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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, APRIL 28, 2020, 9:30 AM**

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2020. OUR MEETING IS
8 BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO
9 PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I NOW WANT TO TAKE ROLL CALL TO
10 CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN
11 YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

14

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

16

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

18

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

22

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

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SACHI HAMAI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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4 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I'M HERE.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MARY WICKHAM, COUNTY COUNSEL.

7

8 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CELIA ZAVALA?

11

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

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14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE
15 ORDER N2920 CALLING FOR LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES TO ALLOW
16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE AND ADDRESS THE MEETING
17 TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHERWISE ELECTRONICALLY, THE EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICE OF THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED OVER 800 WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR
19 TODAY'S BOARD MEETING. AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE
20 RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR
21 THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S
22 REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEING RECEIVED BEFORE THE
23 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS. PRIOR TO VOTING ON
24 THE ITEM, WE WILL READ THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED
25 PUBLIC COMMENT AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT THEIR POSITION IS

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1 REGARDING THE SUBMISSION. PRIOR TO HAVING THE EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER READ THE AGENDA, I'D LIKE US TO TAKE A MOMENT OF
3 SILENCE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 942 DEATHS AS A RESULT OF
4 THE CORONA VIRUS IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, IF WE COULD DO
5 A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. .
6 [SILENCE.] THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE
7 CALL THE AGENDA?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
10 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2. THIS IS THE
11 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON
12 PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH
13 21. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 HELD. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 HELD. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE HELD. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS A REVISION AS
17 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 9,
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM
20 RELATES TO ITEM 33. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT
21 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT
22 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 36. ON ITEM 15
23 AND 16, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
24 ITEMS 19 AND 20, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
25 BE HELD. ON PAGE 20, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 22 THROUGH

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1 42. ON ITEM 33, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
2 HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 9. ON ITEM 35 IS AN
3 URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 5,
4 PERSONNEL RELATED TO THE COUNTY'S DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND
5 THRIFT PLAN AND SAVINGS PLAN TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND MATCHING
6 CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS WITH
7 RESPECT TO PAYROLL PERIODS STARTING MAY 1ST, 2020 AND
8 CONTINUING THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2021. ITEM 36 IS AN INTERIM
9 URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8,
10 CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS TO
11 CONSTITUTE THE COUNTY'S COVID-19 WORKERS PROTECTION ORDINANCE,
12 WHICH ESTABLISHED SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE WITH EMPLOYEES
13 AT BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY 500 OR MORE EMPLOYEES NATIONWIDE.
14 THE ORDINANCE WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT UPON APPROVAL AND
15 WILL BE EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2020. ON THIS ITEM,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM
17 RELATES TO ITEM 14. ON PAGE 30, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
18 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
19 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 40H ARE BEFORE YOU. AND
21 NOW, I WILL TAKE ROLL CALL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
15 0. ON ITEM 44 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY
16 CODE'S TITLE 5, PERSONNEL RELATING TO THE COUNTY DEFERRED
17 COMPENSATION AND THRIFT PLAN AND SAVINGS PLAN TO REFLECT
18 CHANGES IN THE TAX ROLLS RELATED TO HARDSHIPS. I'M SORRY.
19 DISTRIBUTION AND MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE EMERGENCY
20 WITHDRAW RULES TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE APPLICABLE
21 CHANGES REGULATION. THIS ITEM, RELATES TO ITEM 25. AND NOW I
22 WILL TAKE ROLL CALL ON ITEM 44. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
7 KUEHL?

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. THE MOTION CARRIES
20 5-0. I'M GOING GO BACK TO ITEM 43 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
21 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, AND
22 TITLE 20, UTILITIES, TO CLARIFY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
23 IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE USE OF THE REAL
24 PROPERTY, REVISE THE LIMITS ON THE DIRECTIVE'S DELEGATED
25 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS AND ENTER INTO AND AMEND AGREEMENTS

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1 AND CLARIFY THE DIRECTIVE'S AUTHORITY TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTIONS
2 TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. I
3 WILL NOW TAKE THE ROLL CALL ON ITEM 43. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL?

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
2 0. ITEM 45 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY
3 CODE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CODE TO REVISE THE CRITERIA
4 APPLICABLE TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
5 ISSUE PERMITS AND ENTER INTO AMENDED AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE
6 USE AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT'S-OWNED FACILITY AND PROPERTY
7 GRANT EASEMENT TO THE CITY AND COUNTY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES
8 OVER REAL PROPERTY AND CLARIFY THE CHIEF ENGINEERING AUTHORITY
9 TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA
10 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL ON ITEM
11 45. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
16 THOMAS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
4 0. ON PAGE 33, BUDGET MATTERS. ITEM 46, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD
5 FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PRESENTATION. THAT COMPLETES
6 THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM
9 19 FOLLOWED BY 20 THEN ITEM 46, ITEM 2, ITEM 3, ITEM 5, ITEM
10 6, ITEMS 9 AND 13, WHICH ARE RELATED, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 12 THEN
11 14 AND 36, WHICH ARE ALSO RELATED, AND ITEM 15 AND FINISHING
12 WITH ITEM 16.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S ITEM 9 AND 33 NOT ITEM 9 AND
15 13.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, I SAID ITEM 9 AND 33. I'M SORRY. ITEM
18 9 AND 33, CORRECT, WHICH ARE RELATED. THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALL
19 RIGHT. SO I HELD ITEM NUMBER 19. AND FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
20 THANK ALL THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR MAKING THE
21 ULTIMATE SACRIFICES BY STAYING HOME AND DURING THE FINANCIAL
22 HARDSHIPS AND MANY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEVASTATING LOSS OF
23 LOVED ONES. AS WE HIT THE PEAK OF THIS PANDEMIC, I'M ALSO
24 ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE
25 LEADERSHIP EXHIBITED EVERY DAY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE

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1 HEALTHCARE ACCESS FOR PATIENTS, FEED FAMILIES, HOUSE THE
2 HOMELESS, ADDRESS BASIC NEEDS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
3 POPULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE
4 HIGHER NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE
5 EVERY DAY, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE MUST BALANCE THE SCIENCE
6 WITH THE RECOVERY. WE MUST CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE TESTING,
7 THE CONTACT TRACING, AND THE ISOLATION TO PROTECT THE REST OF
8 THE PUBLIC FROM BECOMING INFECTED WITH COVID-19. WE HAVE COME
9 SO FAR IN SUCH A LITTLE TIME. WE MUST CONTINUE TO REAP THE
10 BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING USING FACE COVERINGS. AND AS
11 WE HANDLE THE DAY-TO-DAY EMERGENCIES, SO, TOO, MUST WE LOOK TO
12 THE FUTURE AND DEVELOP PLANS TO GRADUALLY BRING BACK HOUR
13 ECONOMY IN A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER. WE MUST HELP
14 BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES TO REOPEN, AND TODAY I ASK FOR THOSE
15 ELEMENTS AND PREREQUISITES THAT MUST BE PUT IN PLACE IN ORDER
16 TO REOPEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR
17 BUSINESSES, LARGE AND SMALL, FOR THEIR SACRIFICES ADHERING TO
18 THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS. OUR MOTION TODAY, AND I WANT TO
19 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ASKS THAT WE ENGAGE OUR BUSINESSES AND
20 LABOR PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT. AND WHAT I CONTINUALLY SAY IS
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS RESILIENT. JUST AS WE ARE SAFER AT HOME,
22 WE WILL SAFELY REOPEN AND RECOVER AS WE CONTINUE TO PROTECT
23 THE PUBLIC. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
24 SAY A FEW WORDS?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING
2 ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION WITH YOU. I'D LIKE TO START OUT BY
3 ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR MANY
4 OF US IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IF NOT THE WORLD. OUR LIVES
5 AS WE KNOW HAVE CHANGED ABRUPTLY. AND I WANT TO ASSURE OUR
6 RESIDENTS THAT, ALTHOUGH THIS IS PAINFUL, THIS IS TEMPORARY.
7 WE'VE -- WE WILL HAVE OUR LIVES BACK, BUT WE ALL NEED TO DO
8 OUR PART IN SLOWING THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS. THE EARLY
9 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFER AT HOME PUBLIC HEALTH
10 ORDER INCLUDED THE PAINFUL DECISION TO CLOSE NONESSENTIAL
11 BUSINESSES. AND THIS WASN'T AN EASY DECISION BY ANY MEANS, BUT
12 THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE DECISION SAVED AND WILL CONTINUE TO
13 SAVE LIVES. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO ENDURE THE EFFECTS OF COVID-
14 19, WE HAVE TO BEGIN PLANNING TO REOPEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, AS
15 OUR CHAIRWOMAN SAID, IN A RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE MANNER. AND ON
16 APRIL 14TH OF THIS YEAR, GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM OUTLINED 6
17 CRITICAL INDICATORS THE STATE WILL CONSIDER BEFORE ABOUT
18 MODIFYING ITS SAFE AT HOME ORDER, AND IT'S A BIT MORE
19 STRINGENT THAN OURS, BUT NONETHELESS I WANTED TO GO OVER THEM.
20 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS WILL HELP TO LEAD THESE DISCUSSIONS.
21 MOREOVER, OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
22 IS WORKING ON A FRAMEWORK FOR PREREQUISITES NEEDED FOR OUR
23 RECOVERY. THE FRAMEWORK IS GROUNDED IN SCIENCE AND FACTS. WE
24 NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR HOSPITALS ARE ADEQUATELY STAFFED AND
25 EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE SURGE OF PATIENTS, THAT WE HAVE

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1 VENTILATORS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO BE
2 READILY AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE, AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT
3 THERE ARE PROTECTIONS FOR OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS,
4 INCLUDING OUR ELDERLY, OUR NEIGHBORS THAT ARE ALSO
5 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. YOU KNOW, YESTERDAY DR. FERRER
6 ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNTY WILL BEGIN TESTING ALL STAFF AND
7 RESIDENTS AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS
8 IS VERY CRUCIAL, AND WE ALSO NEED TO PROVIDE CAPACITY SO THAT
9 WE COULD ISOLATE AND QUARANTINE THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO PREVENT
10 THE SPREAD OF THE INFECTION. THE COUNTY HAS 5 OF THE 10 MOST
11 CROWDED ZIP CODES IN THE U.S., MEANING PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN
12 HOMES WITH SOMETIMES SEVERAL PEOPLE PER ROOM. THESE LIVING
13 SITUATIONS MEAN WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S ADEQUATE PLACES
14 FOR PEOPLE TO ISOLATE AND HEAL. LASTLY, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT
15 OUR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ABLE TO ADHERE TO PUBLIC
16 HEALTH MEASURES, INCLUDING PURCHASING SUPPLIES FOR THEIR
17 EMPLOYEES AND PRACTICING PHYSICAL DISTANCING. MEETING THESE
18 PREREQUISITES OUTLINED ABOVE PREPARE US TO MAINTAIN LOW LEVELS
19 OF COVID TRANSMISSION. BEING PREPARED WILL HELP OUR PUBLIC
20 HEALTH OFFICIALS RELAX AND MODIFY OUR SAFER AT HOME HEALTH
21 OFFICER ORDERS. AND I KNOW THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK, AS WAS
22 STATED BY THE CHAIR, THAT NEED TO PREPARE AND ENGAGE OUR
23 BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OUR LABOR PARTNERS. MADAM CHAIR, WITH
24 THAT, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ALONG WITH OUR OTHER MEMBERS OF
25 THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU BOTH TO CHAIR BARGER AND VICE CHAIR SOLIS
6 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND I WILL START OFF, AS
7 WELL, REALLY THANKING THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. I FEEL
8 LIKE WE HAVE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB OF OUR SAFER AT HOME ORDER.
9 IT'S BEEN A SACRIFICE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND OF COURSE WE
10 KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE CAN'T STAY AT HOME. THEY DON'T REALLY
11 HAVE THAT LUXURY. AND MANY OF THEM HAVE GONE TO WORK EVERY
12 DAY, AND WE APPRECIATE THEM, TOO, BUT WE'VE DONE OUR PART TO
13 FLATTEN THIS CURVE. WE'RE REALLY GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
14 BUT I WOULD CAUTION EVERYONE FROM THINKING THAT WE HAVE SORT
15 OF AN END IN SIGHT OR WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THIS
16 UNPRECEDENTED TRAGEDY, BUT IT IS NOT THE CASE. THIS IS NOT
17 JUST GOING TO GO AWAY. CORONA VIRUS IS GOING TO BE AROUND
18 FOREVER. AND WITHOUT A VACCINE TO PREVENT US FROM GETTING THE
19 VIRUS OR A THERAPEUTIC DRUG THAT CAN TREAT YOU IF YOU GET IT,
20 WE NEED TO REALLY BE CAUTIOUS IN HOW WE REOPEN OUR SOCIETY. WE
21 CAN'T -- AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID, IT'S NOT JUST A SWITCH.
22 IT'S NOT JUST ON OR OFF. IT'S MORE LIKE A DIMMER. SO WE'RE
23 GOING TO LOOK AT REOPENING DIFFERENT PARTS OF OUR SOCIETY, AND
24 WE'VE GOT SOME CRITERIA AND METRICS THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A
25 GOOD HARD LOOK AT BEFORE WE DO THAT. I DO KNOW THAT OUR HEALTH

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1 ORDERS, WHILE THEY HAVE, IN MY OPINION, REALLY PROTECTED
2 LIVES, SAVED LIVES, AND HELPED US TO FLATTEN THIS CURVE, IT'S
3 BEEN A HUGE FINANCIAL STRAIN ON OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR
4 RESIDENTS. A LOT OF -- WE'RE WONDERING IF SOME BUSINESSES CAN
5 EVEN REOPEN. WE'RE WONDERING IF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET THEIR
6 JOBS BACK. THIS IS A REALLY DARK TIME FOR EVERYONE. AND I'M
7 NOT SURE HOW MUCH WE BOUNCE BACK. BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO OUR PART
8 TO, AS ONE OF YOU SAID, WE'VE GOT TO BE CENTERED AROUND
9 SCIENCE AND DATA. AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE
10 PERSUADED BY PETITIONS OR PEOPLE PRESSURING US TO REOPEN TOO
11 SOON. SO FAR, WE'VE DONE REALLY WELL, AND NEED TO KEEP THAT
12 CAUTIOUS GUIDING FRAMEWORK AS WE GO FORWARD. AND I'M HAPPY TO
13 SUPPORT THIS GUIDING FRAMEWORK FOR REOPENING. I THINK IT'S
14 GOOD. I THINK IT'S WELL THOUGHT OUT. I THINK IT WILL BRING
15 SOME, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO BRING COMFORT, BUT PEOPLE
16 REALLY WANT TO SEE A PLAN, A FRAMEWORK BECAUSE THEY ALSO WANT
17 TO BE WATCHING THE METRICS THAT WE GIVE THEM SO THAT THEY CAN
18 BE A PART OF KNOWING WHEN WE'RE GOING REOPEN. THE ONLY THING I
19 WANTED TO DO -- AND IT'S KIND OF A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT -- IS TO
20 SUGGEST THAT WE ADD OUR CITY REPRESENTATIVES, WHETHER THAT BE
21 THE CITY MANAGERS OR THE MAYORS OF OUR CITIES TO LABOR AND
22 BUSINESS AS WE LOOK TO SAFELY REOPEN L.A. COUNTY TO GIVE US
23 THE FEEDBACK WE NEED FOR THEIR PARTICULAR CITIES. AND I
24 PARTICULARLY WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THE REASON I ALSO WANT TO DO
25 THIS IS FOR THE BEACH CITY MAYORS WHO WE'VE WORKED WITH FOR A

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1 WHILE NOW ON WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE TO REOPEN OUR BEACHES.
2 AND WHILE THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT IN THIS, THIS IS
3 IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN SECTORS THAT WE DO NEED TO
4 OPEN TOGETHER. AND BEACHES IS ONE OF THEM. WE CAN'T HAVE ONE
5 BEACH OPENING WITHOUT ALL OF THEM REOPENING, AND BIKE PATHS
6 AND STRANDS AND ALL THAT IS ALSO PART OF OUR ECONOMY, TO SOME
7 EXTENT. SO I JUST WANTED TO HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT WE
8 ADD OUR CITY REPRESENTATIVES, EITHER MAYORS OR CITY MANAGERS,
9 TO THIS MOTION, BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL?

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU
15 AND VICE CHAIR SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. AND I ECHO THE
16 SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES IN TERMS OF THANKING ALL OF THE
17 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY FOR DOING WHAT THEY CAN. IT'S REALLY
18 DIFFICULT. IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM. AND I'VE BEEN
19 IMPRESSED AT HOW OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FAMILIES, OUR COLLEAGUES
20 HAVE REALLY MET THE CHALLENGE. AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING NOW TO
21 IDENTIFY WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND WHAT
22 WILL THE BENCHMARKS BE SCIENTIFICALLY FOR ALLOWING US TO BEGIN
23 TO, AS WE WOULD PUT IT, I GUESS, REOPEN SOCIETY. I WANTED TO
24 ADD TWO THINGS. WHEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS SPEAKING, SHE WAS
25 TALKING ABOUT OUR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS. AND I WAS

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1 THINKING AS I REVIEWED THIS MOTION, ONE OF THE LARGEST
2 SEGMENTS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTY COLLECTIVELY ARE OUR
3 NONPROFIT BUSINESSES. AND I KNOW THAT MANY, MANY OF THEM ARE
4 EXPERIENCING QUITE A BIT OF HARDSHIP BECAUSE WE'RE USED TO
5 BEING ABLE TO GET TOGETHER TO RAISE OUR MONEY. WE'RE GOING TO
6 TALK LATER ABOUT DENIM DAY AND HOW DO WE CELEBRATE DENIM DAY
7 VIRTUALLY, HOW WILL PEACE OVER VIOLENCE REALLY MAKE IT THROUGH
8 THIS TIME BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL PROVIDING ALL THEIR SERVICES.
9 SO I WONDER IF, WHEN WE USE THE TERM "BUSINESSES," IF WE CAN
10 ALSO INCLUDE OUR NONPROFIT BUSINESSES BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S
11 WHAT THEY'RE CALLED AND A VERY BIG ELEMENT OF OUR EMPLOYEES IN
12 THE COUNTY? THE SECOND THING I WANTED TO ASK IS, IN TERMS OF
13 OUR THREE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS GETTING TOGETHER TO REPORT BACK
14 ABOUT WHAT THE BENCHMARKS WILL BE THAT WE WILL LOOK AT, I
15 WONDER IF WE MAY ALSO ASK IF THERE WILL BE SOME OPERATIONAL
16 PLANS WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES. FOR INSTANCE,
17 WHERE DR. FERRER HAS BEGUN TO TALK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE
18 REQUIRED, SHE HAS TALKED ABOUT CONTACT TRACING AND CASE
19 INVESTIGATIONS. AND SO THAT WOULD ALSO MEAN IN OUR OWN
20 DEPARTMENTS, WE WOULD NEED AN OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR MAKING THAT
21 HAPPEN. SO I SIMPLY WANTED TO ADD THOSE TWO THINGS. AND I
22 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS TO
25 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, I, AGAIN, WANT TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES.

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1 I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A TRYING TIME. AND I AM PROUD WE ARE
2 SERVING AND RECOGNIZING THE FACT THAT WE'VE GOT AN AMAZING
3 GROUP OF CONSTITUENTS IN L.A. COUNTY WITH THE SAFER AT HOME
4 THAT HAVE TRULY HELPED US TO BEGIN TO FLATTEN THE CURVE AND
5 GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT. NOW, FOR THE RECORD, WE WILL READ THE
6 INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON ITEM 19. WOULD YOU
7 PLEASE READ THOSE NAMES?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
10 COMMENTS IN FAVOR: EDWIN GREDVICK, ANGELA BLAKES, GEORGE
11 BRADVICA, LAURA LOCKE, BECKY MCLINTICK, GEORGE OTIZAR, MITZI
12 WINKS, TERE, VICTOR ASTA, KEN SHUNK, JOSEPH NUNEN, SAMANTHA
13 CRIPPS, STEPHANIE PLEASANTS, STEVE ERDA, RYAN EXLING, DOUG
14 ONEIL, ANDREW HERRINGTON, DAN BARRETT, DENNIS ONEIL, TROY
15 TABAK, RAINA GONZALEZ, SUSAN BLOOM, TERI V, TONY BALASA, JUDY
16 WILLIAMS, I HAWKINS, LUCAS MARQUART, DEE LOU, RENEE HARMON,
17 MICHAEL SEGAL, DALLAS KOK, MICHAEL VALIENTE, ANTONINA
18 COSIQUELPA, AL HAMILTON, GRAY ODISON, JEFF SHACKELFORD, BRUCE
19 TIMMY CHOGER, AL LINDERMAN, DR. MIKAL HARRINGTON, STEVE
20 SHYDER, DIANE DALEY, JANE SHEPPARD, ZIZI HOWELL, PAULO
21 POPOVICH, TONYA SHUBEN, JOHN CAMPBELL, SERGIO SANTOS, BOB
22 EICH, SARAH BISHOP, WENDY AVERAL, MARILEE FRANCE, VICE
23 DEGREGORY, JONATHAN WONG, BRUCE TRATEMAN, FRED SEIBOLT, KAREN
24 JOHNSON, MARY HELVERS, MARY VANHOLT, RYAN COSADO, ELIZABETH
25 GIEGOS, DAVID JAMES, TAMARA HOLLINGSWORTH, GINA GOODYEAR, JANE

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1 W., PATRICK VINCENT, DIANE FRATKIN, JULIE BYERS, MARTIN
2 KURTIS, ANNA MANKSHINOFF, TAMARA, DEVON BRADLEY, MICHAEL
3 CONBOY, WILLIAM GODARD, MIKE TIERNEY, STEVE HAGSETH, TRAVIS
4 WHITE, WENDY ORIEL, ALISSA MAYER, JOHNNY TABODA, JANE
5 GOLDSTEIN, EMILY HARVEY, BRUCE AND CASS SMALLER, EDWIN WILSON,
6 PAULA CAPESTRO, COACH R., DONNA WYATT, JOHN ROCKFORT, BRUK
7 SHOLER, CAROLINE SHARRY, EDDIE TRUMAN, BOB BOMBOWAR, ANNA
8 MANKSHINOFF, JAN DIAMATO, JOHN BRUNO, WENDY MCDANIEL, NICK
9 COSADO, PAGE RICKARD, SUSAN HARDEN, KIM LASANO, CHRIS ALTS,
10 TOM RYAN, DONALD LAPREDO, TODD STEFFAN, TERI TUCKER, DAVID
11 LINDO, LEE EVANS, MIKE MOWRY, CHAPLAIN ELI HERNANDEZ, RICK
12 MARCODITRANO, SHERYL CLEMMER, KENT KRUEGER, JASON BLUETT, BOB
13 CRONIN, ERIN DWYER, TIM BADER, KORIE SCHMIDT, MARILYN CARUSO,
14 TOM LINENGER, DAVID SKRANSKY, ALEX FIEFO CLARK, DR. JEFF
15 SHAFER, JASON CARR, JONATHAN ROSENTHAL, KIMBERLY SHAFERS MARS,
16 JAMES SHINODA, JEANETTE MCMAHON, GREG PAPAS, MICHELLE YU,
17 RICHARD ONERADO, SANDRA BENOWITZ, ANNA GILBERT, OMAR HERRERA,
18 BRUNO DEBERT, TOM BEEKLER, KEVIN HUBBARD, BRIAN RICHARDSON,
19 RICHARD BARTON, ROBERTO ESTRADA, ROY BELMONT, BRIAN BOND,
20 RICK, JAMES BOGEL, MARYLU SLENDER, JANE EILER, KATHLEEN
21 KENFIELD, SARA, KAREN WHITE, PETE PERELLA, SUSAN MOREN,
22 MAUREEN DAVIS, CHRIS APPLIN, GREG BURNS, MAUREEN DAVIS,
23 MICHAEL MICHOWSKI, JASON BLUETT, JAMES COREL, ED DELANEY,
24 RONDA ENNIS, STEVE WITCOM, DR. MICHAEL PARUNG, SCOTT FRISH,
25 BARBARA ELMAKER, BRITTANY ERTIN, TRAVIS TORMEY, PATRICIA

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1 NEILSON, ELIZABETH CONVERSE, J. DOUGLAS SHEPPARD, ANNE
2 SANGUNETTI, MARTHA DUGAN, JORDAN MOORE, DAVE BOLLEN, GRANT W.
3 BAKER, MICHAEL H. TRAGER, PETER ROTONDO, BIG MAN ON CAMPUS,
4 SUE PAZENKA, JEANETTE MARBLE, MARK HANSON, DEBRA WILLS, MIKE
5 WILLMAN, BARRY LIEBERMAN, MARK HANSON, JOHN FREDERICK,
6 CHRISTOPHER E. MORPHY, JOSEPH WINTER, SOLHILL BASHARET,
7 RICHARD A. PALMER, AMY TREMPER, MITCHELL MCMAHON, COLIN T.
8 MCCARTHY, DAN PENNINGTON, BRADLEY AL KENNY, STIFFAN FRANKLIN,
9 STEVEN YAMERON, JOHN W. BREEZE, BETTY HAMMER, LOU AND PAM
10 CASAL, SUE GREEN, MELODY CONLON, BRITTANY YERTIN, DAVID
11 EIBERSHOFF, K.Z. PHILLIPS, LISA CRUZ, DAVID COLLINS, KELLY
12 BRINKERHOFF, CLARENCE DEAL, MATT DOMAN, DOUGLAS FOR, TRACEY D.
13 HANLINE, KATHLEEN YUKATIS MCABBY, MAKE HAZENPOOF, ALEXANDRA
14 NAGY, ROBIN GORDON, MELODY CONLON, SCOTT HAZELTON, RAYEDA
15 BURR, JANINE SAHADI, BILL DUGAN, LYNN WHITE, SCOTT LAGOGIA,
16 ANITA DIAZ, KEVIN YODER, DON BLACK, CLIM WITHERALL, MIKE M.
17 ABADear, ANNA FLYNN, DAVE PETERSON, CHRISTER M. FRONZICK,
18 SUSAN HANSON, STEVE PAVICH, CHUCK LUSTICK, CAROLYN GILL, SCOTT
19 NIGHT, TURAN AXOY, DELRENE SIMMS, MARK VERG, MARLA ZINELLI,
20 RUSS ZAPIENZA, CHARLES HOROWITZ, EDWARD ARIES, WENDY WOLSKI
21 LEMKE, MARIO ROMERO, STACEY ANDERSON, GENE RICKARD, JENNIFER
22 PAGE, J.D. DURINEM, KALI, TOM HIGHLAND, SANDY SANCHEZ, DAVID
23 FLEMING, PEGGY PADDOCK, NICK BANMERE, ELISE AND RICHARD NIGHT,
24 JOHN HARRIS, BRAD SHERWOOD, AMY J. ATKINSON, TONY FREDOLICH,
25 NICK ESSLER, DAN MCCALL, DAVID MCAFFERY, LANCE HAYES, DELREEN

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1 SIMMS, MIKE GRAFAEL, SANDRA SCOTT, TONY AND AL LILY, BRIAN
2 WOLBRICK, SAMANTHA SEGAL, SHELLY BRIDGES, KEMO HARRIS, STEVE
3 WESTMAN, ZACHARY SCOPEDA, TRACEY HERNANDEZ, RICHARD GUBITOSSA,
4 BILL POWELL, PETER FINCH, GEORGE CHATIGNI, EMERY SANTA, MARIE
5 MCOLEY, JILL THOMAS, SCOTT HAZELTON, STEVEN PAVICH, STEVIE
6 LEE, SERGIO PENA, VICKY BERNIM, STEPHANIE HANKS, ED DEES, RICK
7 DOYLE, ROGER AND WENDY SHUTT, MICHAEL BARONS, JASON HURT, CARA
8 CUHEEL, MARY LEDDING, GARY VANTHOFF, TIM COHEN, ALFRED
9 RODRIGUEZ, GENE L. SCHNELL, ANTHONY MARKOLI, ROBERT BENIVER,
10 CONNY SWITH, PATRICK MARCIORELLO, CHRISTIE KLENDON, JASON
11 BERAN, JEFFERY BLOOM, Y. MIRANDA, JANINE MALONE, CAROL
12 PRETENZA, BRIAN RATNER, A. DOWNHOWER, HANNAH BLOOM, BRAD
13 JARRETT, CONNIE SWITH, OREN WILSON, DIANE APELL, REAGAN TRULI,
14 STEVEN WITCOM, RICK LOCKNER, ERNIE STEVENS, DOWREEN SIMS, F.P.
15 FRAULIEN, RICH GLENN, BARBARA BLACK, DERRICK OESHI, NORDIS
16 ABALABRA, GALE FINCH, FORREST STORY, JOANN DISNEY, JODY BRUNO,
17 PETE BIELS, CLAUDIA NEAL, LINDA BARETT, MIKE WALSH, ARLEN
18 CARPENTER, BRIAN FERGUSON, VINCENT TATUM, JACK WOLF, LAURIE
19 SHEEHE, ANNE WILSON, MARK BACKSTROM, SUSAN GOLDWORTHY, SHANNON
20 GASTEGNOLA OSCAR DELATORY, CYNTHIA SWANSON, KEVIN L., BEA
21 PREES, BILL TOMASEK, GERRET YANEZ, NICOLE PEACOCK, ALAN
22 CRYDER, ZILLAS DAVIS, JOANN DISNEY, AMY TREMBER, THERESA
23 FOSSOLINO, RENEE GLASS, DAVE BOLEN, SHANNON CASTEGNOLA, RANDY
24 BALOSOCO, HOWARD STENINGER, STEVE WISNER, MARY MORONI, LINDA
25 FILBEN, RENEE GLASS, SUSAN EESOM, SANDRA SCOTT, NICHOLAS

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1 HEINZ, PERRY APOSTLE, ROSIE APOSTLE, ASHLEY BLOOM, JANE
2 DEMPSEY, CHAD CALVERT, THERESA FOSSOLINO, ALFRED RODRIGUEZ,
3 JALANI HENDRICKS, SUSAN GOLDSWORTHY, PATRICK PEREZ, DEAN
4 FRANCOIS, DANA CARLSON, MARY ESESAMBA, ELISE NIGHT, J.J. VEE.,
5 SCOTT LAGOGIA, RICK LOCKNER, JANINE MALONE, KEN KAWAGUCHI, AND
6 PETER FINCH. AND THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED AS OTHER, DR.
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, RILEY ANDERSON, SARAH SEGAL, NANCY
8 MITCHELL, SUNNYSIDE EQUINE, JAMIE GIVNER, ASHLEY LEWIS, EDWARD
9 MCREADY, LYNN A. FRUDENBERG, JULIE SORENSON, PATRICIA, HEATHER
10 WILSON, BONNIE KOKER, NANCY SMITH, PATTY SHENCAR, DOUG AND
11 JULIA STAHL, NANCY SMITH, MATT ROSELL, MICHAEL VALIENTE,
12 ELAINE LIEVSIEG PICELL, NICOLETTE ARBOROQUE, WENDY MARCUS
13 MINOVITZ, RYAN BRADSHAW, SCARLETT B. TIMPHONY, KALI ANDREA
14 RUEBEN, GARY GONZALEZ, BILL M., COLLIN T. MCARTHY, RICHARD W.
15 DELUVIO, BLACKJACK FLETCHER, JAMES BOGEL, ELIZABETH CONVERSE,
16 ANNE NICHOLS, PATRICIA AND DONALD MAYNARD, RYAN CARPENTER,
17 LISA MARKELL, NANCY BENINGO, EMILY WILMOTT, ANGELA ALTIMARI,
18 KELLY GRIFFIN, J. DAVID CHRIS, JENNIFER NAVARRO, RICHARD W.
19 DELUVIO, GEORGE BUZZETTI, KATHY R. GALETTA, PATRICIA NIELSON,
20 SUSAN CONWAY, JOHN FRATKIN, JOE MIGELMAR, JARED GUITIERREZ,
21 DENA APELL, PAVLO NIGARD, GRACE DISTEFFANO, MARY BAKER, KYLE
22 YOST, MICHAEL PERON, DANIEL KRON, ANGIE POPOV, AND ERIC
23 PREVEN.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. SO ITEM 19 IS BEFORE
2 US AS AMENDED.

3

4 **ATTORNEY:** CELIA, THIS IS MARY WICKHAM FROM COUNTY COUNSEL,
5 COULD YOU READ IN THE AMENDMENTS, PLEASE?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'LL HAVE CELIA READ IN THE AMENDMENTS.
8 THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO INCLUDE --

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** TO ADD UNDER DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2, THE CITY
11 REPRESENTATIVES. SO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ENCOURAGE THE BUSINESS
12 COMMUNITY AND LABOR PARTNERS AND CITY REPRESENTATIVES.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT IN AN
15 AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE NONPROFITS.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND TRACING?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND TRACING.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19, I'LL TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED WITH THE AMENDMENTS BY SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NOW, WE'LL TAKE ROLL CALL.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. THE MOTION CARRIES
24 5-0.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE WILL GO TO ITEM NUMBER
2 20, WHICH I ALSO HELD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S EFFORTS THROUGH
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE HELPED TO FLATTEN THE
4 CURVE OF A POTENTIAL INCREASE OF COVID-19 CASES AND RALLIED TO
5 PROVIDE THE NEEDED SUPPORT TO OUR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE THAT IS
6 ON THE FRONTLINE OF FIGHTING THIS EASILY SPREADABLE DISEASE.
7 WE'VE LEARNED A LOT ON BEST WAYS TO LESSEN THE SPREAD OF THE
8 DISEASE, AND OUR FEDERAL AND STATE COUNTERPARTS HAVE PROVIDED
9 GUIDANCE, AS WELL. AND PRIVATE SECTOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
10 ARE TIRELESSLY WORKING ON IDENTIFYING CURVES AND LEARNING EVEN
11 MORE ABOUT THE DISEASE AND HOW IT IS SPREAD AND WHO IS MOST
12 VULNERABLE. WHAT WE'VE LEARNED IS THAT THERE WILL BE A
13 PROFOUND IMPACT ON OUR OFFICES, OUR SCHOOLS, AND ON OUR MALLS
14 AND STORES, AND HOW WE HAVE STRUCTURED EACH AND EVERY ONE
15 MOVING FORWARD AS IT RELATES TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN
16 RESPONSE TO COVID-19. THIS MOTION WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF
17 PREPARING EVENTUAL AND GRADUAL RELAXING OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON
18 THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR HEALTH
19 DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW WORKING WITH OUR FEDERAL AND STATE
20 COUNTERPARTS TO COMPLY WITH THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES WHICH
21 HAVE BEEN LAID OUT IN ORDER TO RELAX RESTRICTIONS COUNTY-WIDE.
22 UNDER THEIR DIRECTION, WE WILL KNOW WHEN WE HAVE FULFILLED THE
23 NECESSARY GUIDELINES TO FULLY OPEN AND GO BACK TO BUSINESS.
24 THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAVE
25 BROUGHT FORWARD IS, NUMBER ONE, REOPENING. THROUGH AN ECONOMIC

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1 RESILIENCY TASK FORCE THAT WILL INCLUDE DEPARTMENTS, CITY
2 LEADERS, AND LEADERS FROM INDUSTRY, LABOR, AND BUSINESS
3 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS
4 ORGANIZATIONS, WE'LL WORK OVER THE NEXT MONTH TO EVALUATE
5 REGULATORY, FINANCIAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF FOR
6 BUSINESSES AND SMALL BUSINESSES, I'M SORRY, LARGE BUSINESSES
7 AND SMALL BUSINESSES, OUR WORKERS, AND OUR LOCAL INDUSTRY.
8 THIS TASK FORCE WILL ALSO LOOK AT THE WAYS TO SPUR SMALL
9 BUSINESS GROWTH AND TO CREATE JOBS WORKING AND COLLABORATING
10 ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES
11 ON THIS BOARD HAVE HEARD THE STORIES OF MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE
12 NOW STRUGGLING TO PUT FOOD ON THEIR TABLE WITHOUT AN END IN
13 SIGHT. AND WE, AS A COUNTY, WANT TO HELP THOSE IN GREATEST
14 NEED THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC.
15 COLLEAGUES, GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS EFFORT AND HOW VITAL
16 IT IS TO OUR COUNTY, I PROPOSE AMENDING THE MOTION TO INCLUDE
17 OUR FULL BOARD ON THE TASK FORCE. SECOND IS RECOVERY. THIS
18 MOTION WILL CONSIDER CREATION OF A PERMANENT 501(C)3 COUNTY
19 FUND FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO RAISE PRIVATE CAPITAL TO
20 DEVELOP SOLUTIONS AND GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC INSECURITY FOR JOB
21 SEEKERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES. THESE SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE
22 DESIGNED TO HELP IMPROVE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND INDUSTRY
23 GROWTH IN OUR COUNTY. AND, NUMBER THREE, REINVENTION. THIS IS
24 A TIME THAT WE ARE ALL LEARNING NEW WAYS OF CONDUCTING
25 BUSINESS THROUGH NETWORKS OF TELEWORK WHEN POSSIBLE, NEW WAYS

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1 OF DISTANCE LEARNING, NEW WAYS OF GETTING THINGS DONE. THAT
2 APPLIES TO THE COUNTY AS AN EMPLOYER AND CONTRACTOR, AS WELL.
3 THAT'S WHY WE'VE ASKED OUR QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY
4 COMMISSION, OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION, AND OUR ECONOMY AND
5 EFFICIENCY COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE INNOVATIVE IDEAS FROM
6 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSES, AND LABOR PARTNERS TO STREAMLINE
7 OUR CONTRACTING PROCESSES, IDENTIFY COST SAVING IDEAS THAT THE
8 COUNTY CAN ADDRESS AND THAT WILL HELP AS WE OURSELVES LOOK AT
9 WAYS THAT WE WORK WITHIN THE CONFINES OF SEVERE REVENUE
10 DECREASE. AND, FOURTH, RESURGENCE. THIS MOTION WILL ALSO
11 IMPLEMENT A LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKS INITIATIVE TO REDOUBLE
12 OUR EFFORTS AT PROVIDING STRONG WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
13 THAT IS SORELY NEEDED DURING THESE TIMES. AND, FIFTH,
14 RESILIENCY. THE LAST PART OF THE FRAMEWORK FOCUSES ON OUR
15 EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH AND
16 WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE LOOK TO ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTH,
17 WHEN THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL, WILL BE SET UP USING BEST
18 PRACTICES OR RECOMMEND -- AND RECOMMEND BY OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
19 OFFICERS THE BEST GUIDELINES SO THAT PARENTS CAN RETURN TO
20 WORK KNOWING THEIR CHILDREN ARE SAFE AT SCHOOL. I LOOK FORWARD
21 TO THE NEXT STEPS SO WE CAN BEGIN TO REOPEN IN A SAFE WAY,
22 LEARNING FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, BUT GETTING US BACK TO
23 WORK. THESE ISSUES AND THE BROAD-REACHING AND COMPLEX NATURE
24 OF BOTH ENSURING THAT REOPENING OUR ECONOMY WILL ALLOW
25 EMPLOYEES TO RETURN TO WORK IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE AND

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1 SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES WILL BE THE CHALLENGE OF OUR
2 TIMES. I KNOW EACH OF YOU ARE READY FOR A STRONG CHALLENGE AND
3 PUTTING IN THIS EFFORT NEEDED FOR US TO TRULY IMPACT AND
4 SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES SO THAT THEY CAN FLOURISH. LOOKING AT
5 THESE DEEP POLICY QUESTIONS, MEETING WITH THE MULTITUDE OF
6 PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN THIS, AND CRAFTING AND
7 IMPLEMENTING THE GUIDELINES AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES IN ORDER
8 TO ENSURE THAT OUR ECONOMIC REBOUND IS SOMETHING I LOOK
9 FORWARD TO, AND I KNOW I HEAR EACH AND EVERY DAY FROM
10 BUSINESSES, LARGE AND SMALL, THAT THEY, TOO, ARE LOOKING
11 FORWARD TO BEGINNING TO ADDRESS HOW THEY ARE GOING TO REOPEN.
12 I KNOW, AS YOU ALL KNOW, KEVIN MCGOWAN IS THE DIRECTOR IN
13 CHARGE OF PREPAREDNESS, INCIDENT COMMAND, AND RECOVERY. AND AS
14 SUCH, WHEN I'M DONE HEARING FROM THE OTHER MEMBERS, WOULD LIKE
15 TO HEAR FROM HIM ON THE CURRENT RECOVERY STRUCTURE WITHIN THE
16 E.O.C. AND HOW THIS PROPOSED ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE
17 WILL COMPLETE THAT EFFORT. BUT WITH THAT, I KNOW SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING?

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'M HAPPY TO
21 COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF,
22 ADAM RODIAN AND ALSO MONICA BANKEN, AND ALSO W.D.A.C.S. AND
23 I'D LIKE TO THANK MY STAFF, OCAS REMAN AND MARTIN REYES AND
24 ALL OTHERS THAT HELPED US PUT THIS ROAD MAP TOGETHER FOR A
25 STRONGER L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY. I DON'T THINK WE CAN

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1 UNDERSTATE HOW THE EFFECTS OF THIS PANDEMIC ARE HAVING ON OUR
2 LOCAL ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC
3 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THEY INDICATE THAT IN MAY OF 2020,
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COULD HAVE 2.8 MILLION FEWER JOBS THAN THE
5 SAME TIME LAST YEAR. THAT'S A 27 PERCENT DECREASE. THERE'S NO
6 QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THE HARDEST HIT ARE OUR SMALL AND
7 MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. AND MANY OF THEM, AS YOU KNOW, ARE
8 STRUGGLING THROUGH THE CRISIS, AND SOME HAVE ALREADY SHUTTERED
9 THEIR DOORS AND MAY NEVER REOPEN. AS A FORMER SECRETARY OF
10 LABOR DURING THE GREAT RECESSION, I KNOW THE IMPACTS AND THE
11 CRISIS WILL HAVE NOT ONLY ON OUR BUSINESSES BUT OUR
12 HOUSEHOLDS. THAT'S WHY WE NEED A PLAN TO CAREFULLY AND SAFELY
13 REOPEN THE ECONOMY. SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I ARE WORKING WITH
14 OUR DEPARTMENTS AND OUR C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE
15 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REOPENING PLAN FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY. AS
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED, WE CAN USE THE 5 R.S AS OUR
17 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC RESILIENCY
18 TASK FORCE THAT WILL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE
19 ECONOMY, CREATE JOBS, AND HELP US RETURN TO FULL EMPLOYMENT.
20 THE TASK FORCE WOULD IDENTIFY INCENTIVES TO SPUR ECONOMIC
21 RECOVERY, PARTICULARLY IN THE MOST IMPACTED INDUSTRIES, LIKE
22 OUR RESTAURANTS, OUR HOTELS, OUR RETAIL INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS
23 MANUFACTURING. THE TASK FORCE WILL ALSO TAKE ON A NUMBER OF
24 OTHER DIRECTIVES INCLUDING CREATING A PERMANENT 501(C)3
25 NONPROFIT TO RAISE PRIVATE CAPITAL TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC

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1 INSECURITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE TASK FORCE WILL ALSO BE
2 ABLE TO LEVERAGE OTHER EFFORTS FROM OUR STATE AND OUR FEDERAL
3 PARTNERS. AS AN EXAMPLE, GOVERNOR NEWSOM HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED
4 A NEW STATE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE \$66 A DAY IN MEALS TO SENIORS
5 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LOCAL
6 JURISDICTIONS AND WITH LOCAL RESTAURANTS. THAT IS ALSO GOING
7 TO HELP US SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASE EXPANSION OF
8 BRINGING BACK THESE JOBS IN HARD-HIT AREAS. THE COVID-19
9 PANDEMIC HAS ILLUSTRATED THAT THE ECONOMY'S STRENGTH CAN'T BE
10 SEPARATED FROM THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE WHO DRIVE IT. AND
11 UNDER THESE GUIDING PRINCIPLES, I UNDERSCORE THAT THIS TASK
12 FORCE WILL WORK IN LOCKSTEP WITH DR. FERRER AND PUBLIC HEALTH
13 EXPERTS. THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL NOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF
14 OUR HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO YOU AND VICE
20 CHAIR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS TO US. THERE'S A LOT IN HERE,
21 AND I LIKE THE SOMEWHAT THE LIMITATIONS IN THE MOTION TO
22 THINGS THAT THE COUNTY CAN ACTUALLY DO. AND TO EMPHASIZE, FOR
23 INSTANCE, BRINGING BACK A LIST OF COUNTY ASSETS AND POSSIBLE
24 USES, WHICH IS PART OF THE MOTION, I THINK IS EXTREMELY
25 IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE ARE WHOLE SEGMENTS THAT WE HAVE NOW

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1 KIND OF UTILIZED AND ASKED FOR HELP FROM, LIKE OUR HOTELS AND
2 MOTELS, WE WILL NEED THINK OF A REAL TRANSITION FOR THE PEOPLE
3 THAT WE'VE HOUSED THERE AND THE USES THAT WE MAKE TO GET BACK
4 TO OUR REAL WORK BUT ALSO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN RESPONSE
5 TO HAVING TO ADJUST THOSE POPULATIONS. AGAIN, I WANT TO ASK
6 THAT WE INCLUDE IN OUR THINKING ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE BACK TO
7 WORK AND WHAT ECONOMIC RESILIENCY MEANS THAT WE LOOK AT OUR
8 NONPROFITS, AS WELL, BECAUSE AS I INDICATED FOR THE LAST
9 MOTION, THEY'RE A LARGE PART OF THE WORKFORCE AND ALSO NEEDING
10 A PLAN AND SOME INCLUSION BY US TO GETTING BACK TO WORK. ALSO
11 I NOTICED TODAY, AND I HAVE HEARD ALL ALONG, THAT VARIOUS
12 SECTORS IN THE ECONOMY ARE MEETING IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL
13 ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH OF COURSE IS WHERE A LOT OF THE EXPERTISE
14 IS. AND I THINK PAYING ATTENTION TO THOSE PROFESSIONAL
15 GATHERINGS, LIKE THE ONE OF ALL THE THEATER OPERATORS THAT WAS
16 REPORTED IN THE TIMES TODAY, I THINK WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR US
17 TO CONNECT TO, AS WELL, SO THAT WE'RE NOT KIND OF REINVENTING
18 THE WHEEL, BUT I SUPPORT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I THINK,
19 IN TERMS OF TALKING ABOUT A WORKING GROUP TO STREAMLINE THE
20 COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESS, AGAIN, ASKING TO PAY ATTENTION
21 NOT JUST TO THE FOR PROFIT BUSINESSES WITH WHOM WE CONTRACT
22 BUT ALSO WITH OUR NONPROFITS. SO WITH THAT, I THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TO US. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
24 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESILIENCY TASK FORCE. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S A GOOD INPUT AND I APPRECIATE IT.

2 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOW, YEAH, THIS IS A BIG
5 PLAN, A BIG, HUGE REPORT THAT CAME THROUGH ON THIS ITEM. I
6 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOKING AT IT AND RESPONDING TO IT. THIS
7 IS CERTAINLY A PRIORITY. AS WE LOOK AT OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY,
8 IT KIND OF COINCIDES WITH OUR REOPENING A LITTLE BIT, AND WE
9 HAVE TO BALANCE BOTH. I AGREE, WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF
10 GOOD IDEAS AND A REALLY SMART APPROACH TO RESTARTING OUR
11 ECONOMY. AND I HOPE, AGAIN, THAT THE OVERALL UMBRELLA -- IS
12 THAT REDUNDANT? OVERALL UMBRELLA? WILL BE HEALTH AND SAFETY
13 BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE DON'T HAVE A VACCINE YET. WE DON'T HAVE A
14 DRUG TO TREAT YOU IF YOU GET IT. AND THE LAST TIME WE TALKED
15 ABOUT THIS, I THINK SOMETHING LIKE 95 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY
16 RESIDENTS CAN STILL GET IT. SO -- AND EVERYBODY'S VULNERABLE.
17 SO IT ALWAYS HAS TO BE BALANCED WITH THAT. BUT I THINK THIS
18 TASK FORCE IS A GREAT IDEA. AND THANKS FOR INCLUDING THE FULL
19 BOARD, ALL OF US SUPERVISORS, ON THIS TASK FORCE BECAUSE I
20 THINK WE ALL HAVE IDEAS. WE ALL HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICTS.
21 I'M ALREADY GETTING TEXTS FROM PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP SERVE
22 ON THIS TASK FORCE. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. THE ONLY
23 THING I WAS A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THE C.E.O.
24 HAS ALREADY KIND OF PICKED CERTAIN PEOPLE TO SERVE IN SOME OF
25 THESE SECTORS. I'M NOT REALLY SURE HOW THOSE NAMES FLOATED TO

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1 THE TOP. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
2 TO VET THOSE. I THINK THEY'RE RECOMMENDED SECTORS AND
3 REPRESENTATIVES. AND I KNOW WE'RE STILL WORKING THIS OUT. BUT
4 SOME OF US MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS ON WHO COULD REPRESENT
5 SOME OF THOSE SECTORS. WHILE, AGAIN, JUST EVEN IN EDUCATION, I
6 LOVE CAROL FOLT, BY THE WAY, U.S.C. PRESIDENT, I THINK SHE'S
7 AMAZING, HAS DONE REALLY WELL DURING THIS PANDEMIC. SHE SENDS
8 VIDEOS OUT FAIRLY REGULARLY TO HER INFLUENCE GROUP. THIS IS A
9 REALLY EXPENSIVE, PRIVATE UNIVERSITY. WE MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE
10 SOMEONE FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION, AS WELL. AND THE ONLY OTHER
11 THING, AGAIN, AS WE'RE WORKING TO -- BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
12 WE'RE VOTING TODAY SPECIFICALLY ON THE SECTORS AND THE
13 REPRESENTATIVES, BUT WHEN I WAS GOING THROUGH IT, I'M
14 WONDERING IF THE FILM INDUSTRY MIGHT BE ALSO THEIR OWN SECTOR
15 AS OPPOSED TO LUMPING THEM WITH SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
16 BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE SPORTS IS ENTERTAINMENT. AND THAT'S KIND
17 OF ITS OWN THING. AND THERE'S SO MUCH DIFFERENT CHALLENGES
18 THAT OUR FILM INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE. AND I KNOW THE GOVERNOR HAS
19 APPOINTED ME TO THE FILM COMMISSION. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF
20 THAT COULD BE ITS OWN SECTOR. AND THEN I THINK THE OTHER
21 SECTOR THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE IN THIS IS OF COURSE THE
22 GOODS MOVEMENT SECTOR HAVING TO DO WITH OUR PORTS AND OUR
23 AIRPORT AND THAT WHOLE SEGMENT. AND, AGAIN, PART OF WHAT KNOW
24 ARE UNDERLYING HEALTH ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OUR
25 GOODS MOVEMENT INDUSTRY, AS MUCH AS I LOVE THEM AND THEY'RE

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1 SUCH A HUGE ECONOMIC ENGINE IN OUR REGION, WE DO KNOW THAT
2 CORONA VIRUS HAS ATTACKED A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
3 WHO HAVE BEEN -- HAVE THESE UNDERLYING ASTHMA, UPPER
4 RESPIRATORY ISSUES. SO AS WE REOPEN, YOU KNOW, I HOPE WE CAN
5 REALLY BEGIN TO FOCUS ON ZERO EMISSIONS AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO
6 REOPEN SOME OF THESE SECTORS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SOME
7 OF THE GAINS THAT WE'VE GOT BY HAVING OUR ENTIRE SOCIETY SHUT
8 DOWN. WE DO HAVE BETTER TRAFFIC. WE DO HAVE CLEANER AIR. AND
9 I'M HOPING AS WE LOOK AT THIS TASK FORCE TO HAVE ECONOMIC
10 RECOVERY, WE DON'T LOSE SOME OF THE GAINS THAT WE'VE MADE IN
11 TERMS OF HEALTH ISSUES. SO THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. KEVIN, ARE YOU
14 ON? WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS? KEVIN MCGOWAN?

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16 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. KEVIN MCGOWAN HERE.
17 SO, TO ADDRESS THE FIRST ITEM RELATED TO OUR RECOVERY
18 STRUCTURE WITHIN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, LAST WEEK WE
19 STOOD UP A RECOVERY SECTION THAT ADDRESSES MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS
20 TOWARDS RECOVERY, INCLUDING RECONSTITUTION OF COUNTY
21 DEPARTMENTS. AND WE CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN DEVELOPING
22 OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP RECOVERY EFFORTS THAT
23 WOULD BE INCLUSIVE OF BOTH THE COUNTY WORKFORCE AND THEN THE
24 BROADER OPERATIONAL AREA INCLUDING ALL OF OUR CITIES AND
25 PARTNER AGENCIES. AS THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE IN THE

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1 MOTION, WE ENVISION THAT IT COULD SERVE AS AN OVERALL UMBRELLA
2 PROVIDING STRATEGIC GUIDANCE TO THE BOARD, WHICH WOULD THEN
3 DIRECT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE EMERGENCY
4 OPERATIONS CENTER IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE OBJECTIVES.
5 IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE CAN LOOK AT ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
6 AS JUST RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT SECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 TASK FORCE ARE REALLY GOING TO BE DECISIONS FROM THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. AND THEN, LASTLY, I WOULD JUST FINISH WITH THAT
9 THESE STRUCTURES ARE ADAPTED TO THE CONDITIONS, SO THE
10 STRUCTURES THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE RIGHT NOW WILL MOST CERTAINLY
11 CHANGE FROM THE SHORT-TERM TO THE MEDIUM TERM AND TO THE LONG
12 TERM, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH
13 UPDATES AND SEEK GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD ON HOW TO MAKE AN
14 EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SEEING NO ONE ELSE
17 HAS REQUESTED FROM THE BOARD TO TALK, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ --

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY. THIS IS
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL'S QUESTION ON COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ARE
22 INCLUDED IN -- UNDER THE INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY
23 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS TO WORK WITH W.D.A.C.S., IT ALSO
24 UNDERSCORES THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EDUCATION, LABOR,
25 INDUSTRY, THE PUBLIC, WORKFORCE SYSTEM, COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHERS. SO I DID
2 WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT IT WAS INCLUDED, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IN
3 OUR ADDRESS.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM VICE CHAIR. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WOULD YOU PLEASE READ THE
8 NAMES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM OR
9 THAT HAVE SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY?

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ARE
12 THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF ITEM 20. EDWIN
13 GREGIG, ANGELA BLAKES, GEORGE BAFICA, LAURA LOCKE, JORGE
14 ORTUZAR, MITZI WINKS, TERI VICTRASTA, KEN SHUNK, JOSEPH NUNIA,
15 SAMANTHA CRIPPS, STEPHANIE PLEASANT, JAN DIAMATO, PAGE
16 RICKARD, SUSAN HARDEN, WENDY ORIEL, LEONARD MIRANDA, SUSAN
17 BLOOM, RENEE HARMON, ALAN HAMILTON, GREG ODDISON, GALE Z.B.
18 PEBLISI, MARY HILVERS, TAMMY COGER, DAVID JAMES, TAMARA
19 HOLLINGSWORTH, MICHAEL CONBOY, KAREN JOHNSON, JONNY TEROLIDA,
20 RESAN CASMALLER, EDWIN WILSON, PAULA CAPUSRO, JOHN ROCKFORD,
21 EDDIE TRUMAN, TOM RYAN, TODD STEVEN, TERI TUCKER, DAVID LINDO,
22 GINA VIOLA, KORIE SMITH, MARILYN CARUSA, TOM LENINGER, DAVID
23 STRANSKY, ALEX FIERO CLARK, DANIELLE CARNE, ALAN FRENCH,
24 CASSANDRA CORDOVA, J. DOUBLAS, SHEPPARD, JIM ALURI, JEANETTE
25 MARBLE, MARK HANSON, DEBRA WILLS, MIKE WILLMAN, BARRY

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1 LIEBERMAN, MEG HASENFLUG, ALEXANDER NAGY, DR. JEFF SHAFFER,
2 KIMBERLY SHAFFER MARS, JOHN GARVEY, SANDRA BENOWITZ, PAMELA
3 LEO, JANE EILER, MARINE DAVIS OMAR HERRERA, BRYAN RICHARDSON,
4 MARINE DAVIS, MICHAEL MAKOWASKI, ED DELANEY, SARAH PINO,
5 RICHARD PALMER, MITCHELL MCMAHON, DAN PENNINGTON, JAMES WINN,
6 ERICA TORRES, ANITA DIAZ, LEX ROMAN, WENDY WOLSKI LEMKE, JOE
7 LAYOMENT, DAVID IBERSHA, MARLA ZANELLI, RUSS SAPENZA, DAVID
8 LAVETUS, CHRISTOPHER FRONSECK, MARIA SOLINAS, PATRICIA TORRES
9 BRUNO, PEGGY PADDOCK, ELISE AND RICHARD NIGHT, RICHARD
10 LUBITOSA, AMY ATKINSON, MINISTER MARIO FUETES, BILL POWELL,
11 DAVID FLAX, LANCE HAY, SAMANTHA SEGAL, STEPHANIE HAYTES, ED
12 DEES, RUDY ESPINOZA, ETHAN CENSOR, ROBERT BENAYVER, MICHELLE
13 SANFORD, DAVID HOWDEN, MIKE ABEDIR, DAVE PETERSON, TOM
14 HIGHLAND, SANDY SANCHEZ, DAVID FLEMING, TRACEY HERNANDEZ, JACK
15 DELIMAY, EMERY SANTA, RANDALL HERNANDEZ, MARIE MCAULEY, JILL
16 THOMAS, TINE TAN, DANIEL GAINES, BRYAN WOLBERG, ADA RAMIREZ,
17 GARY VANHOFF, RUBY RIVERA, LISA GRUTED, BROOKE WERCHSCHECTER,
18 DERRICK OESHI, LOURDES ABELLERO, CHRISTINE KLENDONDON, ANISHA
19 HINGORANI, A. DOWNHOWER, RANDALL HERNANDEZ, LINDA BARRETT,
20 ANNE WILSON, CLAUDIA NEAL, MARK BACKSTROM, SUSAN GOLDWORTH,
21 SHANNON CASTEGANOLAS, OSCAR DE LA TORA, DANIEL JOHNSON, JOANNE
22 DISNEY, SARAH DALEDAN, MIKE WALSH, BRYAN FERGUSON, GREG
23 BAYASEN, SUSAN INKSOM, AND THOSE WHO SIGNED UP UNDER "OTHER".
24 HEATHER WILSON, KELLY ANDREA RUEBEN, ELAINE LIBSAFASSEL,
25 MICHAEL VALIENTE, PATRICIA ELVIA SADANO, MARIA CASE, JOE

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1 MCGULLARD, PAVLA NIGARD, ERIC PREVEN, MARIE CASE, RYAN
2 BRADSHAW, GEORGE BUZZETTI, KYLE YOST, AND ANGIE POPOV. THOSE
3 ARE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SENT IN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO SEEING NO ONE HAS REQUESTED
6 TO SPEAK, ANYMORE BOARD MEMBERS, I'M GOING TO MOVE. SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** AS AMENDED.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO THIS IS AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FULL
14 BOARD ON THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
7 0.

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9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE ARE GOING TO
10 GO ON TO ITEM NUMBER 46, WHICH IS THE FISCAL YEAR '20/'21
11 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. I'D LIKE TO CALL ON OUR C.E.O., SACHI
12 HAMAI, TO PRESENT THE 2020/21 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AFTER WHICH
13 I'LL MAKE SOME SHORT REMARKS AND THEN OPEN IT UP TO MY
14 COLLEAGUES, AND WE'LL GO IN ORDER OF 1, 2, 3, AND 4 AS IT IS
15 ON THE SPECIALS TODAY. SO WITH THAT, SACHI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
16 PROCEED?

17

18 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** YES, GREAT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. SO I WILL BEGIN BY
20 SAYING THE RAPIDLY EVOLVING CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC HAS CREATED
21 AN UNPRECEDENTED GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS AND SPURRED A SEVERE
22 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. THE FALL OUT HAS RESULTED IN BROAD AND DEEP
23 REDUCTIONS IN SEVERAL KEY REVENUE SOURCES ALONG WITH LARGE
24 INCREASES IN SOCIAL AND HEALTH-RELATED EXPENDITURES. FURTHER,
25 COMPARED TO THE 2008 GREAT RECESSION, THE COUNTY'S REVENUE

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1 LOSS HAS BEEN EXASPERATED BY ITS GREATER RELIANCE ON SALES TAX
2 REVENUE SINCE THE 2011 REALIGNMENT OF THE STATE PROGRAM TO THE
3 COUNTIES. SO BEFORE I START WITH A RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR
4 FISCAL YEAR '20/'21, I'D LIKE TO FIRST DISCUSS THE CURRENT
5 YEAR. I ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT I STATE THAT ALL OF THE
6 FORECASTED NUMBERS THAT I'M PRESENTING TODAY ARE BASED ON OUR
7 BEST ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE THROUGH THE USE OF OUR CONSULTANTS
8 AND ECONOMISTS SINCE WE ARE AWAITING THE ACTUAL NUMBERS FROM
9 THE STATE. SO FOR FISCAL YEAR '19/'20 THE COUNTY HAS CURTAIL
10 EXPENSES VIA THE HIRING AND PURCHASING FREEZE. DESPITE THIS
11 ACTION, WE ESTIMATE THAT A SHARP DECREASE IN SALES TAX AND
12 REALIGNMENT REVENUES ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL COVID-19 COSTS WILL
13 RESULT IN AN ESTIMATED SHORTFALL OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.3 BILLION
14 AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2020. UNLESS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE
15 IDENTIFIED, WE PLAN TO CLOSE THIS DEFICIT USING A VARIETY OF
16 APPROACHES, INCLUDING, AS FUNDING PERMITS, DEPARTMENTS WILL
17 NEED TO ABSORB EXPENSES. DEPARTMENTAL TRUST FUNDS AND RESERVES
18 WILL BE USED TO OFFSET EXPENSES AS APPROPRIATE. AND COUNTY-
19 WIDE RESERVES SUCH AS THE RAINY DAY FUND WILL BE USED AS
20 NEEDED. WE ARE ALSO CLOSELY MONITORING THE COUNTY'S CASH FLOW
21 PROJECTIONS. AND AS YOU KNOW, CASH FLOW IS LIKE THE BALANCE IN
22 YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT USED TO PAY OPERATING EXPENSES AND
23 PAYROLL COSTS. FOR YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS NOT HAD TO PAY SUCH
24 CLOSE ATTENTION BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENJOY THE ROBUST
25 CASH BALANCE THAT WE'VE HAD IN OUR ACCOUNT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE

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1 IMMEDIATE IMPACTS OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, WE WILL BE CLOSING
2 OUT THE FISCAL YEAR WITH A CASH BALANCE OF JUST A LITTLE UNDER
3 \$200 MILLION. THAT MAY SOUND LIKE A LOT, BUT FOR A COUNTY OF
4 OUR SIZE, IT IS AN EXTREMELY NARROW MARGIN TO HAVE IN OUR
5 CHECKING ACCOUNT. BEFORE THE COVID-19 CRISIS HIT, WE WERE
6 PROJECTING THAT WE WOULD HAVE ABOUT \$1.1 BILLION IN AVAILABLE
7 CASH AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. SUDDENLY, WE HAVE
8 APPROXIMATELY \$950 MILLION LESS ON HAND TO PAY OUR EMPLOYEES
9 AND TO PAY OUR BILLS. I AM HIGHLIGHTING THESE NUMBERS NOT OUT
10 OF A SENSE OF ALARM BUT TO UNDERScore THE SERIOUS SITUATION WE
11 ARE NAVIGATING. MY TEAM AND I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE
12 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO ENSURE
13 THE COUNTY MAINTAINS ADEQUATE AVAILABLE CASH RESOURCES TO
14 CLOSE OUT THIS FISCAL YEAR. IN JUNE 2020, WE WILL RETURN TO
15 YOUR BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO FINALIZE THE REALIGNMENT OF
16 THE FISCAL YEAR '19/'20 BUDGET AS OUTLINED AND STATED -- AND
17 JUST STATED. SO NOW I'LL MOVE ON TO FISCAL YEAR '20/'21
18 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET THAT WE PRESENT
19 TODAY WAS PREPARED BEFORE THE CRISIS EMERGED AS A WORLDWIDE
20 PANDEMIC IN MARCH 2020. AS SUCH, THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET DOES
21 NOT REFLECT THE ESTIMATED INCREASED COSTS TO RESPOND TO THE
22 CRISIS NOR THE DEEP REVENUE LOSSES THAT ARE RESULTING FROM IT.
23 STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING WILL OFFSET A PORTION OF THE COVID-
24 19 EMERGENT EXPENDITURES DURING BOTH FISCAL YEARS '19/'20 AND
25 '21. HOWEVER COUNTY SALES TAX AND REVENUES ARE REDUCED BY A

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1 DECREASED LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. MY OFFICE WILL RETURN TO
2 YOUR BOARD IN JUNE 2020 WITH SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS TO THE
3 FISCAL YEAR 2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET REFLECTING LOWERED REVENUE
4 ASSUMPTIONS AND SIGNIFICANT COST CURTAILMENTS. FOR 2021, WE
5 ARE CURRENTLY PROJECTING A DEFICIT OF JUST A LITTLE OVER \$1
6 BILLION. UNLESS ADDITIONAL REVENUES ARE IDENTIFIED, WE WILL
7 RECOMMEND A COMBINATION OF CUTS AND OTHER SOLUTIONS TO BALANCE
8 THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. THE THREE MAIN AREAS THAT WE WILL BE
9 LOOKING TO INCLUDE ARE, FIRST OF ALL, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THE
10 TRANSFERS OF ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM RESERVES AND TRUST
11 ACCOUNTS. WHERE RESERVES OR TRUST ACCOUNTS EXIST FOR SPECIFIC
12 PROGRAMS, THEY WILL BE USED TO LESSEN THE IMPACT OF THE
13 OPERATIONAL CUTS IN 2021. THE SECOND, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT
14 NET COUNTY COST CURTAILMENTS AND REDUCTIONS. AND THERE ARE A
15 NUMBER OF AREAS WE WILL BE LOOKING AT SUCH AS THE CONTINUATION
16 OF THE FREEZE ON NONESSENTIAL HIRING AND PURCHASING,
17 ELIMINATING OR REDUCING NEW OR EXPANDED BUDGET PROJECTS
18 IDENTIFIED IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, SUSPENDING COUNTY
19 MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 401-K AND 457 PLAN, SUSPENDING
20 COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PREFUND RETIREE HEALTH COSTS, REDUCING
21 OR SUSPENDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
22 OR THE SYSTEM OF CARE, CURTAILING DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS AS
23 MUCH AS 20 PERCENT OF THE M.C.C. CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THE
24 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING DURING APRIL TO IDENTIFY
25 PROPOSED REDUCTIONS. AND THEN, FINALLY, WORKING WITH OUR LABOR

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1 PARTNERS TO AVOID LAYOFFS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT THIS
2 WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR LABOR
3 PARTNERS. IN THE THIRD AND FINAL AREA THAT WE WILL BE LOOKING
4 AT, IT WILL BE CURTAILMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FUNDED BY
5 THE 2011 STATE REALIGNMENT SALES TAX REVENUES. THESE
6 REDUCTIONS IN REALIGNMENT FUNDING MAY RESULT IN LARGE PROGRAM
7 CUTS FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS INCLUDING PROTECTIVE SOCIAL
8 SERVICES, INCLUDING D.C.F.S. PROGRAMS LIKE EXTENDED FOSTER
9 CARE AND OTHERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING AB109 FUNDED
10 SERVICES AT D.H.S., D.M.H., PROBATION, D.P.H., SHERIFF,
11 O.D.N.R., FIRE AND OTHERS. WE HOPE THAT MANY OF THESE CUTS CAN
12 BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED BY NEW OR MORE FLEXIBLE FEDERAL
13 FUNDING AND/OR IMPROVED ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS FOR FISCAL YEAR
14 '20/'21. WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH WASHINGTON AND SACRAMENTO
15 REPRESENTATIVES TO FUND COVID-19-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND
16 BACKFILL LOST REVENUE WHERE POSSIBLE. I WOULD ALSO STRESS THAT
17 OUR REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR '20/'21 REMAIN FLUID DURING THIS
18 PERIOD OF SEVERE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY. HOWEVER, WE WILL
19 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR ECONOMIC CONSULTANTS TO REFINE
20 ESTIMATES IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS. AND OUR JUNE BUDGET
21 PRESENTATION WILL REFLECT THE LATEST INFORMATION AT THAT TIME.
22 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SACHI. I JUST FIRST WANT TO
25 THANK YOU, SACHI, AND FESIA DAVENPORT AND THE C.E.O. BUDGET

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1 STAFF ALONG WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND STAFF FOR PUTTING
2 THIS BUDGET TOGETHER. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A VERY CHALLENGING TIME
3 WITH COVID-19, BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT YOU ALL HAVE GONE
4 ABOVE AND BEYOND AS IT RELATES TO GETTING THIS BUDGET READY.
5 LAST MONTH, THE COUNTY DECLARED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-
6 BEING OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS AS A TOP PRIORITY. MANY OF THE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE IN THIS BUDGET TODAY WERE MADE PRIOR
8 TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND NOW WE FIND OURSELVES TRULY IN
9 UNCHARTED TERRITORIES DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. THE
10 SITUATION CONTINUES TO EVOLVE. WE DO NOT KNOW YET THE FULL
11 IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 AND WHAT IT WILL HAVE -- IMPACT IT WILL
12 HAVE ON OUR REGION. WE ARE REMINDED, THOUGH, THAT OUR BUDGET
13 IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AS WE SEE SO MANY PEOPLE DEPENDING
14 UPON THE COUNTY SERVICES DURING TIMES OF NEED, ESPECIALLY WITH
15 WHAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING NOW. DEMANDS FOR COUNTY SERVICES
16 SUCH AS FOOD, HOUSING, HEALTH SERVICES, HOMELESS SERVICES, AND
17 MANY OTHERS ARE INCREASING AT A RATE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
18 UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY SEEING UNPARALLELED
19 REDUCTIONS IN REVENUE THAT ARE NEEDED TO FUND VITAL SERVICES
20 IN PUBLIC SAFETY, CHILD WELFARE, HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH
21 SERVICES, PLUS MANY OTHER AREAS. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE BOARD
22 ESTABLISHED AND BEGAN REGULARLY CONTRIBUTING TO WHAT WE CALLED
23 THE RAINY DAY FUND. I WANT TO COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS
24 BOARD FOR THEIR FISCAL PRUDENCE IN SETTING ASIDE MONEY EACH
25 YEAR TOWARD THIS RAINY DAY FUND, WHICH WILL NOW BE VITAL TO

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1 HELP US ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS SERVICES FOR THOSE THAT TRULY DO
2 NEED IT. IN ADDITION, THIS BOARD IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTED A
3 HARD HIRING FREEZE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR LABOR FORCE AND
4 FREEZE NONESSENTIAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT. WE MUST
5 CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR AS LONG AS IT'S NEEDED TO WEATHER THIS
6 POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DOWNFALL. AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPACT
7 OF COVID-19 ON OUR REVENUES, SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS WILL
8 LIKELY BE NEEDED DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IN JUNE. AT THAT
9 TIME, WE WILL RE-VISIT THE BUDGET AND MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES
10 IN LINE WITH WHAT IS AVAILABLE REGARDING FUNDING. WE WILL BE
11 FACING TOUGH DECISIONS IN JUNE AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO PRESERVE
12 THE COUNTY'S SAFETY NET AND PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES THAT THE
13 PUBLIC SO DESPERATELY DEPENDS UPON DURING THESE VERY DIFFICULT
14 TIMES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK OUR COUNTY
15 WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND IN PROVIDING
16 ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS WHEN THEY'VE NEEDED IT THE
17 MOST. DURING EMERGENCY EVENTS, COUNTY EMPLOYEES MAY BE CALLED
18 ON TO ACT AS DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS
19 OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF ESSENTIAL
20 SERVICES, AS MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO
21 DO UNTIL WE DECLARE SAFER AT HOME NO LONGER IN PLACE. I ALSO
22 WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR
23 SUPPORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. I FEEL SO FORTUNATE TO
24 WORK WITH SUCH AN INCREDIBLE BOARD, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE CAN
25 WORK IN UNISON IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 RESIDENTS. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR FIRST RESPONDERS BOTH IN
2 OUR -- IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO COUNTY-WIDE FOR
3 THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING AND ALSO OUR HEALTH CARE LINE
4 WORKERS, AS WELL, WHO TRULY ARE MAKING SO MANY SACRIFICES NOT
5 ONLY AS IT RELATES TO THE POTENTIAL OF GETTING THE INFECTION
6 BUT ALSO THE IMPACT IT'S HAVING ON THEIR FAMILIES. SO WITH
7 THAT, I COMMEND YOU ALL. I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, RICK
8 VELASQUEZ, WHO HAS BEEN COORDINATING AND WORKING WITH SACHI
9 HAMAI, AS WELL. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME
12 TO JOIN YOU AS COAUTHOR ON THE MOTION. AS WE KNOW THE FEDERAL
13 GOVERNMENT HAS DONE ITS JOB TO APPROVE STIMULUS FUNDING FOR
14 OUR STATES AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, AND NOW WE MUST DO OUR JOB
15 TO LET THEM KNOW THE IMPACT THAT COVID-19 HAS HAD ON OUR OWN
16 COUNTY BUDGET AND MORE IMPORTANTLY ON THE SAFETY NET SERVICES
17 PROVIDED TO OUR SHARED CONSTITUENCIES. WE MUST ADVOCATE ON
18 BEHALF OF ALL THE 10 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR MORE
19 FEDERAL FUNDING TO MAINTAIN OUR SERVICES. UNLIKE THE FEDERAL
20 GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE, THE COUNTY CANNOT CLOSE ITS BOOKS
21 WITH A DEFICIT. IF THERE IS NO INCREASE IN REVENUE, WE'LL HAVE
22 TO MAKE SERVICE REDUCTIONS. AND THOSE SERVICES ARE NEEDED NOW
23 MORE THAN EVER. WITHOUT PROPER FEDERAL SUPPORT, RECOVERY FOR
24 THE COUNTY AND FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS WILL TAKE THAT MUCH
25 LONGER. MOREOVER, I'M PLEASED THAT WE'RE ALSO ADVOCATING ON

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1 BEHALF OF THE 80 CITIES WE REPRESENT TO ENSURE THAT FUNDING IS
2 ALLOCATED FOR OUR RECOVERY THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AND I'D
3 ALSO LIKE TO ECHO THE CHAIR'S THANKS AND ADD MY APPRECIATION
4 TO SACHI, HER BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE TEAMS, AS WELL AS OUR
5 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ALSO OUR EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE ALL HAD TO
6 MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. AND I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT I TRULY
7 APPRECIATE THEIR VERY HARD WORK DURING THESE TOUGH TIMES. AND
8 AS WE BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE NEED TO
9 BRACE OURSELVES FOR WHAT IT WILL BE, WITHOUT A DOUBT, A
10 CHALLENGING YEAR FOR ALL OF US. EACH AND EVERY LIFE THROUGHOUT
11 THE WORLD OVER HAS BEEN UPENDED IN JUST A MATTER OF WEEKS TO
12 SUCH AN EXTREME MOMENT THAT I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS
13 HAPPENED TO OUR COUNTRY, TO OUR COUNTY, AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS.
14 AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, I'M PLEASED THAT WE'VE ALSO ALREADY
15 TAKEN AT LEAST SOME PROACTIVE MEASURES TO BEST POSITION
16 OURSELVES TO SHOULDER THE DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD. ON MARCH 31ST
17 OF 2020, I COAUTHORED A MOTION WITH CHAIR BARGER TO
18 IMMEDIATELY FREEZE ALL NONESSENTIAL HIRES IN SPENDING, TRAVEL,
19 AND TRAINING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY NEW PROGRAMS. I WANT
20 TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION AND
21 FOR HER STAUNCH LEADERSHIP. AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MUCH OF
22 THE BUDGET BEFORE US TODAY WILL LOOK VERY DIFFERENT WHEN WE
23 END UP ADOPTING THE BUDGET IN JUNE. THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
24 INCLUDES FUNDING INCREASES IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. 50
25 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS

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1 STILL SO CRITICAL, 20.4 MILLION TO FUND COST INCREASES IN
2 MENTAL HEALTH INPATIENT BEDS, WHICH IS ULTIMATELY FUNDED BY A
3 SALES TAX, WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED, AND
4 6 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO ADD 75 BEDS
5 AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE CAPACITY AT THE BELL RECUPERATIVE CARE
6 CENTER, 46.3 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
7 SERVICES CALWORKS, COST INCREASES DUE TO THE INCREASED EARNED
8 INCOME DISREGARD, WHICH WILL HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES PUT MORE
9 MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS. THESE ARE ALL, AS YOU KNOW, MEMBERS,
10 CRITICAL SERVICES THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
11 RESIDENTS. AND WHILE WE ADVOCATE FOR RELIEF FROM THE STATE AND
12 ALSO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE MUST PREPARE TO ADDRESS THESE
13 ANTICIPATED SHORTFALLS WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS AND
14 STAKEHOLDERS BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE. AND, LASTLY, I WANT
15 TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, FROM THE
16 HOSPITAL STAFF, FIRST RESPONDERS, PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE SERVICES
17 TO OUR MOST NEEDIEST CLIENTS, WHETHER IT'S OUR ELIGIBILITY
18 WORKERS OR OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, THE PEOPLE FIXING OUR ROADS,
19 THE PEOPLE WHO CLEAN OUR OFFICES, I WANT TO SAY A BIG THANK
20 YOU AND A DISTANT HUG. THANK YOU AGAIN. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER.
21 THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL? YEAH, I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR THE LAST
2 DECADE, I THINK IT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND ALSO
3 ECONOMIC FORECASTING AS WELL AS PROSPERITY THAT THE COUNTY OF
4 LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN LIVING LARGE. THAT DOES NOT MEAN LIVING
5 IRRESPONSIBLY. IT DOES NOT MEAN LIVING IN A WAY THAT IS
6 RECKLESS. IT MEANS WE HAVE DONE WELL BY ANY STANDARD OF
7 MEASUREMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE GROWTH OF OUR WORKFORCE, WITH
8 RESPECT TO OUR CREDIT RATINGS, WITH RESPECT TO A RANGE OF WAYS
9 TO INDEX THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DONE WELL. WELL THE WORLD HAS
10 CHANGED, AND IT HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY AND IT HAS CHANGED
11 RAPIDLY. WE ARE FACED WITH THAT WHICH CAN BE DESCRIBED IN NO
12 UNCERTAIN TERMS AS UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES. BUT GIVEN THE
13 HISTORY OF THIS COUNTY, GIVEN THE QUALITY OF THOSE WHO WORK ON
14 BEHALF OF THIS COUNTY AND ALL SECTORS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THIS
15 COUNTY, I BELIEVE WE CAN AND WILL DO WELL. IT WILL NOT BE
16 EASY. IT WILL BE TOUGH. WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SERIOUS
17 DECISIONS, BELT TIGHTENING OF CONSEQUENCE. WE KNOW THAT. AND
18 YET, HERE WE ARE PREPARED TO DO PRECISELY THAT. SUFFICE IT TO
19 SAY THAT THE IMPACT OF COVID-19, THIS PANDEMIC, WILL BE
20 PROFOUND BY ANY STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT. BUT I'M PLEASED THAT
21 WE'VE SET IN MOTION A PLAN TO IMMEDIATELY REDUCE CERTAIN
22 EXPENDITURES OF QUICK TURN-AROUND IN TERMS OF WHAT HAD BEEN
23 FORECASTED, WHICH MEANS THAT WE HAVE WHAT MIGHT BE DESCRIBED
24 AS A CRACKER JACK TEAM OF PEOPLE ON THE CASE LED BY THE CHIEF
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND HER TEAM WHO HAS RAPIDLY ASSESSED OUR

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1 REALITIES, HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS OF TRIAGING, AND THE EFFECT
2 OF THIS PANDEMIC, THEY ARE UPON US. BUT, YET, WE WILL FACE IT
3 WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN. CHALLENGING TIMES INDEED, AND YET IF
4 WE ACT IN CONCERT, IF WE ACT WITH A SENSE OF ALACRITY AND
5 TRANSPARENCY, I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL MAKE IT THROUGH THIS AND
6 MAKE IT THROUGH IT IN A WAY THAT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT WE
7 CAN STAND TALL AND SAY THAT WE WORKED TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF
8 THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY AND FOR WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD. A BIG
9 THANKS, A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL HANDS ON DECK. AND TO THAT
10 EXTENT, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH
11 IN. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS:
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15
16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK
17 OUR C.E.O. AND HER ENTIRE STAFF FOR HER LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT
18 THE PAST YEARS AND ENSURING THAT WE HAVE A PRETTY HEALTHY
19 RAINY DAY FUND AND FOR THINKING THROUGH THE BEST APPROACH TO
20 ENSURE A BALANCED BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR. AS EVERYONE HAS
21 INDICATED, IT WILL LOOK LIKE DIFFERENT FROM THIS BUDGET WITH A
22 PROJECTED LOSS OF OVER \$2 BILLION OVER THE NEXT TWO BUDGET
23 YEARS TAX REVENUE. EVERYBODY IS SAYING WE'RE LIVING IN
24 UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. THEY CERTAINLY ARE, EVEN FOR MY
25 GENERATION, WHICH HAS LIVED THROUGH A LOT OF HARDSHIP AND A

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1 LOT OF UP TIMES, AS WELL. BUT THIS IS AFFECTING EVERY SECTOR,
2 EVERY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. CITIES ARE STRUGGLING. HOUSEHOLDS
3 ARE STRUGGLING. AND OF COURSE WE DO HAVE TO, AS EVERYONE SAID,
4 TIGHTEN OUR BELTS. BUT THE COUNTY IS ALSO EXPECTED TO CONTINUE
5 TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES NOW MORE THAN EVER. SO WE HAVE
6 TO CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE THOSE AND MAINTAIN, AT THE SAME
7 TIME, THIS IS REALLY THE POINT OF MY REMARKS, THE MOMENTUM OF
8 POLICY IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO ENGAGE IN OVER THE
9 PAST FEW YEARS. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THESE ARE NOT
10 FRIVOLOUS, BUT, RATHER, ESSENTIAL CHANGES THAT WE ARE LOOKING
11 TO MAKE SO THAT THE FUTURE ALLOWS US TO LIVE IN THE PRIVATE
12 SECTOR, IN OUR RESIDENCE, AND IN THE GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR, A
13 MORE FULFILLING AND YET A PARED-DOWN ECONOMIC LIFE. FIRST I
14 WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE C.E.O. HAS
15 MENTIONED THAT THEY WILL LOOK AT SUSPENDING OR DISCONTINUING
16 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. AND I WANT
17 TO INDICATE THAT, THOUGH THAT IS NOT A DONE DEAL, THAT WE
18 REALLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE
19 SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO RECOVER. THAT IS, WE NEED
20 TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PLACES THAT WE CAN AFFORD BECAUSE THE
21 EVICTION MORATORIA WILL NOT CONTINUE FOREVER. AND WE DON'T
22 WANT TO SEE, AFTER THIS IS OVER, A NEW INFLUX OF THOUSANDS OF
23 HOMELESS PEOPLE INTO THE STREETS, AND WE START ALL OVER AGAIN.
24 ALSO, DURING A RECESSION, MARKET RATE CONSTRUCTION SLOWS
25 DRAMATICALLY. SO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR

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1 US TO CONSIDER, NOT ONLY FOR OUR RESIDENTS, BUT FOR OUR
2 CONSTRUCTION TRADES BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BUILD. AND
3 LABOR MAY BE GETTING BETTER RATES. AND IT'S CRITICAL TO
4 MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM, AS WELL, OF PROJECT ROOM KEY. WE NEED
5 TO EXPAND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE THOUSANDS OF
6 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT THE MOMENT UTILIZING A WIDE VARIETY OF
7 INTERIM HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOTELS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
8 MOTEL VOUCHERS, THE MAYOR'S REC AND PARK SHELTERS, ETC.
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CANNOT BE SOMETHING WE ONLY SUPPORT WHEN
10 OUR BALANCE SHEET LOOKS GOOD. IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ONE
11 OF OUR PRIORITIES SO THAT WHEN WE COME OUT OF THIS, WE MIGHT
12 BE ABLE TO SMOOTH THE WAY FOR A NEW WAY OF DEALING WITH
13 HOMELESSNESS AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION. THE SECOND AREA I
14 WANT TO EMPHASIZE IS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE WERE
15 CHUGGING ALONG LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF OUR
16 JAILS AND INTO COMMUNITY TREATMENT, WHICH ULTIMATELY IS A LOT
17 MORE AFFORDABLE THAN SIMPLY LOCKING PEOPLE UP AND PUTTING THEM
18 INTO A CYCLE OF INCARCERATION. I WOULD SAY NOW THAT THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE A.T.I. TASK FORCE ARE MORE IMPORTANT
20 THAN THEY'VE EVER BEEN BECAUSE WE CAN LOOK AT THE CHANGES THAT
21 WE'VE SEEN IN A POSITIVE WAY AND A WAY TO GIVE US THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN HOUSING HOMELESS
23 INDIVIDUALS. HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WITH LOW LEVEL OFFENSES ARE
24 BEING RELEASED FROM THE JAIL, THE STRONG LOOK THAT WE'RE
25 TAKING AT BAIL REFORM, IT'S NOT REALLY ENOUGH. AND I KNOW IT

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1 LOOKS LIKE I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'LL DO THIS, BUT I THINK WHEN WE
2 LOOK AT OUR NEXT BUDGET, WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT IS REALLY
3 NEEDED TO MOVE US INTO TRUE RECOVERY FOR THOSE WHO ARE MOST
4 VULNERABLE IN OUR COUNTY AND, FRANKLY, BEYOND. WE NEED MORE
5 BEDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE
6 COMMUNITY. FINALLY, I WANT TO ECHO SOMETHING THAT MY
7 COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, TALKED ABOUT. IN TERMS OF THE
8 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY. YOU KNOW, IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN
9 SORT OF A STEPCHILD, IN A WAY. WE THINK OH, YOU KNOW,
10 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, YEAH, WE NEED TO GO TO MORE ELECTRIC
11 VEHICLES, ETC. BUT I WOULD SAY THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BACK
12 OFF OF OUR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES AS MUCH AS WE CAN. A
13 STRONG ROLL OUT OF MEASURE W IS A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT.
14 CONTINUING TO FUND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EVEN AT A SLOWER RATE
15 IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE'RE HITTING A PAUSE BUTTON ON A LOT, BUT
16 I WOULD SAY HITTING A PAUSE BUTTON RIGHT NOW ON THESE THREE
17 CRITICAL EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE A SMART ECONOMIC MOVE. SO IN
18 CONCLUSION, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT OUR POST PANDEMIC WORLD AND
19 BE PREPARED WITH VITAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES AND POLICY. AND,
20 AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O. I WANT TO THANK OUR CHAIR
21 AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND MY COLLEAGUES, ALL OF THEIR
22 STAFFS AND CERTAINLY MINE, MY NEW BUDGET DEPUTY ANGELICA AYALA
23 WHO REALLY STEPPED UP AND GAVE ME SOME WONDERFUL PREPARATION.
24 YOU KNOW, WE'VE SEEN THE ECONOMY EBB AND FLOW OVER THE YEARS.
25 AND AS EVERYBODY IS NOW SAYING ON THEIR T.V. COMMERCIALS,

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1 WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, AND WE WILL GET THROUGH IT. THANK
2 YOU SO MUCH.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SACHI, FOR
8 GIVING THIS SNAP SHOT OF THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET WITHOUT
9 TOTALLY KNOWING THE HORRIBLE IMPACT, FINANCIAL IMPACT, THAT
10 THIS VIRUS WILL HAVE ON US. AND WE CAN NEVER FORGET THAT, OF
11 COURSE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE THE BIG SAFETY NET. WE'RE RESPONSIBLE
12 FOR HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED WHO HAVE NO WHERE ELSE TO TURN,
13 WHETHER THEY'RE POOR, SICK, HUNGRY, HOMELESS. AND I THINK WHAT
14 WE'VE FOUND THROUGH THIS CRISIS IS THERE ARE MORE AND MORE AND
15 MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FELT LIKE THEY HAVE NO WHERE
16 ELSE TO TURN. PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. PEOPLE HAVE HAD
17 THIS TERRIBLE VIRUS AFFECT THEIR HEALTH. THEY'VE LOST THEIR
18 LOVED ONES. THEY'VE EVEN BEEN UNABLE TO BURY THEIR LOVED ONES
19 THROUGH THIS CRISIS. SO THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE IN
20 L.A. COUNTY NOW WHO ARE LONELY, WHO ARE SICK, WHO ARE -- EVEN
21 WITH ALL THE HELP THAT'S COMING THEIR WAY, THEY'RE WONDERING
22 HOW THEY MAKE THEIR NEXT RENT AND HOW THEY SUSTAIN THEIR
23 FAMILIES. SO I KNOW OUR BUDGET'S GOING TO TAKE A HUGE HIT AND
24 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS WHICH WE
25 HAVEN'T REALLY HAD TO MAKE PROBABLY -- I WASN'T AROUND ON THE

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1 BOARD, BUT PROBABLY SINCE 2008 WHEN WE HAD THE OTHER ECONOMIC
2 DOWNTURN. BUT I KNOW THAT WE MAYBE HAVE SEEN SOME TEARS IN OUR
3 SAFETY NET, AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO SHORE IT UP. AND THAT'S
4 WHAT WE HAVE TO REALLY STRENGTHEN AS WE GO FORWARD. I DO KNOW
5 THAT WE PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME CUTS. AND WE'RE GOING
6 TO HAVE TO ASK OUR DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THEIR
7 BUDGETS AND TRIM WHEREVER THEY CAN. YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN
8 SOME SILVER LININGS DURING THIS PANDEMIC. AND I KNOW,
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU MENTIONED THAT I MENTIONED THINGS LIKE
10 CLEAN AIR, LESS TRAFFIC. AND I THINK THERE'S CERTAIN THINGS
11 THAT WE SHOULD NOT LOSE AS WE RECOVER AND GET OUT OF THIS. AND
12 ONE OF THE THINGS, SO HARD TO REMEMBER WHEN I WAS CHAIR, WHICH
13 WASN'T THAT LONG AGO, BUT IT DOES SEEM LIKE A LIFETIME AGO,
14 BUT ONE OF MY INITIATIVES, IF YOU REMEMBER, WAS TELEWORKING
15 AND GETTING THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BEGIN EMBRACING A NEW
16 VISION ON HOW THEY WORKED. I WAS ENVISIONING THAT NOT EVERY
17 COUNTY EMPLOYEE HAD TO DRIVE DOWNTOWN L.A. TO GO TO WORK AND
18 THAT WE COULD LOOK AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS FOR PEOPLE TO WORK
19 AT. AND LOOK AT PEOPLE WORKING FROM HOME. AND I REALLY WANT TO
20 THANK LISA GARRETT AND HER DEPARTMENT FOR EMBRACING THAT AS
21 WELL AS I.S.D. FOR EMBRACING THAT INITIATIVE AND WORKING HARD
22 TO CREATE THAT ENVIRONMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WE'VE -- THAT
23 HAS JUST WARP SPEED PROGRESSED DURING THIS PANDEMIC. AND I
24 KNOW THERE HAS BEEN PROBLEMS WITH TELEWORKING. I KNOW I'VE
25 EVEN -- I HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH ALL THIS

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1 TECHNOLOGY. BUT WHAT I'M HOPING, SACHI, IS THAT AS WE MOVE
2 FORWARD, WE CAN REALLY LOOK SERIOUSLY AT OUR OFFICE SPACES,
3 CONSOLIDATING SOME SPACES, AND LETTING GO OF SOME LEASES FOR
4 LONG-TERM LEASES FOR BUILDINGS THAT WE MAY -- THAT MAY NOT
5 MAKE SENSE ANYMORE. I WOULD RATHER US INVEST IN THE
6 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PEOPLE TO WORK FROM HOME AND MAYBE TO WORK
7 FROM SOME SATELLITE LOCATIONS. SO I REALLY WANTED TO EMPHASIZE
8 THAT TODAY AS WE GO FORWARD. I JUST THINK THIS HAS FORCED US
9 TO LOOK AT THINGS AS THEY CAN BE INSTEAD OF HOW THEY ALWAYS
10 HAVE BEEN. AND, YOU KNOW, LASTLY, I JUST REALLY WANTED TO SAY
11 I APPRECIATE HOW WE HAVE ALWAYS HONORED OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES
12 AND THE WORK THAT THEY DO AND HOW WE'VE GIVEN THEM GOOD JOBS,
13 GOOD CAREERS THAT HAVE REALLY ALLOWED THEM TO TAKE CARE OF
14 THEIR FAMILIES. AND I HOPE WE CAN DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
15 KEEP THEM EMPLOYED. I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO FURLOUGH OR LAY
16 OFF WORKERS BECAUSE I THINK THE WORST THING WE COULD DO DURING
17 AN ECONOMIC CRISIS IS TO ADD PEOPLE TO THAT ECONOMIC CRISIS.
18 WE'RE IN A STORM. I DON'T WANT TO THROW PEOPLE OVERBOARD. SO I
19 HOPE WE CAN DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP THEM EMPLOYED WITH
20 THE COUNTY. AGAIN, MAYBE RETHINKING SOME OF HOW WE ACTUALLY
21 WORK. AND I KNOW I'VE SAID THAT WAS THE LAST THING, BUT THIS
22 IS REALLY THE LAST THING. SO I KNOW, CHAIR BARGER, YOU'RE
23 GOING TO READ IN AN AMENDMENT ABOUT ASKING THE FEDERAL
24 GOVERNMENT TO SEND MORE MONEY OUR WAY, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR
25 CITIES. AND I JUST WANTED TO BRING UP AN ISSUE THAT IT'S NOT

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1 OUR PROBLEM NECESSARILY BUT IT'S ONE OF OUR CITIES AND IT'S
2 ONE OF MY CITIES, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S LONG BEACH. AND THE
3 FORMULA THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USES TO SEND THE MONEY OUR
4 WAY, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD SEND DIRECTLY MONEY TO, LET'S SAY,
5 SACRAMENTO THAT HAS 501,000 PEOPLE. SO THEY GOT, I WANT TO SAY
6 \$89 MILLION DIRECTLY INTO THEIR COFFERS. LONG BEACH HAS --
7 BECAUSE THE CUTOFF IS 500,000. LONG BEACH HAS LIKE 486,000 SO
8 THEY GOT ZERO MONEY. AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT
9 AS WE ALL KNOW, SO DOES PASADENA. AND THEY'RE DOING A LOT OF
10 THE WORK THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DO BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN
11 HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND YET BOTH OF THOSE CITIES GOT ZERO MONEY
12 DIRECTLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO I WAS HOPING, CHAIR
13 BARGER, MAYBE IN YOUR AMENDMENT IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR
14 IF WE WANT TO DO ANOTHER FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER ASKING THE
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EITHER REDO THE FORMULA OR MAYBE LOOK AT
16 CITIES WHO HAVE THEIR OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS A WAY TO GET
17 THEM MORE OF THE MONEY DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF HAVING IT ALL COME
18 TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THEY RESIDE. SO THAT'S JUST A
19 SUGGESTION. AND, SACHI, MAYBE YOU COULD HELP US KIND OF FIGURE
20 OUT HOW LONG BEACH DOESN'T HAVE ZERO MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL
21 GOVERNMENT EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE DOING A LOT OF THE WORK THAT WE
22 WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO DO. OKAY, THANKS.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I'M HAPPY TO CONSIDER THAT. I KNOW
25 PASADENA IS IN THE SAME, SIMILAR POSITION. BUT I KNOW AS IT

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1 RELATES TO LIKE TESTING, THEY'RE BILLING F.E.M.A. SO I'M HAPPY
2 TO LOOK AT THAT. BUT THE AMENDMENT THAT I AM PROPOSING TO
3 BRING IN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE LEADERSHIP OF
5 THE U.S. SENATE AND U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INFORMING
6 THEM OF THE COUNTY'S FISCAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 AND THE NEED
7 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY AS WELL AS ITS 88 CITIES
8 TO CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY FIGHT AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS
9 PANDEMIC AND TO CONTINUE PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES, PROGRAMS
10 AND PERSONNEL. SO I THINK THAT UNDER THE 88 CITIES, WE CAN
11 WORK, AND, SACHI, YOU HEARD WHAT THE SUPERVISOR SAID, SEE IF
12 WE CAN CRAFT OUT LANGUAGE BECAUSE I KNOW THE CITY OF L.A.,
13 WHILE THEY'VE GOT MORE THAN 500,000, IS LOOKING AT A FORMULA
14 MAYBE DIFFERENT THAN THE COUNTY'S. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE
15 WOULDN'T HAVE COMPETING INTERESTS AND THAT WE COULD ALL WORK
16 TOGETHER.

17

18 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** AND, MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THE LANGUAGE WOULD
19 JUST BE FOR THE 88 CITIES BY POPULATION. I THINK THAT'S THE
20 PROPOSED LANGUAGE THAT I SAW EARLIER IN ONE OF THE -- WHEN IT
21 WAS CARES ACT 3.5. AND SO I THINK WE WOULD STILL GO ALONG
22 THOSE SAME LINES. SO AS SUPERVISOR HAHN INDICATED, FOR THOSE
23 THAT ARE NOT QUITE AT THE 500,000, AGAIN, IT WOULD GO BY BASED
24 ON POPULATION.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. IS THAT OKAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. TECHNOLOGY TRYING TO UNMUTE MYSELF. YES, THAT
4 SOUNDS GOOD. AND IS THERE ANYTHING, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE
5 WANTED TO GIVE A NOD TO PASADENA OR LONG BEACH THAT HAVE THEIR
6 OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AS WELL?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT SACHI HAMAI IS SAYING
9 IS THAT IN THE LANGUAGE, 88 CITIES, WE'RE GOING TO ADD -- BY
10 POPULATION, WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THAT. SO I THINK THAT IT'LL BE
11 ADDRESSED BASED ON THAT, AFTER 88 CITIES IN THE MOTION THAT
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAVE, IT SAYS, "THE COUNTY AS WELL AS
13 ITS 88 CITIES, BY POPULATION, TO CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY" AND
14 SO I THINK THAT THAT ADDRESSES IT. AND THAT'S WHAT SACHI WAS
15 TALKING ABOUT AND THAT INCORPORATING THAT INTO THE LANGUAGE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

18

19 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS SUPERVISOR BARGER
20 INDICATED A MOMENT AGO, ALSO FOR THOSE THAT HAVE THEIR OWN
21 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, THEY ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BILL
22 DIRECTLY THROUGH THE F.E.M.A. FUNDS. AND THERE ARE SOME OTHER
23 CARVE OUTS EARLIER IN THE STIMULUS PACKAGES SPECIFIC TO THE
24 HEALTHCARE AREA. SO, I MEAN, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH
25 DIANA TANG FROM LONG BEACH OR ANYBODY FROM PASADENA, AS WELL,

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1 JUST TO SHOW THEM THE PROVISIONS FROM THE PRIOR STIMULUS
2 PACKAGES.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE NO PUBLIC
7 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED ANYTHING IN WRITING ON THIS
8 ITEM. SO ITEM 46, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY MYSELF,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THIS IS ON ITEM 46 AS AMENDED TO SEND A
13 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY AS
14 WELL AS THE 88 CITIES BY POPULATION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
12 0.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU AGAIN,
15 SACHI HAMAI, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM, FESIA AND ALL, FOR AMAZING
16 WORK YOU'VE DONE. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 2,
17 DECLARING APRIL 2020 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND
18 APRIL 29, 2020 AS DENIM DAY. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK
21 ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND I ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING. I KNOW HOW DEEPLY SHE AND I BOTH CARE
23 ABOUT THESE ISSUES. AND OBVIOUSLY, IN SPITE OF THE COVID-19,
24 WE ARE CONTINUING TO PUSH OUT AND PROCLAIM APRIL 2020 AS
25 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND TOMORROW AS DENIM DAY. AND

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1 I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO REMIND FOLKS, BUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS A
2 VERY SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. AND WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY
3 COURAGEOUS SURVIVORS WHO ARE COMING FORWARD EXPOSING THE
4 REALITY THAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS AND HAS BEEN USED THROUGHOUT
5 OUR SOCIETY TO EXERCISE POWER AND CONTROL AND TO CREATE FEAR.
6 IN RECOGNIZING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, WE CAN TAKE THE
7 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR SURVIVORS AND COMMUNICATE AN
8 UNWAVERING MESSAGE THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SEXUAL VIOLENCE
9 IN ANY FORM. AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT EVEN NOW DURING THE COVID-
10 19 PANDEMIC. THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER IS A NECESSARY RESPONSE
11 AND IS WORKING TO PROTECT L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, WE
12 DO KNOW THIS. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE NOT SAFER AT HOME
13 BECAUSE OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SPECIFICALLY, WE'VE
14 SEEN AN UPTICK IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS SINCE THE START
15 OF COVID-19. AND I WANT TO URGE THE PUBLIC TO CALL 213-626-
16 3396 IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SEXUAL VIOLENCE. PLEASE ASK FOR
17 HELP. AND IN FURTHER SOLIDARITY OF SURVIVORS, WE WANT TO
18 ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO WEAR DENIM TOMORROW, APRIL 29TH. AND
19 SOME OF YOU KNOW DENIM DAY IS A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE
20 TO WEAR JEANS IN SOLIDARITY AS A VISIBLE MEANS OF PROTEST
21 AGAINST THE MISCONCEPTIONS SURROUNDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE. AND I,
22 IN PARTICULAR, WANT TO THANK PATTI GIGGINS AND PEACE OVER
23 VIOLENCE AND THE MANY, MANY D.V. ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OUT
24 THERE DOING ALL THE GOOD WORK RIGHT NOW AND ALL OUR PUBLIC
25 SAFETY FOLKS AND HEALTH RESPONDERS THAT ARE ALSO HELPING US ON

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1 THIS ISSUE. SO, AGAIN I WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS
2 TO WEAR DENIM TOMORROW AND TO ABIDE BY THE SAFER AT HOME
3 ORDER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR
4 COAUTHORING.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO
7 SAY SOMETHING?

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS. WE'VE DONE THIS TOGETHER
11 A COUPLE OF YEARS. AND IT'S, I THINK, VERY IMPORTANT. JUST TO
12 REMIND PEOPLE THAT THE REASON WHY WE ASK EVERYBODY TO WEAR
13 JEANS DURING DENIM DAY IS BECAUSE THERE WAS A RAPE CASE IN
14 ITALY IN WHICH A JUDGE FOUND THAT THE MAN WHO WAS CHARGED
15 COULD NOT HAVE ACTUALLY RAPED THE VICTIM BECAUSE SHE WAS
16 WEARING TIGHT JEANS, AND THEREFORE SHE MUST HAVE HELPED HIM.
17 AND EVERYBODY IN ITALY WAS OUTRAGED. THE WOMEN IN THEIR
18 LEGISLATURE ALL WORE JEANS THE NEXT DAY. IT REALLY CAUGHT ON.
19 PEACE OVER VIOLENCE AND PATTI GIGGINS, WHOM I ALSO PRAISE,
20 PICKED UP ON IT FOR OUR LOCAL AREAS, AND IT TURNED INTO A
21 NATIONAL AND NOW AN INTERNATIONAL THING SO THAT EVERY YEAR WE
22 DO DENIM DAY TO HELP EVERYBODY REMEMBER THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT
23 AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE ARE A REAL SCOURGE IN THE SOCIETY. SO I,
24 TOO, WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY. MAYBE NOBODY WILL SEE YOU
25 EXCEPT YOU'RE WALKING YOUR DOG AROUND THE BLOCK OR WHATEVER,

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1 EVEN IF YOU'RE ON ZOOM AS SOME OF US WILL BE TOMORROW AND
2 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW. STAND UP, SHOW YOUR JEANS IN SOLIDARITY,
3 AND REMEMBER THIS IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WHILE WE ARE
9 PLEASED WITH THE DOWNWARD TREND OF VIOLENT CRIME ON THE
10 STREETS DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT
11 PEOPLE WHO MAY BE SUFFERING FROM VIOLENCE IN THEIR OWN HOMES.
12 IT'S WELL-DOCUMENTED THAT NATURAL DISASTERS LEAD TO AN
13 INCREASED RATE OF VIOLENCE AMONG HOUSEHOLDS THAT EXPERIENCE
14 FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS. AND WHILE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL
15 DISTANCING MEASURES AND AN INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT, SEXUAL
16 VIOLENCE MAY WELL BE ON THE RISE, AND WE SUSPECT THAT IT IS,
17 AND SIMPLY HIDDEN FROM OUR VIEW. SO, LET ME JOIN IN IN
18 ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO REMAIN ALERT TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR
19 NEIGHBORS, THEIR RELATIVES, THEIR FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
20 WHO OFTEN CANNOT SPEAK UP FOR THEMSELVES. IF YOU SUSPECT A
21 CHILD IS BEING MOLESTED OR OTHERWISE ABUSED, PLEASE CALL THE
22 CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE AT 1-800-540-4000. 1-800-540-4000. IF
23 YOU SUSPECT AN ELDERLY PERSON OR A DEPENDENT ADULT IS BEING
24 SEXUALLY OR OTHERWISE ABUSED, WE APPEAL FOR YOU TO CALL THE
25 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES HOTLINE AT 1-877-477-3646. 1-877-

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1 477-3646. I WANT TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR
2 LEADING US IN THE OBSERVANCE OF DENIM DAY. THIS IS DENIM DAY'S
3 21ST YEAR IN A ROW FOR BRINGING TO THE WORLD'S ATTENTION THIS
4 VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. IT SHOULDN'T BE
5 MINIMIZED. IT SHOULDN'T BE TRIVIALIZED. THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECT
6 TO IT ARE DEHUMANIZED, AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO STAND UP
7 FOR THEM. THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY VICTIMS. THEY ARE SURVIVORS. AND
8 WE WANT TO CELEBRATE, ENCOURAGE, AND EMPOWER THEM. SINCE THE
9 BEGINNING OF THE EFFORT WITH PATTI, WHEN IT WAS THEN LA CALL,
10 NOW PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, BOTH MAVIS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I HAVE
11 JOINED IN THIS EFFORT TO ACKNOWLEDGE DENIM DAY. IT'S A MATTER
12 OF JUSTICE. IT'S A MATTER OF DECENCY. IT IS A MATTER THAT WE
13 CANNOT LEAVE UNATTENDED. MADAM CHAIR.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
16 SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, DO WE HAVE ANY
17 PUBLIC SUBMITTAL? NO, WE DO NOT. SEEING NONE, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE
18 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
19 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 ROLL.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
7 KUEHL?

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
20 0.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NOW BEFORE US IS ITEM
23 NUMBER 3, PRIORITIZING THE NEEDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME. FRONTLINE
3 HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE AND CONTINUE TO
4 PUT THEIR OWN LIVES AT RISK FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR
5 COMMUNITIES AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE. THEY'RE FACING A HIGHER
6 LEVEL OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND THEN GOING HOME TO THEIR
7 CHILDREN OR SPOUSES OR ELDERLY PARENTS. AND THEY'RE
8 SACRIFICING THEIR HEALTH TO TAKE CARE OF OUR SICK FAMILY
9 MEMBERS AND OUR NEIGHBORS. SO I BELIEVE WE HAVE A
10 RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THEM BY PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE
11 TO REST AND KEEP THEIR FAMILIES OUT OF HARM'S WAY. WE'RE
12 ASKING THAT THE COUNTY ASSESS AND COLLABORATE WITH OUR STATE
13 LEADERS REGARDING HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND
14 FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN COVID-19
15 COUNTY-WIDE RESPONSE EFFORTS. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY TO OUR
16 FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS, WE'RE SO
17 GRATEFUL. YOU INSPIRE US. AND WE WANT TO SHOW YOU OUR
18 APPRECIATION BY NOT ONLY THANKING YOU, BUT ALSO BY
19 PRIORITIZING YOU IN OUR POLICYMAKING. I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO
20 SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU
23 ASKED TO SPEAK? OH, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DID YOU WANT
24 TO SAY SOMETHING?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, SORRY. I DIDN'T TEXT YOU, BUT I WAS THE
2 COAUTHOR, SO. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS
3 FORWARD AND INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR. AND I KNOW WE'VE ALREADY
4 TAKEN SOME STEPS TO ENSURE HOUSING FOR SOME OF OUR HEALTHCARE
5 WORKERS, SO, YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
6 WORKING THEIR SHIFT AND EXPOSING THEIR FAMILIES. AND WE DO
7 KNOW THE LATEST STATISTICS HAVE SHOWN HOW MANY OF OUR
8 HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE TESTED POSITIVE AND UNFORTUNATELY HAVE
9 DIED. AND I KNOW EVERY -- I LISTENED TO ONE NURSE ON THE RADIO
10 THIS MORNING THAT WAS SAYING SHE JUST PRAYS EVERY TIME SHE
11 GOES INTO THE COVID-19 WARD AND KNOWING THAT SHE'S EXPOSING
12 HERSELF AND HER FAMILY AT THE SAME TIME. SO I KNOW AS WE
13 CONTINUE TO FIGHT THIS WAR AGAINST THIS VIRUS, WE DO NEED TO
14 EXPAND OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THIS RESPITE HOUSING TO OUR
15 FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF THESE ACCOMMODATIONS.
16 AND, AGAIN, I THINK THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT WE'RE ALL ON THE
17 SIDE OF OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AT THIS TIME. WHEN I DRIVE
18 BY, IF I EVER GO OUT AND DRIVE BY HOSPITALS, THERE ARE SIGNS
19 SAYING "HEROES ARE WORKING HERE." I THINK IN LONG BEACH AT
20 8:00 EVERY NIGHT, PEOPLE BANG POTS AND PANS IN HONOR OF
21 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. SO THOSE ARE ALL GREAT GESTURES, BUT
22 THIS IS REALLY A GREAT GESTURE, TO PROVIDE THIS KIND OF
23 RESPITE HOUSING WHERE THEY CAN DECOMPRESS, REST, ISOLATE
24 THEMSELVES. TWO THINGS I WANTED TO JUST MENTION, ONE WAS I DO
25 KNOW -- I FOUND THAT THIS PROGRAM, HELPING OUR HEALTHCARE

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1 WORKERS, SORT OF COLLIDED WITH OUR PROJECT ROOM KEY IN ONE OF
2 OUR CITIES, AND IT BECAME A LITTLE -- WHAT'S THE WORD I WAS
3 LOOKING FOR? I DON'T KNOW. IT JUST BECAME AN ISSUE. IT BECAME
4 A LITTLE TENSE. SO I JUST WANTED TO THROW THAT OUT, THAT WE
5 OBVIOUSLY, OUR L.A.H.S.A. PROJECT ROOM KEY AND THIS MEASURE
6 OBVIOUSLY COMMUNICATE AND TALK TO EACH OTHER SO WE DON'T HAVE
7 ANOTHER INCIDENT WHERE HEALTHCARE WORKERS MIGHT FEEL
8 COMPROMISED BY BEING IN THE SAME MOTEL OR HOTEL AS OUR PROJECT
9 ROOM KEY HOMELESS FOLKS. THE OTHER THING WAS I KNOW WE DO HAVE
10 R.V.S THAT OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURCHASED, 117 I
11 WANT TO SAY, THAT CURRENTLY WE HAVE AT DOCKWEILER BEACH.
12 ORIGINALLY, WE USED THOSE IN THE VERY FIRST WEEKS TO ISOLATE
13 AND QUARANTINE FOLKS. AND I THINK NOW THEY'RE VACANT. SO I
14 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE AS WE GO FORWARD WITH THIS, WE'RE
15 LOOKING AT ALL OF OUR COUNTY ASSETS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE AND
16 MAKE SURE WE'RE SEEING WHETHER OR NOT THAT WORKS FOR THIS
17 PROGRAM, AS WELL. I THINK I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT DOCKWEILER MIGHT
18 NOT BE AS CLOSE TO SOME OF OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS, BUT JUST WANT
19 TO MAKE SURE WE KEEP THAT IN MIND. AGAIN, I KNOW WE PURCHASED
20 THOSE, I BELIEVE. SO IF WE CAN USE THEM, I THINK THAT WOULD BE
21 A GOOD USE OF OUR ASSETS DURING THIS TIME, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO
2 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT FIRST
3 RESPONDERS AND FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WE SPEAK OF A
4 BROAD AND DIVERSE GROUP OF DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS RANGING FROM
5 STAFFING HOSPITALS TO HOTELS FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS. LET ME
6 GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO AIRBNB THAT HAVE STEPPED UP SPECIFICALLY
7 IN LOS ANGELES AND HAS OFFERED OVER 1.5 MILLION IN GRATIS
8 HOTEL BOOKINGS TO SUPPORT OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS. AND I BELIEVE
9 THIS TYPE OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IS CRITICAL IN ORDER
10 FOR US TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SEND A MESSAGE OF
11 AFFIRMATION AND SUPPORT TO OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS, PARTICULARLY
12 IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY, AND I BELIEVE FURTHER THAT AN
13 ASSESSMENT OF THE DEMAND FOR THIS SERVICE IS CERTAINLY IN
14 ORDER. AND I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AS IT HAS BEEN
15 PRESENTED TO US FOR CONSIDERATION. MADAM CHAIR.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION.
19 I FULLY SUPPORT IT. AND THE FACT THAT WE OWE A TREMENDOUS DEBT
20 OF GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE
21 CLOCK AT OUR HOSPITALS, TESTING SITES, PROJECT ROOM KEY
22 FACILITIES, AND CLINICS. SO THEY'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND AND
23 ARE DOING THINGS THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, ESPECIALLY PROJECT ROOM
24 KEY, WERE PUT TOGETHER VERY QUICKLY ON SHORT NOTICE AND WITH
25 LIMITED SUPPLIES. AND YET THEY HAVE REALLY STOOD TALL AND DONE

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1 REMARKABLE THINGS. WE COULD NOT HAVE PROVIDED AS MUCH NEEDED
2 RESOURCES WHILE ALSO KEEPING OUR FIRST RESPONDER FAMILIES SAFE
3 AT HOME AT THE SAME TIME. I MEAN THERE'S NO QUESTION. AND,
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE RIGHT. AIRBNB, WHAT THEY DID
5 STEPPING UP AND OFFERING THE ABILITY FOR OUR FIRST LINE
6 WORKERS TO BE ABLE TO STAY CLOSE TO THE HOSPITALS AND NOT
7 EXPOSE THEIR FAMILIES TRULY DOES SHOW THE GOOD THAT'S COME OUT
8 OF THIS PANDEMIC BECAUSE I TELL PEOPLE YOU SEE THE WORST, AND
9 YOU SEE THE BEST. AND FORTUNATELY, IN THESE SITUATIONS, WE ARE
10 SEEING THE BEST, EVEN WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE R.V.S THAT ARE
11 SAYING, "I'M NOT USING IT. TELL ME WHERE YOU WANT ME TO PARK
12 IT." AND DOCTORS, NURSES, PEOPLE ON THE FRONTLINE ARE ABLE TO
13 USE THOSE R.V.S FREE OF CHARGE SO THAT THEY DON'T STAY IN
14 THEIR HOME AND EXPOSE THEIR FAMILIES. SO I COMPLETELY SUPPORT
15 THIS MOTION. AND I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING IT
16 FORWARD. SO SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM,
17 NOW FOR THE RECORD, WE WILL READ INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMITTED
18 COMMENTS ON ITEM NUMBER 3.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GEORGE BUZZETTI SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENT
21 UNDER OTHER.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT IS IT? ALL RIGHT. THESE COMMENTS WERE
24 AVAILABLE TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION PRIOR

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1 TO THE VOTE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING REMARKS
2 OR SUPERVISOR HAHN?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
5 BOARD MEMBERS. I KNOW THEY ALL CARE AS DEEPLY AS WE ALL DO
6 ABOUT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND OUR
7 HEALTHCARE NURSES AND DOCTORS. YESTERDAY, I VISITED ST.
8 VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, AND I WAS TOLD THAT THEY ARE UTILIZING THE
9 LOCAL HOTELS IN THE AREA, AND THEY ARE RUNNING AROUND THE
10 CLOCK. THEY'VE ONLY BEEN OPEN FOR TWO WEEKS, AND THEY'RE
11 ALREADY AT 70 PERCENT CAPACITY. SO IT IS AMAZING WHAT THESE
12 INDIVIDUALS ARE DOING, NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES.
13 SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I JUST ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY TRUE, THE SACRIFICES. SO WITH THAT,
16 ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
18 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
18 0.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
21 ITEM NUMBER 5, THE ETHNIC AND HYPER LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH
22 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, WE MAKE IT CLEAR
25 REGULARLY THAT LOS ANGELES IS BY FAR PERHAPS THE MOST

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1 ETHNICALLY DIVERSE COUNTY IN THE NATION. WE SEE THIS LEVEL OF
2 DIVERSITY AS AN ASSET. AND EVERY WEEK THIS BOARD TAKES ACTION
3 TO DELIVER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. AND
4 IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY, I BELIEVE, OF THE BOARD TO MAKE SURE
5 THAT WE ARE COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY AND IN THE APPROPRIATE
6 LANGUAGES WITH THE MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP
7 WHAT WE CALL THIS EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT OF LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY. MAY I SAY THAT THE COUNTY MUST ENSURE THAT IT IS
9 UTILIZING ETHNIC AND HYPER LOCAL MEDIA FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH
10 AND PUBLICIZING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE
11 TIMES OF CRISIS AND STRESS, BUT ORDINARILY IT SHOULD HAPPEN
12 ANYWAY. SO THE MOTION TODAY SEEKS TO BUILD ON A PREVIOUS
13 MOTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD APRIL OF 2018 TO BETTER PUBLICIZE
14 COUNTY CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES MORE WIDELY. THIS IS THE
15 BUSINESS OF SMALL BUSINESS, IN PART, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT DOING
16 WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS A MEGACORPORATION, IF YOU WILL,
17 INTERFACING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR BUT
18 IMPACTING THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN VERY CONCRETE WAYS,
19 PARTICULARLY THESE SMALL BUSINESSES. AND BY THAT I MEAN THE
20 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS AND THE LIKE WHO PROVIDE VITALLY IMPORTANT
21 INFORMATION AND A LIFELINE TO THOSE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES
22 THAT WE CALL DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION, THE MOTION
23 SEEKS TO INTEGRATE ETHNIC AND HYPER LOCAL MEDIA IN THE
24 COUNTY'S COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES FOR, YES, COVID-19 RELATED
25 PUBLIC INFORMATION, BUT OBVIOUSLY IT CAN AND SHOULD GO BEYOND

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1 THAT. MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE
2 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SELWYN HOLLINS, TO PROVIDE THE
3 BACKGROUND ON THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO BROADEN THE
4 COMMUNITY'S OUTREACH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTY'S
5 PROCUREMENT PROCESSES, FOLLOWED BY THE C.E.O., SPECIFICALLY
6 SACHI HAMAI, TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY
7 OUTREACH MORE BROADLY. MADAME CHAIR, WITH THAT, PERHAPS WE CAN
8 TURN TO STAFF.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, I KNOW I'D LIKE TO SAY
11 SOMETHING. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN DOES, TOO. AND I JUST
12 HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE
13 CHALLENGES THAT I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
14 THIS PANDEMIC IS THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MANY AREAS WHERE
15 ENGLISH IS A SECOND LANGUAGE, THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IS ONE.
16 AND I KNOW THAT THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF GETTING IT
17 OUT IN SPANISH. SO WE CLEARLY, AND THEY HAVE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
18 AND PUBLICATIONS THAT THEY READ EACH AN EVERY DAY. AND I THINK
19 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO BE THOROUGH
20 IN HOW WE DO THE OUTREACH AND REALLY INVEST IN ETHNIC MEDIA
21 BECAUSE THAT FOR MANY PEOPLE IS WHAT THEY USE TO GUIDE EACH
22 AND EVERY DAY HOW AND WHAT THEY SEE. SO I APPRECIATE THIS
23 MOTION. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO OUTREACH TO ALL OF
24 OUR COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE FAIRNESS AND EQUITY. I WANT TO THANK

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1 YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRING IN THIS MOTION.

2 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT
6 ABOUT EVERYTHING. I'VE BEEN A BIT FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I'VE BEEN
7 ATTEMPTING IN OTHER WAYS TO GET THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO EACH ADVERTISE AND, AS YOU SAID, ARE
9 DOING CONTRACTING R.F.P.S TO ADVERTISE IN OUR SMALL COMMUNITY
10 NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE MINORITY OWNED,
11 VETERAN OWNED, WOMEN OWNED. I KEEP TRYING TO DO THIS. TWO
12 YEARS AGO, I WROTE A LETTER TO ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS
13 ASKING THEM TO DO THIS BECAUSE, AGAIN, OUR COMMUNITY PAPERS
14 ARE THE ONES, TO BE HONEST, THAT ARE VERY TRUSTED IN OUR
15 COMMUNITIES. THEY'VE REALLY BEEN THE GO-TO MEDIA SOURCE FOR
16 INFORMATION THAT PEOPLE TRUST. SOMETIMES, THE LARGER
17 NEWSPAPERS DON'T GARNER THAT KIND OF TRUST FROM THEIR
18 COMMUNITY, BUT OUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR
19 A LONG TIME. AND THEY REALLY HAVE EARNED THE TRUST OF THE
20 PEOPLE FOR TELLING THE TRUTH AND BRINGING THE NEWS TO THEIR
21 COMMUNITIES. SO IT'S A HUGE RESOURCE FOR THE COUNTY. AND I
22 REALLY AGREE THAT WE NEED TO BE TALKING CERTAINLY ABOUT COVID-
23 19. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN PUBLISHING
24 NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT EVENTS, R.F.P.S., DRAFT ORDINANCES, PUBLIC
25 MEETINGS. I MEAN, I REALLY WANT US TO DO A BETTER JOB, AND

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1 MAYBE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THIS MOTION WILL ACTUALLY GET
2 US THERE BECAUSE SO FAR MY EFFORTS HAVE REALLY FALLEN ON DEAF
3 EARS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. SO GOOD JOB, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
4 THIS REPORT BACK. BUT, AGAIN, IF WHAT COMES OUT OF THIS
5 PANDEMIC IS FINALLY AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT
6 THE COUNTY SHOULD BE HAVING WITH ALL OF THEIR COMMUNITY
7 NEWSPAPERS, THEN THAT WILL REALLY BE ANOTHER GOOD OUTCOME OF
8 THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION ALONG IT'S A
14 LONG TIME IN COMING. I KNOW WE'VE WORKED VERY HARD TO CREATE
15 OUR OWN ETHNIC MEDIA OUTLETS AND ROUND TABLES. WE'VE SPONSORED
16 SOME EVENTS IN THE PAST WITH THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
17 AND WITH W.D.A.C.S., AND AS YOU KNOW ON OUR PRESSERS, WE'RE
18 EVEN HAVING TRANSLATION IN SPANISH AND ARMENIAN. AND I KNOW
19 THE NEXT QUEUE UP WILL BE DIRECTING OUR MESSAGES TO THE
20 A.P.I., ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER, COMMUNITY. BUT WITHOUT A
21 DOUBT, WE NEED TO REALLY WORK WITH THESE NEWS ORGANIZATIONS.
22 THEY ARE THE LIFEblood. THERE ARE OVER 100 ETHNIC NEWS MEDIA
23 OUTLETS, AND MANY OF OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS SPEAK WELL OVER
24 200 LANGUAGES, AND THEY REPRESENT THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF
25 MEXICANS, SALVADORIANS, FILIPINOS, KOREANS, GUATEMALANS WHO

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1 RESIDE IN THE COUNTY WHO HAVE VERY LITTLE ACCESS TO
2 INFORMATION THAT OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT PUTS OUT. SO I WANT TO
3 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND ALSO WANT TO GIVE A
4 SHOUT OUT TO W.D.A.C.S. BECAUSE I KNOW W.D.A.C.S. HAS BEEN
5 WORKING VERY CLOSELY AS OF LATE WITH LA PINON TO PUT OUT
6 INFORMATION REGARDING ALL THE SERVICES, WORKFORCE-RELATED AND
7 IN CONJUNCTION ALSO WITH O.I.A. ON FRAUD AND CONSUMER ISSUES.
8 SO I HOPE THIS GIVES US THE RESULT THAT WE WANT TO SEE AS IT
9 COMES BACK. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD.
10 BYE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
13 YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING REMARKS BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. WE WERE GOING TO HEAR FROM MR.
16 HOLLINS.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND MISS HAMAI, AND THEN I'LL MAKE A FEW
21 CLOSING REMARKS, MADAM CHAIR.

22

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

24

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1 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS SELWYN HOLLINS, ACTING
2 DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I WANT
3 TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, FOR GIVING US
4 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOU SOME UPDATES WHAT WE'VE DONE
5 RELATIVE TO THIS MOTION. THIS REACHING OUT AND BUILDING
6 BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS ONE OF
7 OUR TOP PRIORITIES. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, THERE
8 ARE 691,000 MINORITY-OWNED FIRMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH
9 REPRESENTS OVER 55 PERCENT OF ALL THE BUSINESSES. SINCE THE
10 INITIAL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON JUNE 21ST OF 2018, OUR
11 DEPARTMENT HAS PARTICIPATED IN A WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF
12 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND DEPARTMENT OF
13 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AND WE'VE CONTINUED TO ANALYZE
14 AND REFINE MANY OF THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES TO INCREASE
15 VISIBILITY OF THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES AND THE
16 POOL OF BUSINESSES THAT REPRESENT THE LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS
17 ENTERPRISES, THE SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, DISABLED VETERAN
18 BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND THE COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.
19 SPECIFICALLY, OUR DEPARTMENT INITIATED A HYPER LOCAL
20 ADVERTISING PILOT CONSISTING OF TWO PHASES. THE FIRST PHASE
21 WAS PILOTED FROM MARCH 28, 2019 TO APRIL 27, 2019. THIS PILOT
22 LED TO PROMISING RESULTS. IT WAS CONDUCTED BY PLACING DIGITAL
23 ADVERTISEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL. WE PLACED A
24 BANNER AD FOR CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES THAT RESIDED ON THE
25 TOP OF ALL THE SENTINEL'S WEB PAGES. AND AS A RESULT, THE

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1 COUNTY'S DOING BUSINESS WEBSITE EXPERIENCED 289 PERCENT
2 INCREASE IN AVERAGE DAILY VISITORS. THE PHASE 2 PILOT PERIOD
3 WAS FROM MAY 26, 2019 TO JUNE 25TH, 2019. DURING THE SECOND
4 PHASE, WE EXPANDED THE NUMBER OF MEDIA SITES. WE ADDED LA
5 PINON, COMPTON BULLETIN, KOREA TIMES, AND INGLEWOOD TODAY.
6 DURING THE SECOND PHASE, WE ALSO REFINED THE DATA ANALYSIS BY
7 REQUIRING THAT THE MEDIA SITES PROVIDE EITHER IMPRESSION OR
8 SESSION DATA. THE SECOND PHASE DIDN'T PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF
9 DIRECT LINK SESSIONS FROM THE WEBSITE AS WE EXPECTED. HOWEVER,
10 THE COUNTY'S DOING BUSINESS WEBSITE EXPERIENCED A 98 PERCENT
11 INCREASE IN ITS DAILY VISITORS. OVERALL, THERE APPEARED A
12 CORRELATION BETWEEN THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC TO OUR DOING
13 BUSINESS WEBSITE DURING BOTH PILOTS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE
14 VISIBILITY OF HYPER LOCAL MEDIA IS TRANSLATED TO A HEIGHTENED
15 PUBLIC AWARENESS, WHICH IS KEY TO GETTING PEOPLE COMFORTABLE
16 WITH OUR COUNTY PROCESSES FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. THERE
17 ARE A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL OUTREACH EFFORTS WE HAVE DONE IN
18 PARTNERING WITH A VARIETY OF AGENCIES, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
19 THIS MOTION, IN THE SHORT TURN AROUND TIME, WE DO FEEL THERE'S
20 STILL MUCH THAT CAN BE DONE, BUT DURING THESE PARTICULARLY
21 DIFFICULT TIMES, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW AND THE BOARD TO KNOW AND
22 COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT WE'RE HERE TO DO OUR PART IN
23 CONTRIBUTING TO THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND
24 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND IF
25 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'M AVAILABLE FOR YOU.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE C.E.O. IS GOING TO WEIGH IN AS
5 WELL, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND BOARD
8 MEMBERS. JUST AT FEW COMMENTS I WANT TO MAKE, PARTICULARLY
9 SINCE THE MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED A COUPLE YEARS AGO. FIRST
10 OF ALL, LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT HOW WE HAVE STRUCTURED
11 COMMUNICATION THROUGH OUR COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATION GROUP. WE
12 DO HAVE TWO AREAS. ONE IS DIRECT MESSAGING THROUGH TO THE
13 PUBLIC THROUGH THE COUNTY'S OWN CHANNELS. THAT WOULD BE
14 UTILIZING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS LIKE TWITTER, FACEBOOK,
15 INSTAGRAM, OTHER WEBSITES LIKE GOV DELIVERY, EMAIL BLASTS,
16 CONSTITUENTS, AND STAKEHOLDERS. THE SECOND AREA IS MESSAGING
17 TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH WHAT IS CALLED EARNED MEDIA, AND EARNED
18 MEDIA MEANS ARTICLES, WEB POSTS, AND BROADCAST REPORTS THAT
19 THE NEWS MEDIA PRODUCES ABOUT THE COUNTY EVERY DAY. AND WE, IN
20 COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATION AND THEN WORKING WITH ALL OF OUR 37
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ENGAGE WITH THE MEDIA IN A VARIETY OF IN A
22 VARIETY OF WAYS THROUGH THIS EARNED MEDIA FOR EVENTS AND ROUND
23 TABLES, ETC. HOWEVER, WHEN THERE ARE LARGE ISSUES SUCH AS THE
24 2020 CENSUS OR OUR NEW VOTING SYSTEM, AND ACTUALLY WHEN WE
25 TALK ABOUT COVID-19, OFTENTIMES THE EARNED MEDIA COVERAGE IS

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1 NOT SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH. SO WE WILL BRING IN CONTRACTORS TO
2 ALSO HELP AND ENGAGE WITH THE MEDIA MESSAGING TO VARIOUS
3 OUTLETS AND PLATFORMS. I THINK THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL OF THIS
4 IS THAT, THROUGH VARIOUS CONTRACTORS, THEY COULD ALSO
5 IMMEDIATELY REACH OUT AND ASSIST US WITH THE TRANSLATION OF
6 THE MEDIA RELEASES, MULTILINGUAL CAPTIONING OF VIDEOS, DOING
7 ETHNIC BRIEFINGS, GETTING ON MULTILINGUAL SOCIAL MEDIA
8 PLATFORMS, AND OTHER TYPES OF PLATFORMS. BUT OVERALL, I WANT
9 THE BOARD TO KNOW THAT THIS IS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE
10 COUNTY AND FOR THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
11 WHEN WE HAVE THESE OVERALL LARGE ISSUES LIKE COVID-19 THAT WE
12 ARE IMMEDIATELY TURNING AROUND AND TRYING TO OUTREACH TO THE
13 MANY DIFFERENT ETHNIC COMMUNITIES THAT WE HAVE AND TRYING TO
14 PROVIDE IMMEDIATE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION. SO THIS IS VITALLY
15 IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO UTILIZING THE
16 ETHNIC MEDIA. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANYONE ELSE?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SAY
21 THAT THIS SHOULD BE A SIGNAL THAT WE'RE DOUBLING DOWN ON OUR
22 COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY IS MAXIMIZING ITS EFFORTS
23 TO REACH AND ENGAGE MULTICULTURAL AND MULTILINGUAL
24 COMMUNITIES. THAT'S FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. IT SPEAKS TO
25 MATTERS OF CULTURAL COMPETENCE. IT SPEAKS TO MATTERS OF

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1 EQUITY. IT SPEAKS TO A RANGE OF ISSUES. BUT I WISH IT TO BE
2 APPRECIATED THAT THESE ARE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HELP FEED
3 FAMILIES. THESE ARE THEY WHO NOT ONLY COMMUNICATE BUT THEY
4 HELP WITH SURVIVAL SCENARIOS FOR THOSE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
5 WHO RELY ON THESE ENTITIES FOR THEIR PAYCHECKS SO THAT THEY
6 CAN DO WHAT THEY DO AS CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR LOCAL
7 ECONOMY AND TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND SO IT DOES CONCERN ME THAT
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN INDICATED THAT SHE ISSUED A LETTER TO THE
9 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS SEEKING TO GET FEEDBACK AND/OR
10 COMPLIANCE. IT DOES CONCERN ME THAT WE SOUGHT TO DO THIS TWO
11 YEARS AGO, AND THE RESULTS ARE NOT WHAT THEY COULD AND/OR
12 SHOULD BE. AND SO THE REPORT BACK, I WILL SAY NOW, HAS TO BE,
13 SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE AS IT RELATES TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
14 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES AND ITS RATHER EXTENSIVE PROCUREMENT PORTFOLIO WILL
16 STEP UP AND DO WHAT IT CAN AND SHOULD DO. PERHAPS, MADAM
17 CHAIR, WE SHOULD FOLD D.C.B.A. INTO THIS IN TERMS OF ITS GOALS
18 AND OBJECTIVES ALONG THE LINES OF PROCUREMENT BECAUSE IT SEEMS
19 TO ME THAT'S A SIMILAR DISCUSSION THAT CAN TAKE PLACE. AND TO
20 THE EXTENT THAT THAT'S APPROPRIATE, I WOULD WANT TO ENCOURAGE
21 THAT AS A PART OF THE REPORT BACK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND
22 COLLEAGUES.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THE
2 REPORT DATED JUNE 21ST, IT DOES CALL OUT THE D.C.B.A. DO YOU
3 WANT TO INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR MOTION, THOUGH?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT SHOULD BECAUSE THESE ARE OVERLAPPING
6 ISSUES AND DEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL
7 BECAUSE I THINK THE BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY IS COMMUNICATING
8 THAT WE WANT RESULTS. WE DO NOT WANT TO SHOW UP TWO YEARS AGO
9 FROM NOW AGAIN AND NOT HAVE A MORE FAVORABLE REPORT TO GIVE,
10 MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IN READING YOUR MOTION, I DON'T THINK
13 YOU NEED TO AMEND YOUR MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, I DON'T.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I JUST WANTED TO PUNCTUATE IT.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT, GOT IT, VERY GOOD.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON THIS
2 ITEM, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FOR THE RECORD INDIVIDUALS WHO
3 SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEM. PLEASE READ THOSE
4 NAMES.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
7 INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM WITH THE
8 POSITION OF OTHER. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, MARTHA DIAZ
9 ESCIMPANASI, JAVIER CASAS, ARTURUO CARMONA, LINDEN JOHNSON,
10 SHERYL BROWN, PAULINE ALLEN, JON CHO, UNO NAM, JOSE ZAPETTA,
11 JARETT FELLOWS, CHRISTINA ORIEL, FATMAY LAKATE, AND ERIC
12 PREVEN.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THE COMMENTS WERE AVAILABLE TO
15 ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THIS VOTE.
16 SO ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE ROLL OR CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. THE MOTION CARRIES
18 5-0.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, THANK YOU. NOW WE ARE MOVING ON
21 TO ITEM NUMBER 6. PRIORITIZING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE
22 LIVING AND WORKING IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. IT WAS HELD
23 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MAY I OFFER THIS
2 INSIGHT THAT OUR SUCCESSES IN MANAGING THAT WHICH WE REFER TO
3 AS COVID-19 PANDEMIC WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON HOW WE RESPOND TO
4 WHAT'S GOING ON IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS, PARTICULARLY
5 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. PUT SIMPLY, MADAM CHAIR, 45% OF
6 ALL DEATHS FROM PATIENTS, DERIVED FROM PATIENTS, FROM
7 INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS, MORE SPECIFICALLY THOSE THAT ARE IN
8 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. 140 SUCH FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY
9 HAVE REPORTED COVID-19 PATIENTS. AND IT'S REALLY HEART
10 WRENCHING TO OBSERVE WHAT WE ARE NOW SEEING. THE MEDICAL
11 PROFESSIONALS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN THESE FACILITIES
12 WHO THEN GO HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES, THEY DESERVE OUR UTMOST
13 SUPPORT AND RESPECT. AND OUR APPROACH TO INFECTION CONTROL
14 WITHIN THESE FACILITIES MUST CONTINUE TO BE TIMELY AND ROBUST,
15 BOTH TIMELY AND ROBUST, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, OUR
16 APPROACH HAS TO BE NOTHING LESS THAN THAT. THE MOTION BEFORE
17 THE BOARD TODAY SEEKS TO ADVANCE STATEWIDE ADVOCACY ON A
18 NUMBER OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO WORKER PROTECTION, INFECTION
19 CONTROL, EXPANDING THE OPERATIONAL CAPACITY OF THE FACILITIES,
20 AND SUPPORTING MORE ROBUST TESTING, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH
21 THE RELATED MOTIONS SPONSORED -- AUTHORED BY BOTH SUPERVISORS
22 HAHN AND KUEHL. SO THIS MOTION ALSO BUILD ON THE RECENT ORDERS
23 ISSUED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
24 WHICH MANDATES A VARIETY OF OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS. AND I
25 TRUST THIS THAT THIS ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRONT AND

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1 CENTER FOR OUR HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. I BELIEVE
2 THE BOARD WOULD BENEFIT FROM HEARING FROM BOTH DIRECTIVES ON
3 THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. IT IS A MATTER OF URGENCY ON TOP OF THE
4 URGENCY THAT WE MORE BROADLY SEEK TO ADDRESS WITH RESPECT TO
5 COVID-19. SO WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM BOTH
6 DR. GHALY AND DR. FERRER IN RESPECT TO THEIR INSIGHTS, THEIR
7 CONCERNS, AND THOSE THINGS ON WHICH THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC
8 SHOULD BE BETTER EDUCATED VIS-A-VIS THESE SKILLED NURSING
9 FACILITIES. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR, DR. GHALY AND
10 DR. FERRER.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WOULD YOU LIKE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTED TO SPEAK. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
14 I THINK SAID SHE HAS AN AMENDMENT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR FROM
15 THE DEPARTMENT OR FROM COLLEAGUES FIRST?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS YOU WISH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'LL DEFER TO THE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S FINE.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO DR. FERRER?

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND ON THE ENTIRE
3 COVID-19 RESPONSE. AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
4 THIS MOTION TO REALLY PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE WHO
5 ARE DOING ALL THE WORK IN OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. YOU
6 KNOW WE'VE REPORTED THAT THERE IS OVER 300 INSTITUTIONAL
7 FACILITIES WITH AT LEAST ONE CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19, BUT
8 AS OF TODAY, 210 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ACTUALLY HAVE ONE
9 CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19. AS I HAVE REPORTING OVER THE LAST
10 MONTH ESPECIALLY, THAT'S DIVIDED BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AT THE
11 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AS WELL AS AMONG THE RESIDENTS. AND
12 BOTH ARE TRAGIC EXAMPLES OF OUR INABILITY EARLY ON TO REALLY
13 UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH ASYMPTOMATIC TRANSMISSION WAS POSSIBLE
14 WITH COVID-19. BUT NOW THAT WE DO KNOW THAT THERE'S
15 ASYMPTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, IT MAKES MOST SENSE FOR US TO BE
16 EXTRAORDINARILY AGGRESSIVE IN CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES,
17 ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE -- THAT HOUSE VULNERABLE
18 POPULATIONS TO TAKE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE
19 EMPLOYEES WHO REALLY GIVE THEIR ALL EVERY DAY TO MAKE IT
20 POSSIBLE FOR THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE RESIDING IN THESE
21 FACILITIES TO GET THE ESSENTIAL CARE AND SUPPORT THEY SO
22 DESPERATELY NEED. I'VE REPORTED IN THE PAST THAT 423 RESIDENTS
23 IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS HAVE DIED FROM COVID-19. AND THIS IS
24 45 PERCENT OF OUR DEATHS, AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE
25 DEATHS RESIDED IN NURSING FACILITIES. AND OUR HEALTHCARE

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1 WORKER REPORT THAT WE RELEASED YESTERDAY ALSO NOTED THAT OF
2 THE 11 DEATHS THAT WE HAD REPORTED IN THE PAST FOR HEALTHCARE
3 WORKERS, 8 OF THOSE DEATHS OCCURRED AMONGST EMPLOYEES WHO WERE
4 WORKING IN OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND I WANT TO NOTE
5 THAT THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE VAST MAJORITY, TWO-THIRDS, OF ALL
6 OF THE DEATHS AMONGST OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. NURSES ALSO
7 ACCOUNT FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR CASES AMONGST HEALTHCARE
8 WORKERS. AND FULLY 35% OF ALL OF THE CASES OF POSITIVE COVID-
9 19 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OCCUR AMONGST
10 EMPLOYEES IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. IN RESPONSE TO THIS
11 CRISIS OF PROPORTIONS THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED
12 IN DECADES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE'VE BEEN WORKING REALLY
13 CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO, FIRST OF
14 ALL, START ROLLING OUT TESTING OF BOTH ALL EMPLOYEES AND ALL
15 RESIDENTS IN THOSE NURSING HOMES THAT ARE HARDEST HIT BY
16 OUTBREAKS, AS WELL AS TO START DOING SURVEILLANCE TESTING IN
17 THOSE NURSING HOMES THAT DON'T HAVE ANY POSITIVE CASES YET IN
18 AN ATTEMPT, AGAIN, TO IDENTIFY PRIMARILY ASYMPTOMATIC PEOPLE
19 AND MAKE SURE THAT, WHETHER THEY'RE RESIDENTS OR THAT THEY ARE
20 EMPLOYEES, WE'RE ABLE ISOLATE THEM AND QUARANTINE THE CLOSE
21 CONTACTS TO AVOID DRAMATIC SPREADS OF INFECTION IN THESE
22 CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH PEOPLE
23 WHO ARE ALREADY MEDICALLY FRAGILE, AS IN OUR NURSING HOMES. WE
24 ALSO ARE WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE
25 NURSING HOMES HAVE THE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT THEY

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1 NEED. YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATED REMARKS THAT I HEARD EARLIER
2 FROM THE SUPERVISORS NOTING THAT THE BEST WAY TO THANK OUR
3 FRONTLINE WORKERS IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING IT
4 POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO HAVE THE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT
5 THAT IS NEEDED FOR THEM TO DO THEIR JOB SAFELY. LAST WEEK, WE
6 DISTRIBUTED MILLIONS OF PIECES OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT TO ALL OF
7 THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES IN THE AREAS. ON AVERAGE, EVERY
8 NURSING FACILITY DID RECEIVE AROUND 8,000 FACE MASKS FOR THEIR
9 EMPLOYEES TO USE. AND WE CONTINUE WITH THE HELP, AGAIN, OF THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO PRIORITIZE MAKING SURE THAT
11 THE WORKERS WHO ARE, AGAIN, DOING EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT
12 WORK CARING FOR THE RESIDENTS HAVE THE APPROPRIATE PERSONAL
13 PROTECTION EQUIPMENT. AND WE'VE NOTED, AS WELL, THAT THE
14 WORKERS NEED TO BE ABLE, AS WITH OTHER HEALTHCARE WORKERS,
15 HAVE ALTERNATE LOCATIONS WHERE THEY CAN STAY IF THEY
16 PARTICULARLY ARE LIVING IN A HOME SITUATION WHERE THEY WOULD
17 BE PUTTING OTHER PEOPLE AT RISK. SO I APPLAUD THIS EFFORT. I
18 APPLAUD THIS REQUEST TO ASK FOR THE STATE'S SUPPORT FOR BOTH
19 THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WILLINGLY GOING TO WORK EVERY DAY TO
20 CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG ALL OF OUR
21 RESIDENTS AND MAKING SURE THAT, BY PROTECTING THE WORKERS, WE
22 ARE ALSO ABLE, THEREFORE, TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS. SO, I WANT
23 TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS MOTION AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
24 QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY SPEAKS BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN AN AMAZING

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1 PARTNER ON MAKING SURE THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO
2 DO ALL THIS TESTING.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY?

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6 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.
7 AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR ADVOCACY AND
8 YOUR SUPPORT ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO
9 ARE LIVING AND WORKING IN OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES
10 ACROSS THE COUNTY. I ALSO JUST WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE
11 THANKS FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORK IN THE SKILLED
12 NURSING FACILITIES. THIS GROUP DEDICATES THEIR CAREERS TO
13 SERVING --

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY, CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC?

16

17 **DR. GHALY:** CAN YOU HEAR ME BETTER NOW?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE. THAT'S BETTER. THANK YOU.

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21 **DR. GHALY:** I ALSO WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE WORKERS WHO ARE
22 DEDICATING THEIR CAREERS TO SERVING WHAT IS A VERY VULNERABLE
23 PATIENT POPULATION. AS EVERYONE KNOWS, S.N.F.S AS WE CALL
24 THEM, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, ARE VERY CHALLENGING
25 ENVIRONMENTS. AS WE'VE SEEN, AND AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, THEY

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1 ACCOUNT FOR A VERY LARGE SHARE OF THE CASES OF COVID-19. AND
2 IT'S OUR DUTY AS A COUNTY TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO SUPPORT
3 THESE VERY VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AND THE STAFF THAT SELFLESSLY
4 SUPPORT THEM. WITHOUT A COORDINATED EFFORT TO HELP BUILD UP
5 THIS SUPPORT, THOUGH, WE RISK HAVING AN ESCALATION IN THE
6 NUMBER OF CASES, AND ALONG WITH THAT AN INCREASE IN MORTALITY
7 AMONG THOSE THAT WE REALLY SHOULD BE STRIVING TO HELP. GIVEN
8 THE LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AT
9 ANY ONE PERIOD OF TIME, IF THEY BECOME UNABLE TO MAINTAIN CARE
10 FOR THEIR RESIDENTS, THE CRISIS IN THE S.N.F.S ALSO PRESENTS
11 THE BIGGEST RISK TO THE ONGOING STABILITY OF THE OVERALL
12 HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM ACROSS THE COUNTY. AT ANY ONE TIME,
13 THERE'S OVER 40,000 PATIENTS OR SO IN SKILLED NURSING
14 FACILITIES. THAT'S COMPARED TO 22,000 TOTAL HOSPITAL BEDS
15 AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND OF
16 THAT 22,000, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 OR SO ARE AVAILABLE AND OPEN
17 FOR A NEW PATIENT ON ANY GIVEN DAY. THIS IS DATA THAT WE
18 REPORT OUT ON A DAILY BASIS. SO IT'S EASY TO SEE WITH THESE
19 NUMBERS HOW PATIENTS FROM SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES COULD
20 EASILY OVERWHELM THE HOSPITALS AND THREATEN THE RECOVERY THAT
21 WE ALSO EAGERLY ARE ANTICIPATING. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
22 MOTION TO SUPPORT THE STAFF AND THE FACILITIES TO BE ABLE TO
23 MANAGE CARE WITHIN THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES TO BE ABLE
24 TO SUPPORT THEIR WAGES AND EQUIP THEM WITH THE NECESSARY
25 P.P.E. THAT THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF

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1 THIS ISSUE, D.H.S. IS ALSO PROUD, AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, TO
2 TAKE A LEAD ROLE IN HELPING TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO TESTING
3 CAPACITY ACROSS ALL OF THE SKILLED NURSE FACILITIES IN THE
4 COUNTY. AMONG MANY NEEDS, THE NEED TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND
5 TESTING IN THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES IS THE TOP PRIORITY.
6 WE'RE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, OTHER
7 CITIES AS WELL, AS OTHER PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS ON A
8 STRATEGY TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE TESTING NEEDS OF ALL SKILLED
9 NURSING FACILITIES. WE'VE JUST REALLOCATED TENS OF THOUSANDS
10 OF TEST KITS TO LAUNCH A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO TEST ALL
11 STAFF AND RESIDENTS WITH OUTBREAKS AND TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN
12 ONGOING TESTING UNTIL THE OUTBREAK IS FULLY CONTAINED. AS DR.
13 FERRER MENTIONED, WE ALSO ARE GOING TO BE LAUNCHING
14 SURVEILLANCE TESTING IN S.N.F.S WITHOUT OUTBREAKS SO THAT WE
15 CAN FIND CASES AMONG ABOUT ASYMPTOMATIC POPULATIONS BEFORE IT
16 GROWS INTO AN OUTBREAK AND THREATENS THE LIVES OF THE
17 RESIDENTS AND STAFF THAT WORK THERE. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE
18 CAN TO SUPPORT OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND THE PEOPLE
19 THAT WORK IN THEM. DOING SO IS DEFINITELY IN OUR COLLECTIVE
20 BEST INTEREST AS A SOCIETY, BUT IT ALSO REALLY IS A MEASURE OF
21 OUR CARE AND OUR COMPASSION AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACT FOR THE
22 MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE AMONG US. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
23 QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY.

24
25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BUT I
3 WANTED TO --

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YES.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, DR. FERRER
8 AND DR. GHALY. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
9 PUTTING THIS FORWARD. IT CAN'T BE UNDERSTATED HOW IMPORTANT
10 THIS REALLY IS. THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE WHEN WE HAVE SUCH A HIGH
11 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE RESIDING IN THESE VULNERABLE
12 FACILITIES, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND THE NUMBER OF
13 COVID PATIENTS CONTRACTING THE VIRUS AND THOSE THAT ARE
14 PASSING AWAY. AND I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE FIRST
15 DISTRICT, WE HAVE 87 FACILITIES. IT'S ONE OF THE SECOND
16 HIGHEST. I BELIEVE THE FIFTH HAS THE HIGHEST, 91 FACILITIES.
17 AND THE CAPACITY IN THE FIRST IS ABOUT 3,700 PATIENTS. SO IT
18 JUST GIVES YOU THAT IDEA THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING QUICKLY.
19 AND I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S DOING AND
20 WHAT OUR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR TEAM AS WELL AS
21 WHAT THIS MOTION WILL HELP PROVIDE. AND I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT
22 REALLY JUST EXPANDING A PORTION OF IT. I BELIEVE WE WOULD LIKE
23 TO TALK ABOUT AN AMENDMENT THAT I WANTED TO PUT FORWARD, A
24 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, IN FACT. AND IF I COULD JUST PRESENT THAT.
25 I'D LIKE TO READ IT IN. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF

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1 SUPERVISORS AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THOSE LIVING AND
2 WORKING IN L.C.H.C.F., INCLUDING LONG TERM CARE, ASSISTED
3 LIVING, BOARD AND CARE, MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION CENTERS,
4 ETC., AND FACILITIES THAT ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE HEALTH
5 OFFICER IN ADDITION TO S.N.F.S TO DIRECTIVE 1-3, 6-8, 11-12,
6 AND 14-15. THIS MOTION IS A GOOD STEP FORWARD IN ADVOCATING
7 FOR MORE ACTIONS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS
13 PRESENTATION. I'LL JUST -- AND THANKS, OF COURSE, TO
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I'LL JUST
15 BE BRIEF. WE'VE REALLY ALL SAID THIS, BUT THIS HAS BEEN SUCH A
16 HUGE PROBLEM. AND THOSE THAT WORK AND LIVE IN THESE SKILLED
17 NURSING FACILITIES ARE JUST REALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE PARTS
18 OF OUR POPULATION. AND SO MANY LOVED ONES I'VE HEARD FROM, THE
19 FIRST RESPONSE WAS GET YOUR LOVED ONE OUT OF THERE. AND MANY -
20 - FIRST OF ALL, MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THESE FACILITIES
21 DON'T NECESSARILY ALWAYS HAVE LOVED ONES. AND THEY MIGHT NOT
22 HAVE LOVED ONES THAT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO CARE FOR THEM. SO
23 THIS IS SO IMPORTANT. AND I'LL JUST SAY THAT WE HAVE A LATER
24 ITEM TODAY, ITEM 15, WHERE I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT MAKING SURE
25 THAT WE'RE TESTING ALL THOSE WORKING AND LIVING IN NURSING

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1 FACILITIES AS WELL AS OTHER CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES. SO
2 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS, ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN
3 SHOW HOW MUCH WE BELIEVE IN THOSE THAT WORK IN THESE
4 FACILITIES AND HOW MUCH WE ARE THE SAFETY NET OF THOSE WHO
5 RESIDE THERE. SO THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
8 YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING COMMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT
11 IT IS UNDERSTOOD HOW CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THIS IS. IT IS A
12 DEFINING FACTOR IN TERMS OF WHAT WE DESCRIBE AS FLATTENING. IT
13 IS A LONG-STANDING ISSUE FOR US IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES TO MAKE IT RIGHT IN THESE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.
15 IT IS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHO HAS DELEGATED ITS AUTHORITY
16 TO THE COUNTY TO DO THE INSPECTIONS AND THE WORK. AND WE KNOW
17 THAT THAT'S AN UNDERLYING ISSUE. BUT THIS PROBLEM IS UPON US
18 IN WAYS THAT WE NEVER MIGHT HAVE ANTICIPATED. AND SO IT DOES
19 MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO ACCELERATE. IF I TIE IT BACK TO THE
20 EARLIER CONVERSATION, MADAM CHAIR, IN TERMS OF RECOVERY AND
21 THE LIKE, THE ISSUES FOR OUR RESPECTIVE AUDIENCES AND PUBLICS
22 HAPPENS TO BE WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S ENOUGH CONFIDENCE AS TO
23 WHETHER OR NOT THE DATA WILL SUPPORT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
24 ARE INFECTED, THOSE WHO ARE TESTING POSITIVE, AND WORSE THAN
25 THAT, THOSE WHO ARE DYING. IT IS OF EXTREME CONCERN THAT A

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1 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER, AS I SAID EARLIER, HAPPENS TO BE IN THE
2 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, THUS THE RATIONALE FOR THE MOTION
3 AND MY APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND WOULD
4 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE SAME. THANK YOU,
5 MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW FOR THE RECORD, WILL YOU
8 PLEASE READ THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON AGENDA
9 ITEM NUMBER 6.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
12 COMMENTS UNDER "OTHER." HENRY FONG, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
13 GEORGE BUZZETTI, AND ERIC PREVEN.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITH AS
17 AMENDED. AND WILL YOU READ THE AMENDMENT? I KNOW THE COUNTY
18 COUNSEL WANTS US TO READ THE AMENDMENT. WHAT'S THE AMENDMENT?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THOSE LIVING AND
21 WORKING IN THE LICENSED CONGREGATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO
22 DIRECTIVES 1-3, 6-8, 11-12, AND 14-15.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ITEM 6 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO

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1 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
2 ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL? SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION ABOUT
24 CARRIED 5-0.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, FOR
2 THIS AND FOR EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING. NOW ON TO ITEM NUMBER 9
3 WHICH IS A REPOSE TO A REQUEST FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
4 FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES, LIFE
5 THE HIRING FREEZE, AND REALIGN BUDGET REVENUES. ITEM 33 ALSO
6 IS INCLUDED WITH THIS. REALIGNMENT OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 BUDGET REVENUES. THEY WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS WE DISCUSSED
11 IN OUR EARLIER BUDGET CONVERSATIONS, THE COUNTY EXPECTS MAYBE
12 AT LEAST A BILLION DOLLAR DROP IN REVENUES AS IT CONCLUDES THE
13 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND ANTICIPATES ANOTHER 1 BILLION PLUS
14 REVENUE DECLINE FOR '20/'21. SO WE HAVE ASKED EVERY DEPARTMENT
15 TO PREPARE SCENARIOS IN TERMS OF HOW THEY WILL DEAL WITH THIS
16 AND CUT THEIR BUDGETS AND CUT THEIR BUDGETS. SO, IT IS
17 INTERESTING THAT EVERY ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS IS CURRENTLY
18 OPERATING WITH A BALANCED BUDGET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE,
19 AND THAT IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND IT'S ALARMING, AND
20 IT WAS ALARMING LAST YEAR WHEN WE FOUND THAT EVEN THOUGH WE
21 HAD ASKED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO DEAL WITH WHAT WAS A \$63
22 MILLION DEFICIT LAST YEAR, INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY DEALING WITH
23 IT, IT WAS BEGINNING TO GROW AND GROW. SO IN OCTOBER, THE
24 BOARD TOOK KIND OF AN UNPRECEDENTED ACTION AND PUT \$143
25 MILLION INTO A SEQUESTERED FUND, AND THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY FOR

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1 JUDGMENTS, FOR DAMAGES, FOR SUPPLIES, NOT PERSONNEL, AND PUT
2 IT AWAY SO THAT THE SHERIFF WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITH
3 OUR C.E.O. AND OTHERS IN TERMS OF REDUCING THIS HUGE DEFICIT.
4 THE SHERIFF DID MAKE SOME ATTEMPTS TO WORK WITH C.E.O. TO
5 REDUCE THE DEFICIT, BUT THE PROBLEM IS THE DEFICIT CONTINUED
6 TO GROW AND GROW AND ESPECIALLY WHERE OVERTIME WAS CONCERNED,
7 AND ALSO WE HAD FOUND THAT THE SHERIFF HAD NOT BEEN REALIZING
8 MUCH OF THE REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES, LIKE A.B.109 MONEY, THAT HE
9 WAS SUPPOSED TO ATTEMPT TO COLLECT TO BALANCE OUT HIS BUDGET.
10 SO, I WAS ALSO ALARMED TO HEAR THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE
11 HAVE A HIRING FREEZE AND A PROMOTION FREEZE IN EVERY
12 DEPARTMENT, AND WE HAD PLACED A HIRING FREEZE ON THE SHERIFF
13 IN THIS ACTION IN THE FALL, IN JUST ONE WEEK PERIOD BETWEEN
14 APRIL 16TH AND APRIL 23RD, THE SHERIFF PUT THROUGH 44
15 PROMOTIONS IN HIS DEPARTMENT. AND I'M TALKING THIS APRIL, JUST
16 LAST WEEK. AND SO, MADAM CHAIR, I AM ASKING TO AMEND ITEM 9.
17 AND I WILL READ IN THE AMENDMENT AS A RESPONSE TO THIS
18 SURPRISING ACTION TO PUT THROUGH SO MANY PROMOTIONS, WHICH
19 SIMPLY ADDS TO THE DEFICIT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
20 INCURRING. THE AMENDMENT READS, AND IT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO
21 EVERYONE, TO ADD DIRECTIVE 4, INSTITUTE A HARD HIRING -- I'M
22 SORRY. INSTITUTE A PROMOTIONAL FREEZE FOR ALL POSITIONS WITHIN
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. UNDERSTANDING THE CRITICAL ROLE TO
24 PUBLIC SAFETY, WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT, SHOULD THE
25 DEPARTMENT NEED TO FILL ANY POSITION, THAT THEY WORK WITH THE

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1 C.E.O. TO JUSTIFY THE SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR THE
2 DEPARTMENT. THAT IS THE CASE WITH EVERY DEPARTMENT NOW. AND WE
3 WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THAT ALSO APPLIES TO THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY CANNOT ALLOW THE
5 DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE GROWING THEIR DEFICIT, ESPECIALLY IN
6 THIS CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE. WE'VE BROUGHT IN AN AUDITOR TO
7 REVIEW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BOOKS TO HELP US TO BRING THE
8 SHERIFF'S BUDGET INTO BALANCE. AND WHAT THE MOTION THAT I'M
9 BRINGING TODAY ACCOMPLISHES IS TO RELEASE \$83 MILLION TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S
11 FUNCTIONING, INCLUDING \$7.6 MILLION FOR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES,
12 WHICH THE SHERIFF HAS IDENTIFIED AS NECESSARY TO --
13 SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. I BELIEVE THAT
14 MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, HAS QUESTIONS AND HAS ASKED
15 SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TO ANSWER HER QUESTIONS, SO I WOULD
16 ASK THAT WE GO TO HER NEXT. BUT LET ME FINISH MY INTRODUCTORY
17 REMARKS BY SAYING THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN INVITED, OF COURSE, TO
18 ADDRESS US. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE AT THE END OF
19 EVERYTHING WITH A CLOSING REMARK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SO MUCH,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU AS COAUTHOR ON
25 THE MOTION. WE ALL KNOW VERY CLEARLY THAT STATE LAW MANDATES

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1 THAT WE CLOSE EACH YEAR WITH A BALANCED BUDGET. AND I, TOO, AM
2 DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD A DEFICIT
3 OF 63 MILLION LAST YEAR AND THAT WE'RE STILL LOOKING AT
4 ANOTHER 89 MILLION DEFICIT FOR THIS YEAR, WHICH IS DUE, AGAIN,
5 I BELIEVE PRIMARILY TO OVERSPENDING IN OVERTIME AND UNDER
6 REALIZED REVENUES. BUT I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 HAS PRESENTED A MITIGATION PLAN AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH OUR
8 C.E.O. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE DOCUMENTATION TO
9 SUBSTANTIATE THE PLAN AND ITS IMPACT IS STILL OUTSTANDING. AND
10 ON OCTOBER THE FIRST OF LAST YEAR, AS YOU KNOW, WE PUT FORTH
11 THE RELATED MOTION WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO ADDRESS THIS
12 SIMILARLY LARGE DEFICIT FOR THAT YEAR BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT
13 MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WERE NOT TAKEN ON EARLY, AND I
14 BELIEVE, IN A PRUDENT MANNER. AND I'M CONCERNED, AGAIN, TO SEE
15 THAT WE'RE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION. AND WHEREAS LAST YEAR, THE
16 COUNTY HAD SUFFICIENT FUND BALANCES TO COVER THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT DEFICIT BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY PRACTICES OF GOOD
18 BUDGET POLICY, WE ALSO WARNED THAT THE COUNTY MAY NOT HAVE THE
19 FINANCIAL MEANS TO ADDRESS THIS SHORTFALL. AND OF COURSE LOOK
20 WHERE WE ARE NOW. AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE, NO COUNTY
21 DEPARTMENT OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTY.
22 AND LIKE IT OR NOT, WE'RE ALL BUDGETARILY CONNECTED. WHEN ONE
23 DEPARTMENT IS STRUGGLING, IT IS CONTINGENT UPON THE DEPARTMENT
24 TO MITIGATE A BALLOONING DEFICIT AND TO TRY TO MINIMIZE ANY
25 WIDER COUNTY IMPACT. THIS IS HOW WE WILL FULFILL OUR

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1 OBLIGATION TO OUR TAXPAYERS TO PROVIDE FISCAL OVERSIGHT OF
2 THEIR DOLLARS. AND I BELIEVE WITH THIS MOTION THE BOARD WILL
3 BE MAKING SURE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, JUST LIKE EVERY
4 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT, IS ON SOLID FISCAL FOOTING TO PROTECT
5 THE INTERESTS OF OUR TAXPAYERS AND TO ENSURE THAT OTHER COUNTY
6 PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED. THE SHERIFF, LIKE EACH OF
7 US, HAS AN ONGOING CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT
8 THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY. AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE
9 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO RELY ON US FOR SAFETY NET SERVICES
10 PROVIDED BY ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE
11 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF COVID-19. THE FISCAL
12 RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. SINCE ONE OF
13 THE PRIMARY PROBLEMS IS OVERTIME, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
14 TO SEE A REDUCTION IN THE OVER-RELIANCE ON OVERTIME, WHICH
15 NEITHER OUR WORKFORCE NOR OUR COMMUNITIES THAT THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT SERVES FULLY HAVE INFORMATION ON. SO I THINK WE
17 HAVE THAT BEFORE US. I DO HAVE TWO QUESTIONS, ONE FOR COUNTY
18 COUNSEL, IF MARY WICKHAM IS THERE, AND ALSO FOR OUR AUDITOR-
19 CONTROLLER, BOTH ARLENE AND SACHI. SO IF I COULD ASK THOSE
20 QUESTIONS, I'D LIKE TO ASK IF COUNTY COUNSEL CAN RESPOND TO
21 THE QUESTION. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR A DEPARTMENT HEAD
22 WHO CLOSES THE YEAR WITH A DEFICIT? AND IS THERE ANY
23 DIFFERENCE IF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD IS ELECTED BY THE COUNTY
24 ELECTORATE OR IF THEY ARE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD? THOSE ARE
25 QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.

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2 **ATTORNEY:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GREAT QUESTION. I MEAN
3 THE CONSEQUENCES ARE SIGNIFICANT. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER
4 THE DEPARTMENT HEAD IS ELECTED OR NOT ELECTED AS TO THIS
5 ISSUE. AND THE CONSEQUENCES COULD INCLUDE EVEN CRIMINAL
6 ACTION. IT IS VIEWED UNDER THE LAW UP TO BEING A MISDEMEANOR.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MY SECOND QUESTION IS FOR OUR
9 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND C.E.O. AND MY QUESTION IS WOULD YOU
10 PLEASE WALK US THROUGH THIS SERIES OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED
11 OVER THE PAST YEAR AND HOW THE DEPARTMENT GOT TO THIS DEFICIT
12 FOR A SECOND YEAR. AND, SECONDLY, WHAT DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN
13 PROVIDED IN TERMS OF THE MITIGATION PLAN? AND WHAT
14 DOCUMENTATION DO YOU STILL NEED TO VERIFY THE NUMBERS THAT THE
15 DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED? THE FIRST QUESTION IS FOR I BELIEVE
16 ARLENE.

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18 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I CAN TAKE THAT
19 QUESTION. SO, THE CHRONOLOGY ON THIS IS, AGAIN, AS YOU STATED
20 EARLIER, THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CLOSED THE FISCAL YEAR
21 '18/'19 BUDGET WITH ABOUT A \$63 MILLION DEFICIT. AT THAT POINT
22 IN TIME THE DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTED TO PUT FORWARD A DEFICIT
23 MITIGATION PLAN. IN OCTOBER, THE BOARD TRANSFERRED THE \$143
24 MILLION IN APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PROVISIONAL
25 FINANCING USAGE TO TRY AND MITIGATE AND HOLD MONEY ASIDE IN

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1 ORDER TO HELP CLOSE THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET AT THE END OF THE
2 FISCAL YEAR. THE BOARD ALSO DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO IMPLEMENT A
3 HIRING FREEZE WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE
4 CRITICAL POSITIONS. IN ADDITION, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WAS
5 DIRECTED TO START AND CONDUCT AN OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF SOME OF
6 THE AREAS WITHIN THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
7 I WOULD SAY IN SEPTEMBER, THE C.E.O. SENT A MEMO TO THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OUTLINING THE PARAMETERS OF THE
9 RESPONSIBILITY BY THE SHERIFF AND HIS BUDGET AND WITH RESPECT
10 TO HIS FISCAL CONTROLS. WE ALSO STARTED WEEKLY MEETINGS TO
11 HELP PUT TOGETHER A DEFICIT MITIGATION PLAN. BEGINNING IN
12 NOVEMBER, THE SHERIFF HAD GONE TO YOUR BOARD TO TALK ABOUT A
13 MITIGATION PLAN. I THINK HE HAD PUT FORWARD VARIOUS ISSUES
14 SUCH AS TRIAL COURT SECURITY WHERE TRIAL COURT SECURITY, THEY
15 MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVING AS MUCH REVENUE AS THE EXPENSES.
16 OTHER AREAS WERE THE OVER-EXPENDITURE FOR POSITIONS IN
17 CONTRACT CITIES, AND THEN OVERTIME ITSELF. WE HAVE
18 CONSISTENTLY ASKED EVEN UP UNTIL NOW FOR ALL OF THE BACKUP
19 DOCUMENTATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAVE NOT
20 RECEIVED ANY OF THE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THOSE AREAS
21 AND OTHER AREAS. IN JANUARY, WE DID MEET WITH -- I'M SORRY. IN
22 ABOUT JANUARY, THERE WAS A SEMIANNUAL BUDGET STATUS REPORT.
23 AND THAT'S WHEN WE HAD IDENTIFIED WITH THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT
24 \$70 MILLION IN SOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, TO DATE, WE'VE BEEN ONLY
25 ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY ABLE TO ACHIEVE 19

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1 MILLION OF THE 70 MILLION. WE DID MEET WITH THE SHERIFF FOR
2 HIS BUDGET REQUEST AS WE DO WITH ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS. AND AT
3 THAT TIME, AGAIN WE CONTINUED TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTION
4 AND DEFICIT MITIGATION PLANS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF
5 OVERTIME, SINCE MANY OF HIS POSITIONS WERE BEING FILLED. TO
6 DATE, AGAIN, WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY OF THAT DOCUMENTATION. SO
7 THAT BRINGS US UP TO THE FORECAST FOR CLOSING THIS YEAR'S
8 CURRENT BUDGET AT APPROXIMATELY \$88 MILLION. SO THAT'S THE
9 CHRONOLOGY TO DATE.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST ASK SACHI. SO YOU HAVE
12 MADE EVERY ATTEMPT AND EFFORT TO TRY TO MEET WITH STAFF, WITH
13 THE SHERIFF'S STAFF SINCE JANUARY, I'M ASSUMING? AND WE HAVE
14 YET TO RECEIVE OUTSTANDING MITIGATION PLANS FOR THE REMAINING,
15 I GUESS, 51 MILLION IN SOLUTIONS THAT I CAN SEE.

16

17 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR, PROBABLY SINCE THE FALL WE HAVE BEEN
18 MEETING AND REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION. AND AGAIN, TO DATE,
19 WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SACHI,
22 AND ALSO COUNTY COUNSEL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, MADAM
23 CHAIR, THAT'S FOR ME.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A REQUEST, NO OTHER
2 SUPERVISORS REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS. NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM
3 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA? SHERIFF?

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5 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN
6 BY THANKING THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS
7 ISSUE TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, ON OCTOBER 1ST OF 2019, \$143.7
8 MILLION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SERVICE AND SUPPLY BUDGET
9 WAS FROZEN AND A PROFESSIONAL STAFF HIRING FREEZE WAS
10 IMPLEMENTED AT THE TIME. NOTE THAT WAS A PROFESSIONAL STAFF
11 HIRING FREEZE NOT SWORN. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE
12 THREE USES OF THIS MOTION. THE FUNDS THAT ARE BEING RELEASED,
13 THE REMAINING \$61 MILLION OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FUNDS
14 SUPPORT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS MOTION, WHICH WILL AFFECT
15 PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IF IT IS NOT RETURNED TO OUR BUDGET,
16 AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETED REVENUE ANALYSIS FOR
17 SUBMISSION TO THE C.A.O., WHICH IS AN ONGOING PROCESS, IN
18 WHICH WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE ALONG WITH -- AND WE WILL
19 PROVIDE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HOW SIGNIFICANTLY THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT IS UNDERFUNDED, APPROXIMATELY \$89 MILLION. AND THE
21 ISSUE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE ACADEMY CLASS FROM 12 PER YEAR
22 TO FOUR PER YEAR, WHICH ACTUALLY COSTS MONEY AND DOES NOT SAVE
23 IT. EACH ACADEMY CLASS WE RUN, WHICH IS BEYOND WHAT COVERS OUR
24 ANNUAL ATTRITION RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 400 PER YEAR, SAVES THE
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION ANNUALLY IN

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1 VACANCY OVERTIME. NOW THE COVID-19 CRISIS HAS MADE ONE THING
2 PERFECTLY CLEAR. SOME AREAS OF GOVERNMENT ARE CONSIDERED
3 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS, AND OTHERS NOT. PUBLIC SAFETY,
4 SPECIFICALLY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, AND MEDICAL SERVICES ARE
5 AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. WHEN THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER WAS
6 ENACTED, THE ESSENTIAL JOBS WERE NOT SELECTED ACROSS-THE-
7 BOARD. COMMON SENSE AND DATA DROVE THOSE DECISIONS. BUT
8 SOMEHOW THE ACROSS-THE-BOARD PHILOSOPHY IS THE LOGIC THIS
9 BOARD HAS HISTORICALLY TURNED TO WHENEVER THERE ARE CUTS TO BE
10 MADE IN THE BUDGET. THE FUNDS YOU FROZE FROM THE BUDGET WHICH
11 YOU AND THE C.E.O. HAD ALREADY APPROVED, ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE
12 THAT YOU'RE NOW RELEASING A PERCENTAGE OF THOSE FUNDS, WE NEED
13 ALL OF IT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SAFETY
14 THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY DESERVE AND CURRENTLY ENJOY. AND I
15 SHOULD BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION SEVERAL CASE LAW DECISIONS THAT
16 DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE. ONE IS BRUSTER V. SHASTA COUNTY IN
17 WHICH FOUND PARTIALLY THAT THE CALIFORNIA COURTS HAVE NOTED
18 THAT ONLY THE SHERIFF CAN CONTROL HOW HE SPENDS HIS FUNDS
19 ALLOCATED TO HIM IN THE COUNTY BUDGET, THAT THE COUNTY CANNOT
20 WITHHOLD THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE SHERIFF TO DO CARRY OUT
21 HIS DUTIES. YOU CAN SEE BRAN V. MADERA COUNTY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS, ALSO HICKS V. ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
23 I WOULD ALSO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AN OPINION OF THE C.E.O.
24 ITSELF -- I MEAN THE C.E.O. FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THIS IS
25 FROM 1993. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOT AUTHORIZED

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1 TO GOVERN THE ACTIONS OF A SHERIFF OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
2 CONCERNING THE MANNER IN WHICH THEIR RESPECTIVE BUDGET
3 ALLOTMENTS ARE EXPENDED OR THE MANNER IN WHICH PERSONNEL ARE
4 ASSIGNED. THIS IS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 93-
5 903. NOW, MOVING ON, YOU HAVE SOME SLIDES THAT WE PROVIDED TO
6 YOU. AND ONE OF THEM, THE FIRST POINT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IS
7 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS UNDERFUNDED. WHEN YOU CLAIM
8 THAT WE ARE SOMEHOW OVERSPENDING ON A BUDGET, THAT FLIES IN
9 THE FACE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE UNDERFUNDED. AND WE'RE NOT
10 FUNDED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL. OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST
11 FIVE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET HAS BEEN SADDLED WITH
12 RISING COSTS THAT ARE BEYOND THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL. DUE TO
13 THE COUNTY POLICIES, SUCH RISING COSTS NOT FUNDED BY THE
14 COUNTY CUMULATIVELY TOTAL ROUGHLY 89 MILLION. THAT INCLUDES,
15 AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, TRIAL COURT SECURITY FUNDING,
16 WORKERS' COMPENSATION, 33.4 MILLION RIGHT THERE. THE TRIAL
17 COURT FUNDING, THAT'S 76 MILLION. AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION,
18 THE NEW NUMBER OF INJURY CASES HAS DROPPED MASSIVELY. THAT IS
19 A CREDIT TO WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING TO CONTROL THAT. THE
20 DEPARTMENT CANNOT CONTROL THE ASSOCIATED RISING HEALTH COSTS.
21 PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IS AN OCCUPATION WHERE PEOPLE GET
22 INJURED MUCH HIGHER THAN THOSE WHO IS IT BEHIND A DESK FOR A
23 LIVING. RETIREMENT PAYOUTS, THAT AMOUNTS TO 28.8 MILLION, AN
24 UNANTICIPATED VERY HIGH NUMBER WHERE RETIREE PAYOUTS DUE TO
25 SPIKED VACATION TIME PAYOUTS FOR A LARGE CLUSTER OF RETIREES

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1 ACQUIRED THE 1984 LOS ANGELES OLYMPIC BUILDUP. THAT IS A GROUP
2 CLUSTERED BETWEEN THAT AND THE HIRING DRIVE FROM 1987 TO 1992,
3 THAT IS A GROUP THAT IS NOW RETIRING EN MASSE. THAT IS THE
4 LAST OF THE BABY BOOMER GENERATION. A FAIRLY RECENT EXCESSIVE
5 TURNOVER IN RETIREMENTS HIGH RANKING EXECUTIVE LEVELS DUE TO
6 MULTIPLE CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP IN RECENT YEARS.
7 THEN RETIREE HEALTHCARE COSTS \$16.2 MILLION. THE DEPARTMENT
8 CANNOT CONTROL THE RISING HEALTH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONS
9 NO LONGER EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT. COURT LIABILITY
10 JUDGMENTS, THAT'S 10.8 MILLION. COURT LIABILITY SETTLEMENTS
11 WHICH CAN INVOLVE CASES DATING BACK 20 YEARS FOR WHICH THE
12 DEPARTMENT HAS NO CONTINGENCY PLAN. FEDERAL LAWSUIT
13 COMPLAINTS, NOW TO COMPLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN
14 COURT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, BEAR IN MIND, WE HAVE THREE
15 SETTLEMENTS. WE HAVE THE JOHNSONS THAT INVOLVES A.D.A. ISSUES.
16 WE HAD THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT REGARDING USE OF FORCE. AND YOU
17 HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWSUIT REGARDING MENTAL
18 HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT WAS COMPELLED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
19 OVERSIGHT WITHIN ITS DETENTION FACILITIES TO FOSTER A SAFER
20 ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DETAINEES AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S
21 PERSONNEL. THESE MANDATED COSTS NOT YET FUNDED BY THE COUNTY
22 AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY 50 MILLION TO FUND ADDITIONAL
23 STAFFING NEEDS. THIS IS MONEY WELL SPENT AS EVIDENCED BY
24 STATISTICS SHOWING MARKED DECLINES IN INMATE ON INMATE
25 ASSAULTS, INMATE ON STAFF ASSAULT, DEPUTY USE OF FORCE, AND

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1 ALSO IMPROVED QUALITY OF CARE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE JAIL
2 SYSTEM. I SHOULD BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION PENAL CODE SECTION
3 4000 AND 4015, EXPENSES OF JAILS. THE EXPENSE TO MAINTAIN THE
4 COUNTY JAIL AND SUPPORTING THE PRISONERS IS A COUNTY CHARGE.
5 AND I CANNOT EMPHASIZE THAT ENOUGH. IT'S NOT A PARCEL COUNTY
6 CHARGE, AND GOOD LUCK TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COVER THE
7 REST. THAT IS AN APPROPRIATE COUNTY CHARGE, 100 PERCENT OF IT.
8 NOW, WE HAVE OTHER FACTORS THAT NEED FURTHER EXAMINATION AND
9 THAT'S THE MAINTENANCE AND COSTS OF WORKING IN AGING
10 FACILITIES, UNSCHEDULED OVERTIME. WE HAD FOUR MAJOR EVENTS
11 THAT ARE DRIVING THAT. WE HAD THE TICK FIRE, THE KOBE BRYANT,
12 THE HELICOPTER CRASH, THE SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING, AND NOW
13 THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. YOU KNOW, FROM ALLOWANCE, HEALTH
14 BENEFITS, THESE ARE ALL THE ISSUES THAT ARE DRIVING THE BUDGET
15 OR THE ALLEGED DEFICIT. NOW, YOU HAVE ANOTHER SLIDE, AN
16 ADDITIONAL SLIDE THAT'S A STAND-ALONE SLIDE, AND IT'S A BUDGET
17 COMPARISON FROM FISCAL YEAR '99/2000 TO THE 2019/2020. WE DID
18 FIVE-YEAR INCREMENTS. IF YOU LOOK AT THIS SLIDE, IT SHOWS WHAT
19 THE L.A. COUNTY BUDGET WAS OVERALL IN COMPARISON TO THE
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS A PERCENTAGE. YOU CAN SEE THAT
21 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET, THE COUNTY
22 BUDGET GREW A LOT FASTER THAN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE'RE
23 ALMOST LINEAR IN GROWTH WHEREAS THE COUNTY BUDGET WAS
24 ACCELERATING QUITE NOTICEABLY. AND THE PERCENT OF CHANGE EVERY
25 FIVE YEARS WAS ROUGHLY AN AVERAGE OF 0.86 PERCENT. HOWEVER,

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1 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, FAST FORWARD FIVE YEARS TO THE
2 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, IT DROPPED 1.41 PERCENT. SO YOU'VE
3 ACTUALLY DEFUNDED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO
4 THE OVERALL COUNTY BUDGET. AND THE SAVINGS YOU'VE USED YOU'VE
5 USED TO EXPAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN OTHER AREAS, AND THAT'S AN
6 ARGUMENT FOR YOU AMONGST YOURSELVES TO DECIDE. HOWEVER, BY
7 DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, YOU'VE EXACERBATED THE
8 ISSUE OF US BEING UNDERFUNDED IN ALL OF THESE MAJOR CATEGORIES
9 THAT IT'S THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. AND IT'S GOING TO OCCUR YEAR
10 AFTER YEAR. FOR THE NEXT YEAR 2020/'21, THE TRIAL COURT
11 FUNDING DEFICIT ALONE IS GOING TO BE \$82 MILLION. THAT'S A
12 RATE SET BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T CONTROL THAT. WE'RE
13 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE. AND WE DO IT IN GOD FAITH.
14 HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENCE, I MEAN, THAT'S A BATTLE YOU NEED TO
15 TAKE WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN TERMS OF REFUNDING OUR --
16 WHAT WE'RE PAYING INTO THE PROCESS. BUT YOU CAN'T ATTRIBUTE
17 THAT SOMEHOW TO SOME LACK OF EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SOMETHING THAT WE'RE DEFICIENT IN IN
19 TERMS OF MAINTAINING OUR BUDGET TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVELS OR
20 RATIO OF REVENUES. NOW, GOING TO MOVING FORWARD TO THE
21 OVERTIME SAVINGS FROM ADDITIONAL -- CLASSES. AS WE MENTIONED
22 WE'RE LOSING ROUGHLY 400 SWORN PERSONNEL A YEAR. THE FOUR
23 CLASSES ALONE, IN FACT DOESN'T EVEN KEEP UP WITH ATTRITION. WE
24 ARE GOING TO HAVE A NET LOSS OF 155 SWORN PERSONNEL PER YEAR,
25 SO WE WILL BEGIN SHRINKING. WHEN WE SHRINKING OUR SWORN

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1 PERSONNEL, OUR OVERTIME COSTS WILL START ESCALATING AGAIN. AND
2 THERE'S A GRAPH ATTACHED TO IT WHERE YOU CAN SEE OUR SWORN
3 VACANCY STATS AND HOW THAT RELATES TO OVERTIME. THE OVERTIME
4 EXPENDITURE TREND IS VERY NOTICEABLE. THE MORE OUR VACANCIES
5 INCREASE, THE GREATER THE OVERTIME EXPENDITURES. IT'S COMMON
6 SENSE. EVERY ACADEMY CLASS IS ROUGHLY \$10 MILLION IN OVERTIME
7 THAT IS NOT SPENT. THAT IS MONEY WELL SAVED. OUR INVESTMENT IN
8 ADDITIONAL RECRUIT TRAINING CLASSES HAS OTHER BENEFITS THAT
9 WILL BE REALIZED OVER TIME IN ADDITION TO JUST THE OVERTIME
10 SAVINGS. MORE DEPUTIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING EMERGENCIES. FOR
11 THIS CURRENT, THE PANDEMIC, AT ONE POINT IN TIME, WE HAD 679
12 SWORN STAFF MEMBERS QUARANTINED AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC.
13 THAT'S AT ONE TIME. THAT'S A STAGGERING LOSS OF PERSONNEL FOR
14 A TWO-WEEK PERIOD, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO ABSORB IT BECAUSE OF
15 OUR LEVEL OF STAFFING. IMPROVE OPERATIONS WITH AN ASSIGNED
16 STAFF VERSUS OVERTIME STAFF. THAT'S LESS FATIGUED DEPUTIES,
17 LESS MISTAKES MADE OUT IN THE FIELD IN TERMS OF THE OPERATION
18 OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES, DECISION-MAKING ON USE OF FORCE, AND
19 SUPERVISION. SO THAT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AN IMPROVEMENT IN
20 OVERALL EMPLOYEE QUALITY OF LIFE. AND, REMEMBER, WE ARE HIRING
21 LOCALLY. SO ONE OF THE ISSUES ABOUT LACK OF JOBS LOCALLY,
22 WE'RE PROVIDING SOME RELIEF IN THAT RESPECT. NOW, SO HIRING
23 MORE DEPUTIES SAVES MONEY WHEN YOU CONSIDER LESS OVERTIME,
24 REDUCED FATIGUE, AND LESS LIABILITY. GIVEN THE COVID-19
25 PANDEMIC AND THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PERSONNEL, THE PREVIOUS

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1 MODEL MAKEUP OF SWORN VACANCIES BY THE USE OF OVERTIME DOES
2 NOT WORK. OUR ACADEMY IS THE ONLY ACADEMY, US AND L.A.P.D. IS
3 UP AND RUNNING RIGHT NOW. ALL THE LOCAL ACADEMIES RUN BY
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE CURRENTLY INOPERABLE, WHICH MEANS OUR
5 LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS ARE USING THE SHERIFF'S ACADEMY TO
6 SUSTAIN THEIR STAFFING, AS WELL. OUR SWORN STAFFING IN THE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE SOME OF THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY,
8 MUCH LOWER THAN SURROUNDING CITIES. AND THE HIGH LEVEL OF
9 SWORN RETIREMENTS WILL CONTINUE BASED ON ACCELERATED HIRING
10 TRENDS BETWEEN 1987 AND 1992 AS I MENTIONED. NOW, IF WE
11 COMPARE THE BUDGET WITH OTHER ENTITIES, CALIFORNIA CITY SPENT
12 UP TO HALF OF THEIR BUDGET ON PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS IS TRUE FOR
13 MOST CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE '19/'20 L.A. ADOPTED
14 BUDGET OF \$33.89 BILLION, THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET WAS
15 APPROXIMATELY \$3.4 BILLION WHICH IS 10.3 PERCENT. THIS DOES
16 NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT \$325 MILLION OF THE SHERIFF'S
17 BUDGET IS OFFSET BY REVENUE GENERATED FROM CONTRACT CITIES.
18 UNINCORPORATED PATROL SERVICES FOR THE SAME BUDGET PERIOD \$298
19 MILLION. 0.9 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S ADOPTED BUDGET IS SPENT
20 ON SHERIFF'S PATROL IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY COMPARED TO MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET
22 MOST CONTRACT CITIES SPENT FOR THE VERY SAME PURPOSE. OKAY.
23 THEN THE '19/'20 L.A. COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET POSITIONS IS
24 112,000, THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET POSITION WAS 18,000 OR
25 APPROXIMATELY 16 PERCENT. WE EMPLOY 16 PERCENT OF THE

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1 WORKFORCE BUT ONLY ARE ALLOCATED 10.3 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S
2 BUDGET. NOW, GOING TO THE OVERTIME EXPENDITURE, THE TRENDS,
3 YOU CAN SEE THE TREND IS IN A DOWNWARD, IT'S MOVING DOWNWARD.
4 AND THAT IS DUE TO A LOT OF THINGS. WHAT DRIVES AGAIN IS
5 VACANCIES AND EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS. THOSE ARE THE TWO MAIN
6 DRIVERS. FOR FISCAL YEAR '19/'20 WE ALREADY MENTIONED THE FOUR
7 BIG EVENTS THAT DROVE IT, THE SAUGUS SHOOTING, THE TICK FIRE,
8 THE HELICOPTER CRASH, AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IT IS
9 ANTICIPATED THAT L.A.S.D. WILL REDUCE OVERTIME EXPENDITURES BY
10 10.8% MILLION THIS FISCAL YEAR, AND THAT IS IN SPITE OF HAVING
11 THESE THINGS ON IT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS WISELY USE THIS
12 RESOURCE DURING THE RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY
13 PRIORITIZING PATROL AND CUSTODY OPERATIONS WHILE TAKING
14 PROTECTIVE MEASURES TO KEEP OUR EMPLOYEES SAFE. AGAIN,
15 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DEPUTY LEVEL,
16 THE MASSIVE DROP, WE'RE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT HERE. AND OF
17 COURSE THE HEALTH COSTS FOR THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKERS'
18 COMPENSATION CLAIMS, THAT WE CAN'T CONTROL. THOSE ARE CLAIMS
19 THAT ARE ALREADY MADE. AND THOSE HEALTH COSTS ARE GOING TO
20 CONTINUE TO RISE. AND WE'RE STILL STUCK WITH THE BILL IN SPITE
21 OF IT. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED AND HAS BEEN FOR
23 A LONG TIME. ADDITIONALLY, I BRING ATTENTION TO THE LACK OF
24 PRECEDENT THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN
25 WHICH THE BOARD OR THE C.E.O. REMOVED A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET

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1 APPROPRIATION AND SET ASIDE IN A SEPARATE FUND. SIGNIFICANT
2 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE I'VE TAKEN
3 OFFICE WHICH HAS SHOWN A REDUCTION IN OF IN CRIME, JAIL
4 VIOLENCE, EMPLOYEE VEHICLE CONDITION, WORKERS' COMPENSATION
5 CLAIMS, AND OVERTIME. SOLUTIONS TO SO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS OUR
6 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH OVER THE YEARS IS TO FULLY
7 STAFF THE ORGANIZATION. REDUCING ACADEMY CLASSES MAKES NO
8 SENSE AND IS THE WORST POSSIBLE DECISION WHICH CAN BE MADE IN
9 THIS REGARD. EVERY ACADEMY CLASS WHICH DOES NOT GRADUATE WILL
10 RESULT IN 10 MILLION MORE IN EXCESS OVERTIME. ALL THE POSITIVE
11 RESULTS I'VE JUST REFERRED TO WILL REVERSE COURSE. PROMOTIONAL
12 FREEZES, WHICH I UNDERSTAND WAS ADDED TO THIS LIST, WAS A
13 SURPRISE THAT WAS GIVEN US TODAY. NOW, LESS SERGEANTS, LESS
14 LIEUTENANTS MEANS THERE'S LESS SUPERVISION, AND OUR LINE OF
15 WORK IS PROBABLY THE HIGHEST RISK ACTIVITY THAT ANY COUNTY
16 EMPLOYEE CAN ENGAGE IN. ONE OF THE MAIN RESULTS OF THE
17 CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO
18 SUSTAIN AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SWORN TO STAFF RATIO. WE ARE
19 AT THAT HIGHEST RATIO POSSIBLE, ALARMING IN MANY REGARDS. AND
20 BY NOT BEING ABLE TO PROMOTE DEPUTIES TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT,
21 SERGEANT TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT, THAT MEANS A LOT OF OUR
22 ACTIVITIES WILL GO WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF
23 SUPERVISION. THAT ITSELF WILL COST MONEY DOWN THE ROAD. AND
24 BASED ON YOUR FREEZING THAT, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE CLAIMING
25 THAT YOU WANT LESS SUPERVISION. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE SITTING ON

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1 356 SERGEANT VACANCIES, 34 LIEUTENANT VACANCIES. THESE ARE NOT
2 YOUR AVERAGE DESK JOBS. THESE ARE YOUR FIELD SUPERVISORS OUT
3 THERE IN PATROL. THESE ARE YOUR FLOOR SERGEANTS IN CUSTODY.
4 THESE ARE YOUR WATCH COMMANDERS. THESE ARE YOUR WATCH
5 SERGEANTS, THE ONES TASKED TO REVIEW ALL OF THE MATERIAL AND
6 ALL THE ACTIVITIES, MONITOR THE PURSUITS, THE PATROL
7 PERSONNEL. THESE ARE CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. THEY
8 HAVE TO BE FILLED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY. THEY'RE
9 REALLY NOT OPTIONAL ITEMS. SO I REALLY WANT YOU TO RETHINK
10 WHAT YOU JUST ADDED ON TODAY TO THIS MOTION. AND IN CLOSING,
11 YOU'VE BROUGHT UP FOR THE SECOND TIME NOW ABOUT THE
12 CONSEQUENCE OF BEING OUT OF BUDGET. YOU'RE BRINGING UP THIS
13 ISSUE ABOUT IT'S A MISDEMEANOR CRIME. I REMEMBER IN OCTOBER IT
14 WAS A BIG PLAY ABOUT IT WAS A MISDEMEANOR CRIME. THERE'S A LOT
15 OF CRIMES THAT ARE MISDEMEANORS, A LOT OF CRIMES THAT WERE
16 FELONIES. AND I COULD GO ON FOR A LONG, LONG TIME ABOUT THE
17 LONG LIST OF FELONY CRIMES AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEM. AND
18 THEY'RE DONE BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS. BUT IT WOULD BE
19 INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE THAT INFERENCE IN ANY FORUM MUCH LESS IN
20 A BUDGETARY DEBATE. SO GOOD LUCK WITH THAT IF YOU'RE GOING TO
21 SCARE ME WITH THE CLAIM ABOUT A MISDEMEANOR CRIME. WE'RE DOING
22 OUR JOB IN VERY TRYING TIMES, AND WE NEED YOU TO WORK WITH ME.
23 SO ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, I DON'T SEE ANY QUESTIONS. I'M GOING
2 TO LET SACHI HAMAI SPEAK. AND THEN I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY I
3 DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS A VEILED THREAT OR WHAT YOU WERE
4 REFERRING TO THAT YOU JUST MENTIONED, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. NO
5 NEED TO RESPOND. I JUST WANTED TO LET FOR THE RECORD THAT I
6 DIDN'T APPRECIATE THAT COMMENT BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T KNOW
7 WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO. BUT, SACHI, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD
8 AND TALK.

9

10 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISORS. I'D JUST
11 LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE POINTS. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE
12 SHERIFF IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS DEPARTMENT AND CERTAINLY HAS
13 PRESSING ISSUES IN ORDER TO OPERATIONALLY MEET THE NEEDS OF
14 THE COMMUNITIES. I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KIND OF
15 GO BACK IN TIME TO LAST YEAR. AND, AGAIN, I KNOW THE SHERIFF
16 WAS NEW TO HIS POSITION, BUT MY OFFER STANDS IN TERMS OF
17 TRYING TO MEET MORE REGULARLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
18 AND REALLY HAVE THE SHERIFF HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT
19 THE BUDGET ITSELF AND HOW IT WORKS FOR THE COUNTY. I DO WANT
20 TO POINT OUT JUST A COUPLE THINGS THAT THE SHERIFF HAD
21 INDICATED AND JUST FOR THE RECORD MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS
22 AWARE. I THINK ONE OF THE POINTS WHEN HE BROUGHT UP THAT HE
23 INDICATED HE WAS UNDERFUNDED AND WAS A FEDERAL LAWSUIT
24 COMPLIANT. GOING BACK IN TIME, AND I KNOW THE SHERIFF WASN'T
25 HERE AT THAT TIME. AND THEN HE LATER CAME IN, BUT BASED ON THE

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1 SETTLEMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL LAWSUITS, WE ACTUALLY GAVE THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT \$158 MILLION IF NOT JUST A LITTLE BIT
3 MORE FOR THE FEDERAL COMPLIANCE SETTLEMENTS. AND WE ACTUALLY
4 PUT IN OVER 850 NEW POSITIONS. AND IF YOU WANT ME TO BE
5 SPECIFIC, WE PUT IN ANOTHER 887 POSITIONS AT THAT TIME. SO I
6 JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT, YOU KNOW, IF THERE WAS ANY KIND
7 OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, THAT WE DID REACH AGREEMENT AS FAR
8 AS BOTH FUNDING AS WELL AS POSITIONS. I THINK THAT IT'S
9 IMPORTANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF IS TRYING TO
11 SAY THAT THEY ARE SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED. AND THE NUMBERS THAT
12 HE CITED SHOWING IN FISCAL YEAR '19/'20 THAT THEY, THAT THE
13 COUNTY OVERALL IS ACTUALLY NEGATIVELY PROVIDING FUNDING TO HIS
14 DEPARTMENT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE WAY THAT THE NUMBERS WERE
15 RUN, IT'S REALLY NOT AN APPLES TO APPLES PICTURE. HE ACTUALLY,
16 IN FACT, TOOK HIS BUDGET AT \$3.4 BILLION AND COMPARED IT TO
17 THE OVERALL COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '19/'20 WHICH WAS
18 \$33 BILLION. THAT'S REALLY NOT THE WAY YOU WOULD LOOK AT IT
19 BECAUSE THE GOOD MAJORITY OF THE FUNDS THAT COME IN UNDER THE
20 \$33 BILLION ARE ALSO FOR OUR SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS IN THE
21 HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO THOSE ARE FUNDING STREAMS THAT WOULD
22 NEVER GO TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND, IN FACT, BACK IN OCTOBER,
23 WHEN WE HAD CLOSED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- OR CLOSED THE
24 OVERALL BUDGET AT SUPPLEMENTAL, I THINK WE HAD PUT FORWARD
25 SOME COUNTY SLIDES SHOWING THAT COUNTY-WIDE FOR WHEN YOU LOOK

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1 AT THE NET COUNTY COST PORTION, WE ACTUALLY FUNDED IN '19/'20
2 ROUGHLY 27 PERCENT OF THE OVERALL N.C.C. FUNDS TO THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND, IN FACT, I ALSO HAD SHOWN A SLIDE
4 GOING BACK IN TIME. I ACTUALLY DID IT FROM '15/'16. BUT JUST
5 TO GIVE A FRAME OF REFERENCE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, IN THE
6 LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES, FOR FISCAL YEAR '17/'18, WE GAVE
7 THE SHERIFF 41 PERCENT. IN '18/19, AGAIN FROM THE LOCALLY
8 GENERATED REVENUES, WE GAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 31
9 PERCENT. AND IN '19/'20, IT WAS A 43 PERCENT INCREASE. SO I
10 WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHEN
11 YOU LOOK AT THE AMOUNT OF THE FUNDS THROUGH NET COUNTY COSTS,
12 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACTUALLY GETS PRETTY MUCH THE LION'S
13 SHARE OF THOSE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. THEN THE LAST THING I WANT
14 TO POINT OUT IS THAT ON -- IT'S THE WORKERS' COMP. I THINK THE
15 SHERIFF IS DRILLING DOWN JUST TO THE DEPUTY SHERIFF LEVEL, BUT
16 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE AREA OF WORKERS' COMP AND THE LIABILITY IN
17 THIS AREA, I THINK WE LOOK COMPREHENSIVELY AT THE DEPARTMENT.
18 AND SINCE '17/'18 AND THEN GOING THROUGH '19/'20, AGAIN THE
19 NUMBERS SEEM TO BE STAYING FAIRLY STABLE. IN '17/'18, THE
20 NUMBERS WERE AT 4,469 CLAIMS. AGAIN IN '18/'19, 4,400. IN
21 1920, 4,477. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK WE LOOK AT THE
22 COSTS. AND THE COST HAS BEEN GOING UP. SO FROM '17/'18 IT WAS
23 172 MILLION. TO '19/'20 AGAIN IT'S GONE UP TO 213 MILLION. AND
24 I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY A MORE IMPORTANT INDICATOR. AND THEN
25 THE LAST THING I WILL END WITH IS CERTAINLY I UNDERSTAND THE

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1 SHERIFF'S CONCERN ABOUT THE OVERALL FREEZE. AND I THINK THAT,
2 YOU KNOW, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT WE WOULD
3 WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN PARTICULAR GETTING AN
4 UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR PROMOTIONAL
5 REQUESTS. BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE DOING
6 THIS VERY THOUGHTFULLY AS WE ARE GOING INTO A SEVERE DOWNTURN
7 WITH REVENUES AND IMPACTING OVERALL IMPACTS TO EVERY
8 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, CHAIR BARGER, THANK
9 YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WANTED TO SAY
12 SOMETHING.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS. I WAS ON THE QUEUE FOR A WHILE. BUT THANK
15 YOU. AND, YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS FRUSTRATING FOR
16 ME, I DO FEEL CONFLICTED AT SOME LEVEL. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING
17 ON THIS FOR A LONG TIME. I KNOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
18 BEEN MEETING EVERY WEEK WITH THE C.E.O. TO TRY TO FIGURE THIS
19 OUT. THANK YOU, SACHI, FOR CONTINUING TO TRY TO WORK ON THIS.
20 I KNOW I HAD REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE SHERIFF WHEN WE WERE
21 STILL IN PERSON IN THE OFFICE DOWNTOWN TALKING ABOUT THIS. YOU
22 KNOW, I'M FRUSTRATED. AND I'LL JUST SAY TO THIS TO THE
23 SHERIFF. I'M FRUSTRATED, SHERIFF, THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE
24 TO FIGURE THIS OUT THAT YOUR BUDGET IS JUST NOT -- YOUR BUDGET
25 DEFICIT IS JUST NOT GOING TO BE SUSTAINABLE PARTICULARLY AS

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1 ALL WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS THE BIG HIT THAT WE'RE
2 GOING TO TAKE AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS. BUT I ALSO,
3 HAVING SAID THAT, I DO WANT TO SAY HOW IMPORTANT THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT IS TO US. AND I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE IN MY DISTRICT
5 PARTICULARLY, MY COMMUNITIES, MANY OF THEM ARE CONTRACT
6 CITIES. THEY LOVE THEIR SHERIFF. THEY LOVE THEIR SHERIFF'S
7 DEPUTIES. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO THEM. AND I DO KNOW THAT WE
8 HAVE RELIED ON OUR DEPUTIES MORE AND MORE DURING THIS
9 CORONAVIRUS. AND I WORRY A LITTLE BIT SOMETIMES AS WE BEGIN TO
10 REOPEN, YOU KNOW, IS ENFORCEMENT GOING TO LAND TOTALLY IN THE
11 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR ARE WE GOING TO ASK THE SHERIFF TO ALSO
12 HELP US ENFORCE SOME OF THE REOPENING SCENARIOS THROUGH ALL
13 THE SECTORS IN THE COUNTY? SO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S IS AN
14 ESSENTIAL DEPARTMENT. AND I WILL SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
15 YOUR IDEA OF RELEASING 83 MILLION BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. I
16 THINK THAT'S RIGHT. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. I WILL SAY I'M
17 LESS EXCITED ABOUT LIMITING THE CLASSES BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, ONE
18 OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
19 IS HOW DO WE HIRE MORE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT. AND I KNOW REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CLASSES PER YEAR
21 IS GOING TO EFFECT HIRING. IT'S GOING REALLY SLOW IT DOWN. AND
22 I DO KNOW THERE'S A CORRELATION BETWEEN OVERTIME AND NOT
23 HAVING ENOUGH HIRES. SO I'M CONFLICTED WITH THAT. BUT I WILL
24 VOTE FOR THAT. BUT I WILL SAY ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE
25 PROMOTION FREEZE THAT CAME IN SO LATE, I HAVEN'T REALLY HAD AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND AND EVALUATE HOW THAT
2 WORKS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I KNOW PROMOTIONS COUNTY-
3 WIDE IN MY PERSONAL OPINION ARE DIFFERENT THAN IN THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND SO I KNOW I'VE HEARD ALREADY FROM --
5 I'VE BEEN GETTING SOME TEXTS THAT THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE
6 THAT HAVE BEEN ON A LIST, HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY ARE GOING
7 TO BE PROMOTED, WHO HAVE WAITED FOR IT FOR A LONG TIME AND
8 PROBABLY DESERVE THE PROMOTION. THAT IF WE COULD -- AND I
9 KNOW, SACHI, YOU SAID YOU'RE GOING TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT IN A THOUGHTFUL WAY TO TALK ABOUT THAT, BUT THAT
11 DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A FREEZE TO ME. SO I'M EITHER NOT
12 COMFORTABLE WITH THE PROMOTION PIECE OF IT. AND IF WE COULD
13 BIFURCATE IT, I WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON THAT VOTE. OR IF WE
14 COULD WORK TO NOT IMPLEMENT THAT UNTIL, YOU KNOW, LATER IN
15 MAY. MAYBE THAT'S, SACHI, WHERE YOU COME IN AND AFTER HAVING
16 TALKED TO HIM ON HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS,
17 HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROMOTED, MAYBE THAT'S
18 TOWARD THE END OF MAY THAT WE BEGIN IMPLEMENTING THIS
19 PROMOTIONAL FREEZE. THAT'S THE ONE I'M REALLY HAVING PROBLEMS
20 WITH. BUT OVERALL, SHERIFF, WE REALLY NEED YOU -- WE NEED YOU.
21 WE NEED YOUR DEPARTMENT. WE NEED YOUR DEPUTIES, BUT WE ALSO
22 REALLY NEED YOU TO WORK ON YOUR DEFICIT. WE'RE ALL STRUGGLING
23 WITH THAT. BUT THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. AND ULTIMATELY
24 IT'S IMPORTANT TO PUBLIC SAFETY THAT YOU REALLY WORK ON
25 BRINGING THAT IN LINE. BUT I EITHER ASK FOR THE PROMOTION

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1 FREEZE AMENDMENT TO BE BIFURCATED, OR MAYBE WE COULD REWORK
2 THAT A LITTLE BIT SO THAT WE DON'T LEAVE SOME OF THOSE MEN AND
3 WOMEN STRUNG OUT A LITTLE BIT WHO HAVE REALLY WORKED FOR THAT
4 AS PART OF THEIR CAREER. THEY DESERVE IT, AND NOW WE'RE JUST
5 YANKING IT AWAY FROM THEM.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WAS LISTENING TO THE
10 SHERIFF. AND I HAVE TO CONFESS I FEEL A LITTLE BIT LIKE DR.
11 FAUCI. I WANT TO KIND OF COME UP BEHIND AND SAY NO. NO. NO.
12 AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS I WOULD KIND OF LIKE TO
13 STRAIGHTEN OUT. I DO UNDERSTAND MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR
14 HAHN'S, VERY HONEST CONCERNS, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS I
15 WANT TO SAY. FIRST OF ALL, THE SHERIFF HAS SUCH A SENSE OF
16 EXCEPTIONALISM ABOUT HIS DEPARTMENT THAT IT'S HONESTLY AN
17 INSULT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE
18 CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ALL THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
19 BECAUSE THEY ALL NEED MORE MONEY. AND THEY HAVE BEEN ALWAYS
20 TELLING US WE NEED TO DO MORE, AND WE NEED MORE MONEY TO DO
21 MORE. AND AS WE'VE SEEN TODAY, THEY HAVE ALL STEPPED UP. THEY
22 HAVE ALL PRESENTED A BALANCED BUDGET. THEY ARE ALL WORKING
23 WITH US EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE DEPARTMENT. THERE'S NO REASON FOR
24 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO BE AN EXCEPTION NO MATTER WHAT THE
25 SHERIFF SAYS. IN TERMS OF THEIR PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY FUNDING,

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1 MORE THAN A QUARTER OF ALL THE COUNTY FUNDING, THE N.C.C., AS
2 WE CALL IT, GOES TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND SO IT'S NOT
3 10 PERCENT. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BUDGET, I THINK IT'S NOT
4 THAT DIFFICULT TO SEE. THIRDLY, THE POPULATION IN THE JAIL,
5 THANKS TO THE SHERIFF, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR
6 WORKING WITH US ON TRYING TO MAKE THE VULNERABLE POPULATION IN
7 THE JAIL HAVE ANOTHER PLACE TO GO, THE POPULATION IS DOWN FROM
8 17,000 TO LESS THAN 12,000. BUT THERE'S BEEN NO DIMINUTION IN
9 STAFFING. FOURTHLY, I KNOW THE SHERIFF'S NOT AN ATTORNEY, BUT
10 HIS CITING OF THREE CASES ABOUT HOW -- WHAT THE COURTS HAVE
11 SAID ABOUT WHO DECIDES HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT IGNORES THE FACT
12 THAT EVERY ONE OF THOSE CASES SAID THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE
13 THE RIGHT TO SET THE AMOUNT. ONE OF THE CASES WAS ABOUT A
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SAYING "HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN HAVE TO SPEND
15 ON YOUR CUSTODY EXPENDITURES AND HOW MANY DEPUTIES YOU HAVE IS
16 UP TO YOU". WE ARE NOT TELLING HIM HOW TO SPEND THIS \$83
17 MILLION. WE ARE TELLING HIM THAT A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TODAY
18 IS TO RELEASE \$83 MILLION TO HIM, INCLUDING ALMOST \$8 MILLION
19 FOR COVID-19 EXPENSES. SO, THOSE CASES ACTUALLY INDICATE HOW
20 OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE DIVIDED; THAT IS, THE SUPERVISORS ARE
21 SUPPOSED TO TRY TO KEEP BUDGETS IN BALANCE AS A RESPONSIBILITY
22 TO THE TAXPAYERS. AND THE SHERIFF CAN THEN DECIDE HOW TO SPEND
23 THAT MONEY. FIFTHLY, ABOUT THE TRAINING CLASSES, WE'RE NOT
24 REDUCING ANYTHING. THE BUDGETED NUMBER OF CLASSES HAS ALWAYS
25 BEEN FOUR, PERIOD. FOUR. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE SAYING IN THE

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1 RELEASE OF THE \$83 MILLION. THE SHERIFF DECIDED IN THE PAST TO
2 SPEND MONEY ON THAT FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES, INSTEAD. AND HE'S
3 MAINTAINED THAT IT MAKES OVERTIME GO DOWN. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT
4 THE TREND IN OVERTIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT, IT HASN'T GONE DOWN.
5 SO HOW HAVE THESE EXTRA CLASSES REALLY HELPED? THEY HAVEN'T.
6 NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE PERSONNEL THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THESE
7 TRAINING CLASSES TAKE THEM OFF OF THEIR REGULAR DUTY AND
8 ACTUALLY HAVE LED TO MORE OVERTIME BECAUSE THEY'RE ASSIGNED TO
9 THE TRAINING CLASSES. SO THE MAIN THING, WE'RE NOT REDUCING
10 THE BUDGETED NUMBER OF TRAINING CLASSES. SIXTH, THE SUDDEN
11 AMENDMENT ABOUT PROMOTIONS, WHICH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE
12 SHERIFF BOTH REFERRED TO, I WANT TO SAY IT SEEMS TO HAVE COME
13 IN LATE BECAUSE WE JUST HEARD ABOUT HIM, AFTER YEARS OF NOT
14 FILING FOR THESE EXTREMELY NECESSARY PROMOTIONS AS HE PUT IT,
15 SUDDENLY IN ONE WEEK HE PUTS THROUGH 44 JUST AT THE TIME WHEN
16 WE'RE CONSIDERING THIS BUDGET ITEM. SO I DON'T THINK IT'S A
17 SUDDEN AMENDMENT. I THINK IT WAS A SUDDEN SPATE OF EMOTIONS --
18 OF PROMOTIONS. AND, FINALLY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SHERIFF
19 THINKS THIS \$89 MILLION OF HIS DEFICIT IS COMING FROM. DOES HE
20 THINK THAT IT COMES OUT OF THE BLUE? NO. IT COMES OUT OF OTHER
21 DEPARTMENTS. SO WE'RE KNOCKING DOWN EVEN MORE BECAUSE WE HAVE
22 TO PAY OFF THIS DEFICIT. IT'S DONE. THE OVERTIME WAS PAID. AND
23 THE EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN PAID. AND IT'S LIKE SOMEBODY THAT
24 SHARES YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT AND JUST WRITES CHECKS AND SAYS,
25 "WELL, WHY DON'T YOU PUT IN THE REVENUE BECAUSE I'M WRITING

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1 THE CHECKS?" THIS IS NOT A WAY TO RUN ANY DEPARTMENT. ALL WE
2 ARE DOING IN RELEASING THIS \$83 MILLION IS SAYING THIS IS A
3 LOT OF MONEY, SHERIFF. WE AGREE THAT NEED MORE MONEY. HERE IT
4 IS. SPEND IT AS A SHERIFF SHOULD. AND I ALSO, MADAM CHAIR, IN
5 MY MOTION, I AM WILLING TO MAKE THE AMENDMENT CONCERNING A
6 PROMOTION FREEZE, WHICH EVERY OTHER DEPARTMENT HAS AT THE
7 MOMENT ALREADY INTO A SEPARATE MOTION IN ORDER THAT SUPERVISOR
8 HAHN, IF SHE WISHES TO ABSTAIN FROM THAT, COULD. SO I WOULD
9 SAY THAT THE MOTION WOULD BE THE ORIGINAL MOTION THAT
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I PUT IN. WITH A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE
11 MOTION THAT WAS GOING TO BE AN AMENDMENT, BUT I'LL NOW MAKE IT
12 A SEPARATE MOTION ON THE PROMOTIONAL FREEZE, AND, THIRDLY, TO
13 REFER THE SHERIFF'S LETTER REQUESTING ALL OF THE MONEY BE
14 RELEASED TO HIM, ITEM 33, REFER THAT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.
15 SO THOSE ARE THE THREE ACTIONS THAT I RECOMMEND WE TAKE. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING THAT NO OTHER COMMENTS BY MY
19 COLLEAGUES, WE'VE GOT SOME INDIVIDUALS THAT SUBMITTED FOR THE
20 RECORD. CAN YOU READ THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO SUBMITTED ON THIS
21 ITEM?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CHRIS BOWERS AND ERIC PREVEN SUBMITTED
24 COMMENTS ON OTHER ON ITEM 9.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO BEFORE US WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 9 FIRST.
2 AND WE'RE GOING TO BIFURCATE IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, READ
3 WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE VOTING ON.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OKAY. ON ITEM 9 IS DIRECTIVES 1 THROUGH 3
6 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE. CLIQUIER SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
14 AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MOTION CARRIES 5-0. ON THE SECOND ITEM IS
2 ON ITEM NUMBER 9, WELL AMENDMENT NUMBER 4, INSTITUTES THE
3 PROMOTIONAL FREEZE FOR ALL POSITIONS WITH THE SHERIFF.
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
9 THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM GOING TO ABSTAIN.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0
2 WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON 33 TO REFER IT
5 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ITEM NUMBER 33.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO ITEM 33 IS BEFORE YOU TO REFER BACK.
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPEVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
6 0.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO THAT COMPLETES ITEMS NUMBER 9
9 COMBINED WITH ITEM 33. NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO ON TO ITEM NUMBER
10 12, WHICH IS CREATING A SAFE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PILOT
11 PROGRAM. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM VERY HAPPY
14 TO PUT THIS BEFORE US BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT SAFE
15 PARKING FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATIONS THAT LIVE IN THEIR CARS,
16 BUT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH SAFE PARKING FOR
17 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. AND IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE
18 BECAUSE IT TAKES A LARGER AREA AND A DIFFERENT KIND OF
19 SERVICE. SO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SAFE R.V. PILOT
20 PROGRAM IN VAN NUYS IN A LOT THAT SITS KIND OF ALONG THE 405.
21 IT'S OWNED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OPERATED BY CITY REC
22 AND PARKS. WE'VE BEEN COLLABORATING WITH SENATOR FEINSTEIN ON
23 IT WITH COUNCILMEMBER WU'S OFFICE ON THIS PROJECT. AND THIS IS
24 TO IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR THE CAPITAL AND ONE-YEAR OPERATIONS

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1 FOR A SAFE R.V. PILOT PROGRAM, ONE THAT I THINK IS DESPERATELY
2 NEEDED. AND I WOULD HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING THAT NO ONE HAS REQUESTED TO
5 SPEAK, NO OTHER COLLEAGUES HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS
6 ITEM. NOW FOR THE RECORD WE'LL READ INDIVIDUALS THAT SUBMITTED
7 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. THERE ARE NONE? ALL RIGHT, THERE ARE
8 NONE SUBMITTED. SO THIS ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS
10 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 12 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS?

18

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

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-

10 0.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. NOW WE'RE MOVING ON

13 TO ITEM NUMBER 14, THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 8, CONSUMER

14 PROTECTION AND BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS AMENDMENT.

15 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HELD THE ITEM?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO

18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION. AND WHAT THIS

19 ORDINANCE DOES THAT'S BEFORE US RIGHT NOW, IT WILL ENSURE THAT

20 LARGE COMPANIES THAT HAVE EMPLOYEES IN OUR UNINCORPORATED

21 AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE FOR

22 ANY OF THEM THAT HAVE HAD TO TAKE TIME OFF FOR REASONS RELATED

23 TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC. AND I THINK THESE PROTECTIONS

24 GIVE OUR WORKERS PEACE OF MIND THAT THEIR INCOMES WON'T BE

25 IMPACTED IF THEY, THEMSELVES, WERE SICK WITH COVID AND HAD TO

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1 QUARANTINE, OR IF THEY'VE HAD A LOVED ONE THAT HAS COVID-19
2 REQUIRING THEM TO SPEND MORE TIME AT HOME CARING FOR CHILDREN,
3 ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS. YOU KNOW, STATE AND FEDERAL ORDERS
4 REQUIRE THIS FOR MOST OTHER BUSINESSES BUT NOT FOR COMPANIES
5 WITH OVER 500 EMPLOYEES NATIONALLY. AND SO WE WANTED TO ENSURE
6 THAT THESE WORKERS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY RECEIVE THOSE SAME
7 BENEFITS. AND THIS ORDINANCE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WILL BE IN
8 PLACE UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER. AT THAT TIME, WE CAN CONSIDER
9 EXTENDING IT IF THESE CONDITIONS CONTINUE THAT THIS PANDEMIC
10 HAS CAUSED. ALSO, IF THE BUSINESS HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
11 AGREEMENT IN PLACE, THEY WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THIS ORDINANCE.
12 I ALSO WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT IF A BUSINESS IS ALREADY
13 PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE FOR COVID-RELATED
14 REASONS THAT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO
15 OFFER ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. NOW, THE OTHER ASPECT OF THIS
16 MOTION RELATES TO TWO OTHER ORDINANCES THAT HOPEFULLY WE'RE
17 GOING TO CONSIDER AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IN TWO WEEKS. ONE
18 ENSURES THAT WORKERS IN THE HOSPITALITY AND JANITORIAL
19 INDUSTRIES WHO ARE LAID OFF DUE TO THE PANDEMIC HAVE FIRST
20 RIGHT OF RECALL TO THEIR JOBS. AND THEN ANOTHER THAT ENSURES
21 THAT THESE WORKERS WOULD GET TO KEEP THEIR JOBS IN THE EVENT
22 THE HOSPITALITY OR JANITORIAL BUSINESS THEY WORK FOR GETS SOLD
23 BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC. THESE TWO INDUSTRIES ARE AMONG OUR
24 HARDEST HIT. WE'VE SEEN A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE PEOPLE LOSE
25 THEIR JOBS AS HOTELS ARE MOSTLY EMPTY AND JANITORIAL CLEANING

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1 SERVICES ARE BEING SCALED BACK. THESE TWO ORDINANCES WOULD
2 ENSURE THAT, AS THESE BUSINESSES START TO COME BACK, THEIR
3 JOBS WOULD STILL BE THERE FOR THEM. BUT ON THOSE TWO
4 ORDINANCES, WE'VE BEEN GETTING A GREAT DEAL OF INPUT AND
5 FEEDBACK ON A LOT OF SIDES OF THAT. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE
6 SURE THAT EVERYBODY'S CONCERNS ARE HEARD BEFORE WE MOVE
7 FORWARD WITH THOSE TWO. SO I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SPEND A
8 LITTLE BIT MORE TIME WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND LABOR
9 OVER THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS. AND WE CAN BRING FORWARD THOSE
10 ORDINANCES AT OUR MEETING ON MAY 12TH. BUT TODAY, WE'RE GOING
11 TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PAID SICK LEAVE. IS THAT CORRECT? YES.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME
17 TO JOIN YOU IN COAUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. I THINK YOU LAID IT
18 OUT PRETTY CLEAR. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOTIONS, TO
19 THE REPORT BACK AND THEN LOOKING AT THE OTHER ORDINANCES THAT
20 WILL BE COMING TO US LATER REQUIRING THE RIGHT OF RECALL AND
21 WORKER RETENTION ORDINANCES THAT ARE MEANT TO ENSURE THAT
22 WORKERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE OLDER, MORE EXPERIENCED,
23 ARE NOT REPLACED BY NEWER AND LESS EXPENSIVE LABOR ONCE THE
24 ECONOMY STARTS TO REOPEN. THE ORDINANCES WOULD PROVIDE
25 PRIORITY BY SENIORITY FOR REHIRING THOSE LAID OFF DUE TO

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1 COVID-19. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT, THROUGH THESE CRITICAL
2 PROTECTIONS, A LAID-OFF WORKER WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE
3 REHIRED IN THE SAME OR SIMILAR POSITION BY THEIR SAME
4 EMPLOYER. THIS WILL PROVIDE STABILITY FOR OUR HARD WORKING
5 FAMILIES, SO MANY PEOPLE THAT YOU'VE JUST OUTLINED THAT WORK
6 IN THESE INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN LAID OFF, THE HOSPITALITY,
7 TRANSPORTATION AND EVEN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. I WANT TO ALSO
8 JUST BRIEFLY SAY THAT I WANT TO ALSO GIVE A SHOUT OUT AND
9 APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF W.D.A.C.S. WHO FORMALIZED A PARTNERSHIP
10 WITH UNITE HERE LOCAL 11 TO ASSIST IN THE COVID-19 RELATED
11 EFFORTS WITH A POTENTIAL \$2 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR TRAINING
12 AND TO HELP PROVIDE US ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING
13 WITH COVID-19. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THAT
14 INDUSTRY, 32,000 WORKERS AND FAMILIES, WHO HAVE BEEN HEAVILY
15 IMPACTED BY COVID-19. AND THIS WILL GREATLY HELP MANY OF THOSE
16 FAMILIES BY OBTAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK AND TO HOPEFULLY
17 GAIN NEW EMPLOYMENT ONCE THE ECONOMY COMES BACK. THE COUNTY
18 REMAINS COMMITTED TO DO MORE FOR OUR RESIDENTS, OUR WORKFORCE,
19 OUR BUSINESSES. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE MAY 12TH ORDINANCE
20 WHICH WILL BE FOCUSED HOSPITALITY AND JANITORIAL SERVICES.
21 AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS
22 MOTION FORWARD. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I KNOW THERE'S A
25 LOT OF UNCERTAINTY AND WE'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND AS WE'VE DONE

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1 THE SAFER AT HOME. AND EVEN PRIOR TO THAT, WHEN WE HADN'T
2 DETERMINED THAT PEOPLE NEEDED BE SAFER AT HOME, WE WERE ASKING
3 PEOPLE IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, DON'T GO INTO WORK. IF THEY'RE
4 SHOWING SYMPTOMS, DON'T GO IN. YET THERE WERE MANY THAT DIDN'T
5 HAVE THE ABILITY TO STAY HOME BECAUSE THERE WAS FEAR OF NOT
6 HAVING A PAYCHECK. THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME ON THE BOOKS. SO I
7 COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHY THIS MOTION IS BEING BROUGHT
8 FORWARD, BUT I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. AND I THINK
9 THIS MAY BE FOR THE C.E.O. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FAMILIES
10 FIRST ACT CARVED OUT EMPLOYERS AT 500 OR MORE. AND THAT THIS
11 ACTION SEEKS TO ADDRESS THAT CARVE OUT. IS THAT CORRECT?

12 [SILENCE.]

13

14 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR, I DID NOT GET YOUR --

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MY QUESTION IS I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
17 FAMILIES FIRST ACT CARVED OUT EMPLOYERS OF 500 OR MORE
18 EMPLOYEES. AND THIS ACTION SEEKS TO ADDRESS THAT CARVE OUT. IS
19 THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** YES.

22

23 **ATTORNEY:** YES.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT WAS IN UNISON. I LIKE THAT. SO WAS
2 THE FINANCIAL HELP TO SMALLER EMPLOYERS THAT WERE INCLUDED IN
3 THE FAMILIES FIRST ACT, WAS THERE FINANCIAL HELP TO SMALLER
4 EMPLOYERS?

5

6 **ATTORNEY:** FEDERAL FUNDING.

7

8 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE -- I WILL GET?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF THIS WAS PART
11 OF THE P.P.P. WHERE EMPLOYERS 500 OR MORE COULD NOT APPLY FOR
12 THAT PAYROLL PROTECTION, BUT EMPLOYERS 500 OR LESS COULD.

13

14 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU
15 ON THAT, SUPERVISOR. I KNOW WE HAVE A MATRIX, AND WE'RE ALL
16 KIND OF POURING THROUGH IT REALLY QUICK, BUT CAN WE GET BACK
17 TO YOU ON THAT ONE?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M WONDERING IF IT CORRELATES TO THE
20 PAYROLL PROTECTION. AND I GUESS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ABSTAIN
21 ON THIS ONLY BECAUSE MY FEAR IS THAT AS WE MOVE INTO RECOVERY
22 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ARE BOTH FOR
23 BIG AND SMALL. AND IN THIS SITUATION, THE 500 OR MORE COUNTY-
24 WIDE, ON THE LIST I SAW MOUNTAIN HIGH RESORT, WHICH HAS ALWAYS
25 BEEN RUNNING ON A SHOESTRING, ANYWAY. I STILL CAN'T FIGURE OUT

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1 HOW THAT'S 500 OR MORE, BUT THEY WOULD BE UNDER THAT
2 SITUATION. AND I JUST DON'T WANT TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO A
3 SITUATION WHERE THEY BECOME INSOLVENT, AND THEN THAT'S 500
4 LESS JOBS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND I JUST -- I DON'T KNOW
5 ENOUGH ABOUT IT QUITE FRANK. THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING THESE
6 QUESTIONS BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE PAYROLL
7 PROTECTION AND WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS DONE IN RESPONSE TO THE
8 FACT THAT THEY DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR THOSE LOANS. EVEN THOUGH
9 THERE ARE SOME, LIKE, CERTAIN RESTAURANTS, THAT GOT AROUND BY
10 BIFURCATING OR BREAKING UP THEIR CORPORATION AND APPLYING FOR
11 THE LOAN, BUT THAT'S KIND OF WHERE I WAS GOING WITH THESE
12 QUESTIONS. I STILL WANT ANSWERS BACK, THOUGH, SACHI. SO IF YOU
13 COULD GET THAT, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF I COULD MAYBE JUST ADD
16 SOMETHING. THIS IS SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I HAVE A LIST THAT I'M
17 LOOKING AT OF OVER, I WOULD SAY, 38 MAJOR CORPORATIONS THAT
18 ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ACTUALLY HIRE MORE THAN
19 500 PEOPLE, LIKE A THOUSAND OR 700. AND JUST TO GIVE YOU AN
20 IDEA, ATHENS SERVICES, THE CITY OF INDUSTRY, BOEING COMPANY IN
21 TORRANCE, BOEING COMPANY IN WHITTIER. AND I CAN GO ON AND ON.
22 AND I CAN SHARE THE LIST WITH YOU. BUT THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS -
23 - AND EVEN DREAM WORKS IS ON HERE, ALSO. SO OBVIOUSLY THEY
24 WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE FEDERAL CARES ACT BECAUSE THEY HAD MORE
25 THAN 500. SO WE'RE ACTUALLY HELPING THESE PEOPLE KEEP MORE OF

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1 THEIR EMPLOYEES ON BOARD AND ASKING THEM TO ALSO PROVIDE THIS
2 COVERAGE. SO THAT'S WHAT THE INTENT IS, ANYWAY, BUT LET'S HEAR
3 FROM THE C.E.O.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SACHI?

6

7 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** YEAH, WE WILL PUT THAT TOGETHER. WE'LL REPORT
8 BACK LATER TODAY ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. I JUST GOT HANDED THE LIST.
11 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO THESE BUSINESSES WITH 500 OR
12 MORE LIKE DREAM WORKS CURRENTLY DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR PAID SICK
13 LEAVE?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** IF THEY DO, THEN THEY'RE FINE. BUT MANY DON'T. AND
16 I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, TO FILL THAT GAP.
17 OKAY?

18

19 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISORS, THIS IS MARY. AS A POINT OF
20 CLARIFICATION, I THINK. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE FAMILIES
21 FIRST ACT AND THAT PART OF THE FAMILIES FIRST ACT THAT DEALT
22 WITH SICK LEAVE DRAW DOWN DID NOT, AS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN,
23 APPLY TO EMPLOYERS WITH OVER 500 EMPLOYEES NATIONALLY. THIS
24 ORDINANCE WOULD APPLY THE FAMILIES FIRST ACT AND THE ABILITY
25 FOR EMPLOYEES TO DRAW DOWN SICK LEAVE IF THEY FIT CERTAIN

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1 CRITERIA COVID-RELATED TO GET SICK PAY. THE OUTSTANDING
2 QUESTION THAT WE'LL REPORT BACK ON IS WHETHER THERE'S FEDERAL
3 DOLLARS BEHIND THIS FAMILIES FIRST ACT OR NOT.

4

5 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** WHICH I DON'T KNOW.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE. MY SENSE
8 IS THAT THIS WAS DONE TO BALANCE THE P.P.P., BUT I DON'T KNOW.
9 AND THEN MY QUESTION IS, YOU KNOW, WELL I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT
10 BUSINESSES LIKE ON THIS LIST ARE NOT PROVIDING IT. DID WE DO
11 ANY RESEARCH? DID YOU, SACHI, IN TERMS OF THE 38 THAT ARE ON
12 HERE AND HOW MANY DON'T AND HOW MANY ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED?
13 IS IT 38 ALL 38? I DON'T KNOW.

14

15 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** IT'S ALL 38.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL 38 DO NOT PROVIDE ANY SICK --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THIS IS SUPPLEMENTAL. EVEN IF
20 YOU PROVIDE SICK LEAVE, BUT THE POINT IS WE'VE ORDERED PEOPLE
21 TO QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS. AND IF A COMPANY GIVES TWO WEEKS'
22 SICK LEAVE, THAT'S IT. AND THEY WILL HAVE USED IT UP. SO THIS
23 IS SUPPLEMENTAL ON TOP OF WHATEVER THEY OFFER. SO IT'S NOT
24 JUST FOR COMPANIES THAT DON'T OFFER IT. BUT THE POINT IS SOME
25 OF OUR HEALTH ORDERS HAVE, WHETHER IT IS REQUIRING A BUSINESS

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1 TO SHUT DOWN OR SOMEONE TO REMOVE THEMSELVES AND QUARANTINE
2 THEMSELVES FOR TWO WEEKS, THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. AND
3 SO THIS IS SUPPLEMENTAL THAT THEY WOULD GET MORE THAN JUST
4 THEIR, YOU KNOW, THEIR TWO WEEKS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO DOES THIS EXPIRE WHEN THE SAFER AT HOME
7 OR WHEN THE COVID SETTLES DOWN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT'S THE END OF DECEMBER.

10

11 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THE END OF DECEMBER, CORRECT. APRIL 1ST TO THE
12 END OF DECEMBER.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE YOU DO BRING UP A GOOD POINT THAT
15 DR. FERRER HAS SAID IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, STAY HOME. IN THE
16 COUNTY, DID WE ASK -- DID WE REQUIRE THAT THEY USE SICK LEAVE
17 PRIOR TO THE ADDITIONAL HOURS THAT WERE PROVIDED UNDER THE
18 FEDERAL GUIDELINES? NO?

19

20 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SO FROM MARCH, DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH WHEN
21 ALL OF THIS STARTED, WE HAD CREATED A SEPARATE CODING, AND
22 WE'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS SO THAT IF EMPLOYEES
23 DID NOT HAVE SICK TIME, THEY COULD USE OTHER TIME. RECOGNIZING
24 THE HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER CAME OUT ON MARCH 19TH, I BELIEVE?
25 AND THEREAFTER, WITH THE HEALTH ORDER IN PLACE, AGAIN WE HAD

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1 INSTITUTED POLICIES THAT WE WOULD CODE IN A CERTAIN WAY BUT
2 WORK WITH THE EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE FULLY PAID
3 FOR THAT TIME THAT THEY WERE SENT HOME. AND THEN EFFECTIVE
4 APRIL 1ST, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR GUIDELINES KICKED IN. SO
5 EMPLOYEES HAVE THE OPTION TO UTILIZE THAT TIME BETWEEN APRIL
6 1ST AND THE END OF DECEMBER.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY
9 QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ ANYBODY
10 WHO SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
13 COMMENTS IN FAVOR. EDWIN GREDVICK, GEORGE BRADVICA, LAURA
14 LOCKE, BECKY MCLINTOCK, GEORGE ORTIZAR, KAREN TACKAZ, MITZI
15 WINKS, TERI, VICTOR ASTA, KEN SHUNK, DIANE E. DALEY, DAVID
16 JAMES, TAMARA HOLLINGSWORTH, GINA GOODYEAR, JANE W., MICHAEL
17 CONBOY, JOHNNY TABODA, BRUCE AND CASS MAHLER, ANGELA BLAKES,
18 JOSEPH NUNEN, SAMANTHA CRIPPS, SUSAN BLOOM, ALAN HAMILTON,
19 GREG OTISEN, MARY HILVERS, TAMMY CHODER, ALAN LINDERMAN, DR.
20 MICHAEL HARRINGTON, STEVE SCHEIDLER, JOHN ROCKFORT, EDDIE
21 TRUMAN, JAN DIAMOTO, PAGE RICKARD, SUSAN HARDEN, WENDY ORIEL,
22 EDWIN WILSON, PAULA CAPESTRO, TODD STEVEN, TERRY TUCKER, DAVID
23 LINDO, LEE EVANS, GINA VIOLA, DANIELLE CARNEY, TIM BADER,
24 COREY SMITH, MARILYN CARUSA, TOM LINENGER, DAVID STRANSKI,
25 ALEX FIERO CLARK, STEVEN SIMON, CASSANDRA CORDOVA, BRIAN

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1 RICHARDSON, MAUREEN DAVIS, MADELINE LIU, BRITTANY FERTON, J.
2 DOUGLAS, SHEPPARD, MARTHA DUGAN, LEONARD MIRANDA, TOM RYAN,
3 DR. JEFF SHAFFER, KIMBERLY SHAFFER MARS, ZACHARIA FLORES, JOHN
4 GARVEY, SANDRA BENOWITZ, PAMELA LEO, JANE LAYLER, MARTHA
5 BOWAN, KAREN SCHWARTZ, SADIE MAYORGA, OMAR HERRERA, MICHAEL
6 MICHOWSKI, ED DELANEY, IRA MENDEL, TRAIN TRAN, SARA PINHO,
7 RICHARD A. PALMER, MARYANNA HUERTA JONES, DAN PENNINGTON,
8 LAURA JOSEPH, MARK LUSHEEM, JESSICA LALL, MITCHELL MACMAHON,
9 JOHN ERICKSON, JEANETTE MARBLE, MARK HANSEN, DEBRA WILLS, MIKE
10 WILLMAN, MAY CASENPLIS, ALEXANDRA NAGY, ROBIN GORDON, MARLA
11 ZANELLI, RUSS ZAPIENZA, JAMES ALMENDORF, DAVID LIVEDIS, WENDY
12 WOLSKI LEMKE, MIKE M. AMBEDOR, DAVE PETERSON, ALMA COSTRIONE,
13 PEGGY PADDOCK, RICHARD GUBATOSA, CHRISTIAN CARDINEZ, HAILEY
14 POTICKER, NICHOLAS EMMENS, LOU AND PAM CASSUL, SUE GREEN,
15 MELODY CONLON, BRITTANY FERTON, ED GORATEES, HODEN HASSAN,
16 ROSTIN WU, JAMES WEN, BERTHA GONZALEZ, ANITA DIAZ, CHRISTOPHER
17 M. FRONSICK, TOM HYLAND, JACK DELAM, ELISE AND RICHARD NIGHT,
18 AMY J. ATKINSON, BILL POWELL, LANCE HAYES, EMERY SANTA,
19 SAMANTHA SEGAL, VICKY BERNUM, MIN MARIO FUENTES, CHRISTIE
20 LEESE, MARINE LACOLEY, JILL THOMAS, ARMANDO FLORES, JEMMY
21 LURY, DANIEL GAINES, BRIAN WAHLBERG, ROBERT BENEAYER, REGIS
22 DUFFY, BROOKE WERSCHETER, DERRICK OLESHI, A. DOWNHOWER, ADAM
23 COLUSTIAN, LINDA BARRETT, MIKE WALSH, ROBERT PELTO, SARAH
24 EASTWOOD, OSCAR DELATORRY, DANIEL JOHNSON, BRIAN FERGUSON, ROB
25 EVANS, JULIANA REMUDO, CATHERINE WATERS SMITH, GARY FENTHOFF,

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1 RUBY RIVERA, JOSE PALOMERA, TAYLOR WARD, CHRISTIE KLENDON,
2 LOURDES ABELERRA, JOANN DISNEY, PETE BEIHLS, VICTOR SANCHEZ,
3 ANNE WILSON, CALUDIA NEAL, CASPER LUCIA, SUSAN GOLDWORTHY,
4 SHANNON GASTENNOLA, ROBEA SEN, BILL TOMASEK, JARETT YANEZ,
5 NICOLE PEACOCK, ALAN CRYDER, SUZANNE EESOM, PHYLLIS DAVIS.
6 THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED UNDER OPPOSED JAIME GARCIA, ANDREA
7 GONZALEZ, AND SANDY THOMAS. AND THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED UNDER
8 "OTHER". DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, HEATHER WILSON, ELAINE LIVESY
9 FASSEL, KELLY ANDREA RUEBEN, RYAN BRADSHAW, JOE MIGGLEMAR,
10 PAVLA NIGARD, MICHAEL VALIENTE, GEORGE BUZZETTI, LAURA
11 CHIPMAN, CYNTHIA SWANSON, KYLE YOST, AND ANGIE POPOV. THAT'S
12 ALL, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE
16 ROLL?

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14 AND 36 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN: AYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
16 0. [SILENCE.]

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOW WE ARE ON TO ITEM NUMBER
19 15. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I KNOW THAT SO MUCH OF
22 THIS WAS ALREADY TALKED ABOUT IN ANOTHER ITEM. WHICH ITEM WAS
23 THAT? 3? YES. BUT THIS IS ABOUT TESTING IN CONGREGATE LIVING
24 ENVIRONMENTS. I REALLY WANT TO THANK MY HEALTH DEPUTIES,
25 JACQUELINE AND ELIZABETH. I KNOW THEY'VE BEEN WORKING REALLY

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1 HARD ON THIS. SO THE GOOD THING ABOUT THIS IS THE DEPARTMENT'S
2 ALREADY STARTED DOING THIS. AND THIS MOTION BASICALLY
3 INSTRUCTS D.H.S. AND D.P.H. TO GIVE US A PLAN ON HOW THEY ARE
4 GOING TO EXPAND TESTING IN CONGREGATE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS WITH
5 A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND HOMELESS
6 HOUSING FACILITIES. SO THE STATISTICS ACTUALLY BEAR REPEATING.
7 45 PERCENT OF OUR COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS ARE RESIDENTS OF A
8 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY. AND THAT'S JUST REALLY HARD TO HEAR.
9 AND WE'VE DONE SO MUCH, BUT WE DO NEED TO EXPAND OUR TESTING
10 THERE, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION DOES. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO
11 HEARING BACK EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE ALREADY DOING IT. YOU KNOW, I
12 DO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING BACK ON HOW THEY'RE GOING TO MOVE
13 FORWARD AND MAKE PROGRESS BOTH IN OUR SKILLED NURSING
14 FACILITIES AS WELL AS MANY OF OUR HOMELESS HOUSING FACILITIES.
15 SO THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING, AND
18 THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING, AS WELL. OR
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT? SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL, YOU ARE COAUTHOR. GO AHEAD AND SPEAK.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WAS CONFUSED A MINUTE
23 THERE. I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS
24 AND FOR VERY GRACIOUSLY LISTENING TO MY REQUEST TO EXPAND IT
25 TO HOMELESS HOUSING SITES THAT ARE CONGREGATE LIVING, AS WELL.

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1 I THINK WE'VE BEEN TRYING FOR QUITE A WHILE, AND, AS
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN INDICATED, WE HAVE GOTTEN GOOD COOPERATION
3 FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. BUT
4 JUST KIND OF WANT TO ASK US TO START DIGGING DOWN AND SAYING
5 HOW THE COUNTY IS ACTUALLY GOING TO OPERATIONALIZE IT BECAUSE
6 IT'S TESTING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT SYMPTOMATIC YET, WHICH IS
7 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THESE ENVIRONMENTS. SO I LOOK FORWARD
8 TO THE REPORT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY AMAZING HEALTH DEPUTY,
9 ELAN SCHULTZ, WHO HAS BEEN COVERING ALL THREE OF THE HEALTH
10 DEPARTMENTS FOR US IN THE THIRD AND HAS DONE A REALLY, REALLY
11 FINE JOB, AND THE DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES WHO HAVE REALLY
12 STEPPED UP ON THIS. I THINK TESTING, TESTING, TESTING IS WHAT
13 WE'RE SEEING IS THE ANSWER TO HOLDING BACK THE THIS. AND I
14 LOOK FORWARD TO A LITTLE DEEPER DIVE AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO
15 ACHIEVE THIS TESTING. SO THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, YEAH, I DO GET A LITTLE
18 CONFUSED. BUT ON THIS, YOU KNOW, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS
19 EFFORT. LAST WEEK, WE ASKED THAT TWO FACILITIES IN MY DISTRICT
20 BE LOOKED AT FOR HIGH NUMBER OF STAFF WHO HAVE TESTED
21 POSITIVE, AND HALF THE PATIENTS WHO WERE TESTED ALSO TESTED
22 POSITIVE. AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT DR. FERRER NOW HAS ANNOUNCED
23 THAT THERE ARE MANY THAT ARE ASYMPTOMATIC AND MANY IN THESE --
24 LIVING IN THESE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES COULD BE SPREADING
25 IT UNKNOWINGLY TO WHAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST

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1 VULNERABLE POPULATION. WE'RE TRACKING THE NUMBERS AT ALL OF
2 OUR CONGREGATE -- SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES IN MY DISTRICT
3 AND INSISTING THAT EVERYONE GET TESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
4 AND WE STARTED WITH DUARTE RECOGNIZING THAT THEIR NUMBERS KEPT
5 GROWING. FORTUNATELY, THE LABS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH
6 WILL PROVIDE US WITH QUICK TEST RESULTS SO WE COULD
7 IMMEDIATELY ISOLATE POSITIVE PATIENTS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
8 FOR STAFFING BECAUSE, AGAIN, IN PASADENA, WE SAW ONE FACILITY
9 WHERE THE STAFF WAS NOT THERE, AND THEY HAD TO CALL IN THE
10 STATE GUARD. THANKS TO THE NEW ORDER FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
11 OFFICER LAST FRIDAY, WE WERE ABLE TO USE THAT WITH THE STATE-
12 RUN FACILITIES TO INSIST THAT ALL PERSONS BE TESTED. THAT
13 SAID, THE COMPONENTS MOTION ABOUT DISCHARGING PATIENTS STILL
14 NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED MORE STRATEGICALLY BECAUSE THAT IS
15 PROBLEMATIC. AND I KNOW DR. FERRER HAS MENTIONED THAT AS WELL
16 AS DR. GHALY. I WANT TO THANK PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THEIR
17 ASSISTANCE IN GETTING TEST KITS OUT IMMEDIATELY TO THE TWO
18 NURSING FACILITIES IN MY DISTRICT IN DUARTE. I ALSO WANT TO
19 THANK KATHY CHITISTER AND HER STAFF AT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
20 SERVICES, D.P.H., AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR ASSISTING WITH MANY
21 CONSTITUENTS WHO NEEDED HELP FINDING BEDS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS
22 AT NEW SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES THAT HAD COME ONLINE FOR --
23 FOR COVID-POSITIVE PATIENTS. THE PERSONAL ATTENTION FROM OUR
24 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ON THESE CASES IS TRULY APPRECIATED. AND I
25 KNOW THAT I SAY PERSONAL ATTENTION BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.

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1 YOU HAD INDIVIDUALS, OR I HAD INDIVIDUALS CALLING THE OFFICE
2 DESPERATE. AND EACH ONE WAS TAKEN CARE OF IN A WAY THAT I AM
3 VERY, VERY PROUD OF OUR STAFF AND OUR TEAM. SO WITH THAT, I
4 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND I KNOW THAT IF YOU LOOKED AT THE
5 NUMBER OF DEATHS, I BELIEVE YESTERDAY DR. FERRER NOW IS 45
6 PERCENT OF THOSE THAT ARE DYING ARE COMING OUT OF THESE
7 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. SO IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT WE HAVE
8 TO STEP IT UP AND STEP IT UP NOW. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT
9 IT. SUPERVISOR HAHN OR KUEHL, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING
10 ELSE?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** NOPE, I'M GOOD.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M GOOD.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW FOR THE RECORD, WE WILL READ IN
19 THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON ITEM NUMBER
20 15.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THE OPPOSED COMMENTS WE RECEIVED FROM
23 SANDY THOMAS. OTHERS WERE HEATHER WILSON, DR. GENEVIEVE
24 CLAVREUL, AND GEORGE BUZZETTI.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ITEM 15 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS
3 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 15 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS? [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? [SILENCE.]
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS? [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-
25 0.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 16,
3 THE GENERAL ELECTION 2020 VOTE BY MAIL, WHICH WAS ALSO HELD BY
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S HARD TO EVEN IMAGINE THAT
7 WE HAVE A MAJOR ELECTION COMING UP IN NOVEMBER. WE'VE BEEN SO
8 CONSUMED BY THIS PANDEMIC. BUT THE VOTERS CHOICE ACT OF 2016
9 EXPANDED OUR VOTERS' OPTIONS FOR HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE TO VOTE.
10 IT GAVE US THAT LONGER 11 DAY VOTING PERIOD INSTEAD OF JUST
11 ELECTION DAY. IT GAVE VOTERS THE OPTION TO VOTE NEAR THEIR
12 HOME OR THEIR WORK OR SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTY WITH THESE
13 VOTING CENTERS. AND NOW, AS PART OF THAT, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE
14 VOTERS THE OPTION TO VOTE BY MAIL BY SENDING A BALLOT TO EACH
15 AND EVERY VOTER. SO THIS ITEM ACTUALLY INSTRUCTS OUR COUNTY
16 REGISTRAR-RECORDER, DEAN LOGAN, TO MAIL A BALLOT TO EVERY
17 REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IT'S
18 BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC THAT WE'RE IN. AND I JUST WANTED TO
19 MAKE SURE, I'M SURE PEOPLE AGREE, THAT THE RIGHT TO VOTE DOES
20 NOT COME AT A COST OF BEING EXPOSED TO THIS VIRUS. JUST TO
21 REMIND EVERYBODY, THIS VIRUS IS NOT GOING AWAY. AND UNTIL WE
22 HAVE A VACCINE OR A GOOD DRUG TO TREAT YOU IF YOU GET IT,
23 WE'RE ALL STILL VERY VULNERABLE. AND I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO
24 HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SHOWING UP SOMEWHERE AND HAVING THE
25 RIGHT TO VOTE. SO BY MAILING A BALLOT TO EVERY VOTER, WE CAN

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1 MAKE SURE THAT EVERY SINGLE VOTER, IF THEY WANT TO, CAN CAST
2 THEIR BALLOT FROM THE SAFETY OF THEIR HOME. REMEMBER, THE
3 VOTERS' CHOICE ACT WANTED TO MAKE VOTING MORE ACCESSIBLE,
4 CONVENIENT, RELIABLE. AND THAT'S -- VOTING BY MAIL DOES THAT.
5 IT WILL INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY BECAUSE YOUR KITCHEN TABLE IS
6 CLOSER THAN ANY OF OUR VOTE CENTERS AROUND THE COUNTY. AND
7 WHILE WE'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT LIFTING OUR SAFER AT HOME
8 ORDER, I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT COME NOVEMBER, WE'RE STILL
9 NOT GOING TO WANT TO SEE LONG LINES OF PEOPLE STANDING NEXT TO
10 EACH OTHER WAITING TO CAST THEIR BALLOT. I'VE BEEN A LIFELONG
11 IN-PERSON VOTER. IT'S JUST SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS DONE. I'VE
12 LIKED DOING IT. IT'S PART OF MY VOTING EXPERIENCE. AND I KNOW
13 THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE THAT, BUT I THINK THAT WE ARE IN
14 EXTRAORDINARY TIMES RIGHT NOW. AND MANY STATES HAVE ALREADY
15 GONE TO ALL VOTE BY MAIL. AND I DO THINK THAT THIS PANDEMIC
16 WILL CAUSE MORE AND MORE COUNTIES TO CONSIDER THIS, AS WELL. I
17 KNOW THAT WE WILL CALL ON DEAN LOGAN TO HAVE A BIG EDUCATIONAL
18 CAMPAIGN SO TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS
19 HAPPENING. BUT ALSO THAT PEOPLE CAN STILL SHOW UP ON ELECTION
20 DAY AND THE DAYS LEADING UP TO NOVEMBER 3RD AT THE VOTE
21 CENTERS. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE BALLOT WITH
22 A PREPAID POSTAGE ENVELOPE. SO IT IS COMPLETELY CONVENIENT TO
23 CAST YOUR BALLOT, PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE, AND MAIL IT BACK TO
24 THE COUNTY AT OUR EXPENSE. I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE UPWARDS OF
25 \$9 MILLION TO SEND A BALLOT TO EVERYONE. WE ALSO APPARENTLY

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1 HAVE TO GET MORE WAREHOUSE SPACE TO HOUSE 5.4 MILLION BALLOTS.
2 BUT I BELIEVE THIS IS MONEY WELL SPENT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF
3 ALL THE VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT GOING
4 TO BE COMPROMISED. THE OTHER THING I WAS THINKING ABOUT IS
5 USUALLY OUR POLL WORKERS END UP BEING OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. AND
6 WE KNOW, OF COURSE, THEY'RE PROBABLY STILL GOING TO BE
7 VULNERABLE FALL IN THE FALL. AND THOSE ARE USUALLY THE PEOPLE
8 WE GET TO STAFF OUR VOTING CENTERS. SO, AGAIN, THE MORE WE CAN
9 DO TO CONVINCE PEOPLE TO VOTE AT HOME THE BETTER OFF EVERYONE
10 WILL BE. SO, AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
11 ALEX PADILLA, OUR SECRETARY OF STATE, ACTUALLY SENT A LETTER
12 TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, OF COURSE, IS
13 COAUTHORING THIS, GIVING US HIS STAMP OF APPROVAL FOR THIS
14 IDEA AND AGREEING WITH US THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
15 SO WE THANK HIM FOR THAT. WE HOPE SOME MONEY COMES WITH THAT
16 STAMP OF APPROVAL OF THIS, SECRETARY PADILLA. BUT, AGAIN, I
17 THINK EVEN SOME OF THE FEDERAL CARES ACT MONEY MIGHT BE
18 CONSIDERED TO BE USED FOR THIS. I'M NOT SURE, BUT ANYTHING
19 COVID-RELATED WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAP INTO SOME DOLLARS, AND
20 THIS IS DEFINITELY COVID-RELATED. SO THANK YOU. IT'S GOING TO
21 BE A BIG CHANGE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL
22 STILL WANT TO VOTE IN PERSON, BUT I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO MAKE
23 THAT CHOICE OF THEIR HEALTH OR THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN DEAN LOGAN,
2 WE'LL HAVE THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER SPEAK. SO SUPERVISOR KUEHL
3 AND THEN DEAN LOGAN.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO
6 COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. AND I THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING
7 IT. I THINK IT'S GOING TO TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE MOST
8 IMPORTANT THINGS THAT HAPPENS ABOUT NOVEMBER. PEOPLE ARE
9 REALLY, REALLY WORRIED ABOUT ACCESS AND MAKING CERTAIN THAT
10 EVERYBODY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE
11 -- WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION'S GOING TO BE AND HOW
12 VULNERABLE WE'LL STILL FEEL IN NOVEMBER. I DON'T WANT THEM
13 DECIDING AT THE LAST MINUTE THEY WISHED THEY HAD ASKED FOR A
14 VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT BUT THEY'RE STILL WORRIED SO THEY JUST
15 WON'T GO AND VOTE. WE WANT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO
16 HAVE CHOICE. AND IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE WON'T BE VOTING
17 CENTERS. IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FROM HOME IF THEY WISH. IN TERMS OF THE
19 WAY WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH VOTE CENTERS, MAYBE DEAN IS GOING
20 TO TELL US THIS, BUT THERE IS A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 12TH.
21 AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE TAKING ALL OF THE PRECAUTIONS THAT
22 ARE REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN BECAUSE OF COVID-19. ONLY REGISTRAR-
23 RECORDER EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO BE STAFFING THE ELECTION.
24 THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SIX VOTE CENTERS. REMEMBER IT'S JUST ONE
25 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THREE WILL BE OPEN FOR 10 DAYS. THREE

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1 OPEN MORE ON ELECTION DAY. AND THEY WILL ALL BE USING P.P.E.,
2 SOCIAL DISTANCING. EVERYBODY'S ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS. AND I
3 THINK THAT -- AND, YOU KNOW, THEY'LL HAVE TO WIPE DOWN THE
4 MACHINES BETWEEN EACH PERSON. SO TAKING THESE PRECAUTIONS IS
5 VERY IMPORTANT, BUT I THINK MORE AND MORE WE'LL REALIZE HOW
6 GOOD IT IS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SAY HERE I AM AT HOME. I'M
7 STILL A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT STANDING IN A LONG LINE. I'D LIKE
8 TO VOTE. AND THANK GOODNESS THEY DIDN'T WAIT FOR ME TO ASK
9 THEM. THEY SENT ME A BALLOT. SO I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL
10 SUPPORT THIS AS I THINK IT'S A VERY POSITIVE MOVE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WANTED TO
13 SPEAK, AND THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM DEAN LOGAN. SO SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M SORRY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU,
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD.
18 YOU KNOW, A WHILE BACK, I HAD AUTHORED A MOTION DIRECTING OUR
19 REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO COME BACK WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO
20 PROVIDE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE
21 NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION. AND I KNOW OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER IS
22 HARD AT WORK RIGHT NOW ON THAT PLAN. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
23 SEEING THAT PLAN AS A PART OF TODAY'S MOTION SO WE CAN ENSURE
24 THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. AND WHO WOULD HAVE
25 KNOWN THAT COVID-19 WOULD HAVE HAD SUCH A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON

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1 OUR ELECTION CYCLE? AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTIONS
2 COMING UP IN THE FALL. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO
3 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE BY MAIL. I'M ONE WHO UTILIZES THAT
4 AND HAVE FOR THE PAST DECADE WITH HAVING HAD TO LIVE IN
5 WASHINGTON, D.C. MOST OF THE TIME AND NOT BEING ABLE TO BE
6 HERE PRESENT IN PERSON. BUT I DO KNOW THAT SOMETIMES IT IS
7 HARD FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES TO
8 FEEL CONFIDENT AND COMFORTABLE IN USE OF THE VOTE BY MAIL
9 BALLOT. SO I WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF ISSUES WE WILL BE
10 BRINGING UP TO HELP ADDRESS THAT, WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH
11 EFFORTS. AND TO MAKE SURE IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANY VOTING
12 CENTERS, WILL THOSE BE MADE AVAILABLE IN PART IN SOME WAY? AND
13 IF NOT, WILL THEY BE UTILIZED MAYBE TO DROP OFF THE ABSENTEE
14 BALLOTS? AND, AGAIN, JUST MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE DO VOTE. AND
15 I CONTINUALLY WANT TO SEE THAT WE DO HAVE MORE INFORMATION IN
16 MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. IT'S VERY CRITICAL AND THAT IT ALL GO OUT
17 IN A TIMELY MANNER SO WE DON'T MISS THE BOAT AGAIN. AND THAT
18 WE ALSO FOCUS, AGAIN, ON THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
19 PARTICULARLY OUR STUDENTS, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND HOPEFULLY WE
20 CAN MAKE THIS A BETTER ELECTORAL EXPERIENCE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE
21 AND NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH SOME OF THE THINGS WE WENT THROUGH
22 DURING THE PRIMARY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DEAN LOGAN?

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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. AND I WANT TO JUST REFERENCE THAT OUR
3 DEPARTMENT'S REPORT BACK ON THE BOARD'S MOTION FROM MARCH 10TH
4 WAS FILED YESTERDAY, LATE YESTERDAY. SO THAT DOES INCLUDE THE
5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE EXPANDED VOTE BY MAIL MODEL THAT
6 IS BEING CONSIDERED BY YOUR BOARD TODAY. I JUST WANTED TO
7 REFERENCE A FEW THINGS. ONE IS JUST TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE A
8 LITTLE OVER 180 DAYS AWAY FROM THAT NOVEMBER ELECTION. SO THE
9 TIMING ON THIS IS CRITICAL. THIS IS A BIG LIFT FOR THE COUNTY
10 TO MAKE ANOTHER MODIFICATION TO THE VOTING PROCESS. WE FEEL
11 CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE A PLAN THAT CAN DO THAT. HAVING THIS
12 EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF DECLARE THAT WILL HELP US TO
13 DELIVER ON THAT. AND THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT
14 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR IN-PERSON VOTING. I THINK THAT, AS
15 SEVERAL OF THE SUPERVISORS MENTIONED, WHAT THIS GIVES US IS
16 THE FAILSAFE FOUNDATION THAT EVERYBODY WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT
17 IN THE MAIL, BUT IT DOES AT LEAST, UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
18 LAW OF THE VOTERS CHOICE ACT, IT DOES STILL HAVE A BASE FLOOR
19 FOR DISTRIBUTING IN-PERSON VOTE CENTERS OVER THAT 10-DAY
20 VOTING PERIOD AND THE THREE DAYS LEADING UP TO ELECTION. IT IS
21 A LOWER FLOOR THAN WE HAD FOR THE MARCH ELECTION UNDER THE
22 LAW, BUT IT IS JUST A FLOOR. SO THAT DOES GIVE US THE LOCAL
23 FLEXIBILITY, THE MAXIMUM LOCAL FLEXIBILITY, TO DETERMINE THE
24 APPROPRIATE NUMBER AND THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION OF IN-PERSON
25 VOTE CENTERS LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION. AND I THINK THAT'S

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1 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BASED ON WHAT WE LEARNED IN OUR
2 EXPERIENCE IN THE MARCH ELECTION BUT ALSO WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN
3 THESE SMALLER SPECIAL ELECTIONS WHERE WE HAVE MAILED EVERYBODY
4 A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT, BUT THERE STILL HAVE BEEN VOTERS WHO,
5 FOR WHATEVER REASON, NEEDED TO COME AND VOTE IN PERSON. SO WE
6 HAVE SOME DATA. WE HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THAT, AS
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED, SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THAT EVEN
8 WITH THE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
9 ON PERSONAL PROTECTION AND DISTANCING. SO WE'RE MONITORING
10 THAT VERY CLOSELY. WE'RE WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND
11 ADVOCATES IN THE COMMUNITY, TALKING TO VOTERS. WE'VE BEEN PART
12 OF A STATEWIDE WORKING GROUP WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS IT
13 LOOKS VERY LIKELY THAT THE ENTIRE STATE WILL MOVE TO THIS
14 MODEL OR A SIMILAR MODEL. SO, THIS DOES POSITION US TO GET TO
15 WORK RIGHT WAY AND BE PREPARED FOR THIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 MENTIONED A CRITICAL PART OF THIS IS MAKING SURE THAT WE DO
17 PROVIDE ADEQUATE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR TO OUR
18 LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES. WHAT WE'LL WANT TO DO IS GET IN FRONT OF
19 THIS AND DO SOME DIRECT MAIL AND OUTREACH SO THAT VOTERS WHO
20 WISH TO RECEIVE THEIR BALLOTS IN ONE OF THE REQUIRED OR
21 AVAILABLE LANGUAGES, THAT WE HAVE THAT IN ADVANCE SO THAT THEY
22 GET THEIR BALLOT ORIGINALLY IN THAT LANGUAGE AND THEY DON'T
23 HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT EXTRA STEP OF THEN RECEIVING IT IN
24 ENGLISH AND THEN REQUESTING AN ALTERNATE BALLOT. SO THAT'S
25 PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT WE'VE PUT FORWARD. I'LL

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1 MAKE A QUICK REFERENCE TO AN EARLIER DISCUSSION YOUR BOARD HAD
2 TODAY ABOUT LOCAL AND ETHNIC MEDIA. THAT'S BEEN AN IMPORTANT
3 PART OF OUR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTIONS AND
4 WOULD BE FOR THIS MODEL GOING FORWARD. SO WE HAD GREAT
5 PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVOTED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF OUR OUTREACH
6 BUDGET TO LOCAL AND ETHNIC MEDIA AND IN PARTICULAR COMMUNITY
7 PRINT MEDIA FOR THE MARCH ELECTION. AND THAT'S A MODEL THAT WE
8 WOULD CARRY FORWARD IN NOVEMBER, AS WELL. SO, A LOT OF WORK
9 AHEAD OF US, BUT I THINK THIS POSITIONS US WELL TO ADDRESS THE
10 UNKNOWNNS OF WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE WITH THE PANDEMIC. I
11 APPRECIATED SUPERVISOR HAHN'S REFERENCE TO THE RECRUITMENT OF
12 NOT JUST ELECTION WORKERS BUT VOTE CENTERS THEMSELVES. THE
13 HESITANCY RIGHT NOW OF PEOPLE TO COMMIT TO THAT, GIVEN THE
14 UNCERTAINTY, IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE FOR US
15 MOVING FORWARD, TOO. SO, AGAIN, THIS GIVES US THAT FOUNDATION
16 OF GETTING EVERYBODY A BALLOT BY MAIL BUT GIVES US THE
17 GREATEST FLEXIBILITY TO ALSO ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE IN-PERSON
18 OPTIONS. AND JUST A NOTE ON THAT, WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN THESE
19 SMALLER ELECTIONS AND WHAT WE SAW IN MARCH IS, EVEN WITH THESE
20 PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS, BETWEEN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND DESIRE
21 FOR ACCESSIBILITY OR LANGUAGE ACCESS, WE STILL DO SEE A
22 CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO WANT TO COME AND TAKE PART
23 IN THAT IN-PERSON VOTING EXPERIENCE. SO PART OF OUR EDUCATION
24 WILL BE TRYING TO, TO STEAL THE PHRASE FROM THE PANDEMIC, TO
25 FLATTEN THAT CURVE AND REALLY BE SURE THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS THE

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1 AVAILABILITY OF THAT 10-DAY AND THREE-DAY VOTING PERIOD SO
2 THAT WE DON'T HAVE EVERYBODY PUSHED UP UNTIL THAT LAST MINUTE
3 ON ELECTION DAY.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DEAN. I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION.
6 AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL I THINK MENTIONED THE SPECIAL
7 ELECTION THAT IS TAKING PLACE. THAT SPECIAL ELECTION IS IN AN
8 AREA WHERE THE LAST TIME AROUND THERE WAS A FAILURE TO MAIL
9 OUT BALLOTS. SO HAVE YOU PUT IN PLACE CORRECTIVE ACTION TO
10 ENSURE THAT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO EXPAND THIS, AND EVEN FOR A
11 SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE AREA THAT DIDN'T RECEIVE MAJORITY OF
12 THE BALLOTS THAT WERE NOT MAILED, HAVE YOU PUT IN PLAY
13 CORRECTIVE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN?

14

15 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES, AND THERE'S AN ENTIRE
16 SECTION OF THE BOARD REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED LAST NIGHT THAT
17 ADDRESSES THE KIND OF THE ROOT CAUSE AND THE CORRECTIVE
18 ACTIONS AROUND THAT. IT'S SOMETHING WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. IT
19 WAS A COMBINATION OF THREE DIFFERENT THINGS THE RESULTED IN
20 THAT. IT'S SOMETHING WE LOOKED AT VERY CLOSELY BEFORE MAILING
21 OUT THE BALLOTS FOR THE MAY 12TH ELECTION BECAUSE, AS YOU
22 INDICATE, IT WAS IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA. ACTUALLY PART OF THE
23 ROOT CAUSE WAS RELATED TO THE ADDITION OF THAT SPECIAL
24 ELECTION CONSOLIDATED ONTO THE MARCH ELECTION AND THE CHANGE
25 IN THE TIMELINE, WHICH IS DETAILED IN THE REPORT, BUT THAT'S

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1 NOT AN EXCUSE. THAT'S A RECOGNITION THAT WE HAD WEAKNESSES IN
2 OUR SYSTEM BOTH WITHIN OUR E.M.S., ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM,
3 THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AS WELL AS ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND
4 QUALITY CHECKS IN ON OUR STAFF. WHAT HAPPENED IN MARCH IS WE
5 HAD A LOT OF WORKAROUNDS TO FIT THAT ADDITIONAL CONTEST ONTO
6 THE MARCH ELECTION. AND A LOT OF WORK WAS PUT IN TO DO THE
7 WORKAROUNDS TO MAKE THAT WORK BUT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE
8 QUALITY CHECK THAT RESULTED IN US NOT IDENTIFYING THE ISSUE
9 THAT YOU BROUGHT UP. AND THAT CAN'T HAPPEN. IT OBVIOUSLY CAN'T
10 HAPPEN IF WE ARE -- IT BE CAN'T HAPPEN IN ANY ELECTION OR
11 SHOULDN'T HAPPEN IN ANY ELECTION IF WE ARE GOING TO RELY ON
12 OUR PRIMARY SOURCE OF GETTING BALLOTS TO EVERY VOTER IN THE
13 COUNTY THROUGH VOTE BY MAIL. IT'S PARAMOUNT THAT WE ADDRESS
14 THOSE ISSUES, AND THAT'S OUTLINED IN OUR PLAN.

15
16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THE SECOND PART OF THAT IS WE GOT THE
17 CALLS BECAUSE YOU HAD A PHONE NUMBER THAT GOT OVERLOADED. HAS
18 THAT BEEN CORRECTED, AS WELL? OR WILL THAT BE CORRECTED
19 BECAUSE MY FEAR IS THAT MANY PEOPLE, AND I THINK, SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN, YOU TOUCHED ON THIS, ARE GOING TO BE SEEKING
21 INFORMATION, REQUIRING ASSISTANCE AND EVEN POSSIBLY SAYING
22 THAT THEY DIDN'T GET THEIR BALLOT? AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN REAL-TIME AND GET
24 THE ANSWERS.

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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT'S
2 ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT. AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CAPACITY
3 FOR OUR CALL CENTERS, NOT JUST FOR VOTERS, BUT ALSO FOR THE
4 PEOPLE ABOUT WHO ARE WORKING AT THE VOTE CENTERS DURING THE
5 VOTING PERIOD HAVE TO BE INCREASED AND HAVE TO BE MORE
6 EFFICIENT. SO WE DID, AGAIN, A FULL ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS ON
7 THAT ISSUE. THAT IS BEING REVIEWED BY THE THIRD-PARTY
8 INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT THAT YOUR BOARD ASKED THE C.E.O. TO
9 HIRE TO LOOK AT OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AS WELL. SO WE
10 ABSOLUTELY RECOGNIZE THAT. AND I THINK THAT THAT IN
11 COMBINATION BOTH INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF OUR CALL CENTER
12 SERVICES, MAKING SURE THEY'RE AVAILABLE ON THE DAYS AND HOURS,
13 NOT JUST STANDARD BUSINESS HOURS, BUT INTO THE EVENINGS AND ON
14 THE WEEKENDS LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION IS IMPORTANT. AND,
15 LIKEWISE, THAT PARALLELS WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR PUBLIC
16 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. THERE ARE SOME NEW SERVICES
17 AVAILABLE THAT WERE, I DON'T WANT TO SAY PILOTED, BUT WERE
18 DEBUTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MARCH BOTH HERE IN L.A. AND
19 STATE WIDE THAT ALLOW VOTERS TO VOTE BY MAIL TO TRACK THEIR
20 BALLOT BOTH TO TRACK WHEN IT'S BEEN MAILED BY THE COUNTY AS
21 THEY'RE WAITING FOR IT TO ARRIVE, BUT ALSO TO TRACK ONCE
22 THEY'VE PUT IT BACK IN THE MAIL OR INTO A DROP BOX TO BE ABLE
23 TO CONFIRM THAT IT WAS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED CORRECTLY. SO
24 PART OF WHAT WE'LL BE DOING IS ALSO ADVERTISING THOSE TOOLS
25 FOR TRACKING WHERE YOUR BALLOT IS AT ANY GIVEN TIME, AS WELL.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY
3 COMMENTS?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** CHAIR, JUST QUICKLY.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE, WE'VE DONE A LOT
10 OF TALKING ABOUT THIS SPECIAL ELECTION, I THINK IT'S VERY
11 IMPORTANT IF THIS SHOULD PASS TODAY THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS
12 IT DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL NOVEMBER. SO THAT PEOPLE
13 SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS FOR THESE OTHER
14 ELECTIONS DURING THE YEAR. SOMEHOW, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO
15 HAVE TO GET THAT NEWS OUT IF THIS PASSES BECAUSE OTHERWISE
16 PEOPLE MAY BE SITTING IN C.D.25 THINKING WHERE'S MY VOTE BY
17 MAIL BALLOT?

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT SPECIAL ELECTION AS
20 WELL AS THE TWO SPECIAL ELECTIONS BEING HELD ON JUNE 2ND,
21 THOSE ARE BEING CONDUCTED ENTIRELY BY MAIL BASED ON THE
22 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19. SO EVERY VOTER
23 IN THOSE DISTRICTS WILL RECEIVE A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, GOOD. EVEN BETTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN, SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL, AND THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT. I JUST KNOW THAT
4 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ELECTION. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
5 THAT THE ERRORS LAST TIME ARE NOT REPEATED EVEN FOR THIS BUT
6 ALSO FOR THE NOVEMBER. ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO ONE ELSE, HAS
7 ANYONE SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO PUBLIC COMMENTS. OKAY. SO WE WILL HAVE
12 THIS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
13 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE
14 ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 16 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE, MOTION CARRIES 5-
15 0.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NUMBER 15. WE TOOK A ROLL.

18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECORD YOUR VOTE

19 ON THE EXPANDING TESTING IN CONGREGATE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY SO, THAT IS 5-0, THAT PASSED. THE

24 RECORD WILL REFLECT THAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 41, SPECIALS?

4 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SPECIALS?

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, SORT OF. I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY
7 DURING THE SPECIALS.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO I JUST WANTED TO
12 BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT THE REPORT THAT WE RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM
13 OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN RESPONSE TO THE MOTION ASKING FOR
14 OPTIONS TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO OUR BOARD MEETINGS. AND I
15 KNOW THIS IS A TOUGH SUBJECT FOR ALL OF US. AND I KNOW IT'S A
16 TOUGH TIME FOR US. I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M STILL
17 UNCOMFORTABLE WITH OUR MEETINGS AND HOW WE'RE, QUOTE, ALLOWING
18 THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK. IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE IN A TIGHTLY-RUN
19 CONFERENCE CALL, NOT A PUBLIC MEETING WHERE WE ARE REALLY
20 LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC AND WE DELIBERATE AND SOMETIMES WE
21 CHANGE OUR MINDS BECAUSE BASED ON WHAT SOMEBODY SAYS IN THE
22 PUBLIC. I FELT LIKE THE REPORT DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH. AND I
23 ALSO FELT, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THAT THERE WAS MORE NEGATIVE
24 ASPECTS TO SOME OF THE OPTIONS THAN THE POSITIVE SIDE OF, YOU
25 KNOW, HAVING THE PUBLIC HAVE ACCESS TO OUR MEETINGS. WE ARE A

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1 GOVERNMENTAL BODY. I DO KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
2 ACCOMMODATIONS MADE BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC AND BEING IN
3 VIRTUAL MEETINGS THAT WE'RE SORT OF ALLOWED TO DO THINGS A
4 LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY. BUT ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT WAS
5 SPELLED OUT TALKED ABOUT WHAT METRO DOES. AND I KNOW ALL OF US
6 SIT ON METRO.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, BEFORE YOU GO ON, COUNTY
9 COUNSEL, IT'S NOT AGENDIZED. SO CAN WE START TALKING ABOUT A
10 REPORT? COUNTY COUNSEL?

11

12 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. A GREAT QUESTION. I MEAN, NOT
13 REALLY. YOU KNOW, SOME COMMENTS CAN BE MADE, BUT I DON'T KNOW
14 HOW MANY COMMENTS ARE COMING. IT SHOULD BE AGENDIZED.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT THE REPORT
17 AND GOING THROUGH IT, I JUST GET WORRIED THAT IT WAS NOT
18 AGENDIZED. SO THEREFORE I DON'T WANT TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE.

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** THAT'S CORRECT. YOU ARE CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** I WANT TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. HA HA,
23 JUST KIDDING. OKAY WELL, I AM GOING TO INTRODUCE A MOTION ON
24 MAY 12TH THAT WILL, YOU KNOW, ASK CELIA TO IMPLEMENT SOME NEW

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1 PROCEDURES. SO HOPEFULLY, BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, WE CAN FIND
2 SOME OPTIONS THAT ARE BETTER THAN WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT'S FINE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO
5 YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST A SUGGESTION THAT BECAUSE SUPERVISOR HAHN
8 INDICATED SHE FELT THE REPORT COULD BE MORE FULLY EXPANDED AND
9 MAYBE SOME ADDITIONAL OPTIONS THAT MAYBE THAT SUGGESTION COULD
10 BE HEARD BY OUR E.O. AND WE MIGHT GET ANOTHER REPORT BEFORE WE
11 SEE SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR US
12 TO KNOW WHAT ALL THE OPTIONS ARE SO THAT WHEN WE SEE THE
13 MOTION --

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WAS GOING TO ASK
16 THAT ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS HOPING TO SEE IN THIS REPORT WAS
17 JUST A LET US LOOK AT HOW SOME OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL
18 BODIES ARE DOING THIS. LIKE HOW IS THE CITY OF L.A. DOING
19 THIS? HOW IS METRO DOING THIS? HOW DOES L.A.U.S.D. DO THIS?
20 HOW DOES, YOU KNOW, CENTRAL BASIN WATER DISTRICT DO THIS? I
21 JUST WOULD LIKE TO SEE. AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES WOULD
22 APPRECIATE SEEING WHAT'S POSSIBLE IN THIS NEW WORLD AND WHAT
23 ARE SOME OF THE OTHER AGENCIES AROUND THAT ALSO HAVE ELECTED
24 OFFICIALS SERVING ON THOSE BOARDS, WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I CAN DEFINITELY REPORT BACK ON THAT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, THEN WE WILL LET THAT HAPPEN.

6 AND THEN JUST FOR INFORMATION, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS GOING

7 TO BE LOOKING AT PREPARING FOR THE BOARD TO COME BACK INTO

8 SESSION ON THE 26TH.

9

10 **ATTORNEY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU. THIS IS

11 COUNTY COUNSEL. I DIDN'T HEAR A SECOND ON THAT REQUEST FOR A

12 REPORT BACK. AND SO I JUST, FOR THE RECORD.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. DO WE HAVE A SECOND ON THE

15 REPORT BACK THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S ASKED FOR? [SILENCE.]

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** I'D SAY I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL ALSO ASKED TO SEE

18 THE REPORT BACK BEFORE.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SHE WAS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION, BUT

21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. I THINK LET'S CONSIDER THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN,

24 AFTER AN EXPANDED REPORT BACK AND I SECOND IT. AND MAYBE IF WE

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1 NEED A VOTE ON THAT, I'M NOT SURE. I THINK IT MIGHT JUST BE A
2 REQUEST UNDER SPECIALS.

3

4 **ATTORNEY:** YOU DON'T NEED A VOTE ON IT.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, IT'S NOT AGENDIZED. IT'S A
9 REPORT BACK. ALL RIGHT. SO HEARING THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO CALL
10 FOR A VOTE, I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT TO MY COLLEAGUES BEFORE
11 WE GO INTO ADJOURNMENTS THAT THIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS LOOKING
12 AT MAY 26TH AS POSSIBLY RECONVENING IN THE BOARDROOM AND
13 PUTTING TOGETHER A PLAN THAT'S GOING TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL
14 DISTANCING AND ACCOMMODATING SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT MAY COME
15 UP IN THE REPORT THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS PUTTING
16 TOGETHER AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO WITH THAT, WE
17 WILL DO ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
20 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, JR. DANIEL
21 RODRIGUEZ WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 1954, PASSED AWAY ON
22 APRIL 18TH OF THIS YEAR. HE WAS THE BROTHER OF CALIFORNIA
23 STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ WHO REPRESENTS THE 52ND
24 DISTRICT. DANIEL, A NATIVE AND LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY
25 OF POMONA, ATTENDED SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND GAREY

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1 HIGH SCHOOL. HE WORKED AT G.P.M. INC. IN RANCHO CUCAMONGA AS A
2 MOLDING SUPERVISOR FOR 11 YEARS. ONE THING HE LOVED MORE THAN
3 GARDENING WAS SPOILING HIS THREE GRANDCHILDREN. THEY MEANT THE
4 WORLD TO HIM. DANIEL IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DAUGHTER, SON,
5 THREE GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE SIBLINGS. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.
6 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE, WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL L. ADAMS, JR.
13 WHO WAS A TREASURED MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY
14 AND PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS MONTH. AFTER GRADUATING FROM FISK
15 UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS, MR. ADAMS
16 WORKED WITH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR TWO YEARS. HE ALSO
17 WORKED WITH THE UNITED COMMUNITY CARE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA BEFORE
18 RELOCATING TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FOR A POSITION WITH THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. WHILE
20 EMPLOYED AS A COORDINATOR IN THAT CONTEXT, MR. ADAMS CONTINUED
21 HIS STUDIES, AND AT THE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER'S
22 DEGREE IN URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. SO IT WAS IN 1990
23 THAT HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES AND FOUND EMPLOYMENT AS A
24 REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT WITH THE COUNTY'S REGIONAL
25 PLANNING DEPARTMENT. HE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT

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1 OF PARKS AND RECREATION. AND IN 1991, HE WENT THERE TO SERVE
2 AS A PARK PLANNER AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER. HE WAS
3 PROMOTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION AT
4 THE SOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY AND HAS WORKED ON NUMEROUS
5 PROJECTS SINCE 1997. SO IT WAS IN 2017, HE JOINED THE PLANNING
6 DEPARTMENT'S AGENCY'S CAPITAL PROJECTS GROUP. MR. ADAMS WILL
7 BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY AND HIS POLITE
8 NATURE AS A PATIENT AND SINCERE MAN AND ONE WITH A SMILE AND
9 SENSE OF HUMOR THAT COULD LIGHT UP A ROOM. HE'S SURVIVED BY
10 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND HIS COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. SAMUEL L. ADAMS, JR. AND THEN,
12 MADAM CHAIR, DANIEL TAE HYUN AHN. MR. AHN WAS BORN ON
13 SEPTEMBER THE 10TH, 1975, IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND HE PASSED ON
14 APRIL THE 5TH HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE WAS 44 YEARS OF AGE. HE
15 HAD COME TO A BATTLE WITH KIDNEY CANCER. HE LIVED IN VARIOUS
16 COUNTRIES ACROSS THE GLOBE, INCLUDING CHINA, COLOMBIA, SOUTH
17 KOREA, AND MORE. AFTER STUDYING AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN
18 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, HE PURSUED A CAREER AS AN ARCHITECT AND
19 AN INTERIOR DESIGNER AND ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN
20 DESIGNING AND CREATING PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD. IT WAS IN
21 2016, HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES TO MARRY THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE,
22 CONNIE CHUNG. MR. AHN WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS FAITH, AS A
23 KINDHEARTED HUMANITARIAN, A GLOBAL CITIZEN, AND AS A BRILLIANT
24 AND METICULOUS DESIGNER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AN
25 ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL

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1 PLANNING, HIS PARENTS, HIS SISTER, AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY,
2 AND FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND, FINALLY,
3 MADAM CHAIR, I'D ASK THAT WE MOVE, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, THAT
4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES JACKSON, JR., OTHERWISE KNOWN
5 AS CHUCK. HE PASSED ON MARCH THE 31ST HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT
6 THE AGE OF 64 AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS COMPLICATIONS. HE
7 WAS RAISED IN LOS ANGELES, GRADUATED FROM CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL
8 IN 1973, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS A COUGAR. AFTER HE GRADUATED FROM
9 HIGH SCHOOL, HE ATTENDED WEST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
10 AND RIO HONDO COLLEGE WHERE HE STUDIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HE
11 SERVED AS A SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND RETIRED IN 2013 WITH
13 MORE THAN 32 YEARS OF SERVICE. MR. JACKSON WAS CURRENTLY
14 EMPLOYED AS A SECURITY SPECIALIST FOR THE CITY OF REFUGE
15 CHURCH IN GARDENA. HE ENJOYED SKIING AND TRAVELED WORLDWIDE TO
16 SKI AT VARIOUS MOUNTAINS AND TERRAINS. AND MR. JACKSON WAS A
17 LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE BLADE RUNNERS SKI CLUB, A LOCAL
18 AFRICAN-AMERICAN SKI CLUB, AND JOINED THEM ON SEVERAL LOCAL
19 AND GLOBAL SKI EXCURSIONS. HE CONTINUED TO SKI ALL OVER,
20 INCLUDING THE ANNUAL TRIP ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL
21 BROTHERHOOD OF SKIERS, THE WORLD'S LARGEST ASSOCIATION OF
22 BLACK SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS, EVEN AFTER A BACK INJURY KEPT
23 HIM FROM THE SLOPES. MR. JACKSON WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
24 PASSION AND LOVE FOR THE SPORT, HIS DEDICATION TO BUILDING THE
25 NEXT GENERATION OF SKIERS, AS WELL AS BEING A WORLD TRAVELER,

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1 AND FOR HIS WARM SPIRIT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON, NICK, HIS
2 DAUGHTER, CHANELL, THE BLADE RUNNERS SKI CLUB MEMBERS,
3 CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND
4 FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS HIM MOST ASSUREDLY. CHARLES "CHUCK"
5 JACKSON, JR. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES
6 MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDWIN FIELDS WHO SERVED
13 IN THE NAVY ON BOARD THE U.S.S. BENNINGTON OUT OF SAN DIEGO
14 FOR THREE YEARS, HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN 1960 BEFORE BEGINNING
15 A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN ARCHITECTURE. HE WAS THE
16 FOUNDING PARTNER AND C.E.O. OF FIELDS DEVEREAUX ARCHITECTS AND
17 ENGINEERS WITH A STAFF OF OVER 150 PROFESSIONALS. IN 2004,
18 EDDIE WAS NAMED A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
19 ARCHITECTS. HIS AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS INCLUDE THE GREEN
20 LIBRARY RESTORATION AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, THE EL CAPITAN
21 THEATER RESTORATION IN HOLLYWOOD, THE DOHENY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
22 RESTORATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THE
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, ALONG WITH MANY
24 SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE RESIDENCES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
25 CINDY, AND HIS SON, BRIAN. AND I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE

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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUNE STANTON, WHO BEGAN WORK AS A
2 "BLUEPRINT GIRL" IN 1944 AT CAL TECH AND ADVANCED TO THE
3 DEVELOPMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTION, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
4 DESIGNING RESEARCH IN ROCKETS. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF
5 THE FOUNDING EMPLOYEES AT HYCON, AND ONE OF HER GREATEST
6 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS TO BE A FOUNDING MEMBER OF VALLEY VILLAGE,
7 A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHICH
8 PROVIDES HOUSING FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS. JUNE
9 CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGHOUT THE GROWTH OF VALLEY
10 VILLAGE, WHICH NOW PROVIDES 17 GROUP HOME ENVIRONMENTS,
11 NURSING FACILITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL DAY PROGRAMS, SERVING AS
12 THE ORGANIZATION'S BOOKKEEPER, VOLUNTEERING AT THEIR THRIFT
13 SHOP, AND THEN SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AS THE
14 FINANCIAL DIRECTOR UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1996. SHE'S
15 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, MICHAEL, KATHLEEN, AND PATRICIA. AND
16 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
17 MITCHELL ABBOTT, WHO PRACTICED LAW IN L.A., INCLUDING THE TIME
18 THAT I WAS THERE, WITH THE FIRM OF RICHARDS, WATSON, AND
19 GERSHON. HE WAS A CERTIFIED SPECIALIST IN APPELLATE LAW,
20 MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF APPELLATE LAWYERS, CHAIR
21 OF THE STATE BAR BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS APPELLATE LAW
22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND CHAIR OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA'S
23 COMMITTEE ON APPELLATE COURTS. HE'S BEEN LISTED IN BEST
24 LAWYERS IN AMERICA AND IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS,
25 BOTH IN THE FIELD OF APPELLATE LAW. IN ADDITION TO HIS LEGAL

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1 CAREER, MITCH SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.A.
2 CONSERVANCY. HE CHAIRED THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF PILGRIM
3 SCHOOL. AND LED PILGRIM'S MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM FOR OVER 20
4 YEARS. HE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE SPIRIT OF C.E.B. AWARD FOR
5 HIS CONTRIBUTION TO CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE BAR AND WAS
6 HONORED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION IN 2011 WITH
7 THE MOCK TRIAL ATTORNEY COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD. HE'S SURVIVED
8 BY HIS WIFE, MARY, HIS SONS, MICHAEL AND HAYDEN, AND HIS
9 BROTHER, RICHARD. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "SANDY" LOUCHHEIM, WHO DIED ON
11 APRIL 14TH. GRADUATED FROM YALE, JOINED THE NAVY IN 1952,
12 CHERISHED HIS LIFE IN THE NAVY FOR 16 YEARS, COMMANDING TWO
13 SHIPS, AND RETIRING AS LIEUTENANT COMMANDER IN 1968 TO JOIN
14 HIS FATHER'S COMPANY, BOBRICK, IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HE BECAME
15 PRESIDENT OF THAT COMPANY IN DECEMBER 1985 AND SERVED AS
16 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SINCE 1993. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
17 DEDICATED BUSINESSMAN WHO BROUGHT BOBRICK INTO THE COMPUTER
18 AGE, DEVELOPING CUSTOM SYSTEMS, WHICH BECAME THE FOUNDATION OF
19 THE COMPANY'S SUCCESS. HE LIVED A DEEPLY ETHICAL LIFE DEVOTED
20 TO HIS FAMILY, HIS WORK, AND TO PHILANTHROPY. HE'S SURVIVED BY
21 HIS WIFE, MARLENE, AND THEIR CHILDREN, TERRY, MARK, TOM, AND
22 DEBORAH. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF NICHOLAS CIRIELLO, THE FOUNDING SHAREHOLDER OF THE
24 NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT CORPORATION, A LOS ANGELES
25 BASED REAL ESTATE SYNDICATION AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY. HE WAS A

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1 BENEFACTOR OF THE MUSIC CENTER, SERVED AS AN OFFICER AND
2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE L.A. CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. PERHAPS HIS
3 GREATEST PERSONAL SUCCESS WAS AS A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF
4 THE L.A. OPERA, WHERE HE SERVED ON MANY COMMITTEES AND AS AN
5 OFFICER OF THE BOARD FOR THE PAST 33 YEARS. HE WAS A TRUSTEE
6 OF THE CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE YALE
7 DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF PARENT GIVING FOR THE
8 HARVARD WESTLAKE SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
9 WIFE, JANET, AND HIS SONS, NICHOLAS, CARLO, AND MATTHEW. AND I
10 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EARL
11 RUBIN. AFTER SERVING IN THE ARMY FOR TWO YEARS, HE GRADUATED
12 FROM U.C.L.A. HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF TODAY'S BRUIN
13 DEMOCRATS, THE LARGEST POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AT U.C.L.A. HE
14 WAS A SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT FOR MAJOR
15 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES,
16 INCLUDING AS AN L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE WORKING IN THE ASSESSOR'S
17 OFFICE AS AN APPRAISER FOR 16 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
18 SONS, MARK AND JASON. AND, FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF K.C.R.W. PRODUCER MATT
20 HOLZMAN, WHO DIED ON APRIL 12TH. HE PRODUCED SHOWS INCLUDING
21 "THE BUSINESS," "THE DOCUMENT," AND "PRESS PLAY" FOR LOS
22 ANGELES AREA PUBLIC RADIO STATION K.C.R.W. HE WAS WIDELY
23 RESPECTED AS A TIRELESS BOOSTER OF K.C.R.W., AS A MENTOR, AND
24 AS A VERY GENEROUS COWORKER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS,

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1 STEFANIE, JANET, AND LISA, AND HIS PARTNER, ADRIA. THANK YOU,
2 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
8 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF STEVEN POWELL, WHO WAS AN
9 EMPLOYEE OF OUR I.S.D. DEPARTMENT. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
10 OF 62. HE WAS BORN IN NEW YORK AND WAS THE MIDDLE SON OF WORLD
11 WAR II AND KOREAN WAR MASTER SERGEANT ALBERTUS ALEXANDER
12 POWELL. WHEN HE WAS JUST FIVE YEARS OLD, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO
13 COMPTON, AND HE AND HIS BROTHER ROBERT WERE A PART OF A
14 THEATER ARTS YOUTH GROUP WHERE THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE ART OF
15 ACTING. HE WAS A COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, CLASS OF 1975,
16 AND WENT ON TO EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE IN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
17 FROM PHOENIX UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ALSO AN ORDAINED MINISTER. HE
18 WORKED AS A COMPUTER OPERATIONS DUTY MANAGER WITH I.S.D. AND
19 HIS DEDICATION AT WORK, LEADERSHIP, AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST
20 HIS TEAMMATES WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND VALUED BY EVERYONE
21 HE WORKED WITH. STEVEN SERVED OUR COUNTY FOR A TOTAL OF 35
22 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARTNER, KIM, CHILDREN, ALANA,
23 TOMEKA, STEVEN, AND JOVETTE, NIECE, MONICA, AND BROTHER,
24 ROBERT. HE MAY SOUND FAMILIAR TO YOU. I DID READ AN
25 ADJOURNMENT FOR HIM AT OUR LAST MEETING, BUT AFTER SPEAKING TO

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1 THE FAMILY, WE LEARNED THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION
2 THAT WAS MISSING. SO WE'RE PROPERLY HONORING STEVEN TODAY, WHO
3 WAS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY FAMILY. I ALSO MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRANK
5 TOYAMA, WHO WAS A TORRANCE RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
6 AGE OF 89. HE BOXED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AND WON THE 1948 UTAH
7 GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP AT DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL. HE
8 SERVED IN THE ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND THEN BECAME A
9 SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND A CRAFTSMAN AMONG TOOL AND DIE MAKERS
10 FOR THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY. HE FOUND
11 HAPPINESS IN HIS GRANDCHILDREN, HIS CANINE COMPANIONS, AND
12 WATCHING A GOOD BOXING MATCH. FRANK IS SURVIVED BY WIFE,
13 YOSHIKO, CHILDREN, KATHY, STANLEY, VINCENT, AND DIANA, HIS
14 BROTHER, TOM, HIS SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS NIECES AND
15 NEPHEWS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
16 THE MEMORY HERBERT DELA CRUZ, WHO WAS 80 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY.
17 HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN HAWAII BUT EVENTUALLY MOVED TO THE
18 CITY OF TORRANCE. HE WAS A RETIRED CORRECTIONS OFFICER AND HAD
19 COACHED HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH BAY. HERBERT
20 STAYED ACTIVE BY TAKING DAILY WALKS WITH HIS WIFE AROUND THEIR
21 NEIGHBORHOOD, AND YOU COULD FIND HIM GENEROUSLY GIVING HIS
22 PLUMERIAS TO THE NEIGHBORS WHO WOULD WALK BY WHILE HE WAS
23 GARDENING. HE LOVED BEING OUTDOORS, COOKING FOR FAMILY AND
24 FRIENDS, AND WAS KNOWN FOR HIS LEGENDARY HAWAIIAN BARBECUE.
25 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANET, HIS SONS, SPENCER, ERIC,

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1 JOHN, DENNIS, TROY, GARY, CRAIG, DAUGHTERS, DEBBIE AND ALETA,
2 WOW, THREE BROTHERS, THREE SISTERS, AS WELL AS 10
3 GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I MOVE THAT WHEN
4 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PETER COSTA, WHO
5 WAS 87 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, LIFELONG SAN PEDRO RESIDENT. HE
6 WAS BORN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY IN THE TIME OF MINIMAL
7 UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE, OR ACCOMMODATIONS, BUT THAT NEVER
8 STOPPED HIM FROM ACHIEVING HIS DREAMS. PETER WAS ONE OF THE
9 EARLIEST CONTRACTORS TO TAKE THE GENERAL CONTRACTORS LICENSING
10 EXAM VERBALLY. HE WENT ON TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION
11 COMPANY THAT BUILT MANY APARTMENT BUILDINGS HERE IN SAN PEDRO
12 THAT ARE STILL STANDING TODAY. HE ATTENDED CABRILLO AVENUE
13 ELEMENTARY, DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL. HE GRADUATED FROM PEDRO HIGH
14 SCHOOL. PETER WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS A
15 MEMBER OF THE ELKS CLUB, THE PORTUGUESE BEND CLUB, AND THE
16 Y.M.C.A. AND HE HELD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF BEING ONE OF THE
17 FEW ITALIANS IN THE DALMATIAN AMERICAN CLUB. HE'S SURVIVED BY
18 WIFE, JOAN, AND THEIR CHILDREN, DOMENIC, JIMMY, PETE, ANN, AND
19 SARAH, MANY GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, AND
20 NEPHEWS, INCLUDING HIS NEPHEW, ANTHONY PIROZZI, WHO SERVES ON
21 OUR LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS. ALSO MOVE THAT
22 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARILYN
23 MANOR, WHO WAS 87 WHEN SHE PASSED. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN
24 PEDRO FOR OVER 60 YEARS AND WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HER NURSING
25 WORK AT SAN PEDRO HOSPITAL, NOW THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY

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1 HOSPITAL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 47 YEARS, BERNARD,
2 AND HER CHILDREN, CHUCK, MIKE, JUDY, KATE, AND KIM, AS WELL AS
3 12 GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF REUBEN
5 ALE, WHO WAS ONLY 55 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A JUNIOR
6 COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH FOR 24 YEARS AND MOST RECENTLY COACHED
7 AT LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE. HE WAS THE TRUE DEFINITION OF
8 AN OLD-SCHOOL, TOUGH-LOVE COACH. DESPITE HIS TOUGH EXTERIOR,
9 NO COACH CARED MORE FOR HIS PLAYERS AND THEIR FUTURE. HE WILL
10 BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I ALSO MOVE THAT
11 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN GRANT, WHO
12 WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY. HE
13 GREW UP IN NEW YORK, WHERE HE GREW UP SERVING AS AN EPISCOPAL
14 ALTAR BOY AND A BOY SCOUT. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF BUCKNELL
15 UNIVERSITY AND ALSO SERVED AS A CAPTAIN IN THE U.S. ARMY. HE
16 LOVED JOGGING, BICYCLING, SKIING, SAILING, AND SWISS ARMY
17 KNIVES. HMM. HE SPENT HOURS SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY AND
18 VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME HELPING AT EVENTS SUPPORTING THE ROWLAND
19 HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
20 WIFE OF 63 YEARS, MARILYN, SONS, GEORGE AND GEOFF, AND FIVE
21 GRANDCHILDREN. AND MY LAST ONE IS THAT I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANTE BUTOROVIC, WHO WAS
23 80 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS BORN ON THE ISLAND OF VIS,
24 CROATIA. AND IN SEARCH OF THE AMERICAN DREAM, IN 1956 ANTE
25 IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES AND SETTLED HERE IN SAN PEDRO.

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1 THE FOLLOWING DAY, HIS COUSIN LUCY TOOK HIM TO A DANCE AT THE
2 DALMATIAN AMERICAN CLUB, WHERE SHE INTRODUCED HIM TO THE LOVE
3 OF HIS LIFE, MARTINA, AND THEY WERE MARRIED FOR OVER 56 YEARS.
4 HE WORKED AS A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN, A MECHANIC IN THE
5 SHIPYARDS AND ON TUG BOATS IN THE HARBOR, BUT HIS GREATEST
6 PASSION WAS LIFE ITSELF. ANTE LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST AND
7 WAS HAPPIEST WHEN HE WAS WITH HIS BELOVED MARTINA SURROUNDED
8 BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENJOYING ALL LIFE HAS TO OFFER. HE'S
9 SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, MARTINA, AND MANY NIECES AND
10 NEPHEWS AND GODCHILDREN. HE LIVED HIS LIFE, AT THE END, IN
11 RANCHO PALOS VERDES, AND HIS FAMILY REALLY WANTED TO GIVE A
12 HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE CAREGIVERS AT SEA BREEZE RESIDENTIAL
13 CARE HOME, AS THEY WERE A REAL BLESSING TO ANTE. IN LIEU OF
14 FLOWERS, DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN THE MEMORY OF ANTE TO THE
15 PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION OR THE DALMATIAN AMERICAN CLUB
16 SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THANK YOU, THAT WILL END MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I MOVE WHEN THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO
19 SO IN MEMORY OF LEWIS MACADAMS, A RESIDENT OF SOUTH PASADENA,
20 WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 21ST AT THE AGE OF 75. LEWIS WAS A POET
21 AND ADVOCATE FOR RESTORING THE LOS ANGELES RIVER AND WAS
22 COFOUNDER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. AS THE
23 GROUP'S FIRST PRESIDENT, HE TRANSFORMED THE NONPROFIT FROM A
24 HANDFUL OF NATURE LOVERS TO AN ORGANIZATION WITH A LIST OF
25 40,000 SUPPORTERS, ANNUAL RIVER CLEANUP EFFORTS, AND

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1 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVOCATING
2 APPROVAL OF A \$1.6 BILLION FEDERAL FUNDING TO RESTORE HABITAT,
3 WIDEN THE CHANNEL, CREATE WETLANDS, AND PROVIDE ACCESS POINTS
4 AND BIKE TRAILS. LEWIS IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARTNER, SISSY,
5 CHILDREN, NATALIA, OCEAN, WILL, AND TORII, AND HIS SIBLINGS,
6 ALAN AND KATHY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR.
7 MICHAEL MCGRATH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO
8 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE STARTED AS A SUBSTITUTE
9 TEACHER AT NEWHALL ELEMENTARY IN 1961 AND TRANSITIONED INTO
10 FULL-TIME TEACHING JOB WITH THE NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE
11 CONTINUED HIS OWN EDUCATION, EARNING A MASTER'S IN EDUCATION
12 FROM C.S.U.N. WHEN WILEY CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENED, HE
13 WAS APPOINTED ITS FIRST PRINCIPAL. IN JUNE 1972, HE WAS
14 RECEIVED HIS DOCTORAL DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY
15 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WAS APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
16 NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT, A POSITION HE HELD FOR 25 YEARS.
17 DURING HIS TENURE, HE WAS AWARDED THE EPSILON AWARD OF
18 DISTINCTION, THE A.C.S.A. OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATORS AWARD,
19 AND SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL AWARDS. HE CONSIDERED HIS
20 GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT TO BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOOD
21 SERVICE JOINT POWERS AGENCY, WHICH PROVIDED MEALS NOT ONLY FOR
22 STUDENTS IN THE NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT ALSO IN THE
23 SURROUNDING DISTRICTS. AFTER RETIREMENT, HE WORKED AS A
24 CONSULTANT, TAUGHT CLASSES, AND SUPERVISED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
25 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. HE WAS

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1 DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY AND SERVED IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS,
2 NEWHALL-SAUGUS KIWANIS CLUB, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHILD AND
3 FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ANTI-GANG TASK FORCE, BOYS & GIRLS
4 CLUB, JUST TO NAME A FEW. MIKE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
5 DOROTHY, THEIR TWO CHILDREN, MICHAEL AND MARY, AND BROTHER
6 KENNETH. AND ALSO I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN
7 IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS
8 INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
9 AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT
10 RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL,
11 HENRY APARICIO, ARMY. MICHAEL BEASLEY, NAVY. CARROLL BEZEMER,
12 NAVY. CASIE CARTER, ARMY. JOHNNY MICHAEL DRURY, ARMY. LEE
13 GORDON FREEMAN, ARMY. RODNEY CLARK FRENCH, ARMY. RICHARD CARL
14 HOFFMAN, ARMY. HERIBERTO LOPEZ LABARRERA, SR., ARMY. ANDREW W.
15 MANDESON, NAVY. RONALD C. MCFARLIN, ARMY. MICHAEL S. MENTER,
16 ARMY. RICHARD JOHN MOORE, NAVY. DOUGLAS PAGELS, ARMY. JAMES
17 HENRY RENFROW, ARMY. MELVIN RODGERS, ARMY. CLARK L.
18 RUTHERFORD, ARMY. RICHARD FULLER RYAL, ARMY. MARTIN SMITH,
19 ARMY. MICHAEL W. STEPHENS, ARMY. WILLIAM D. WARD, AIR FORCE.
20 DONALD NELSON WARREN, MARINES. FELIX JEROME WATSON, AIR FORCE.
21 AND GEOFFREY M. WILLIAMS, MARINES. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND
22 SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I AN JOIN YOU IN THE ADJOURNMENT
25 FOR LEWIS MACADAMS?

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID YOU WANT
3 TO, AS WELL?

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, YES.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITH THAT, I HAVE A MOTION BY
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF
9 THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE ACTION -- DO
10 WE HAVE TO CALL ROLL CALL ON THAT? NO, WE DON'T HAVE TO CALL
11 ROLL CALL. JUST FOR A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, WHEN I ANNOUNCED
12 THAT THE BOARD MEETING -- THE HEALTH ORDER EXPIRES ON MAY
13 15TH, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE IS PLANNING, IT MAY BE
14 EXTENDED, BUT THEY HAVE TO GET A PLAN IN PLACE. AND I KNOW
15 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS GOING TO BE PRESENTING A
16 REPORT FROM THE THRESHOLD. SO THAT DATE IS NOT IN STONE, BUT I
17 WAS DOING THAT IN THE CONTEXT THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SAYING SHE
18 WAS BRINGING IN A MOTION REGARDING BROWN ACT, AND I JUST
19 WANTED TO MAKE SURE SHE WAS AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE A CHANGE
20 IN VENUE IF, IN FACT, THE HEALTH ORDER IS LIFTED, BUT THAT
21 DETERMINATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE. IT'S ALL BASED ON WHAT PUBLIC
22 HEALTH SAYS. SO THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THAT UP FOR CONSIDERATION
23 IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR HAHN.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WITH THAT, WE ARE ADJOURNED UNTIL THE
3 NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING WILL BE REMOTELY ON
4 MAY 12TH, 2020. SO THAT CONCLUDES THE BOARD MEETING. HAVE A
5 GREAT DAY AND STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** BYE-BYE, EVERYBODY.

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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