



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 ON PAGE 171]

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME
6 TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 2020. OUR
8 MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE CURRENT
9 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW
10 TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND
11 RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS?

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HERE, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR.

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

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25 **SUP. HAHN:** PRESENT.

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

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

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

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8 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
11 BOARD?

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
16 AGENDA, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR
17 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S
18 MEETING. AFTER THE VOTE FOR THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, WE WILL
19 TAKE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS. WE WILL ALSO READ IN THE NAMES
20 AND POSITIONS OF THOSE WHO SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
21 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AND ITEMS HELD BY THE SUPERVISOR. THE
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 338 WRITTEN PUBLIC
23 COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS
24 WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS
25 FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT

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1 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
2 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
3 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
6 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SPECIAL
7 DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-10.
9 ON ITEM 1, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS
10 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 23, 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
11 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 9 AND 10, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE
12 ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE
13 POSTED AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS, 2 THROUGH 8, WILL BE HELD
14 FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS' ITEMS 11 THROUGH 56. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR
16 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE.
17 ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
18 BE HELD. ALSO, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
19 WOULD LIKE TO REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 TO INCLUDE THE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE
21 SUBCOMMITTEE; AND UNDER DIRECTIVE 1-A, INCLUDE YOUTH COMMITTEE
22 TO THE DIVERSION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WHO ARE CURRENTLY HELD IN
23 THE COUNTY, DUE TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
24 C.O.V.I.D.-19-RELATED MORATORIUM ON NEW ADMISSIONS IN THE
25 ANALYSIS. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT

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1 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 24, ADMINISTRATIVE
3 MATTERS ITEMS 21-41. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 7TH, 2020, AS INDICATED ON
5 THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 29, THE DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND
6 CULTURE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 1ST,
7 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THIS ITEM RELATES TO
8 ITEM 36. ON ITEM 36, THE DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND CULTURE REQUESTS
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2020, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 37, SUPERVISOR BARGER
11 WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 38, SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. ON PAGE 31, THIS
13 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
14 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
15 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON 39-B, SUPERVISOR
16 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS FOR
17 CONTINUANCES AND ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK, THROUGH 39-E, ARE
18 BEFORE YOU.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NOW I WILL TAKE ROLL CALL ON THAT.
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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3 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

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8 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE.
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

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15 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

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19 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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21 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES. ON
22 PAGE 33, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM CS-4 IS AN ADDITION,
23 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 35, ITEMS
24 CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND
25 ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON ITEM A-1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS

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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
2 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
5 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS EXCEPT PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2
6 THROUGH 8. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
7 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
11 8215, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 713-8614. TO REPEAT:
12 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8215, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 713-
13 8614.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. NOW
16 WILL YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF
17 THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN
20 IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
21 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
22 SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
23 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
24 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
25 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO 3 MINUTES PER

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1 PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC. WE WILL
2 ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE
3 ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE
4 ELAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
5 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
6 WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE
7 AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH
8 AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC,
9 OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM,
10 YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF
11 YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU
12 STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME
13 AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT
14 IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER
15 OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON
16 THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO
17 NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MR.
18 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** JUST AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE
21 PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. WE DO NEED YOU TO PRESS 1 THEN 0
22 TO PLACE YOUR LINE IN QUEUE FOR COMMENT. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS
23 YVETTE DIAZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. YVETTE DIAZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

2 PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** SPEAKING ON ITEM 42, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
5 MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MADAM
6 CHAIR. TODAY I SPEAK ON THE BEHALF OF THE ANGELENO FAMILIES
7 WHO HAVE LOST EMPLOYMENT, HAVE EXPERIENCED REDUCED HOURS, OR
8 HAVE FALLEN ILL BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT
9 HAVE ACCESS TO STANDARD WORKER PROTECTIONS OR UNEMPLOYMENT
10 BENEFITS. AS THE DAYS AND THE WEEKS OF THE CRISIS CONTINUE,
11 OUR LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES AND HOURLY-WAGE WORKERS NEED HELP
12 NOW. I HUMBL Y URGE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO
13 FUND A \$5 MILLION GROCERY VOUCHER COMBINED FROM PRIVATE AND
14 PHILANTHROPIC TO HELP FEED LOS ANGELES, DESPITE THE STATUS.
15 ALL ECONOMIC RELIEF IN THE WORLD IS NO GOOD IF PEOPLE ARE
16 STARVING OR STRUGGLING WITH SURVIVAL. MANY IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE
17 FALLEN BEHIND DELINQUENT ON RENT, UTILITY BILLS, CAR LOANS,
18 AND GROCERY VOUCHERS WOULD HELP OFFSET COSTS AND CONTINUE
19 PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE. AS WE
20 JUMPSTART THE ECONOMY AND BUSINESSES BEGIN TO REOPEN, FOOD
21 ACCESS STILL REMAINS THE NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY ISSUE IN LOW-
22 INCOME FAMILIES. L.A. COUNTY, PLEASE CONSIDER FUNDING A
23 GROCERY VOUCHER, AS IT WILL BE VITAL FOR SURVIVAL DURING THE
24 UPCOMING MONTHS, POST-PANDEMIC. THANK YOU.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** JULIE MCCORMICK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
4 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE
5 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS. I
8 WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS
9 OPPORTUNITY. I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER
10 OF CALIFORNIA. WE REPRESENT THE 30,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTH
11 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPENDENCY COURT IN LOS ANGELES.
12 I WANT TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR
13 PUTTING FORTH THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. WE RECOGNIZE AND
14 APPRECIATE THE ONGOING COMMITMENT YOU HAVE MADE TO BETTERING
15 THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY. SADLY, BEING A VICTIM OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT
17 GREATLY INCREASES A CHILD'S CHANCES OF BEING ARRESTED AND/OR
18 BEING DETAINED. YOUTH WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE DEPENDENCY AND
19 DELINQUENCY SYSTEMS, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS CROSSOVER OR DUAL-
20 STATUS USE, ARE AT THE HIGHEST RISK FOR FAILED OUTCOMES.
21 TODAY'S MOTION IS AIMED AT PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE
22 OF THOSE DUAL-STATUS YOUTH WHO REMAIN IN CUSTODY. DETAINED
23 YOUTH ARE AT EXTREMELY HIGH RISK OF BEING EXPOSED TO
24 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND IN FACT SOME YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 JUVENILE HALLS HAVE ALREADY TESTED POSITIVE. FROM WHAT OUR

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1 CLIENTS REPORT, THE INHERENT RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPREAD
2 OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 AT DETENTION FACILITIES IS EXACERBATED IN LOS
3 ANGELES, WHETHER IT IS AN INCONSISTENT USE OF PROTECTIVE
4 EQUIPMENT--

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6 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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8 **MODERATOR:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
9 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** REGARDING THE STREET TREE MAINTENANCE, AND I AM
12 ASKING THAT THE BOARD SUGGESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 WORKS USE NATIVE PLANTS-- OH, AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE--
14 - THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS USE NATIVE PLANTS,
15 PARTICULARLY IN THE STEVENSON RANCH AREA, WHERE MANY OAKS WERE
16 TAKEN OUT, AND THE PLACERITA CANYON AREA, WHERE IT IS ALL
17 NATIVE OAKS ANYWAY. AND I HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL CONVERSATION
18 WITH MARK AND PUBLIC WORKS, AND HOPEFULLY HE WILL MAKE THAT
19 HAPPEN. BUT I WANTED TO SUGGEST FOR OTHER AREAS THAT ARE AN
20 URBAN WILDLAND INTERFACE THAT NATIVE PLANTS BE REQUIRED FOR
21 STREET TREE MAINTENANCE, AND THAT TRIMMING BE DONE VERY
22 CAREFULLY WITH THE NATIVE PLANTS, BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE TREE
23 MAINTENANCE PEOPLE KILL THEM. AND MY PUBLIC COMMENT IS THAT I
24 THINK THAT-- I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO PLEASE FIND A WAY TO
25 CREATE A BROWN ACT COMMITTEE SO THAT WE CAN MORE APPROPRIATELY

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1 FIGURE OUT WAYS THAT THE PUBLIC CAN ADDRESS THE BOARD. IT
2 DOESN'T REALLY HELP TO HAVE A VAST MAJORITY OF COMMENTS ALL AT
3 ONCE. FOR INSTANCE, I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY VOTED ON ITEM 33.
4 SO, I WAS ON THE AGENDA EARLY TO SIGN IN TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK
5 TO YOU, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WHAT I AM SAYING IS IRRELEVANT. BUT
6 I HOPE YOU CAN DIRECT PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THAT ANYWAY, AND I
7 URGE YOU AGAIN, AS I HAVE IN PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT, TO PLEASE
8 FORM A COMMITTEE TO WORK ON THE BROWN ACT. THANK YOU.

9

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
13 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE JOB ORDER
17 CONTRACTING ITEMS, WHICH INCLUDES ITEM 33. THERE IS ALSO ONE
18 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. I THINK IT'S 39. IT IS HARD,
19 BECAUSE YOU DON'T PUT THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA RIGHT NEXT TO
20 THE GRANICUS, SO IT'S HARD TO READ IT. BUT ANYWAY, THERE'S
21 THAT AND SEVERAL OTHER ITEMS, INCLUDING 28. I THINK IT IS
22 WORTH NOTING THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IS AFFIXING HIS NAME TO
23 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER AT M.L.K. THIS COMES UP FROM TIME
24 TO TIME. CERTAINLY, SHEILA KUEHL HAS PLASTERED HER NAME AROUND
25 THE COMMUNITY, AND MIKE ANTONOVICH WAS FAMOUS. HE NAMES HIS

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1 OWN COURTHOUSES, WHERE HE THEN BRINGS ACTIONS OR DEFENDS
2 ACTIONS, WITH HIS OWN NAME. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NAME
3 THINGS AFTER IMPORTANT FIGURES. I THINK IT'S TOTALLY
4 INAPPROPRIATE WHILE THEY ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN OFFICE. IT
5 JUST SEEMS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE. AND I KNOW THERE'S A LONG
6 HISTORY. WE DISAGREE IN THE MANY INCUMBENTS. IF YOU GO TO THE
7 WEST SIDE, YOU CAN SEE THE MIKE BONIN AND SHEILA KUEHL SIGNS
8 VYING FOR ATTENTION. IN STUDIO CITY, YOU CAN SEE SHEILA KUEHL
9 AT THE LOCAL FRYMAN PARK. IT IS JUST A GLORIFICATION THAT IS
10 UNNECESSARY, SINCE THEY OBVIOUSLY ARE NOT REALLY RESPONSIBLE
11 FOR THE PARKS OR THE HOSPITALS. THEY ARE WORKING AND DOING
12 THEIR JOBS. AND SOMETIMES THEY DO THEIR JOBS WELL, WHICH I
13 THINK IS WORTH CELEBRATING. THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM CS-4
14 TODAY, I GUESS, IS THE L.A. ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LAWSUIT
15 AGAINST THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, AND WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THIS
16 CLOSELY. THIS IS THE ONE WITH JUDGE CARTER, WHO HAS BEEN
17 ALTERNATELY THROWING HIMSELF AROUND, AND SAYING, "WE CAN'T
18 HAVE PEOPLE LIVING BY THE ROADWAYS." AND IT OCCURRED TO MANY
19 OF US THAT, OF COURSE, WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE LIVING UNDER THE
20 UNDERPASSES, BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE MANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UP
21 AND DOWN THE CORRIDORS THAT ARE CONSTANTLY BEING-- I MEAN, MY
22 HEART GOES OUT TO FOLKS WHO ARE LIVING ADJACENT TO A HIGHWAY,
23 BUT WE JUST SEEM TO BE FLOUNDERING AROUND A LITTLE BIT. AND I
24 KNOW THAT WE ARE IN A CRISIS WITHIN A CRISIS, WHICH IS WHY I'M

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1 GOING TO LIGHTLY TOUCH ON THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING, WHICH IS
2 A GROUP OF COMPANIES--

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **MODERATOR:** VICKY VAUGHN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
7 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS VICKY VAUGHN, SPEAKING ON ITEM 42, GENERAL
11 PUBLIC. I AM A UNITED PARENT AND STUDENT LEADER, AND I WOULD
12 LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO DEVELOP A \$5 MILLION EMERGENCY
13 GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAM FUND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY GROCERY
14 VOUCHERS TO OUR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, LIKE MINE, THAT HAVE BEEN
15 FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. THERE ARE THREE ADULTS
16 LIVING IN MY HOUSE, BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE INCOME SINCE THE
17 CLOSURE OF BUSINESSES DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. IN ADDITION TO
18 THIS, THE GROCERY STORES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE INCREASED
19 PRICES, AND THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS.
20 WE'RE TALKING TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS. THEY ARE
21 EXPERIENCING SIMILAR HARDSHIP. LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH
22 CHILDREN ARE BEING AFFECTED THE MOST. IT IS VERY HEARTBREAKING
23 WHEN I SPEAK WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE STRUGGLING TO FEED
24 THEIR CHILDREN, AND ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY PAYING THEIR BILLS.
25 WE ARE LOOKING TO YOU FOR HELP. THANK YOU.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** HERMAN PRECIADO, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
5 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
6 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 42 OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT. I AM A PARENT LEADER WITH THE UNITED PARENTS AND
10 STUDENTS, A WIFE, AND A MOTHER OF FOUR. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF
11 THE WORKING-CLASS HOMEOWNER COMMUNITY IN THE FLORENCE-
12 FIRESTONE DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY THIS
13 PANDEMIC. MY HUSBAND'S REDUCED HOURS AT WORK HAS LEFT US
14 STRUGGLING TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR OUR FAMILY. WE ARE NOT
15 ELIGIBLE FOR TRADITIONAL D.P.S.S. PROGRAMS, SO I AM HERE TO
16 URGE THE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A \$5 MILLION FUND IN EMERGENCY
17 GROCERY VOUCHERS TO HELP FAMILIES LIKE OURS AS WE STRUGGLE TO
18 KEEP OUR HEADS ABOVE WATER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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22 **MODERATOR:** CHRISTINA GRACIANO, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
23 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
24 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 42 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA GRACIANO. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY, AND I AM URGING COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO DEVELOP
4 A FUND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY GROCERY VOUCHERS TO FAMILIES THAT
5 HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. IN THESE TIMES, IT IS HAS
6 BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO FIND GROCERIES AND
7 CLEANING SUPPLIES, AND NOT HAVING THE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR
8 THEM TO PURCHASE THESE ITEMS IS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT AND
9 CREATES A NEW STRUGGLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR
10 UNDERSTANDING AND LEADERSHIP DURING THESE TIMES.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** MARCEL RODARTE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
15 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
16 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
19 ITEM 39-B, THE SAFER AT WORK AND SAFER AT HOME IN OUR
20 COMMUNITIES. AS YOU KNOW, I SENT A LETTER THIS MORNING. WE HAD
21 A VERY QUICK TURNAROUND TIME ON THAT, BUT WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY
22 SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO ALLOW VARIANCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
23 TO GET PARTS OF THE COUNTY TO REOPEN. FORTUNATELY, THE
24 GOVERNOR MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WEEK THAT IS GOING TO ALLOW
25 SOME OF OUR BUSINESSES TO REOPEN, IN A SENSE OF LOCAL CONTROL.

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1 WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR
2 LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, AND CONTINUE THE GOOD
3 WORK. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** JONATHAN GARCON, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
8 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
9 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS JONATHAN GARCON, SPEAKING ON ITEM 42, GENERAL
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS JONATHAN
13 GARCON, AND I'M A UNITED PARENTS AND STUDENTS LEADER, AND I AM
14 HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO
15 PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, TO STRONGLY URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS, TOGETHER WITH PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, TO
17 DEVELOP A \$5 MILLION FUND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY GROCERY
18 VOUCHERS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITHOUT A JOB AND WITHOUT
19 INCOME DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. AND THOSE THAT GOT VOUCHERS SHOULD BE
20 FOR THOSE NOT SERVED BY TRADITIONAL D.P.S.S. PROGRAMS. IN
21 LOOKING AT THE DATA COMING OUT OF [INAUDIBLE] UNDERSTANDING
22 CORONAVIRUS IN AMERICA, IT SHOWS THAT ANGELENOS ARE
23 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE HAVE LOST THEIR
24 JOBS, AND LESS THAN HALF THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA STILL HAVE
25 [INAUDIBLE]. GETTING THIS VOUCHER PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE MUCH-

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1 NEEDED RELIEF TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE
2 CURRENTLY STRUGGLING TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. AND I THANK YOU
3 FOR ADDRESSING IT.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** DREW BOYLES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
8 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
9 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

10

11 **DREW BOYLES:** ITEM 39-B ONLY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND
12 STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M THE MAYOR OF EL SEGUNDO,
13 DREW BOYLES, AND I WANT TO ACTUALLY OFFER OUR WHOLEHEARTED AND
14 UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE SAFER AT WORK AND
15 SAFER IN OUR COMMUNITIES MOTION MADE BY SUPERVISORS BARGER AND
16 HAHN THIS MORNING. AND WE SENT A LETTER ON MAY 21ST WITH A
17 SPECIFIC REQUEST TO SUPERVISOR HAHN TO ELIMINATE RETAIL
18 CURBSIDE-ONLY RESTRICTIONS, AND ALLOW SOUTH BAY BUSINESSES AND
19 RESTAURANTS TO REOPEN UNDER STATE AND COUNTY PHASE THREE
20 GUIDELINES. WHILE L.A. COUNTY HAS ENTERED STAGE TWO, AS YOU
21 ALL KNOW, THERE ARE LESS AFFECTED PARTS OF THE COUNTIES IN
22 TERMS OF THE PANDEMIC, SUCH AS THE SOUTH BAY IN GENERAL, AND
23 EL SEGUNDO IN PARTICULAR. WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FORGE AHEAD
24 IN A LESS RESTRICTIVE ASPECT TO STAGE THREE, AND WE ARE ABLE
25 TO ATTEST THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND ESSENTIAL

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1 WORKERS. WE'VE HAD 32 TOTAL CASES AND TWO ACTIVE, AS RECENTLY
2 DEFINED BY OUR FIRE CHIEF.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
5 PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** GINA VIOLA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
8 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
9 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
12 COMMENT, PLEASE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GINA VIOLA, AND I
13 LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE NO
14 ON ITEM 12. DO NOT POSTPONE THE PLANNED MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE.
15 WE NEED HIGH LEVELS OF SPENDING TO BOOST ECONOMIC RECOVERY,
16 AND WE CAN'T DO THAT BY TAKING AWAY A RAISE THAT WORKING
17 FAMILIES HAVE BEEN COUNTING ON. THIS HAS BEEN YEARS IN THE
18 MAKING. YOU CANNOT DELAY THIS NOW. FRANKLY, WE HAVE BEEN
19 WORKING ON THIS FOR SO MANY YEARS, \$15 AN HOUR ISN'T EVEN
20 ENOUGH. WE NEED TO START A NEW PUSH FOR SOMETHING CLOSER TO
21 \$25 AN HOUR. SO PLEASE DON'T GO BACKWARDS AND MAKE WORKERS
22 SHOULDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO
23 SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. FOR MY PUBLIC
24 COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE ARE
25 REOPENING STORES. AND WHEN I JUST HEARD ONE EMPLOYER TALK

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1 ABOUT ASSURANCES OF KEEPING THE PUBLIC AND HIS WORKERS SAFE,
2 WILL ALL RETAIL WORKERS, WILL YOU VALIDATE THAT THEY HAVE
3 HEALTH INSURANCE? I DON'T FEEL ANYBODY CAN GO BACK TO WORK
4 UNLESS WE KNOW FOR SURE THEY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, BECAUSE
5 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET SICK. THERE'S NO WAY TO AVOID THAT.
6 THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR WHEN THEY GET SICK.
7 IT IS TIME FOR L.A. TO LOOK AT UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AS A
8 COUNTY. IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NOT GOING TO DO IT FOR US
9 AND THE STATE'S NOT GOING TO DO IT FOR US, THEN LET'S FOLLOW
10 IN SAN FRANCISCO'S FOOTSTEPS AND DO IT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
11 UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** PATRICIA RUSSELL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
16 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
17 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** ITEMS 21, 24, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. ITEM 21, ABOUT THE
20 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THAT.
21 EVEN BEFORE C.O.V.I.D. HIT, NURSING HOMES WERE DEFINITELY NOT
22 BEING MONITORED. I HAVE A SISTER IN A NURSING HOME FOR THE
23 LAST FOUR YEARS, AND SHE PASSED AWAY-- NOT OF C.O.V.I.D., BUT
24 BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE STAFFING, INADEQUATE CARE, NOT BEING
25 ABLE TO GET LICENSING TO ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT WAS

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1 GOING ON. AND SO, NOW THERE'S A PANDEMIC, IT IS SO MUCH MORE
2 SERIOUS. I REALLY HOPE THAT THERE IS MORE TESTING AND MORE
3 MONITORING, AND I'M ALL FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE
4 RECOMMENDING, SUPERVISOR THOMAS. ITEM 24, FOR THE HOMELESS, I
5 THINK WE HAVE TO THINK WITHOUT A BOX. I THINK IT'S TIME TO
6 REALLY THINK OF REALLY INNOVATIVE WAYS OF CREATING INTENTIONAL
7 COMMUNITIES THAT DR. SHERIN TALKED ABOUT SO OFTEN, BOTH URBAN
8 INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS RURAL. I HAVE BEEN WORKING
9 WITH SOMEONE FOR OVER TWO YEARS WITH A VERY INNOVATIVE WAY OF
10 DOING THIS, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND CREATING THESE
11 COMMUNITIES SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE A WAY OF MOVING FORWARD WITH
12 THEIR LIVES. AND ESPECIALLY NOW, WITH THE PANDEMIC, IT IS VERY
13 IMPORTANT TO CREATE THESE COMMUNITIES WITH THAT IN MIND. AND
14 THEN, WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT, I AM A SMALL-TIME LANDLADY. I
15 OWN FOUR PROPERTIES, AND I AM NOT ABLE TO PAY RENT BECAUSE OF
16 THE C.O.V.I.D. EMERGENCY, AND I AM AFRAID OF LOSING MY HOMES.
17 AND THEN SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT, I'M TOLD THAT'S
18 ONE OF THE TWO DISTRICTS THAT DON'T GIVE ANY HELP FOR THE
19 LANDLORDS' PANDEMIC CRISES. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY. I
20 REALLY HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU DON'T KEEP GOING WITH THE
21 MORATORIUM, AND OFFER HELP FOR LANDLORDS SO THEY DON'T LOSE
22 THEIR PROPERTIES, AND SO WE CAN ACTUALLY EAT, BECAUSE THAT IS
23 MY ONLY INCOME. I AM A SENIOR, BUT MY ONLY INCOME IS FOUR
24 RENTAL PROPERTIES. THAT IS HALF MY INCOME. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** MARK HEMSTREET, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
4 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
5 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **MARK HEMSTREET:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM
8 NUMBER 12. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
9 IS MARK HEMSTREET. I AM THE C.E.O. FOR THE LANCASTER CHAMBER
10 OF COMMERCE, AND I AM TALKING ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD
11 OFF ON THE MINIMUM WAGE, AND TO ALIGN IT WITH OUR STATE
12 MINIMUM WAGE, WHICH I THINK IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA. THERE ARE
13 SOME POINTS THAT I WILL ADDRESS. POINT NUMBER 1 IS THAT DURING
14 THIS PANDEMIC, DURING THE CLOSURES, OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR
15 COMMUNITIES ARE VERY, VERY CLOSE TO NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY
16 OPEN OR REOPEN. I HAVE TALKED TO MEMBERS IN THE OUTLYING AREAS
17 OF LITTLE ROCK AND SOME OF THESE AREAS THAT THESE BUSINESSES
18 JUST-- THEY DO NOT HAVE THE CAPITAL... YOU KNOW, THEY'RE
19 HOLDING OUT FOR TWO TO THREE MONTHS OF NO BUSINESS, AND THEN
20 SHOULDERING AN INCREASE ON THE MINIMUM WAGE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES
21 IS REALLY DIFFICULT, AND IT JUST-- I MEAN, SOME OF THESE
22 BUSINESSES JUST-- WE ARE GOING TO SHUT DOWN BUSINESSES IF THIS
23 CONTINUES.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** MAYOR PATRICK FUREY, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
7 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **MAYOR PATRICK FUREY:** I AM CALLING ON SUPPORT OF ITEM 39-B.
11 MADAM CHAIR BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M TORRANCE
12 MAYOR PAT FUREY. WE SUBMITTED A DETAILED LETTER OF ALL THE
13 REASONS WHY WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BY CHAIR BARGER AND
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THERE'S 88
15 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT CITIES WITHIN OUR COUNTY, AND WE ALL
16 BELIEVE THAT WE ARE DIFFERENT AND DISTINCT, AND WE BELIEVE FOR
17 THOSE REASONS WE ARE BEST TO UNDERSTAND THE ABILITIES TO OPEN
18 UP OUR CITIES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. SACRAMENTO DOESN'T
19 UNDERSTAND THE SIZE AND GIRTH OF OUR COUNTY: MORE THAN 10
20 MILLION PEOPLE AND MORE THAN 3500 SQUARE MILES. SO I FULLY
21 SUPPORT YOUR MOTION, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING IT
22 FORWARD. GOOD LUCK WITH THIS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** JUST A REMINDER: 1 FOLLOWED BY 0 IF YOU'D LIKE TO
2 PLACE YOURSELF IN QUEUE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT WE HAVE DEVON
3 WOLFF. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
4 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 39-B. AS
8 A BUSINESS OWNER OF TWO BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF AGOURA
9 HILLS, WE ARE HOPING FOR A VARIANCE, AS THERE HAS BEEN ZERO
10 C.O.V.I.D. DEATHS IN OUR CITY. AND WE'VE HAD TO SHUT DOWN TWO
11 RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING BARS, AND HAVE ONLY MOVED TO TAKEOUT,
12 WHICH HAS CAUSED A HUGE FINANCIAL STRAIN, AS WELL AS LAYING
13 OFF SEVERAL EMPLOYEES. WE KNOW VARIOUS BUSINESSES IN VENTURA
14 COUNTY HAVE REOPENED, AND WE ARE JUST LOOKING TO MOVE INTO
15 THEIR SAME FOOTSTEPS, OBVIOUSLY FOLLOWING VERY CAREFUL
16 GUIDELINES FROM THE C.D.C. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** JASMINE BRIONES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
21 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
22 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 42, AND IT'S FOR GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JASMINE BRIONES, AND I AM A

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1 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM URGING COUNTY SUPERVISORS
2 TO DEVELOP EMERGENCY GROCERY VOUCHERS TO FAMILIES THAT HAVE
3 BEEN FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. DURING THIS TIME,
4 I THINK FAMILIES ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO PAY BILLS AND PUT
5 FOOD ON THE TABLE. THIS FUND WILL HELP MANY OF THE RESIDENTS
6 IN YOUR DISTRICTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. DANIEL SELLECK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
11 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
12 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DANIEL SELLECK, AND I AM SPEAKING IN
15 SUPPORT OF ITEM 39-B. I AM THE OWNER OF THE SHOPS AT WESTLAKE
16 VILLAGE, AND I'M REPRESENTING ABOUT 30 TENANTS IN THE CENTER.
17 WE ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO VENTURA COUNTY, AND
18 THEIR BUSINESSES OPENED LAST THURSDAY, WHICH PUT OUR TENANTS
19 AT A DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE. WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE
20 VARIANCE IMMEDIATELY TO OPEN OUR BUSINESSES. OUR BUSINESSES
21 ARE COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENTING ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES
22 TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND PATRONS, AND I STRONGLY
23 URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF ITEM 39-B, AND THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER
24 AND HAHN FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER. THANK YOU VERY
25 MUCH.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4 **MODERATOR:** JOSEPH MAIZLISH, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
5 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
6 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

7

8 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING. MY ITEMS ARE GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT, ITEM 12, AND ITEM 22. THE NEW PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS
10 DOESN'T ALLOW COMMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE PRESENTATIONS
11 THAT TAKE PLACE AT YOUR MEETINGS, AND TO THE QUESTIONS AND
12 POINTS THAT YOU BRING UP IN DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE. THERE
13 ARE WAYS TO CHANGE THIS, AND I AM SURE YOU CAN WORK THEM OUT.
14 SIMPLEST IS PROBABLY TO HAVE COMMENT ON EACH ITEM RIGHT BEFORE
15 THE VOTES ON THAT. MAY BE INCONVENIENT, BUT THEN WAIT A
16 MINUTE. IF DECISIONS AREN'T INCLUSIVE ENOUGH OF WHAT THE
17 PUBLIC CAN OFFER, WELL, THAT'S INCONVENIENT, TOO, TO EVERYONE.
18 OTHER WAYS ARE TO HOLD SEPARATE HEARINGS, LIKE ALL THE
19 LEGISLATURES DO THAT YOU HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF. NOW I WOULD
20 LIKE TO MOVE TO ITEM 12. AN ENGRAVING ON THE WALL BEHIND WHERE
21 YOU USED TO SIT SAYS, "FREE ENTERPRISE BUILT THIS COUNTY.
22 PRESERVE AND CHERISH IT." BUT WHO IS AN ENTREPRENEUR? EVERYONE
23 SEEKING A RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT OF THEIR LABOR AND THEIR
24 EFFORTS IS AN ENTREPRENEUR, AND SHOULD BE HELPED IN GETTING A
25 GOOD RETURN ON INVESTMENT. IF YOU DO DECIDE TO STUDY THIS

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1 SITUATION, I KNOW IT IS NOT THE ONE IN WHICH YOU PASSED THIS
2 IN 2015, BUT YOU DID SOME CAREFUL STUDY THEN. BUT IF YOU DO
3 THIS STUDY NOW, YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT
4 WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPOSED ON THOSE EARNING THE MINIMUM, AND
5 ON THEIR COMMUNITIES, IF THE NEXT STEPS ARE NOT TAKEN AS
6 SCHEDULED, OR EVEN SOONER IF YOU CAN, BUT AS SCHEDULED.
7 INEQUALITY IS BEHIND SOME OF THE EXTREME DAMAGE THAT THE
8 PANDEMIC IS DOING, AND IT DOES ITS OWN DAMAGE ALL THE TIME,
9 PANDEMIC OR NOT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE SOME
10 CHALLENGES TO JOBS IN SOME BUSINESSES. THEY CERTAINLY NEED
11 SUPPORT, BUT THE COST OF THAT SUPPORT SHOULD NOT BE PREVENTING
12 AN INCREASE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT. YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT
13 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THAT EARN, OR GET IN A DAY, WHAT OTHERS
14 GET IN A YEAR AT THE MINIMUM, IF THEY ARE WORKING FULL TIME.
15 AND, BY THE WAY, IF SOME JOBS ARE LOST, SOME JOBS ARE
16 INCREASED BECAUSE THERE'S GREATER PURCHASING POWER GOING TO
17 THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING THE INCREASED MINIMUM. YOU CAN DO
18 OTHER THINGS, TOO, THAT ARE A WAGE RELIEF TO EVERYBODY,
19 INCLUDING EMPLOYERS, LIKE CAMPAIGNING FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO
20 MEDICAL CARE. AND NOW ITEM 22, PREPARATION FOR THE CLOSURE OF
21 D.J.J. THIS SOUNDS LIKE A PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT OF 2011,
22 EXCEPT THIS TIME FOR YOUTH: A SHIFT TO PEOPLE AND COST TO THE
23 COUNTIES. I AGREE THE MOTION SAYS IT VERY WELL, AND THANK YOU,
24 ALL OF YOU AND THE ADVOCATES, FOR GIVING THE COUNTY A RUNNING
25 START IN SOME OF THE MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED, AND THE

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1 STUDIES WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THAT ARE BEING DONE. I AM A
2 MEMBER OF THE L.A. REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP STEERING
3 COMMITTEE, AND--

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** JAIME GARCIA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
8 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
9 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. IT'S JAIME GARCIA, WITH THE HOSPITAL
12 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, REPRESENTING 93 HOSPITALS
13 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON
14 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23. REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
15 OF SENIORS, DISABLED INDIVIDUALS, AND CAREGIVERS IN SKILLED
16 NURSING FACILITIES IS A MAJOR CONCERN. UNFORTUNATELY, NURSING
17 FACILITIES HAVE BECOME THE EPICENTER OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
18 EPIDEMIC. IT IS IN OUR COLLECTIVE INTEREST THAT THE BOARD WORK
19 TO SUPPORT THIS, GIVEN THAT THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY
20 RESOURCE FOR INDIVIDUALS POST-HOSPITALIZATION. THE ACUTE-CARE
21 HOSPITALS ARE ALREADY SEEING DECREASED SKILLED NURSING BED
22 CAPACITY, AND FURTHER REDUCTIONS WILL DELAY HOSPITAL
23 DISCHARGES. IF THE COUNTY MOVES TO BLOCK THIS MOTION, WE
24 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WORK TO ENSURE
25 THAT TESTING PLANS ARE OPERATIONALIZED AT THESE FACILITIES,

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1 BUT ALSO THAT THE I.G. ALSO POSITION THEMSELVES AS A
2 COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE TO IMPROVE INFECTION PREVENTION AND
3 INPATIENT SAFETY, AND AVOID PUNITIVE PHILOSOPHY, WHERE THESE
4 FACILITIES CAN BE DETERRED FROM SEEKING GUIDANCE AND
5 ASSISTANCE.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** SELENA GONZALEZ, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
10 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
11 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 42, GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS SELENA GONZALEZ, SENIOR AT LOCKE
15 HIGH SCHOOL AND A UNITED PARENTS AND STUDENTS MEMBER. I WOULD
16 LIKE TO URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CREATE A
17 \$5 MILLION FUND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY GROCERY VOUCHERS FOR LOW-
18 INCOME FAMILIES LIKE MINE, THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY
19 C.O.V.I.D.-19. MY FAMILY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS FUND BECAUSE
20 MY DAD IS THE PRIMARY PROVIDER FOR MY HOUSEHOLD, BUT SINCE
21 THIS EPIDEMIC BREAKOUT, HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO WORK, WHICH
22 HAS LEFT MY FAMILY RUNNING OUT OF RESOURCES. THIS FUND WILL
23 ALSO BENEFIT MY COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY ARE LOW-INCOME
24 FAMILIES, AND THIS BREAKOUT JUST MAKES IT THAT MUCH MORE
25 DIFFICULT FOR US TO WORK AND GET INCOME. THE FUND WOULD BE A

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1 HUGE HELP, AND MY COMMUNITY AND I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **MODERATOR:** NED DAVIS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON

8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

9

10 **NED DAVIS:** HI. THIS IS COUNCILMEMBER NED DAVIS, WITH THE CITY
11 OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF 39-B. THE CITY OF
12 WESTLAKE VILLAGE URGES YOUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION
13 BEING PUT FORTH TO WORK WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO OBTAIN
14 A VARIANCE ON BEHALF OF INTERESTED CITIES, INCLUDING WESTLAKE
15 VILLAGE, TO TAKE ALL STEPS TO PURSUE A VARIANCE FOR LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY AS A WHOLE. THE CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE IS
17 IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, WHICH RECEIVED
18 AND BEGAN IMPLEMENTING A COUNTYWIDE VARIANCE ON MAY 20. THE
19 DATA AND SCIENCE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 INFECTION RATES IN THE CITY
20 OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE IS LESS THAN CITIES IN VENTURA COUNTY, AND
21 THE SAME HOSPITAL SYSTEM DATA AND HEALTHCARE METRICS USED TO
22 APPROVE VENTURA COUNTY'S VARIANCE APPLY TO THE CITY OF
23 WESTLAKE VILLAGE. OUR CITY IS FACED WITH BUSINESSES ON ONE
24 SIDE OF THE STREET LOCATED IN VENTURA COUNTY REOPENING, WHILE
25 SIMILAR BUSINESSES ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREET, LOCATED

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1 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MUST REMAIN CLOSED. THE CITY OF
2 WESTLAKE VILLAGE MEETS ALL THE NECESSARY METRICS TO QUALIFY
3 FOR THE VARIANCE. THE CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE STRONGLY URGES
4 YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
5 THE ENTIRE WESTLAKE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF
6 OUR FAIR CITY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** DANIELLE BORJA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
11 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
12 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **DANIELLE BORJA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING ON
15 ITEM 39-B. MY NAME IS DANIELLE BORJA, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF
16 THE GREATER CONEJO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M URGING THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT ITEM 39-B, TO CREATE A LOCAL
18 VARIANCE FOR CITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE A COALITION OF
19 OVER 85 LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE
20 CITIES IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE AND AGOURA HILLS FORM A VARIETY OF
21 INDUSTRIES THAT ALSO SUPPORT A LOCAL VARIANCE FOR OUR CONEJO
22 VALLEY REGION. MOST NOTABLY, IN WEST LAKE VILLAGE, BUSINESSES
23 100 FEET FROM OUR COUNTY LINE ARE CLOSED OR OPERATING IN
24 LIMITED CAPACITIES, WHILE BUSINESSES IN VENTURA COUNTY ARE
25 ALLOWED TO REMAIN OPEN. WHILE PUBLIC HEALTH IS ALWAYS THE

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1 PARAMOUNT CONCERN FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OUR REGION HAS
2 PERFORMED MUCH BETTER THAN OUR NEIGHBORS IN MORE DENSELY
3 POPULATED REGIONS OF THE COUNTY. THIS SHUTDOWN IS HAVING REAL
4 ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN OUR OTHERWISE SAFE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
5 ALREADY SUFFERED DUE TO ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE WOOLSEY FIRE
6 THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** RICK BRIGHT, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
11 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
12 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING, ALSO, ON ITEM 39-B AND
15 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM SAFER AT WORK AND SAFER IN OUR
16 COMMUNITIES. I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OPERATIONS BOARD AT
17 CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CALIFORNIA, AND
18 WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO PUSH FORWARD ON THIS
19 VARIANCE FOR THE WESTLAKE VILLAGE AND AGOURA HILLS AREA. WE
20 BELIEVE THE STATISTICS AND THE DATA SHOW THAT OUR AREA IS
21 SAFE. WE COMMIT TO ADHERING TO THE REGULATIONS AND THE
22 GUIDELINES THAT ARE SET FORTH BY THE STATE AND THE CITY AND
23 THE COUNTY, BUT WE DO HEARTILY ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF THIS
24 VARIATION FOR WESTLAKE VILLAGE AND AGOURA HILLS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** ESTA MCINTYRE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
4 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
5 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

6

7 **ESTA MCINTYRE:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

9 **MODERATOR:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

10

11 **ESTA MCINTYRE:** OKAY. MY NAME IS ESTA MCINTYRE, AND I AM
12 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA NUMBER 39-B. THANK YOU FOR THIS
13 OPPORTUNITY. I OWN MY HEALTH STUDIO IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE, AND
14 WE FEEL THAT OBTAINING A VARIANCE FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE
15 VILLAGE IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. AS HAS BEEN STATED, WE
16 ARE ON THE BORDER OF VENTURA COUNTY, WHOSE BUSINESSES OPENED
17 LAST WEEK. WE ARE, IN FACT, JUST ACROSS THE STREET. THE
18 BUSINESSES OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE, MANY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LAST
19 IF WE CANNOT OBTAIN THIS VARIANCE. OUR SURVIVAL RATE IS 100
20 PERCENT, AS HAS BEEN STATED EARLIER, AND I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR
21 15 YEARS IN THIS CITY. WE ARE PREPARED TO OPEN, GOING ABOVE
22 AND BEYOND THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. AND I JUST THANK YOU FOR
23 YOUR CONSIDERATION IN SUPPORT OF 39-B.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** VERONICA ESPINOZA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
3 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
4 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

7

8 **TRANSLATOR:** HI. I AM CALLING REGARDING ITEM 42 AND THE GENERAL
9 PUBLIC. MY NAME IS VERONICA. I AM CALLING BECAUSE I HAVE A JOB
10 DOWNTOWN, WHICH I HAVE LOST. ALSO, MY HUSBAND WAS DEPORTED.
11 [INAUDIBLE] AND THEY EAT MORE THAN THEY USED TO, AND I AM
12 UNABLE TO KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE. I AM ASKING THAT YOU GIVE
13 MONEY TO SUPPORT US FOR FOOD IN ITEMS LIKE THIS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** MR. MODERATOR, WE'VE CONCLUDED OUR CURRENT
16 INTERPRETATION. I'LL TURN IT OVER NOW TO YOU, TO CONTINUE WITH
17 ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** DAVID GASPAR, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
20 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE AN AGENDA ITEM THAT I WANTED TO ADDRESS.
24 I JUST WANTED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE COMMENTS TO THE BOARD. IS
25 THAT STILL OKAY?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO BRING SOMETHING TO
5 THE BOARD'S ATTENTION. MY NAME IS DAVID GASPAR. I LIVE IN THE
6 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. ON MARCH 2ND, I BECAME ILL AND I HAD TO
7 CALL 911. I WAS TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL IN AN AMBULANCE
8 OWNED BY A.M.R., WHICH STANDS FOR AMERICAN MEDICAL RESOURCES.
9 THREE WEEKS AFTER THAT, I RECEIVED A BILL FROM THEM THAT
10 TOTALED \$2,551. THE BILL STATES THAT I WAS TRANSPORTED 5
11 MILES, AND THAT COMES OUT TO A CHARGE OF \$510 PER MILE. I
12 SPOKE TO A.M.R. REGARDING THE EXCESSIVE CHARGES, AND THEY WILL
13 ONLY REFER ME TO WORK WITH MY INSURANCE COMPANY. I'VE GOTTEN
14 NO REDRESS TO MY GRIEVANCES ON THIS. I DECIDED TO REACH OUT
15 AND ASK THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD PLEASE CONSIDER RECOMMENDING
16 AN INVESTIGATION INTO A.M.R. AND THEIR BILLING PRACTICES. THEY
17 HAVE A MONOPOLY HERE IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, AND WHEN
18 THEY TRANSPORT PATIENTS, I FEEL THAT \$2,551 IS OBSCENELY
19 OVERPRICED TO DRIVE SOMEBODY FIVE MILES TO THE HOSPITAL.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. CAN I SAY
24 SOMETHING?

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, I AM THINKING, THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF
4 PUBLIC COMMENTS WHERE, IF WE WERE IN THE BOARDROOM, WE WOULD
5 FIND OUT WHERE THE PERSON LIVED, AND THERE WOULD'VE BEEN THAT
6 CONSTITUENCY ADVOCACY GROUP IN THE BACK, AND WE WOULD SAY,
7 "CAN YOU GO BACK THERE AND LET US SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU?" IS
8 THERE A WAY THAT OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAN TRIAGE SOME OF
9 THESE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT--

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. ON THAT ONE, HE'S A SANTA CLARITA
12 RESIDENT, AND I'VE GOT HIS NAME, AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTACT
13 HIM. SO, YES. I WAS GOING TO MAKE THAT COMMENT WHEN HE WAS--

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE THAT I WAS THINKING
16 COULD USE SOME HELP, AND IT WOULD BE NICE IF OUR EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER COULD ALREADY BE TRIAGING THESE FOLKS FOR SOME
18 ADDITIONAL HELP.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SHE WILL TRIAGE TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES
21 WHERE THE CONSTITUENTS RESIDE.

22

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

24

25 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** EMILY CABRAL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
3 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS EMILY CABRAL, AND I AM HERE TO COMMENT ON
7 AGENDA ITEM 39-B, IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A VARIANCE WITHIN L.A.
8 COUNTY FOR REOPENING SMALL BUSINESSES. I AM A SMALL BUSINESS
9 OWNER WHO HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPACTED BY THE CLOSURE OF MY
10 BUSINESS, AND AS HAS BEEN STATED BEFORE, THE MEASURES BY THE
11 STATE AND BY L.A. COUNTY DO NOT ACCURATELY REPRESENT OUR
12 CITIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE ONLY HAD 33 CASES OF
13 C.O.V.I.D., IN TOTAL, AND 0 DEATHS IN AGOURA HILLS. I RUN A
14 VERY SMALL BUSINESS THAT SERVES A VERY SMALL PORTION OF THE
15 POPULATION, AND YET I AM UNABLE TO DO SO, AS ARE MANY OTHER
16 BUSINESSES. AS OUR AREA HAS BEEN HIT GREATLY, AS MENTIONED
17 BEFORE, BY THE WOOLSEY FIRES AND OTHER ECONOMIC HITS, IT WILL
18 BE VERY HARD TO RECOVER FROM THIS, EVEN BEING ALLOWED TO OPEN
19 EARLY. SO WE GREATLY REQUEST THAT YOU PUSH FORWARD ON THIS,
20 AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR YOUR TIME.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** DONALD FERRIS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
2 ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MADAM
6 CHAIR. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 39-B ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
7 AGENDA. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
8 SPOKEN, INCLUDING COUNCILMAN DAVIS AND DAN SELLECK, REGARDING
9 OPENING UP WESTLAKE VILLAGE. YOU HAVE BEEN EDUCATED THAT WE
10 ARE IN NORTHERN L.A. COUNTY, 100 YARDS AWAY. THE WESTLAKE
11 VILLAGE INN SITS AND... ALL THE OTHER BUSINESSES ARE OPEN IN
12 VENTURA COUNTY, AND WE ARE NOT. I MEAN, I THINK THAT, YOU
13 KNOW, BASICALLY 60 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY IS
14 OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF L.A., AND SO THEREFORE, I THINK THE
15 REST OF THE COUNTY IS BEING PUNISHED BY THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES. WESTLAKE VILLAGE HAS SIX CASES, NO DEATHS, NO CASES
17 IN THE LAST 30 DAYS, AND WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO ALLOW US TO
18 OPEN UP UNDER SPECIFIC HEALTH GUIDELINES, INCLUDING OUTDOOR
19 DINING. I MEAN, WE ARE IN A POSITION WHERE MANY BUSINESSES
20 WILL NOT SURVIVE WHEN THE CURRENT P.P.P. GOVERNMENT
21 LIMITATIONS--

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** NANCY MARX, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
2 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I AM ADDRESSING 39-B. MY NAME IS NANCY MARX, AND I'M
6 THE OWNER OF A GLASS ART STUDIO IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE. WE ARE
7 VERY UNIQUE. WE OFFER CLASSES IN MOSAIC, STAINED, AND FUSED
8 GLASS. I WAS ONLY OPEN FOR SIX WEEKS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. THIS
9 BUSINESS IS MY DREAM: TO OPEN A LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE TO BE
10 CREATIVE AND INSPIRED. AND WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, IT IS CLEAR
11 THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES THAT GO ON, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT
12 OPENING UP A STUDIO WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME AND RELAX AND BE
13 CREATIVE IS SO CRITICAL FOR THE MENTAL STATE OF OUR COMMUNITY.
14 WE DO HAVE VERY FEW CASES, AS HAS BEEN NOTED ALREADY. IT WILL
15 BE HARD, AS I HAVE TO OPEN UP AND BE SMALLER, BUT I STILL WANT
16 TO DRIVE MY BUSINESS, AND I HOPE I CAN SURVIVE. BUT I NEED TO
17 OPEN SOON OR I AM NEVER GOING TO MAKE IT BEYOND MY SIX WEEKS.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

21

22 **MODERATOR:** ARMANDO FLORES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
23 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
24 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

25

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1 **ARMANDO FLORES:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ARMANDO FLORES, WITH THE
2 VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, SPEAKING ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 12. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INTRODUCING
4 THIS MOTION TO DELAY OR POSTPONE THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE.
5 YOU KNOW, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A NUMBER OF BUSINESSES IN THE
6 L.A. COUNTY AREA ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY ALIVE AS WE BEGIN TO
7 REOPEN, AND WE LOOK AT REOPENING OUR ECONOMY. THIS IS GOING TO
8 BE A HUGE HELP TO THEM. SO WE THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND WE
9 URGE THE REST OF THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **MODERATOR:** YVETTE GREINER, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
14 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
15 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 16. GOOD MORNING,
18 SUPERVISORS. I AM AN ATTORNEY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF LOYOLA LAW
19 SCHOOL CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW AND POLICY, IN SUPPORT OF THIS
20 MOTION. OUR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS YOUTH AND JUVENILE
21 DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS, AND ADVOCATES FOR THEIR EDUCATION
22 RATES, ESPECIALLY THE RATES OF FOSTER YOUTH AND STUDENTS WITH
23 DISABILITIES. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN FOR CHAMPIONING THE RELEASE OF DUAL-STATUS YOUTHS FROM
25 PROBATION FACILITIES. DUAL-STATUS YOUTH AND ALL YOUTH IN

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1 DETENTION ARE VULNERABLE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND DESERVE TO BE IN
2 RELEASED IN SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SETTINGS, WHETHER THAT'S
3 FAMILY, EXTENDED FAMILY, FOSTER PARENTS, OR OTHER CAREGIVERS.
4 PROBATION HALLS, CAMPS, AND DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER ARE NOT
5 REHABILITATIVE AND SAFE FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE SUPPORT THIS
6 MOTION'S CALL FOR PROBATION TO USE ITS AUTHORITY TO RELEASE
7 DUAL-STATUS YOUTH, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, AND HOST
8 MULTIDISCIPLINARY MEETINGS TO FACILITATE THAT PROCESS. WE ASK
9 THOSE MEETINGS HAPPEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR EVERY DETAINED
10 DUAL-STATUS YOUTH, AND ALL PARTIES MOBILIZE COUNTY RESOURCES
11 TO SAFELY PLACE, HOUSE, AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR
12 CAREGIVERS, AND FAMILIES. THE CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW AND
13 POLICY SUPPORTS THIS MOTION AND THANKS YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
18 ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
19 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, I WILL SPEAK TO ITEMS 23 AND 24.
22 I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF CREATING SOMEONE TO OVERLOOK WHAT
23 IS GOING ON IN THE NURSING HOMES. IT IS REALLY SCARY, WHAT IS
24 GOING ON, AND I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY DR. FERRER DECIDED TO
25 TEST ONLY ONE THIRD OF THE PATIENTS IN NURSING HOMES. THAT

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1 DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL. LAST WEEK, I MAILED A FEW
2 ARTICLES TO YOUR BOARD ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE, AS WE
3 HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, AND I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE
4 INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT ITEM.
5 WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT IT IMMEDIATELY. TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED
6 ALREADY IN THE NURSING HOMES. PLEASE LOOK AT THE INFORMATION I
7 SENT YOU. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

10

11 **MODERATOR:** MONESHA PARKER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
12 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MONESHA PARKER, AND I WANT TO SPEAK ON
16 GENERAL COMMENT. I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM DR. DAVIS, THE HEALTH
17 OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, VERSUS DR. FERRER,
18 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE LIKE TO HEAR THE DATA, THE INFECTION
19 RATE, THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT WE WANT TO HEAR FROM HIM TO
20 REOPEN SAFELY. AND THEN ANOTHER THING, I JUST WANT TO THANK
21 JANICE HAHN FOR THE LETTER THAT SHE SENT TO THE GOVERNOR ABOUT
22 REOPENING BUSINESSES, WHATEVER. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK HER
23 FOR DOING THAT, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THE PEOPLE
24 WANT TO HEAR FROM DR. DAVIS, WHO IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR THAT
25 KNOWS FACTS, WHATEVER: KNOWS THE DATA, KNOWS THE INFECTION

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1 RATE, AND KNOWS WHERE COMMUNITIES ARE BEING INFECTED. THANK
2 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

5

6 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AND JUST A REMINDER, PRESSING 1 FOLLOWED
7 BY 0 TO QUEUE UP FOR COMMENT. NEXT, WE HAVE AL HART. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
9 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THIS IS REGARDING
14 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 26, TO APPOINT ASSESSMENT HEARING OFFICERS.
15 PLEASE APPOINT PHIL CHEN, HEATHER EASTMAN, AND MANY OTHERS AS
16 HEARING OFFICERS FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS TO INCREASE
17 THE POOL OF QUALIFIED OFFICERS AVAILABLE TO HEAR APPEALS. MANY
18 LANDLORDS HAVE BEEN WAITING WELL OVER NINE MONTHS OF
19 ASSESSMENT AND APPEALS, AND NOW, WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, THIS HAS
20 TREMENDOUSLY IMPACTED LANDLORDS FURTHER. MANY OF THEM NOT
21 BEING ABLE TO COLLECT RENT HAS SEVERELY IMPACTED PROPERTY
22 VALUES. MANY OWNERS HAVE HAD THEIR HEARINGS RESCHEDULED MANY
23 TIMES, MAINLY BECAUSE THE APPEALS OFFICE HAS BEEN CLOSED. I
24 URGE YOU TO PLEASE KEEP THE JUNE 5 DATE AS THE HEARINGS WILL
25 START AGAIN. THIS WILL DRASTICALLY IMPROVE LANDLORDS AND

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1 MAINTAIN THEIR EXPENSES AS THEY WORK WITH THEIR TENANTS TO
2 FIGURE OUT A PAYMENT PLAN. AND FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD
3 JUST LIKE TO MENTION THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR TENANTS
4 AND FOR LANDLORDS TO INCLUDE RENT VOUCHERS, NOT JUST FOR
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LANDLORDS
6 HAVE BEEN THE ONLY SMALL BUSINESS THAT HAS NOT QUALIFIED FOR
7 ANY KIND OF STATE OR FEDERAL==

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** DOUGLAS JESSUP, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
12 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
13 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, SO I AM DOUGLAS JESSUP. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
16 ITEM NUMBER 22, AND I'M WITH ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. SO THE
17 REASON WHY I SUPPORT THAT IS BECAUSE IT IS TAKING MONEY FROM
18 THE ACTUAL STATE AND PUTTING IT INTO LOCAL COMMUNITIES. I
19 THINK IT IS THE BEST WAY TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS MASS
20 INCARCERATION, AND IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE THE
21 YOUTH. THERE IS AN ABILITY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO ORGANIZATIONS
22 THAT CREATE REHABILITATIVE PURPOSES, RATHER THAN PUNITIVE
23 PURPOSES, WHEN WE'RE DEALING WITH THE YOUTH AND ESSENTIALLY
24 THEIR BEHAVIORS. SO I THINK, WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
25 COALITION, IT IS A GREAT START TO ADDRESS REENTRY, AND FOR THE

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1 YOUTH BEING ABLE TO FUND ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO THE SAME THING
2 WOULD BE JUST VERY HELPFUL. AND THEN JUST THE COUNTIES
3 THEMSELVES HAVING THE FUNDS AND THE ABILITY TO GOVERN WHAT IS
4 OCCURRING IN THEIR COUNTY WOULD ACTUALLY JUST BE A LOT MORE
5 BENEFICIAL. IT ENABLES ACCURACY, IT ENABLES THOROUGH
6 PROCESSING, AND REALLY--

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** COLLETTE CHOW, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
12 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
13 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN. AND, MADAM CHAIR,
14 THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE ARE
17 GOING TO GO ON TO OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS, AND THEN THANK
18 YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO
19 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS
20 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. AGAIN, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
21 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH BECOME
22 PART OF THE RECORD. AND AS INDICATED, PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN
23 THAT HAD SPECIFIC ISSUES, WE WILL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION WITH
24 THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OFFICE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE CONSTITUENTS'
25 CONCERNS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO MOVING FORWARD, MADAM

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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON
2 WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-D, 11,
5 13, 15, 18 THROUGH 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30 THROUGH 35. 37 AND
6 38, SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. 39-A, 39-C
7 THROUGH 39-E.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
11 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

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

19

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

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

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

9

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

11 0.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY WE WILL TAKE UP PUBLIC

14 HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 8 FIRST, AND THEN ITEMS HELD BY THE

15 SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING ITEMS 22, 23, 24, 34-B, AND FINISHING

16 UP WITH A-1. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC

17 HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE E OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT

18 TITLES OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. IN ADDITION, WE WILL HEAR

19 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENTS FOR ITEMS 2 THROUGH 5. AFTER THIS, WE

20 WILL HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THEN TAKE UP EACH PUBLIC HEARING

21 ITEM AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPERVISORS TO COMMENT AND

22 THEN VOTE ON EACH ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR

25 ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 20, UTILITIES, TO INCREASE

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1 THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE,
2 EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2020, FOR THE LENNOX GARBAGE DISPOSAL
3 DISTRICT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO
4 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MARK PESTRELLA,
7 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, ON ITEM NUMBER 2. MR. PESTRELLA? CAN
8 YOU UNMUTE YOUR PHONE? IS MR. PESTRELLA ON? ALL RIGHT, IS HE
9 SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 3, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO GO AHEAD AND READ ITEM NUMBER 3, AND
14 THEN WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN CORRECT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH MR.
15 PESTRELLA'S PHONE.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE ANNUAL SOLID
18 WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR
19 '20/'21, TO PROVIDE CONTINUED COLLECTION IN THE CURRENT RATE.
20 THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
21 RECEIVED.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. PESTRELLA, ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO
24 COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 3? OKAY. WE WILL MOVE ON.
25 AND IS HE ON ITEM NUMBER FOUR, AS WELL?

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, HE IS.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO AHEAD AND READ ALL
5 THE ITEMS, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE MR. PESTRELLA SPEAK.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON THE ANNUAL GARBAGE
8 COLLECTION DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR
9 '20/'21. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO
10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON THE LEVY AND
11 COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL ZONES IDENTIFIED IN
12 THE FISCAL YEAR '20/'21 ENGINEER'S REPORT WITHIN COUNTY
13 LIGHTING DISTRICT, LANDSCAPING, AND LIGHTING ACT ONE. THERE IS
14 A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.
15 THOSE WERE THE ITEMS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, AGAIN, IS MR. PESTRELLA AVAILABLE? IS
18 HE ON THE LINE? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. WHAT WE WILL DO IS, WHY
19 DON'T WE TAKE PUBLIC HEARING ON THOSE ITEMS?

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I CAN READ THE REST OF THE--

22

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

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 IS A HEARING TO AUTHORIZE THE
2 ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH NEW USER
3 FEES AT ALL COUNTY-OWNED AND OPERATED ELECTRIC VEHICLE
4 CHARGING STATIONS, AND ADJUST RATES AS NECESSARY. THERE IS NO
5 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.
6 ITEM 7 IS A HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY
7 CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND WAGE
8 REGULATION, BY ADDING NEW ANNUAL RENT REGISTRATION FEES
9 RELATED TO THE MOBILE HOME RENT STABILIZATION AND RENT
10 STABILIZATION ORDINANCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90 FOR FOUR COVERED
11 DWELLING UNITS AND APPLICABLE MOBILE HOME SPACE, AND 30 FOR
12 JUST-CAUSE ONLY UNITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, EFFECTIVE
13 JUNE 25, 2020. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND
14 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND ITEM 8 IS A HEARING ON
15 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 12,
16 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO ADJUST THE ANNUAL FEES FOR
17 HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATED COMMITTEE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
18 HANDLER, ABOVE-GROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK, AND CALIFORNIA
19 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR
20 '20/'21. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO
21 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IF THE BOARD WILL ALLOW, I AM GOING TO
24 HAVE US TAKE UP ITEMS, 6 THROUGH 8, AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK
25 TO MR. PESTRELLA. SO, HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD?

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO WE CAN LISTEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND DO THAT ON ITEMS
5 6 THROUGH 8?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON ALL OF THEM.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ON ALL OF THEM? CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES.

10

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

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
14 WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHAT
15 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON WILL
16 HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ALL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL ALLOCATE
17 UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS ON ALL THE PUBLIC
18 HEARING ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60
19 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL
20 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
21 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
22 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC.
23 OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU
24 ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE
25 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING

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1 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATE OR
2 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU
3 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO
4 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE
5 BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO
6 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
7 CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL
8 BE AN ECHO. FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. BY
10 ADDRESSING THE BOARD TODAY IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE
11 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,
12 THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?
13 THANK YOU. MR. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE?

15

16 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE
17 PRESS 1, THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. WE DO NEED YOU TO PRESS 1, THEN
18 0 TO PLACE YOUR LINE INTO QUEUE FOR COMMENT.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** JACK CEROS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
25 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** KATHRYN BARGER, I AM SPEAKING ON ALL ITEMS. I TRULY
3 BELIEVE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS [EXPLETIVE] UP. UNDER THESE
4 STRESSFUL CONDITIONS, I FEEL THAT WE NEED TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVE
5 COMMUNICATION WITH ALL THESE ITEMS, BECAUSE IT IS BASICALLY
6 DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PEOPLE WHO CANNOT PARTICIPATE. EARLIER,
7 I TRIED TO GET ONLINE, AND YOU DIDN'T CALL MY NAME, YOU DUMB
8 [EXPLETIVE].

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT LANGUAGE, YOUR TIME
11 IS EXPIRED, HERMAN. NEXT SPEAKER. ARE THERE ANYMORE SPEAKERS
12 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
15 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PESTRELLA, WOULD YOU LIKE
18 TO ADD ANYTHING? I TAKE IT THAT MEANS NO. JOE NICCHITTA, WOULD
19 YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 7?

20

21 **JOE NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD. THIS IS JOE NICCHITTA. WE HAVE A SHORT DEPARTMENTAL
23 STATEMENT FOR ITEM NUMBER 7. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING
24 IS AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES TO OPERATE THE NEWLY ENACTED
25 RENT STABILIZATION AND RENT REGULATION PROGRAMS FOR THE

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1 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BOTH OF WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT APRIL 1,
2 2020. JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS
3 RESULTING FROM THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, IN ADDITION TO
4 RECEIVING BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE FEES ORDINANCE, WE ARE ALSO
5 REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO WAIVE ALL FEES TO PROVIDE THAT
6 MANAGERS REGISTER THEIR UNITS BY MARCH 31ST, 2020. WE ARE ALSO
7 REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO COMPLETELY WAIVE ALL FEES FOR FISCAL
8 YEAR 2020-2021 IF WE REACH THAT MARCH 31ST, 2021, DEADLINE AND
9 THE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 ARE
10 SUBSTANTIALLY DIRE TO JUSTIFY A COMPLETE WAIVER. AND, OF
11 COURSE, ANY DECISION TO COMPLETELY WAIVE FEES WILL BE MADE IN
12 CONSULTATION WITH YOUR OFFICES, INCLUDING THE OPERATIONS
13 CLUSTER, AS WELL AS THE C.E.O. I AM JOINED TODAY BY JANET
14 PRATT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MY DEPARTMENT'S TENANT PROTECTIONS
15 AND RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAMS. I'M JUST GOING TO ASK HER TO
16 STAND BY IF YOUR BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS ON ITEM NUMBER 7.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. NICCHITTA. SO WITH THAT, WE
19 ARE NOW GOING TO TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 8 FOR
20 DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD, AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 2.
21 ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? IF
22 SO, UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN SPEAKING. DO ANY OF MY
23 COLLEAGUES LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS? HEARING NONE, ARE THERE
24 ANY NAMES OF THOSE WHO SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT? NONE?
25 OKAY, SO NOW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC

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1 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
3 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
4 ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 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.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
16 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 HAHN, AYE. 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.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE
7 TO MAKE REMARKS ON ITEM NUMBER 3, ON THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE
8 GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT? HEARING NONE, WERE THERE ANY
9 PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THE
10 COMMENTS WERE-- THERE WERE NO COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. IT WOULD
11 BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS
12 ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
14 ROLL.

15

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

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.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NUMBER 4, THE HEARING ON ANNUAL

18 GARBAGE COLLECTION DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE, ARE THERE ANY

19 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? HEARING NONE,

20 WERE THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE READ OFF THE PEOPLE WHO

25 HAVE SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
3 COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER NUMBER 4.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE ON ITEM NUMBER 3. THERE ARE NONE?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
10 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM ON ITEM NUMBER 3. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 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? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE. I SAID 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:** SO NOW ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. DO ANY OF MY
15 COLLEAGUES WANT TO MAKE ANY REMARKS ON ITEM NUMBER 4? HEARING
16 NONE, ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON ITEM NUMBER
17 4? ITEM NUMBER 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
19 CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, ON THIS ITEM, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO
22 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING INVOLVED IN THE ITEM. SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

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

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
21 0.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW ITEM NUMBER 5, A HEARING ON THE ANNUAL
24 REVENUE ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR '20/'21. ARE THERE ANY

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1 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? HEARING

2 NONE, ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS

7 TIME TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. MOVED

8 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

16 THOMAS?

17

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

19

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

21 KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9 0.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE ARE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 6, A

12 HEARING ON NEW USER FEES FOR COUNTY-OWNED AND OPERATED

13 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS

14 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE,

15 ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM?

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE

20 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US.

21 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

22 THOMAS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

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

25

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1 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

2

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

5

6 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

7

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

10

11 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

12

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

14

15 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

16

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

18

19 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

20

21 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
22 0.

23

24 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: ON TO ITEM NUMBER 7, A HEARING ON COUNTY
25 CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE

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1 REGULATIONS AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT
2 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE, WERE
3 THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
6 COMMENTS UNDER OPPOSED: BRENDA BRANZ, DANIELLE PERETZ. THE
7 FOLLOWING SUBMITTED UNDER OTHER: FRED SUTTON, GENEVIEVE
8 CLAVREUL, AND DANIELLE LIEBNER PERETZ. THAT IS ALL.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THESE COMMENTS WERE AVAILABLE
11 TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THIS
12 VOTE. IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
13 AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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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.

9

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

11

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

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. MOTION CARRIES, 4-
15 1.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US, A HEARING
18 ON COUNTY CODE TITLE 12, AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
19 AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
20 REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE, DID ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC
21 SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** NO, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US.
3 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

25

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

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3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
4 0.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEMS HELD BY
7 SUPERVISORS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 22, PREPARING LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE STATE'S DIVISION OF JUVENILE
9 JUSTICE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
12 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER CO-
13 AUTHORSHIP OF THIS MOTION, AND FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, MADAM
14 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IN RE-IMAGINING THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE
15 JUSTICE SYSTEM. TO SAY THE LEAST, THESE ARE DISRUPTIVE TIMES,
16 AND ARE FORCING, AS WELL AS ACCELERATING, THE FUNDAMENTAL
17 CHANGES TO DAILY LIFE. IN THE CASE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM,
18 HOW THE STATE AND THE COUNTY SERVE ITS YOUNG PEOPLE IN
19 DEVELOPMENTALLY CRITICAL PERIODS IS REALLY RATHER CRITICAL.
20 AND SO THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE STATE'S YOUTH
21 PRISON SYSTEM-- THAT IS, THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE--
22 WILL STOP INTAKE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 2021. THAT MEANS THE
23 COUNTY MUST BEGIN PREPARING IMMEDIATELY FOR THIS CHANGE AND
24 INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY. WE FLAGGED THIS BECAUSE WE KNOW IT'S
25 IMPORTANT, AND WE DO NOT WISH TO COMPOUND EXISTING CHALLENGES

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1 FOR THIS POPULATION, BUT TO BE AHEAD OF IT. LUCKILY, THE BOARD
2 CREATED THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP LAST YEAR, WHICH IS
3 ALREADY LEADING EFFORTS TO RE-IMAGINE THE COUNTY'S YOUTH
4 JUSTICE SYSTEM, WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN
5 THE COUNTY CARE, WITH REHABILITATIVE AND HEALTH-FOCUSED AND
6 DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CARE. ALL OF THAT IS BECAUSE WE
7 WERE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, TRYING TO ANTICIPATE CHALLENGES, NOT
8 KNOWING THAT D.J.J. WOULD BE COLLAPSED AS SUCH, BUT, YOU KNOW,
9 CONNECTING THE COUNTY'S PLAN TO SERVE THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH WITH THE WORK OF RESTRUCTURING OUR OWN
11 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL, MADAM CHAIR AND
12 COLLEAGUES; THAT IS TO SAY, ESSENTIAL TO ENSURING THE RIGHT
13 MODEL FOR YOUTH WHO MAY OTHERWISE BE SENTENCED TO ADULT
14 PRISON. WE WISH TO DISRUPT THE CRADLE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE IN
15 WHATEVER WAY WE CAN, AND I WANT TO THANK IN ADVANCE THE YOUTH
16 JUSTICE WORKGROUP, AND THEY ARE CONVENED, AS YOU KNOW, BY THE
17 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AS WELL AS THE C.E.O., AND
18 SUPPORTED BY EXPERT CONSULTANTS, A TEAM OF HIGH-QUALITY
19 INDIVIDUALS. THEY NEED TO BE THANKED FOR THEIR HARD WORK OVER
20 THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON THIS, AND I WANT TO URGE ALL THE COUNTY
21 DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING PROBATION, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND COLLABORATIVELY IN
23 THIS EFFORT. THIS IS A HIGH TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING SO THAT
24 THE CLOSURE OF D.J.J. POSES CHALLENGES FOR THE COUNTY, AND WE
25 MIGHT AS WELL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. BUT IT ALSO BRINGS

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1 OPPORTUNITIES TO SHIFT AWAY FROM WHAT IS OFTEN TO BE VIEWED AS
2 A PUNITIVE APPROACH TO A MORE REHABILITATIVE APPROACH. THERE'S
3 A PARADIGM SHIFT OF CONSEQUENCE HERE. NOT ONLY IS IT SMARTER,
4 BUT IT'S MORE FISCALLY PRUDENT; AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT'S
5 MORE FISCALLY PRUDENT, PARTICULARLY AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME,
6 WITH SEVERE CUTBACKS AND DEFICITS, I THINK WE WANT TO EMBRACE
7 THIS. AND SO CONSIDER THIS A CRITICAL TIME IN THE LIGHT OF
8 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL, AND I THINK WE OWE IT TO THEM TO
9 GET IT RIGHT. AND NOW, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR, I
10 WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO DIRECTIVE 1-D THE FOLLOWING: "RESERVING
11 ANY CONSIDERATION OF REOPENING CLOSED FACILITIES ONLY AS A
12 LAST RESORT." I WILL READ THAT AGAIN: "RESERVING ANY
13 CONSIDERATION OF REOPENING CLOSED FACILITIES ONLY AS A LAST
14 RESORT." I RESPECTFULLY OFFER THAT AT THE REQUEST OF ONE OF
15 OUR COLLEAGUES SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THIS ISSUE FORWARD. THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE CO-AUTHOR
17 OF THIS MOTION, THE HONORABLE SHEILA JAMES KUEHL.

18

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, VISIONARY FROM THE
23 VERY BEGINNING. AND I THINK WE RECALLED THAT IN THE
24 PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET IN JANUARY, HE CHANGED
25 SUPERVISION OF THE BUDGET OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FROM THE JAIL

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1 SYSTEM, THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM, AND CORRECTIONS, TO HEALTH
2 AND HUMAN SERVICES. AND I THINK THAT WAS INDICATIVE OF A
3 SUPPORT FOR THIS APPROACH, WHICH WE HAD BEGUN TO TAKE IN THE
4 COUNTY, AS MY COLLEAGUE INDICATED LAST YEAR, WHEN WE BROUGHT
5 THE ORIGINAL MOTION. BUT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MAY REVISE
6 COMES WITH A VERY SHORT TIMELINE. AS OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR, THE
7 STATE WILL NOT TAKE ANY NEW ADMISSIONS TO D.J.J. AND SO IT
8 THEN FALLS TO US, AS A COUNTY, HOPEFULLY, WITH STATE FUNDING,
9 TO PROVIDE FOR THESE YOUTH. AND AS MY COLLEAGUE INDICATED,
10 FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE A HEAD START BECAUSE OF OUR YOUTH JUSTICE
11 WORKGROUP, PUT TOGETHER STARTING LAST YEAR, WHICH IS ALREADY
12 ON ITS WAY TO A NEW VISION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE IN L.A.
13 COUNTY. SO THIS MOTION TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THAT GROUP'S
14 EXPERTISE, COMMITMENT, AND MOMENTUM TO PLAN FOR THIS NEW
15 POPULATION. WE LOOK TO THEM, ALSO, TO PLAN FOR TRANSITION,
16 INCLUDING OUR YOUTH IN THE COUNTY WHO WOULD HAVE GONE TO
17 D.J.J., BUT ARE BEING HELD BY PROBATION, DUE TO THE
18 C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS. SO, AS WE BEGIN TO PLAN FOR A CARE-FIRST
19 APPROACH FOR THOSE YOUTH WHO ARE ALREADY IN OUR CARE AND
20 RESPONSIBILITY, IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE DO EVERYTHING IN OUR
21 POWER TO APPLY THAT SAME APPROACH TO THIS NEW POPULATION, AND
22 I KNOW WE CAN. WORKING TOGETHER WITH PROBATION, WITH OUR
23 C.E.O., WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE YOUTH JUSTICE GROUP
24 IS ACTUALLY BEST POSITIONED TO EXTEND THAT CARE-FIRST
25 APPROACH. SO I THANK MY COLLEAGUE, AND I THANK YOU, MADAM

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1 CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS
2 MOTION.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL, FOR THE MOTION. THE
8 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S INTENTION TO CLOSE D.J.J.
9 PRESENTS US BOTH WITH SOME SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT
10 ALONG WITH SOME CHALLENGES, AS WELL. AND I BELIEVE WE CAN
11 TRANSFORM THAT INTO SOME GREAT OUTCOMES IF WE PLAY OUR CARDS
12 RIGHT. MANY OF US HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE CLOSURE OF D.J.J.
13 FACILITIES FOR YEARS, AND WE KNOW THAT OUR YOUTH WILL BE
14 BETTER OFF CLOSER TO HOME. AS YOU KNOW, I WAS AND CONTINUE TO
15 BE A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKING GROUP AND
16 ITS GOALS, AND FOR USING COLLABORATIVE PROCESSES TO DEVELOP A
17 ROADMAP FOR MOVING AWAY FROM THE PUNITIVE MODEL OF YOUTH
18 DETENTION TO A HEALTH-BASED AND TRAUMA-INFORMED MODEL. SO I
19 THINK THAT ADDING THIS COMPONENT OF PLANNING THE COUNTY'S
20 RESPONSE TO THE CLOSURE OF THESE FACILITIES TO THE YOUTH
21 JUSTICE WORKING GROUP IS ABSOLUTELY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
22 THE COUNTY, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAS UNDERTAKEN SEVERAL PROCESSES
23 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TOWARDS REFORMING AND TRANSFORMING
24 HOW WE APPROACH YOUTH JUSTICE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU
25 KNOW, THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, AS WELL AS OUR
2 TRADITIONAL JUSTICE PARTNERS, ALL NEED TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE
3 TABLE IN DECIDING HOW OUR SYSTEM DEVELOPS AND HOW IT WILL LOOK
4 IN FIVE TO TEN YEARS FROM NOW. ONLY IN THREE TO FOUR YEARS,
5 WE'VE SEEN DRAMATIC REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE
6 BEING DETAINED, AND WE'VE ALL CELEBRATED THE CLOSURE OF YOUTH
7 DETENTION FACILITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE
8 APPROVED A MOTION I HAD FOR ADDITIONAL REENTRY SERVICES FOR
9 YOUTH COMING OUT OF THE D.J.J. SYSTEM. WITH ALL OF THE WORK
10 THAT HAS HAPPENED THROUGH THE PROBATION REFORM IMPLEMENTATION
11 TEAM AND THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP, I
12 STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO FIND ALTERNATIVES TO
13 THE DEFAULTS OF INCARCERATION. AND FOR THAT REASON, I REALLY
14 HOPE THAT THE WORKING GROUP AND THIS COUNTY WILL DEVELOP BOLD
15 AND CREATIVE NEW IDEAS ON HOW TO CARE FOR OUR YOUTH THAT HAVE
16 TRADITIONALLY BEEN DETAINED IN PROBATION'S FACILITIES, AND NOW
17 THE YOUTH WHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN SENT TO D.J.J.'S
18 FACILITIES FOR YEARS OUT OF THEIR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. I HOPE
19 THAT WE'LL USE LESSONS LEARNED FROM A.B. 109 REALIGNMENT
20 PROCESS THAT CREATED SIMILAR CHANGES ON THE ADULT SIDE ALMOST
21 A DECADE AGO, AND THAT WE WILL NOT RESORT TO OLD MODELS OF
22 INCARCERATION THAT DO NOT SERVE OUR REHABILITATIVE OR
23 DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS, AND DO NOT MAKE, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS SAID, FINANCIAL SENSE. FOR THAT REASON, I APPRECIATE
25 YOU, THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR, FOR ACCEPTING MY FRIENDLY

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1 AMENDMENT TO RESERVE CONSIDERATION OF REOPENING OF ANY CLOSED
2 FACILITIES AS A LAST RESORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION.
6 THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT WE HAVE SOME CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US,
7 AND ONE OF MY ASKS WOULD BE THAT THE C.E.O. WORK AND
8 COORDINATE WITH THE STATE TO ENSURE THAT WE GET THE PROPER
9 RESOURCES TRANSFERRED DOWN HERE TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED
10 SERVICES, WHICH ARE GOING TO BE VITAL TO ENSURING THAT WE
11 HAVE, REALLY, THE APPROPRIATE WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR THESE
12 YOUTH THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. I
13 THINK THAT WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE RECIDIVISM,
14 AND THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
15 PARTNERS. SO I WOULD ASK THAT OUR C.E.O. BE IN CLOSE
16 COORDINATION WITH THE STATE AS THEY MOVE TOWARD THIS
17 TRANSITION, TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPER RESOURCES ARE
18 TRANSFERRED DOWN, BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, WITH A.B. 109, THAT
19 WAS THE BIGGEST IMPEDIMENT TO US REALLY HITTING THE GROUND
20 RUNNING. AND I THINK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU SAID IT: WE'VE
21 ALREADY PUT IN PLACE A STRUCTURE, SO WE ARE AHEAD OF THE
22 CURVE, BUT THE KEY COMPONENT IS GOING TO BE SUPPORTING AND
23 PROVIDING THE RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. BUT I
24 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS. SUPERVISOR
25 HAHN, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, I JUST WANT TO-- WELL, ACTUALLY, YEAH. I JUST
3 REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION. I'M REALLY IMPRESSED THAT BOTH OF YOU
5 PUT THIS TOGETHER SO QUICKLY IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S
6 ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH REALLY WAS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO. AND
7 THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL, AND I APPRECIATE THE FRIENDLY
8 AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I THINK THAT IS ALL PART OF
9 WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON. I DIDN'T REALLY HEAR IF THAT IS WHAT WE
10 WERE LOOKING AT, WAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, BUT I ALSO THINK
11 THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE REOPENING SOME OF OUR CLOSED FACILITIES
12 WITHOUT REALLY GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS AND KIND OF MAKING
13 THAT OUR LAST RESORT. I THINK MANY OF US HAVE ALREADY BEGUN
14 TALKING ABOUT MORE VILLAGE-TYPE USES FOR SOME OF OUR JUVENILE
15 FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.
16 BUT AGAIN, I THINK IT IS GREAT. ALL OF OUR PARTNERS, OUR
17 JUSTICE PARTNERS, OUR HEALTH PARTNERS, OUR COMMITTEE
18 STAKEHOLDERS, THAT REALLY WILL COME TOGETHER SO THAT WE CAN BE
19 READY FOR THIS CHANGE WHEN IT COMES ON JANUARY 1, 2021. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I BELIEVE
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ACTUALLY AMENDED IT BASED ON INPUT,
24 SO THAT WAS DONE BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE
4 TO MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S ALL BEEN SAID, AND THANK YOU
7 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST A UNANIMOUS VOTE
8 ON THE ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO WITH THAT, WERE THERE ANY
11 PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
14 COMMENTS UNDER FAVOR: JOSEPH MAIZLISH, ANNA FONSECA, THE ANTI-
15 RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND KUTI H. PAREK. THAT'S ALL.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THOSE COMMENTS WERE AVAILABLE
18 TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE VOTE
19 ON THIS ITEM. SO WITH THAT, ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
22 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 22, AS AMENDED, WITH THE ADDITIONAL
25 AMENDMENT FOR A DIRECTIVE TO PRESERVE ANY CONSIDERATION OF

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1 REOPENING CLOSED FACILITIES AS A LAST RESORT. SUPERVISOR

2 SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

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

7 THOMAS?

8

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

10

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

12 KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

25 0.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
3 NUMBER 23, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS WE
6 ARE ALL AWARE, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES HAVE BECOME THE
7 EPICENTER OF THE COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D.-19 EPIDEMIC. THE NUMBER
8 OF DEATHS FROM THESE INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS REPRESENT MORE
9 THAN HALF OF ALL THE DEATHS COUNTYWIDE. IT'S PROFOUNDLY
10 CONCERNING, AND THEREFORE THE BOARD IS OBLIGED TO ENGAGE. AND
11 WHILE WE HAVE BEEN WORKING QUICKLY AND TIRELESSLY, IN SOME
12 WAYS, TO EXPAND TESTING AND INFECTION CONTROL WITHIN THESE
13 FACILITIES, OUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN STYMIED BY THE FACT THAT
14 MANY OF THESE INSTITUTIONS, MANY OF WHICH ARE FOR-PROFIT
15 ENTITIES, HAVE HISTORICALLY AND CONSISTENTLY BEEN CHALLENGED
16 BY LOW STANDARDS IN INPATIENT SATISFACTION, EMPLOYEE
17 COMPENSATION, AND, QUITE FRANKLY, THE QUALITY OF CARE. THIS,
18 IN A FUNDAMENTAL WAY, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, HAS BECOME A
19 MATTER OF HEALTH EQUITY; SOME WOULD ARGUE A MATTER OF ECONOMIC
20 JUSTICE. LAST WEEK, AN ANALYSIS FROM OUR LOCAL NEW YORK TIMES
21 FOUND THAT FACILITIES WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AFRICAN-
22 AMERICAN AND LATINO RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE
23 HIT BY THE CORONAVIRUS AS THOSE WHERE THE POPULATION IS
24 OVERWHELMINGLY ANGLO. AND THESE DISPARITIES ARE NOT ONLY
25 HEARTBREAKING, BUT EVIDENCE THAT MANY OF THESE DEATHS WERE, WE

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1 BELIEVE AND THE ARTICLE ARGUES, THEY WERE PREVENTABLE. AND I
2 DO NOT MEAN TO DISCOUNT THE EFFORTS OF ANY DEPARTMENT WHO HAS
3 BEEN WORKING ON THE MATTER TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE STATE FOR
4 BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AND FOR ADVOCATING FOR MORE
5 RESOURCES. THAT IS NOT THE THRUST OF THE MOTION, NOR DO I SEEK
6 TO DISPARAGE THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES THAT DO A GOOD
7 JOB, THOSE ADMINISTRATORS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BRAVELY GONE
8 TO WORK AND PROVIDED ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND TRYING THEIR BEST
9 TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS. HOWEVER, IN OTHER WORDS, HAVING SAID
10 THAT, I WANT TO SAY THIS AS CLEARLY AS I CAN: IT IS ABSOLUTELY
11 CLEAR THAT MORE MUST BE DONE, AND IT MUST BE DONE IMMEDIATELY.
12 THE CURRENT SITUATION DEMANDS TRANSPARENT AND HOLISTIC
13 OVERSIGHT OF THESE FACILITIES AND THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO
14 C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND PREVENT FURTHER UNNECESSARY DEATHS; TO RAISE
15 THE QUALITY OF CARE, CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS THAT WE
16 ARTICULATE WITH REGULARITY. WE MUST DO A DEEP DIVE INTO THE
17 RANGE OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FACTORS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED
18 TO ONGOING INADEQUATE CONDITIONS WITHIN THESE FACILITIES.
19 WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS. WE SOUGHT TO DO IT IN 2014, 2015. THAT
20 WORK WAS INCOMPLETE. AND BECAUSE IT IS INCOMPLETE, THE PROBLEM
21 HAS GOTTEN WORSE: 3,000 SUCH CASES BACKLOGGED AT THE TIME, NOW
22 NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 5,000 PRE-PANDEMIC. AND I SIMPLY WANT
23 TO SAY THAT WE CANNOT SET THIS ASIDE. WE CANNOT IGNORE IT. WE
24 CANNOT ALLOW IT TO GO UNCORRECTED. AND SO AN INSPECTOR GENERAL
25 IS BEST SUITED TO OVERSEE THIS KIND OF WORK BY CONDUCTING AN

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1 EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S CAPACITY TO REGULATE THESE
2 FACILITIES, RECOMMEND STRUCTURAL AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES, AND
3 OUTLINE A PLAN FOR ENSURING ADEQUATE AND SUSTAINABLE
4 OVERSIGHT. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT IS CRITICAL
5 THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY TO PREVENT GREATER HARM TO SOME OF OUR
6 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR IT'S
7 CONSIDERATION, AND I APPEAL TO YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. MADAM
8 CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP. I TURN THE MIC BACK
9 TO YOU. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS
13 MOTION. I THINK WHAT HAS BEEN MOST FRUSTRATING FOR ME IS THAT,
14 TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WHEN WE LISTEN TO THE DEATH COUNT THAT
15 THIS HORRIBLE VIRUS HAS CAUSED, ALL ROADS LEAD BACK TO OUR
16 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND MY FRUSTRATION HAS BEEN THAT
17 WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, WE SHOULD HAVE GONE IN, FRONT AND
18 CENTER, AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO BE ON TOP OF THIS,
19 RECOGNIZING THAT ALL ALONG, WE'VE SAID THE MOST VULNERABLE
20 POPULATION TO BE IMPACTED AND CAUSE OF DEATH BY CORONAVIRUS
21 ARE THOSE 65 OR OLDER, WITH PREEXISTING CONDITIONS. AND I AM
22 HOPING THAT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR AND OUR DIRECTOR OF
23 HEALTH SERVICES WILL RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO GET IN AND TEST
24 BOTH SYMPTOMATIC, AS WELL AS ASYMPTOMATIC, WITH SPEED. THE
25 NUMBERS SHOW, IN PASADENA ALONE, THEY ESTIMATE THAT 91 PERCENT

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1 OF THOSE THAT DIED IN THE CITY OF PASADENA CAME OUT OF SKILLED
2 NURSING FACILITIES. SO WE HAVE THE NUMBERS. IN L.A. COUNTY, I
3 THINK THE PERCENTAGE IS UP TO 52 PERCENT OF THOSE THAT HAVE
4 DIED AS A RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS WERE IN OUR SKILLED NURSING
5 FACILITIES. THESE, AGAIN, ARE OUR MOST VULNERABLE. AND AS YOU
6 SAID, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MANY, MANY, MANY OF THOSE THAT
7 ARE IN THESE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES RELY ON MEDICAID AND
8 ARE IN AREAS OF NEED, AND THOSE OF SOCIAL DISENFRANCHISED
9 AREAS. SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND
10 REPRESENT, AND I AM HOPING THAT WITH THIS MOTION, WE CAN BEGIN
11 TO RIGHT WHAT I BELIEVE HAS BEEN WRONGED, AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.
12 SO WITH THAT, I AGAIN THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
13 ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. THERE IS NO
14 QUESTION WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, EVEN BEYOND CORONAVIRUS,
15 TO ENSURE THAT THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR SKILLED NURSING
16 FACILITIES ARE GETTING THE QUALITY SERVICES THAT NOT ONLY THEY
17 DESERVE, BUT THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS, YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WAS WONDERING IF AT SOME
21 POINT WE CAN HEAR FROM DR. FERRER, AS WELL. BUT I'D LIKE TO
22 MAKE JUST A FEW STATEMENTS, REALLY, AND WANT TO THANK YOU,
23 MADAM CHAIR, AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR PUTTING
24 THE MOTION FORWARD. YES, THIS IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN FOR
25 US, AND AS YOU STAND THERE EACH WEEK, WE HEAR TIME AND TIME

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1 AGAIN THE NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT ARE IMPACTING THE HIGH TOLL IN
2 DEATHS WITH C.O.V.I.D., AND IT IS AT THE NURSING HOMES. AND WE
3 KNOW THAT OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS THERE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE
4 VERY MUCH AT RISK, AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES. SO I KNOW,
5 MOVING AHEAD, THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO MORE. THIS IS AN
6 AREA THAT, AS YOU SAY, REALLY NEEDS TO BE HEAVILY... I DON'T
7 WANT TO USE THE WORD JUST "REGULATED," BUT WE NEED TO HAVE
8 BETTER TOOLS TO TRAIN AND ENFORCE THE KIND OF CHANGES THAT ARE
9 NECESSARY HERE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE LOSING SO MANY OF
10 OUR LOVED ONES AT THESE FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND
11 I KNOW IN OUR DISTRICT, WE HAVE ALSO FACED A GROWING NUMBER OF
12 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. SO WITH THAT, MADAM
13 CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK, IF POSSIBLE, DR. FERRER, IF SHE'S
14 THERE, TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS THAT I HAD.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I'M ON THE LINE.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, BUT BEFORE YOU ANSWER, DR. FERRER,
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTED TO SPEAK. BUT YOU CAN ASK YOUR
20 QUESTION, THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT'S UP TO YOU.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, I WILL WAIT UNTIL EVERYONE HAS SPOKEN, THEN
23 I'LL ASK.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND CHAIR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I
4 THINK YOU ARE BOTH RIGHT ON, IN TERMS OF KIND OF SEEING A
5 CRISIS WITHIN A CRISIS, RIGHT? A PANDEMIC WITHIN A PANDEMIC
6 HAS BEEN OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND IT'S BEEN SO SAD
7 TO WATCH THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THESE FACILITIES, THESE
8 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE CONTRACTED THE VIRUS AND HAVE SUCCUMBED TO
9 THE VIRUS. AND I KNOW I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE STAFF, AS WELL.
10 MANY OF THEM ARE LOW-WAGE WORKERS WHO SOMETIMES WORK AT
11 SEVERAL FACILITIES. I ALSO KNOW THAT SOME OF THE FACILITIES
12 THAT HAVE PERFORMED THE WORST WERE ALREADY PERFORMING BADLY.
13 THEY WERE C-RATED FACILITIES IN THE BEGINNING, BUT THIS JUST
14 EXPLODED THE PROBLEMS. AND SO I THINK THIS IS REALLY GREAT
15 THAT WE CAN NOW ATTEMPT TO GET AHEAD OF IT. I ACTUALLY SAW
16 THAT, TOO, AND I LENT MY HEALTH DEPUTY, JACQUELINE, TO BE
17 DISPERSED TO THE THREE DOCTORS TO WORK ON THIS, AS WELL,
18 BECAUSE WE SAW THEM NEED JUST A LITTLE BIT EXTRA HELP IN THIS
19 AREA. AND PART OF WHAT IS UNFORTUNATE, TOO, BESIDES THE
20 SERIOUSNESS OF THE CASES AND THE DEATHS AND THE FAMILIES THAT
21 HAVE SUFFERED, IT HAS BEEN USED, I THINK, AS AN EXCUSE FOR
22 OTHER PEOPLE NOT ADHERING TO OUR SAFETY PROTOCOLS. THEY KEEP
23 POINTING TO THIS, SAYING, "OH, WELL, IT'S ONLY PEOPLE IN
24 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES THAT ARE GETTING THE VIRUS. OVER
25 HALF THE DEATHS ARE HAPPENING THERE." SO IT KIND OF GIVES THEM

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1 A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY, IN TERMS OF THEMSELVES BEING
2 INFECTED. SO I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT ON. AND I REALIZE WE ARE
3 LOOKING TO APPOINT THIS PERSON, I GUESS, BY JULY. I JUST
4 HOPEFULLY-- I MEAN, I THINK IT SHOULD BE UNDER THE ALLIANCE
5 FOR HEALTH INTEGRATION AGENCY. I THINK THAT'S THE PLACE WE
6 SHOULD PUT THIS, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE STRUCTURE,
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT. BUT I DO
8 WANT TO HEAR FROM DR. FERRER AND HOW SHE ENVISIONS WORKING
9 WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, BUT I THINK THAT'S A GOOD PLACE
10 FOR THIS INSPECTOR GENERAL. AGAIN, THAT'S JUST A SUGGESTION. I
11 DON'T KNOW IF THAT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT OR NOT. ALSO, WE ARE
12 THINKING ABOUT THIS BEING A PERMANENT POSITION, AS OPPOSED TO
13 A TEMPORARY UNTIL WE GET THROUGH THIS CRISIS. I WASN'T REALLY
14 SURE HOW WE WERE LOOKING AT THIS, BUT I THINK YOU GUYS ARE
15 RIGHT ON IN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THIS IS A PLACE THAT NEEDS
16 SERIOUS HELP, AND I THINK THIS PERSON COULD DO THAT. THANK
17 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAD SOME
20 QUESTIONS FOR DR. FERRER?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM, CHAIR. I WANTED TO ASK DR.
23 FERRER IF SHE COULD DESCRIBE WHAT OUR CURRENT SITUATION IS,
24 HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BECAUSE I KNOW SHE HAS DONE

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1 A LOT, BUT I WANT TO HEAR FROM HER WHAT THE STATS ARE AND
2 WHERE WE ARE GOING.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
5 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER
6 FOR THIS MOTION AND FOR PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT OBVIOUSLY IS
7 ONE OF THE MOST TROUBLING MANIFESTATIONS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, NOT
8 JUST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT I THINK ACROSS THE COUNTRY. MOST
9 STATES ALSO ARE SEEING SIMILARLY HIGH RATES OF DEATH
10 ASSOCIATED WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SKILLED NURSING
11 FACILITIES, AND THAT DOESN'T GIVE US AT ALL ANY SOLACE TO BE
12 IN THE COMPANY OF MANY, BUT I THINK IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE
13 ARE SOME CONDITIONS THAT ALL OF THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES
14 WERE FACING, AND SOME MISSTEPS ON ALL OF OUR PARTS AT THE VERY
15 BEGINNING OF OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS. AND SO BACK IN
16 FEBRUARY, OUR STAFF DID START GOING OUT. THEY WENT TO EVERY
17 SINGLE NOT JUST SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, BUT EVERY LONG-
18 TERM CARE FACILITY AND INTERMEDIATE-CARE FACILITY, TO
19 INTRODUCE A WHOLE SET OF INFECTION-CONTROL PROTOCOLS, AND THE
20 HEART AND SOUL OF IT WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT EMPLOYEES WHO WERE
21 SICK DIDN'T COME INTO THE FACILITIES. SO THERE WERE
22 TEMPERATURE CHECK REQUIREMENTS, ET CETERA. IN LATE MARCH,
23 EARLY APRIL, WE STARTED FINDING OUT, AS WE WERE SEEING MORE
24 AND MORE CASES, THAT IN FACT THERE WAS A LOT OF ASYMPTOMATIC
25 SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS, AND THAT ASYMPTOMATIC PEOPLE WERE BOTH

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1 INFECTED AND CAPABLE OF SHEDDING VIRUS AND INFECTING A LOT OF
2 OTHER PEOPLE. IMMEDIATELY, A SIMILAR TEAM, THE HEALTH
3 FACILITIES INSPECTIONS DIVISION, THE NURSES THERE WENT BACK
4 OUT AND DID A WHOLE 'NOTHER SET OF CHANGES IN PROTOCOLS WITH
5 OUR ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PHYSICIANS, INTRODUCING A
6 REQUIREMENT THAT EVERYONE HAS TO WEAR A MASK, A SURGICAL MASK,
7 EXCEPT FOR THOSE RESIDENTS WHO OBVIOUSLY CAN'T TOLERATE ONE.
8 THERE WAS NEVER A REQUIREMENT FOR PEOPLE TO WEAR SURGICAL
9 MASKS WHILE THEY WERE THERE. IT WAS FOR VARIOUS PROCEDURES,
10 BUT NOT IN GENERAL. AND THAT WAS REALLY RECOGNIZING THAT, WITH
11 ASYMPTOMATIC SPREAD, EVERYONE'S GOT TO MASK UP. AND THEN ALSO
12 INTRODUCING, AS YOU KNOW, THE TESTING OF EVERYBODY IN THE
13 FACILITIES WHERE THERE ARE POSITIVE CASES, BOTH ALL THE
14 EMPLOYEES AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS. AND IT HAS BEEN VERY
15 CHALLENGING, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY, BACK WHEN WE STARTED
16 INTRODUCING THE NEW MEASURES, THE LAST WEEK IN APRIL, WE
17 AVERAGED 174 DEATHS AMONG PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING IN THE
18 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND THIS PRIOR WEEK, IN THE MIDDLE
19 OF MAY, THAT ENDED ON MAY 23RD, WE HAD ONLY 60 DEATHS. NOT
20 "ONLY 60 DEATHS," EVERY DEATH IS HORRIFIC. BUT WE HAD 60
21 DEATHS IN THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AN INTENSIVE EFFORT
22 TO SORT OF CONTINUALLY TRY TO DROP THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
23 ARE DYING IN THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND ALSO TO
24 PREVENT, AS I AM SO GLAD SUPERVISOR HAHN MENTIONED, THE
25 UNFORTUNATE FACT THAT NOT ONLY OUR EMPLOYEES IN THE NURSING

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1 FACILITIES ARE DYING, BUT THE LARGEST NUMBER OF HEALTHCARE
2 WORKERS THAT HAVE DIED HAVE BEEN EMPLOYEES IN, AGAIN, THE
3 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. SO I DO AGREE THIS IS AN URGENT
4 PROBLEM. I APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT. WE HAVE HAD THE CENTERS
5 OF DISEASE CONTROL HERE WITH US FOR THE LAST, I BELIEVE, 5
6 WEEKS, AS WELL, HELPING TO GUIDE THIS TRANSITION TO A MORE
7 COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH ON INFECTION CONTROL, AND WE CONTINUE
8 TO TRY TO GET THROUGH THE [INAUDIBLE] THAT HAVE OUTBREAKS, IN
9 TERMS OF THIS MASSIVE TESTING. I WANT TO ALSO THANK
10 JACQUELINE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING HER
11 HELP US. AT THIS POINT, IT'S ALL HANDS ON DECK, AND SHE IS
12 BRILLIANT ABOUT THIS WORK, AND HAS REALLY HELPED PEOPLE THINK
13 ABOUT HOW TO ORGANIZE IT. I WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
14 WITH ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. WE DO PROVIDE A WEEKLY UPDATE
15 ON THE SITUATION THAT HAPPENED, RELATED TO THE CASES AND THE
16 DEATHS IN ALL OF OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND WE'RE
17 ANXIOUS, AS IS EVERYONE ELSE, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO
18 ACTUALLY ELIMINATE THIS AS THE MAIN DRIVER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 DYING FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO I JUST WANT TO
20 THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I DO WANT TO THANK ALL OF
21 THE STAFF. WE HAVE ABOUT 250 STAFF THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKING
22 WITH THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND I WANT TO AGAIN
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN NO WAY IS THIS A REFLECTION OF THE FACT
24 THAT THEY FAILED OR HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG. I THINK THEY
25 HAVE WORKED THEIR HARDEST AND DONE THEIR BEST, BUT IT HASN'T

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1 BEEN ENOUGH. AND I'M HOPING THAT WITH THE NEW CHANGES WE'VE
2 PUT IN, THE STATE ALSO JUST REQUIRED ON FRIDAY THAT ALL
3 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES DO BASELINE TESTING OF ALL OF THEIR
4 EMPLOYEES, AND I THINK THAT, AGAIN, WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE
5 OPERATORS OF THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES DO STEP IT UP. IT
6 IS NOW A REQUIREMENT BY THE STATE, NOT JUST BY OUR COUNTY
7 HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. SO, ANXIOUS TO BE OF HELP AND ANXIOUS
8 TO PROVIDE YOU OR ANYONE ELSE WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU
9 NEED FROM US THAT WOULD HELP MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL DOING
10 OUR VERY BEST HERE.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** BARBARA, I HAD JUST TWO MORE QUESTIONS, AND THAT'S
13 IT. I WANTED TO ASK YOU WHAT YOUR OPINION IS ON THE NEED FOR
14 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND WHAT TYPE OF QUALIFICATIONS AND
15 CREDENTIALS SHOULD THAT INDIVIDUAL HAVE; AND THEN, WOULD THIS
16 RESTRUCTURING FALL IN LINE WITH THE STATE'S CURRENT STRATEGY?
17 AND THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANKS SO MUCH. SO, I AM NOT REALLY AN
20 EXPERT ON INSPECTOR GENERALS, AND I'M NOT REALLY SURE I
21 COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE ROLE. I LOOK AT IT AS LIKE, YOU
22 KNOW, ARE THERE PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP
23 US, AND I THINK THE ANSWER IS YES. SO I THINK FROM OUR
24 PERSPECTIVE, WE WOULD LOVE FOR THIS PERSON TO BE AN INFECTIOUS
25 DISEASE CLINICIAN, SINCE SO MUCH OF THIS WORK HAS BEEN

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1 COMPLICATED BY THE POOR UNDERSTANDING WE'VE HAD OF THIS VIRUS
2 AND HOW IT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN OUR VERY VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.
3 SO I THINK IT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF SENSE TO ADD MORE EXPERTISE
4 TO OUR TEAM. AGAIN, OUR WORK IS LED BY THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE
5 CLINICIANS THAT ARE HERE, BUT WE'VE ALSO BROUGHT IN PEOPLE
6 FROM C.D.C. TO HELP WITH THIS, AS WELL, JUST BECAUSE IT IS SO
7 TROUBLING AND SO DEVASTATING WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING. SO
8 PERHAPS, FROM WHERE I'M LOOKING AT THIS, I THINK HAVING
9 SOMEBODY WHO REALLY ADDS THIS CLINICAL SET OF SKILLS TO THE
10 MIX OF HELPING US REALLY MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING OUR VERY BEST.
11 I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES WITH THE NURSING HOME
12 OPERATORS, AND FOR US IT'S BEEN AN UNEVEN EXPERIENCE, AS WELL.
13 WE'VE HAD GREAT COOPERATION FROM SOME OF THE OPERATORS, AND
14 NOT SO GREAT COOPERATION FROM SOME OF THE OTHERS. AND AGAIN,
15 OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE STAFF THAT ARE IN THESE FACILITIES,
16 THAT ARE REALLY CARING FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS,
17 OFTEN VERY SICK AND VERY SCARED. SO, YEAH, WE WOULD DEFER BACK
18 TO THE BOARD. BUT ANY SUPPORT WE CAN HAVE IN SORT OF LOOKING
19 AT THIS AND FIGURING OUT, WE FEEL LIKE WE ARE ON THE RIGHT
20 TRACK, FINALLY. WE'RE FINALLY SEEING THE NUMBERS GO DOWN,
21 WHICH IS WHAT WE WERE HOPING FOR, GIVEN THE NEW CHANGES THAT
22 HAVE BEEN MADE, BUT I THINK THIS WARRANTS A LOT OF CLOSE
23 MONITORING. I LIKE THE IDEA, SUPERVISOR HAHN, OF EMBEDDING
24 THIS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE STRUCTURE IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, BUT
25 AGAIN, I AM NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND FULLY HOW INSPECTOR GENERALS

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1 ARE BEST ABLE TO GO ABOUT DOING THEIR WORK, AND I WOULDN'T
2 WANT TO IMPEDE THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ANY WAY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE
5 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO, JUST YOU SAID SOMETHING EARLIER, BARBARA, THAT
8 YOU MAY HAVE THE STAFF TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS OR NOT? I MEAN,
9 WHAT IS IT? DO YOU HAVE AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE PERSON THAT
10 COULD DO THIS, OR DO WE HAVE TO UPGRADE, OR WHAT?

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE HAVE A LOT OF STAFF. I MEAN, WE HAVE
13 DR. GROUTER, WHO'S AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST, WHO'S A
14 PHYSICIAN WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE EFFORT IN THE SKILLED NURSING
15 HOMES, AND HE'S SUPPORTED BY DR. REUBEN, WHO ALSO IS AN
16 INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST, ALSO SUPPORTED BY DR. BALTER,
17 WHO HEADS UP THE ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIVISION. SO WE DO
18 HAVE INFECTIOUS DISEASE DOCTORS, AND I THINK THEY'VE BEEN
19 GUIDING THIS WORK, DR. DAVIS AND DR. GUNZENHAUSER INTIMATELY
20 INVOLVED, AS WELL. BUT IT IS HARD. I MEAN, IN OUR
21 JURISDICTION, UNDER THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE
22 PROVIDE SUPPORT TO 315 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, SO THAT HAS
23 BEEN AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR US. WE DO THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN
24 TRYING TO AUGMENT OUR STAFF WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL
25 NURSES THAT CAN REALLY HELP TO AUGMENT THE EFFORTS WE HAVE IN

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1 THE FACILITIES AROUND EDUCATION. WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN ALL
2 OF THESE FACILITIES MAKING SURE THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY ARE
3 SUPPOSED TO DO, AND THAT THEY FEEL SUPPORTED, AND THEY FEEL
4 LIKE THEY KNOW HOW TO DO IT. SOME OF IT SEEMS EASY, BUT THEY
5 NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PUT ON AND TAKE OFF, APPROPRIATELY, THEIR
6 GOWNS NOW, BECAUSE WE INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF PERSONAL
7 PROTECTION EQUIPMENT THAT IS BEING USED. SO WE ARE GOING TO
8 WORK AS HARD AS WE CAN ON OUR SIDE TO MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT THE
9 CAPACITY. BUT I THINK WE ARE OF SERVICE TO THE BOARD, AS WELL
10 AS TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS, AND HAPPY TO HEAR HOW THIS IS BEST
11 ORGANIZED TO MEET EVERYONE'S NEEDS.

12
13 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS, MAY I JUST SAY SOMETHING? FIRST OF ALL, YOU
17 KNOW, DR. FERRER, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. I THINK MY
18 FRUSTRATION IS THAT, UNDER OUR WATCH, IF YOU LOOK AT THE
19 PERCENTAGE, 50 PERCENT OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19-RELATED DEATHS IN
20 L.A. COUNTY HAVE COME FROM CARE RESIDENTIAL CONGREGATE
21 SETTINGS, SOMETHING THAT WE CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY, YET I DON'T
22 FEEL THERE HAS BEEN A SENSE OF URGENCY TO WRAP AROUND THE
23 SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT IT DOES NOT SPREAD BEYOND. AND WE ALL
24 KNOW THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE THERE ARE LOW-WAGE EARNERS AND
25 ARE WORKING AT DIFFERENT FACILITIES. THEREFORE, IT SEEMS TO

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1 ME, EARLY ON, THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN
2 THAT. AND TO DATE, I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT WE ARE, IN THESE
3 FACILITIES, DOING APPROPRIATE TESTING, BECAUSE I HAVE TALKED
4 TO A FEW WHO'VE HAVE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OUTREACH,
5 AND THEY ARE NOT CLEAR ON HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING THE TESTING
6 DONE AT THE RATE THAT AT LEAST I THINK THIS BOARD EXPECTED IT
7 TO BE DONE. AND THEN TO, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S POINT
8 REGARDING THE HEALTH INEQUITY AND SOCIAL INEQUITY, IF YOU LOOK
9 AT 41 OF THE FACILITIES, 10 TO 25 FACILITIES ACCOUNT FOR 580
10 OF THE COUNTY'S TOTAL FATALITIES. I HAVE TO WONDER WHEN I
11 LOOKED AT SOME OF THE FACILITIES IN MY DISTRICT, MANY OF THEM
12 ARE FACILITIES THAT ARE SERVING PEOPLE THAT ARE FALLING INTO
13 THE CATEGORY OF HEALTH INEQUITY AND SOCIAL INEQUITY. SO I JUST
14 THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON HERE,
15 AND ENSURE THAT QUALITY CARE IS BEING ADDRESSED. AND REST
16 ASSURED, THE DEFINITION OF WHAT THIS INSPECTOR GENERAL WILL DO
17 WILL BE SPELLED OUT VERY CLEARLY, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS CAN SPEAK TO THAT. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE,
19 ACCOUNTABILITY STARTS AT THE TOP, BOTH WITH THIS BOARD, BUT
20 ALSO WITH PUBLIC HEALTH. AND WHEN I HEAR FROM MY CONSTITUENTS
21 THE FRUSTRATION IN THE FACT THAT WE KNOW WHERE MANY OF THESE
22 DEATHS ARE COMING FROM, BUT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A SENSE
23 OF URGENCY, I HEAR THEM LOUD AND CLEAR, AND I FEEL THAT, AS A
24 PRIORITY, WE SHOULD ONCE AND FOR ALL ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT WE
25 ARE GOING TO ADDRESS, ESPECIALLY THE LOVED ONES WHO CANNOT

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1 EVEN VISIT THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY
2 ARE ALL IN LOCKDOWN, MANY OF WHOM HAVE TOLD ME-- ONE WOMAN
3 TOLD ME THAT HER LOVED ONE DIED, AND WAS NOTIFIED THROUGH THE
4 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, HAD NOT EVEN BEEN ABLE TO COME IN
5 CONTACT WITH HER FATHER. S,O I, FOR ONE, AM HEARING REAL
6 STORIES THAT ARE REAL-LIFE STORIES, AND I THINK THAT AT THIS
7 POINT, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING NOW.
8 SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND
11 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP. I THINK IT SHOULD BE
12 APPRECIATED THAT THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS TO SQUARE UP WITH
13 THE URGENCY OF THE TIMES AND THE EXTRAORDINARY NATURE OF WHAT
14 WE ARE CONTENDING WITH. TO COIN A PHRASE, THIS IS SIMPLY NOT
15 BUSINESS AS USUAL. IT CANNOT BE. I REMIND THIS BOARD THAT WE
16 SOUGHT TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN 2014 AND 2015. IN OTHER WORDS,
17 THIS IS NOT THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO REACH INTO THIS ISSUE,
18 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES BEING FACED BY THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. A LOT OF BACK-AND-FORTH HAS GONE
20 ON SINCE THAT TIME, BUT MAY I REMIND EVERYONE ANEW THAT THE
21 BACKLOG WAS ROUGHLY 3,000 AT THE TIME. IT HAS INCREASED RATHER
22 SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THAT TIME. THE STATE DELEGATED MUCH OF
23 THIS ROLE TO THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THE COUNTY, THE ONLY COUNTY
24 IN THE ENTIRE STATE THAT DEALS WITH INSPECTIONS IN THESE
25 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. YES, THE NEW ORDER THAT HAS BEEN

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1 ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 SERVICES IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF AND WE CAN
3 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. IT IS NOT UNKNOWN TO THE STATE LEADERS IN
4 THE AREA OF OVERSIGHT AND REGULATION ABOUT THIS MOTION. THE
5 THRUST OF IT, WITH RESPECT TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ROLE, IS
6 TO LOOK DEEPLY AT WHY THESE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN AS BAD AS
7 THEY ARE, AND WHY THEY HAVE IN SOME WAYS GOTTEN WORSE, AND TO
8 PUT MORE ON IT RATHER THAN LESS. IT REMAINS THE ROLE OF THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONTINUE TO DO AS MUCH AS THEY
10 NEED TO DO, BUT WITH RESPECT TO AN INSPECTOR GENERAL, THAT
11 ENTITY WOULD BE FOCUSED SIGNIFICANTLY ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT
12 THOSE FACILITIES, AND WHY THEY HAVE FAILED TO LIVE UP TO THE
13 EXPECTATIONS THAT WE WOULD HOPE. IN OTHER WORDS, WHERE IS THE
14 SELF-POLICING FEATURE LOCATED IN THESE FACILITIES? THE
15 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER LOOKED AT THAT IN 2014 AND 2015, AND YET WE
16 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP. THE STATE, ACCORDING TO THE
17 COUNTY, HAS NOT PROVIDED SUFFICIENT RESOURCES SO THAT WE CAN
18 STAFF UP AND THE LIKE. WELL, THE BOARD NEEDS TO HAVE IT ON ITS
19 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO LEAN IN AS HARD AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE
20 GET THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED. BUT THAT SHOULD NOT BE AN
21 EXCUSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER ENTITY, THE BOARD
22 INCLUDED, NOT TO DO ALL THAT IT CAN TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS. AND
23 THE CRISIS, MY COLLEAGUES, PRE-DATES THIS PANDEMIC. FROM 3,000
24 TO 5,000 IS NOT POST-PANDEMIC, IT IS PRE-PANDEMIC. AND SO THE
25 SUFFERING, THE MISERY, THE LOW QUALITY OF CARE, THE

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1 EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS, ALL OF THOSE FACTORS PRE-EXISTED. AND
2 WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION, AS THE ENTITY THAT'S ON FIRST BASE WITH
3 RESPECT TO INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS, TO DEAL WITH THIS.
4 SHOULD WE CHOOSE NOT TO DO IT, IF WE CHOOSE TO LEAVE IT AS IT
5 IS, IN MANY RESPECTS, IT WILL PRESUMABLY WORSEN, AS IT HAS
6 OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS. WE WOULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED THAT THE
7 NUMBER OF PEOPLE DYING, THE DEATH RATE, WOULD BE SO
8 PRONOUNCED; BUT NOW WE KNOW, AND IT IS DIRECTLY A RESULT OF
9 THE INATTENTION, THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT, AND THE
10 STANDARDS AND THE CULTURE THAT DEFINES TOO MANY OF THESE
11 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND SO I THINK WE NEED TO ELEVATE
12 THE STANDARDS, GO IN WITH MORE INTENSITY. IT SHOULD HAVE A
13 CLINICALLY ENHANCED FOCUS. IT SHOULD HAVE AN AUDITING AND
14 FISCAL FOCUS TO THE EXTENT THAT IS NECESSARY. I WOULD NOT TAKE
15 OFF THE TABLE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE BEHAVIORS THAT ARE
16 REFERABLE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND IF THAT BE THE CASE,
17 THEN WE HAVE TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE SKILL SET TO BRING TO
18 BEAR. AND THAT'S WHY A MORE COMPREHENSIVE, INTENSE ROLE THAT
19 WOULD COMPLIMENT THAT WHICH IS BEING DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 PUBLIC HEALTH. IT WOULD BE EXTERNAL TO THE AGENCY, BUT
21 COMPLEMENTARY TO THE AGENCY, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS
22 THE CASE, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD TRUST THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
23 WOULD APPRECIATE THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THIS ISSUE IN
24 THIS HOUR OF URGENCY. THERE IS NO MORE TROUBLING EXAMPLE, A
25 MORE SAD EXAMPLE, A MORE DESPERATE EXAMPLE, OF C.O.V.I.D.-19

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1 RESULTING IN DEATH THAN IN THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. IT
2 SEEMS TO ME, THEN, THAT WE HAVE TO MEET THAT HEAD ON AND
3 ELEVATE THE STANDARD AT WHICH WE CHOOSE TO REGULATE,
4 INVESTIGATE, AND INSPECT. MADAM CHAIR?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY, VERY WELL SAID, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS. AND I, TOO, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE I THINK THAT THIS
8 INDIVIDUAL NEEDS TO BE INDEPENDENT AND NOT REPORT TO EITHER
9 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
10 SERVICES; THAT, IN FACT, GIVEN HOW EGREGIOUS SOME OF THE
11 STORIES HAVE BEEN, AND THE NEED TO BE INDEPENDENT, IT SHOULD
12 BE SOMEONE THAT WOULD REPORT EITHER TO THE C.E.O. AND/OR I
13 WOULD PREFER DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD. SO, SEEING THAT NO ONE
14 ELSE HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS, ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC
15 COMMENTS REGARDING THIS ITEM?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
18 COMMENTS UNDER FAVOR: EMILY AGANO, PETER ALAMILA, SONIA BURN,
19 PATRICIA RUSSELL. THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED UNDER OPPOSED: MARK
20 HORSEMAN, ANY SEINZ, NOAH GARRETT. AND THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED
21 UNDER OTHER: GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THAT IS ALL, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THESE COMMENTS WERE AVAILABLE
24 TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THIS VOTE.
25 ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,

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1 SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US. 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.

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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:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
2 0.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 24,
5 PILOTING A COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE AND ENSURING POS-
6 PANDEMIC HOUSING FOR HOMELESS OLDER ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU FOR THE
10 OPPORTUNITY. I REMIND THE BOARD, ON APRIL THE 14TH, SUPERVISOR
11 HAHN AND I PUT FORWARD A MOTION TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY
12 INITIATE A POST-PANDEMIC HOUSING PLAN FOR HOMELESS SENIORS WHO
13 HAVE BEEN HOUSED THROUGH WHAT WE KNOW NOW AS PROJECT ROOM KEY,
14 AND OTHER C.O.V.I.D.-19 INTERVENTIONS. THIS IS A DOWN
15 PAYMENT, YOU MIGHT CALL IT, ON A LARGER VISION AND A LARGER
16 PLAN TO ENSURE THAT NOBODY AGED 65 OR OLDER WILL HAVE TO
17 DEFAULT TO SLEEPING ON THE STREETS ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES. WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, MADAM
19 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED INCONCEIVABLE
20 UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. I MADE REFERENCE TO MORE THAN
21 2500 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY HOUSED IN 29 HOTELS, AND
22 THIS WORK IS FAR FROM OVER. IT IS AN UNPRECEDENTED PARTNERSHIP
23 WITH CITIES, WITH HOTEL OWNERS, WITH HEALTHCARE STAFF, WITH
24 DISASTER SERVICE WORKER VOLUNTEERS, AND EVEN COMMUNITY-BASED
25 NONPROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS. THEY ARE, IN MANY RESPECTS, FIRST

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1 RESPONDERS, ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND WE SALUTE THEM FOR THAT.
2 AND IT HAS BEEN A WIN-WIN ON MULTIPLE FRONTS: PROTECTING
3 VULNERABLE ELDERLY RESIDENTS, PRESERVING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF
4 THE LARGER COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDING INCOME TO HOTEL OWNERS. IT
5 MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE IN THAT REGARD, AND
6 WE MUST STAY LASER-FOCUSED TO ENSURE THAT, ONCE THIS CRISIS IS
7 OVER, THAT THESE VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS ARE ABLE TO STAY
8 HOUSED. SO TODAY'S REPORT-BACK IS BUT A FIRST STEP TOWARD THAT
9 GOAL. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF THE CHAIR SAYS SO, THE CO-AUTHOR OF THIS
11 MOTION, TO OFFER HER INSIGHTS. AND FOLLOWING THAT, MADAM
12 CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK PHIL ANSELL AND THEN HEIDI MARSTON TO
13 BRIEF US ON THE COLLECTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS BEING
14 TAKEN TO ENSURE LONG-TERM HOUSING FOR HOMELESS SENIORS. IT IS
15 VITALLY IMPORTANT, AND THE BOARD HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR FOR
16 THE PAST FOUR YEARS RUNNING THAT THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT, AND
17 WE ARE DOING MORE NOW THAN EVER, IN PART ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE
18 PANDEMIC, BUT LET ME BE CLEAR: WERE IT NOT FOR OUR INVESTMENT
19 UP TO THIS POINT WITH MEASURE H, RIGHT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE
20 WOULDN'T BE IN PLACE TO ACCOMPLISH IT. AND SO, MADAM CHAIR, IF
21 YOU GRANT PERMISSION, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN MR. ANSELL AND
22 MS. MARSTON TO WEIGH IN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE'RE
25 GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO MAKE

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1 COMMENTS, AND I DID, TOO, AND THEN WE CAN HAVE PHILIP, IF
2 THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANKS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS WITH YOU TO CREATE THIS
11 RESPONSE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. IF WE START REFERRING TO
12 THEM AS SENIOR CITIZENS-- AND THAT IS 65 AND OLDER-- IT GIVES
13 THEM MORE DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AND I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO HEAR
14 FROM PHIL AND HEIDI, BUT I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY COMMENTS ON
15 WHY I THINK THIS IS SO IMPORTANT ON MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A
16 PLAN TO HOUSE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE
17 IN PROJECT ROOM KEY. I THINK WE HAVE KNOWN THIS SINCE WE BEGAN
18 THIS, AS MARK SAID, FOUR YEARS AGO, THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT
19 TO BEGIN TO HELP SOMEONE WHEN THEY ARE ON THE STREETS. IT IS
20 HARD TO TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND, IT'S HARD TO FOCUS ON YOUR
21 ISSUES, WHEN YOU ARE SURVIVING UNDER A BRIDGE OR IN AN
22 ENCAMPMENT ON A STREET. AND PROJECT ROOM KEY HAS BEEN SO
23 SUCCESSFUL, AS YOU SAID, MARK. IT HAS JUST BEEN WIN-WIN,
24 RIGHT? WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP SOME OF THESE STRUGGLING
25 MOTEL OWNERS, AND WE'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO SHELTER MANY OF

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1 THESE SENIOR CITIZENS AS THEY WORK TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK
2 TOGETHER. AND I THINK THIS REPORT IS GOING TO BE REALLY A
3 FIRST STEP IN GIVING US A ROADMAP TO RECOVERY AS WE BEGIN TO
4 OPEN SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
5 AND I KNOW MARK, YOU AND I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SO MANY PEOPLE
6 UNEMPLOYED RIGHT NOW, WE ARE GOING SEE A WHOLE NEW WAVE OF
7 HOMELESS PEOPLE, UNFORTUNATELY. WE WERE HAVING A HARD TIME
8 JUST TREADING WATER BEFORE, AND I JUST DON'T THINK ANY OF US
9 FORESAW THIS PANDEMIC AS ADDING MORE OF OUR POPULATION TO THE
10 HOMELESS RANKS. SO I THINK THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I AM
11 HOPING THAT IN THIS REPORT-BACK, I HOPE WE CONSIDER OUR UNIONS
12 AND OUR CHURCHES THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT OUR HOUSING
13 OUR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AND I KNOW THAT THEY CAN BE A BIG
14 RESOURCE AS WE CREATE THIS PLAN. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
15 THAT WE WERE INCLUDING THEM. AND I LOVE THIS, MARK, THAT WE
16 ARE ASKING FOR A PLAN THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT'S A YEAR IN
17 COMING, RIGHT? WE WANT THIS IN 30 TO 60 DAYS. AND I THINK THAT
18 SENSE OF URGENCY IS WHAT WE HAVE TO ALWAYS KEEP IN THE
19 FOREFRONT, AS IT RELATES TO THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
20 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

21

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

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24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO THE AUTHOR
25 AND CO-AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION. VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND I

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1 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PLANNING AND THE MOVEMENT OF THIS VERY
2 VULNERABLE POPULATION. A COUPLE OF THINGS TO ADD: ONE IS THERE
3 HAVE BEEN ARTICLES ABOUT PROJECT ROOM KEY AND ROOMS ACROSS THE
4 STATE NOT BEING FILLED, AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IS NOT
5 THE CASE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB
6 IDENTIFYING ROOMS, HOTELS HAVE REALLY STEPPED UP, AND MANY OF
7 OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION HAS MOVED OFF THE STREET-- OVER
8 A COUPLE THOUSAND SO FAR. BUT IN ADDITION, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
9 AS WE LOOK TO RECOVERY FOR ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT BUSINESSES,
10 THAT WILL INCLUDE THE HOTELS THAT HAVE BEEN SO GOOD ABOUT
11 STEPPING UP FOR PROJECT ROOM KEY, WHICH MEANS, AS YOU VERY
12 APPROPRIATELY POINTED OUT, THAT WE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO
13 IDENTIFY WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT THIS
14 VULNERABLE POPULATION BACK ON THE STREET. I HAVE ASKED HEIDI
15 MARSTON TO REPORT AFTER PHIL, BECAUSE THIS IS ALSO THE DAY
16 WHEN WE ASKED, TWO WEEKS AGO, FOR AN INITIAL REPORT ON OUR
17 LARGER RECOVERY PLAN FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND THOUGHT THAT IT
18 WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE IT AT THE SAME TIME, SO THAT WE COULD BE
19 FOCUSED ON OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE
20 WORK THAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR TO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE OFF THE
21 STREET, AND ALSO TO HOLD DOWN THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED VIRUS
22 CASES. I WISH, OF COURSE, THE NUMBER WAS ZERO, BUT I KNOW THAT
23 THE NUMBER WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER HAD WE HAD NOT TAKEN
24 THESE EXTRAORDINARY STEPS, WHICH MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP
25 LOOKING AT HOW WE PROTECT THIS POPULATION. I THINK THERE IS A

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1 TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE
2 EXITING THE TEMPORARY HOUSING, TO PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE
3 AND OTHER SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN MADE HOMELESS, AND
4 HOPEFULLY THOSE THAT WE CAN HELP NOT TO BECOME HOMELESS. I
5 KNOW THAT WE HAVE MANY CITIES WHO WANT TO WELCOME THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER ON THOSE EFFORTS. SO I SUPPORT THIS
7 MOTION, AND ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORTS FROM BOTH PHIL
8 AND HEIDI, WHO HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB IN MAKING OUR MOTIONS
9 A REALITY, AS IT WERE, AND HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK
10 TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS REALLY HAPPEN FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO
11 ARE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING THAT NEED TO BE IN PERMANENT HOUSING.
12 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS MOTION.
16 TODAY IN THE PASADENA STAR NEWS, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE, AND IT
17 WAS ENTITLED "THE VIRUS SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME." AND IT
18 TELLS THE STORY ABOUT A REAL PERSON UNDER PROJECT ROOM KEY.
19 AND I THINK ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES THAT WE'VE HAD IS
20 LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY IN
21 THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH ONE HAS A STORY. AND SO WHEN WE HEAR
22 PUSHBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AS IT RELATES TO HOUSING, NOT ONLY
23 THOSE UNDER PROJECT ROOM KEY, WHICH HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE
24 MOST VULNERABLE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS, THAT WE WANTED TO
25 ENSURE GET HOUSED AND SLOW THE SPREAD AND PREVENT THEM FROM

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1 GETTING SICK, BUT IT ALSO TELLS A STORY ABOUT SOMEONE WHO, BY
2 THE GRACE OF GOD, COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF US WHO HAD A JOB, WHO
3 GOT INVOLVED WITH DRUGS, ENDED UP LOSING EVERYTHING, AND ENDED
4 UP ON THE STREET, LIVING OUT OF HIS CAR, AND NOW LOOKS AT
5 PROJECT ROOM KEY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO TURN HIS LIFE
6 AROUND, AND HIS GREATEST FEAR IS, WHAT WILL COME NEXT? HOW
7 WILL WE DO THIS? AND THIS MOTION IS THE ANSWER TO THAT
8 QUESTION. HOW WILL WE DO THIS? WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE
9 THAT ONCE WE GET THESE INDIVIDUALS OFF THE STREET AND PROVIDE
10 THEM WITH WRAPAROUND SERVICES, WE WILL WORK TO SECURE HOUSING
11 FOR THEM SO THEY DO NOT END UP BACK ON THE STREET. WE TALK
12 ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING HOMELESS, THAT
13 CANNOT PAY THEIR RENT, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT IT IS MORE
14 EXPENSIVE TO RE-HOUSE THEM THAN IT WOULD BE TO INVEST THEM IN
15 KEEPING THE HOUSING THAT THEY HAVE. I WOULD ARGUE THE SAME FOR
16 THIS, BUT IT GOES BEYOND MONEY. IT IS ABOUT DOING WHAT IS
17 RIGHT, MORALLY AND ETHICALLY. IF WE'VE GOT THEM OFF THE STREET
18 AND WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREET, WE
19 SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY SUCCEED AND
20 THAT WE FULFILL THE PROMISE, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT WE HAVE GIVEN
21 TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK OUR
22 SERVICE PROVIDERS, L.A. COUNTY FIRE AND OUR COUNTY DISASTER
23 WORKERS, WHO'VE CONTINUED TO HELP US WITH PROJECT ROOM KEY
24 SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS IS
25 SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL

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1 IN WORKING WITH OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS, AS WELL AS COUNTY FIRE
2 AND OUR COUNTY DISASTER WORKERS, WHO HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED FROM
3 OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THESE MOTELS UP AND
4 RUNNING. AND WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. THIS IS
5 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US. I SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY. I LOOK
6 FORWARD TO SEEING MORE IN THE PLANS THAT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP
7 COME FORTH, NOT JUST FOR OUR POPULATION ABOVE THE AGE OF 65,
8 BUT ALSO FOR YOUNGER INDIVIDUALS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH
9 CONDITIONS. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT THERE IS NO
10 QUESTION ON THIS BOARD WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT. BUT I
11 WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO READ THE ARTICLE, BECAUSE IT IS A
12 REAL PERSON. WHEN I HEAR STORIES ABOUT "WE DON'T WANT THEM IN
13 OUR COMMUNITY," THIS MAN IS SOMEONE WHO I WOULD BE PROUD TO
14 HAVE AS MY NEIGHBOR. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
15 YOU WANTED PHIL ANSELL TO SPEAK?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. ANSELL AND MS. MARSTON, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. ANSELL?

20

21 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. TODAY I WILL BE
22 ADDRESSING THE FIRST OF THREE REPORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE
23 BOARD'S APRIL 14TH MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS
24 RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS OLDER ADULTS. THIS FIRST
25 REPORT, WHICH WE SUBMITTED ON MAY 15TH, IS FOCUSED ON ENSURING

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1 SAFE ACCESS FOR PROJECT ROOM KEY, FOR INDIVIDUALS AGE 65 AND
2 OLDER. FOR CONTEXT, THE SECOND REPORT, WHICH IS DUE NEXT
3 MONTH, WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THAT SAME TOPIC, AND AN
4 INTERIM REPORT ON THE BROADER POPULATION OF PEOPLE
5 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR AGE 65 AND OLDER. THE FINAL
6 REPORT WILL IDENTIFY WHAT IT WOULD TAKE IN TERMS OF FUNDING
7 AND SERVICE STRATEGIES TO ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS AMONG ADULTS
8 AGE 65 AND OVER THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IF WE COULD GO
9 ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? AS OF APRIL 30TH, 20 PERCENT OF
10 PROJECT ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS IN THE COUNTY WERE OVER AGE 65,
11 AND THAT WAS THE POPULATION ON WHICH THE ANALYSIS THAT WE
12 SUBMITTED ON MAY 15TH IS BASED. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE
13 PROJECT ROOM KEY POPULATION HAS DOUBLED SINCE THAT TIME, SINCE
14 APRIL 30TH, AND THAT, IN FACT, TODAY WE WILL REACH THE
15 MILESTONE OF 3,000 PEOPLE INDOORS, IN HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOMS
16 THROUGH PROJECT ROOM KEY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LOOKING AT THE
17 VULNERABILITY SCORES ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE ASSESSMENTS
18 CONDUCTED THROUGH THE HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM, WHAT
19 WE SEE IS THAT, THOUGH THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
20 PROJECT ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS OVER 65 WHO ARE IN THE HIGHEST
21 VULNERABLE TIER, 12 TO 17, A MAJORITY ARE NOT; AND THAT EVEN
22 AMONG THOSE IN THE LOWER PORTION OF THE 12 TO 17 ASSESSMENTS,
23 MANY COULD SUCCEED IN HOUSING THAT IS LESS INTENSIVE THAN
24 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SO AS WE THINK ABOUT THIS
25 POPULATION AS A WHOLE, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT MINORITY WHO

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1 NEED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, BUT THERE IS A MAJORITY WHO COULD
2 THRIVE IN OTHER FORMS OF PERMANENT HOUSING. NEXT SLIDE,
3 PLEASE. UNSURPRISINGLY, MOST PROJECT ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS,
4 OVER 65 AND UNDER 65, HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH L.A.H.S.A. DURING
5 THE YEAR PRIOR TO THEIR ENTRY INTO PROJECT ROOM KEY. LOOKING
6 AT CONTACT WITH D.H.S. AND D.M.H., BETWEEN 1/4 AND 1/5 OF
7 PROJECT ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS AGE 65 AND OLDER HAD CONTACT
8 WITH D.H.S. OR D.M.H. IN THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO ENTERING
9 PROJECT ROOM KEY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE IS VERY
10 SIGNIFICANT AS WE THINK ABOUT THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF OLDER
11 ADULTS IN PROJECT ROOM KEY, AND HOW THOSE ARE DISTINGUISHED
12 FROM THOSE OF THE YOUNGER C.O.V.I.D.-VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN
13 PROJECT ROOM KEY. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WE SEE HERE IS THAT THE
14 DOMINANT HEALTH ISSUES FOR THE OLDER ADULT PROJECT ROOM KEY
15 POPULATION ARE PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, WHERE 91 PERCENT OF
16 THOSE OLDER P.R.K. PARTICIPANTS REPORTED A PHYSICAL
17 DISABILITY, AND 89 PERCENT REPORTED A CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEM.
18 50 PERCENT REPORTED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND 21 PERCENT
19 REPORTED SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES. SO IF WE LOOK IN COMPARISON TO
20 THE YOUNGER P.R.K. PARTICIPANTS, WE SEE A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF
21 PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND CHRONIC HEALTH ISSUES, AND A
22 SOMEWHAT LOWER INCIDENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE
23 ISSUES. AS A RESULT OF THIS PREVALENCE OF PHYSICAL
24 DISABILITIES AND CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS, OLDER ADULT P.R.K.
25 PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE PARTICULAR SERVICE NEEDS THAT WILL NEED

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1 TO BE ADDRESSED IN THEIR PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENTS. NEXT
2 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO IN THE MAY 15TH REPORT TO THE BOARD, WE
3 IDENTIFIED A RANGE OF BOTH EXISTING HOUSING OPTIONS AND NEW
4 HOUSING OPTIONS THAT WILL BE RELEVANT FOR OLDER ADULT PROJECT
5 ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS. I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON
6 SHALLOW SUBSIDIES, BECAUSE THIS IS A NEW PROGRAMMATIC OPTION
7 THAT WILL LIKELY BE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OLDER ADULTS IN
8 PROJECT ROOM KEY. A SHALLOW SUBSIDY IS WELL SUITED FOR ADULTS,
9 AS WELL AS FAMILIES, WITH A STABLE INCOME THAT ENABLES THEM TO
10 PAY A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION, BUT NOT ALL OF THEIR OWN RENT.
11 OLDER ADULTS 65-PLUS ARE EITHER ALREADY RECEIVING A STABLE
12 INCOME, FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME OR
13 SOCIAL SECURITY; AND IF NOT, THEY ARE GENERALLY ELIGIBLE,
14 BECAUSE ADULTS WHO ARE AGE 65 AND OLDER, WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS
15 OR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS, ARE ELIGIBLE AUTOMATICALLY TO
16 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, WHICH PROVIDES A BIT OVER \$900
17 PER MONTH. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A SHALLOW SUBSIDY PROGRAM IN LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXITING RAPID
19 REHOUSING, WHOM HAVE A GAP IN WHAT THEY CAN PAY FOR RENT, AND
20 WE ALSO HAVE A MODEST-SIZE SHALLOW SUBSIDY PROGRAM TO PREVENT
21 HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE,
22 AS PART OF THE PROJECT ROOM KEY EXIT STRATEGY, IS EXPANDING
23 SHALLOW SUBSIDIES TO OLDER ADULTS AND PERHAPS OTHER PROJECT
24 ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE STABLE INCOME, WHO CAN PAY A
25 MAJOR PORTION OF THE RENT WITH THEIR OWN INCOME ON AN ONGOING

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1 BASIS, AND NEED A SUPPLEMENT, TYPICALLY \$300 TO \$500 PER
2 MONTH. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL BE DEVELOPING FURTHER
3 DETAILS OF THE SHALLOW SUBSIDY PROGRAM, AND CONTINUING TO
4 ASSESS EACH INDIVIDUAL IN PROJECT ROOM KEY TO MATCH THEM TO
5 THE MOST APPROPRIATE, IDEALLY PERMANENT HOUSING EXIT PLAN; AND
6 IF NOT, INTO AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF INTERIM HOUSING. WITH
7 THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO HEIDI MARSTON, THE
8 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM L.A.H.S.A., TO SPEAK
9 SPECIFICALLY, CONCRETELY, ABOUT THE PLANNING TO HELP OLDER
10 HOMELESS ADULTS IN PROJECT ROOM KEY TO EXIT SAFELY.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** MS. HEIDI MARSTON?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HEIDI?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** MS. HEIDI MARSTON, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** EVIDENTLY, WE ARE HAVING SOME TECHNICAL
19 DIFFICULTY WITH HER. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHAT WOULD YOU
20 LIKE?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK WHAT MR. ANSELL HAS
23 PAINTED IS A RATHER POWERFUL PICTURE OF THE POPULATION BEING
24 SERVED, AND MS. MARSTON WAS GOING TO ADD TO IT. AND I GUESS
25 THE ONLY THING THAT I WANT TO OFFER IS THAT, AS THE COUNTY

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1 WRESTLES WITH THIS UNPRECEDENTED BUDGET CRISIS THAT WE'RE
2 CONFRONTED WITH, THE DECISION TO INVEST IN THIS EFFORT WILL BE
3 ONE OF THE TRULY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF PRIORITIZING OUR
4 RESOURCES. WE HAVE A LOT COMING AT US, BUT WE ARE NOT DOING
5 THIS ALONE. THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
6 WITH THE STATE TO SEE THIS AS THE MORAL OBLIGATION THAT IT IS,
7 LONGSTANDING NEGLECT, AND NOW WE HAVE TO PLAY, FOR THE LACK OF
8 A BETTER PHRASE, CATCH-UP. MADAM CHAIR, MAY I JUST OFFER A
9 COUPLE OF PIECES THAT YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED BY. ASSEMBLY
10 MEMBERS DAVID CHIU AND MIGUEL SANTIAGO HAVE ADVANCED A BILL
11 WHICH BOTH MAYOR STEINBERG IN SACRAMENTO AND I ARE
12 COSPONSORING AS CHAIRS OF THE GOVERNOR'S HOMELESS TASK FORCE,
13 AND THAT BILL IS A.B. 3269. AND IT WOULD REQUIRE A STATEWIDE
14 GAPS ANALYSIS. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING AND KNOW WHAT
15 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND IT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY LOCAL PLANS
16 TO TRY TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS. AND THE IMPORTANT THING FOR US
17 IS, OUR COORDINATED CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY THAT WE HAVE BEEN
18 WORKING ON SINCE JANUARY, AND NOW COMING TO US BY WAY OF THE
19 BOARD LETTER DATED THE 15TH OF MAY, GETS US RIGHT IN THE RIGHT
20 SPACE OF PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, STATEWIDE. AND THIS BILL GETS
21 TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER, AND IT MAKES LOCAL COMMITMENT A
22 PRIORITY. AND SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF.
23 IT'S CLEAR THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT THERE IS NO
24 JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA-- I WOULD EVEN ARGUE,
25 IN THE NATION ITSELF-- THAT IS WORKING HARDER ON THIS ISSUE,

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1 AND, FRANKLY, BEING MORE EFFECTIVE. ALTHOUGH, IN MANY
2 INSTANCES, WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A DAUNTING PROPOSITION, TO PUT
3 IT MILDLY, THE EFFORT NOW HAS TO BE ONE OF BEING BOLDER AND
4 MORE NIMBLE THAN EVER AS WE TAKE OUR STEPS AHEAD. SO THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ITS PEOPLE THAT MADE THEIR VOICES
6 KNOWN THROUGH ONE POLL AFTER THE NEXT, THIS IS TOP OF MIND.
7 AND ONCE THE PANDEMIC HAS SUBSIDED, AND I SUSPECT THAT IT WILL
8 IN A PREDICTABLE PERIOD OF TIME, THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS
9 WILL NOT GO AWAY. AND WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO ADDRESS IT WITH
10 ALL OUR MIGHT, ALL OUR IMAGINATION, ALL OUR RESOURCES, AND
11 RECOGNIZE IT FOR THE CRISIS THAT IT IS. MADAM CHAIR, YOU HAVE
12 BEEN KIND TO AFFORD ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AND
13 COMPLETE THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING, COLLECTIVELY, AS
14 THIS BOARD. THERE IS NO BOARD-- MAY I SAY THIS FOR THE RECORD--
15 - THERE IS NO BOARD, NO OTHER FIVE PEOPLE IN THE HISTORY OF
16 THIS COUNTY, THAT HAVE WORKED HARDER ON THE ISSUE OF
17 HOMELESSNESS. FROM DISTRICTS 1 THROUGH 5, EVERYBODY HAS DONE
18 THEIR PIECE TO TRY TO LIFT THIS ISSUE UP AND MOVE IT FORWARD.
19 NOW IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO DO EVEN MORE, AND, MADAM CHAIR, I
20 THINK WE CAN. LEADERSHIP DICTATES NOTHING LESS. I THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE NOW HAVE HEIDI MARSTON ON
23 THE LINE. HEIDI?

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25 **SPEAKER:** YES, I APOLOGIZE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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4 OKAY, GREAT. SORRY ABOUT THAT. THANKS SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME. I
5 AM EXCITED TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE WORK WE ARE DOING TO
6 BUILD OUT OUR RECOVERY FRAMEWORK FOR PEOPLE THAT EXPERIENCING
7 HOMELESSNESS. AS THE BOARD HAS SAID, AND KNOWS ALL TOO WELL,
8 HOMELESSNESS WAS ABSOLUTELY A CRISIS PRIOR TO C.O.V.I.D.-
9 19, AND THIS PANDEMIC HAS ONLY ACCELERATED THE NEED AND THE
10 FOCUS THAT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. SO WE ARE
11 FOCUSED, THROUGH THIS PLAN, ON MOVING PEOPLE INDOORS, BOTH
12 TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,
13 RECOGNIZING THAT WE NEED TO HOUSE PEOPLE FASTER. I WANT TO
14 PROVIDE A BRIEF, HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE
15 ARE WORKING ON-- NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE-- SO THAT WE CAN SPEAK
16 THIS, AND WE'LL COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH MORE IN-DEPTH
17 ANALYSIS IN THE COMING WEEKS. BUT TODAY, I'LL TALK BRIEFLY
18 ABOUT OUR GUIDING VALUES AND OUR PRINCIPLES OF THE STRATEGY,
19 OUR OVERALL COMMAND STRUCTURE OF HOW WE CAN EACH ORGANIZE
20 OURSELVES TO DO THIS COLLECTIVELY, OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
21 ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK OF THE PLAN, AS WELL AS THE STRATEGY
22 COMPONENTS FOR OUR REHOUSING SYSTEM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
23 GUIDING PRINCIPLES. THIS IS WHAT WE USE TO GROUND ALL OF US,
24 COLLECTIVELY. L.A.H.S.A., IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CITIES

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1 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF L.A., HAVE DEVELOPED THIS INITIAL
2 FRAMEWORK, RECOGNIZING THAT NOBODY WHO HAS BEEN SHELTERED
3 THROUGH THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 EFFORT SHOULD RETURN TO THE STREET.
4 THIS IS THE PROJECT ROOM KEY WORK. THIS IS ALL OF THE WORK
5 WE'VE DONE TO BUILD UP OUR CAPACITY, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
6 WE ARE PROVIDING EXIT PATHWAYS THAT DON'T RESULT IN
7 UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. WE ALSO WANT TO QUICKLY HOUSE 15,000
8 OF THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS. SO, AS PHIL NOTED EARLIER,
9 THESE ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF 65 OR HAVE
10 UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, WHEREBY IF THEY WERE TO
11 CONTRACT C.O.V.I.D.-19, THEY WOULD PASS AWAY OR BE
12 HOSPITALIZED. SO, REALLY, A PREVENTION STRATEGY TO SAVE LIVES.
13 WE RECOGNIZE THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT ARE LOOMING FROM THE
14 C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS, AND THAT WHILE INFLOW WAS AN ISSUE INTO
15 HOMELESSNESS BEFORE THIS, IT HAS BECOME EVEN MORE OF A FOCUS
16 NOW, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE HELPING PEOPLE MAINTAIN THEIR
17 HOUSING, AND STOPPING THEM FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE
18 ALSO RECOGNIZE WE NEED TO PREPARE OUR SYSTEM FOR FUTURE
19 CRISES. THIS IS NOT THE ONLY TIME THAT WE WILL SEE A PANDEMIC
20 LIKE THIS, AND THE WAY THAT WE HAVE ACTIVATED HAS BEEN A TRUE
21 TESTAMENT TO OUR SYSTEM AND THE DEEP COLLABORATION AND
22 PARTNERSHIP THAT EXISTS ACROSS OUR COUNTY. BUT IT IS A BIG
23 LIST, AND SO MAKING SURE WE ARE BUILDING CAPACITY FOR THE
24 FUTURE, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO GO FROM ZERO TO 100 LIKE WE DID SO
25 QUICKLY, IS CRITICAL IN MAINTAINING OUR SUCCESS. AND FINALLY,

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1 ENSURING A RACIAL EQUITY LENS IN ALL THAT WE DO, REALLY
2 PRIORITIZING THE ADVANCEMENT OF RACIAL EQUITY, RECOGNIZING NOT
3 ONLY THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 TO BLACK
4 AFRICAN AMERICANS, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZING THE OVER-
5 REPRESENTATION IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION. SO WE ARE COMMITTED
6 TO VALUING ALL INDIVIDUALS AND POPULATIONS EQUALLY, TO
7 RECOGNIZING AND RECTIFYING HISTORICAL INJUSTICE, AND ENSURING
8 THAT WE ARE NOT PERPETUATING THAT FURTHER, AND ALSO TO
9 PROVIDING RESOURCES ACCORDING TO THE NEED OF THE INDIVIDUALS
10 WE ARE SERVING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS IS A VERY BRIEF
11 OVERVIEW OF OUR COMMAND STRUCTURE, AND WHAT THIS IS SPEAKING
12 TO IS HOW DO WE NEED TO ORGANIZE OURSELVES AS A COUNTY, AS
13 CITIES, AS L.A.H.S.A., TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE
14 COMPONENTS OF A TRUE RECOVERY PLAN ARE IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE
15 NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION. SO, YOU WILL SEE IN THE GREEN ARE
16 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE UNDERWAY THAT ARE CRITICAL TO INFORMING
17 WHAT THE PLAN IS. THAT WOULD BE STRATEGIES FOR ACQUISITION AND
18 THE RELEASING OF NEW PROPERTIES OF HOTELS AND MOTELS. WE NEED
19 FUNDING TO BE SOMETHING THAT'S THOUGHT THROUGH COLLECTIVELY,
20 SO WE'RE MAKING SURE WE'RE PUTTING ALL OF OUR DOLLARS THAT
21 WE'RE GETTING TO THEIR HIGHEST AND BEST USE. THE PROGRAM WILL
22 ALSO FOCUS ON PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
23 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MAKING SURE THAT OUR
24 PROGRAMS ARE BUILT UP TO RESPOND TO THIS AND THEN HOUSE PEOPLE
25 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THERE'S A VERY CRITICAL RESEARCH

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1 AND EVALUATION PIECE TO MAKE SURE WE'RE TRACKING PROGRESS,
2 CAPTURING BEST PRACTICES, AND ENGAGING OUR ACADEMIC RESEARCH
3 COMMUNITY, TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING WE'RE PUTTING IN PLACE IS
4 SUSTAINABLE AND THE RIGHT APPROACH. FINALLY, WHAT YOU WILL SEE
5 ON TOP IN THE BLUE IS THE REGIONAL HOMELESS ADVISORY COUNCIL.
6 THIS IS A BODY THAT WAS BORN OUT OF THE CITY OF L.A. AND
7 COUNTY STRATEGIES BACK IN 2017. THIS BODY HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE.
8 HOWEVER, IN LOOKING AT ITS STRUCTURE, IT REPRESENTS MORE THAN
9 60 DIFFERENT ENTITIES THAT ARE CRITICAL KEY PARTNERS WHO NEED
10 TO HAVE SOME LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT AND INPUT INTO THE STRATEGY.
11 IT INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM C.O.G.S, SOME INDIVIDUALS WITH
12 LIVED EXPERIENCE, PROVIDERS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, KEY
13 PROVIDERS, BUT ALSO THE SMALLER PROVIDERS. SO WE WANT TO
14 ENGAGE THIS BODY IN A FORMAL WAY, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
15 CAPTURING THEIR FEEDBACK, THEIR INPUT, AND PERSPECTIVES INTO
16 THE PLAN THAT WE BUILD, LONG TERM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THESE
17 ARE THE FOUR PHASES OF OUR PLAN THAT WE ARE BUILDING OUT, THE
18 RED BEING IMMEDIATE. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING NOW
19 TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE FLATTENING THE CURVE AND RESPONDING TO
20 THE CRISIS. THE SHORT-TERM ACTIONS YOU'LL SEE LAID OUT. THIS
21 IS REALLY FOCUSED ON EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE REHOUSING, THE
22 THINGS THAT, AGAIN, THAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, SOME OF THE
23 THINGS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO RAMP UP OUR SERVICES-- SOME
24 OF THE P.R.K. SITES, FOR EXAMPLE-- TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
25 DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET FOLKS HOUSED ON THE OTHER SIDE

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1 OF THIS. OUR MEDIUM TERM WOULD BE ANYTHING WE NEED TO DO IN
2 THE NEXT 30 DAYS, INCLUDING PREVENTION AND DIVERSION BEING A
3 HUGE PIECE OF THAT, AND THEN OUR LONG TERM: HOW DO WE BUILD A
4 SYSTEM THAT'S CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO THIS, HOW DO WE MAKE
5 SURE THAT WE ARE PREPARED WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS LIKE THIS
6 HAPPENS AGAIN, AS WELL ECONOMIC RECOVERY BEING A VERY CRITICAL
7 PILLAR THERE. AND THEN ON THE BOTTOM, YOU SEE 5 PILLARS OF THE
8 RESPONSE. THESE FIVE PILLARS ARE TELLING US A FEW THINGS. ONE,
9 THESE ARE THE COLLECTIVE GOALS THAT WE WANT TO FOCUS ON WHEN
10 WE LOOK AT EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING AROUND HOMELESSNESS,
11 EVERYTHING THAT IS SO VALUABLE, AND WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES,
12 AND WE KNOW THAT. SO, FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS, FROM OUR POLICY
13 DECISIONS TO OUR PROGRAMMING TO EVERYTHING ELSE IN BETWEEN,
14 MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE ALIGNING WITH THESE FIVE PILLARS OF
15 THE RESPONSE, THAT NOT ONLY INCORPORATES FEEDBACK FROM THE
16 CORE GROUPS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BUT ALIGN WITH THE NATIONAL
17 PILLARS AND THE REST OF THE NATION, INCLUDING H.U.D. AND THE
18 NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS ARE LOOKING AT LONG-TERM
19 RESPONSE. SO IN OUR RESPONSE, WE NEED TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED
20 HOMELESSNESS, SHELTER, HOUSING, PREVENTION/DIVERSION, AND
21 STRENGTHENING OUR SYSTEMS FOR THE FUTURE. I WILL TALK A LITTLE
22 BIT MORE ABOUT THAT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OUR OVERARCHING
23 RECOVERY STATUS IS WHAT WE'VE SAID. WE NEED TO REHOUSE 15,000
24 HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND QUICKER THAN
25 WE HAVE BEFORE. THIS INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PROJECT ROOM

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1 KEY. IT ALSO INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN PROJECT ROOM KEY,
2 THAT ARE EITHER ELIGIBLE AND WAITING TO GO IN, OR ELIGIBLE AND
3 ARE IN ANOTHER SHELTER OR SOMEWHERE ELSE, AND MAKING SURE THAT
4 WE ARE ADDRESSING ALL OF THOSE NEEDS. THIS COULD LOOK LIKE
5 WORKING WITH THEM TO GO RIGHT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING FROM ROOM
6 OR WHERE THEY ARE, IT COULD MEAN LEASING THEM UP IN RAPID
7 REHOUSING, BUT ALSO REALLY ENGAGING OUR PROBLEM-SOLVING
8 METHODS TO SAY, WHAT IS THE LEAST AMOUNT OF INTERVENTION WE,
9 AS THE SYSTEM, CAN PROVIDE YOU TO EFFECTIVELY END YOUR
10 HOMELESSNESS? SO, GETTING CREATIVE WITH OUR SOLUTIONS AND OUR
11 FUNDING TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE OPTIONS HAVE BEEN
12 CAPTURED. AND WE NEED TO DO THAT, STARTING NOW. WE'VE ALREADY
13 STARTED THAT THROUGH A 100-DAY PROJECT, AS WELL AS EFFORTS
14 THAT ARE UNDERWAY, BUT ALSO, WE NEED TO HAVE IT WRAPPED UP BY
15 APRIL 2022. AND WE KNOW THIS IS AN AGGRESSIVE TARGET, BUT WE
16 ALSO KNOW WE NEED TO DO THIS FOR THESE 15,000 HIGH-RISK
17 INDIVIDUALS. AND THEN LAYERING ON TOP OF IT, ENSURING THAT THE
18 INFLOW IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF. SO, PROBLEM-
19 SOLVING AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION TO MAKE SURE WE
20 ARE STABILIZING HOUSEHOLDS AND MINIMIZING THEIR RISK OF
21 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. NEXT SLIDE. SO HOW DO WE DO THIS?
22 WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO GET THERE? A LOT OF THIS
23 GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID THROUGH HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND, AND
24 THIS IS BUILDING ON THAT AND LAUNCHING IT FORWARD IN A WAY
25 THAT IS MUCH FASTER, THAT WE WOULD'VE BEEN UNABLE TO DO

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1 WITHOUT PRIOR WORK DONE THROUGH HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND, BUT
2 EVEN, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS NOTED, WITHOUT THE PRIOR
3 INVESTMENTS THROUGH MEASURE H, WHERE WE HAD A LARGE SYSTEM
4 BUILT UP, AND WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ACTIVATE. SO, ALL THAT
5 SAID, WE NEED A UNIT IDENTIFICATION AND ACQUISITION STRATEGY,
6 SO WE NEED AN ENTITY LOOKING AT THAT, FINDING UNITS, AND
7 GETTING THEM UNDER HOLD, SO WE CAN HOLD THEM AND HAVE
8 SOMETHING TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO. WE NEED THE ABILITY TO QUICKLY
9 ASSIGN AVAILABLE UNITS. SO, ONCE A UNIT IS FOUND, HOW DO WE
10 MATCH THE PERSON TO THAT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE? AND THAT IS
11 SOME OF THE PROGRAMMING THAT HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND IS
12 BUILDING. WE NEED DEDICATED PEOPLE TO FIND UNITS AND MOVE THEM
13 IN. SO THIS IS OUR HOUSING NAVIGATION FUNCTION: PEOPLE WHOSE
14 SOLE JOB IS TO WORKS WITH OUR CLIENTS TO HELP THEM FIND UNITS,
15 AND TO PULL IN NEW UNITS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE AVAILABLE ALL
16 THE TIME, ON A CONSTANT BASIS. WE NEED OUR INVENTORY
17 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, WHICH WE'VE ALREADY STARTED BUILDING OUT.
18 SO THAT IS THE ONE PLACE, THE ONE REPOSITORY THAT WE HAVE AS
19 OUR WHOLE SYSTEM, THAT HAS OVERSIGHT AND VISIBILITY INTO ALL
20 THE PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, SO THAT AT
21 ANY GIVEN TIME, WE CAN COME BACK AND SAY, HERE'S HOW MANY
22 UNITS WE HAVE OPEN, AND HERE'S HOW MANY ARE FILLED, AND HERE
23 IS THE STATUS OF THE ONES THAT AREN'T FILLED YET. THIS IS,
24 AGAIN, WHAT WE ARE BUILDING OUT ALREADY, THAT MAY BE
25 ACCELERATED. [INAUDIBLE] SO, OFTENTIMES, WE SEE A STUMBLING

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1 BLOCK BEING, WE HAVE A PERSON, WE HAVE A UNIT, BUT MOVING THEM
2 IN, THEY NEED A BED AND SHEETS AND SILVERWARE, SO MAKING SURE
3 WE HAVE THOSE HOUSING GOODS IN PLACE AND READY TO DEPLOY WILL
4 HELP US ACCELERATE OUR ABILITY TO MOVE FOLKS FROM THE STREET
5 INTO THEIR HOME. AND THEN LASTLY, HOW DO WE MAKE RESOURCES
6 AVAILABLE WITHIN 7 DAYS? MEANING, IF A UNIT BECOMES OPEN, HOW
7 DO WE MAKE SURE THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE NOTIFIED AND OUR SYSTEM
8 KNOWS THAT THAT UNIT IS NOW OPEN AND AVAILABLE, BUT WE ARE
9 ABLE TO MATCH SOMEBODY TO THAT UNIT, WHO'S READY TO GO, WITHIN
10 7 DAYS? AND THIS IS WHAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE TO GET THIS TYPE
11 OF SCALE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND THIS SHIFT TO HOUSING
12 15,000 HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS. NEXT SLIDE. I AM NOT GOING TO GO
13 THROUGH THESE SLIDES, BUT IT IS HERE FOR A REFERENCE FOR YOU,
14 AND IT'S ALL OF THE 5 PILLARS, AND SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE,
15 MEDIUM, AND LONG-TERM S UNDER EACH OF THE PILLARS THAT WE NEED
16 TO ADDRESS, AND THIS WILL ALSO BE ADDRESSED IN THE WRITTEN
17 REPORT-BACK IN MORE DETAIL. BUT THIS IS ALL THE ACTION FOR
18 UNSHELTERED. NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS THE ACTION FOR OUR SHELTER.
19 NEXT SLIDE. THE HOUSING ACTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE. NEXT SLIDE.
20 PREVENTION AND DIVERSION, AND WHAT THAT NEEDS TO LOOK LIKE AT
21 A SYSTEM LEVEL IN ALL OF THOSE PHASINGS. AND THEN NEXT SLIDE,
22 PLEASE. AND AGAIN, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO STRENGTHEN OUR
23 SYSTEM. SO, PUTTING IT OUT THERE FOR REFERENCE, BUT
24 RECOGNIZING THE TIME, DON'T WANT TO SPEAK IN TOO MUCH DETAIL.
25 AND THEN NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LASTLY, ALL THIS IS SAYING WE ARE

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1 SETTING BIG, BOLD GOALS, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO MOVING AND
2 CONTINUING TO BUILD ON THE MOMENTUM, NOT ONLY THAT WE HAD
3 PRIOR TO C.O.V.I.D., BUT THAT C.O.V.I.D. HAS BROUGHT, AND
4 MAKING SURE WE FEEL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING THAT ALL OF
5 OUR RESOURCES ARE PUT TO USE, AND THAT WE ARE MOVING AS MANY
6 PEOPLE INTO HOUSING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND WE ARE ALREADY
7 PIVOTING OUR SYSTEM TO DO THAT. SO WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO
8 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU
13 SAID YOU WERE GOING TO SPEAK.

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I KNOW. YEAH, GO AHEAD, AND THEN
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL SPEAK AFTER YOU.

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SIMPLY WANT TO
19 THANK HEIDI AND PHIL; HEIDI, ESPECIALLY, BECAUSE WE BROUGHT
20 THE MOTION TWO WEEKS AGO, ASKING FOR THE PLAN OF WHAT THE
21 RECOVERY PLAN WOULD BE FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. AS YOU
22 KNOW, IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO THAT WE ADOPTED A BIG PLAN FOR
23 RECOVERY FOR A LOT OF OUR DIFFERENT SECTORS IN THE COUNTY, AND
24 IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE INCLUDED, AND WE ALL AGREE, A PLAN
25 FOR WHAT TO DO ABOUT OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. AS ALL OF OUR

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1 SPEAKERS HAVE INDICATED, WE DIDN'T JUST START THIS WHEN WE
2 STARTED HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS. WE HAD
3 BEEN THINKING ABOUT, WORKING ON, AND FRANKLY SEEING SOME VERY
4 SERIOUS SUCCESSES ABOUT REHOUSING OUR HOMELESS POPULATION.
5 BUT THE NUMBERS ARE SO DAUNTING THAT WE REALLY COULD NOT
6 FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE A BIG DENT. UNFORTUNATELY, ALONG CAME
7 THIS CRISIS. BUT, FORTUNATELY FOR US, IT GAVE US THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO MOVE PEOPLE
9 IMMEDIATELY, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG THE HOMELESS
10 POPULATION, INTO A TEMPORARY SHELTER, AND WE HAD THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, PARTLY BECAUSE OUR BUSINESSES WERE NOT
12 ABLE TO OPERATE. BUT OUR WHOLE IDEA OF RECOVERY, I THINK, IS
13 TWOFOOLD. ONE IS TO COME OUT OF THIS CRISIS, AND THE SECOND IS
14 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE MIGHT LEARN FROM ACTIONS THAT WE WERE
15 ABLE TO TAKE IN THE CRISIS. AND I THANK HEIDI FOR HER
16 LEADERSHIP AT L.A.H.S.A. I THINK THE PLAN THAT SHE PRESENTS,
17 EVEN THOUGH IT IS INITIAL, AND WE'LL HEAR IN TWO WEEKS A
18 REFINEMENT OF IT UNDER THE MOTION WE ADOPTED TWO WEEKS AGO.
19 BUT IT IS VERY THOUGHTFUL, VERY WELL PUT TOGETHER, AND GIVES
20 ME REAL HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THIS VULNERABLE
21 POPULATION IN WAYS THAT WE REALLY WERE NOT ABLE TO BEFORE. I
22 THINK THE GREAT CHALLENGE IS THE BUDGET. AND I KNOW THAT THE
23 C.E.O. IS NODDING EVEN AS I SPEAK, BECAUSE SHE IS THE ONE WHO
24 HOLDS, REALLY, IN HER OFFICE THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR
25 FIGURING OUT HOW TO DO MORE WHEN YOU HAVE LESS. BUT WITH THIS

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1 POPULATION, I THINK THAT IT MAKES SENSE, FISCALLY, FOR US TO
2 HELP THEM INTO TEMPORARY AND THEN PERMANENT HOUSING. AS BOTH
3 PHIL AND HEIDI HAVE INDICATED, NOT ALL NEED SUPPORTIVE
4 HOUSING, WHICH IS A MORE EXPENSIVE FORM OF HOUSING. SOME ONLY
5 NEED TO GET A LITTLE HELP SO THAT THEY GET BACK ON THEIR FEET,
6 GO BACK TO WORK, AND CAN PAY THEIR RENT. SOME NEED A LITTLE
7 HELP NOT BECOMING HOMELESS, AND THAT IS PART OF THE PLAN, AS
8 WELL. SO I THANK EVERYONE ON OUR STAFF WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS
9 ISSUE. I THANK THE DISASTER SERVICES WORKERS WHO HAVE STEPPED
10 UP TO HELP WITH PROJECT ROOM KEY AND MANY OF THE SHELTER AREAS
11 OUTSIDE OF THEIR OWN USUAL WORK. AND I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THIS BOARD HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARY IN ITS
13 THOUGHTFUL ADOPTION OF PLANS TO, IN THE LONG TERM, HELP THIS
14 HOMELESS POPULATION GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. THANK YOU, MADAM
15 CHAIR.

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

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID
20 ALREADY, BUT I DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE OUR C.E.O. HOMELESS
21 INITIATIVE GROUP, AND ALL OUR COLLABORATORS THAT HAVE BEEN
22 WORKING SO DILIGENTLY ON THIS EFFORT WAY BEFORE C.O.V.I.D.-19.
23 BUT C.O.V.I.D.-19 ALSO GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE THIS
24 PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR AHEAD, THE ROOM KEY PROJECT, WHICH HAS
25 COME, ALSO, WITH ITS CHALLENGES, I MUST SAY, BECAUSE LET'S

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1 FACE IT, WE ARE STILL HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE NIMBYISM THAT
2 CONTINUES TO RAISE ITS HEAD IN OUR COMMUNITIES, IN OUR CITIES-
3 - SMALLER CITIES, BY THE WAY, THAT ARE SMALLER THAN LOS
4 ANGELES CITY, BUT NONETHELESS, WE HAVE THOSE ISSUES. AND I AM
5 HOPEFUL THAT THAT WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE URGENCY WE NEED TO
6 TRY TO FIND OTHER SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING, WHETHER IT IS INTERIM
7 OR PERMANENT. BUT WE KNOW WE HAVE JUST AN OMINOUS JOB AHEAD OF
8 US, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL MONIES AND SOME OF THE
9 STATE MONEY MAY NOT BE THERE AS WE MOVE AHEAD. SO, YES, THERE
10 IS AN URGENCY FOR OUR C.E.O. AND FOR THE PHILANTHROPIC
11 COMMUNITY TO HELP STAND UP WITH US, AS WELL AS ANY AFFORDABLE
12 HOUSING, AS WELL AS DEVELOPERS THAT WANT TO ENGAGE ON A FASTER
13 BASIS WITH US. SO I THINK WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PARALLEL ROADS
14 TO KEEP ON AND MOVE FASTER, AND WORK WITH HEIDI AND WITH PHIL.
15 I WANT TO THANK THEM, IN PARTICULAR, FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND I
16 WANT TO THANK ALL OUR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS, ALSO,
17 AND MENTAL HEALTH, ALL OUR INTEGRATED HEALTH AGENCIES THAT ARE
18 HELPING AND MOVE US ALONG, PROVIDING THE NEEDED SERVICES. IT
19 HAS BEEN A DAUNTING TASK. BUT ONE OF THE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
20 THAT I HAD WAS, YES, THE PROGRAM AS WE KNOW IT, PROJECT ROOM
21 KEY, WAS INTENDED FOR PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 65 WITH
22 HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES, AND WHAT WE ARE FINDING, THOUGH,
23 HOWEVER, IS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T FIT
24 THAT AGE GROUP OR REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY. AND I
25 KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN RAISED WITH BOTH PHIL AND HEIDI, AND I

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1 AM WONDERING IF YOU CAN GO OVER THAT, BECAUSE I'M NOT QUITE
2 SURE EVERYBODY FULLY UNDERSTANDS WHO ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE
3 PROGRAM, PROJECT ROOM KEY, AND HOW CAN WE BETTER IDENTIFY THE
4 INDIVIDUALS WHERE WE DO STAND UP THESE PLACES. BECAUSE ONE
5 THING I KNOW THAT HAS BEEN SAID-- AND IT MAY NOT BE TRUE, IT
6 IS SOMEWHAT ANECDOTAL-- BUT PEOPLE SAY, WELL, YOU ARE BRINGING
7 PEOPLE IN FROM FARTHER CORNERS OF THE COUNTY INTO AREAS THAT
8 THEY ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH, OR DO NOT RESIDE HERE. WHAT
9 HAPPENS AFTER THE PROGRAM? MY CONCERN WAS THAT ARE WE REALLY
10 USING THE EQUITY LENS HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE BUILDING
11 OUT OR FINDING PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY COME FROM AND
12 WHERE THEIR FAMILIES ARE? SO THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS FOR HEIDI,
13 IF YOU CAN RESPOND TO THAT.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT, AND YOU
16 ARE RIGHT: THAT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF ALL THIS. WE
17 KNOW THAT, WHILE YOU CAN BE OVER 65 TO BE ELIGIBLE, ALSO, IF
18 YOU ARE UNDER 65, IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT IS
19 UNDERLYING, THAT QUALIFIES, YOU CAN GO ALSO IN. SO, WHAT HAS
20 BEEN INTERESTING ABOUT THE POPULATION THAT WE ARE SEEING MOVE
21 IN IS THAT THE AVERAGE AGE IS ACTUALLY 54 YEARS OLD. AND I
22 THINK THAT SPEAKS TO THE VULNERABILITY OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO
23 ARE UNHOUSED, AND THE HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF VULNERABILITY THAT
24 IS BECAUSE OF LIVING ON THE STREET. SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
25 SERVE THAT KIND OF BROAD POPULATION, AND SEEING YOUNGER FOLKS

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1 COME IN WHO ARE VERY SICK. SO IT'S BEEN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
2 ENGAGE THERE. BUT TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, WHERE WE HOTELS
3 AND MOTELS REALLY MATTERS. WE KNOW THAT WE USE SERVICE
4 PLANNING AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO BREAK UP OUR GEOGRAPHY,
5 BUT EACH SERVICE PLANNING AREA AND THE JURISDICTIONS WITHIN
6 THAT LOOK VERY DIFFERENT AND HAVE DIFFERENT ORGANIZING BODIES,
7 HAVE DIFFERENT POPULATIONS. SO IF WE ARE MISSING A PARTICULAR
8 AREA, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO
9 DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO HOTELS AND MOTELS. SO WE
10 HAVE DOUBLED DOWN OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING
11 EQUITABLE ACCESS ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND WHERE THERE ARE AREAS
12 THAT MAY NOT HAVE HOTELS AND MOTELS AVAILABLE, BUT HAVE A
13 POPULATION THAT NEEDS IT, WE ARE GOING TO WORK WITH
14 NEIGHBORING SITES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE ACCESS TO
15 THOSE INDIVIDUALS, THAT WE'RE NOT FURTHER PERPETUATING ANY
16 SORT OF RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT MAY EXIST IN THE POPULATION.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
19 WORKING WITH YOU. AND AGAIN, A SHOUTOUT TO ALL OF YOU, AS WELL
20 AS OUR COLLABORATORS, AT L.A.H.S.A., AND ALL OF OUR GROUPS
21 THAT ARE WORKING WITH US OUT THERE TO REALLY MAKE THIS HAPPEN.
22 I REALLY THINK THIS IS A WORTHWHILE PROGRAM, BUT WE HAVE SO
23 MUCH MORE TO ADD TO IT. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRINGING

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1 THIS FORWARD, AND FOR THE STAFF, THE C.E.O., AND EVERYONE
2 WORKING TOWARDS MEETING THIS GOAL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HEIDI, HOW MANY EMPTY BEDS DO
5 WE HAVE RIGHT NOW, UNDER PROJECT ROOM KEY, OF THOSE THAT WE'VE
6 LEASED?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OF THOSE WE HAVE, THERE IS 87-PERCENT OCCUPANCY AS OF
9 THIS MORNING, AND WE DID BRING A COUPLE BIG HOTELS ON OVER THE
10 WEEKEND THAT'S CONTRIBUTING TO THAT.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OF THE 87 PERCENT, WHAT PERCENTAGE HAVE
13 LEFT THE FACILITIES, OR THE MOTELS?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. WE HAVE DECENT TURNOVER FOR VARIOUS REASONS.
16 SINCE IT STARTED, JUST OVER 300 PEOPLE HAVE LEFT AND EITHER
17 CYCLED BACK OR HAVE CREATED SPACE FOR SOMEBODY ELSE. SO WE SEE
18 A LITTLE BIT OF TURNOVER, BUT NOT THE LEVEL THAT WE TEND TO
19 SEE IN OUR OTHER SHELTERS.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND OF THE MOTELS THAT WE ARE LEASING,
22 WHAT PERCENTAGE-- I HAVE HEARD, AT LEAST IN MY DISTRICT, THAT
23 THERE IS SOME THOUGHT THE STATE IS GOING TO PURCHASE THOSE
24 MOTELS. ARE THERE ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITIES WHERE THOSE

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1 MOTELS ARE LOCATED, REGARDING PERMANENTLY PURCHASING THOSE AND
2 MAKING THOSE HOUSING?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I'LL DEFER THAT TO PHIL OR C.E.O. ON THAT.

5

6 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, THIS IS PHIL. AM I STILL LIVE?

7

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

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE
11 STATE HAS SPECIFICALLY UNDERTAKEN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MOTEL
12 6 CORPORATION, WHICH IS WILLING TO SELL, TO HAVE THE STATE
13 FUND A PURCHASE OF CORPORATE-OWNED MOTEL 6 PROPERTIES THAT ARE
14 BEING USED FOR PROJECT ROOM KEY, THAT COULD BE THEN BE
15 CONVERTED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THERE ARE 4 SUCH SITES
16 CURRENTLY OPERATING AS PART OF PROJECT ROOM KEY IN LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY, AND THE STATE HAS REACHED OUT TO THE C.E.O. TO
18 INITIATE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THOSE SITES. THERE
19 ARE NO OTHER SPECIFIC SITES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHERE WE
20 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE PURCHASE AT
21 THIS TIME. BUT THAT DOES NOT PRECLUDE THAT POSSIBILITY MOVING
22 FORWARD, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO DECISIONS REGARDING THE
23 SPECIFIC MOTEL 6 SITES, EITHER. THE GOVERNOR HAS PROPOSED \$600
24 MILLION IN STATE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING TO BE USED
25 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOTELS AND MOTELS TO SERVE

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1 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE STATE'S IDEA IS FOR
2 THOSE HOTELS AND MOTELS TO BE REHABBED AND CONVERTED INTO
3 PERMANENT HOUSING. WE ARE AWAITING ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE
4 ON THAT. BUT AS I MENTIONED, WITH RESPECT TO THESE SPECIFIC
5 MOTEL 6 SITES, WE HAVE INITIATED PRELIMINARY, EXPLORATORY
6 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, THAT KIND OF ANSWERS MY QUESTION. HAVE
9 YOU ENTERED INTO A DISCUSSION WITH THOSE CITIES WHERE THE
10 MOTEL 6S ARE LOCATED?

11

12 **PHIL ANSELL:** NOT YET, SUPERVISOR, BUT WE CERTAINLY DO INTEND
13 TO DO THAT, ONCE WE JUST GET A TAD FURTHER INTO THE PROCESS
14 AND KNOW THAT THERE'S SOME LEVEL OF INTEREST IN MOVING
15 FORWARD.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND HOW MANY MOTEL 6S DO WE HAVE IN L.A.
18 COUNTY THAT ARE PART OF THIS STATE? IS IT SIX? >PHIL ANSELL:
19 WE HAVE FOUR, CURRENTLY TWO OF WHICH ARE IN CITIES, AND TWO OF
20 WHICH ARE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, AND
23 HEIDI, FOR A GOOD REPORT. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE A CLOSING?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, MADAM CHAIR, I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO
2 SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS SUBJECT ITS
3 DUE. WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF
4 WEEKS, PURSUANT TO THE KUEHL/RIDLEY-THOMAS MOTION, AND I THINK
5 WE JUST HAVE TO STAY ON THE CASE, BECAUSE IF I CAN JUST CITE
6 THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDY THAT SAID, OWING TO THE
7 DEPRESSION-LIKE-- THAT IS, THE GREAT DEPRESSION-LIKE
8 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, IT WILL DRIVE HOMELESSNESS UP SOME 40 TO
9 45 PERCENT ACROSS THE NATION. IN CALIFORNIA, THEY PREDICT IT
10 WILL BE 20 PERCENT. WE CAN HARDLY STAND UP TO A 20-PERCENT
11 INCREASE. THE LAST DATA, WE WENT UP SOME 12 PERCENT, AS YOU
12 RECALL, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. AND SO THE MORE ATTENTION
13 WE GIVE THIS, THE BETTER WE WILL BE POSITIONED TO DO OUR GOOD
14 WORK, AND CONTINUE TO DO THAT. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT
15 ITERATION OF THE REPORT, BECAUSE IT WILL HELP US BE MORE
16 FOCUSED AND DO THE WORK THAT WE ARE OBLIGED TO DO. SO WITH
17 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY MOVE THAT WE RECEIVE
18 AND FILE THE REPORT AND PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE
19 AGENDA.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY
22 SUBMITTED ON THIS?

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THERE ARE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 SUBMITTED COMMENTS UNDER FAVOR: GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND
3 PATRICIA RUSSELL. THAT'S ALL.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 24 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

15

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

17

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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?

3

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

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 39-
10 B, SAFER AT WORK AND SAFER IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I HELD THIS
11 ITEM, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING
12 THIS MOTION WITH ME. THIS, TO SAY THE LEAST, HAS BEEN AN
13 INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING SITUATION, ONE THAT REQUIRES EVALUATING
14 ALL IMPACTS OF THE VIRUS AND LISTENING TO ALL THE MULTITUDE OF
15 EXPERTS TO ENSURE WE GET IT RIGHT. I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS
16 OF OUR ECONOMIC AND RESILIENCY TASK FORCE. WHO HAVE INFORMED
17 THIS BOARD OF THE SERIOUS IMPACTS TO EACH OF THEIR SECTORS.
18 THIS PAST WEEK, WE ALSO HEARD FROM LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC
19 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHO SHOWED US THE DIRE IMPACT ON OUR
20 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 1.1
21 MILLION UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FILED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE
22 MID-MARCH, AND L.A.E.D.C. PROJECTS THAT OVER 750,000 OF THE
23 JOBS LOST WILL COME FROM THE RESTAURANT AND RETAIL INDUSTRIES,
24 AND OVER 75 PERCENT OF THE PROTECTED JOBS LOST WOULD BE FROM
25 THOSE WHO EARN LESS THAN \$50,000 PER YEAR. THESE TRULY ARE THE

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1 MOST VULNERABLE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER
2 COUNTIES THAT SURROUND US, THEY HAVE BEGUN TO PRACTICE SOCIAL
3 DISTANCING AND PUTTING INTO PLAY AN ABILITY TO OPEN UP SAFELY
4 AND RESPONSIBLY. THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE JUST TALKED ABOUT ARE
5 THE MOST SEVERELY IMPACTED BY THIS SHUTDOWN, AND THEY DON'T
6 HAVE EXTENSIVE SAVINGS TO DRAW ON TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR
7 FAMILIES WHILE WE ADDRESS THE SERIOUS HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF
8 THIS VIRUS. MILLIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE POSITIVELY
9 IMPACTED IF WE CAN GET OUR BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES REOPENED
10 IN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT MANNER. THIS IS NOT A HEALTH VERSUS
11 ECONOMY CONVERSATION. THERE ARE SERIOUS HEALTH IMPLICATIONS IN
12 KEEPING OUR ECONOMY CLOSED. IF YOU ASK DR. SHERIN, HE HAS
13 SEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CALLING
14 OUR HELP LINE. MANY HEALTH CHALLENGES INCREASE AS SO MANY
15 REMAIN UNEMPLOYED. CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN
16 STUNTED, AND SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED, AND COUNTLESS OTHER HEALTH
17 IMPACTS ARE GOING UNRECORDED AS MILLIONS ARE KEPT AT HOME. THE
18 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR INDUSTRY LEADERS HAVE DISTRIBUTED
19 ROBUST AND DETAILED PLANS FOR A SAFE REOPENING OF THE SECTORS.
20 THESE PLANS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES
21 AND THE ECONOMIC SOLVENCY OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
22 THESE INDUSTRIES WILL HELP TO REOPEN, BECAUSE OUR COUNTY HAS
23 DONE AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB OF FLATTENING THE CURVE, SOCIAL
24 DISTANCING, INVESTING IN TESTING, AND STOCKING UP ON P.P.E.S.
25 AS YOU KNOW, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE

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1 COUNTIES IN THE NATION, COVERING OVER 4,000 SQUARE MILES. THIS
2 COUNTY REACHES 7 DISTINCT VALLEYS AND MULTIPLE URBAN CENTERS.
3 THIS VIRUS HAS IMPACTED EACH OF OUR COMMUNITIES DIFFERENTLY.
4 SUCH A DIVERSE COUNTY REQUIRES A DIVERSE SET OF APPROACHES TO
5 COMBAT THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THIS VIRUS. MANY OF
6 OUR CITIES AND REGIONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN AS SEVERELY IMPACTED
7 BY THE VIRUS ARE CALLING FOR VARIANCES TO THE STATE'S PUBLIC
8 HEALTH ORDERS. MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES HAVE MATCHED THIS
9 STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THRESHOLDS FOR REOPENING.
10 AT THIS POINT, OUR COUNTY'S HOSPITALIZATION RATE FOR
11 C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES HAS BEEN DECREASING FOR A MONTH STRAIGHT.
12 OUR TESTING CAPACITY IS HIGHER THAN MOST OTHER URBAN COUNTIES
13 IN CALIFORNIA, AND OUR POSITIVE TEST RATE IS DROPPING
14 STEADILY. WE WILL SOON, AS A COUNTY, MEET THE STATEWIDE
15 BENCHMARKS FOR REOPENING. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS AND OUR
16 COMMUNITY'S PROVEN COMMITMENT TO SAFE REOPENING OF THEIR
17 ECONOMIES THAT I AM ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN WITH
18 SUPERVISOR AND I IN TRANSITIONING LOS ANGELES COUNTY FROM
19 SAFER AT HOME TO SAFER AT WORK AND SAFER IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
20 FINALLY, I WANT TO MAKE A QUICK POINT ABOUT A LETTER THAT THE
21 COUNTY RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC HEALTH. I READ IT AS A DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE
23 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
24 HEALTH. THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, N6020, READS,
25 "CALIFORNIA LAW PROMOTES THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH

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1 BY PROVIDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS APPOINTED BY
2 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND"-- AND I'M GOING TO EMPHASIZE--
3 - "OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THESE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS,
4 WORKING IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
5 OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES, ARE WELL POSITIONED TO UNDERSTAND THE
6 LOCAL NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES," BOTH DEPARTMENTS MENTIONING
7 "OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES." IF THE GOVERNOR HAD INTENDED FOR
8 THIS TO ONLY APPLY TO COUNTIES, IT WOULD HAVE ONLY STATED
9 "BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS," AND OMITTED THE REFERENCE TO "OTHER
10 LOCAL AUTHORITIES." AS WE ALL KNOW, THE GOVERNOR IS AN ELECTED
11 OFFICIAL WHO HAS ISSUED MANY EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND SOME HAVE
12 SHOWN HIS LEANINGS TOWARDS MORE FLEXIBILITY IN REOPENING, TO
13 HIS CREDIT. HE LISTENS AND RESPONDS BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH,
14 BUT ALSO BASED ON INPUT. ALTHOUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
15 PUBLIC HEALTH HAS CREATED FORMS FOR COUNTY-LEVEL DATA, IT DOES
16 NOT PRECLUDE THEM FROM CREATING ATTESTATION FORMS FOR OTHER
17 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE EXPLICIT LANGUAGE
18 IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER. THESE ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN
19 FROM ACTIONS TAKEN BY OUR BOARD BY WAY OF MOTIONS, ONLY TO
20 HAVE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHOOSE TO INTERPRET THEM DIFFERENTLY.
21 AS SUCH, I STAND BEHIND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER UNTIL
22 IT IS CHANGED BY HIS OFFICE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
23 LISTEN TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS NOT ABOUT A 5TH DISTRICT;
24 THIS IS ABOUT COUNTYWIDE, AND IT STARTS ON THE SAN BERNARDINO
25 COUNTY BORDER, WHICH NOW HAS A VARIANCE, AND KERN COUNTY, AS

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1 WELL AS VENTURA COUNTY. I WOULD URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT MOVING
2 THIS FORWARD, RECOGNIZING 46 COUNTIES HAVE FILED FOR A
3 VARIANCE AND WILL MOVE MORE QUICKLY THROUGH STAGE TWO THAN
4 OTHERS. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE, AS A BOARD, WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT
5 WE ARE SO CLOSE TO BEING PROVIDED THAT VARIANCE, THAT WE
6 SHOULD LEAVE ALL OF OUR OPTIONS OPEN, RECOGNIZING THE
7 APPLICATION STILL HAS TO GO THROUGH THE COUNTY TO THE STATE.
8 SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YES, I JOINED YOU ON THIS,
11 BECAUSE I THINK WHAT YOU JUST SAID, WHAT RESONATED A LOT WITH
12 ME, WAS JUST HEARING SO MUCH FROM OUR CITIES AND OUR REGIONS.
13 I MEAN, I'VE ACTUALLY REVIEWED. MYSELF AND MY STAFF HAS
14 REOPENING PLANS FOR FOLKS ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, FOLKS
15 IN THE SOUTH BAY, MANHATTAN BEACH. I MEAN, THEY'VE ACTUALLY
16 GIVEN US THEIR REOPENING PLANS, AND IT'S ONLY SO LONG THAT WE
17 CAN KEEP SAYING, "YOU CAN'T DO THAT. THAT IS NOT HOW IT WORKS.
18 IT IS ONLY THE COUNTY THAT CAN APPLY FOR A VARIANCE." AND I
19 THINK WHAT THIS DOES IS SORT OF ALLOW THEM TO PETITION THE
20 GOVERNOR, AND SEE WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNOR AGREES THAT A
21 REGION OR A CITY CAN MOVE FORWARD. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW IT
22 WORKS. THIS MIGHT MAKE SENSE, THIS MIGHT NOT MAKE SENSE. I WAS
23 WATCHING VERY CLOSELY THE CITY OF PASADENA, WHO HAS THEIR OWN
24 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THEY APPLIED AND GOT REALLY REJECTED, I
25 THOUGHT, SOUNDLY, AND THE METHODS THAT CAME OUT OF THE STATE

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1 WAS, ONLY A COUNTY COULD APPLY FOR A VARIANCE. AND YET, I'M
2 LISTENING TO YOU IN YOUR TALKING POINTS THIS MORNING, THINKING
3 THAT THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS ACTUALLY ALLOW FOR THIS. BUT I DO
4 KNOW THAT YOU ARE EXACTLY RIGHT. THE GOVERNOR DOES LISTEN TO
5 US. MOST RECENTLY, HE ALLOWED FOR OUR RETAIL BUSINESSES TO
6 OPEN UNDER THE SAME SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT OUR BIG-BOX
7 RETAILERS HAVE BEEN OPERATING UNDER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
8 THIS, BECAUSE OF A LOT OF INPUT HE GOT. SO I JUST THINK IF WE
9 CAN HELP OUR REGIONS APPLY, I THINK THAT'S A ROLE THAT THE
10 COUNTY CAN TAKE, LEGALLY, WITH OUR REGIONS, AND I ALSO THINK
11 THAT WHEN WE HIT OUR TARGET, WE SHOULD ALSO BE READY TO APPLY
12 FOR A VARIANCE. BECAUSE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR
13 IT YET, AGAIN, LEAVES SOME OF OUR CITIES QUESTIONING WHETHER
14 OR NOT WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MOVE FORWARD IN STAGE
15 TWO, PARTICULARLY THE LIMITED IN-ROOM DINING THAT I THINK A
16 LOT OF OUR RESTAURANTS ARE HOPING FOR. SO WITH THAT, I SUPPORT
17 THIS MOTION, AND I INTEND TO VOTE YES ON IT.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS I'VE
22 INDICATED TO YOU, I DEEPLY REGRET, BUT I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS
23 MOTION FOR SEVERAL REASONS. I THINK THE MAIN ONE REALLY IS
24 THAT THERE IS A REAL QUESTION IN MY MIND, WHICH I SETTLE ON
25 THE SIDE OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER, AS TO WHETHER WE CAN

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1 EVEN REALLY DO THIS. THEY'VE TOLD US TIME AND AGAIN THAT WE
2 CANNOT APPLY ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUAL CITIES. WE CANNOT
3 FRACTURE THE COUNTY THAT WAY. THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU QUOTE FROM
4 THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER SAYS "LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS AND
5 OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES." BUT IT DOES NOT SAY "OR OTHER LOCAL
6 AUTHORITIES," WHICH STILL MEANS THAT THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH
7 OFFICER-- THAT IS, OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH-- MUST
8 REALLY BE IN FAVOR. IT CREATES, I THINK, AN UNGOVERNABLE
9 PATCHWORK QUILT, SHOULD WE ALLOW INDIVIDUAL CITIES TO APPLY,
10 BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT JUST BE ONE KIND OF VARIANCE. THEY WOULD
11 WANT A VARIANCE FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF BUSINESSES, THEY WOULD
12 HAVE DIFFERENT HEALTH PLANS, BUT THEY WOULD NOT BE TASKED WITH
13 CARRYING THEM OUT OR ENFORCING THEM. THE MOTION REQUIRES OUR
14 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CREATE THESE REQUESTS FROM EACH
15 CITY, AND ADVOCATE WITH THE STATE ON BEHALF OF THEM. BUT THEN,
16 IF THEY ARE GRANTED, IT DOESN'T PUT ANY ENFORCEMENT WITH THE
17 CITIES. IT SIMPLY PUTS ALL THE ENFORCEMENT WITH OUR HEALTH
18 DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE A PATCHWORK OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF
19 VARIANCES. THE SECOND MAIN REASON I HAVE IS ACTUALLY AN EQUITY
20 PROBLEM. BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THIS PANDEMIC HAS HIT OUR
21 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR SO MUCH MORE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR
22 ANY CITY WITH A HIGH MINORITY POPULATION TO MEET THESE
23 GUIDELINES. AND I KNOW THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT THE INTENT OF
24 ANYONE. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE INTENT OF MY CITIES IN THE
25 WEST VALLEY. YOU'VE HEARD FROM WESTLAKE VILLAGE, IMPLORING US

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1 TODAY. A COUPLE OF PEOPLE FROM AGOURA HILLS ALSO TESTIFIED. IT
2 IS NOT THEIR INTENT. THEY ARE THINKING OF THEIR OWN CITIES.
3 BUT WE REALLY HAVE TO THINK OF ALL OUR CITIES IN THE COUNTY,
4 AND WE HAVE BEEN ADVANTAGING ONE OVER THE OTHER. A GREAT DEAL
5 OF MY DISTRICT IS THE CITY OF THE L.A., WHICH WOULD NOT
6 QUALIFY BECAUSE OF THE OVERALL NUMBERS AND THE HIGH MINORITY
7 POPULATION. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT OUR NUMBERS ARE NOT GOOD IN
8 L.A. CITY. SO, SUPPOSING WESTLAKE VILLAGE COULD OPEN UP, BUT
9 WOODLAND HILLS COULD NOT? I MEAN, IT GOES ON, OVER AND OVER
10 AND OVER. EVERYBODY IS ON THE BORDER OF SOMETHING, AND IT
11 WOULD REALLY BE INEQUITABLE, AND RACIALLY INEQUITABLE. IT
12 WOULD NOT REALLY HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE HUGE NUMBER OF
13 BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY. THERE WOULD BE A FEW HERE AND A FEW
14 THERE THAT COULD OPEN, WHICH WOULD BE WONDERFUL FOR THEM. I
15 KNOW THAT WOULD BE VERY, VERY WELCOME. BUT OVERALL, THE IMPACT
16 IN THE COUNTY WOULD STILL NOT BE THAT HIGH. WE ARE KEEPING UP
17 WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS. WE HAVE DECIDED WE WANT TO MIRROR
18 THE GOVERNORS ORDERS. THAT IS WHY, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN
19 INDICATED, THE GOVERNOR, LISTENING TO PEOPLE, HAS SAID, "OKAY,
20 I WILL MAKE THIS ORDER FOR THE WHOLE STATE," AND THAT MEANS
21 THAT L.A. COUNTY CAN JOIN IN, IN REALLY ONLY A MATTER OF 3 OR
22 4 DAYS, AS WE DEVELOP OUR OWN GUIDANCE. AND SO I THINK THAT
23 THAT IS A BETTER WAY FOR US TO SERVE ALL OF THE BUSINESSES IN
24 L.A. COUNTY. L.A.E.D.C., OBVIOUSLY, WOULD BE HAPPY WITH A
25 BUSINESS OPENING HERE AND THERE, AND THERE IS NO QUESTION WE

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1 NEED TO MOVE BACK TO WORK, BUT SAFELY AND TOGETHER. SO I
2 REGRET THAT I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

4
5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WANTS TO
6 SPEAK, BUT I'D LIKE TO JUST RESPOND. THE PATCHWORK IS ALREADY
7 IN PLAY. EVERY SINGLE COUNTY AROUND US HAS BEEN GRANTED A
8 VARIANCE. AND TO YOUR POINT ABOUT SOCIAL EQUITY, THAT IS WHY
9 NUMBER TWO IS INCLUDED, SO THAT ONCE WE HIT THE VARIANCE
10 REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WE ARE. QUITE FRANKLY, WITH OUR TESTING
11 RATES RIGHT NOW AND OUR PERCENTAGE OF THOSE TESTING POSITIVE,
12 WE ARE RIGHT ON THE CUSP OF DOING, SO THAT IS ADDRESSED. AND
13 THEN I WOULD SAY, NUMBER THREE, IN RESPONSE TO WHAT YOU'VE
14 JUST SAID, TO CLOSE DOWN THE ENTIRE ECONOMY, WHEN I CITE
15 THROUGH L.A.E.D.C. THAT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN
16 IMPACTED THE GREATEST ARE THOSE EARNING UNDER \$50,000, MANY OF
17 THOSE JOBS ARE NOT JUST IN THE CITY OF L.A. MANY OF THOSE JOBS
18 ARE IN OUTLYING AREAS. SO I WOULD SAY THAT IMPACT, SOCIAL
19 EQUITY, IS NOT BEING FAIRLY APPLIED, AS IT RELATES TO THOSE
20 PEOPLE THAT ARE IN NEED OF A JOB AND ACTUALLY WANT TO GET BACK
21 TO WORK. THERE'S NO QUESTION, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
22 GOVERNOR'S THINKING WAS, BUT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE INTENT,
23 THERE IS CLEARLY SOMETHING GOING ON WHEN, IN THE LANGUAGE,
24 INCLUDING "IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
25 OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES," WAS, IN MY OPINION-- AND WE CAN

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1 AGREE TO DISAGREE ON THIS-- IN ORDER TO KEEP US AT THE TABLE,
2 AS IT RELATES TO BEING ABLE TO DO THESE TYPE OF VARIANCES, AND
3 SPEAKING FOR CITIES LIKE LONG BEACH AND PASADENA, BOTH OF WHOM
4 SUPPORT THIS MOTION FOR THAT REASON. BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR
5 OWN HEALTH OFFICER, BUT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH INTERPRETATION
6 OF THE STATE, THEY CANNOT APPLY FOR A VARIANCE. BUT I BELIEVE,
7 AND I THINK THE COUNTY COUNSEL AGREES, AS WELL, THAT THE
8 GOVERNOR ACTUALLY LEFT THAT OPEN FOR US. AND I WOULD ARGUE TO
9 MY COLLEAGUES, IF WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS SAYING IS TRUE,
10 THEN IF THE APPLICATION DOES COME TO THE BOARD AND IS DENIED
11 BY THE STATE, THE STATE STILL HAS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY. THE
12 STATE STILL HAS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY. WE HAVE TO MAKE THAT
13 ARGUMENT. BUT EVERY COUNTY AROUND US HAS REOPENED AND IS
14 MOVING IN A DIRECTION THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, IF WE DO NOT BEGIN
15 TO LISTEN TO OUR CONSTITUENCY, AND LISTEN TO WHAT IS GOING ON
16 IN THIS COUNTY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE MORE JOBS LOST, BECAUSE
17 MANY BUSINESSES ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO REOPEN. SO WITH
18 THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN FOR BRINGING THE MOTION BEFORE US, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS
22 AN ISSUE THAT HAS COME UP EVEN WITHIN MY OWN FIRST DISTRICT
23 WITH SOME OF OUR CITIES, AND I KNOW SOME OF THE CITIES MAY NOT
24 FULLY UNDERSTAND OR APPRECIATE THAT THE NUMBER OF CASES OF
25 C.O.V.I.D. CONTINUES TO RISE. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT I HAVE TO

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1 REMIND SOME OF YOU, BUT JUST OVER THIS WEEKEND, OR I LEARNED
2 FRIDAY, THAT IN THE CITY OF VERNON, WHICH HAS LESS THAN, I
3 DON'T KNOW, 20,000 PEOPLE LIVING THERE OR SO, THAT 154 CASES
4 WERE FOUND AT ONE PARTICULAR PLANT. THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE IS
5 THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WORK THERE LIVE IN SOUTH GATE, CUDAHY,
6 AND OTHER SURROUNDING SOUTHEAST CITIES, WHERE THE NUMBER OF
7 C.O.V.I.D. CASES HAS SKYROCKETED. AND I WAS PERPLEXED, A
8 COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, WHY THE NUMBERS WERE SO, SO HIGH. BELL
9 GARDENS, 223. CITY OF BELL, 259. CITY OF CUDAHY, WHICH IS VERY
10 SMALL, 168. OTHER PARTS OF MY DISTRICT, CITY OF EL MONTE, 426.
11 UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A., 754. IN PLACES LIKE UNINCORPORATED
12 CASTAIC, 316. UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, 500. AND THE
13 LIST GOES ON, AND I LOOK AT IT, AND I HAVE TO THINK, WELL,
14 YES, I AGREE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS SUFFERING. MANY IN OUR LOW-
15 INCOME AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS HAVE BEEN PULVERIZED. BUT
16 NONETHELESS, MANY OF THEM ARE ALSO EQUALLY CONCERNED THAT THEY
17 HAVE BEEN HEAVILY IMPACTED IN THE LATINO, THE IMMIGRANT A.P.I.
18 COMMUNITY, AND YES, AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE HIGHEST
19 DEATH RATES, PROPORTIONALLY SPEAKING, HAS BEEN IN THE MINORITY
20 COMMUNITIES. AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.
21 I, TOO, HAVE SOUGHT ADVICE OVER THE WEEKEND, TALKING TO
22 DIFFERENT PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND I WAS
23 HAPPY THAT AT LEAST WE RECEIVED SOME KIND OF TESTAMENT IN THE
24 LETTER THAT WAS DIRECTED THIS MORNING TO DR. FERRER, THAT THE
25 LAST SENTENCE SAYS THAT THE VARIANCE ATTESTATIONS ARE GROUNDED

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1 IN COUNTY-LEVEL DATA, NOT IN REGIONAL OR CITY-LEVEL DATA. AND
2 SO I WANT TO JUST GO ON RECORD SAYING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
3 MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION THAT WE
4 ARE GOING. WE ARE SLOWLY ALREADY MOVING IN THE MIDDLE OF, I
5 THINK, STAGE TWO, AND I AM HAPPY ABOUT THAT. BUT I REALLY WANT
6 TO JUST SAY, WE HAVE TO EXPRESS EXTREME CAUTION. AND THAT IS
7 HOW I FEEL AT THIS TIME, AND I APOLOGIZE, ALSO, THAT I CAN'T
8 SUPPORT THIS MOTION, FULLY RESPECTING YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN,
9 AND KNOWING WHERE YOU ARE COMING FROM, AND HEARING FROM YOUR
10 CITIES, AS WELL AS SOME OF MINE, BUT KNOWING THAT WE ARE IN
11 THIS TOGETHER. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BE REGISTERED THAT I AM
12 NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT
15 THAT THE LETTER CAME FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, AND MARY
16 WICKHAM'S REPORT BACK TO US SPECIFICALLY HIGHLIGHTED THE
17 DISCREPANCY AND THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS WERE
18 DIFFERENT THAN THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS'. AND I THINK THAT
19 WHEN THE APPLICATION GOES IN, IT GOES TO THE GOVERNOR'S
20 OFFICE, WHICH TELLS ME THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS LOOKING THROUGH A
21 DIFFERENT LENS. BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, AND I WOULD
22 LIKE TO UNDERSTAND, ON THE VERNON AND ALL, WE GOT A PRESS
23 RELEASE THIS WEEKEND, AND IN THAT PRESS RELEASE, IT POINTS OUT
24 THAT THIS BEGAN IN MARCH. SO I GUESS MY QUESTION TO PUBLIC
25 HEALTH WOULD BE, TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S POINT, TRACING IS JUST

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1 GETTING UP AND RUNNING. I GUESS I WOULD WONDER WHAT, EXACTLY,
2 HAS PUBLIC HEALTH DONE IN TERMS OF TRACING, REGARDING THOSE
3 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE BECAUSE THEY'RE ON
4 THE FRONT LINE? AND WE KNEW THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK IN VERNON. I
5 GUESS I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH AND WHAT THEY DID
6 ON THE TRACING SIDE OF THAT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
10 SIMPLY WANTED TO OFFER THIS PERSPECTIVE, THAT THIS IS
11 OBVIOUSLY A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AS WE SPEAK, THINGS CONTINUE
12 TO EVOLVE-- NEWS, BREAKING NEWS, THAT THE GOVERNOR IS MOVING
13 TOWARDS STAGE THREE, IN TERMS OF REOPENING-- AND SO THE
14 ENVIRONMENT IS DYNAMIC. MADAM CHAIR, AS I READ THE AGENDA FOR
15 CLOSED SESSION, THERE'S ONE ITEM THAT DIRECTLY IMPACTS ON THIS
16 ISSUE. THEREFORE, IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO GET THE
17 BENEFIT OF LEGAL COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO THAT CLOSED SESSION
18 ITEM, BEFORE WE SEEK TO LAND ON THIS ISSUE, AND WE TABLE IT
19 UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WE'VE COMPLETED THAT DISCUSSION, SO THAT
20 WE DON'T END UP MOVING IN AN INCONSISTENT MANNER. IF IT IS THE
21 WILL OF THE BODY, I WOULD BE SO INCLINED TO MAKE THAT MOTION
22 AND THEN COME FORWARD WITH A RECOMMENDATION OR ADOPTION OF AN
23 ITEM THAT IS MORE COHERENT. I DO THAT WITH YOUR PERMISSION,
24 MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WILL ACCEPT
2 THAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION, I WILL
3 MOVE US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** NO OBJECTION.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND
8 REPORTED OUT IN CLOSED SESSION, ONCE A VOTE IS TAKEN, IF A
9 VOTE IS TAKEN. NOW WE MOVE ON TO A-1. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. CAN YOU PLEASE READ IN THE
14 NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY
15 IN SUPPORT OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED
18 COMMENTS UNDER FAVOR: PATRICK J. FUREY, HOLLY SCHROEDER, DR.
19 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, KEN RUCAVENA, JUAN GARZA, TIFFANY ROWE,
20 MARY CAMPBELL, RACHEL MICHELIN, KELLY HOENIG, BRAD JENSEN,
21 DONNA DUPARAON, ESTA MCINTYRE, KAREN K. LEWIS, ROB DEGUS, RON
22 DELOVE, DANIELLE BORJA, RON HASS, MICHAEL DUTOY, ANNIE
23 FANGAREE, CLARA KRAGER, RON F. FINLEY, JACK MILLER, CHARLES
24 MILLER, STEVE DEMARZIO, STEVE HOFFBAUER, DONNA LOVICK,
25 NICOLETTE STOVALL, SUSAN CHAMPION, LINDSEY MCGRIFF, DANIELLE

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1 JENKINS, BART AVERY, THE COALITION OF BUSINESSES AND
2 ORGANIZATIONS IN CONEJO VALLEY, RON HIER, RICHARD MONTGOMERY,
3 RYAN SMEAD, JOHN KRISTSHANK, MARCEL RODARTE, CITY OF EL
4 SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL, ROBERT AND LINDA ENOS, GREG GRAMMAR,
5 NANCY STARZICK, TIM ANKAZULS, JODIE PICKERING, DOUGLAS
6 SULLIVAN, MICHAEL DORCHA, MIKE ALFRED, MOLLY ENGELHARDT,
7 COLONEL RALPH CANTRELL, JEFF PIPER, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF
8 THE CITY OF COMMERCE. THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED UNDER OPPOSED:
9 PETER ALIMILA. AND THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED UNDER OTHER: VICKY
10 SHAPIRO, SUE ARIANO, JULIE WELCH, ANITA FISHER, COLEEN GOLDEN,
11 DARLENE SIMONE, ZUMA GENT, JEFFREY J. COSTNER, AND JAMES E.
12 ENGSTROM.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO THIS ITEM WILL BE
15 REFERRED INTO CLOSED SESSION. NOW WE MOVE ON TO ITEM A-1. I'M
16 SORRY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S OKAY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE ON DECK.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK THE
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC. I HAVE THIS ITEM TO
24 PRESENT AS A READ-IN MOTION, ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING
25 OF WORKERS AT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, THAT I'D LIKE FOR US TO

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1 VOTE ON, TO CONSIDER TO VOTE ON TODAY. AND THE MOTION IS AS
2 FOLLOWS: OVER 200 WORKERS AT 9 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES IN THE
3 CITY OF VERNON, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION OF LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19. THE LARGEST
5 OUTBREAK WAS REPORTED AT THE SMITHFIELD FOODS, OWNED BY FARMER
6 JOHN'S SLAUGHTERHOUSE PLANT. THIS PAST WEEK, THERE WERE
7 ADDITIONAL CASES REPORTED TO THE CITY OF VERNON'S HEALTH AND
8 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT. THE COMPANIES EITHER
9 PRODUCE, PACKAGE, OR DISTRIBUTE A WIDE VARIETY OF FOODS,
10 INCLUDING COFFEE, TEA, BREAD, AND MEATS. ALTHOUGH THESE
11 FACILITIES ARE INSPECTED AND PERMITTED BY THE VERNON HEALTH
12 AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS
13 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ARE ADVISING THESE
14 FACILITIES ON STRATEGIES TO SPREAD FURTHER SPREAD OF THE
15 VIRUS, AND FOLLOWING UP ON CASES AND CONTACTS AMONG WORKERS.
16 AS WE CONTINUE DOWN OUR PATH TO RECOVERY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
17 WE PROTECT THE WELLBEING AND SAFETY OF OUR WORKERS. THE UNION
18 FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS, U.F.C.W. UNION LOCAL 770,
19 REPRESENTING OVER 30,000 MEMBERS IN THE RETAIL PHARMACY, MEAT
20 PACKING, AND FOOD PROCESSING, LABORATORY AND CANNABIS
21 INDUSTRIES, HAVE ALSO BEEN MONITORING THE SITUATION CLOSELY
22 FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. THE UNION, REPRESENTING 1300 PLANT
23 EMPLOYEES, HAS ACTED SWIFTLY DURING THESE TRYING TIMES, AND IS
24 CALLING FOR SMITHFIELD TO CONTINUE PAYING WORKERS WHILE THEY
25 CLOSE THE PLANT FOR A COMPLETE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND

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1 CLEANING, AND TO ENSURE THE COMPANY IS COMPLYING WITH
2 CAL/O.S.H.A. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE, AND
3 THAT CAL/O.S.H.A. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COME IN
4 TO REVIEW CONDITIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IMMEDIATELY. OUR
5 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS ADVISE PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK TO ISOLATE
6 THEMSELVES AT HOME UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER THEIR SYMPTOMS FIRST
7 APPEARED, AND AT LEAST THREE DAYS AFTER THEY'VE RECOVERED.
8 EVEN THOSE WHO TEST NEGATIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND HAVE BEEN
9 IN CLOSE CONTACT OF A PERSON WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, NEED TO
10 QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS SO THAT WE CANNOT ONLY PROTECT
11 OURSELVES, BUT THOSE AROUND US AND THOSE WHO WORK WITH YOU. I
12 AM THEREFORE ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR LABOR
14 PARTNERS AND THE CITY OF VERNON'S HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
15 CONTROL DEPARTMENT, TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN
16 7 DAYS ON THE FOLLOWING: THE FACILITY'S C.O.V.I.D.-19
17 MITIGATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR THE FACILITIES WITH
18 OUTBREAKS, TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CENTERS OF DISEASE
19 CONTROL AND PREVENTION, AND CAL/O.S.H.A. RULES AND RECOMMENDED
20 GUIDELINES; CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE
21 FACILITY OPERATORS FOR THE IMPACT OF WORKERS, THEIR FAMILIES,
22 AND THE SURROUNDING SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES; A
23 REVIEW OF BOTH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE RESPECTIVE
24 CITY JURISDICTION AND APPROPRIATE ENTITIES' CURRENT PROTOCOLS
25 FOR MANUFACTURING AND FOOD FACILITIES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE

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1 SUFFICIENT TO REDUCE OUTBREAKS IN THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES.
2 PROTECTIONS AND SAFETY OF OUR WORKERS AND RESIDENTS AT THIS
3 AND OTHER BUSINESSES, FACTORIES, AND PLANTS IS KEY TO OUR
4 SUCCESSFUL REOPENING OUR ECONOMY, AND RELAXATION OF OUR SAFER
5 AT HOME ORDERS. WHILE WE ARE SEEING POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D.-19
6 CASES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THERE ARE SPECIFIC REGIONS IN THE
7 COUNTY THAT ARE AT HIGHER RISK. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF
8 VERNON, WHERE VERY FEW RESIDENTS RESIDE, THERE ARE
9 APPROXIMATELY 50,000 PEOPLE THAT WORK THERE ON A DAILY BASIS.
10 THERE ARE 1,800 BUSINESSES THAT ARE LOCATED THERE, AND MANY OF
11 THE WORKERS LIVE IN THE SURROUNDING SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES
12 COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH GATE, HUNTINGTON PARK, BELL, AMONGST
13 OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN DAILY EXPOSED IN THESE WORKPLACES TO
14 POTENTIAL C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES. SEVERAL OF THESE WORKERS, AS
15 YOU KNOW, ARE IMMIGRANT, LATINOS. SOME ARE OLDER IN AGE, SOME
16 ARE UNDOCUMENTED AND SUFFER FROM PREEEXISTING CONDITIONS,
17 PUTTING THEM AT GREATER RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH FROM
18 THE VIRUS. TELEWORK AND TELECOMMUTING ARE NOT AN OPTION FOR
19 THESE WORKERS. MOREOVER, FOR MANY, SHELTERING IN PLACE IS
20 DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF GENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLDS THAT LIVE IN
21 SMALL DWELLINGS. I WOULD URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT
22 THIS MOTION AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN HELPING THESE STRESSFUL
23 FAMILY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES AT THESE FACILITIES. THANK YOU,
24 MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THIS FOR TODAY'S AGENDA? IT
2 IS NOT A REPORT-BACK. IT IS UNDER A-1, SO WE CAN DO IT? OKAY.
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ANY COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? ALL RIGHT.
4 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE ROLL ON THIS
5 ITEM?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, WE HAVE ONE PERSON THAT SIGNED UP ON
10 A-1, OR SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY. WOULD YOU PLEASE READ OFF
11 THAT NAME?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTED UNDER OTHER:
14 PETER S. ALAMIL.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
17 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? 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.: ITEM PASSES.

12

13 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

14

15 SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AT THIS TIME,

18 THERE ARE NO SPECIALS BY ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES. THEREFORE, WE

19 WILL GO ON TO ADJOURNMENTS, BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISORIAL

20 DISTRICT NUMBER THREE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

21

22 SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE NUMBER

23 OF ADJOURNMENTS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I'M TRYING TO FIND

24 THEM ON MY PHONE, BECAUSE EVERYTHING KIND OF WENT BLANK ON THE

25 COUNTY PHONE TODAY. SO LET ME START WITH SOME, AND IF YOU

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1 COULD COME BACK TO ME AT THE END, WHEN I FIND THE REST, I
2 WOULD REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE IT. SO, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
3 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE AFRIAT, AND I
4 BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WISHES TO JOIN ON
5 THIS. HER CALLING WAS SERVICE, AND AFTER GRADUATING WITH A
6 DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM ROOSEVELT COLLEGE, SHE WENT TO WORK
7 AS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR COOK COUNTY IN CHICAGO. AFTER MOVING TO
8 LOS ANGELES, SHE ENJOYED A CAREER AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
9 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL. AFTER SHE RETIRED, SHE WORKED FULL TIME
10 AS THE SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR THE WEST VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY
11 CENTER, WORKING THERE WELL INTO HER 80S. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
12 HER CHILDREN BONNIE, STEVE-- AND I BELIEVE STEVE AFRIAT, YOU
13 ALL KNOW, IS ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONERS OF CIVIL SERVICE-- AND
14 SARI. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF PHOTOGRAPHER MARY LLOYD ESTRIN, WHO DIED ON APRIL
16 26TH. SHE WAS A TIRELESS ACTIVIST AND ADVOCATE FOR HUMAN
17 RIGHTS, ECONOMIC EQUALITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, NUCLEAR
18 DISARMAMENT, AND NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES. SHE WAS
19 THE BOARD CHAIR OF PLOUGHSHARES FUND, VICE PRESIDENT OF JOHN
20 M. LLOYD FOUNDATION, AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
21 ECONOMIC JUSTICE AT THE GENERAL SERVICE FOUNDATION FOR ALMOST
22 30 YEARS. SHE WAS A TRUSTEE AT VASSAR COLLEGE, BOARD CHAIR OF
23 THE WILDWOOD SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
24 BOARD OF THE TRIPOD SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN, AND CAPITAL
25 CAMPAIGN CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER OF WINDWARD SCHOOL. SHE ALSO

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1 SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR
2 PLOUGHSHARES FUND, A MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC COUNCIL FOR
3 INTERNATIONAL POLICY, AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE OF
4 HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH. SHE WAS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR 15
5 YEARS. HER WORK WAS PUBLISHED IN THE 1979 BOOK "TO THE MANOR
6 BORN." HER PHOTOGRAPHS OF MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV, PAT BOONE, JOAN
7 DIDION, AND OTHERS WERE PUBLISHED REGULARLY IN ROLLING STONE
8 AND IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. MS. ESTRIN'S WORK WAS EXHIBITED IN
9 GALLERIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
10 HUSBAND ROBERT, HER DAUGHTER ZOE, AND HER SONS JESSE AND
11 ELIOT. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
12 MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL COMEDIC ACTOR, FRED WILLARD, WHO DIED ON
13 MAY 15TH. HE WAS AN IMPROV COMEDY GENIUS, MOST WELL KNOWN FOR
14 HIS APPEARANCES IN THE SATIRE OF WRITER-DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER
15 GUEST. HE WAS LAUNCHED INTO MAINSTREAM STARDOM WITH THE 1996
16 FILM "WAITING FOR GUTHMAN," WHICH BECAME AN INSTANT COMEDY
17 CLASSIC, AND EARNED HIM AN AMERICAN COMEDY AWARD NOMINATION
18 AND A SCREEN ACTOR'S GUILD AWARD NOMINATION. HE WAS ALSO
19 FEATURED IN THE REALLY POPULAR FILMS "BEST IN SHOW," "A MIGHTY
20 WIND," "THIS IS SPINAL TAP," "ANCHORMAN: THE LEGEND OF RON
21 BURGUNDY," AND "WALL-E," AS WELL AS T.V. SERIES, INCLUDING
22 "ROSEANNE," "EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND," AND "MODERN FAMILY,"
23 EARNING FOUR EMMY NOMINATIONS FOR HIS PERFORMANCES IN THE
24 LATTER TWO SERIES. I ACTUALLY GOT TO SHARE A STAGE WITH FRED
25 WHEN HE VOLUNTEERED TO EMCEE ONE OF THE EVENTS ABOUT A DECADE

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1 AGO, I GUESS, WHEN WE WERE RAISING MONEY FOR HEALTHCARE FOR
2 ALL, A SHOW WHICH INCLUDED LILY TOMLIN AND PAULA POUNDSTONE,
3 AND HE WAS WONDERFUL AND REALLY WORKED WONDERFULLY WITH US. I
4 REALLY APPRECIATE HIM. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
5 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OLGA ALARCON, WHO DIED ON APRIL 9TH.
6 AS A SINGLE MOTHER RAISING HER CHILDREN IN THE SAN FERNANDO
7 VALLEY, SHE WORKED AS A CASHIER AND WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE
8 RETAIL CLERKS UNION. A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, SHE WAS AN ACTIVE
9 PARTICIPANT IN MANY SOCIAL JUSTICE MARCHES AND POLITICAL
10 CAMPAIGNS, DATING BACK TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
11 HER CHILDREN EVELINA, CYNTHIA, SANDRA, AND SENATOR RICHARD
12 ALARCON, AND A SISTER, ESTELA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
13 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DICK ROSENZWEIG, EXECUTIVE AND
14 ARTS SUPPORTER, WHO DIED ON MAY 6TH. HE RECEIVED THE
15 CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BEVERLY HILLS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN
16 2014. HE SERVED ON THE BEVERLY HILLS ARTS AND CULTURE
17 COMMISSION. HE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE WALLIS ANNENBERG
18 CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IN BEVERLY HILLS, AND WAS
19 ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART'S
20 MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART COUNCIL IN JULY OF 2000. HE'S
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THEA BRODKIN, A GRADUATE OF SMITH
23 COLLEGE, MAJORING IN GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S.C. SCHOOL PUBLIC
24 OF ADMINISTRATION. THEA WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN ELECTIONS AND
25 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT. IN THE 1970S, SHE SERVED ON LOS

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1 ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, IMPLEMENTING
2 DESEGREGATION. SHE WAS A LONGTIME PARTICIPANT IN THE R.R.C.C.
3 COMMITTEE VOTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE, AND AN ACTIVE AND
4 DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. BETWEEN
5 2003 AND 2012, SHE WORKED IN OUR VOTER SERVICES SECTION,
6 RESPONDING TO VOTER CORRESPONDENCE DURING AND AFTER ELECTIONS.
7 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTERS DALE, LINDA, AND GLORIA, AND
8 HER DAUGHTERS KAREN AND AMY. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
9 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPER JERRY
10 SNYDER, WHO DIED ON MAY 9TH. HE WENT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION
11 BUSINESS WHEN HE WAS ONLY 19 YEARS OLD, AND BY THE AGE OF 22,
12 HE WAS BUILDING OVER 2,000 HOMES A YEAR. HE ESTABLISHED J.H.
13 SNYDER COMPANY, AND BECAME A MAJOR HOME BUILDER IN SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA, LATER MOVING ON TO DEVELOP COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES,
15 SHIFTING WITH MARKET DEMANDS FROM BUILDING OFFICES TO RETAIL
16 CENTERS TO MULTIFAMILY STRUCTURES. SNYDER AND HIS WIFE JOAN
17 MADE U.C.L.A. THE BENEFICIARY OF MUCH OF THEIR PHILANTHROPY,
18 INCLUDING A \$3 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO ENDOW THREE FACULTY
19 CHAIRS AT THE STEIN EYE INSTITUTE. THEY ALSO ESTABLISHED THE
20 JEROME SNYDER SYSTEMS BUILDING AND HOUSING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
21 AT THE U.C.L.A. GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN
22 PLANNING. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOAN, AND THEIR THREE
23 CHILDREN, WENDY, WILLIAM, AND LON. SO THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR,
24 PLEASE COME BACK TO ME AFTER THE OTHER ADJOURNMENTS, AND I
25 WILL HAVE FOUND THE OTHERS IN MY PHONE. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST WANTED TO ALSO
5 OFFER MY REMARKS ON THE ADJOURNMENT FOR JERRY SNYDER THAT
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL JUST PROPOSED. YEAH, JERRY WAS A FRIEND OF
7 MINE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, AND I BELIEVE HE HAD
8 SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DEVELOPING OF THE MARINA CITY TOWERS.
9 BUT I ALSO THINK HE BECAME REALLY FAMOUS FOR DEVELOPING THE
10 RIVER IN PALM SPRINGS. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME... NOT THE FIRST
11 TIME, BUT IT WAS SUCH A GREAT DEVELOPMENT THAT HE TOOK AN
12 ABSOLUTE DUSTY, HOT, EMPTY PARKING LOT AND PUT A RIVER THROUGH
13 IT. AND IT'S BECOME ONE OF THE HOTTEST SPOTS IN THE DESERT. IT
14 IS HARD TO EVEN GET RESERVATIONS THERE IN THE SUMMER. SO HE IS
15 VERY VISIONARY. I CONSULTED WITH HIM WHEN WE WERE TALKING
16 ABOUT THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT IN SAN PEDRO, AND HE HAD A
17 LOT OF VISIONS AND HE UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF WATER. SO I MOVE
18 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LIZABETH
19 TRANI, WHO WAS 70 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF
20 MARY STAR HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN PEDRO, AND ATTENDED IMMACULATE
21 HEART COLLEGE AND U.S.C. THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, SHE WORKED AT
22 TRANI'S MAJESTIC, THE POST OFFICE, TRANI'S CHOCOLATE SHOP, BUT
23 SHE WAS MOST PROUD OF BEING ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN TO JOIN THE
24 MARINE CLERKS, LOCAL 63. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER SHARON,
25 HER BROTHERS JOHN AND JIM, WHO OF COURSE IS THE RESTAURATEUR

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1 FOR J. TRANI'S RISTORANTE IN SAN PEDRO, AND HER NEPHEWS JIMMY
2 AND DUSTIN, AND HER NIECE JESSICA. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
3 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARGARET PODUE, WHO
4 WAS 86 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE MOVED TO SAN PEDRO WITH HER
5 FAMILY WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG, AND, TRUE TO HER PURE IRISH
6 HERITAGE, MARGARET WAS ALWAYS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH,
7 DESPITE HER PETITE STATURE. HER LOVE OF HER FAMILY AND LIFE
8 WAS EVER PRESENT. MARGARET IS SURVIVED BY HER DEVOTED HUSBAND
9 ANTHONY, HER CHILDREN TIM, TONIANN, AND MICHAEL, 9
10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. HER SON MICHAEL
11 IS THE PRESIDENT OF I.L.W.U. LOCAL 63. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN
12 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF VICTOR ADRIAN
13 ROSAS, WHO WAS BORN IN PERU. HE WAS AN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN
14 THAT HAD A DREAM OF WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 1969,
15 GENERAL MOTORS OFFERED HIM A JOB AND THE CHANCE TO LIVE HIS
16 DREAM. VICTOR, HIS WIFE MARIA, AND DAUGHTER TATIANA MOVED TO
17 THE UNITED STATES, AND VICTOR LIVED IN DOWNEY AT THE TIME OF
18 HIS DEATH. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER TATIANA, WHO IS AN
19 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
20 VETERANS AFFAIRS HERE IN THE COUNTY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON
21 DENNIS, AND HIS TWO GRANDCHILDREN, MELISSA AND ADRIAN. THAT'S
22 ALL I HAVE, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
25 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF DR. ROY SMUDDE, D.D.S., A

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1 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF VALENCIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
2 78. HE EARNED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM INDIANA STATE
3 UNIVERSITY, AND HIS DENTAL DEGREE FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN
4 1966. THAT SAME YEAR, HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY, WHERE HE
5 SERVED AS CAPTAIN OF A MEDEVAC UNIT THAT WAS DEPLOYED TO
6 VIETNAM. HE OPENED HIS FIRST DENTAL PRACTICE IN INDIANA, WHICH
7 IS STILL FAMILY-OWNED TODAY. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND
8 OPENED ANOTHER DENTAL PRACTICE WITH HIS WIFE, AND TOGETHER
9 THEY SERVED DENTAL PATIENTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND
10 INTERNATIONALLY. HE WAS CONSIDERED AN INNOVATOR IN THE FIELD
11 OF REMOVABLE PROSTHETICS. HE LECTURED AROUND THE GLOBE,
12 TEACHING DENTAL PROFESSIONALS. HE SPENT HIS CAREER WITH ONE
13 GOAL: TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIVES BY RESTORING PEOPLE'S
14 SMILES. ROY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FOUR CHILDREN, AND A
15 SISTER AND BROTHER. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS
16 WALTER GERFEN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LA VERNE, WHO PASSED
17 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. TOM ENLISTED IN THE U.S. NAVY IN 1962,
18 AND WORKED HIS WAY UP UNTIL RETIRING AS A NAVAL COMMANDER FROM
19 THE ACTIVE RESERVES. HE SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO TEACH AT CITRUS
20 COLLEGE FULL TIME AS A COMPUTER INSTRUCTOR. TOM WAS ALWAYS A
21 PASSIONATE SUPPORTER OF VETERANS, AND FUNDED 5 SCHOLARSHIPS TO
22 HELP THEM. HE SERVED FOR 38 YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE CITRUS
23 ALUMNI, AND HE WAS HONORED WITH THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI
24 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. TOM IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER RICHARD, AND
25 NEPHEWS BRYAN AND NATHAN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF

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1 RICHARD KEYSOR, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO
2 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AT U.C.L.A.
3 AND THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, AND RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE
4 IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A FIRST
5 LIEUTENANT IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE DURING THE KOREAN WAR. AFTER
6 BEING DISCHARGED, HE MOVED THE FAMILY BUSINESS, KEYSOR-CENTURY
7 CORPORATION, A RECORDING VINYL MANUFACTURING BUSINESS, TO THE
8 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HIS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDED
9 BEING A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HENRY MAYO NEWHALL
10 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, AND WAS ALSO FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN OF THE
11 HOSPITAL, WHERE HE FUNDRAISED TO INITIATE A PROGRAM TO DEVELOP
12 AN ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE CENTER AT THE HOSPITAL. HE WAS A
13 MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY BOYS AND
14 GIRLS CLUB, AREA CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED WAY SANTA CLARITA,
15 HART DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND
16 SERVED AS A TRUSTEE FOR 12 YEARS ON THE SULPHUR SPRINGS
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD. HE AND WIFE WERE RECIPIENTS OF THE
18 SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT P.T.A. FOUNDERS AWARD, AND HE
19 WAS SANTA CLARITA VALLEY MAN OF THE YEAR IN 1989. HE QUALIFIED
20 HIMSELF IN TRACK TECHNIQUE AND VOLUNTEERED AS AN ASSISTANT
21 TRACK COACH WHILE HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER RAN TRACK FOR CANYON
22 HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS A DEVOUT MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF LATTER-
23 DAY SAINTS, WHERE HE SERVED AS BISHOP, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER,
24 AREA YOUTH LEADER, AND HIGH COUNCILMAN, AND WAS A CHOIR
25 MEMBER. DICK IS SURVIVED HIS WIFE OF 66 YEARS, 9 CHILDREN, AND

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1 2 SISTERS. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN, ESPECIALLY IN
2 LIGHT OF YESTERDAY BEING MEMORIAL DAY, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
4 WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED
6 WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE
7 LAST MONTH: ROBERT DOUGLAS ALLEN, AIR FORCE, 1961-1965;
8 AUDIE MILLIGAN AGUIRRE, NAVY, 1971-1975; JOSEPH R. BRISBON,
9 NAVY, 1979-1979; HARVEY BROWN, AIR FORCE, 1960-1963; MARK
10 SIDNEY BROWN, ARMY, 1980-1982; SAMUEL COLEMAN, NAVY, 1966-
11 1985; JASON LUKE CONGER, ARMY, 2006-2012; JEROME THOMAS DAVIS,
12 ARMY, 1965-1965; RONALD JEAN DEARMAN, ARMY, 1965-1967; LARRY
13 ANDREW HARDICK, AIR FORCE, 1961-1969; STEVEN CARLTON HUDSON,
14 NAVY, 1969-1972; ANTONIO MACEO, MARINE CORPS, 1961-1964; LEROY
15 BOGAN MCKEEVER, AIR FORCE, 1955-1959; JOSEPH POOR, COAST
16 GUARD, 1979-1983; DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, ARMY, 1968-1971; GERALD
17 RANSOM RUSSELL, ARMY, 1961-1963; ROBERT LEOTIS SALTER, ARMY,
18 1970-1973; CLARENCE SIMMONS, MARINE CORPS, 1975-1975; DAVID
19 BRUCE SMITH, AIR FORCE, 1971-1975; MARTIN RONALD SMITH, ARMY,
20 1969-1971; SIDNEY STEIN, ARMY, 1950-1952; DAVID LEE STIMELING,
21 AIR FORCE, 1970-1975; DONNA JEAN WAGNER, NAVY, 1968-1970; AND
22 SCOTT EDWARD WORDEN, ARMY, 1970-1971. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
23 AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.
24 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSE BLAS SANCHEZ
3 GONZALEZ. MR. JOSE BLAS SANCHEZ GONZALEZ WAS BORN ON MARCH
4 24TH, 1939, IN JALISCO, MEXICO, AND PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY,
5 MAY 21ST, 2020, AT THE AGE OF 81. MR. GONZALEZ MIGRATED TO LOS
6 ANGELES IN 1958, AND LIVED IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, MONTEBELLO, AND
7 WHITTIER FOR OVER 60 YEARS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB
8 YAHUALICA, JALISCO FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS. HE ALSO SERVED AS CLUB
9 PRESIDENT. MR. GONZALEZ WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED AS A
10 LOVING, DEVOTED HUSBAND, BROTHER, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND
11 FRIEND. HE DISPLAYED EXTRAORDINARY KINDNESS AND PATIENCE
12 TOWARDS ALL WHO KNEW HIM, AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO MIGRANTS
13 FROM HIS HOME STATE. HE WAS A WELL RESPECTED SMALL BUSINESS
14 OWNER AND TRUSTED MECHANIC AT TWO UNOCAL 76 GAS STATIONS,
15 FIRST IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND LATER IN MONTEREY PARK. HE
16 SUPPORTED HIS CHILDREN, ENABLING THEM TO REACH THEIR DREAMS,
17 TO EARN COLLEGE AND ADVANCED DEGREES, AND LAUNCH SUCCESSFUL
18 CAREERS IN LAW, EDUCATION, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. ONE OF HIS
19 GREATEST JOYS IN LIFE WAS ATTENDING HIS 7 GRANDCHILDREN'S
20 ACTIVITIES AND TELLING THEM STORIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
21 WIFE OF 53 YEARS, MARIA ELENA SANCHEZ, HIS CHILDREN JOSE F.
22 SANCHEZ, MARICELA SANCHEZ-ROBLES, LUIS A. SANCHEZ AND THEIR
23 SPOUSES, 7 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 7 SIBLINGS, AND MANY LOVING
24 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND I MOVE TODAY
25 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REYNALDO CHACON. REYNALDO CHACON

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1 WAS A ALSO KNOWN AS "EL REY" TO HIS FAMILY, AND "DON REY" TO
2 HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. HE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE
3 FIRST DISTRICT, BORN IN 1931, AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 15TH,
4 2020, AT THE AGE OF 88. MR. CHACON EMBARKED ON THE AMERICAN
5 DREAM IN THE EARLY 50S, WHEN HE LEFT MEXICO AND ENTERED THE
6 U.S. WITH A STUDENT VISA. COMPLETELY ENTHRALLED BY DOWNTOWN
7 LOS ANGELES, ESPECIALLY THE ARTS AND FASHION DISTRICT, HE
8 ATTENDED LOS ANGELES TRADE-TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STUDYING
9 INTERIOR DESIGN BY DAY AND TAKING ENGLISH CLASSES AT THEODORE
10 ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AT NIGHTS, WHERE HE MET
11 AND SOON MARRIED JOSEFINA NAVARRO. HIS FIRST JOB WAS IN THE
12 LOS ANGELES GARMENT DISTRICT, IN A DRAPERY MANUFACTURING
13 COMPANY, WHERE HE LEARNED THE DRAPERY BUSINESS. MR. CHACON
14 QUICKLY LEARNED THE BUSINESS, MOVED UP THE RANKS, ASSEMBLING
15 DRAPERY RODS, SEWING, INSTALLATION, AND SALES DEPARTMENT. BY
16 THE MID-50S, HIS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT LED HIM TO OPEN HIS
17 OWN DRAPERY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NAMED REYNOLDS INTERIOR
18 DESIGN, IN THE GARMENT DISTRICT. REYNALDO AND JOSEFINA CHACON
19 HAD FIVE CHILDREN: REYNALDO JR., CARLOS, SYLVIA, MARCUS, AND
20 MARTHA. MR. CHACON'S BUSINESS VENTURES HAD THEIR HIGHS AND
21 LOWS, BUT HE NEVER LOST HIS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT. HE
22 REMAINED SELF-EMPLOYED HIS ENTIRE LIFE, AND DID NOT BELIEVE IN
23 RETIREMENT. HE WORKED INTO HIS LATE 70S. 3 ADULT CHILDREN, 18
24 GRANDCHILDREN, 17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT-GREAT-
25 GRANDCHILDREN SURVIVE HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND FINALLY,

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1 MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF SEBASTIAN FALCON. SEBASTIAN WAS A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY
3 WHO WAS TRAGICALLY SHOT AND KILLED LAST WEEKEND IN THE CITY OF
4 LA PUENTE BY A GUNMAN. HIS UNCLE DESCRIBES SEBASTIAN AS A
5 BRIGHT, LOVING BOY WITH LOTS OF ENERGY, WHO LOVED DOGS AND HIS
6 FAMILY. IT WAS A SENSELESS CRIME, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO HIS
7 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM
8 CHAIR. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
11 ADJOURNMENTS?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
14 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LAWRENCE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
15 LARRY, AUBRY, BORN OCTOBER 5, 1933, IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.
16 AND HE OFTEN REFERRED TO IT AS BIGFOOT COUNTRY WHEN WE'D TALK
17 THEN. HE PASSED ON MAY 16TH IN INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AT THE
18 AGE OF 86. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HIS PARENTS, AND
19 GRADUATED FROM FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL IN 1950. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL,
20 MR. AUBRY SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE BEFORE ATTENDING U.C.L.A.,
21 WHERE HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. HE LATER
22 ATTENDED GRADUATE SCHOOL AT U.S.C., AND STUDIED IN THE FIELD
23 OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. HIS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE
24 BEGAN WHEN HE JOINED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION
25 DEPARTMENT AS A PROBATION OFFICER, AND THEN IN 1967, LARRY

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1 AUBRY WAS APPOINTED TO THE COUNTY'S HUMAN RELATIONS
2 COMMISSION, AND SERVED FOR 34 YEARS AS A SENIOR HUMAN
3 RELATIONS CONSULTANT. AS A COLUMNIST, HE WROTE FOR THE LOS
4 ANGELES SENTINEL NEWSPAPER FOR 33 YEARS. MR. AUBRY SPENT
5 DECADES ADVOCATING FOR POLITICAL, RACIAL, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
6 ISSUES RELATED TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND POLICE
7 ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH HIS COLUMN "URBAN PERSPECTIVES," AND
8 BECAME KNOWN AS ONE OF THE LEADING LIGHTS, A WARRIOR FOR
9 JUSTICE, AND AN UNREPENTANT ADVOCATE FOR RECONCILIATION AMONG
10 RESPECTIVE GROUPS. THEREFORE, HE WAS COMMITTED TO
11 MULTICULTURAL UNITY, AND CERTAINLY REPRESENTED FOR THE
12 COMMUNITY FROM WHICH HE CAME, AS WELL. MR. AUBRY WAS A FOUNDER
13 AND COLLABORATOR WITH NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE
14 BLACK LATINO ROUNDTABLE, THE BLACK KOREAN ALLIANCE, ADVOCATES
15 FOR BLACK STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES, THE BLACK COMMUNITY CLERGY
16 AND LABOR ALLIANCE, THE URBAN LEAGUE, THE SOUTHERN
17 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. IN THE EARLY TO MID-70S, HE
18 SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE INGLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TWO
19 TERMS, AND WAS VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH
20 INSTITUTE AND THE N.A.A.C.P. LOS ANGELES CHAPTER. LARRY AUBRY
21 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A MENTOR, A PROFESSIONAL TRUMPET PLAYER,
22 A JAZZ AFICIONADO, AND MUCH MORE, AS A FEARLESS, BELOVED
23 COMMUNITY MEMBER, A HUSBAND, A FATHER. HE WAS ALL OF THAT. HE
24 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 64 YEARS, GLORIA; FIVE CHILDREN:
25 ERIN, HEATHER, KELLY, KRIS, AND MARK ARHOMUZ; 6 GRANDCHILDREN:

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1 ALVIN, ATLANTIS, DESIREE, JULIAN, MARCUS, AND MARK JR.;

2 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL ALL MISS THE UBIQUITOUS

3 LARRY AUBRY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND THEN, MADAM CHAIR, I'D

4 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROL ANN BELL-BAINES, BORN

5 AUGUST 8, 1956, IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, AND PASSED ON MAY THE

6 8TH IN HENDERSON, NEVADA, AT THE AGE OF 63. SHE RELOCATED TO

7 LOS ANGELES WITH HER FAMILY IN 1959, AND GRADUATED FROM ALAIN

8 LEROY LOCKE HIGH SCHOOL IN 1974. SHE WAS A SELF-EMPLOYED

9 PERSON, AND ALSO SERVED AS A CROSSING GUARD. SHE ENJOYED

10 INTERIOR DESIGN, GARDENING, COOKING, AND BAKING. SHE WILL BE

11 REMEMBERED FOR HER INFECTIOUS SMILE AND DEEP LOVE FOR HER

12 GRANDCHILDREN. MS. BELL-BAINES IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND

13 MARION BAINES I; DAUGHTER TA'SHARA BARAJAS, WHO WAS A FORMER

14 ASSISTANT DEPUTY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN MY OFFICE, AND CURRENTLY

15 WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; A SON, MARION

16 BAINES II; THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS; EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

17 WHO WILL MISS CAROL ANN BELL-BAINES, MOST ASSUREDLY. MADAM

18 CHAIR, THE NAME OF DR. SANDRA BLACK WALKER I SUBMIT FOR

19 CONSIDERATION TODAY AS WE ADJOURN. BORN IN 1950 IN SHREVEPORT,

20 LOUISIANA, AND PASSED ON MAY THE 6TH AT AGE 70 AFTER A LONG

21 BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE RELOCATED TO COMPTON, CALIFORNIA.

22 AFTER GRADUATING FROM COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ATTENDED THE

23 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, WHERE SHE RECEIVED

24 HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH HONORS IN HISTORY. SHE RETURNED TO

25 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WORKED IN THE LIBRARY AT CALIFORNIA

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1 STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS, BEFORE ENROLLING AT
2 U.C.L.A. FOR HER ELEMENTARY TEACHING CREDENTIALS. SHE FOUND
3 EMPLOYMENT AS A TEACHER WITH THE CHARLES DREW HEAD START
4 PROGRAM, AND WAS LATER PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF CHILD
5 DEVELOPMENT SUPERVISOR. HER LONG CAREER WITH THE INGLEWOOD
6 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BEGAN IN 1977, WHEN SHE STARTED
7 WORKING AT CLYDE WOODWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A CLASSROOM
8 TEACHER, AND OVER THE NEXT 33 YEARS, DR. WALKER SERVED THE
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS STUDENTS IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES, SUCH
10 AS A READING SPECIALIST, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, ASSISTANT
11 PRINCIPAL, DIRECTOR, AND AS AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT. SHE
12 PRACTICED WHAT SHE PREACHED, AND CONTINUED HER OWN EDUCATION
13 AND RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM C.S.U.
14 DOMINGUEZ HILLS IN 1978. SHE WAS MARRIED TO JEWETT L. WALKER,
15 AND THAT HAPPENED IN 1997. AND IN 2013, SHE WAS CALLED TO
16 MINISTRY AND SERVED AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT BEFORE
17 SHE WAS ORDAINED IN 2019. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRUE VINE
18 BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE SERVED THE CONGREGATION AS AN
19 ASSOCIATE MINISTER, DEACON, AND A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER. DR.
20 WALKER WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER STRONG FAITH, HER PASSION
21 FOR CONTINUED EDUCATION, HER DEDICATION TO THE YOUTH IN THE
22 INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
23 HUSBAND OF 23 YEARS, REVEREND JEWETT L. WALKER, THREE
24 CHILDREN, 6 GRANDCHILDREN, A HOST OF NEPHEWS AND NIECES, AND
25 MANY PEOPLE WHO LOVED HER, WHO CELEBRATED HER LIFE AND HER

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1 HOMEGOING. MAY DR. SANDRA BLACK WALKER REST IN PEACE. FINALLY,
2 MADAM CHAIR, SHAD GASPARD, BORN JANUARY 13, 1981, IN BROOKLYN,
3 AND TRAGICALLY PASSED ON MAY 17TH IN VENICE AT THE AGE OF 39.
4 HE'S BEST KNOWN AS A MEMBER OF CRYME TIME, A PROFESSIONAL
5 WRESTLING TAG TEAM WITH THE W.W.E. MR. GASPARD BEGAN
6 STUDYING BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS AS A YOUNG CHILD, AND ROSE TO
7 A LEVEL OF PRIZE FIGHTER IN HIS TEENS. AFTER GRADUATING FROM
8 HIGH SCHOOL, HE ATTENDED GEORGE PERIMETER COLLEGE, WHERE HE
9 PLAYED BASKETBALL. AND BEFORE JOINING THE W.W.E. IN 2004, HE
10 WORKED AS A CELEBRITY BODY GUARD. IN 2006, HE WAS RECRUITED TO
11 FORM THE WRESTLING TAG TEAM CRYME TIME. AND IN 2010, HE TURNED
12 HIS ATTENTION TO WRITING, AND PRODUCED A SCREENPLAY ON THE
13 HAITIAN REVOLUTION. MR. GASPARD ALSO PURSUED A CAREER IN
14 ACTING, AND APPEARED IN SEVERAL FILM AND TELEVISION SHOWS,
15 INCLUDING "THINK LIKE A MAN TOO," "THE GAME," AND MORE. HE
16 APPEARED IN THE 2013 STAGE PRODUCTION OF "THE PUGILIST," AND
17 DID MOTION PICTURE CAPTURE WORK FOR THE VIDEO GAMES, AND MOST
18 RECENTLY FOR THE LEAD CHARACTER IN THE 2018 VERSION OF THE
19 GAME "GOD OF WAR." SHAD GASPARD WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
20 HEROIC SPIRIT, HIS INFECTIOUS SMILE, AS A MENTOR, A
21 PROFESSIONAL WRITER, AND AN ACTOR, AND A DEDICATED FATHER.
22 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SILIANA, AND THEIR SON ARYEH,
23 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND WE KNOW THIS WAS A TRAGIC
24 DROWNING ACCIDENT, AND HIS HEROISM WAS DISPLAYED BY WHAT A
25 FATHER DOES. WHEN THOSE WHO CAME TO RESCUE THEM HAD A CHOICE

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1 TO MAKE BETWEEN HIM AND HIS SON, HE SOUGHT TO SAVE HIS SON,
2 AND IN SO DOING LOST HIS OWN LIFE. AND SO MAY HE EVER BE
3 REMEMBERED FOR HIS VALOR, FOR HIS COMMITMENT, AND HIS
4 LIFESAVING GESTURE TO HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD. MADAM CHAIR,
5 THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE SOME
8 MORE ADJOURNMENTS?

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE
11 UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, HAD QUITE A FEW
12 LOSSES IN THE THIRD. SO I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARVIN BERMAN. AFTER THE KOREAN WAR,
14 SERGEANT BERMAN BECAME AN APPRENTICE TO FAMED ARCHITECT
15 RICHARD NEUTRA, AND USED HIS G.I. BILL TO ATTEND THE U.S.C.
16 SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE. HE EMBARKED ON A 61-YEAR ARCHITECTURAL
17 CAREER, RECEIVING RECOGNITION IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND
18 COMMERCIAL DESIGN, AND WANTED IT TO BE NOTED IN HIS OBIT THAT
19 HE REMAINED A LOYAL U.S.C. TROJAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
20 COOKIE, THEIR CHILDREN JOEL AND DEIDRE, AND HIS BROTHER
21 BERNIE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
22 MEMORY OF JACK DUGANNE, AN ARTIST WHO DIED ON APRIL 12TH. AS
23 THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF WORKSHOP, AN ARTIST COLLECTIVE AND
24 PRINTING STUDIO ON MAIN STREET IN SANTA MONICA FOR OVER 47
25 YEARS, HE ENABLED AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF ARTISTS TO DEVELOP

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1 THEIR SKILLS, AND HAD AN INCALCULABLY MAJOR IMPACT ON THE ARTS
2 IN LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. HE TAUGHT AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE,
3 OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN, AND U.C.L.A. EXTENSION. HE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSAN, HIS SONS JOHN AND MAX, HIS STEPSON
5 ERIK, HIS STEPDAUGHTER SAMANTHA, AND HIS BROTHERS ROBI AND
6 DAVE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF MICHAEL KEENAN, NOTED ACTOR AND DIRECTOR, WHO
8 DIRECTED IN INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND HIS ACTING
9 CREDITS INCLUDE MORE THAN 100 PRODUCTIONS PERFORMED AT
10 THEATERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, SUCH AS THE SOUTH COAST
11 REPERTORY, SEATTLE REPERTORY THEATRE, THE SAN DIEGO
12 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, THE AHMANSON, AND THE MARK TAPER FORUM.
13 MOST NOTABLY, ON BROADWAY, HE APPEARED IN SIR PETER HALL'S
14 TONY AWARD-NOMINATED REVIVAL OF "AMADEUS." HE HAD NUMEROUS
15 ROLES ON TELEVISION SHOWS, INCLUDING "CHEERS," "DALLAS," AND
16 "STAR TREK," AS WELL AS HIS RECURRING ROLE AS THE BELOVED
17 MAJOR BILL PUGEN ON "PICKET FENCES." AS A CELEBRATED
18 PROFESSOR, HE TAUGHT ACTING AND DIRECTING AT U.S.C. FOR OVER
19 25 YEARS. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
20 MEMORY OF MICHELE MARCO KNEAFSEY. HER CALLING WAS CARING FOR
21 OTHERS, AND AFTER OBTAINING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MARRIAGE AND
22 FAMILY THERAPY, SHE FOUNDED AN ACTIVE COUNSELING PRACTICE FOR
23 UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES. AND WHEN SHE WASN'T CARING FOR HER
24 PATIENTS AND HER FIVE CHILDREN, SHE VOLUNTEERED ENDLESS HOURS
25 FOR HOSPICE, MEALS ON WHEELS, ST. ANNE'S, AND THE GOOD

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1 SHEPHERD SHELTER. SHE WAS A BELOVED NEIGHBORHOOD FIGURE,
2 FOUNDING THE LUCERNE BOULEVARD BLOCK PARTY ALL OF 45 YEARS
3 AGO, AND IT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
4 HUSBAND THOMAS, AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN: SEAN, BRIAN, KAREN,
5 KEVIN, AND JOSEPH. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN DAVID "MOON" MARTIN, WHO DIED ON MAY
7 11TH. HE WAS A SINGER-SONGWRITER, GUITARIST, AND POP
8 PERFORMER, WHO EARNED HIS NICKNAME "MOON" FROM HIS PROPENSITY
9 TO USE THE WORD OVER AND OVER IN SONG LYRICS. HE'S BEST KNOWN
10 FOR WRITING THE HIT SONG PERFORMED BY ROBERT PALMER, "BAD CASE
11 OF LOVING YOU." HE ALSO WROTE "CADILLAC WALK," PERFORMED BY
12 WILLY DEVILLE, AND "VICTIM OF ROMANCE," PERFORMED BY MICHELLE
13 PHILLIPS. HE HAD A MUSIC CAREER ALL HIS OWN, RECORDING FIVE
14 ALBUMS ON THE CAPITOL LABEL, WITH HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL ALBUM
15 BEING "SHOTS FROM A COLD NIGHTMARE." AND I ASK THAT, FINALLY,
16 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF JON
17 JULIO SEDILLOS. AFTER SERVING IN THE U.S. ARMY, HE WENT TO
18 U.C.L.A., EARNED HIS M.S. IN ACCOUNTING AND SECONDARY TEACHING
19 CREDENTIAL, RECRUITED CHICANO STUDENTS FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
20 OF BUSINESS. HE WENT TO WORK IN A BIG 8 ACCOUNTING FIRM, GOT
21 HIS C.P.A. CERTIFICATE, AND BECAME TREASURER OF A CLIENT'S
22 FIRM. HE AND HIS WIFE JEAN ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE PUBLIC
23 SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ATHLETICS, AND JON COACHED GIRLS' SOFTBALL
24 AND SOCCER, AND LATER HIGH-SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER FOR 16 YEARS,
25 AND WAS NAMED A.Y.S.O. COACH OF THE YEAR FOR REGION 20 IN

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1 1998. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEAN, AND HIS DAUGHTERS LAURIE
2 AND HOLLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, THAT IS ALL OF OUR
5 ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AND
6 SECOND IT. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
7 WILL BE THE ACTION. AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD LIKE TO
8 BE REPORTED AS AN AYE VOTE ON ITEM A-1. SO THAT CONCLUDES
9 TODAY'S MEETING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO
10 CLOSED SESSION.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
14 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
15 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; ITEM CS-
16 2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM CS-3,
17 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL NEGOTIATORS SACHI A. HAMAI AND
18 DESIGNATED STAFF; AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
19 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. [MEETING ADJOURNS TO CLOSED SESSION.]

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED
23 SESSION.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
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**CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (20-2580)

This includes discussion on Item 39-B.

The Board voted to align the County Health Officer Order with the State Executive Orders and State Health Officer Orders that support the phased reopening, unless the County Health Officer orders otherwise, and directed the County Public Health Officer to apply for a variance for the County as a whole.

**CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)**

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

**CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

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

Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU, Union of American Physicians and Dentists; Peace Officers Counsel of California; Association of Public Defender Investigators; Association of Deputy District Attorneys; Los Angeles County Association of Environmental

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1 Health Specialists, Professional Peace Officers Association; and

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3 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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5 **No reportable action was taken.**

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8 **CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING**
9 **LITIGATION**

10 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
11 54956.9)

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13 LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et
14 al., U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case
15 Number: 20-cv-02291-DOC-KES.

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17 This lawsuit seeks relief stemming from the homelessness
18 conditions in the City and County of Los Angeles. (20-2724)

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20 **The Board authorized County Counsel to reach out to the**
21 **City of Los Angeles to seek authorization to mediate from**
22 **Judge Carter.**

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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 29th day of May 2020, for the County records to be used only
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18 As on file of the office of the reporter.

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