.E.O. IN
2 CONSULTATION WITH D.C.B.A., W.D.A.C.S., L.A.C.D.A., D.P.H.,
3 AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
4 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOURCES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS TO IMPROVE
5 PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS, WORKERS, UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS,
6 LANDLORDS, AND BUSINESSES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DURING THE
7 COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE INFORMED BY
8 ALL COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS TAKEN BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL
9 GOVERNMENTS, AND INFORMATION ON THE LATEST RESOURCES SHOULD BE
10 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS AND
11 WORKER DISASTER HELP CENTER AND ON THE HELP CENTER WEBSITE AT
12 LACOUNTYHELPCENTER.ORG. I BELIEVE THESE DIRECTIVES WILL GIVE
13 OUR RESIDENTS WHAT THEY NEED TO MAKE IT THROUGH THESE
14 DIFFICULT TIMES. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, CHAIRMAN BARGER,
15 FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION. AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD
16 AGREES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE DIRECTIVES. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH.

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL
20 WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING, BUT LET ME JUST SAY I'M VERY HAPPY TO
21 BE COAUTHORING THIS WITH YOU. I KNOW IN THE AS LAST FEW WEEKS,
22 I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE FROM LITERALLY HAVING A
23 JOB TO BEING IN A POSITION TO WHERE THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IF
24 THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A JOB WHEN THE SAFER AT HOME IS LIFTED,
25 AND THE ANXIETY THAT I'VE HEARD IN THEIR VOICES IS REAL. AND I

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1 THINK ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT AND ENSURE THAT THEY DON'T
2 BECOME THE NEXT WAVE OF HOMELESSNESS IS VITAL. AND THAT MEANS
3 -- AND IT'S A CHAIN ALL THE WAY UP. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED
4 TO RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE UNCERTAIN TIMES, AND WE NEED TO
5 WORK TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY AS A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WORKING
6 TOWARD PROTECTING AND REBUILDING PEOPLE'S LIVES. SO WITH THAT,
7 I'M HONORED TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS. SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR KUEHL HERE. I'M
11 HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND THE CLARIFICATION ON
12 THE GREEN SHEET AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDED REPORT BACK THAT'S
13 BEEN ADDED. I WOULD ONLY ASK, AND I'M CERTAIN THIS WOULD BE
14 PART OF IT, THAT WE GET AN ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO
15 THE FIRST ISSUE, WHICH RELATES TO OUR AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE
16 CITIES IN THE COUNTY TO ADOPT THIS EVICTION PROTECTION. I'M
17 CERTAIN, MARY, THAT YOU WILL MAKE THAT A PART OF THE REPORT
18 BACK, BUT I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE BECAUSE WE MAY BE
19 ABLE DO THIS UNDER OUR EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, BUT I THINK IT
20 WOULD BE GOOD TO MAKE IT CLEAR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS MARY WICKHAM. WE WILL LOOK
23 AT THAT ISSUE.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MAY I OFFER
5 ADDITIONAL AMENDING LANGUAGE? AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS, IT WOULD
6 BE TO PROHIBIT RENT INCREASES DURING THE EVICTION MORATORIUM
7 PERIOD TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE LAW AND CONSISTENT
8 WITH CHAPTER 8.52 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RENT
9 STABILIZATION. THIS WILL STRENGTHEN THAT WHICH WE ARE
10 CONTEMPLATING. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRENGTH OF ITEM
11 NUMBER 15, THE GREEN SHEET AND THE AMENDING LANGUAGE. THIS
12 AMENDMENT WILL TIGHTEN IT IN A WAY THAT I THINK WILL BE
13 HELPFUL TO RENTERS AND THOSE WHO WE SEEK TO HELP IN THIS TIME
14 OF CRISIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I DON'T HAVE
17 A PROBLEM WITH THAT AMENDMENT. ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, I'M FINE. I APPRECIATE THE INPUT FROM
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I DO. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, MAKING
21 SURE THAT WE HAVE AUTHORITY OR NOT. WE DETERMINE THAT THROUGH
22 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. AND THEN THE SUGGESTION BY SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT IS FINE. WE'VE ALREADY -- WE KNOW WHERE
24 WE'RE ON ON THIS TRAJECTORY. SO EVERYTHING HOPEFULLY WILL
25 PROVIDE THE RELIEF NECESSARY FOR OUR RESIDENTS. SO I THANK ALL

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1 OF YOU. AND WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
2 SUPPORT ON THE MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ITEM 15 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US.
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY ME TO APPROVE THIS
6 ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
7 WILL BE THE ORDER. ON ITEM 17, I ACTUALLY HELD THIS. AND I'M
8 HOPING THIS IS AN EASY ONE AS IT RELATES TO THE APPRENTICESHIP
9 PROGRAM. I KNOW THAT WE TALKED ABOUT INCLUDING AEROSPACE, BUT
10 NOW, GIVEN WHAT'S GOING ON, NOT ONLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,
11 BUT THROUGHOUT THE NATION, I WOULD ASK THAT WE WOULD JUST --
12 IF WE COULD AMEND IT TO INCLUDE AEROSPACE AS IT RELATES TO THE
13 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON I HELD IT WAS
14 TO ASK FOR THAT AMENDMENT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M FINE WITH THAT. AND I KNOW THAT,
17 AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF TIME, WE MAY FIND THAT THERE
18 WILL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND EXACTLY THE WHOLE EFFORT
19 IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT GREEN JOBS, JOBS THAT ARE HIGH PRIORITY
20 IN THE STATE. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS WHEN PEOPLE NEED TO BE
21 LOOKING TO US FOR REHIRING. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK
22 W.D.A.C.S. AND OUR CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS
23 FOR WORKING WITH US ON THIS AS WELL AS EVERYONE THAT HAS BEEN
24 SO COOPERATIVE IN HELPING US PROVIDE APPRENTICESHIP
25 OPPORTUNITIES MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I AGREE. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE SEEING
3 MORE AND MORE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION AND
4 THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT. SO ANY OTHER
5 SUPERVISORS WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ON THIS? MARK, SUPERVISOR
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AUTHOR OF THE MOTION BRINGING IT FORTH AND
9 THE AMENDMENT THAT YOU OFFER IS CERTAINLY IN ORDER. AND I'M
10 PREPARED TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO ITEM 17, AS AMENDED IS
13 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS
15 TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE ARE GOING
16 ON TO ITEM 21, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A FEW
18 REMARKS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT
21 SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ITEMS OF PROTECTING ALL PEOPLE IN THE
22 CONTEXT OF OUR SOCIETY IS IMPORTANT. MORE AND MORE WE ARE
23 LEARNING ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCE. I WANT TO QUICKLY SUMMARIZE,
24 BUT BEFORE DOING SO, THANK MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
25 IT'S THANKS TO YOU FOR ISSUING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER LAST WEEK

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1 THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO RATIFY TODAY. THE JAILS HAVE BEEN AN
2 AREA OF GREAT CONCERN SINCE COVID-19 HIT US. AND THEY ARE
3 CROWDED PLACES WITH THOUSANDS OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND
4 STAFF IN CLOSED QUARTERS. THESE THINGS WE KNOW. AND THE LACK
5 OF SPACE ALSO POSES CHALLENGES FOR QUARANTINING. SO THE ISSUE
6 OF HYGIENE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING CONCERN IN THE JAILS. AND
7 RECENT ACCOUNTS BRING INTO QUESTION WHETHER THERE'S ADEQUATE
8 SUPPLIES OF SOAP AND CLEANING MATERIAL. SO WE HAVE AN
9 OBLIGATION TO ADDRESS THIS. AND I THINK NOW THAT THE COUNTY
10 HAS CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASES CONNECTED TO THE JAILS, AMONG OUR
11 EMPLOYEES, IN SOME INSTANCES AT LEAST ONE INMATE, IT IS MORE
12 URGENT, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO SUGGEST MORE
13 URGENT THAN EVER THAT WE WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD.
14 THAT'S WHAT WE ARE SEEKING TO DO. THAT'S WHAT THE THRUST OF
15 THIS MOTION IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN
16 WORKING ON AS WELL AS THE RANGE OF OFFICES FROM THE C.E.O. TO
17 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, NAME THEM ALL. SO WE KNOW WHAT WE
18 NEED TO DO. WE JUST HAVE TO DO MORE. AND THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO
19 UTILIZE EVERY SINGLE TOOL. MIGHT I CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT A
20 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IS BEST MET WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH
21 PERSPECTIVE AND RESPONSE, WHETHER TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTS IN
22 THE COMMUNITY OR IN LOCKED FACILITIES. BOTH ARE IMPORTANT. SO
23 THE MOTION CALLS FOR OUR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO DO AN
24 ASSESSMENT AND IDENTIFY NECESSARY MEASURES TO IMMEDIATELY
25 PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AND STAFF. THIS IS ALL CRITICALLY

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1 IMPORTANT. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION BECAUSE
2 PREVENTING COVID-19 SPREADING INSIDE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS AN
3 ESSENTIAL PART OF THE COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY TO KEEP THE VIRUS
4 AT BAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO
7 SPEAK AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING ME TO
11 COAUTHOR IT. I THINK IT IS A GENERAL REQUEST TO DO EVERYTHING
12 POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE WORKING WITHIN OUR JAIL
13 SYSTEM AND THOSE WHO ARE INMATES. IT REALLY ASKS THE HEALTH
14 OFFICER TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT THEM.
15 AND I THINK THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING DISCUSSION ABOUT
16 WHETHER THAT -- SORT OF WHAT THE PROPER BALANCE IS BETWEEN
17 PROTECTING INMATES AND CUSTODIAL OFFICERS IN THE JAILS AND THE
18 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND THAT THE
19 SHERIFF CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TO RELEASE AS MANY PEOPLE AS
20 POSSIBLE. I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION ABOUT RELEASING
21 THOSE WHO HAVE LESS THAN SIX MONTHS TO SERVE. I KNOW THERE'S
22 BEEN DISCUSSION WITH THE COURTS. AND I WOULD SIMPLY CALL ON
23 OUR HEALTH OFFICER TO MAKE SOME VERY STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS
24 ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS AND ALSO THAT WE DO EVERYTHING
25 WE CAN TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND

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1 OTHERS WHO CAN HELP WITH THOSE RELEASES BECAUSE, AS WE KNOW,
2 MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE JAIL HAVEN'T EVEN HAD THEIR
3 TRIAL YET. SO I WOULD CALL ON OUR HEALTH OFFICER AND OF COURSE
4 ON OUR SHERIFF AND ALL OF OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SEE IF
5 THERE'S A WAY TO INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO CAN BE
6 SAFELY RELEASED FROM THE JAIL AS AN ASPECT OF PROTECTING THEIR
7 HEALTH AND THOSE -- OF THOSE WHO ARE WORKING THERE. THANK YOU,
8 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO THANK
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION
14 AND THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, OF COURSE, THANK YOU TOTALLY FOR
15 EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN DOING IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. AND YOUR
16 LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN REALLY SPECTACULAR. AND YOU SIGNED THE
17 EXECUTIVE ORDER EARLIER THIS WEEK ON THIS, AND I APPRECIATE
18 THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK, OBVIOUSLY,
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND OUR
20 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING TO
21 COME UP WITH THESE PLANS AND PROCEDURES TO PROTECT OUR JAILS
22 AND OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES. NOW, OUR FIRST MAJOR EFFORT WAS
23 OF COURSE TO CLOSE OUR NONESSENTIAL BUSINESSES TO REALLY HELP
24 US DEAL WITH THIS, BUT OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE SOME SERVICES THAT
25 ARE ESSENTIAL AND NEED TO KEEP RUNNING. AND OUR CUSTODIAL

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1 FACILITIES, OUR JAILS, OUR JUVENILE CAMPS AND HALLS FALL INTO
2 THAT CATEGORY. SO THIS IS REALLY GOING TO HELP US ADDRESS THE
3 ISSUE OF MAKING SURE THAT ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE, WHO
4 ARE OUR WORKERS ON THE FRONTLINES HERE ARE KEPT SAFE. SO THERE
5 ARE A LOT OF FOLKS WHO JUST CAN'T SELF-ISOLATE OR WHO CAN'T
6 JUST CHOOSE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE ALL THE TIME. THESE ARE FOLKS
7 THAT HAVE TO SHOW UP TO WORK EVERY DAY, AND, AGAIN, WHO ARE
8 INCARCERATED AND IN OUR CARE. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYBODY
9 WORKING TOGETHER IN THIS. THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT I
10 THINK THE PUBLIC APPRECIATES WHEN WE ACTUALLY DO COLLABORATE
11 AND FIND SOLUTIONS TOGETHER. SO I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS.
12 AND THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT WAS ALREADY SIGNED WILL DO THAT,
13 AND I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS OR
16 ANYONE ELSE WANT TO SPEAK?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR THOMAS
23 AND KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING THE MOTION. AND I WANT TO BEGIN BY
24 REALLY COMMENDING THE COUNTY'S JUSTICE PARTNERS BY SHOWING
25 THEIR TREMENDOUS INITIATIVE AND COLLABORATING TO TAKE THIS

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1 SWIFT ACTION TO PROTECT THOSE WHO TOUCH OUR JUSTICE
2 DEPARTMENTS, ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES, AND OUR EMPLOYEES, WHO
3 MAKE THE SYSTEM RUN. I WANT TO THANK THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE
4 SHERIFF, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE
5 COURTS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND
6 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
7 AGENCIES, AND OUR COMMUNITY-BASED CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS
8 AND SERVICE PROVIDERS. ALL OF THEM HAVE UNDERTAKEN, I THINK, A
9 VERY IMPRESSIVE EFFORT TO FIND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO TAKE A
10 PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMED APPROACH TO REDUCE THE CONFINED
11 POPULATIONS AND FOCUSING ON THOSE MOST VULNERABLE OF INFECTION
12 AND CONSISTENT WITH MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE PREVENTING
13 THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF GLOBAL COVID-19 VIRUS. WE WANT TO
14 THANK EVERYONE AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I ALSO
15 APPRECIATE THAT THE SHERIFF RECENTLY RELEASED PEOPLE WHO WERE
16 WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THEIR SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE. AND I
17 WONDER IF WE CAN'T BE EXPANDING THAT ALSO AT LEAST ANOTHER
18 COUPLE OF MONTHS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT FOR TAKING ON SOME MEASURES ALREADY THAT I HAVE
20 OUTLINED IN A MOTION, AS WELL, TO HELP PROVIDE SAFETY,
21 PROTECTION FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR CARE AS WELL
22 AS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ALSO AM
23 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU. AND OBVIOUSLY, WHEN THE
2 EXECUTIVE ORDER WAS SIGNED, IT WAS BASED ON SUPERVISOR KUEHL
3 AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S INPUT. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M VERY
4 GLAD THAT WE DID THAT BECAUSE, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT COULD
5 HAPPEN, WE HAVE ONE CASE, MAYBE MORE. BY DOING -- BY STARTING
6 TO DEPOPULATE, I THINK WE ARE -- I KNOW WE'RE SAVING LIVES. SO
7 I ALSO WANT TO ECHO THE THANKS AND ALSO TO THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT FOR AGGRESSIVELY LOOKING AT WHO CAN BE RELEASED AND
9 WORKING WITH OUR O.D.R. AS WELL AS THE OTHER PARTNERS TO MAKE
10 SURE THAT, WHEN THEY'RE RELEASED, THEY HAVE A PLACE TO GO SO
11 THAT WE'RE NOT PUTTING THEM ON THE STREET. WE LIVE IN
12 UNPRECEDENTED TIMES RIGHT NOW, AND IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME THAT
13 THIS COLLABORATION WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST NOT ONLY OF
14 PUBLIC SAFETY BUT ALSO PUBLIC HEALTH. SO I, TOO, WANT TO THANK
15 THE AUTHORS OF THIS MOTION. SO WITH THAT, ANY CLOSING REMARKS,
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. I THINK WE'RE GOOD. I ESSENTIALLY
19 EMBRACE THE ENTIRETY OF THE REMARKS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR AFFIRMATION OF THE SAME, AND MADAM
21 CHAIR, FOR YOUR ISSUING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SO ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US. MOVED
24 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
25 APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS

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1 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 25,
2 WHICH WAS ALSO HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WOULD YOU
3 LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THE
6 FALLOUT OF WHAT HAS TO BE DESCRIBED AS THIS UNPRECEDENTED
7 HEALTH EMERGENCY THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH IS MORE FAR
8 REACHING THAN PRACTICALLY ANYONE MIGHT HAVE ANTICIPATED. AND I
9 GUESS IT HAS TO BE SAID SOME OF IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREDICTED
10 IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF WE LEARNED IN 2015
11 THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAD AN ANTI-PRICE GOUGING
12 ORDINANCE ON THE BOOKS. AND IT WAS FOR A GOOD REASON. AND NOW,
13 MORE THAN EVER, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT'S NEEDED YET AGAIN. AND
14 SO SINCE MARCH THE 4TH, WHEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DECLARATION OF
15 EMERGENCY WAS ENACTED, WE HAVE SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION TO
16 SAFEGUARD CONSUMERS FROM PRICE GOUGING, OF UNSCRUPULOUS
17 VENDORS, OF CREDITORS AND THE LIKE THAT SEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
18 OF THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED AND IN SOME WAYS EITHER DESPERATE OR
19 REGRETTABLY DESTITUTE. AND AS YOU WILL HEAR FROM THE DIRECTOR
20 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THEY HAVE
21 NOW RECEIVED LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF INQUIRIES FROM OUR
22 CONSTITUENTS, FROM CONSUMERS. AND SO D.C.B.A. INVESTIGATORS
23 ARE WORKING VIGILANTLY TO ENSURE CAREFUL REVIEW OF EACH OF
24 THESE INQUIRIES, VERY IMPORTANT, CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. AND
25 GIVEN THE ENORMITY OF THE ISSUES THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH, IT

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1 SEEMS IMPERATIVE THAT WE MOVE SWIFTLY, MADAM CHAIR AND
2 COLLEAGUES, TO PROVIDE D.C.B.A. WITH THE TOOLS NEEDED TO
3 PROTECT CONSUMERS. THEY ARE OUR CONSTITUENTS. WE HAVE AN
4 OBLIGATION TO STEP UP FOR THEM. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE
5 ATTEMPTING TO DO. YOU MAY RECALL THAT THIS MOTION WAS
6 ORIGINALLY FILED ON MARCH 17TH. AND THAT MEETING DIDN'T
7 MATERIALIZE. THEREFORE, THE ORIGINAL MOTION ASKED THE D.C.B.A.
8 AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE EXISTING ORDINANCE AND MAKE
9 NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT. GIVEN WHERE WE ARE NOW, TODAY WE
10 PRESENT AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION THAT SEEK TO DO THE
11 FOLLOWING, AND I'M REQUIRED OR OBLIGED, MADAM CHAIR, TO READ
12 THEM. NUMBER ONE, WE NEED TO PROVIDE D.C.B.A. WITH THE
13 AUTHORITY TO SUBPOENA BUSINESSES AND PERSONS TO PROVIDE
14 RECORDS AND SWORN TESTIMONY, WHICH IS CRITICAL TO ENHANCE
15 D.C.B.A.'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE THE PRICE GOUGING COMPLAINTS
16 AND REFER THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY FOR
17 POTENTIAL CRIMINAL OR CIVIL ACTION. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE NOT
18 PLAYING AROUND HERE. WE HAVE TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY IN THE
19 CONFINES OF THE LAW TO PROTECT CONSUMERS WHO ARE BEING TAKEN
20 ADVANTAGE OF. SECONDLY, WE NEED TO EXTEND THE PRICE GOUGING
21 PROTECTIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THIS EMERGENCY. THIRDLY, AS
22 D.C.B.A. CONTINUES TO WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DISTRICT
23 ATTORNEY, AND BEYOND, THIS MOTION DEMONSTRATES THE BOARD'S
24 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE TOOLS TO PROTECT OUR
25 CONSUMERS. MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT

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1 OVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF D.C.B.A., JOE NICCHITTA, FOR A BRIEF
2 UPDATE ON THESE ISSUES WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU
5 WANT TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER JOE'S PRESENTATION TO ASK TO SPEAK?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION THAT PERHAPS MR.
8 NICCHITTA CAN INCLUDE IN HIS REPORT WHICH RELATES, IF I MAY,
9 TO THE ISSUE OF FRAUD AND WHETHER THAT IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT
10 D.C.B.A. AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CAN WORK TOGETHER ABOUT. IN
11 THESE TIMES, WE HAVE GOTTEN SO MANY OFFERS OF EQUIPMENT TO
12 AUGMENT WHAT EVERYONE IS USING AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, SOME SORT
13 OF CHARLATAN CLAIMS OF CURES, ETC. SO I WONDER, ESPECIALLY IF
14 D.C.B.A. FEELS IT HAS THE AUTHORITY OR NEEDS ADDITIONAL
15 AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THOSE KINDS OF FRAUDULENT OFFERS, AS
16 WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE. SO MR. NICCHITTA, DO YOU WANT TO
19 GIVE YOUR PRESENTATION AND THEN ADDRESS SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S
20 QUESTION, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **JOE NICCHITTA:** SURE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE NICCHITTA,
23 AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
24 BUSINESS AFFAIRS. LET ME FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
25 SIR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE OF PRICE GOUGING. I

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1 KNOW YOU'VE BEEN ON THE ISSUE FOR A LONG TIME BOTH HERE AT THE
2 COUNTY AND ALL THE WAY BACK TO YOUR DAYS AS A CITY
3 COUNCILMEMBER. IT'S CERTAINLY CRITICAL ADVOCACY, ESPECIALLY
4 DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCIES. I WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD
5 FOR ALWAYS ADVOCATING FOR CONSUMERS IN L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE
6 SURE THEY ARE NOT VICTIMIZED IN THE MARKETPLACE, WHETHER BY
7 PREDATORY INDIVIDUALS OR PRACTICES, OR BY UNFAIR LEGISLATION
8 AND POLICIES THAT HARM CONSUMER INTEREST. IT'S CERTAINLY AN
9 HONOR TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU IN THAT EFFORT. BUT SPEAKING OF
10 PREDATORY INDIVIDUALS, IN THE MIDST OF AN EXPANDING A HEALTH
11 CRISIS THAT AFFECTS OUR COUNTRY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
12 YOU'RE CORRECT, SOME HERE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE HOARDING CRITICAL
13 SUPPLIES. THEY'RE MARKING THEM UP SIGNIFICANTLY, AND THEY'RE
14 SELLING THEM FOR PROFIT. I'M REALLY TALKING ABOUT BOXES OF
15 PAPER MASKS THAT MIGHT GO FOR 6.99 BEING OFFERED FOR \$100.
16 HAND SANITIZER MARKED UP 1,000 PERCENT. TRIPLE DIGIT MARKUPS
17 ON WATER, TOILET PAPER, OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS. OF COURSE, WE
18 ALL KNOW IT'S WRONG. IT'S SHAMEFUL, AND IT'S ALSO ILLEGAL,
19 BOTH UNDERSTATE LAW, AND THE COUNTY CODE. IN RESPONSE TO THE
20 INCREASED PRICE GOUGING THAT WE'VE SEEN, AND WITH YOUR BOARD'S
21 SUPPORT, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS HAS
22 FORMED A PRICE GOUGING TASK FORCE WITH OUR COUNT IT COUNSEL,
23 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY. THE
24 ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS RECENTLY JOINED SOME OF THOSE
25 DISCUSSIONS, AS WELL. OUR DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN THE TASK FORCE

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1 IS AS AN INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY. SO MY INSPECTORS WILL EVALUATE
2 THE EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF A PRICE GOUGING CASE AND HAND OVER
3 THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT AND ACCOMPANYING EVIDENCE TO A
4 PROSECUTING AGENCY FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING AND PROSECUTION.
5 AND TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S QUESTION, WE ALSO INTAKE COMPLAINTS
6 REGARDING CONSUMER FRAUD GENERALLY. WE'LL ALSO INTAKE
7 COMPLAINTS REGARDING FRAUD SPECIFIC TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
8 WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS ABOUT PRODUCTS LIKE YOU
9 MENTIONED THAT ARE DESIGNED TO EITHER CURE CORONAVIRUS
10 INFECTION OR PROTECT YOU FROM IT. AN A LOT OF THESE ARE SCAMS.
11 A LOT OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY LEAD INTO A PHISHING CAMPAIGN OF
12 SOME KIND THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN VIA EMAIL OR VIA TEXT MESSAGE.
13 FOR THOSE THAT PRESENT TO US WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION, WE
14 ARE INTAKING THOSE AS CASES. WE WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE
15 PROSECUTING AGENCIES, PRINCIPALLY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
16 OFFICE, ON ISSUES OF FRAUD. I KNOW THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
17 IS VERY ENGAGED ON THOSE ISSUES, AS WELL. TO DATE, I WILL JUST
18 SAY WE RECEIVED, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, WELL OVER
19 1,000 INQUIRIES, ABOUT 200 PLUS OF THOSE HAVE BECOME PRICE
20 GOUGING CASES THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING, AND A
21 SMALLER AMOUNT OF THOSE HAVE BECOME CASES OF FRAUD THAT WE ARE
22 LOOKING INTO, AS WELL. WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WE ARE
23 FACING CERTAIN UNIQUE CHALLENGES. THE PRODUCTS, FOR EXAMPLE ON
24 PRICE GOUGING, THE PRODUCTS ARE SELLING SO QUICKLY, IT'S
25 DIFFICULT FOR MY INSPECTORS TO VERIFY THE COMPLAINTS BEFORE

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1 ALL OF THE PRODUCTS ARE GONE AND OFF THE SHELVES. THE VOLUME
2 OF COMPLAINTS IS ALSO PRESENTING CHALLENGES AS WE WORK TO
3 TRIAGE INCOMING INFORMATION FOR THE MOST CREDIBLE VIOLATIONS.
4 WE'VE DONE SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T DONE IN THE PAST, WHICH IS
5 EXPAND COMPLAINT INTAKE TO SOCIAL MEDIA BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE NOT
6 ABLE TO COME INTO THE OFFICE AND REPORT THESE THINGS DIRECTLY.
7 SO WE'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF VOLUME FROM SOCIAL MEDIA THAT WE ARE
8 WORKING THROUGH. WE'RE LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN DIGITAL
9 TOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR INVESTIGATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE
10 WORKING RIGHT NOW WITH A COMPANY CALLED 3D.I. THAT IS HELPING
11 STAND UP OUR RENT REGISTRY, TO ALSO DEVELOP A WEB-BASED
12 SOLUTION TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR RESIDENTS TO REPORT PRICE
13 GOUGING INCLUDING UPLOADING PHOTOS AND ACCOMPANYING GEOCODING
14 ETC. BUT THAT'S JUST ONE TOOL. AND AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS MENTIONED, PERHAPS THE MOST CRITICAL TOOL RIGHT NOW FOR
16 MY DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN AND PRESERVE EVIDENCE WHILE THE COVID-
17 19 CRISIS LEVELS ARE SUSTAINED WILL BE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE
18 ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS. I DO BELIEVE THE AMENDED MOTION AS
19 PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL COVER THOSE CASES OF
20 FRAUD THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS CONCERNED ABOUT, WILL GIVE US
21 THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS WHERE NECESSARY IN THOSE
22 CASES, AS WELL. AND IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD, WE'LL CERTAINLY
23 WORK CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND OUR PARTNER PROSECUTING
24 AGENCIES TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS IN PRIORITY CASES. WE WANT TO
25 DETER CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND STOP THOSE WHO ARE

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1 SEEKING TO PROFIT OFF ALL OF US WHO ARE ALREADY ANXIOUS AND
2 STRESSED DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. SO WITH THAT, I JUST WANT
3 TO THANK THE BOARD AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CONSIDERATION
4 OF THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES AND CERTAINLY AFFIRM MY COMMITMENT
5 TO A FAIR AND VIBRANT MARKETPLACE IN L.A. COUNTY. I JUST WANT
6 TO GIVE YOU A PHONE NUMBER AND A WEBSITE FOR THE PUBLIC WHO
7 MIGHT BE LISTENING. IF YOU HAVE A PRICE GOUGING COMPLAINT OR
8 COMPLAINT OF FRAUD RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS OR GENERALLY, OR IF
9 YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN CALL MY DEPARTMENT AT 800-
10 593-8222 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JOE. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY, I
13 MEAN IT'S AMAZING, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
14 HOW MANY SOLICITATIONS OUR OFFICES RECEIVE FROM PEOPLE TELLING
15 US THAT THEY CAN SELL US RESPIRATORS, MASKS, AND ALL THIS. AND
16 I'M GRATEFUL TO KEVIN MCGOWAN AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
17 MANAGEMENT WHO HAVE FULLY VETTED ALL THESE, BUT IF WE'RE
18 GETTING THEM, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST OUT
19 THERE DESPERATE TO FIND SOMETHING ARE GETTING HIT WITH. SO I
20 COMPLETELY WHOLEHEARTEDLY NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE ISSUES RELATED
21 TO PRICE GOUGING BUT ALSO AS IT RELATES TO THOSE WHO ARE
22 FRAUDULENTLY MISREPRESENTING BOTH CURES AS WELL AS PRODUCTS
23 DURING THIS CRISIS.

24

25 **JOE NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, MAY I ADD SOMETHING TO THAT?

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE.

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4 **JOE NICCHITTA:** AGAIN, THIS IS JOE NICCHITTA. I JUST WANT TO
5 SAY, WE DID PUSH OUT INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENTAL
6 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTIES ALERTING THEM TO THE FACT THAT THEY
7 MAY ACTUALLY BE RECEIVING BIDS ON THEIR PURCHASE ORDERS THAT
8 CONSTITUTE PRICE GOUGING. THEY MAY BE RECEIVING FRAUDULENT
9 SOLICITATIONS. AND WE ASK THEM TO REFER ALL OF THOSE ISSUES TO
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WE WILL
11 FOLLOW UP ON THOSE AND WILL CERTAINLY INVESTIGATE THEM WITH
12 COUNTY COUNSEL.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
15 YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING REMARKS?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M INSTRUCTED THAT THE
18 SPECIFICS OF THE MOTION BE READ FOR THE RECORD. WITH YOUR
19 PERMISSION, I'LL PROCEED.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PERMISSION GRANTED, YES.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS FIRST INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND COUNTY

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1 COUNSEL TO REVIEW EXISTING PRICE GOUGING PROTECTIONS FOR
2 COUNTY CONSUMERS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 WITH RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDED CHANGES
4 TO THE EXISTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCES WITHIN 30 DAYS,
5 SECONDLY, DELEGATE ITS AUTHORITY, ITS POWER AND AUTHORITY, TO
6 SUBPOENA, ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO ORDER AND CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS OF
7 PERSONS AS WITNESSES UNDER GOVERNMENT SECTION CODE TO THE
8 DIRECTOR OF D.C.B.A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING AND
9 SUPPORTING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO PROTECT COUNTY RESIDENTS
10 FROM PRICE GOUGING AND SCAMS RELATED TO COVID-19 FOR AS LONG
11 AS THE COUNTY'S DECLARED LOCAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO
12 COVID-19 CONTINUES. AND THEN, FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, THE
13 PROTECTIONS IN COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 8.09 PROHIBITING PRICE
14 GOUGING IN TIME OF EMERGENCY ARE HEREBY EXTENDED AND WILL
15 CONTINUE IN 30 DAYS, 30-DAY PERIODS, SO LONG AS THE
16 DECLARATION OF LOCAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE BOARD
17 REMAINS IN EFFECT. THE BOARD FINDS THAT THIS EXTENSION IS
18 NECESSARY BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS FOR PRICE GOUGING ARE
19 CONTINUING AND HAVE BEEN INCREASING, AND SUCH AN EXTENSION
20 WILL PROTECT THE LIVES, THE PROPERTY, AND THE WELL-BEING OF
21 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MADAM CHAIR, I THANK
22 YOU.

23

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** JUST BRIEFLY. I WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. OBVIOUSLY,
4 THIS HAS HIT MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY IN A VERY DEVASTATING WAY,
5 PARTICULARLY IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES BECAUSE YOU HAVE A LOT OF
6 CONSUMER FRAUD ALREADY OCCURRING. AND I KNOW, WHILE THIS MAY
7 NOT BE EXPLICITLY STATED IN THE MOTION, I'M ASSUMING THAT OUR
8 RECENT TAX REFUNDS THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF
9 COVID-19 FEDERALLY AND STATEWIDE THAT THOSE WILL ALSO BE
10 FACTORED INTO THIS MOTION. AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE
11 EFFORTS OF JOE NICCHITTA'S OPERATION AND THE STAFF AND FOLKS
12 THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING SO DILIGENTLY IN PUSHING THIS
13 INFORMATION OUT TO OUR LARGE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. I REALLY
14 APPRECIATE WHAT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS HAS BEEN DOING
15 TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY'S PROTECTED AND WELL AWARE OF
16 OUR CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE FRAUD AND PRICE GOUGING. SO THANK
17 YOU BOTH FOR THAT. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AS AMENDED.

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SO WITH THAT, ITEM 25 IS BEFORE
20 US, AS AMENDED. SO IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF
22 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
23 ORDER. SO NOW WE ARE MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 61. IT WAS HELD
24 TO ALLOW SHERIFF VILLANUEVA TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. SHERIFF

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1 VILLANUEVA, THE HOST WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU CAN BEGIN YOUR
2 COMMENTS.

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4 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SPEAKER:** SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, YOU CAN NOW SPEAK.

7

8 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, BOARD, FOR THIS
9 OPPORTUNITY. AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THE MATTER IN A VERY
10 SYSTEMATIC WAY. I WANT TO START WITH USING YOUR OWN TALKING
11 POINTS. START WITH THE WOOLSEY REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN
12 REFERENCED AGAIN AND AGAIN AS SOMEHOW THE REASON OR THE REASON
13 WHY THE ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE AMENDED. SO WOOLSEY FIRE AFTER
14 ACTION REPORT STATES IN PART, "RESET THE OPERATION OF THE
15 COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO BECOME THE CENTER
17 COORDINATION AND SUPPORT HUB FOR ALL COUNTY AGENCIES IN THE
18 COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA BY ACTIVATING AND MANAGING THE COUNTY
19 E.O.C." THIS APPEARS ON PAGE 9, 898, AND PAGE 107 OF THE
20 REPORT. NOTICE HOW THIS IS THE ONLY RECOMMENDATION OR FINDING
21 THAT REFERENCES COUNTY-LEVEL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND IT
22 MERELY SUGGESTS A NEED FOR A BETTER COORDINATION OF EFFORTS
23 ACROSS ALL LEVELS. IT MAKES NO RECOMMENDATION TO GUT THE
24 EMERGENCY SERVICES CODE OR THE ROLES OF THE LEADERSHIP
25 POSITIONS, MERELY HOW THEY WORK TOGETHER. THIS RADICAL GUTTING

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1 OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES CODE IN LIGHT OF THE WORLDWIDE
2 PANDEMIC IS IRRESPONSIBLE, A BRAZEN ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE
3 POWER WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME
4 INSULATING YOU FROM ANY NEGATIVE FALLOUT THAT ARISES OUT OF
5 THE POOR LEVEL OF PREPARATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE.
6 THE PATTERN IS VERY CLEAR. WHEN IN TROUBLE, YOU WILL BUILD
7 MORE BUREAUCRACY OR PERSONNEL BEHOLDEN TO YOU AND MORE LAYERS
8 OF GOVERNMENT BETWEEN YOUR PERFORMANCE AND THE PROBLEM. LOOK
9 NO FURTHER THAN THE D.C.F.S. WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILD
10 PROTECTION, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OR THE PROBATION
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND NOW THE EXPANDED EMERGENCY
12 MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE PRESENT CRISIS. NOW LET'S GET TO
13 THE PRACTICAL. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
14 BUREAU HAS 116 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED, ALL TRAINED TO A MINIMAL
15 LEVEL OF I.C.S.400, DEPLOYABLE 24/7 IN THREE SEPARATE C.E.O. C
16 TEAMS OF 25, COMPLEMENTED BY THREE SEPARATE INCIDENT
17 MANAGEMENT TEAMS AVAILABLE TO SUSTAIN ANY OPERATIONS COUNTY-
18 WIDE, EVEN WITH HEAVY PERSONNEL LOSSES. THE DEPARTMENT'S 24/7
19 OPERATIONS REQUIRE THIS LEVEL OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
20 CAPACITY, WHEREAS THE MINIMALLY STAFFED O.E.M. SURVIVES ON
21 BANKERS HOURS AND CANNOT SUSTAIN EITHER 24/7 OPERATION OR
22 SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES. YOU ARE NOW PROPOSING TO CREATE A
23 REDUNDANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAPACITY FORCING THE TAXPAYER
24 TO FUND THIS BOONDOGGLE THAT ONLY CLOUDS THE LINES OF
25 COMMUNICATIONS, BLURS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ADDS AN UNNEEDED

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1 LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY TO LIFE AND DEATH MATTERS. YOU FAIL TO
2 ANSWER TWO SIMPLE QUESTIONS, WHY THE NEED TO CHANGE THE ENTIRE
3 LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. GIVEN THE FACT
4 WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRISIS NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE,
5 WHY THE URGENCY? YOU'RE WELL DOCUMENTED OPPOSITION TO BOTH MY
6 CANDIDACY FOR SHERIFF AND MY ENTIRE TENURE IN OFFICE AS
7 SHERIFF IS WORTH NOTING AS IT CASTS DOUBT ON ANY DECISION YOU
8 MAKE THAT IMPACTS MY OFFICE OR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NOW GOING TO THE SECOND POINT THAT
10 SOMEHOW I KNEW THIS SINCE NOVEMBER, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MY
11 ENTIRE COMMAND STAFF, AND NO ONE IS AWARE OF ANY MEASURE TAKEN
12 AT ANY POINT THAT GUTS THE ENTIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT OR
13 ELIMINATES THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS,
14 ELIMINATES THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY OPERATIONS,
15 WHICH IS THE CURRENT ROLE THAT THE C.E.O. IS SUPPOSED TO DO,
16 AND TOTALLY REDUCES THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE
17 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND THE AUTHORITIES TO INITIATE
18 ANY ACTIVITY. THESE ARE ALL LEADERSHIP ROLES. NONE OF THAT
19 INFORMATION WAS EVER ADDRESSED EITHER IN NOVEMBER, IN
20 FEBRUARY, MARCH 17TH, AND NOW IN MARCH 31ST. IN FACT, IT
21 CHANGED EVEN FROM MARCH 17TH TO MARCH 31ST. AND WE ACTUALLY
22 DUG THROUGH OUR ARCHIVES. WE EVEN GOT AN EMAIL FROM OCTOBER
23 1ST OF 2018 FROM ABOUT WARREN ASMUS, AND THIS IS THE PREVIOUS
24 ADMINISTRATION. AND THEY INDICATE THEY HAVE NOT DISCUSSED OR
25 AGREED TO ANY CHANGE TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICE ACT. SO THE

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1 QUESTION ABOUT WE KNEW SINCE NOVEMBER IS FACTUALLY FALSE. NOW,
2 THE LAST ITEM THAT I WANT TO DISCUSS, AND THIS IS ABOUT THE
3 CONDUCT, I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU MADE A
4 REFERENCE THAT SOMEHOW MY CONDUCT IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS HAS
5 CONFIRMED YOUR BELIEF THAT YOU ARE TAKING THE RIGHT COURSE OF
6 ACTION. WELL, THE ONLY THING I'VE DONE IS SPOKEN OUT VERY
7 VOCIFEROUSLY AND VERY RESPECTFULLY ON THE BEHALF OF PUBLIC
8 SAFETY, ON MAKING SURE WE FOLLOW THE NATIONAL INCIDENT
9 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. WE USE A STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
10 SYSTEM ISSUED -- DONE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT THE
11 FEDERAL LEVEL. WE USE THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM THE WAY IT
12 IS DESIGNED, WHICH IS A UNIFIED MAN. THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S A
13 GROUP THINK EXERCISE. LET ME GIVE YOU FOUR OF THE
14 CHARACTERISTICS OF GROUP THINK SYMPTOMS. THIS IS DR. IRVIN
15 JANIS. SELF-CENSORSHIP OF IDEAS THAT DEVIATE FROM THE PARENT
16 GROUP'S CONSENSUS, ILLUSIONS OF UNANIMITY AMONG GROUP MEMBERS
17 SINCE SILENCE IS VIEWED AS AGREEMENT, DIRECT PRESSURE TO
18 CONFORM PLACED ON ANY MEMBER WHO QUESTIONS THE GROUP COUCHED
19 IN TERMS OF DISLOYALTY, MIND GUARD, SELF-APPOINTED MEMBERS WHO
20 SHIELD THE GROUP FROM DISSENTING INFORMATION. WHEN WE'RE
21 DEALING WITH LIFE AND DEATH QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS OF WHAT WE
22 DO AND HOW WE DO IT, THE LAST THING YOU WANT IN THE WORLD IS
23 TO HAVE VOICES THAT HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW SILENCED.
24 AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE HERE. IT
25 DOES NOT ADVANCE THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST. IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE

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1 ANYBODY ANY HEALTHIER. IT'S NOT GOING ADD MORE VENTILATORS.
2 IT'S NOT GOING END MORE MASKS OUT THERE TO FIRST RESPONDERS.
3 IT DEFINITELY DOES NOT IMPROVE FUNCTIONS. AND IF ANYONE
4 SOMEHOW WAS OFFENDED BY HOW I ARGUED IN OUR UNIFIED
5 COORDINATION GROUP, WELL MY APOLOGIES, BUT I'M DEAD SERIOUS.
6 WHEN IT COMES TO LIFE AND DEATH MATTERS, I DON'T TAKE IT
7 LIGHTLY, AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN EVERYONE IS BOWING DOWN OR
8 KISSING A RING OR SO AFRAID TO SOMEHOW OFFEND THE ELECTED
9 OFFICIALS. THAT'S WHY I'M THE CHECK AND BALANCE TO THIS
10 SYSTEM. I'M THE VOICE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ALL
11 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. AND SOMEONE HAS TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
12 THEM. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IF YOU CONTROL THE ENTIRE
13 APPARATUS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THAT IS NOT THE WAY IT'S
14 INTENDED IF WE LOSE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES, SEPARATION OF
15 POWER, AND THE ABILITY TO HAVE THAT UNIFIED VOICE THAT'S AN
16 ACHIEVED BY A VERY HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS DEBATE. SO THERE'S A
17 TIME AND A PLACE WHERE WE CAN TAKE THIS ON. THIS IS AFTER THE
18 PANDEMIC, AND WE ALL LEARN TO PLAY NICE IN THE SANDBOX
19 TOGETHER. AND THEN WE CAN HAVE THAT DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC
20 AND DECIDE WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT NOW IS NOT
21 THE TIME NOR THE PLACE TO ENTERTAIN THIS MOTION. YOU HAVE A
22 LETTER BEFORE YOU THAT I SENT YESTERDAY, I SENT TO YOU AND THE
23 ATTORNEY GENERAL, REFERENCING OUR LEGAL CONCERNS. WE HAVE THE
24 PRACTICAL CONCERNS, AND WE HAVE THE LEGAL CONCERNS. AND I NEED
25 YOU TO ADDRESS THOSE. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF ME?

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
3 THAT PRESENTATION, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I
4 THINK -- I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO MAKE SOME
5 COMMENTS?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE
8 SHERIFF'S PRESENTATION AND ALSO THANK HIM FOR THE LOVELY LUNCH
9 WE HAD TOGETHER A MONTH OR SO AGO, BUT I DISAGREE WITH HIS
10 STATEMENTS IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, IF I MAY. FIRST OF ALL, THE
11 ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SHERIFF WAS EVER DESIGNATED AS THE
12 HEAD OF THE EMERGENCY CENTER, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE
13 ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A 5-0 VOTE
14 UNDER STATE LAW. AND THE RESEARCH DONE BY COUNTY COUNSEL
15 INDICATES THAT THIS MOTION WAS NEVER BROUGHT BY THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS ALL THE WAY BACK. SO TO SAY THAT THE STATEMENT BY
17 THE SHERIFF THAT WE'RE CHANGING WHAT WE'RE DOING IS NOT
18 EXACTLY ACCURATE. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT EVERY SHERIFF HAS
19 ASSUMED, PERHAPS, THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HISTORICALLY, THAT THEY
20 WILL BE IN CHARGE IN AN EMERGENCY. IN MY EXPERIENCE, THAT HAS
21 NOT BEEN THE CASE WITH ANY OF THE THREE SHERIFFS THAT I HAVE
22 BEEN AWARE OF OVER TIME, DEPENDING UPON THE EMERGENCY. LET ME
23 TAKE THE WOOLSEY FIRE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH STARTED IN NOVEMBER
24 OF 2018. SO I'M NOT SURE WHY THE SHERIFF REFERRED TO NOTHING
25 HAVING BEEN DONE IN OCTOBER OF 2018. THAT WAS BEFORE THE FIRE.

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1 FOLLOWING THE FIRE AND THE LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN AND
2 AMONG MANY OF THE UNITS THAT WERE DEALING WITH THE FIRE DURING
3 THE FIRE, DURING THE EVACUATION, AFTER THE EVACUATIONS, AND
4 THEN WHAT THEY CALL REPOPULATION, WHICH WAS MOVING EVERYBODY
5 BACK IN, IT INVOLVED MANY DEPARTMENTS. AND THE SHERIFF DID NOT
6 THE COORDINATE ANY OF THAT. SO IF HE THOUGHT THAT HE WAS IN
7 CHARGE OF DOING THAT OVER 2019 WHEN THIS WAS GOING ON,
8 HONESTLY, I DIDN'T SEE IT. WHAT WE DID DO WAS TO CONVENE A
9 VERY LARGE TASK FORCE IN WHICH THE SHERIFF PARTICIPATED, ALONG
10 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WITH STATE ENTITIES, WITH FEDERAL
11 ENTITIES, WITH RESIDENTS, AND WITH ALL OF THE CITIES PLUS
12 VENTURA COUNTY, THEIR SHERIFF, THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND
13 THEIR SUPERVISOR, LINDA PARKS, TO COME UP WITH A REPORT BY THE
14 END OF 2019 ABOUT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER IN TERMS OF
15 HOW THE WOOLSEY FIRE, WHICH WAS THE BIGGEST FIRE IN L.A
16 COUNTY, COULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED BETTER. ONE OF THE MAIN
17 RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
18 MANAGEMENT TO RUN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. THIS WAS
19 BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, NOT JUST LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT, THAT HAD TO WORK BETTER TOGETHER. THIS WAS TO
21 COME TO THE BOARD IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. AND THE TASK
22 FORCE ASKED FOR AN EXTRA MONTH TO FINISH THEIR REPORT, NOT
23 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT THEIR REPORT, AND THAT'S WHY IT
24 WAS ON THE MARCH 17TH AGENDA. SO I WOULD RESPECTFULLY INDICATE
25 TO THE SHERIFF THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT HIM. IT'S NOT ABOUT HIS

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1 CANDIDACY HAVING BEEN OPPOSED. IT'S NOT ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE.
2 IT'S JUST NOT ABOUT HIM. IT'S REALLY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE
3 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO LET ME SAY THAT, THOUGH
4 THE SHERIFF FEELS HE IS THE ONLY ONE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
5 COUNTY RESIDENTS, HE WAS NOT REALLY ELECTED TO REPRESENT
6 COUNTY RESIDENTS, THE FIVE OF US WERE. AND WE TAKE THAT VERY
7 SERIOUSLY. SO THIS RECOMMENDATION TODAY WOULD BRING TO COUNTY
8 OF LOS ANGELES INTO ALIGNMENT WITH WHAT HAVE NATIONALLY BEEN
9 EXPRESSED AS BEST PRACTICES IN TERMS OF [INAUDIBLE]
10 OPERATIONS. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNTIES HAVE
11 DESIGNATED EITHER THEIR C.E.O. OR A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF
12 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO DO THIS, NOT THE SHERIFF. THAT IS OVER
13 TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNTIES IN THE CALIFORNIA. SO WE ARE NOT
14 REALLY, QUOTE, CHANGING, CLOSED QUOTE, THE LEADERSHIP
15 STRUCTURE BECAUSE THE SHERIFF WAS NEVER UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN BY
16 THE BOARD TO DO THIS. RATHER, PEOPLE HAVE STEPPED IN. AND
17 CERTAINLY IN THIS EMERGENCY, IT WOULD BE TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE
18 FOR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO BE TOTALLY IN CHARGE OF
19 ANYTHING BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT. LET ME INDICATE WHY. MOST OF
20 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THIS EMERGENCY RELATES TO THE HEALTH
21 EMERGENCY. SO WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
23 HEALTH. WE ALSO HAVE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND ALL OF THE
24 DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THAT NEED TO BE
25 COORDINATED WITH A RESPONSE TO THIS PANDEMIC. FOR THE SHERIFF

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1 TO SAY THAT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS KEEPING,
2 QUOTE, BANKERS' HOURS, CLOSED QUOTE, I BELIEVE PERHAPS HE
3 HASN'T BEEN TALKING TO KEVIN MCGOWAN AND THE REST OF THE
4 PEOPLE AT O.E.M. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AS I HAVE BECAUSE
5 THEY'RE NOT KEEPING BANKERS' HOURS. THEY'RE KEEPING NON-
6 SLEEPERS' HOURS. AND I THINK THEY'VE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB
7 ALONG WITH OUR C.E.O. SO I WOULD SAY THAT THIS IS THE
8 APPROPRIATE AND 21ST CENTURY RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES. AND THE
9 SHERIFF WILL MAINTAIN COMPLETE CONTROL OVER LAW ENFORCEMENT AS
10 HE HAS IN THE PAST, ALTHOUGH I WOULD ASK THAT HE PERHAPS TAKE
11 A LOOK EVEN AT HIS OWN OPERATION IN THE JAIL TO SEE IF THERE'S
12 A WAY TO PROVIDE GREATER PROTECTIONS TO HIS OWN FOLKS AND THE
13 INMATES BY PERHAPS HELPING US WITH A FEW MORE WAYS OF MOVING
14 PEOPLE OUT OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS. HIS QUOTES ABOUT THE UNIFIED
15 COMMAND DID NOT REALLY MAKE MUCH SENSE TO ME, BUT HE DID
16 MAINTAIN THAT HE REDUCES THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I
17 WOULD INDICATE, MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY, THAT IS NOT THE CASE.
18 SO LET ME EMPHASIZE, THEN, THE MAIN POINTS. THIS IS NOT A
19 CHANGE BECAUSE THE SHERIFF WAS NEVER DESIGNATED BY ANY BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY BY A 5-VOTE
21 ADOPTION AS IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. SECONDLY, THIS IS UP TO
22 US TO FIGURE OUT IN EVERY EMERGENCY WHO CAN COORDINATE THE
23 BEST, AND GIVEN THE HEALTH ASPECTS, THE BUILDING ASPECTS, THE
24 HOUSING ASPECTS, THE HOMELESSNESS ASPECTS, THE D.C.B.A.
25 ASPECTS, ALL OF IT, THIS IS NOT CORRECT TO GO UNDER JUST LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT. WE THANK THE SHERIFF FOR HIS WORK IN COORDINATING
2 LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE WOOLSEY FIRE AND BEYOND, BUT I THINK
3 THIS IS CLEARLY, AND I HOPE EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND THIS, THE
4 BEST MOVE FOR US IN THIS PANDEMIC. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT TO
10 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER COMMENTS AND ALSO WANT TO THANK
11 THE SHERIFF FOR HIS SUBMITTAL OF HIS LETTER THAT I'M LOOKING
12 AT NOW AND UNDERSTAND THE ROLE THAT HE PLAYS IN TERMS OF
13 HELPING US WITH DIRECTING HOW WE FOCUS ON THE EMERGENCY NEEDS
14 OF OUR RESIDENTS, ALL 10 MILLION OF THEM, AND HOW WE ARE
15 CONVERGING IN A PROCESS THAT I REALLY BELIEVE, AS SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL SAID, REALLY BRINGS US UP TO THE 21ST CENTURY. AND I'VE
17 BEEN A PARTNER NOW WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER NOW FOR I GUESS THE
18 LAST MONTH OR SO ON THESE MEETINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED. AND I
19 KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN A PART
20 OF THAT. I THINK IT'S A VERY BROAD DISCUSSION. AND WE HEAR
21 DIFFERING VOICES, AS WAS STATED BY THE SHERIFF, BUT THEY'RE
22 ALSO WORK-RELATED, AND IT ISN'T JUST A FOCUS OF LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT. IT DOES DEAL WITH HOW WE'RE ADDRESSING
24 HOMELESSNESS, HOW WE TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S APPROPRIATE
25 SHELTERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS

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1 ANGELES, MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE ASSISTING IN ANY WAY TO GET
2 THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US. AND
3 THAT HAS HAPPENED. ALL THESE RELATIONSHIPS, I BELIEVE, CREATE
4 THIS APPROACH THAT REALLY BRINGS THE BEST TALENTS TOGETHER.
5 AND IT FORCES US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN EMBARK ON
6 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE GOING TO HELP THE PUBLIC. THAT'S FIRST
7 AND FOREMOST, THE PUBLIC SAFETY. AND WHILE WE ARE
8 UNDERSTANDING WHAT THIS PANDEMIC IS, THERE'S STILL MORE THAT
9 WE DON'T KNOW, BUT I WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO ALL OF THOSE
10 INDIVIDUALS THAT EVERY MORNING AT 8:30, WHETHER IT'S A
11 SATURDAY OR A SUNDAY OR WHAT HAVE YOU, WE CONTINUE TO TALK. WE
12 CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THESE IDEAS. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S
13 A COMMITMENT AND A PASSION. I SEE IT ON DISPLAY EVERY DAY WHEN
14 I SEE OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND WHEN I SEE OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS
15 THAT ARE OUT THERE PUSHING AHEAD WITH A GOOD MIND AND
16 SENSITIVITY THAT FIRST AND FOREMOST WE HAVE TO FIRST TAKE CARE
17 OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR RESIDENTS. AND THIS IS ABOUT MENTAL
18 HEALTH. IT'S ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. IT'S ABOUT PROVIDING
19 PROTECTIONS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, MAKING
20 SURE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY STANDS UP TO WHAT WE NO IS OUR
21 VERY BEST. SO I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOVING FORWARD. I
22 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF. I WANT TO SEE THAT WE DO
23 MORE WITH RESPECT TO OUR H.O.S.T. TEAMS, OUR M.E.T. TEAMS
24 BECAUSE NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. SO WITH

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1 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. THANK
2 YOU.

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

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO, FIRST OF
8 ALL, THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOUR COMMENTS WERE EXTREMELY
9 ARTICULATE, AND YOU DID SUCH A GOOD JOB OF EXPLAINING THE
10 REASON THAT WE'RE DOING THIS. AND, YOU KNOW, TO ME, I JUST
11 WANT TO SAY I THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT ANYONE WOULD TRY TO
12 PORTRAY THIS IN ANY WAY THAT KIND OF TALKS ABOUT A FEUD
13 BETWEEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR SHERIFF. I CERTAINLY
14 DON'T FEEL THAT WAY. AND I'VE WANTED TO SAY THAT PUBLICLY TO
15 THE SHERIFF, THAT, YOU KNOW, NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYBODY'S
16 ELECTIONS. I RESPECT YOU. AS YOU KNOW, I'VE WORKED WITH YOU ON
17 A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN MY DISTRICT. YOUR DEPUTIES ARE THE
18 MOST RESPECTED MEN AND WOMEN I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT. I HEAR ALL
19 THE TIME. THE ONLY COMPLAINT I EVER HEAR ABOUT THE SHERIFFS IS
20 THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OF THEM. SO MY DISTRICT LOVES OUR SHERIFF'S
21 DEPUTIES. WE APPRECIATE THE MEN AND WOMEN AND THE DEPARTMENT
22 AND ALL THAT THEY DO. AND SO, FOR ME, THIS IS NOTHING EVEN
23 CLOSE TO HAVING TO DO WITH A SO-CALLED DISPUTE OR A FEUD
24 BETWEEN US. BUT I DO BELIEVE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THIS NEW
25 MODEL MAKES MUCH MORE SENSE. BUT, YOU KNOW, AND, AGAIN, I JUST

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1 WANT TO REITERATE THAT I APPRECIATE THE SHERIFF, AND I
2 APPRECIATE YOUR DEPUTIES. I KNOW I'VE ASKED FOR HELP RECENTLY
3 AS IT RELATES TO OUR BEACHES AND OUR TRYING TO HELP SOME OF
4 THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS WHO FEEL OVERWHELMED WITH SOME --
5 WITH ENFORCING SOME OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS THAT WE ISSUE
6 EVERY DAY. SO I APPRECIATE YOU. AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO STEP UP EVEN MORE AS WE MOVE FORWARD,
8 AS POSSIBLY WE MAKE STRICTER REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS ON
9 THE PUBLIC. ALL WE'RE DOING NIGHT AND DAY AND DAY AND NIGHT IS
10 TRYING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS. AND TO BE HONEST WITH
11 YOU, I FEEL GUILTY WHEN I FINALLY DON'T ANSWER MY PHONE
12 ANYMORE AROUND 10 P.M. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE SINCE
13 BEFORE DAWN UNTIL LATE AT NIGHT. AND I KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE IN
14 THE COUNTY ARE DOING THE SAME THING. MY ONLY QUESTION WOULD BE
15 PROBABLY TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL. I JUST WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY
16 REFERENCE WHAT THE SHERIFF SENT US IN HIS LETTER ABOUT THE
17 CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 26620 THAT APPARENTLY WE HAVE
18 ADOPTED AND THAT THIS AMENDMENT, OR THIS REORGANIZATION, WHAT
19 WE'RE DOING TODAY DOES NOT REPEAL THAT, AND SO TO HAVE BOTH OF
20 THEM IN PLACE IS A BIT OF A CONFLICT. AND THE OTHER QUESTION I
21 BELIEVE I HEARD THERE WAS A CONCERN WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD
22 ACTUALLY DO THIS TODAY. IS THERE A BROWN ACT VIOLATION IN US
23 TAKING THIS ORDER TODAY BECAUSE WE'RE MEETING REMOTELY. JUST
24 THOSE TWO QUESTIONS.

25

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1 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS MARY WICKHAM, COUNTY
2 COUNSEL. AND, SHERIFF, THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER THAT YOU SENT
3 TO US YESTERDAY. SO, SUPERVISOR, JUST INITIALLY AS TO THE
4 BROWN ACT ISSUE, THERE'S NO BROWN ACT ISSUE HERE. THIS HAS
5 BEEN APPROPRIATELY AGENDIZED, AND IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE
6 BOARD TO ACT TODAY ON THIS MOTION OR THIS ORDINANCE. AS TO THE
7 ISSUES RAISED BY THE SHERIFF IN HIS LETTER, AS SUPERVISOR
8 KUEHL NOTED, BASED ON OUR RESEARCH, OUR BOARD HAS NOT ACTED
9 HISTORICALLY OR TRIGGERED GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 26620
10 AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO HEAD UP THE EMERGENCY CONTROL
11 OPERATION. THAT ACT HAS NEVER HAPPENED. SO THIS WILL BE THE
12 FIRST TIME THIS BOARD IS ACTING. AND IT'S APPROPRIATE THE
13 BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SET UP ITS EMERGENCY OPERATION IN
14 THE MANNER IT DEEMS FIT. THAT'S SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE STATE
15 LAW AND COUNTY CODE. SO IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ACT
16 TODAY. EVEN IF THE BOARD HAD ACTED PREVIOUSLY, OUR RESEARCH
17 SUPPORTS THAT THE ACT TODAY BY THE BOARD IS STILL APPROPRIATE
18 TO REPEAL ANY PRIOR ACT THE BOARD MAY HAVE TAKEN, BUT, AGAIN,
19 OUR RESEARCH SUPPORTED THAT HISTORICALLY THIS BOARD HAS NOT
20 ACTED TO PUT THE SHERIFF IN THE POSITION OF HEAD OF THE
21 DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS SERVICES.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I SEE THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS
24 SIGNED UP TO SAY ANYTHING. SO WITH THAT, AGAIN, I APPRECIATE
25 YOU SPEAKING, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. I APOLOGIZE IF YOU FEEL THIS

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1 IS PERSONAL. IT'S NOT ON MY PART. I GUESS, AS CHAIR, THIS
2 COMES WITH THE TERRITORY, AND I ACCEPT THAT, BUT IT HAS
3 NOTHING TO DO WITH VENDETTAS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO I'M
4 SORRY THAT YOU FEEL THAT WAY. SO WITH THAT, SEEING NO ONE ELSE
5 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, ITEM 61 IS BEFORE US FOR APPROVAL. IT'LL
6 BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
7 ADOPT THE URGENCY ORDINANCE. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
8 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE
9 GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 73, A HEARING TO VACATE A PORTION OF
10 VALLEY CANYON ROAD SET ASIDE A PORTION OF SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD
11 AND ACCEPT THE OFFER OF DEDICATION ON A PORTION OF YELLOWSTONE
12 LANE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE. OUR
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WOULD LIKE TO READ THAT IN?

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FIRST ITEM
16 BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 73. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
17 VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE VALLEY CANYON ROAD WEST OF
18 STONECREST ROAD, SET ASIDE A PORTION OF COUNTY OWNED PORTION
19 FOR RIDING, HIKING TRAILS, AND SEWER LIFT STATION PURPOSE ON
20 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEMS IN THE
21 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE. PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR
22 THIS ITEM, A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED BY
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FILED WITH THE RECORD. AND
24 WE RECEIVED 15 WRITTEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND CORRESPONDENCE
25 WAS RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SEEING THAT NO SUPERVISOR WANTS
3 TO SPEAK ON THIS. AND ALL THOSE LETTERS THAT HAVE BEEN
4 SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD,
5 CORRECT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT IS CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING NO SUPERVISOR WANTS TO MAKE
10 ANY REMARKS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
11 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM AT THIS TIME. ITEM 73 IS BEFORE
12 US. I WILL MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
14 WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW ON TO ITEM 74.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO THIS IS A HEARING ON THE WEED ABATEMENT
17 AND BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREE REPORT AND DESIGNATION IMPROVED
18 AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE IS NO
19 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO SUPERVISORS
22 THAT HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, IT WOULD BE
23 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM.
24 ITEM 74 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS

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1 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WITH ITEM A1, THESE ARE
2 ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
3 OR ACTION BY THE BOARD. ITEM A1 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
4 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE
8 TO READ IN A MOTION TODAY FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION. I'M
9 PLEASED THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS JOINING ME IN SO DOING.
10 YOU'LL KNOW ON MARCH THE 4TH GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM PROCLAIMED
11 A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19. AND AS WE KNOW,
12 THE ELDERLY AND THOSE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE
13 AMONG THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO THIS DISEASE, THIS
14 VIRUS. IN-HOME SUPPORT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDERS, WE CALL
15 THEM I.H.S.S., WE CALL THEM HOME CARE WORKERS, ARE LONG-TERM
16 CARE WORKERS SERVING ON THE FRONT LINES BY CARING FOR CLIENTS
17 WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR EXPERIENCING THE MOST ADVERSE EFFECTS
18 OF COVID-19. AND MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, SUCH CLIENTS
19 INCLUDE THOSE WHO AGAIN ARE ELDERLY AND THOSE WHO LIVE WITH
20 DISABILITIES AND A RANGE OF CHALLENGES THAT WEAKEN THEIR
21 IMMUNE SYSTEMS, CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE THAT WE
22 KNOW, HEART DISEASE AND DIABETES. THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. THEY DO
23 IT WELL. AND IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE WELL-BEING OF
24 THOSE PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR COMMUNITIES IN WHICH
25 THEY ARE PART, AND THE STATE AS A WHOLE, PARTICULARLY FROM A

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1 FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE. MANY I.H.S.S. WORKERS, THEY ARE
2 PROVIDERS WORKING IN NEAR ISOLATION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
3 MEDICALLY COMPROMISED. THEY DO IT FOR LOW WAGES, ALTHOUGH THE
4 BOARD HAS BEEN ON THE CASE OF TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR WAGES.
5 THEY HAVE LIMITS ON THEIR OVERTIME HOURS AND MINIMAL PAID SICK
6 LEAVE OR HEALTH BENEFITS. THESE THINGS WE KNOW. SO THIS
7 OUTBREAK IN THE LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY HAS PRETTY
8 CATASTROPHIC IMPLICATIONS OR CONSEQUENCES. AND IT'S IMPORTANT
9 THAT WE BE MINDFUL OF THAT AS THIS VIRUS THREATENS TO SPREAD.
10 WE TALK ABOUT A FLOODING OF PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITALS AND
11 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE VERY,
12 VERY SERIOUS. AND WE ARE ANTICIPATING AND PREPARING. WE'RE
13 DOING ALL THAT WE NEED TO DO. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS TO
14 IMPLEMENT THE I.H.S. PROGRAM THROUGH REGULATIONS THAT ARE
15 ESSENTIALLY ADVANCED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
16 SERVICES. NOW WHILE THE COUNTY, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR, AND WE
17 WANT TO SAY THIS WITH REGULARITY. THE COUNTY IS NOT THE
18 EMPLOYER FOR THESE PROVIDERS, I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS, THEIR SAFETY
19 AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF THE VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT THEY
20 SERVE, CARE FOR, IN OUR COUNTY IS OBVIOUSLY OF PARAMOUNT
21 CONCERN. AND THIS BOARD HAS ROUTINELY MADE THAT CLEAR. WE HAVE
22 LED IN THIS WAY. AND I'M PROUD OF THAT FACT. SO, MADAM CHAIR,
23 MAY I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

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1 COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE EMPLOYER OF RECORD, S.E.I.U. LOCAL 2015,
2 WHICH IS THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS AND THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING WITHIN
4 15 DAYS IF THIS IS WHAT THEY WOULD SPEAK TO. UNIQUE MEASURES
5 THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN TO SUPPORT I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS IN
6 PREPARATION FOR AND DURING COVID-19 CRISIS, INCLUDING BUT NOT
7 LIMITED TO THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BACKUP
8 ATTENDANT PROGRAM WHICH ENSURES THAT CLIENTS RECEIVE SERVICES
9 EVEN IF THEIR PROVIDERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. RECENT MEASURES THE
10 STATE HAS TAKEN TO SUPPORT I.H.S.S. WORKERS, WE WILL NEED
11 FEEDBACK ON THAT, AND FINALLY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ADVOCATING
12 FOR SPECIFIC STATE GUIDELINES BY I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS DURING THE
13 PERIOD OR THE DURATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF THE
14 STATE OF EMERGENCY WHILE IT IS IN EFFECT. I WOULD SO MOVE,
15 MADAM CHAIR.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID YOU WANT
18 TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, OR DO YOU HAVE SEPARATE ONES? I KNOW
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S GOING TO BRING IN SOMETHING, AS WELL.

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. YOU
22 KNOW, I THINK IT'S -- I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS. I KNOW IT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT WE
24 DID RAISE ON A CALL WITH THE GOVERNOR. AND HE INFORMED US THAT
25 HE IS WORKING WITH HIS STAFF TO TRY TO HELP REMEDY THESE

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1 CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED HERE BEFORE US. SO I HOPE
2 THAT AND KNOW THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR TO HELP PUSH
3 HIM ALONG IF NECESSARY. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO PUSH HIM
4 ALONG TOO MUCH, BUT I DO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF
5 PROTECTING THESE VITAL INDIVIDUALS IN OUR SYSTEM. IN FACT,
6 MANY OF US HAVE USED THEM FOR OUR OWN PERSONAL FAMILY
7 EMERGENCIES. AND I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO CONTINUE TO
8 SUPPORT THEM. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK, AND THANK
9 YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRINGING IT UP. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM CHAIR,
12 YOU SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT WE'VE MOVED IN CONSULTATION WITH
13 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND WILL CONTINUE DO SO.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I DON'T KNOW
16 IF YOU WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ONE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO
17 SPEAK ON THE I.H.S.S.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I HAD THE READ-IN ONE ABOUT RESTAURANTS AND
20 GROCERY STORES.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE'LL HOLD OFF ON THAT.
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO COMMENT ON I.H.S.S.?

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ONE OF THE
2 [INAUDIBLE] THIS [INAUDIBLE] RIDLEY-THOMAS [INAUDIBLE] ASKS
3 FOR AN ANALYSIS OF MEASURES TAKEN TO THE STATE. [INAUDIBLE]
4 EVERY HALF HOUR, BUT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE, [INAUDIBLE]
5 WHO PAY FOR I.H.S.S. WORKERS AND WOULD BE CURIOUS TO MAKE SURE
6 THAT ABOUT WE RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION THAT AS WELL. THANK YOU,
7 MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO ON I.H.S.S., SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION IN. I MEAN,
11 THERE'S NO QUESTION THERE. I THINK DURING THIS PANDEMIC YOU
12 REALIZE JUST HOW MUCH WE PROVIDE TO THE VULNERABLE POPULATION
13 BUT ALSO HOW MANY OF THE PEOPLE AT THE FRONTLINE ARE TRULY
14 HEROES AND HEROINES AS IT RELATES TO WHAT'S GOING ON. AND
15 I.H.S.S. WORKERS ARE DEFINITELY AT THE TOP OF THAT LIST. SO I
16 APPRECIATE THIS MOTION AND APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT WAS PUT
17 IN TO PUTTING IT TOGETHER. SO WITH THAT, YOU WANT TO ACT ON
18 THIS TODAY, CORRECT, SUPERVISOR THOMAS, UNDER A1?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S CORRECT, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE THE
23 ADVOCATING IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDERS DURING COVID-
24 19 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND KUEHL.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE
4 THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
5 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. YOU HAD ANOTHER ITEM. OR SUPERVISOR
6 HAHN? OR IS IT RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT CAN WAIT, MADAM CHAIR. I CAN WAIT.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'M SORRY. I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED
11 BECAUSE IT SAYS GROCERY STORE, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT SUPERVISOR HAHN MADE A COMMENT. IS IT TWO
13 SEPARATE MOTIONS?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I JUST HAD A READ-IN -- A COUPLE READ-INS.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WHY DON'T WE LET YOU FINISH, SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND THEN SACHI HAMAI WANTED TO WEIGH IN ON
19 SOMETHING.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** NO, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IT WAS JUST ON
22 I.H.S.S. AND OUR I.G.R. GROUP HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH
23 THE STATE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT SOMETIME THIS WEEK WE WILL HEAR
24 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON HOW HE PLANS TO ADDRESS IT. SO
25 WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S PART OF THE REPORT BACK.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GREAT. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WILL HAVE THE MIC.
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M PLEASED TO
7 RAISE THIS ISSUE IN TANDEM WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN WHO IS
8 COAUTHORING THIS WITH ME. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PROTECTION,
9 WORKER PROTECTION AND THE LIKE, IT HAS TO EXTEND TO THE RETAIL
10 GROCERY INDUSTRY, DRUG STORES, AND FOOD DELIVERY WORKERS, AS
11 WELL, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS CRISIS. HEALTH EMERGENCY,
12 RETAIL GROCERS, AND THE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT WE'RE CONFRONTED
13 WITH, WHILE THEY REMAIN OPEN, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE TO DO
14 WORK THAT WE RELY ON, WE CHARACTERIZE IT AS ESSENTIAL
15 SERVICES. WE'VE GOT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT THESE
16 WORKERS OR TO HELP PROTECT THEM. IN ADDITION, THE MOST
17 VULNERABLE OF COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE POPULATION OF 65
18 AND OLDER, HAVE TURNED TO FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORMS AS A RESULT
19 OF THE SAFER AT HOME MEASURES UNDER THE COUNTY'S ORDER. THIS
20 IS CRITICAL THAT WE MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS, BUT WE HAVE TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE DOING THE WORK, THEIR BASIC NEEDS
22 ARE MET SO THAT THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO AND DO IT
23 WELL. YOU'VE GOT TO GET BASIC THINGS AS GROCERIES, TOILETRIES,
24 ALL THESE ESSENTIAL ITEMS. SO THE FOOD AND GROCERY DELIVERERS
25 AND DRIVERS, THAT IS, AND SHOPPERS, ARE AN ESSENTIAL

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1 POPULATION OF WORKERS, NOT NECESSARILY EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY
2 THE GROCERY STORES BUT HIRED BY A THIRD-PARTY, FOOD DELIVERY
3 PLATFORMS AS THEY ARE CALLED. AND SO I THINK WE MUST PROVIDE,
4 TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES, TOOLS, AND
5 EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT THE WORKER AND THE PUBLIC THAT THEY ARE
6 SERVING. THEY'RE SHOWING UP FOR US, AND I THINK WE MUST SHOW
7 UP FOR THEM. AND I WANT TO ASSERT, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,
8 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. SO THE MOTION PROVIDES BASIC HEALTH
9 AND SAFETY STANDARDS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE HAND WASHING AND
10 SOCIAL DISTANCING INSIDE THE STORES. IT PROVIDES A PATH TO
11 PROTECT FOOD DELIVERY DRIVERS AS THEY PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL
12 SERVICE FOR THE SICK. IT IS NOT IRRELEVANT AS IT RELATES TO
13 THE I.H.S.S. MOTION THAT WE JUST ADOPTED, THOSE WHO ARE
14 ELDERLY, ETC., WHO ARE SHELTERING AT HOME. AND WITH THAT, THE
15 MOTION ESSENTIALLY SAYS THAT WE WANT TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL
16 TO PREPARE AN URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE AND/OR ORDER OR
17 REGULATION AS APPROPRIATE THAT CONSIDERS, A) PROVISIONS FOR
18 GROCERY RETAIL, DRUG RETAIL, AND FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORM
19 EMPLOYEES TO BE REQUIRED TO AND PERMITTED ADEQUATE TIME BY
20 THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYERS TO WASH THEIR HANDS AS NEEDED, TO
21 PROVIDE GLOVES, AND THOSE THINGS THAT EMPLOYERS WILL PROVIDE,
22 AT THEIR EXPENSE, ALL NECESSARY SANITARY TOOLS AND SUPPLIES
23 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HAND SANITIZER, DISINFECTING
24 CLEANING PRODUCTS, PROTECTIVE GEAR. ALL OF THIS STRIKES US AS
25 BEING IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE FOR GROCERY RETAIL AND DRUG RETAIL

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1 EMPLOYERS TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT STAFFING AND ALL NECESSARY
2 SANITARY TOOLS AS IS INDICATED IN THE MOTION, PROVISIONS FOR
3 GROCERY RETAIL AND DRUG RETAIL EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE
4 SECURITY TO IMPLEMENT ANY NECESSARY CROWD CONTROL AND SOCIAL
5 DISTANCING MEASURES. AGAIN, PROVISIONS FOR THE RETAIL AND DRUG
6 RETAIL EMPLOYERS TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS TO ESTABLISH
7 APPROPRIATE OPERATING HOURS TO SERVE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
8 AND ENSURE ADEQUATE TIME TO RESTOCK THOSE STORES,
9 ADDITIONALLY, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, PROVISIONS FOR
10 EMPLOYERS TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THIS
11 INTERIM ORDINANCE AND/OR ORDER OR REGULATION AS APPROPRIATE,
12 FINALLY, TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS TO
13 PROVIDE ACCESS TO CORONAVIRUS TESTING AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN
14 CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY'S HEALTH OFFICER AND THE
15 PROTOCOLS THAT ARE ATTACHED TO IT AND POTENTIAL MECHANISMS FOR
16 THE INDUSTRY TO SUPPORT EMPLOYEES SO THAT THEY MAY ADDRESS THE
17 ISSUES THAT THEY ARE HAVING IN TERMS OF THEIR FAMILY NEEDS,
18 ETC. MADAM CHAIR, THE BALANCE OF THE MOTION IS WELL-
19 ARTICULATED, DIRECTS COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND PRESENT AN
20 URGENCY ORDINANCE, AND THAT, FINALLY, INSTRUCTS THE DIRECTOR
21 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
22 WITHIN FIVE DAYS ON OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS TO RECEIVE
23 EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON PROPER FOOD HANDLING TO ENSURE THE
24 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, SEEING THAT NO ONE ELSE
2 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT, WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. MOVED
3 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE TWO
5 READ-IN MOTIONS? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. SO, THE FIRST ONE I HAVE IS SORT OF RELATED
8 TO THE GROCERY STORES AND PROTECTING DELIVERY OF FOOD. AND
9 IT'S COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF RESTAURANTS
10 WHO HAVE BEEN CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS BY OUR ORDER HAVE BEEN
11 TRYING TO SORT OF REINVENT THEMSELVES WITH TAKEOUT AND
12 CURBSIDE PICKUP. AND YET MANY OF THEM ARE STILL STRUGGLING. SO
13 IT'S COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE DECIDED JUST
14 TO BECOME GROCERY STORES. AND WE HEARD, OF COURSE, DR. FERRER
15 YESTERDAY DURING THE BRIEFING SAYING THAT THAT'S JUST NOT
16 APPROPRIATE RIGHT NOW. GROCERY STORES HAVE TO BE LICENSED. YOU
17 CAN'T JUST BECOME A GROCERY STORE BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN
18 COOKING FOOD. SO MY READ-IN SPEAKS TO THE STRUGGLES THAT SOME
19 OF THESE SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS ARE EXPERIENCING AND
20 THEIR NEED TO SORT OF REINVENT THEMSELVES AND FIGURE OUT A WAY
21 THAT THEY CAN ALSO BE PART OF THIS FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEM TO OUR
22 RESIDENTS WITHOUT VIOLATING THEIR CURRENT PERMITS WITH OUR
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL DISTANCING. SO I'M JUST
24 GOING TO READ THE I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO WRITE

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1 GUIDELINES FOR RESTAURANTS THAT ALLOW THEM TO SAFELY OFFER
2 ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DELIVERY LIKE WHOLE UNCUT PRODUCE WITHIN
3 THE CONFINES OF STATE LAW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND EXISTING
4 PERMITS AND IN COORDINATION WITH ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING AND
5 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES. I MEAN, I'D LIKE TO VOTE ON THIS
6 TODAY. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S APPROPRIATE. I JUST KNOW THAT
7 MANY OF THEM ARE GETTING SHUT DOWN BY OUR HEALTH INSPECTORS.
8 AND IT SEEMS TO BE A BIT OF A CRISIS RIGHT NOW. AND IF WE
9 COULD GET HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO START ISSUING SOME GUIDELINES
10 SO THAT THEY KNOW WHAT THEY CAN AND CAN'T DO, I THINK THAT
11 WOULD BE HELPFUL.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO
14 SPEAK, BUT LET ME JUST ASK A QUESTION. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IN
15 TALKING WITH DR. FERRER AND ALL, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
16 WE'RE NOT -- WE'VE GOT THE STAFFING AND ALL TO GET THAT DONE
17 AS IT RELATES TO WHAT YOU'RE REQUESTING. WHAT IS YOUR TURN-
18 AROUND ON THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU KNOW, FOR ME, IT'S AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I THINK
21 IT WAS A WEEK. I DON'T SEE THAT RIGHT NOW IN MY NOTES.

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23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T SEE IT.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK I WAS THINKING A WEEK BECAUSE, AGAIN, MANY
2 OF THEM HAVE JUST DECIDED TO BECOME GROCERY STORES. AND I
3 THINK THAT'S CREATING A PROBLEM. AND, YET, I THINK THERE'S
4 WAYS WE CAN COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE AND WORK WITH THEM AS
5 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I MEAN, I FEEL LIKE THE STAFF IS OUT
6 THERE CLOSING THEM DOWN. SO, I BELIEVE PUBLIC HEALTH IS READY
7 TO WORK ON THIS RIGHT NOW. AND THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT IT CAN
8 BE DONE WITHIN A WEEK.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN I DON'T
11 KNOW IF -- SUPERVISOR HAHN? I MEAN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN
12 IF BARBARA FERRER WANTS TO WEIGH IN ON THIS, BUT SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL?

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I STRONGLY
16 SUPPORT [INAUDIBLE] BECAUSE I KNOW OF [INAUDIBLE] RESTAURANTS
17 [INAUDIBLE] --

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE GOING IN AND
20 OUT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I CAN'T HEAR HER.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** TRY IT AGAIN.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** LET'S SEE IF I CAN -- AM I CLEAR?

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE. THAT'S IT. STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU
4 ARE.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [INAUDIBLE]

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'RE NOT HEARING YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I WILL KEEP TRYING TO TALK.
11 GOOD?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** ARE YOU HEARING ME, KATHRYN?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW, JUST PUT THE PHONE -- YES, PERFECT.
18 SPEAK INTO THAT PHONE. YES.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. YES, I WAS SAYING I KNOW OF A COUPLE OF
21 RESTAURANTS NOT IN MY CITY THAT ARE CONTINUING, OF COURSE, TO
22 GET DELIVERIES TO BE PREPARED TO COOK FOOD AND DO THEIR
23 DELIVERIES AND TAKEOUT. IN MANY CASES, THEY WANT TO KEEP UP
24 THE DELIVERIES IN ORDER TO HELP THEIR PROVIDERS, BUT THEY'RE
25 NOT DOING THE SAME KIND OF BUSINESS. SO THEY HAVE STARTED

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1 INVITING THEIR PATRONS TO PURCHASE MONEY RIGHT OUT OF THE
2 TRUCKS OF THEIR DELIVERERS. SO I THINK THIS WOULD BE VERY
3 HELPFUL BECAUSE THE FOOD IS DELIVERED IN A CAREFUL WAY TO THE
4 RESTAURANTS, I'M ASSUMING, AND THEREFORE WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE
5 TO THINK UP SOMETHING QUICKLY ABOUT HOW TO ALLOW THIS TO
6 HAPPEN SINCE, IN MY EXPERIENCE, IT'S ALREADY KIND OF GOING ON.
7 SO I SUPPORT THIS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP THAT PUBLIC
8 HEALTH CAN GIVE US. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. DR. FERRER, DO YOU HAVE
11 ANYTHING TO ADD?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** I DON'T KNOW HOW MY -- IS MY LINE UNMUTED?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU.

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** THE BIG ISSUE HERE IS THAT YOU CAN'T REALLY OPEN
18 AS A GROCERY STORE IF YOU'RE NOT LICENSED AS A GROCERY STORE,
19 BUT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN WORKING WITH THE RESTAURANTS THAT THEY
20 CAN CERTAINLY INCLUDE GROCERY PRODUCTS IN THEIR DELIVERY,
21 THEIR TAKEOUT, THEIR DRIVE THROUGH. SO THEY WOULD INCLUDE THEM
22 SORT OF ON THE MENU OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE COULD ORDER, AND
23 THEN THEY CAN GET BOXED UP LIKE THE REST OF THE ORDER. SO YOU
24 CAN INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO OFFER LETTUCE
25 AND TOMATOES AND WHATEVER ELSE IT IS AS LONG AS YOU INCLUDE IT

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1 ON YOUR TAKEOUT MENU, THEN YOU CAN BOX IT AND SEND IT OUT AS A
2 TAKEOUT ITEM. AND THAT WOULD BE WITHIN YOUR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
3 AS A RESTAURANT AS OPPOSED TO SETTING YOURSELF UP AS A GROCERY
4 STORE WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY ARE COMING INTO THE RESTAURANTS,
5 WALKING DOWN WHAT WOULD BE, NOT REALLY AISLES, BUT WALKING
6 THROUGH THE RESTAURANT PICKING OUT THEIR THINGS THAT THEY
7 WANTED TO PURCHASE AND THEN GOING TO THE CASH REGISTER AND
8 PURCHASING THEM. THAT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. THEY'RE NOT REALLY
9 GROCERY STORES. WE CAN ALLOW THEM TO OPERATE AS RESTAURANTS
10 WITH THIS EXPANDED CAPACITY TO DELIVER GROCERY ITEMS.
11 (FEEDBACK) .

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ECHOING, BUT I THINK IF I GET WHAT
14 YOU'RE SAYING, YOU ARE DIFFERENTIATING. SO I THINK WITH WHAT
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN IS REQUESTING IN THAT MOTION, THAT WOULD
16 STREAMLINE AND ADDRESS THAT. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT THERE.
17 DO I HAVE ANY OTHER COLLEAGUES THAT WISH TO SPEAK ON THAT?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK AGAIN.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR, IT'S YOUR MOTION. YES,
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
25 YOU SAYING THAT BECAUSE, AGAIN, I THINK IT'S ALREADY

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1 HAPPENING. I THINK THE QUICKER WE CAN ISSUE GUIDELINES, THE
2 BETTER OFF WE'LL BE. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE OUR DR. FERRER ALREADY
3 HAS SOME GUIDELINES, BUT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THESE
4 CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND I AGREE. I
5 DON'T THINK YOU CAN JUST BECOME A GROCERY STORE BECAUSE SOME
6 OF THEM, I BELIEVE, ARE NOW TRYING TO SELL TOILET PAPER AND
7 THINGS OUTSIDE OF WHAT WOULD TYPICALLY BE SOLD FROM THEIR
8 RESTAURANT. BUT I THINK THEIR IDEA IS, YEAH, IF THEY'VE ORDERED
9 TOO MANY CARROTS OR LETTUCE OR TOMATOES THAT THEN THEY CAN
10 ADEQUATELY PREPARE FOR MEALS BECAUSE THEIR DEMAND IS DOWN,
11 THEN IT DOES MAKE SENSE FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO SELL THOSE
12 PRODUCTS, BOXED UP SAFELY, AND HAVE THE SAME SORT OF CURBSIDE
13 PICKUP. YEAH, WE'RE NOT IN FAVOR OF PEOPLE GOING OF PEOPLE
14 GOING INSIDE THESE TINY RESTAURANTS AND, QUOTE, SHOPPING FOR
15 GROCERIES, BUT WE NEED TO GET THESE GUIDELINES OUT QUICKLY,
16 UNIFORMLY AND IN A WAY THAT ALL THESE RESTAURANTS CLEARLY
17 UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY CAN AND CAN'T DO WITHIN THEIR CURRENT
18 PERMIT. SO I APPRECIATE US ACTING ON THIS AS QUICKLY AS
19 POSSIBLE.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, I JUST WANT
22 CLARIFICATION. MARY, WE NEED TO ACT TO ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN
23 TODAY RATHER THAN JUST ISSUE GUIDELINES. WE HAVE TO ENACT
24 ALLOWING THEM TO DO THAT PRIOR TO SEEING THE GUIDELINES,
25 OTHERWISE WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER BOARD MEETING FOR

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1 ANOTHER TWO WEEKS. SO HOW DO WE INCORPORATE LANGUAGE THAT
2 ACTUALLY CREATES GUIDELINES AND THEN -- OR DOES THE MOTION SAY
3 AND THEN DO IT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** ACTION.

6

7 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE QUESTION. THIS MOTION
8 IS BEING READ IN BY SUPERVISOR HAHN UNDER A1, WHICH ALLOWS FOR
9 VOTE, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION. SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN COULD
10 CHANGE HER MOTION TO AN ACTION ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO,
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE GUIDELINES TO
14 BE WRITTEN, BUT THEN WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THOSE GUIDELINES BEING
15 ADOPTED.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, BECAUSE CURRENTLY, THE MOTION SAYS TO ISSUE
18 THE GUIDELINES.

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** I THINK THAT IMPLIES ACTION. SO IF THAT'S HOW IT'S
21 WRITTEN, I THINK IF THE BOARD VOTES ON THAT TODAY, ACTION --

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET
24 GUIDELINES, AND THEN WE HAVE TO HAVE IT COME BACK TO THE
25 BOARD, AND IT'S IN LIMBO.

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2 **ATTORNEY:** CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, MY FEELING IS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
5 HEALTH ISSUES GUIDELINES ALL THE TIME ON THEIR WEBSITE WITHOUT
6 BOARD ACTION, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS TIME. SO MY MOTION
7 PRETTY MUCH IS ASKING OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ISSUE
8 THESE GUIDELINES SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE, SO THEN
9 WE CAN BEGIN ENFORCING THEM.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. OKAY, VERY GOOD. I JUST WANTED TO
12 MAKE SURE THAT NOTHING GOT STUCK IN IN LIMBO. SO WITH THAT,
13 THIS MOTION IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED
14 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN, YOU HAD ANOTHER MOTION?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THIS ONE, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, IS ABOUT
18 PROTECTING WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY AGAIN. AND I'LL JUST READ
19 THE ACTUAL MOTION. WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE CHIEF
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 HUMAN RESOURCES, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WORKFORCE
22 DEVELOPMENT, AGING, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND OTHER RELEVANT
23 DEPARTMENTS TO REACH OUT AND CONVENE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
24 IMPACTED LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER IMPACTED ENTITIES TO PARTNER
25 ON TRAINING AND WORKER RESOURCES NEEDS AT THE COUNTY OF L.A.

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1 RELATED TO COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS AND REPORT BACK AT THE
2 NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. NUMBER TWO, THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN COLLABORATION AND
4 COORDINATION WITH ALL OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, REGULARLY
5 UPDATE NEWLY ESTABLISHED L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS AND WORKER
6 DISASTER HELP CENTER IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE DIRECTIVES AND
7 ADDITIONAL FUTURE RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE VIA THE COUNTY,
8 STATE, AND FEDERAL ACTIONS. I THINK THAT IS -- OH, YOU KNOW,
9 YEAH, I THINK I MIGHT BE -- I THINK THAT'S WHAT I HAVE. IF I
10 HAVE SOME MORE, I'LL HAVE TO FIND IT. IT'S SO HARD TO WORK
11 FROM HOME.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO IS THAT IT? I KNOW SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS WANTS TO SPEAK, BUT I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS
15 OPPORTUNITY. OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS, I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 YOU'VE SEEN IT FIRST HAND, AS WELL, OUR LABOR PARTNERS HAVE
17 BEEN INCREDIBLE. AND WE'VE ASKED THEM TO DO THINGS THAT
18 ARGUABLY THEY HAVE SAID WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. SO I JUST
19 HAVE TO PERSONALLY, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, BUT I ALSO
20 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LABOR PARTNERS WHO HAVE BEEN TRUE,
21 TRUE PARTNERS WITH US DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. SO I REALLY
22 DO APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY UNION AND THE FACT THAT THEY'VE
23 BEEN INCREDIBLE. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU KNOW WHAT? I FOUND SOMETHING ELSE I'M SUPPOSED
2 TO READ IN.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND READ IT IN,
5 AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF
9 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, CONSULT WITH LABOR
10 REPRESENTATIVES AND REPORT BACK IN SEVEN DAYS, INCLUDING THE
11 PROVISION OF PAID SICK LEAVE POLICY REQUIRING EMPLOYERS
12 LOCATED WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
13 ANGELES THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES TO PROVIDE ITS EMPLOYEES WITH 10 DAYS OR 80 HOURS OF
15 SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE FOR COVID-19-RELATED REASONS FOR
16 THE TERM OF THE EMERGENCY AND TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS HAVE
17 SYMPTOMS CAN STAY HOME TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19
18 WITHOUT AN IMPACT TO THEIR LIVELIHOOD CONSISTENT WITH RECENTLY
19 ENACTED H.R.6201 FEDERAL FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE
20 ACT THAT ADDRESSES SUPPLEMENTAL SICK LEAVE IN RESPONSE TO THE
21 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL CODES AND
22 REGULATIONS, THE PROVISION OF RIGHT OF RECALL FOR WORKERS LAID
23 OFF DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO BE FIRST REHIRED AND WORKER
24 RETENTION POLICIES IN CASE BUSINESSES FILE BANKRUPTCY AND/OR
25 ARE SOLD AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS, HOSPITALITY

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1 INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION, AND, THREE, THE PROVISION OF WORKPLACE
2 HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR ALL THOSE IN ESSENTIAL
3 SERVICES, INCLUDING MANDATED PAID TIME FOR AND ACCESS TO HAND
4 WASHING AND SANITIZING, PROVISION OF PROTECTIVE GEAR,
5 APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR THOSE STILL AT WORK, ESPECIALLY
6 GROCERY WORKERS, FOOD SERVICE WORKERS, DELIVERY DRIVERS,
7 TRANSIT OPERATORS, HOSPITALITY WORKERS. THAT'S IT. OKAY, I
8 THINK I GOT IT ALL.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION WITH
14 YOU. WE KNOW HOW DEVASTATING OUR WORKFORCE HAS BEEN DURING
15 THIS PANDEMIC. AND IT'S GOING TO CONTINUE. UNFORTUNATELY,
16 WE'RE FINDING THAT THERE ARE MANY HOLES IN OUR SYSTEM THAT WE
17 HAVE TO PLUG, AND THIS IS ONE WAY OF DOING THAT. AND THE
18 MOTION, AS YOU READ, ADDRESSES SOME OF THOSE HOLES BY
19 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR OUR WORKERS TO ENSURE
20 THAT THEY CAN FEED THEIR FAMILIES AND KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE IF
21 THEY ARE IMPACTED BY THE VIRUS. IT PROVIDES 10 DAYS OF SICK
22 LEAVE FOR WORKERS, ENSURE THAT THEY AND THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED
23 ARE NOT FORCED TO GO TO WORK AND HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO
24 RECUPERATE AND QUARANTINE THEMSELVES. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
25 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY PASSED LEGISLATION THAT

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1 COVERS PAID SICK LEAVE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19, AND THE
2 LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL SIMILARLY HAS TAKEN ACTION, AS WELL.
3 SO WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP. I
4 KNOW THAT THIS IS REALLY LOOKING AT THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT
5 WORK AND LIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. SO I
6 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND TO OUR LABOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AS
8 WELL, FOR THEIR COURAGE IN THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SACHI HAMAI, YOU WANTED TO SAY
11 SOMETHING?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** YES. YES, THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST
14 WANTED TO ECHO YOUR COMMENTS TO ALL OF OUR LABOR PARTNERS. I
15 HAVE BEEN ON THE PHONE PRETTY MUCH EVERY OTHER DAY SETTING UP
16 CONFERENCE CALLS WITH ALL OF OUR LABOR PRESIDENTS, AND THEY
17 HAVE BEEN JUST AMAZING PARTNERS WITH US. AND I REALLY WANT TO
18 GIVE THEM A BIG SHOUT OUT FOR WORKING WITH US THROUGH ALL OF
19 THE CHANGES THAT KEEP COMING ABOUT, WHETHER DR. FERRER ISSUES
20 A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER, YOU KNOW, IT'S OUR LABOR PARTNERS
21 THAT HAVE REALLY STEPPED UP AND HAVE TRIED TO ACCOMMODATE AND
22 MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO OPERATE AND PROVIDES
23 SERVICES. SO, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO DO A BIG SHOUT OUT TO
24 THEM. WE HAVE STANDING MEETINGS AND SO JUST REALLY
25 APPRECIATIVE.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU, SACHI. ALL RIGHT.
3 WITH THAT, WE'VE GOT A MOTION IN FRONT OF US BY SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. HEARING NO OBJECTION, THAT
5 WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE ARE MOVING ON, IS THERE ANY OTHER
6 ITEMS COMING UNDER A1? ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES, ANY ADDITIONAL?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WERE YOU ABOUT TO MOVE TO ADJOURNING
9 MOTIONS, MADAM CHAIR?

10

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

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK WORD, IF I MAY, PERTAINING TO
14 THE A ITEMS, NOT AN ITEM TO BE ACTED UPON IMMEDIATELY, BUT THE
15 MOM AND POP ENTERPRISES IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE SUFFERING
16 MIGHTILY. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE OFFICE OF THE
17 C.E.O., THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER -- THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, W.D.A.C.S., OTHERS WHO ARE --
19 THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, WHO ARE SEEKING TO HELP THESE
20 EMPLOYEES AND THE BUSINESSES SURVIVE. MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW THE
21 ENTIRE BOARD IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PUBLIC/PRIVATE
22 PARTNERSHIP IS NO DOUBT GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION TO THAT. AND
23 I WANT TO JUST FLAG THE FACT THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS
24 IMPORTANT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TALKING ABOUT, THE
25 ISSUE OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE AND ALL OF WHAT THAT ENTAILS. WE

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1 KNOW THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLAYS A ROLE IN THAT, AND THE
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE CERTAINLY OF THE MIND TO DO SO. AND
3 SO, WE'LL STEP UP. AND I JUST THINK THE POINT TO BE MADE BY
4 JOE NICCHITTA GIVING THE EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR BUSINESSES THAT
5 ARE IN DISTRESS AND INDIVIDUAL WORKERS WHO ARE, I LOOK FORWARD
6 TO MORE IN TERMS OF ASSISTANCE WITH LOAN PROGRAMS AND THE LIKE
7 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THESE
8 COMMUNITY-SAVING INSTITUTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. ALL
11 RIGHT. SO AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM
12 SUPERVISORS ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA. I KNOW SUPERVISOR
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS JUST SPOKE. DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY COMMENTS?
14 OKAY, SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE TO ADJOURNMENTS. IT WOULD BE
15 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS TO BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
19 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOE -- DO YOU KNOW WHAT? BEFORE I
20 DO THAT, I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND JUST, OBVIOUSLY,
21 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY AS IT RELATES TO
22 THE CORONAVIRUS. AND I KNOW MANY TIMES WE -- AND I MIGHT HAVE
23 MISSED THAT IN THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING BECAUSE IT TOOK ME
24 A WHILE TO GET ONLINE, BUT I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW HOW
25 DEEPLY SAD WE ARE. AND AT SOME POINT, WE PROBABLY WILL BE

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1 ADJOURNING FOR MANY, MANY MORE PEOPLE, BUT OUR HEARTS AND
2 PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY
3 THIS. AND IT MUST BE UNBEARABLE FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE LOST A
4 LOVED ONE AND THEN BE DENIED EVEN THE GESTURE OF HAVING THE
5 KIND OF MEMORIAL SERVICE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO, HAVING TO
6 NOT RECEIVE HUGS AND KISSES FROM LOVED ONES. THIS IS A VERY,
7 VERY DIFFICULT TIME. SO, AS WE MOVE TOWARD OUR ADJOURNMENTS
8 EVERY MEETING, JUST KNOW THAT OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO ALL THOSE
9 WHO HAVE UNFORTUNATELY LOST A LOVED ONE AS A RESULT OF THE
10 CORONAVIRUS. SO I DO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE RADISICH SR. WHO WAS THE LEGENDARY
12 FOOTBALL COACH AT MARY STAR OF THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN SAN
13 PEDRO. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 AFTER TESTING POSITIVE
14 FOR COVID-19. JOE COACHED AT MARY STAR FOR 11 YEARS, TAKING
15 THE FOOTBALL TEAM TO THE C.I.F. SEMIFINALS IN 1977 AND THE
16 QUARTERFINALS IN HIS LAST SEASON. JOE WAS A A MENTOR AND
17 FATHER FIGURE TO COUNTLESS ATHLETES THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. HE
18 INSTILLED A STRONG WORK ETHIC TAUGHT THEM ALL THAT IF THEY
19 WORKED HARD, THEY COULD ACHIEVE ANYTHING. IN 2006, HE WAS
20 INDUCTED INTO THE SAN PEDRO SPORTSWALK OF FAME. HE'S SURVIVED
21 BY HIS WIFE, FRANCES, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN CRITICAL CONDITION
22 AFTER SHE, TOO, TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS. THEIR SON, JOE,
23 JR. IS A LONGSHOREMAN. HE WAS FORMER LOS ANGELES HARBOR
24 COMMISSIONER, AND HE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, CATHY.
25 MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,

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1 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOHN WARREN MAHLKE. JOHN WARREN
2 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY. HE WAS ONLY TWO YEARS OLD. AND THOSE
3 THAT KNEW AND LOVED HIM SAID HE HAD A KIND SPIRIT, A LOVING
4 HEART. AND HE CERTAINLY WILL LIVE ON IN EACH PERSON WHO KNEW
5 HIM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS GRANDPARENTS, PATRICK AND SARAH --
6 BY HIS PARENTS, PATRICK AND SARAH, AND ALONG WITH HIS
7 GRANDPARENTS, JOHN AND RONI IOCONO, AND PETER AND LONNIE. AND
8 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE
9 MEMORY OF MARY ANN ROSBOTTOM, WHO PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 84.
10 SHE'S FROM RANCHO PALOS VERDES. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF ST.
11 ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH. STUDIED AT LOS ANGELES
12 HARBOR COLLEGE. SHE WORKED FOR HOWARD HARTRY CUSTOMHOUSE
13 BROKERAGE AND MARINE WHOLESALE FOR 50 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING.
14 TRULY COMMITTED TO OTHERS' WELL-BEING, MARY ANN SUPPORTED
15 NUMEROUS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVED IN VARIOUS
16 CAPACITIES WITH LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HERE IN SAN PEDRO
17 AND THE MARY AND JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER IN PALOS VERDES. SHE
18 WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH. MARY ANN WAS
19 PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF 54 YEARS, LEO. SHE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, HER FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND
21 HER ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. THAT'S ALL FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOHN KENDALL, A LONG TIME
25 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE

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1 OF 47. JOHN LOVED COMPUTERS, CARS, AND FAMILY GATHERINGS. HE
2 VOLUNTEERED AT HELP THE CHILDREN, A CHARITY DEDICATED TO
3 HELPING ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
4 BY PROVIDING FOOD, CLOTHING, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, AND MEDICAL
5 SUPPLIES. JOHN IS SURVIVED HIS PARENTS, JUDEE AND KURT, AND
6 HIS TWO BROTHERS, MARK AND PAUL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF CHRISTIAN J. MAPA, A GLENDALE RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF
8 THE COUNTY FAMILY WHO SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
9 ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY
10 10TH. BEFORE JOINING THE APPEALS BOARD, HE WORKED FOR THE
11 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
12 SERVICES, AS A MEMBER OF THE KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY HE JOINED
13 WHILE AT U.C. RIVERSIDE. IN HIS SPARE TIME, HE TRADED STOCKS
14 AND LIKED TO TRAVEL, BUT MOST OF ALL, HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME
15 WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS REMEMBERED BY THE COUNTY FAMILY
16 FOR HIS VIBRANT PERSONALITY AND OVERALL POSITIVE OUTLOOK.
17 CHRISTIAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FELICIA, MOTHER,
18 GRANDFATHER, AND TWO SIBLINGS. ALSO ROSE MARIE ROMEKA, A LONG
19 TIME RESIDENT OF SAUGUS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
20 OF 82. A MICHIGAN NATIVE, ROSE GRADUATED FROM WALLED LAKE HIGH
21 SCHOOL AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT. THERE SHE
22 BECAME THE CAPTAIN OF THE CHEER SQUAD AND MET HER FUTURE
23 HUSBAND, PHIL. SHE RECEIVED HER MASTER'S IN BUSINESS
24 ADMINISTRATION AND MOVED TO LONG BEACH TO PURSUE A CAREER AS
25 AN EDUCATOR AND THEN TO SAUGUS IN 1967. SHE JOINED THE STAFF

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1 OF CANYON HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE SHE SERVED AS A TEACHER, DEAN OF
2 STUDENTS, AND ENDED HER CAREER AS A COUNSELOR. ROSE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, ROSEANNE AND DON. ALSO STAFF
4 SERGEANT KYLLE JACOB WHITE, AN AIRMAN IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
5 FORCE STATIONED AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, WHO RECENTLY PASSED
6 AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 24 ON FEBRUARY 22ND. KYLLE WAS
7 ASSIGNED TO THE SECURITY FORCES AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, AND
8 HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HAD AN
9 UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR HIS LOVED ONES. HE'S REMEMBERED FOR HIS
10 SELFLESS SERVICE, COMMITMENT, AND PRIDE IN BEING A MEMBER OF
11 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. KYLLE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS,
12 MARIE AND KENNETH, AND HIS THREE SIBLINGS, JOHN, VAL, AND
13 JORDAN. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY DR. RUBEN ZEPEDA,
14 II, SUPERINTENDENT OF KEPPEL UNION HIGH SCHOOL IN THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 59. RUBEN
16 BECAME THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE KEPPEL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 IN 2016. HE WAS A LIFELONG EDUCATOR AND HAD A CAREER IN PUBLIC
18 EDUCATION THAT SPANNED OVER 30 YEARS. HE HAD NUMEROUS
19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING WELLNESS CENTER AND IMPLEMENTING
20 THE KEPPEL BUS SYSTEM. MOST IMPORTANT WAS RUBEN'S COMMITMENT
21 TO HIS STUDENTS. HIS MOTTO WAS TAKE A STAND AND HAVE A
22 BACKBONE FOR THE KIDS. RUBEN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 36
23 YEARS, SARAH, HIS MOTHER, AND TWO SIBLINGS. THOSE ARE MY
24 ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MY FORMER MENTOR,
3 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROBERT "BOB" CAMPBELL. HE WAS A FORMER
4 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER AND RICHMOND CITY
5 COUNCILMEMBER, PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2020,
6 FOLLOWING A BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS 82, A NATIVE OF LOS
7 ANGELES AND OF MEXICAN AMERICAN DESCENT. BOB MOVED TO RICHMOND
8 WITH HIS FAMILY AS A LITTLE BOY. HE ATTENDED CONTRA COSTA
9 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GRADUATED FROM SAN FRANCISCO STATE
10 UNIVERSITY, AND FROM 1961 THROUGH '72 SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY
11 AND THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD. HE WORKED AS AN INSURANCE
12 BROKER, AND EARLY ON IN LIFE BECAME THE OWNER OF M.A. HAYS
13 INSURANCE BROKERS IN RICHMOND. IN 1975, BOB, A LIFELONG
14 DEMOCRAT, WAS ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL, WHERE HE SERVED
15 UNTIL 1980. HE WAS THEN ELECTED EIGHT STRAIGHT TIMES TO THE
16 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY'S 11TH DISTRICT, SERVING 16 YEARS
17 FROM 1980 TO 1996. HIS PRIORITIES AS AN ASSEMBLYMEMBER WERE
18 EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE CHAIRED THE WAYS
19 AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOR SIX YEARS AND SERVED
20 ON THE WATER PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE FOR 15 YEARS. HE WAS
21 OFTEN THE AUTHOR OF BILLS INVOLVING FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGES. AFTER TERMING OUT OF OFFICE IN 1996, BOB
23 WAS APPOINTED TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION BY THEN
24 ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CRUZ BUSTAMANTE. HE LOVED THE CALIFORNIA
25 COAST AND WAS A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 PROTECTION. HIS SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE
2 WAS INSPIRING AND WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. I WILL MISS HIS
3 SMILE, HIS LAUGHTER, AND THE STORIES WE SHARED TOGETHER,
4 INCLUDING THE ONES THAT INVOLVED HIS GRANDMOTHER WHO CALLED
5 HER HOME IN EAST L.A. BOB LEAVES BEHIND HIS WIFE, FORMER
6 RICHMOND CITY COUNCILWOMAN MARIA THERESA VIRAMONTES, A SON,
7 KIRK CAMPBELL OF RICHMOND, A DAUGHTER, LISA CAMPBELL AND
8 PARTNER CHIOS HOLGUIN, AND A GRANDSON, ALL OF DAVIS, STEPSONS,
9 ARMANDO VIRAMONTES OF RICHMOND, DAVID VIRAMONTES AND ANDRES
10 UYEDA, AND GRANDCHILDREN, ANDREW VIRAMONTES, LIVIA UYEDA-
11 TANNYHILL, AND KELLY RECK OF RICHMOND. REST IN PEACE, BOB. I
12 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY
13 C. GONZALEZ. HENRY C. GONZALEZ, THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE'S FIRST
14 LATINO COUNCILMEMBER AND MAYOR, PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY MARCH
15 28, 2020 FROM HEALTH COMPLICATIONS. HE WAS 84 YEARS OF AGE.
16 HENRY SERVED ON THE SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL FOR 27 YEARS AND
17 WAS APPOINTED MAYOR BY HIS COLLEAGUES SEVEN TIMES, IN 1983,
18 '87, '98, '99, 2004, 2009, AND 2014. GROWING UP, HENRY STOOD
19 ON PICKET LINES WITH WORKERS. HE WAS ONLY NINE WHEN HE STARTED
20 TO ATTEND UNION MEETINGS WITH HIS FATHER. IN 1995, HE BEGAN
21 WORKING AS A PAINTER SPRAYER FOR GENERAL MOTORS IN SOUTH GATE,
22 JOINING THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION AND
23 CLIMBING UP THE RANKS. HIS NEGOTIATING SKILLS FOR THE UNION
24 EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME "HAMMERIN' HANK." HIS WORK AS A STRONG
25 ADVOCATE FOR LABOR RIGHTS TOOK HIM TO BECOME THE NATIONAL

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1 PRESIDENT OF THE LABOR COUNCIL OF LATIN AMERICA ADVANCEMENT,
2 AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES A VOICE FOR LATINO WORKERS IN
3 THE UNITED STATES. HENRY HELD THAT POSITION FOR FOUR YEARS. I
4 STILL REMEMBER JOINING HENRY IN 1995 FOR HIS SURPRISE
5 RETIREMENT PARTY TO CELEBRATE HIS 27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
6 CITY OF SOUTH GATE. HE CELEBRATED IN THE COMPANY OF LOCAL
7 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES PUBLIC SERVANTS, RESIDENTS, FAMILY, AND
8 FRIENDS. MY HEART GOES OUT TO HIS WIFE, THERESA, HIS CHILDREN,
9 GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDSONS, AND THE ENTIRE SOUTH GATE
10 COMMUNITY. AND, LASTLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
11 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. BEATRIZ SOLIS. SHE WAS MY LITTLE
12 SISTER, BUT A GIANT. SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO THE HEALTH AND
13 WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SHE NEVER STRIVED FOR FAME. SHE
14 ONLY EVER WANTED TO DO GOOD WORK AND HELP PEOPLE. SHE ALWAYS
15 SAID, EVEN DURING HER LAST DAYS, THAT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE
16 PORTRAYED AS BIGGER THAN LIFE, BUT IN MY HEART, AS IN THE
17 HEARTS OF MANY OTHER PEOPLE, I'VE ALWAYS VIEWED MY SISTER AS
18 WORTHY OF REVERENCE. IN TALKING TO THOSE CLOSE FRIENDS AND
19 FAMILY THIS PAST WEEK, I WAS REMINDED OF THE LENGTH AND DEPTH
20 OF HER PUBLIC SERVICE. I LISTENED AS PEOPLE SPOKE ABOUT HER
21 EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS BOTH BIG AND SMALL. THE STORIES
22 LIFTED MY HEART. BEA LIKE TO LET HER WORKS SPEAK FOR HERSELF
23 AND ITSELF. SHE HAD A NORTH STAR TO BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
24 EVERYWHERE. SHE HAD A FIERCE BELIEF THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU
25 LIVE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY, HAPPY LIFE. BEA LED THE

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1 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT'S HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND
2 INFUSED PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES WITH A MUCH NEEDED RACIAL
3 JUSTICE LENS. SHE FOUGHT FOR IMMIGRANT AND UNDOCUMENTED
4 FAMILIES, ILLUSTRATING HOW EXCLUSIONARY POLICIES LEAD TO WORSE
5 HEALTH OUTCOMES. FROM HER WORK WITH FIRST LADY MICHELLE
6 OBAMA'S LET'S MOVE INITIATIVE TO HER ADVOCACY FOR IMPORTANT
7 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE HOME BOY INDUSTRIES, BEA'S GUIDING
8 PRINCIPLE WAS ALWAYS INCLUSION. SHE BELIEVED THAT A SYSTEM
9 THAT EXCLUDES ANYONE HURTS EVERYONE. SHE WAS A TRAILBLAZER AND
10 BECAME A ROLE MODEL FOR UNDERSERVED STUDENTS TO PURSUE CAREERS
11 IN HEALTHCARE. AT A TIME WHEN FEW FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS OF
12 COLOR THOUGHT ABOUT CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE, BEA WENT ON TO
13 RECEIVE A MASTER'S THEN A DOCTORATE DEGREE FROM U.C.L.A.
14 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THEIR
15 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. THROUGHOUT IT ALL, SHE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF
16 WHAT REALLY MATTERS. THE COMMUNITY SHE HELPED WILL ALWAYS
17 REMEMBER DR. BEATRIZ SOLIS AS A VOICE OF MORALITY AND
18 COMPASSION. OUR FAMILY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER BEA WITH ENORMOUS
19 PRIDE. I KNOW HER LEGACY LIVES ON WITH MANY OF US, ESPECIALLY
20 WITH HER HUSBAND, MOHAMMAD, AND HER SONS, AVRIN AND AYDIN. MAY
21 YOU REST IN PEACE, MY DEAR SISTER, BEATRIZ. THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, I
25 THINK ALL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. LET ME

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1 JUST TELL YOU, I KNOW THAT SHE WAS A CONSTITUENT AND, MORE
2 IMPORTANTLY, AN AMAZING PERSON WHOSE LEGACY IS GOING TO LIVE
3 ON. AND YOU AND I'VE GOT A FUN PROJECT THAT WE'RE GOING PUT
4 TOGETHER TO HONOR HER LEGACY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
5 WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT HAPPENS. AND YOU AND YOUR
6 FAMILY ARE IN ALL OF OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. YOU'VE BEEN
7 ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE DURING THIS PERIOD. MY HEART GOES OUT TO
8 YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HE WHO IS KNOWN AS THE CIVIL RIGHTS ICON,
15 THE REVEREND DR. JOSEPH ECHOLS LOWERY. BORN OCTOBER THE 26TH
16 1921 IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, HE PASSED ON MARCH THE 27TH IN
17 ATLANTA AT THE AGE OF 98. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, HE
18 STUDIED AT THE KNOXVILLE COLLEGE AND ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND
19 MECHANICAL COLLEGE BEFORE EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM
20 PAINE COLLEGE. THAT WAS IN 1943. HE BECAME A METHODIST
21 MINISTER AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE PAINE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
22 HIS REPUTATION AS A STAUNCH CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE BEGAN IN THE
23 1950S IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, WHERE HE WAS THE HEAD OF THE ALABAMA
24 CIVIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, WHICH FOCUSED ON DESEGREGATION OF
25 BUSES AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION. IT WAS DURING THAT TIME THAT

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1 HE MET AND BECAME A CLOSE FRIEND OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,
2 JR., WHO ULTIMATELY APPOINTED HIM TO LEAD THE DELEGATION THAT
3 DELIVERED THE DEMANDS OF THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH TO THEN
4 GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE. THOSE MARCHES WERE SIGNIFICANT
5 BECAUSE THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY RESULT IN THE PASSAGE OF THE
6 VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965. BUT IT WAS IN 1957 THAT DR. KING
7 AND DR. LOWERY FOUNDED THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
8 CONFERENCE. AND THEN IN 1968, DR. LOWERY RELOCATED TO ATLANTA
9 WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTERS TO PASTOR THE CENTRAL UNITED
10 METHODIST CHURCH AND WORK WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE
11 S.C.L.C., THAT WOULD BE DR. RALPH ABERNATHY. THIS IS
12 SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND
13 AFTER REVEREND ABERNATHY RESIGNED, DR. LOWERY BECAME
14 PRESIDENT. HE SERVED FOR 20 YEARS. IN THAT ROLE, HE FOCUSED ON
15 CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. HE
16 DID IT WITH A KIND OF WIT, A KIND OF INCISIVE PERSPECTIVE THAT
17 CAUSED HIM TO ADVOCATE ACROSS A RANGE OF ISSUES, TRADITIONAL
18 CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, THE ISSUES OF
19 ORIENTATION, THE ISSUES OF CHOICE, THE ISSUE OF GENDER. A
20 BROAD THINKER WAS HE. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE WAS JUST A
21 STAUNCH ADVOCATE KNOWN TO MANY AS A TITAN OF THIS MOVEMENT.
22 AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF ALL OF THAT HE DID, PRESIDENT OBAMA
23 PRESENTED HIM WITH THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF FREEDOM IN
24 RECOGNITION OF ALL OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HE HAS MADE. MANY
25 INSTITUTIONS FROM EMORY TO MOREHOUSE TO MILES, ALL THESE

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1 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ACKNOWLEDGED AND EMBRACED HIM.
2 HE WAS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY. AND I
3 WOULD JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT DR. JOSEPH ECHOLS LOWERY WILL BE
4 REMEMBERED FOR ALL THAT HE DID. HE WAS A LOVING HUSBAND,
5 FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND FOR HIS UNSHAKABLE FAITH. I OWE A
6 DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO HIM AND OTHERS FOR THEIR INVESTMENT IN
7 THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, WHICH LAUNCHED
8 MY CAREER IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND IN PUBLIC SERVICE. TO GOD BE THE
9 GLORY FOR THE LIFE OF DR. JOSEPH ECHOLS LOWERY. MAY HE REST IN
10 PEACE. MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE, PLEASE IF
13 THAT'S OKAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED, THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT
18 LEAST, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
21 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JON LONSDALE, WHO
22 DIED ON MARCH 23RD. HE WAS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, SERVED
23 FROM 1944 TO 1946. HE VOLUNTEERED IN HIS SPARE TIME FOR LITTLE
24 LEAGUE BASEBALL AND THE SANTA MONICA BOYS CLUB, LATER CALLED
25 THE SANTA MONICA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES AND,

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1 IN 1963, ASSUMED A POSITION OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND LATER
2 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. IN HIS MORE THAN 60 YEARS AS A LITTLE
3 LEAGUE COACH, HE INFLUENCED GENERATIONS OF SANTA MONICA'S
4 YOUNG PEOPLE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, DIXIE. AND I MOVE
5 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A FINE,
6 FINE FRIEND, A WONDERFUL WOMAN, AN ACTIVIST, ARIANA MANOV, WHO
7 DIED ON MARCH 22ND. SHE WORKED FOR OVER 45 YEARS IN GRASSROOTS
8 ACTIVISM, PRIORITIZING PEOPLE WHO WERE HOMELESS, MENTALLY ILL,
9 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE, SURVIVORS
10 OF THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY, AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
11 SYSTEM, THE DISABLED, L.G.B.T.Q.I., AND SENIORS. SHE JOINED
12 THE FEMINIST ORGANIZATION CALIFIA COMMUNITY IN 1976 AND WAS A
13 MEMBER AND SUPPORTER OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS QUEERWISE,
14 AWARE-L.A., WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES, OLD LESBIANS
15 ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE, OLDER WISER LESBIANS, AND A NUMBER OF
16 OTHER ADVOCACY GROUPS. WITH HER PARTNER OF MORE THAN 40 YEARS,
17 THE LATE MOLLIE LOWERY, ARIANA HELPED FOUND AND DIRECT THE
18 SOJOURN SHELTER FOR BATTERED WOMEN IN SANTA MONICA, AND THEN
19 JOINED MOLLY WITH THE LATE FRANK RICE IN THE FOUNDING OF
20 L.A.M.P. ON SKID ROW. ARIANA ALSO SPENT 33 YEARS AS A
21 BROADCAST JOURNALIST HOSTING K.P.F.K.'S MORNING DRIVE TIME
22 PROGRAM "UP FOR AIR" IN THE 1990S AND WAS A PRODUCER, HOST,
23 AND MENTOR AT K.P.F.K.'S WOMEN'S COALITION. SHE WAS A
24 WONDERFUL LEADER, A REAL INSPIRATION, DYNAMIC, INSISTENT. SHE
25 KNITTED TOGETHER SO MANY OF US IN THE OLD DAYS WHO HAD NEVER

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1 MET EACH OTHER AND WENT ON TO WORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
2 ISSUES, ON HOMELESSNESS ISSUES, ON EVERYTHING. SHE WILL BE
3 SORELY MISSED. SHE WAS TRULY A FORCE OF NATURE. AND I MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EARL
5 POMERANTZ, WHO WAS AN EMMY AWARD WINNING WRITER, WHO WROTE
6 SCRIPTS FOR "THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW," "THE BOB NEWHART
7 SHOW," "RHODA," "THE TONY RANDALL SHOW," "PHYLLIS," "TAXI,"
8 "CHEERS," AND CREATED "MAJOR DAD," AND "BEST OF THE WEST." HE
9 WAS ALSO A CREATIVE CONSULTANT ON BOTH GARRY SHANDLING SHOWS,
10 "LATELINE," AND "ACCORDING TO JIM." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
11 MYRA, HIS DAUGHTERS, ANNA AND RACHEL, AND HIS BROTHER, HART.
12 AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
13 RICHARD REEVES, A POLITICAL HISTORIAN WHO DIED ON MARCH 25TH.
14 HE WAS A POLITICAL COLUMNIST, JOURNALIST, AND AUTHOR KNOWN FOR
15 HIS IN-DEPTH EXAMINATIONS OF THE PRESIDENCY AND THE INTERMENT
16 OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II. HE SERVED AS CHIEF
17 POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, LATER WENT ON
18 TO BE A COLUMNIST AND EDITOR AT ESQUIRE AND NEW YORK MAGAZINE.
19 HE WAS ALSO A SENIOR LECTURER ON JOURNALISM AT U.S.C.'S
20 ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY THREE
21 CHILDREN AND TWO STEPCHILDREN. AND, FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I
22 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN PRELIMINARY OF
23 BORIS YARO, AN L.A. TIMES PHOTOGRAPHER, WHO DIED ON MARCH
24 11TH. HE WAS MOST WELL KNOWN FOR CAPTURING THE GRIPPING IMAGE
25 OF A MORTALLY WOUNDED ROBERT F. KENNEDY ON THE EVENING OF HIS

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1 ASSASSINATION, BUT HE HAD AN ENDURING CAREER AT THE L.A TIMES
2 FOR 40 YEARS. HE ALSO TUTORED ACTOR DARYL ANDERSON, WHO PLAYED
3 THE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE EMMY WINNING T.V. SERIES "LOU
4 GRANT." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JILL, HIS TWO CHILDREN, AND
5 A BROTHER. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SO THAT'S ALL THE ADJOURNMENTS.
8 I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME DOING IT THIS
9 WAY. OBVIOUSLY, I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COOPERATION,
10 ESPECIALLY THE STAFF THAT REALLY WORKED TO MAKE THIS ALL
11 HAPPEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICE STAFF IN PARTICULAR. THANK YOU VERY,
12 VERY MUCH. I NOTE, UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTION, OUR NEXT BOARD
13 MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY ON APRIL 14TH, 2020. PLEASE BE
14 SAFE AND WASH YOUR HANDS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND WE WILL
15 SEE -- OR WE WILL HAVE THE MEETING ON APRIL 14TH. THAT
16 CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THANK YOU. (END OF MEETING).

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