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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2 **2020-21 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

3 **MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020, 9:30 AM**

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE
8 FISCAL YEAR '20/'21 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. TODAY IS MONDAY JUNE
9 29TH, 2020. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO
10 THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL.
11 I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE
12 YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

24

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

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2 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, SACHI WENT AWAY. SHE'S NOT IN THE ROOM
3 CURRENTLY. MARY WICKHAM.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** KATHRYN, SOLIS IS HERE.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MARY
8 WICKHAM, COUNTY COUNSEL?

9

10 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
13 BOARD?

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
18 BEING TAKING TELEPHONIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. ALSO,
19 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECEIVED
20 OVER 3,700 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND
21 ALL OF THEM ARE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
22 CONSIDERATION. CONSISTENT WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, WE WILL
23 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
24 MEETING. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
25 RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE READING THE NAMES. HOWEVER, THESE

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1 COMMENTS WILL BE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. WE WILL NOW TAKE
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
3 CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
6 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT
7 SHOULD CALL 844-721-7239 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
8 783360. TO REPEAT. PLEASE CALL 844-721-7239 AND USE
9 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 783360.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
12 EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
13 ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

14

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

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1 OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF WE ARE SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU
2 WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU
3 DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY
4 OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND
5 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF
6 YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR
7 SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
8 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT
9 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MR. MODERATOR,
10 MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

12 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1
13 THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME. WE NEED YOU TO PRESS 1 THEN ZERO TO
14 PLACE YOURSELF INTO THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST QUESTION, COMES FROM
15 THE LINE JOSEPH MAIZLISH. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
16 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU, I'M SPEAKING ABOUT THE BUDGET
19 MATTERS. I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET PLENTY OF COMMENTS ON THE
20 CONTENTS OF THE BUDGET. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS
21 BETWEEN NOW AND, I UNDERSTAND, SEPTEMBER WHEN YOU WILL BE
22 FINALIZING THE BUDGET. MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN LEGISLATORS IN
23 OTHER JURISDICTIONS, STATE, FEDERAL, CITY. YOU KNOW THAT THERE
24 ARE BUDGET HEARINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, PERIODIC AND
25 REPEATING, DURING THE TIME OF THE FORMULATION OF THE BUDGET.

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1 WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH OF THAT HERE SO FAR IN THE COUNTY. YOU ARE
2 UNDER TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL PRESSURE. I REALIZE IT. AND I WOULD
3 LIKE THE PROCESS OF ARRIVING AT APPORTIONMENT OF THE BUDGET,
4 WHICH IS ALSO THE APPORTIONMENT OF PAIN, TO BE DONE IN AS
5 COLLABORATIVE A MANNER AS POSSIBLE WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE
6 COUNTY. I'M HOPING THAT YOU WILL PUBLICIZE WELL AND HAVE AN
7 OPEN SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS, PERHAPS WITH DIFFERENT TOPICS AND
8 PARTS OF THE BUDGET, AS LEGISLATORS DO IN OTHER FORMS. WE NEED
9 AS MUCH COOPERATION AND FEELING OF UNITY AS POSSIBLE AS YOU
10 FORMULATE AND REFORMULATE THE BUDGET UNDER THESE TERRIBLY
11 PRESSURED TIMES.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE.

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16 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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18 **MODERATOR:** ANTHONY ROBLES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
19 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.

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21 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** I'M SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO THE 21ST BUDGET AND
22 THE BUDGET REGARDING THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION AND
23 THE D.A. RIGHT NOW, AS YOU ALL KNOW, OUR COUNTY IS GOING
24 THROUGH AN ECONOMIC RECESSION AS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS BECAUSE
25 OF THE COVID CRISIS. AND NOW IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 START REDIRECTING THE EXISTING FUNDS THAT WE DO HAVE, SINCE WE
2 KNOW WE WON'T BE GETTING THE REVENUE THAT WE USUALLY DO. SO
3 WITH THAT, THERE'S A HUGE MOVEMENT TO DEFUND OUR LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT, OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY,
5 BECAUSE OF THE HUGE INJUSTICES AND HARMS THAT THEY HAVE DONE
6 TO YOUR COMMUNITIES. AND SO WITH THAT, THE ENTIRE PROBATION,
7 JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET SHOULD BE SHIFTED INTO YOUTH
8 DEVELOPMENT. THERE'S A LETTER THAT HAS BEEN, A YOUTH CENSUS
9 BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN SENT ALONG WITH THE -- IN THE CARE FIRST
10 BUDGET THAT DETAILS, OUTLINES, SPECIFIC TRANSFERS OF THAT
11 MONEY. AND DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF BY AT LEAST \$300 MILLION TO
12 GO INTO AN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FUND, AND USE THIS
13 MONEY THAT IS SPENT ON LOCKING UP OUR PEOPLE AND ARRESTING OUR
14 PEOPLE AND SURVEILLING OUR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES INTO
15 YOUTH VIOLENCE AND DIVERSION AND REENTRY SERVICES SO WE CAN
16 REDUCE THE FOOTPRINT OF OUR INCARCERAL SYSTEM SO WE CAN LIVE
17 IN COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T NEED POLICE, THAT WE HAVE ROBUST
18 SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, WHETHER YOU'RE IN
19 SOUTH VENTURA, EAST L.A., OR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. YOU'LL HAVE
20 THE SAME RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES AS PEOPLE IN SANTA MONICA
21 AND BEVERLY HILLS. SO THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** NATALIE WALTER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
2 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **NATALIE WALTER:** HI, I'M ADDRESSING THE BUDGET, AND I DON'T
5 WANT TO TAKE MUCH TIME BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF
6 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK, BUT I JUST WANT TO VOICE MY SUPPORT
7 FOR THE CARE FIRST BUDGET SUPPORTED BY JUSTICE L.A. AND ALSO
8 SAY THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO, I DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHO MY COUNTY
9 SUPERVISOR WAS, AND I AM NOT A TERRIBLY INFORMED PERSON, WHICH
10 I THINK SHOULD ACTUALLY MAKE AN IMPACT FOR YOU GUYS BECAUSE I
11 THINK THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO ARE NOW ALL OF A
12 SUDDEN PAYING ATTENTION AND HOPING YOU GUYS DO THE RIGHT THING
13 AND PULL SOME OF THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS YOU ARE SPENDING ON A
14 POLICING SYSTEM THAT IS TARGETING OUR BLACK PEOPLE AND MAKE A
15 COUNTY THAT CAN BE PROUD OF YOU GUYS INSTEAD OF AFRAID OF YOU.
16 THAT'S ALL.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** SAM SAX, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
21 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SAM SAX:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 3, I BELIEVE.
24 IT IS TAKING MONEY OUT OF HOMELESS OR OUT OF MEASURE H THAT
25 WAS INTENDED FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND GIVING THAT TO THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS JUST EGREGIOUSLY COUNTER TO WHAT
2 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON THE STREET MARCHING FOR AND
3 CALLING IN TO ASK YOU FOR. WE NEED CARE NOT COPS. THE BASE FOR
4 MEASURE H IS A TAX, WHICH IS BEING DECIMATED BY THE
5 CORONAVIRUS. SO, TO FURTHER REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THAT IN
6 AIDING HOMELESS POPULATIONS, AND INSTEAD, ENDANGER THEM BY
7 FUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE MURDEROUS SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT, IS JUST TERRIBLE. PLEASE DON'T DO THAT. LISTEN TO
9 THE THOUSANDS OF CALLERS. SUPPORT BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES
10 IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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14 **MODERATOR:** ALEX OLSON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU
15 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **ALEX OLSEN:** HI, I'M CALLING TO SPEAK LARGELY ON ITEMS 1 AND 2
18 IN SUPPORT OF CARE FIRST BUDGET. I WORK IN SUPERIOR COURT, SO
19 I SEE EVERY DAY HOW OUR CURRENT SYSTEM OF EXCESSIVE POLICING
20 AND INCARCERATION DESTROYS LIVES. IT'S MY JOB TO FACILITATE,
21 AS PEOPLE LARGELY PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY BLACK PEOPLE,
22 MANY OF THEM WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES,
23 THEY TAKE PLEA DEALS. THEY GET PROBATION, GET PICKED UP FOR
24 VIOLATIONS OF THAT PROBATION, USUALLY SOMETHING MINOR. THEY GO
25 INTO THE SYSTEM. THEY COME OUT LESS ABLE TO EVEN REACH OUT FOR

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1 HELP, AND THEY IMMEDIATELY REPEAT THE PROCESS. THEY NEED AND
2 WANT PROFESSIONAL HELP. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THAT THE PROGRAMS
3 THAT OFFER THAT TO THEM WORK, BUT THE PROGRAMS THEMSELVES ARE
4 EVEN MORE OVERCROWDED THAN THE JAILS. ONLY A TINY FRACTION OF
5 THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THESE PROGRAMS CAN EVEN GET IN. IT'S
6 CRUCIAL THAT WE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES TO STOP CRIME AT ITS
7 SOURCE AND GIVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ALTERNATIVES TO
8 INCARCERATION, AND THAT WE FUND THESE ALTERNATIVES BY CUTTING
9 FUNDING FOR JAILS AND PRISONS, PROBATION, THE DISTRICT
10 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I SUPPORT THE
11 CREATION OF AN A.T.I. FUND AND HIRING OF AN A.T.I. DIRECTOR
12 USING THOSE FUNDS. THANK YOU, I WILL YIELD MY REMAINING TIME.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** JUST A REMINDER FOR ANY LATE JOINERS, YOU ARE
17 PRESSING 1 FOLLOWED BY 0 FOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT WE HAVE
18 CHRIS RIDDLE. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
19 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **CHRIS RIDDLE:** HELLO. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA 3,
22 PLEASE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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24 **MODERATOR:** WE SURE CAN.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **CHRIS RIDDLE:** HI. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE EXPANSION OF THE LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES
5 TEAM. IN A MOMENT WHERE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE
6 DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIVESTMENT FROM THE L.A. COUNTY
7 SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT, INCREASING FUNDING TO A DEPARTMENT THAT
8 HAS BEEN PROVEN INEPT, INEFFECTIVE, AND HOMICIDAL IS
9 DISGRACEFUL. THE COUNTY SHOULD PLACE THESE DOLLARS INTO THE
10 A.T.I. FUND FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES FOR THE SUPPORT OF
11 THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY -- SUPPORT OF THE HOMES COMMUNITY
12 MEMBERS THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR HOMELESS
13 POPULATION IS DISPROPORTIONATELY BLACK. BLACK PEOPLE MAKE UP
14 LESS THAN 8 PERCENT OF L.A.'S POPULATION AND 34 PERCENT OF THE
15 HOMELESS POPULATION. AND IT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO INCREASE
16 SHERIFF'S CONTACT IN PREDOMINANTLY BLACK COMMUNITIES. THEY
17 JUST SAID ON THE RADIO THIS MORNING ONE IN THREE USE OF FORCE
18 ENCOUNTERS IN L.A. --

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME EXPIRED. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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23 **MODERATOR:** MINERVA GARCIA, PLEASE SPEND THE ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESS TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **MINERVA GARCIA:** AGENDA ITEM 1 AND 2. THE BOARD MUST MOVE
2 BEYOND AUSTERITY MEASURES AND SIGNIFICANTLY DIVEST FROM LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT AND END INCARCERATION. AN 8 PERCENT CUT TO THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT ENOUGH. THE PRIMARY TOOL THE BOARD
5 HAS TO HOLD THE SHERIFF, PROBATION, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
6 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE ONGOING HARM THEY ARE INFLECTING ON OUR
7 COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY BLACK RESIDENTS, IS TO SLASH THEIR
8 BUDGETS AND USE THESE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
9 OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP. WE NEED A
10 CARE FIRST BUDGET FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON TOP OF THAT, YOU
11 ARE FUNDING A SHERIFF THAT IS UNCONTROLLABLE, THAT IT DOESN'T
12 ANSWER TO THE LAW, YOU KNOW, VICTIMS LIKE ANDRES GUARDADO,
13 KENNETH ROSS JR., PAUL REYA, VANESSA MARQUEZ, WHOSE
14 INVESTIGATION WAS BOTCHED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT
15 YOU ARE FUNDING THIS MURDEROUS ENTITY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND
16 UNCONSCIONABLE IN THIS DAY AND TIME.. I YIELD MY TIME. F.U.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERTAOR:** ROXANNE CALIMERES. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
21 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **ROXANNE CALIMERES:** AS YOU STATED, MY NAME IS ROXANNE
24 CALIMERES. I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 2, MR.
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M ALSO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN A HOMELESS

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1 SERVICES PROGRAM THAT'S FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H. AND I AM
2 CALLING IN TO NOT ONLY VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR A CARE FIRST
3 BUDGET BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS ITEM 3C OF THE AGENDA WHICH
4 PROPOSES REALLOCATING 2.2 MILLION OF MEASURE H FUNDS TO THE
5 SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM. I'M DEEPLY
6 CONCERNED ABOUT ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT FOR ANYTHING THAT RESEMBLES CARE OR HOMELESS
8 OUTREACH GIVEN HOW HORRIFIC THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HANDLED
9 ANY KIND OF INTERACTION WITH THE COMMUNITY. IT'S DEEPLY
10 CONCERNING TO ME WHENEVER LAW ENFORCEMENT IS INVOLVED IN
11 ANYTHING RESEMBLING CARE BECAUSE IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT
12 WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE FUNCTION FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE,
13 UNDER MEASURE H, HAVE EXPANDED HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAMS THAT
14 ARE DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB IN ADDRESSING THE INCREASING
15 UNHOUSED POPULATION IN OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 CONSIDERATION. I YIELD MY TIME.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** CECE STEER PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
21 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **CECE STEER:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

25 **MODERATOR:** WE SURE CAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1
2 **CECE STEER:** GREAT. THANK YOU, I'M COMMENTING ON ITEMS 1, 2,
3 AND 3. AS STATED, MY NAME CECE STEER. I'M A FOURTH GENERATION
4 ANGELENO. I LIVE ON PALMVIL RANCH. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1
5 REPRESENTED BY HILDA SOLIS. I'M A GARDENER, A [INDISCERNIBLE],
6 AND AN EDUCATOR, AND I SEE HOW PEOPLE RESPOND WHEN THEY GET
7 THEIR HANDS DIRTY GROWING THEIR OWN FOOD AND MEDICINE. AND THE
8 FIRST TURN THAT ARE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PUNITIVE JUSTICE OF
9 THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S AND PRISONS. I'M CALLING ON YOU TO
10 ALL MOVE AWAY FROM THIS MODEL OF PUNISHMENT AND TOWARD A
11 VISION OF TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE. I ASK THAT YOU DEFUND THE
12 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FUND PROGRAMS DIRECTLY
13 SUPPORTING [INDISCERNIBLE] DISPROPORTIONATELY [INDISCERNIBLE]
14 INCARCERATED BY THE L.A. SHERIFFS. WE HAVE THE BIGGEST
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY, THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM
16 IN THE WORLD, AND SO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL TO MAKE
17 TRANSFORMATIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL CHANGE HERE. HOW MANY MORE
18 PEOPLE MUST THE L.A. DEPUTIES KILL BEFORE WE DECIDE TO DEFUND
19 THE POLICE? HOW MANY THOUSANDS MORE PEOPLE NEED CALL ON YOU,
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OUR PAID REPRESENTATIVES, BEFORE WE
21 DEFUND THE POLICE? THE TIME IS NOW. WE THE PEOPLE ARE
22 SPEAKING. WE ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE ANY TIME SOON, AND WE ASK
23 YOU LISTEN. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY FUND THE CARE FIRST INITIATIVE.
24 PLEASE DEFUND THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WORK QUICKLY ON
25 DECARCERATING AND CLEARING OUT OUTDATED JAILS. PLEASE FUND

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1 CARE FIRST INITIATIVE AND PAY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ALTERNATIVES
2 TO INCARCERATION OR A.T.I. PROJECT FROM THE CARE FIRST
3 FUNDING, NOT THROUGH PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY. PLEASE RETURN TO
4 ZERO DOLLAR BAIL TO PROTECT INMATES FROM COVID INFECTION AND
5 WORK TOWARD ABOLISHING [INDISCERNIBLE]. PLEASE DO NOT EMPLOY
6 RISK ASSESSMENT TO [INDISCERNIBLE] RELEASE PROGRAMS, WHICH ARE
7 INHERENTLY RACIST AND CLASSIST [INDISCERNIBLE]. AND PLEASE
8 SEEK OUT GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AS [INDISCERNIBLE]
9 THE COMMUNITY BASED AND CENTERED TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE
10 ORGANIZATIONS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE THESE MEETINGS
11 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. IF THEY ARE TO BE IN PERSON, PLEASE
12 ALSO MAKE ATTENDANCE POSSIBLE ONLINE OR BY PHONE LIKE THEY ARE
13 NOW. THIS IS GREAT. THANK YOU, I CEDE MY TIME.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** TYLER SAMPLES. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
18 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **TYLER SAMPLES:** HI, MY NAME IS TYLER SAMPLES, AND I'M
21 ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I'M A RESIDENT OF
22 DISTRICT 5, AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE
23 CARE FIRST BUDGET. THE SHERIFF'S ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO
24 MEASURE R AND THE MURDER OF ANDRES GUARDADO ARE SHAMEFUL, AND
25 THE PRIMARY TOOL YOU HAVE TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE IS THIS

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1 BUDGET. SO PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND AND USE IT TO THE FULL
2 ADVANTAGE TO GIVE A MESSAGE THAT IS COMMENSURATE WITH WHAT
3 YOUR CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS ASKING FOR. THANK YOU

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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7 **MODERATOR:** JOHNNY RASTER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
8 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **JOHNNY RASTER:** HI, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3.
11 MY NAME IS JOHNNY RASTER. I LIVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. I'M A
12 LIBRARY WORKER, AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THE CARE FIRST
13 BUDGET. THE SHERIFF DEMONSTRATED TO ALL OF US HIS COMPLETE
14 DISREGARD FOR THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE COUNTY, SHOCKING
15 DISRESPECT TO THE BOARD, PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN THAT LEAD THIS
16 COUNTY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE LIVES
17 OF BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CALLING ON
18 YOU TO HOLD THE OFFICE ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH THE PRIMARY TOOL AT
19 YOUR DISPOSAL, THE BUDGET. IT IS TIME TO CUT THE BUDGET WELL
20 BEYOND 8 PERCENT AND INVEST IN A.T.I. IMPLEMENTATION. THANK
21 YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** ALEX GRACIE. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU
2 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **ALEX GRACIE:** HELLO AND THANK YOU BOARD SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
5 ALEX GRACIE. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE AND ONE OF YOUR
6 CONSTITUENTS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'M A VOLUNTEER WITH JUSTICE
7 L.A., AND I WILL BE COMMENTING ON ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 BUT
8 SPECIFICALLY ITEMS 3F. I BELIEVE AN A.T.I. INITIATIVE WITH NO
9 FUNDING IS DISRESPECTFUL TO COUNTLESS HOURS COMMUNITY MEMBERS
10 AND COUNTY LEADERS INVESTED INTO THE A.T.I. PROCESS. THE
11 A.T.I. FRAMEWORK PROVIDES THE ROAD MAP TO COMBATTING THE
12 IMMEDIATE HARMS OF COVID-19 AND THE LONG-STANDING RACIAL AND
13 ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES IN OUR COUNTY. THE C.E.O. HAD THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO LEAN INTO A.T.I. IMPLEMENTATION AS A RESPONSE
15 TO THE COVID-19 AND [INDISCERNIBLE] THE COUNTY IN THIS
16 CRITICAL MOMENT. WAITING UNTIL THE FALL TO BEGIN THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS IS RECKLESS AND WILL COST L.A. COUNTY
18 MORE LIVES. THE SOLUTION IS CLEAR. CREATE AN A.T.I. FUND AND
19 BEGIN DIVERTING MONEY AWAY FROM OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTO OUR
20 COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD
21 TO ADOPT THE CARE FIRST BUDGET AND TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CUTS TO
22 OUR BALLOONED POLICE BUDGET THAT HAS CREATED A VIOLENT AND
23 MILITARIZED POLICE FORCE THAT CAUSES MORE HARM THAN GOOD. I
24 YIELD MY REMAINING TIME. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** TOBIN DEMARCO PLEASE STATE AGENDA ITEMS YOU THAT
4 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **TOBIN DEMARCO:** HI, I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2. I AM
7 A PASSIONATE VOTER FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I'M
8 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. I HAVE PERSONALLY
9 PARTICIPATED IN THE CARCERAL SYSTEM AS YOU ARE CURRENTLY
10 FUNDING IT. AND IT'S A DISGRACE. I WAS ONE OF THE ONLY VERY
11 FEW WHITE WOMEN BEING CAGED. MY CHARGES WERE MUCH MORE
12 EGREGIOUS THAN ALL OF THE B.I.P.O.C. I WAS CAGED WITH. I WAS
13 TREATED VERY DIFFERENTLY AND GIVEN MUCH NICER OPTIONS. YOU
14 SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. THE COMMUNITIES ARE
15 TERRORIZED BY YOUR SHERIFF AND PUNISHED FOR BEING B.I.P.O.C.
16 YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES FOR FUNDING THIS, AND YOU
17 NEED TO FINALLY STAND UP FOR THE PEOPLE YOU CLAIM TO WORK
18 FOR. YOUR COMMUNITIES NEED CARE NOT CAGES. PUT THE MONEY BACK
19 INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED BETTER EDUCATION, ALTERNATIVES TO
20 INCARCERATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND HEALTHCARE
21 [INDISCERNIBLE]. NONE OF THESE ARE GOING TO BE POSSIBLE IF YOU
22 KEEP FUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND INSANE JAIL SYSTEM
23 IN THIS COUNTY. NEITHER ONE OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN
24 PROVEN TO HELP WITH CRIME AT ALL. YOUR COMMUNITY IS BEGGING

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1 YOU. CAN I COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR A CARE FIRST BUDGET.

2 THANK YOU. I YIELD.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** JULA BRAVO, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU
7 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **JULA BRAVO:** HI, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME ON. I'M ADDRESSING
10 ITEM 3C, I BELIEVE, IN REGARDS TO FUNDING GOING TOWARDS THE
11 POLICE AND BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM MEASURE H. I STRONGLY WANT TO
12 MAKE SURE THAT -- DISAGREE WITH THE MONEY GOING TOWARDS --
13 TOWARDS THE POLICE. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE WORKING ON USING
14 THE FUNDING TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS AND USE MENTAL HEALTH
15 SERVICES. IT'S IMPORTANT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS THE HOUSING
16 FIRST MODEL TO REALLY ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS ISSUE THAT
17 WE HAVE HERE IN L.A. AND MAKE SURE THE FUNDING FOR MEASURE H
18 IS USED TOWARD DEESCALATION PROCESSES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH
19 SERVICES AND DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROVIDERS FOR THE HOMELESS. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** MEGAN MALLOY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
25 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **MEGAN MALLOY:** HI, I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA 3, SPECIFICALLY
3 ON AGENDA 3F. ON MARCH 10TH, THE BOARD AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD
4 WITH THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
5 WORKGROUP FINAL REPORT. YET YOU HAVE NOT ALLOCATED ONE DOLLAR
6 OF FUNDING TOWARDS THIS VISION. JUSTICE L.A.'S CARE FIRST
7 BUDGET OUTLINES HOW THE BOARD CAN BEGIN FUNDING THAT VISION
8 NOW. BY ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET,
9 INVESTING IN COMMUNITY CARE, AND DIVESTING FROM JAILS AND LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT, YOU WILL DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO CREATING
11 A NEW VISION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY ESPECIALLY FOR BLACK AND
12 BROWN RESIDENTS OF L.A. I'M CURRENTLY A GRADUATE STUDENT
13 STUDYING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, AND I FUNDAMENTALLY DO
14 NOT BELIEVE IN THE HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY OF INCARCERATION AND
15 POLICING. L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO PRIORITIZE A VISION OF CARE
16 RATHER THAN INCARCERATION. PLEASE ADOPT THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.
17 THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** MELINDA KAKANI. PLEASE ADDRESS THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
22 ARE SPEAKING ON TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **MELINDA KAKANI:** HI, THIS IS MELINDA KAKANI. I'M SPEAKING ON
25 BEHALF OF CHILDREN'S DEFENSE CALIFORNIA AND SPEAKING ON AGENDA

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1 ITEMS 1 AND 2. IN READING THE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
2 RECOMMENDED COUNTY DOCUMENT, WHAT STRUCK ME AS PROBLEMATIC WAS
3 THAT THE IMPETUS FOR THIS DOCUMENT WAS SOLELY THE SERIOUS
4 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN CAUSED BY COVID-19 WITHOUT ANY
5 ACKNOWLEDGMENT, EXPLICIT OR IMPLICIT, TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE
6 ALSO IN THE MIDDLE OF A RECKONING THAT FOR FAR TOO LONG, WE
7 HAVE INVESTED FAR TOO MUCH IN WHAT HAS HISTORICALLY REFERRED
8 TO AS PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT BEING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
9 PROBATION. AND BY FAR TOO MUCH, I MEAN 40 PERCENT OF THIS
10 YEAR'S NET COUNTY COST FUND. NOT THAT LONG AGO, SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE
12 STRUCTURE OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF IS LIMITING AND
13 EVEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN THE PURSUIT OF REFORM. HE CALLED
14 MODEL OF JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED. 40
15 PERCENT OF THIS COUNTY'S DOLLARS TO A FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED
16 SYSTEM DOES NOT ADD UP. NOW IS THE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
17 PLANNING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF PROBATION'S BUDGET INCLUDING
18 THE COMPLETELY UNCHECKED CITATION DIVERSION PROGRAM, TO STOP
19 THE POLICING AND INCARCERATION OF CHILDREN AND THE RESULTING
20 TRAUMA THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE FORCED TO CARRY, AND TO BEGIN THE
21 LEGITIMATE INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES, AND YOUTH. NOW
22 IS THE TIME TO HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE FAILURE,
23 OPPRESSION, AND STRUCTURAL RACISM ROOTED IN PUBLIC SAFETY AS
24 PREVIOUSLY DEFINED AND TO BEGIN TO REIMAGINE, REDEFINE, AND
25 REALLOCATE. THANK YOU.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** LINDSEY HEARSE. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
5 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **LINDSEY HEARSE:** MY NAME IS LINDSEY HEARSE. I'LL BE ADDRESSING
8 ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, AND I LIVE IN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
9 DISTRICT. AS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER IN L.A. U.S.D., I KNOW ALL
10 TOO WELL HOW CYCLES OF OPPRESSION, POVERTY, INCARCERATION, AND
11 VIOLENCE GO UNCHECKED AND ARE IN FACT PERPETUATED AND FUELED
12 BY OUR CURRENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS.
13 WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO HARM OUR COMMUNITIES BY ALLOWING OUR
14 SYSTEMS TO EXIST AS IS. WE MUST REIMAGINE HOW WE CARE FOR AND
15 SUPPORT HUMAN BEINGS LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY. LET'S GO TEND TO
16 THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEMS BY ADDRESSING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS,
17 HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, FOOD, EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH. LET'S
18 INTERRUPT CYCLES OF OPPRESSION AND GIVE POWER BACK TO DIRECTLY
19 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. WE MUST DIVEST FROM PROBATION AND INVEST
20 IN YOUTH. BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS IN LOS ANGELES ARE
21 CRIMINALIZED ON A DAILY BASIS WITH A QUARTER OF L.A. SCHOOL
22 POLICE ARRESTS HAPPENING IN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS.
23 THIS CONTINUES -- CONTRIBUTES TO THE SCHOOL TO PRISON
24 PIPELINE, WHICH IS ALIVE AND WELL IN LOS ANGELES. L.A. U.S.D.
25 AND L.A. COUNTY ARE CLEARLY MORE INVESTED IN PUNISHING RATHER

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1 THAN SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH, AND IT DISGUSTS ME THAT PROBATION
2 SPENDS ALMOST 450 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR EACH YOUTH.
3 THOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS COULD BE USED ON PROGRAMS AND
4 RESOURCES THAT GIVE OUR YOUTH EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO THRIVE,
5 HEAL, AND FEEL LOVED AND SUPPORTED. WE MUST PUT OUR MONEY
6 WHERE OUR MOUTHS ARE AND ADOPT A CARE FIRST BUDGET. THANK YOU.
7 I YIELD MY TIME.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
12 THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE
15 CLAVREUL. ACTUALLY, I WAS QUITE INTERESTED IN THE BUDGET THE
16 WAY IT HAS BEEN OUTLINED. NOW, I JUST HOPE MORE MONEY WILL BE
17 PLACED TO DEAL WITH THE NURSING HOME ISSUE AND AS IT WAS
18 [INDISCERNIBLE] BALANCED BUDGET. THANK YOU.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** ALYSSA MANES. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
23 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ALYSSA MANES:** HEY, MY NAME IS ALYSSA MANES. I'M ADDRESSING
2 AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2 AND STRONGLY SUPPORT OF THE CARE FIRST
3 BUDGET. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. AND I STRONGLY URGE THE
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE CARE FIRST BUDGET
5 IMMEDIATELY. ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE MOST ABOUT LOS ANGELES
6 IS THAT IT'S A CREATIVE EPICENTER. THE CREATIVE POWER OF
7 PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE IS TRULY ASTOUNDING, AND WE ARE ALWAYS
8 MOVING, AND WE'RE ALWAYS CREATING A STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL
9 COMMUNITIES, AND YOU ARE NOT LISTENING TO US AS WE DEMAND
10 ACCOUNTABILITY FROM OUR GOVERNMENT AND DIVESTMENT FROM OUR LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY OUR BLACK
12 AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, NEED TO SEE FUNDS REDIRECTED FROM LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND DIVERTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
14 RESOURCES, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION EFFORTS, AND SERVICES
15 THAT PROVIDE ANGELENOS WHAT THEY NEED TOWARD THRIVING,
16 JOYFUL, BEAUTIFUL LIVES WITHOUT FEARING THEY MIGHT DIE AT THE
17 HAND OF THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THEM. IT'S IMPORTANT
18 OUR CITY BUDGET REFLECTS CARE FIRST AND NOT THE EGREGIOUS AND
19 OBVIOUS SHOW OF WHITE POWER AND SYSTEMIC RACISM BY OUR LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. PLEASE HONOR THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY AND DO
21 YOUR JOB. YOU WORK FOR US.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, OUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
24 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** CARTER MOON. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
2 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **CARTER MOON:** HI, MY NAME IS CARTER MOON. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 3.
5 HELLO TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS IT 1, 2,
6 AND 3. IN SHORT, I DEMAND YOUR SUPPORT FOR A CARE FIRST BUDGET
7 IMMEDIATELY. ON ITEMS 1 AND 2, ALMOST 50 PERCENT OF
8 INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE A CHRONIC ILLNESS.
9 NEARLY TWO OUT OF THREE HAVE A SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER.
10 ROUGHLY ONE QUARTER SUFFER WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. L.A. COUNTY
11 HAS CHOSEN NOT TO INVEST IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SOCIAL
12 SERVICES FOR DECADES. AND THE RESULT IS THAT OUR MOST
13 VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE LEFT AT THE MERCY OF
14 OUR CURRENT INCARCERATION SYSTEM AND OF MURDEROUS LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HAVE THE BUDGET ALIGN WITH
16 YOUR PROPOSED CARE FIRST MISSION BY CREATING AN A.T.I. FUND
17 IMMEDIATELY AND DIVESTING FROM INCARCERATION AND INTO A.T.I.
18 IMPLEMENTATION THAT CARES FOR PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES.
19 ON ITEM 3C, I'M VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION OF L.A.'S
20 SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAMS. WE ARE
21 COLLECTIVELY DEMANDING [INDISCERNIBLE] A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED
22 CRISIS FOR OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY, WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO
23 REDIRECT RESOURCES TO AN A.T.I. FUND FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
24 SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS WITHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT.

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1 I CANNOT EVEN BELIEVE THIS EVEN UP FOR DISCUSSION. THANK YOU,
2 I YIELD MY TIME.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** KATE JOBSON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
7 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **KATE JOBSON:** HI, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1 AND 2,
10 AND I'M REPRESENTED -- I'M REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
11 WROTE GRANTS FOR YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND BY PROVIDING JOB
12 TRAINING AND WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, WE REDUCED YOUTH RECIDIVISM
13 BY 80 PERCENT TO 85 PERCENT. IF SMALL UNDERFUNDED COMMUNITY
14 ORGANIZATIONS CAN HAVE THIS IMPACT, THINK OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE
15 IF YOU PUT THE 450,000 YOU SPENT PER YOUTH FOR INCARCERATION
16 IN CAMPS INTO ALTERNATIVES FOR INCARCERATION. I KNOW YOU
17 RECOGNIZE THESE ARE PROGRAMS ARE WORKING AND CREATED DIVERSION
18 PROGRAMS WITH L.A. PROBATION DEPARTMENT. BUT TRUST HAS BEEN
19 BUILT WITH THESE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS OVER THE COURSE OF
20 DECADES, AND WHEN FUNDING -- WHEN THIS PROGRAM WAS CREATED,
21 FUNDING FOR THESE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SHRUNK. AND SO I
22 ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVEST IN THESE ALTERNATIVES TO CARE, INTO
23 THESE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUPPORT THE CARE FIRST
24 BUDGET. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** FELICIA WHITE. PLEASE STATE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
4 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **FELICIA WHITE:** HI, MY NAME IS FELICIA WHITE. I'M A RESIDENT OF
7 BURBANK DISTRICT 5, AND I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA
8 ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, AND I SPECIFICALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT 3C. I
9 PURCHASED A HOME NEXT TO A TRANSITIONAL YOUTH SHELTER. I SEE
10 HOMELESS YOUTH IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD EVERY DAY, AND I SEE WHAT
11 GOOD ORGANIZATIONS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF WE PUT THE MONEY
12 THERE. I'M SO GRATEFUL THEY DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON PROGRAMS
13 LIKE H.O.S.T. OR BE SENT TO CAMPS, AND I KNOW IF WE DO A CARE
14 FIRST BUDGET, WE CAN PUT THE MONEY INTO PROGRAMS LIKE THIS
15 THAT WORK BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON
16 DEESCALATION OF EVERY KIND AND STOP FUNDING A PROGRAM JUST
17 BECAUSE IT'S EASIER. WE HAVE TO DO THE HARD WORK NOW. PEOPLE
18 WANT CHANGE NOW. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** DANIEL HIRSCH. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
23 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **DANIEL HIRSCH:** YEAH, HELLO, MY NAME IS DANIEL HIRSCH, AND I'M
2 ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2. I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. IN THE
3 FIRST DISTRICT. AND I'VE BEEN OUTRAGED AT THE ONGOING RACIAL
4 HARM DONE BY THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS
5 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE HISTORIC DIVESTMENT FROM BLACK
6 AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. AND THAT IS WHY I STRONGLY YOU TO VOTE
7 IN FAVOR OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. NEARLY HALF OF ALL PEOPLE
8 THAT ARE INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE AT LEAST ONE CHRONIC
9 ILLNESS. CLOSE TO TWO THIRDS HAVE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AND
10 ABOUT ONE FOURTH HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. AND BECAUSE OF
11 THE LACK OF INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IN ACCESSIBLE
12 SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY, L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE FILLED
13 WITH SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WOULD
14 BE BETTER SERVED IN COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. THE C.E.O.'S
15 PROPOSED BUDGET FAILS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST
16 VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY CONTINUING TO WASTE FUNDING ON
17 INCARCERATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. AS A BOARD, I URGE YOU TO
18 CREATE AND A.T.I. FUND TODAY AND DIVERT FUNDING FROM
19 INCARCERATION INTO A.T.I. IMPLEMENTATION THAT SUPPORTS PEOPLE
20 WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE IN
21 FAVOR OF A CARE FIRST BUDGET. THANK YOU.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** ELIZABETH THORN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
2 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **ELIZABETH THORN:** HI, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2. I'M
5 REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. I STRONGLY URGE ALL OF YOU
6 TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. ONE OF MY BEST
7 FRIENDS STRUGGLED WITH ALCOHOLISM AFTER HIS FATHER DIED, AND
8 WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT DRUNK DRIVING, HE WAS SENT TO JAIL FOR A
9 WEEK BECAUSE HE HAD A PREVIOUS ARREST FOR PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS.
10 HE TOLD ME ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE IN JAIL. I'M HAUNTED BY THE
11 IMAGE OF THIS 21-YEAR-OLD KID SITTING IN A CELL CURLED UP AND
12 CRYING. WHAT MY FRIEND NEEDED WAS ALTERNATIVES TO
13 INCARCERATION. HE NEEDED GRIEF COUNSELING AND ADDICTION HELP.
14 WHEN A PERSON STRUGGLING MAKES A MISTAKE, IT'S A CRY FOR HELP,
15 AND WE NEED TO ANSWER THAT CRY AND HELP THEM HEAL. I ASK YOU,
16 THE SUPERVISORS, EACH OF YOU, THINK OF A LOVED ONE WHO HAS
17 STRUGGLED AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIFE. WHAT HELP DID THEY
18 NEED, AND WHAT HELP DID THEY GET? THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** ALI KEKOFER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU
23 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ALI KEKOFER:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 3C AND ITEM 3F.
2 FIRST OF ALL, FOR ITEM 3C, DO NOT GIVE MORE FUNDING TO THE
3 SHERIFF BY EXPANDING THE HOMELESS HOURS OUTREACH TEAM. THE
4 SHERIFF HAS BEEN PROVEN INEFFECTIVE. ALL THEY DO IS HARASS
5 HOMELESS PEOPLE. YOU WASTE OUR MONEY SENDING IT TO THEM. THAT
6 BRINGS ME TO ITEM 3. FUND A.T.I. IMMEDIATELY. IT'S RIDICULOUS
7 THAT FUNDING FOR A.T.I. IS COMING FROM PHILANTHROPY DOLLARS.
8 YOU SHOULD DEFUND INCARCERATION AND USE THE MONEY TO ADDRESS
9 A.T.I. ALSO A.T.I. WAS PROPOSED IN MARCH AND NOT A SINGLE
10 DOLLAR HAS BEEN ALLOCATED. WE ARE IN A CRISIS AND CANNOT WAIT
11 UNTIL THE FALL TO FUND A.T.I. HERE IS A PERSONAL STORY. I'VE
12 WRITTEN IN TO MY SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ABOUT THIS
13 MULTIPLE TIMES. I HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WITH MENTAL HEALTH
14 ISSUES, AND OVER THE PAST YEARS WE'VE TRIED TO CALL FOR MENTAL
15 HEALTH SERVICES MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT. WE NEVER RECEIVED
16 SUPPORT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENTS WE CALLED DID NOT HAVE FUNDING
17 TO SEND SOMEONE OUT QUICKLY ENOUGH, SO THEY JUST TOLD US TO
18 CALL THE POLICE. MY FAMILY MEMBER, WHO IS ONLY 20, WAS JAILED
19 MULTIPLE TIMES BY L.A. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND JUST TWO
20 WEEKS AGO, SHE WAS INCARCERATED DURING THE MENTAL HEALTH
21 CRISIS. SHE'S STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT MENTAL HEALTH
22 CRISIS, AND NOW SHE'S IN A PRISON. AND THE ONLY THING THAT'S
23 WORSE FOR SOMEONE IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TO BE IN A CAGE IS
24 WRONG --
25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** CASSIE GOGREEF, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
5 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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9 **MODERATOR:** CASSIE DAGOSTINO. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
10 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **CASSIE DAGOSTINO:** I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, AND I'M A
13 CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 3. IN REGARD TO 1 AND 2, I ADMONISH
14 THE BOARD TO ADOPT A CARE FIRST BUDGET. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO
15 HEAL AND GROW NOT SOW FURTHER ROOTS OF DIVISION DIVISION,
16 WHICH IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN UNDER THE C.E.O.'S BUDGET AS IT
17 CURRENTLY STANDS. IN REGARD TO ITEM 3, I THINK IT IS EGREGIOUS
18 TO SUGGEST APPLICATION OF L.A.S.D. PRESENCE TO ANY ASPECT OF
19 HOMELESS OUTREACH. IN A MOMENT WHERE L.A. COMMUNITY MEMBERS
20 ARE DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIVESTMENT FROM THE L.A.
21 COUNTY'S SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, INCREASING FUNDING TO A
22 DEPARTMENT THAT HAS PROVEN INEPT, INEFFECTIVE, AND HOMICIDAL
23 IS DISGRACEFUL. THE COUNTY SHOULD PLACE THESE DOLLARS IN AN
24 A.T.I. FUND FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT SUPPORT OUT

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1 HOUSELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT

2 INVOLVEMENT. BLACK LIVES MATTER. I YIELD MY TIME.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **MODERATOR:** JO BALOG. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

7 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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9 **JO BALOG:** MY NAME IS JO BALOG. I ALSO AM A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

10 FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. DISTRICT. I'M

11 ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2. I'M A SCHOOLTEACHER, AND I

12 CARE ABOUT MY STUDENTS. I CARE ABOUT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR

13 COMMUNITIES. THEY NEED A SAFE PLACE TO THRIVE IN THE DIVERSITY

14 OF 3.8 MILLION. EVERYONE NEEDS TO LIVE IN A SAFE PLACE, A SAFE

15 PLACE TO SLEEP AND BREATHE AND WORK AND PLAY. MY STUDENTS GET

16 DISTRACTED AND CANNOT LEARN WITH THE STRESS THE L.A.P.D.

17 SHERIFFS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES EXTRACT FROM THEM.

18 WE NEED A CARE FIRST BUDGET SO THEY CAN FEEL SAFE IN THEIR OWN

19 COMMUNITIES AND STOP BEING PUT INTO A STATE OF DISTRESS AND

20 DURESS, WHICH IS TRAUMATIC FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND ALL OF

21 THE ADULTS IN THE SCHOOLS AS WELL. I ALSO THINK THAT

22 INVESTMENTS IN PUNISHING RATHER THAN SUPPORTING YOUTH HAVE

23 YIELDED DIRE RESULTS WITH THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF

24 ABOUT 900 YOUTH IN F.Y. 2019 TO '20. PROBATION SPENDS ALMOST

25 450,000 PER YEAR FOR EACH YOUTH, THE EQUIVALENT OF \$1200 PER

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1 YOUTH FOR JUST ONE DAY IN CAMPS OR HALLS. IT'S IMPERATIVE WE
2 STOP FUNNELING MONEY INTO SYSTEMS THAT ARE IRREPARABLY HARMING
3 OUR YOUTH. WE MUST INSTEAD INVEST THOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
4 ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT GIVE OUR
5 YOUTH EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO THRIVE, HEAL, AND FEEL LOVED AND
6 SUPPORTED. THE BOARD CAN BEGIN THAT PROCESS BY CREATING AN
7 A.T.I. FUND, ALLOCATE PROBATION DOLLARS IN THE C.E.O.'S
8 PROPOSED BUDGET INTO THAT FUND, AND EARMARK THOSE DOLLARS FOR
9 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** JESSICA CRAVEN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
14 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **JESSICA CRAVEN:** HI. MY NAME IS JESSICA CRAVEN. I AM CALLING ON
17 AGENDA ITEMS REALLY 1 THROUGH 3. I AM CALLING TO SORT OF
18 SUPPORT WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE HAS SAID, THAT IT IS TIME TO
19 DEFUND THIS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS REALLY ESPECIALLY
20 UPSETTING, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS ITEM 3C, TO HEAR YOU ARE
21 CONSIDERING TAKING FUNDS AWAY FROM MEASURE H TO GIVE TO THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I JUST WANT TO SORT OF ECHO WHAT OTHERS
23 HAVE SAID. THIS SHERIFF, ALEX VILLANUEVA, HAS ZERO RESPECT FOR
24 YOU GUYS IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. NONE. HE IS A COMPLETELY
25 ROGUE INDIVIDUAL, AND HE IS OVERSEEING A GROUP OF LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT AGENTS WHO ARE RACISTS AND FASCISTS AND WHO ARE
2 KILLING BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE WITH IMPUNITY. IF YOU GUYS
3 CONTINUE TO FUND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ANY DEGREE, YES,
4 THEY HAVE TO HAVE SOME, BUT I LIKE YOU TO DEFUND THEM LARGELY
5 BECAUSE, IF YOU DON'T, YOU ARE SAYING YOU TACITLY AGREE WITH
6 THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO SHOOT PEOPLE LIKE ANDRES
7 GUARDADO IN THE BACK AND GET AWAY WITH IT COMPLETELY. IT'S
8 SICKENING, AND LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS ARE TIRED OF IT. WE ARE
9 NOT GOING TO STAND FOR IT. WE WILL KEEP COMING EVERY SINGLE
10 WEEK UNTIL YOU GUYS DEFUND THIS ROGUE SHERIFF'S OFFERS AND PUT
11 THAT MONEY TOWARD HELPING THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. I YIELD
12 THE REST OF MY TIME. THANK YOU.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** PAULA ANSIC, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU
17 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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19 **PAULA ANSIC:** HI, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I
20 LIVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. HELLO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M AN
21 ATTORNEY AND ADVOCATE WHO HAS WORKED ALONGSIDE THE
22 INCARCERATED COMMUNITY FOR 15 YEARS, AND WE NEED A CARE FIRST
23 BUDGET NOW. SPECIFICALLY AS TO AGENDA ITEM 3F, I STRONGLY
24 SUPPORT THE BOARD HIRING AN A.T.I. DIRECTOR. HOWEVER, I WAS
25 REALLY DISTURBED TO FIND OUT THAT THIS POSITION IS BEING

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1 FUNDED BY PHILANTHROPIC DOLLARS. THAT NOT ONLY TAKES AWAY
2 DOLLARS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DOING IMPORTANT
3 COMMUNITY CARE WORK ON THE GROUND BUT IT SIGNALS A LACK OF
4 COMMITMENT TO THE CARE FIRST VISION. A TOUCHSTONE OF
5 PHILANTHROPIC DOLLARS IS THEY ARE UNSUSTAINABLE AND
6 PRECARIOUS. I WORKED AS A LEGAL FELLOW AT A NONPROFIT FOR
7 THREE YEARS, AND MY SALARY WAS FUNDED BY PHILANTHROPIC
8 DOLLARS. I HAD TO FUNDRAISE TO KEEP MY JOB EVERY SINGLE YEAR.
9 THE A.T.I. DIRECTOR POSITION IS TOO CRITICAL TO BE SUBJECT TO
10 SAME INSTABILITY. IT ALSO MEANS THE A.T.I. DIRECTOR WILL BE
11 ACCOUNTABLE TO FUNDERS RATHER THAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND IT
12 SHOWS AN UNWILLINGNESS TO DEFUND INCARCERATION AND LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT WHO HARM OUR COMMUNITIES. I RECENTLY READ A BOOK
14 THAT SAID WE CANNOT CUT DOWN THE TREE OF INCARCERATION WHILE
15 WE WATER ITS ROOTS. AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE FUNDING THE
16 MURDEROUS SHERIFFS AND TOXIC INCARCERATION, YOU'RE WATERING
17 THE ROOTS OF INCARCERATION AND UNLEASHING HARM ON OUR
18 COMMUNITIES. WE NEED AN A.T.I. DIRECTOR FUNDED NOW. THANKS.
19 I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** TARA O'CALLAHAN. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
24 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **TARA O'CALLAHAN:** MY NAME IS TARA O'CALLAHAN, AND I'M A
2 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3, AND I'M CALLING TO ADDRESS AGENDA
3 ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 TO PASS THE CARE FIRST BUDGET, ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH JUSTICE
5 BUDGET. WE NEED CARE NOT COST AND DIVEST POLICE IN INVEST IN
6 PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY BLACK
7 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY POLICED AND
8 UNDERSERVED IN SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION. FUNDS NEED TO BE
9 ALLOCATED TO MORE COUNSELORS AND NURSES IN SCHOOLS AND OTHER
10 YOUTH PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT GROWTH IN EDUCATION. WE NEED TO
11 DEFUND THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF AND FUND MORE MENTAL HEALTH
12 CARE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND ALTERNATIVES TO
13 INCARCERATION. WE NEED TO REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEAD THE
14 COUNTRY IN SHOWING THAT POLICE FORM IS NOT EFFECTIVE AND WHAT
15 IS EFFECTIVE IS DEFUNDING THE POLICE AND REPLACING THEM WITH
16 EXPERTS WHO ARE EXPLICITLY TRAINED IN A SPECIFIC FIELD. I
17 YIELD MY TIME.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** MIKE ROYCE. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
22 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **MIKE ROYCE:** HI, MY NAME IS MIKE ROYCE. I'M IN DISTRICT 3. I'M
25 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 1 AND 2. I WANT TO ECHO A COUPLE OTHER

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1 CALLERS. I HAVE NEVER SPOKEN AT ONE OF THESE BEFORE, BUT LIKE
2 MANY PEOPLE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, MY EYES HAVE REALLY
3 BEEN OPENED TO THE NEED TO OVERWHELMING SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN
4 POLICING, INCARCERATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THAT'S WHY I
5 REALLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE CARE FIRST
6 BUDGET. YOU KNOW, I WAS APPALLED BY THE CONDUCT OF THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE ANDRES GUARDADO CASE, WHERE THEY
8 QUITE OBVIOUSLY ARE TRYING TO COVER UP SOMETHING, AND THEN
9 THEY HAD THE NERVE TO TEAR GAS PEOPLE WHO ARE PEACEFULLY
10 PROTESTING THIS INCREDIBLE OUTRAGE. THEY HAVE SHOWN THEY ARE
11 INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING WHAT IS CLEARLY AN OUTSIZED MISSION.
12 AND MONEY NEEDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THEM AND GIVEN TO MORE USEFUL
13 VENTURES. THAT -- SO I HOPE THAT YOU'LL CONSIDER A HIRING
14 FREEZE AND SIGNIFICANTLY CUT THE BUDGET. 3.4 MILLION, EXCUSE
15 ME, BILLION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS JUST COSIGNING THE
16 DISRESPECT THAT THAT DEPARTMENT IS GIVING YOU. WE SHOULD GIVE
17 THAT MONEY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY AND NOT
18 THIS DEPARTMENT THAT SEEMS TO BE WORKING ACTIVELY AGAINST IT.
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** ALICE WITTERLAND, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
24 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **ALICE WITTERLAND:** HI, I'M ALICE WITTERLAND. I'M A RESIDENT OF
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I AM
3 SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2 AND AGENDA
4 3C. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE COUNCIL TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE
5 CARE FIRST BUDGET, FIRSTLY BECAUSE IT'S A SMART AND EFFICIENT
6 USE OF MY TAX DOLLARS. AND I'M LEARNING FROM THESE CALLS,
7 PHILANTHROPIC DOLLARS, WHICH IS RIDICULOUS, BUT MY STATEMENT
8 REGARDS INCARCERATION, AND LIKE MODERN MILITARIZED POLICING,
9 IT IS EXPENSIVE, AND IT'S INEFFECTIVE. I SUPPORT THE CREATION
10 OF AN A.T.I. FUND AS A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT AND LESS CRUEL,
11 MOST IMPORTANTLY, USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS
12 THAT VULNERABLE ANGELENOS ARE FACING. ON AGENDA ITEM 3C,
13 TAKING MONEY FROM MEASURE H AND GIVING IT TO THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT IS AN EGREGIOUS MISUSE OF VOTERS' TAX DOLLARS. LOS
15 ANGELES CITIZENS HAVE SPOKEN AT THE BALLOT BOX, AND WE'VE
16 SPOKEN ON THE STREETS IN THE PAST MONTH, AND WE'VE TOLD YOU
17 THAT WE WANT WHAT WE WANT, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S
18 H.O.S.T. PROGRAM IS NOT IT. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT INEPTITUDE AND HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES TOWARD BLACK
20 AND BROWN CITIZENS, WHO MAKE UP A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF
21 L.A.'S UNHOUSED POPULATION. I'D LIKE TO ADD THIS DIVERSION OF
22 FUNDS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULD PROVE AND PROBABLY
23 WILL PROVE FATAL. AS WE ALL KNOW, ON MARCH 10TH, THE BOARD
24 AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
25 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP FINAL REPORT, AND NO

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1 MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION. JUSTICE L.A.
2 HAS OUTLINED HOW YOU CAN START FUNDING THAT VISION RIGHT NOW.
3 THERE'S TOO MANY LIVES LOST, AND THERE'S TOO MANY LIVES GOING
4 DOWN THE DRAIN BECAUSE OF THIS DIVERSION OF THESE FUNDS. I
5 URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE CARE FIRST BUDGET NOW. I YIELD MY
6 TIME.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** ELIZABETH VERGU. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
11 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **ELIZABETH VERGU:** HELLO, I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1
14 AND 2. I'M A RESIDENT OF BALDWIN HILLS IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE
15 BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SYSTEMS OVER THE YEARS
16 BECAUSE I HAVE THE UNFORTUNATE LUCK OF BEING ONE OF THE 2
17 MILLION PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA THAT SUFFERS FROM DEPRESSION. AT
18 LEAST A QUARTER OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE A
19 SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. LAST YEAR, WHILE BALANCING GOING
20 THROUGH A TRAUMATIC DIVORCE, BEING A SINGLE MOM OF TWO, AND
21 STRUGGLING WITH SEVERE POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION, I EXPERIENCED
22 THE FRACTURE THAT WE CALL OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. TWO OFFICERS
23 RESPONDED TO MY EX HUSBAND'S 911 CALL STATING THAT I WAS
24 SUICIDAL WITH A BABY IN THE HOME. I ANSWERED THE DOOR, CLEARLY
25 EXHAUSTED AND STRUGGLING WITH NO FIGHT LEFT IN ME. RATHER THAN

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1 CALLING AN AMBULANCE, THE OFFICERS CHOSE TO HANDCUFF ME IN
2 FRONT OF MY CHILD. I THEN SPENT THE DAY IN A FREEZING COLD
3 JAIL CELL WAITING TO BE EVALUATED AND WAS FINALLY TAKEN TO THE
4 HOSPITAL EIGHT HOURS LATER. AT THAT POINT, I WAS STILL
5 HANDCUFFED AND TRAIPSED THROUGH THE HOSPITAL LIKE A PRIZE
6 UNTIL THE DOCTOR INSISTED THAT THE HANDCUFFS BE REMOVED. WHAT
7 I EXPERIENCED WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE OF THE SYSTEM. HAVING A
8 MENTAL ILLNES IS NOT A CRIME. YOU ALL SIT FROM A PLACE OF
9 PRIVILEGE. I WAS ALSO AWARE THAT DAY OF MY PRIVILEGE AS A
10 WHITE WOMAN. I WAS ABLE TO WALK OUT OF THAT JAIL INTO A
11 HOSPITAL WHERE THEY GAVE ME FOOD AND A BLANKET AND SENT ME
12 HOME WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE A VACATION. HAD I BEEN A BLACK
13 WOMAN, I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE NEVER HAVE EVEN LEFT THAT JAIL
14 CELL. LET'S ALL USE OUR PRIVILEGE AND MAKE THE CHOICE TO
15 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE BUDGET OF OUR SHERIFF'S, PROBATION,
16 AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICES AND REDISTRIBUTE THE PEOPLE'S
17 MONEY BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WHERE IT SHOULD HAVE GONE IN THE
18 FIRST PLACE. YOU HAVE THE POWER. MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
19 PLEASE, PLEASE, CARE FOR ONCE BY CREATING AN A.T.I. FUND
20 TODAY, NOT IN SEPTEMBER, AND DIVERT FUNDING AND SUPPORT TO OUR
21 VULNERABLE POPULATION. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** ERIN RAIN. PLEASE STATE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU WILL
2 BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **ERIN RAIN:** I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, AND SPECIFICALLY
5 3F. IT'S TIME FOR THE BOARD TO REALIZE INTENTION AND PROMISE
6 OF A CARE FIRST VISION FOR L.A. COUNTY. IT'S TIME TO
7 AGGRESSIVELY FUND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO
8 INCARCERATION WORKGROUP FINAL REPORT NOW. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR
9 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN THE FALL TO BEGIN THIS REALLY IMPORTANT
10 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT IS AT RISK UNDER
11 THE CURRENT SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY BLACK RESIDENTS, INDIGENOUS
12 RESIDENTS, AND ALL ANGELENOS OF COLOR. THE BOARD CAN TAKE A
13 SUBSTANTIAL STEP NOW BY CREATING AN A.T.I. FUND TO CONSOLIDATE
14 FUNDS FOR A.T.I. IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW.
15 THE BOARD HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THE STATE AND THE
16 NATION BY TAKING BOLD ACTION TO DEFUND THE DANGEROUS SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT AND ROBUSTLY FUND PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT OUR
18 COMMUNITIES AND MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACTUALLY SAFER FOR
19 EVERYONE. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** KRUTI PAREK. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL
24 BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN. KRUTI PARKE, YOU MAY BE ON
25 MUTE. YOU MAY BE ON MUTE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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4 **MODERATOR:** ERIC CHEVRON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
5 ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **ERIC CHEVRON:** I'M SPEAKING ON 1, 2, AND 3. HI, LET'S TALK
8 ABOUT THE HIGH COST OF ARRESTING L.A. YOUTH. CRIME RATES ARE
9 AT THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE THE 1950S, BUT L.A. COUNTY MAKES UP
10 27 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION, AND 40 PERCENT OF THE
11 STATE'S PRISON POPULATION. L.A. COUNTY STILL LOCKS UP MORE
12 YOUTH THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD, AND 95 PERCENT ARE
13 BLACK AND LATINO. YOUTH WHO ARE LOCKED UP, EVEN FOR A FEW
14 DAYS, ARE 39 PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AND 67
15 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO BE IN PRISON BY THE AGE OF 25 THAN
16 YOUTH WITH SIMILAR CHARGES FROM THE SAME COMMUNITY THAT ARE
17 NOT DETAINED. THAT IS GENOCIDAL, PEOPLE. PLEASE, PLEASE,
18 PLEASE, I AM URGING ALL OF YOU, ALL OF YOU L.A. COUNTY
19 SUPERVISORS, TO DO YOUR JOB AND TO PASS THE CARE FIRST BUDGET,
20 INCLUDING THE YOUTH JUSTICE BUDGET. YOU CANNOT CONTINUE TO
21 KEEP GOING TO BESTIA, KEEP GOING TO DINNERS AND FUNDRAISERS
22 AND SAYING YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB WHEN YOU ARE DOING THIS
23 TO CHILDREN. I AM URGING YOU, I AM DEMANDING YOU TRANSFER AT
24 LEAST \$600 MILLION FROM L.A. COUNTY PROBATION, AT LEAST \$300
25 MILLION FROM THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND \$75

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1 MILLION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
2 TO THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND YOUTH DIVERSION AND
3 DEVELOPMENT. I'M ASKING YOU, I'M DEMANDING, THAT YOU
4 PRIORITIZE YOUTH CENTERS, YOUTH JOBS, PEACE BUILDERS IN
5 SCHOOLS AND STREETS TO REPLACE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOLS
6 AND A FREE METRO PASS FOR ALL YOUTH, KINDERGARTEN, AND ALSO
7 END ALL SYSTEM FEES AND FINES INCLUDING CLOSING PROBATION'S
8 FAKE JUVENILE CITATION DIVERSION PROGRAM AND DECLARE AMNESTY
9 AND ERASE ALL PAST DEBT. CHILDREN DO NOT DESERVE DEBT. END
10 PROBATION PRETRIAL SERVICES AND TRANSFER THAT WORK TO THE
11 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY
12 BASED ORGANIZATION WITH A NEW EMPHASIS OF PRE-ARRAIGNMENT
13 ASSESSMENT WITHIN HOURS OF ARREST. WE SEE YOU. WE SEE WHAT
14 YOU ARE NOT --

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** GILLIAN ZWICK. PLEASE STATE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL
20 BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **GILLIAN ZWICK:** HI, MAY GAME IS GILLIAN FROM DISTRICT. HELLO,
23 HILDA SOLIS. I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3. I
24 STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.
25 AS MUCH AS THE BOARD HAS VOICED SUPPORT OF THESE DEMANDS, NO

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1 MONEY HAS BEEN MOVED TOWARD A.T.I. AND COMMUNITY CARE.
2 ADDITIONALLY, AN 8 PERCENT CUT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
3 NOT ENOUGH. YOU ARE THE MOST DIRECT AND PRIMARY TOOL WE HAVE
4 TO HOLD THE SHERIFF, PROBATION, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE HARM THEY ARE DOING. ON MARCH 10TH, THE
6 BOARD AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
7 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP AND FINAL REPORT. ON
8 MARCH 10TH, THE BOARD AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD. I STRONGLY
9 SUPPORT THE BOARD HIRE AN A.T.I. DIRECTOR WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE
10 TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS NOT FUNDRAISERS. I YIELD MY TIME.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** MICHELLE SWEENEY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
15 THAT YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **MICHELLE SWEENEY:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I'M
18 ECHOING THE STATEMENTS OF THOSE BEFORE ME. I HAD SOME THINGS
19 PLANNED TO SAY, BUT IT'S BEEN WORDED MUCH BETTER THAN I WOULD
20 HAVE WITH SOME VERY COMPELLING STATISTICS. I WILL SAY THAT
21 WHEN SHERIFFS ARE CALLED, IT'S CONSISTENTLY ENDING IN TRAGEDY
22 FOR OUR CITIZENS ACROSS THE BOARD. I JUST WANT TO URGE THE
23 BOARD MEMBERS, THE PEOPLE ARE PAYING ATTENTION NOW, AND THE
24 PRIMARIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THE PROTESTS ARE TRANSLATING TO THE
25 POLLS. I FEEL IN THE PAST, I'M AN OLDER PERSON, I HAVE BEEN

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1 THROUGH THIS A LOT, I FEEL IN THE PAST, THE PROTESTS HAVE NOT
2 REALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE POLLS. AND THAT'S NOT TRUE THIS
3 TIME. THEY ARE TRANSFERRING TO THE POLLS, SO YOUR VOICE IN
4 THESE MATTERS OF NOT SUPPORTING CARE FIRST, I URGE YOU TO
5 SUPPORT CARE FIRST IMMEDIATELY. YOUR VOICE IN NOT SUPPORTING
6 THESE THINGS WILL BE NOTED AND WILL BE REPOSTED WHEN YOU'RE UP
7 FOR REELECTION ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA. I YIELD MY TIME.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** JOCELYN PATRICIO. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
12 WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **JOCELYN PATRICIO:** MY NAME IS JOCELYN. I'M A MEMBER OF DISTRICT
15 2, AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2. I AM
16 CALLING TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT A BUDGET THAT
17 SIGNIFICANTLY DIVESTS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INCARCERATION
18 AND INVESTS IN CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE SHERIFF, PROBATION
19 OFFICE, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAVE SHOWN GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND
20 OUTRIGHT HARM TOWARD BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. NOW IT'S
21 TIME TO RESTRUCTURE OUR BUDGET TOWARD SOLUTIONS THAT
22 PRIORITIZE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AS A DAUGHTER OF A
23 FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSON, I KNOW DEEPLY HOW HARMFUL
24 INCARCERATION AND POLICING IS NOT JUST ON THE ON THE
25 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL, BUT ON ENTIRE FAMILIES AND

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1 GENERATIONS TO COME. I HOPE THAT THE BOARD LISTENS TO THE
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN TODAY TO IMAGINE A CITY THAT NO LONGER
3 RELIES ON VIOLENCE AND FEAR TO ENFORCE ORDER AND INSTEAD
4 CREATES A SUPPORTIVE OF REHABILITATION AND REENTRY WHERE
5 PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, HOUSING, FOOD,
6 WATER, AND HEALTHCARE. I YIELD MY TIME. THANK YOU.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10 **MODERATOR:** NADICA CARATE, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
11 YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **NADICA CARATE:** HI, MY NAME IS NADICA CARATE. AND I'M A
14 GRADUATE STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. AND LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
15 I'M COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 WITH A FOCUS ON 1
16 AND 2. AS AN EDUCATION P.H.D. STUDENT, I STUDY ISSUES OF
17 SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS. I'VE STUDIED AND READ THE WELL-
18 DOCUMENTED RESEARCH ABOUT THE UNDERFUNDING OF SUPPORT
19 RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES THAT IN TURN HARM STUDENTS. FOR
20 TOO LONG L.A. COUNTY HAS USED INCARCERATION AS WAY TO RESPOND
21 TO SOCIAL HARMS, INCLUDING WITH OUR YOUTH, WHICH HAS
22 CONTINUED TO EXACERBATE SOCIAL INEQUITIES. OUR SCHOOLS ARE
23 INCREDIBLY DEUNDED WHILE, AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE, PROBATION
24 SPENDS ALMOST 450 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR EACH YOUTH OR
25 ABOUT \$1200 PER YOUTH FOR JUST ONE DAY. THIS MONEY MUST BE

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1 FUNNELED INTO COMMUNITY LED RESOURCES AND SCHOOLS NOT THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND YOUR JAILS. AS YOUR CONSTITUENT, I
3 STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** LOUISE DOBBS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
9 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **LOUISE DOBBS:** THANK YOU. I'M ADDRESSING THE AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2,
12 AND 3, SPECIFICALLY 3F, BUT ALL OF THOSE. I'M LOUISE DOBBS.
13 I'M A SENIOR IN DISTRICT 3. I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA. I'M
14 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. I HAVE NEVER
15 SPOKEN HERE BEFORE, BUT THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT MASS
16 INCARCERATION AND OVERPOLICING, THE MORE I FEEL CALLED TO
17 SPEAK OUT ABOUT IT. COMMUNITY IS HURTING. L.A. IS HURTING.
18 HOMELESSNESS, ABANDONMENT OF POOR PEOPLE, LACK OF RESOURCES,
19 TOO MANY PEOPLE IN JAIL AND NOT ENOUGH HELP FOR AND SUPPORT
20 FOR HUMAN NEEDS. THE STREETS ARE FULL OF POOR PEOPLE WITHOUT
21 ADEQUATE SERVICES, HOMES, FRESH WATER, BATHROOM FACILITIES.
22 PEOPLE ARE HURTING. WE NEED INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVES TO OUR
23 INCARCERATION. CREATE THE A.T.I. FUND AND WORK ON THIS NOT ON
24 MORE POLICE AND INCARCERATION. DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** JEN WILLIAMS. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
4 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **JEN WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JEN WILLIAMS. CAN YOU
7 HEAR ME?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** YES.

12

13 **JEN WILLIAMS:** OKAY, OKAY. I'M SPEAKING TO AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2,
14 AND 3. MY NAME IS JEN WILLIAMS I'M WITH BLACK LIVES MATTER LOS
15 ANGELES. THE BOARD MUST MOVE BEYOND AUSTERITY MEASURES AND
16 SIGNIFICANTLY DIVEST FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT INCARCERATION. AN 8
17 PERCENT CUT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT ENOUGH. THE
18 PRIMARY TOOL OF THE BOARD HAS TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, PROBATION, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCOUNTABLE
20 FOR THE ONGOING HARM THEY ARE INFLECTING ON OUR COMMUNITIES,
21 PARTICULARLY BLACK RESIDENTS. IT'S TO SLASH THEIR BUDGET AND
22 USE THESE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
23 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP. WE NEED A CARE FIRST
24 BUDGET FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR AGENDA ITEM 3C, I STRONGLY
25 OPPOSE THE EXPANSION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM. IN A MOMENT WHERE
2 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND
3 DIVESTMENT FROM L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS, INCREASING FUNDING TO A
4 DEPARTMENT HAS PROVEN INEPT, INEFFECTIVE, AND HOMICIDAL IS
5 DISGRACEFUL. THE COUNTY SHOULD PLACE THESE DOLLARS INTO
6 ALTERNATIVES TO POLICING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT
7 SUPPORT OUR HOUSELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITHOUT LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT. AND ON 3F, THE BOARD MUST REALIZE THE PROMISE OF
9 THE CARE FIRST VISION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND AGGRESSIVELY
10 FUNDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ALTERNATIVES TO
11 INCARCERATION WORKGROUP FINAL REPORT NOW. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE
12 TO WAIT UNTIL THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN THE FALL TO BEGIN
13 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. THE BOARD CAN BEGIN TAKING THE FIRST
14 STEP BY CREATING AN ALTERNATIVES TO POLICING -- ALTERNATIVES
15 TO INCARCERATION FUND NOW WHERE THE FUNDS CAN BE CONSOLIDATED
16 FOR A.T.I. IMPLEMENTATION. AND I'M IN COUNTY DISTRICT 2. THANK
17 YOU.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** KATHERINE SHITINA, PLEASE STATE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
22 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **KATHERINE SHITINA:** MY NAME IS KATHERINE SHITINA. I'M SPEAKING
25 ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3C SPECIFICALLY. I WANT TO ECHO THE

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1 COMMENTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN FAR MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN ME
2 ASKING FOR A CARE FIRST BUDGET AND SHARING THEIR PERSONAL
3 EXPERIENCE AND JUST URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REALIZE
4 PEOPLE CALLING IN AND SHARING THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IS AN
5 ACT OF COMPASSION, AND IT'S ON YOU TO MEET THAT ACT OF
6 COMPASSION BY CREATING REAL CHANGE. I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK
7 REGARDING ITEM 3C, WHICH REDIRECTS FUNDS AWAY FROM MEASURE H
8 TO THE SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES. CONSIDERING
9 MEASURE H IS FUNDED BY SALES TAX, IT'S ALREADY TAKEN A HUGE
10 HIT FROM COVID-19, AND DOING THIS NOW IS JUST DISRESPECTFUL TO
11 THE MASSIVE CRISIS WE HAVE IN HOMELESSNESS. AND ALSO IS
12 CONSIDERING THE SHERIFF'S RECENT AND CONTINUED ACTS OF
13 VIOLENCE, THE SHOOTING OF AN 18-YEAR-OLD IN THE BACK JUST
14 WEEKS AGO, YOU WOULD BE SHOWING YOUR TACIT SUPPORT FOR THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS. SO INSTEAD
16 OF SUPPORTING THE MURDEROUS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LET'S
17 ACTUALLY SUPPORT OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION AND MAKE SOME REAL
18 CHANGE. PLEASE SUPPORT THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. I YIELD THE REST
19 OF MY TIME. THANK YOU.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** NORA SWEENEY, PLEASE STATE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **NORA SWEENEY:** I'M SPEAKING TO AGENDAS 1, 2, AND 3. I'M
2 INVOLVED WITH JUSTICE L.A. AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST
3 DISTRICT. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR THE CARE FIRST
4 BUDGET. WE NEED TO DEFUND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FUND
5 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I HAVE A CLOSE FRIEND WHO
6 COMMITTED A FELONY AND HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW HE STRUGGLES TO
7 MAKE A BASIC LIVING SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON. WE NEED
8 AN A.T.I. FUND SO THAT LESS PEOPLE END UP IN THIS
9 PREDICAMENT. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** LINDSEY DOPPIS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
14 YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **LINDSEY DOPPIS:** HI, MY NAME IS LINDSEY DOPPIS, AND I'M A
17 VOLUNTEER WITH JUSTICE L.A. I'M IN DISTRICT 2. AND I'M CALLING
18 ON AGENDA ITEM 1 AND 2, AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE IN
19 FAVOR OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. THE BOARD HAS VERBALLY
20 SUPPORTED THESE CARE FIRST GOALS. AND HILDA SOLIS, YOU SAID
21 INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND SERVICES INSTEAD OF
22 INCARCERATION IS NOT ONLY HUMANE BUT COST EFFECTIVE IN THE
23 LONG RUN, BUT THE BUDGET BEING PROPOSED DOES NOT MATCH THESE
24 STATEMENTS. THE MONEY REALLY NEEDS TO REFLECT THE GOALS THAT
25 YOU ARE CLAIMING TO ALIGN WITH. NEARLY ONE HALF OF ALL PEOPLE

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1 INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE AT LEAST ONE CHRONIC ILLNESS,
2 AND ONE FORTH HAVE A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. BECAUSE OF A LACK
3 OF INVESTMENT INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ACCESSIBLE SOCIAL
4 SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY, L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE FILLED WITH
5 SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND C.E.O.'S
6 PROPOSED BUDGET FAILS TO ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS BY CONTINUING TO
7 WASTE FUNDING ON INCARCERATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO AS THE
8 BOARD, YOU HAVE THE POWER RIGHT NOW TO COURSE CORRECT THE
9 BUDGET AND ALIGN WITH CARE FIRST'S MISSION BY CREATING AN
10 A.T.I. FUND TODAY AND DIVERTING FUNDING FROM INCARCERATION.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** MARISSA DECALL, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU
16 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

17

18 **MARISA DECALL:** HI. THIS IS MARISA DECALL. I'M A CONSTITUENT OF
19 DISTRICT 1, AND I'M CALLING ABOUT AGENDA 1 IN SUPPORT OF THE
20 CARE FIRST BUDGET AND SUPPORTING JUSTICE L.A. IN THEIR EFFORT
21 TO DIVEST FROM INCARCERATION AND INVEST IN ALTERNATIVES TO
22 INCARCERATION. BECAUSE WE'VE USED INCARCERATION AS A WAY TO
23 RESPOND TO SOCIAL HARM EVEN FOR THE SMALLEST OFFENSIVE, OUR
24 JAILS HAVE NOT ONLY BECOME OVERCROWDED, BUT ALSO THEY ARE ALSO
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMMENSE SOCIAL INEQUITIES. NEAR THE END OF

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1 LAST YEAR, OUR JAIL SYSTEM STATEWIDE IS AT 136 PERCENT
2 CAPACITY. 136 PERCENT CAPACITY. AND I'M SAYING OUR JAIL SYSTEM
3 TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE ALL CONNECTED. WE ARE FIGHTING TO
4 MAKE OUR CITY A MORE HUMANE JUSTIFIED CITY, AND YOU ARE THE
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN MAKE THE DECISION TO CHANGE THE BUDGET. WE
6 ARE ALL HUMAN BEINGS WHOSE DIVINE BIRTH RIGHT IT IS TO BE
7 LOVED AND CARED FOR, AND THIS IS AN ISSUE FOR ALL OF US. COVID
8 19 HAS EXACERBATED THE ALREADY TOXIC HEALTH RAMIFICATIONS OF
9 OVERPOPULATION IN PRISON. HUMAN BEINGS ARE BEING CROWDED INTO
10 COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES THAT ARE MEDICALLY VULNERABLE AND ARE
11 BEING HELD IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, OFTEN WITHOUT
12 ADEQUATE ACCESS TO WATER AND SOAP. YOU ARE LETTING THIS HAPPEN
13 TO HUMAN BEINGS BY NOT DEFUNDING THE POLICE, BY NOT ALLOCATING
14 --

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. MADAM
17 CHAIR, WE HAVE NOW CONCLUDED OUR PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS
20 HAS ENDED. I WANT TO THANK ALL THAT HAVE CALLED IN TO SPEAK.
21 IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT
22 WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE
23 TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
24 MEETING, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD. AGAIN, THANK YOU
25 FOR CALLING IN. LET ME TELL YOU THE PLAN FOR TODAY. THE CHIEF

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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL PRESENT EACH OF THE BUDGET ITEMS IN
2 NUMERICAL ORDER. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL BE GIVEN THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AFTER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS
4 PRESENTED THE ITEMS. IT WILL BE IN ORDER OF SPECIALS BEGINNING
5 WITH FIFTH, FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH. WE WILL NOW HEAR
6 FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. TODAY I WILL PRESENTING THE 2021 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET.
10 THIS 34.9 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET REPRESENTS SOME OF THE MOST
11 CHALLENGING FISCAL DECISIONS WE HAVE RECENT COUNTY'S HISTORY.
12 AS YOU KNOW, THE UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC CRISIS SPARKED BY
13 COVID-19 HAS RESULTED IN SHARP REVENUE DECLINES. AT THE SAME
14 TIME, THE COUNTY IS INVESTING IN MAJOR RESPONSE AND REOPENING
15 ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES DURING THIS PANDEMIC.
16 UNFORTUNATELY, I MUST REPORT THAT SIGNIFICANT CUTS IN COUNTY
17 PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL WILL BE NEEDED AS A RESULT OF THE
18 SERIOUS ECONOMIC DOWNTURN CAUSED BY THIS ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH
19 EMERGENCY. THIS IS NOT THE OUTCOME ANY OF US WANTS TO SEE,
20 ESPECIALLY AS OUR COUNTY STAFF CONTINUES TO SERVE WITH GREAT
21 COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE CRISIS, AS
22 WELL AS BEHIND THE SCENES TO ASSIST 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. I
23 WANT TO PERSONALLY TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EACH AND
24 EVERY ONE OF OUR 100,000 PLUS DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR
25 THEIR TRULY HEROIC PUBLIC SERVICE. I AM SO GRATEFUL AND PROUD

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1 OF OUR WORKFORCE AND EVERYTHING THEY HAVE AND ARE
2 ACCOMPLISHING. LATER IN MY PRESENTATION, I WILL EXPLAIN SOME
3 OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE HOPE TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE IMPACTS
4 IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. FIRST, THOUGH, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU
5 THROUGH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE REVENUE LOSS PROJECTIONS AND
6 PROPOSED CUTS NEEDED TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET AS IT STANDS NOW.
7 WE ARE CURRENTLY PROJECTING A 935.3 MILLION BUDGET GAP FOR
8 FISCAL. YEAR 2021. THIS IS PRIMARILY IN REVENUE LOSSES MOSTLY
9 DUE TO THE SHARP DECLINE IN STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAXES. THE
10 MAJOR IMPACTS ARE IN FOUR AREAS, THE NET COUNTY COSTS, OR
11 N.C.C., PORTION OF OUR BUDGET FUNDED WITH SALES TAX AND OTHER
12 LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES, PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL SERVICES,
13 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN REALIGNED FROM THE STATE
14 TO COUNTIES AND ARE FUNDED THROUGH STATE SALES TAX AND VEHICLE
15 LICENSES, ALSO KNOWN AS REALIGNMENT FUNDS, HOMELESSNESS
16 EFFORTS FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H, AND STATE BUDGET CUTS TO
17 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. AS A RESULT, WE PROPOSE TAKING THE
18 FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET. IMPLEMENTING
19 DEPARTMENTAL CURTAILMENTS TOTALING 453.5 MILLION, USING ONE-
20 TIME FUNDING OF 351.6 MILLION FROM THE REALIGNMENT PROGRAM SET
21 ASIDE IN DEPARTMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNTS, IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT
22 COST REDUCTIONS OF 59.3 MILLION, INCLUDING SUSPENSION OF
23 RETIREMENT ACCOUNT MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS, AND AN ESTIMATED
24 70.9 MILLION DROP IN MEASURE H SALES TAX REVENUES WILL BE
25 OFFSET WITH 22.6 MILLION IN STATE HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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1 AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING WITH OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING
2 EXPECTED TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. OVERALL,
3 THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENTAL CURTAILMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE
4 ELIMINATION OF 3,251 POSITIONS. 2,596 OF THESE REPRESENT
5 VACANCIES, AND 655 ARE POTENTIAL LAYOFFS. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO
6 LAYOFFS WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1ST. WE DID NOT
7 ARRIVE AT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS LIGHTLY. EVERY DEPARTMENT
8 SUBMITTED DETAILED CURTAILMENT SCENARIOS RANGING FROM 10
9 PERCENT TO 20 PERCENT. THESE SUBMISSIONS WERE REVIEWED
10 THOUGHTFULLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY TO ADDRESS THE BIG PICTURE OF
11 COUNTY SERVICES THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO OUR
12 RESIDENTS. THE PROPOSED CUTS IN THIS FINAL CHANGES BUDGET
13 REPRESENTS AN ACROSS THE BOARD CUT OF APPROXIMATELY 8 PERCENT
14 OF NET COUNTY COST FUNDING. ALTHOUGH THESE CUTS DO NOT
15 REPRESENT THE WORST CASE SCENARIO WE EXPLORED, THEY ARE,
16 NEVERTHELESS, SIGNIFICANT, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
17 DEPARTMENTS. THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE WAY IN WHICH THESE
18 DEPARTMENTS ARE FUNDED. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS,
19 PARTICULARLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RECEIVED BY FAR THE
20 LARGEST PORTION OF NET COUNTY COST FUNDS. OVERALL, PUBLIC
21 SAFETY DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF THE
22 COUNTY'S N.C.C. THESE DEPARTMENTS ALSO RECEIVE A LARGE SHARE
23 OF THE STATE REALIGNMENT SALES TAX REVENUES, WHICH HAVE
24 DECLINED SHARPLY. THESE PROPOSED CUTS ARE NOT IN ANY WAY
25 INTENDED TO PENALIZE ANY DEPARTMENT OR DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE

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1 OF THEIR WORK. RATHER THESE CURTAILMENTS PART OF AN EQUITABLE
2 PROCESS OF COST REDUCTIONS THAT WILL AFFECT ALL COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS. A KEY PART OF MY MESSAGE TODAY IS THAT THIS
4 BUDGET MARKS A POINT IN TIME NOT THE FINISH LINE. AS YOU KNOW
5 THE BEAUTY OF OUR COUNTY BUDGET IS THAT IT IS BUILT IN PHASES,
6 RECOMMEND, FINAL, AND SUPPLEMENTAL, AND THIS BUDGET PROCESS
7 ALLOWS US TO RESPOND FLEXIBLY TO THE DYNAMIC SITUATIONS LIKE
8 THE ONE WE ARE IN TODAY. SO, ALTHOUGH WE CALL THIS THE FINAL
9 CHANGES BUDGET, IT IS PART OF A CONTINUUM. BY LAW, WE MUST
10 ADOPT THIS BUDGET PRIOR TO JULY 1 TO PRESERVE OUR FULL
11 SPENDING AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MITIGATE
12 SOME OF THESE CUTS WHEN WE RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH A
13 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN SEPTEMBER. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, THE
14 C.E.O. BUDGET TEAM WILL BE LOOKING CLOSELY FOR ADDITIONAL
15 SOURCES OF REVENUE THAT MAY ASSIST US. THE FOUR MAIN AREAS WE
16 ARE PURSUING ARE ANY ONE-TIME FUNDING THAT WE ARE ABLE TO
17 IDENTIFY AS WE CLOSE THE BOOKS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
18 BUDGET, ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING THAT WILL HELP OFFSET THE
19 DEEP DECLINE IN STATE SALES TAX REVENUES, AND ANY FEDERAL
20 STIMULUS FUNDING THAT MAY BE APPROVED LATER THIS SUMMER,
21 PARTICULARLY AFTER THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY, AND/OR AN AGREEMENT
22 WITH COUNTY UNIONS ON COST SAVING MEASURES THAT HELP PRESERVE
23 JOBS. BEFORE THE BOARD BEGINS VOTING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, I
24 WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ALWAYS SHOWN
25 ITS ABILITY TO RISE TO THE OCCASION IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.

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1 THIS IS THE GREATNESS OF OUR COUNTY AND OUR UNDERLYING
2 STRENGTH. I HAVE BEEN HERE WHEN THE COUNTY FACED BANKRUPTCY IN
3 THE EARLY 1990S, WHEN HEALTH SERVICES FACED REVENUE SHORTFALLS
4 IN THE EARLY 2000S, AND THE GREAT RECESSION OF 2008. THIS
5 COUNTY CAME OUT OF ALL OF THESE STRONGER AS A RESULT. AND OUR
6 COUNTY, LED BY YOUR BOARD, HAS BUILT A STRONG FISCAL
7 FOUNDATION THAT HAS POSITIONED US TO WEATHER THE CURRENT
8 CHALLENGES FROM A POSITION OF GREATER STRENGTH THAN OTHER
9 LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES. FOR FISCAL YEAR '19-'20, THIS HAS
10 ENABLED THE COUNTY TO AVOID ANY IMPACTS TO PERSONNEL. OUR
11 LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING HAS EARNED
12 THE COUNTY ITS HIGHEST EVER CREDIT RATINGS AND HAS PROVIDED
13 RAINY DAY RESERVES THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DRAW ON NOW. AS WE
14 WEATHER THE STORM, AS WE HAVE ALL OF THE OTHERS, I WOULD LIKE
15 TO UNDERSCORE THE BIG PICTURE AND BRIGHT FUTURE THAT LIES
16 AHEAD. OUR DIVERSE AND INNOVATIVE LOCAL ECONOMY, ANCHORED BY
17 THE VIBRANT CREATIVE ECONOMY THAT INCLUDES THE ENTERTAINMENT
18 INDUSTRY AND WORLD CLASS SPORTS WILL BE BACK. THE EYES OF THE
19 NATION AND THE WORLD WILL BE ON US WHEN WE HOST MARQUEE EVENTS
20 LIKE THE SUPER BOWL IN 2021, POTENTIALLY, THE WORLD CUP IN
21 2026, AND OF COURSE THE OLYMPICS IN 2028. THIS BUDGET AND OUR
22 ACTIONS NOW MUST FOCUS ON PRESERVING THE OVERALL STRENGTH OF
23 THE COUNTY OVER THE LONG TERM. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE FACING
24 PROFOUND CHALLENGES, I FULLY EXPECT US TO OVERCOME THEM. OUR
25 OVERRIDING GOAL IS TO PRESERVE THE STRONG FOUNDATION OUR

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1 RESIDENTS CAN RELY ON IN YEARS AHEAD AND FOR OUR COUNTY TO
2 CONTINUE TO BE A VIBRANT, DIVERSE, SHINING STAR ON THE
3 NATIONAL AND WORLD STAGE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
4 PRESENT THE BUDGET TO THIS BOARD TODAY. I WILL NOW TURN TO THE
5 AGENDA, STARTING WITH FISCAL YEAR '19-'20 BUDGET. ON ITEM
6 NUMBER 1, RECOMMENDATION FOUR, I WOULD ASK THAT THIS MATTER BE
7 CONTINUED TO JULY 7TH, 2020. MADAM CHAIR, THE REMAINING ITEM
8 IS BEFORE YOUR BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 1 IS BEFORE US.
11 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 SECONDS. CELIA, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O:** ITEM NUMBER 1 IS BEFORE US TO APPROVE 1-3
15 AND CONTINUE NUMBER 4 TO JULY 7, 2020. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

21

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

23

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

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1

2 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

3

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

5

6 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

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10 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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14 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2

15 WHICH IS A '20='21 BUDGET ITEM. PLEASE BRIEF US, SACHI HAMAI?

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17 SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ON ITEM NUMBER 2,

18 2A ARE ISSUES RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND THIS WILL BE A

19 RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 2B THESE ARE CHIEF

20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADJUST THE FISCAL YEAR

21 '20-'21 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET. ON THIS ITEM, I WOULD ALSO

22 ASK THE PORTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO ECONOMIC

23 DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS

24 RENOVATE, BE CONTINUED TO JULY 7TH, 2020. THIS WOULD REDUCE

25 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS TO 63,425,000 AND

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1 WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE
2 L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO 62,425,000. ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 2 -- THAT WAS 2B, AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES ITEMS 4 AND 5,
4 AND ON THEN ITEM NUMBER 2C, MADAM CHAIR, I WILL TURN IT BACK
5 YOU TO FOR ANY COMMENTS BEFORE THIS ITEM IS TAKEN UP BY THE
6 FULL BOARD.

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8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SACHI. I WILL BEGIN THE
9 COMMENTS, AND THEN WE'LL GO, AS I SAID, FIRST, SECOND, THIRD,
10 AND FOURTH. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING YOU, SACHI
11 HAMAI, FOR DELAYING YOUR RETIREMENT TO ASSIST US DURING THE
12 COVID PANDEMIC, AND I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR FORTITUDE
13 IN GUIDING OUR BUDGET. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MATT MCGLYNN AND
14 ALL OF THE STAFF WHO'VE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PRESENT US WITH
15 THIS BUDGET. IN ADDITION TO THAT, MY STAFF, RICK VELASQUEZ,
16 WHO I KNOW WORKED CLOSELY WITH YOUR OFFICE. THE COVID-19
17 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS HAS ILLUMINATED JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE
18 DEPEND ON COUNTY SERVICES. DEMANDS FOR COUNTY SERVICES SUCH AS
19 FOOD, HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, AND
20 MANY OTHERS ARE INCREASING AT RATES NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
21 UNFORTUNATELY, SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THESE INCREASED DEMANDS FOR
22 SERVICE, WE ARE ALSO SEEING UNPARALLELED REDUCTION IN REVENUE
23 NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN
24 THE AREAS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHILD WELFARE, HEALTH AND MENTAL
25 HEALTH SERVICES. IN FACT, NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET OF 34.9 BILLION

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1 IS LESS THAN THE 36 BILLION IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. DUE TO
2 FISCAL PRUDENCE AND FORESIGHT OF THE BOARD WE'VE ESTABLISHED A
3 HIRING FREEZE AND UTILIZED OUR RAINY DAY FUND TO PROVIDE MUCH
4 NEEDED FISCAL RELIEF, ALLOWING US TO CLOSE OUR BOOKS THIS YEAR
5 FULLY BALANCED. WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE FINANCIALLY WISE SO
6 THAT WE ARE ABLE TO WEATHER THIS STORM AND GET THROUGH THIS
7 DIFFICULT TIME WHILE STILL MEETING DEMANDS OF THE PUBLIC FOR
8 NECESSARY SERVICES. AS A RESULT OF THE REVENUE REDUCTIONS, WE
9 ARE SEEING ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS THAT WILL AFFECT EVERY COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENT, BEGINNING AT THE TOP. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS A
11 NECESSARY ACTION TO ADDRESS A NEARLY \$935 MILLION BUDGET GAP.
12 AS THE BOARD CONTINUES TO WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS
13 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE MUST MAXIMIZE FEDERAL AND STATE
14 ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING RELIEF FOR OUR REVENUE LOSSES. WE WILL
15 COME BACK IN SEPTEMBER, PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN UPDATED
16 BUDGET THAT REFLECTS ADDITIONAL REVENUES IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL
17 WITH OUR FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS. I AM HOPEFUL BY WORKING
18 COLLABORATIVELY WE WILL GET ADDITIONAL ASSIST CONTINUES FROM
19 ALL PARTNERS TO ASSIST US WITH BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS. I WOULD
20 LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REITERATE MY COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC
21 SAFETY. SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES IS CRUCIAL.
22 THE BUDGET TODAY RECOMMENDS VAST CUTS TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
23 DEPARTMENTS, PRIMARILY DUE TO A.B.109 REVENUE. A.B.109 IS
24 MONEY THAT COUNTY RECEIVES FROM THE STATE, WHICH IS DEPENDENT
25 UPON SALES TAX. GIVEN THE PANDEMIC, THIS FUNDING HAS DROPPED

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1 SIGNIFICANTLY, AND UNFORTUNATELY THOSE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT
2 RELY ON THIS FUNDING ARE FACED WITH THE SHORTFALL. IT'S MY
3 HOPE THESE CUTS CAN BE RESTORED IN SEPTEMBER TO FURTHER
4 SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. IN CLOSING,
5 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP
6 AND DEDICATION TO SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
7 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ALSO TAKE THIS
10 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SACHI AND HER ENTIRE TEAM AND OUR COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENT HEADS AS WELL AS HER STUFF AND AS WELL AS ALL OF
12 OUR BUDGET STAFFS, INCLUDING MINE. AND FOR EVERYONE'S
13 CONTINUED HARD WORK TO PRODUCE THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET,
14 ESPECIALLY DURING COVID-19. THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU KNOW, HAS HAD
15 A PROFOUND IMPACT ON ALL OF OUR LIVES. WE SACRIFICED OUR
16 ECONOMY AND OUR EVERY DAY WAY OF LIFE TO SAVE AS MANY LIVES AS
17 POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE EVERY LIFE IS WORTHY OF SACRIFICE.
18 THEN WEEKS INTO THE PANDEMIC, THE NATION WATCHED IN HORROR THE
19 KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD, AND THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS TOOK TO
20 THE STREETS LIFTING ONE UNIFIED MESSAGE THAT BLACK LIVES
21 MATTER. INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM PERMEATES EVERY LEVEL OF OUR
22 SOCIETY AND FEEDS INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM RESULTING IN
23 UNDERINVESTMENT, LACK OF ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, WELFARE,
24 SCHOOLS, AND HOUSING, ALL OF WHICH CREATE DISPARITIES THAT WE
25 SEE TODAY, AND WE KNOW THIS HAS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED

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1 OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. BASED ON DATE IT ISSUED LAST
2 FRIDAY BY THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
3 DISTRICT I REPRESENT, THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, HAS
4 THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASES, 24,216 CASES OF COVID. IN FACT,
5 THE AREA WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASES IN THE COUNTY IS IN
6 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES IN THE FIRST
7 DISTRICT. THEY REPRESENT 2,370 CASES, AND ITS NEIGHBOR, BOYLE
8 HEIGHTS, WHICH IS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUT IN THE FIRST
9 IS ALSO REPORTING A HIGH NUMBER OF CASES, 1,654. CASES ARE
10 HIGH IN CITIES THAT INCLUDE THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS
11 SOUTHGATE AT 1,611, AND HUNTINGTON PARK, A VERY SMALL
12 COMMUNITY, WITH 1,105, AS WELL AS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,
13 EL MONTE AND PAMONA, BOTH OVER 1,400. THE DATA SHOWS THAT
14 COMMUNITIES OF WORKING CLASS LATINOS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE
15 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC. SO EQUITY MEANS
16 ALLOCATING RESOURCES TO THESE VERY SAME COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE
17 ENDURED THE TYPE OF SYSTEMIC UNDERINVESTMENT FOR FAR TOO LONG.
18 THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORTH THIS PAST MARCH BY THE
19 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP PROVIDES A ROAD MAP
20 FOR THE COUNTY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS NEW
21 REALITY IN A DIFFERENT WAY, AND WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO PUT
22 MANY OF THESE INITIATIVES INTO MOTIONS. LAST WEEK, I READ A
23 MOTION IN THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE BOARD ON JULY 7TH TO CLOSE
24 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ONCE AND FOR ALL. A SMALLER JAIL FOOTPRINT
25 WILL REQUIRE US TO STOP USING JAILS AS A PLACE TO PUT PEOPLE

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1 WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS OR
2 WHO SIMPLY LACK ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS LIKE HOUSING. IN ORDER
3 FOR THIS TO BE POSSIBLE, WE MUST BUILD CAPACITY FOR TREATMENT
4 IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION NOW SO OUR RESIDENTS CAN BEGIN
5 THE PROCESS OF HEALING FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES THEY COME
6 FROM AND WHERE THEY BELONG. ADDITIONALLY THE A.T.I.
7 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE MY PROPOSAL FOR THE RESTORATIVE CARE
8 VILLAGES AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND OUR OTHER MEDICAL CAMPUSES BY
9 PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE AS AN
10 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. THIS INCLUDES INPATIENT,
11 SUBACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BEDS, RECUPERATIVE CARE, MENTAL HEALTH
12 URGENT CARE, AS WELL AS HOUSING, AMONG OTHER SERVICES. IN MY
13 LETTER LAST WEEK TO YOU LAST WEEK TO YOU, SACHI, IT MAY SEEM
14 LIKE AN ODD TIME TO ASK FOR MORE FUNDING GIVEN THE DIRE STATE
15 OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, BUT NOW IS EXACTLY THE RIGHT TIME TO
16 BE BOLD AND INVEST IN THIS NEW REVISIONING. I UNDERSTAND THAT
17 WE HAVE TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS. SO LET'S INVEST IN PROGRAMS AND
18 PROJECTS THAT WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR
19 CONSTITUENTS. WE CANNOT PUT THIS OFF AS SOMETHING THAT WE
20 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BUT ONLY WHEN THE COUNTY HAS EXTRA FUNDS.
21 THIS HAS TO BE OUR PRIORITY. IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR
22 IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS IT IS THAT MAINTAINING STATUS QUO IS
23 NOT ACCEPTABLE. I'M VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE BUDGET
24 RETAINED THE POSITIONS WE ADDED IN APRIL FOR OUR ANTIHATE
25 PROGRAM. WE ALSO NEED TO SHORE UP STAFFING FOR THE OFFICE OF

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1 INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE NEWLY CREATED PROBATION OVERSIGHT
2 COMMISSION FROM THE MOTION THAT I CO-AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS LAST YEAR TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND
4 TRANSPARENCY, AND WE NEED TO PRESERVE STAFF FOR OUR PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFEND WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER-
6 RESOURCED FOR FAR TOO LONG TO ENSURE EVERY PERSON HAS LEGAL
7 REPRESENTATION INCLUDING OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATION. WE MUST
8 CONTINUE TO INVEST IN PARKS AND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE
9 INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND JOBS, YES, FOR OUR YOUTH. ALL
10 OF THESE PRIORITIES ALIGN WITH WHAT THE COUNTY EXISTS TO DO,
11 TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE. WE ARE, IN FACT, THE SAFETY NET.
12 I CAN'T THINK OF ANOTHER TIME WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES NEED US THE
13 MOST RIGHT NOW. THESE ARE DIFFICULT DECISIONS. I KNOW THAT,
14 BUT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE COUNTY HAS FACED A LOOMING
15 DEFICIT. WE WILL MAKE IT THROUGH THIS AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST,
16 BUT THERE IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL CHANGE RIGHT NOW.
17 SO, I URGE THIS BOARD TO SEIZE UPON IT, AND I WANT TO THANK MY
18 COLLEAGUES AND THE ENTIRE BOARD. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, TODAY'S BUDGET
24 MAKES IT DIFFICULT, CUTS ACROSS THE BOARD THAT ARE NECESSARY
25 TO REBALANCE THE BUDGET AND CLOSE A NEARLY BILLION DOLLAR GAP.

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1 WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC THAT HAS TRAGICALLY
2 CAUSED MORE THAN 100,000 DEATHS ACROSS THE NATION THUS FAR,
3 AND IT CONTINUES TO UPTICK AS WE TAKE NOTE, AS WE SPEAK. AS
4 WELL AS, HAVING TRIGGERED A SHARP DECLINE IN THE ECONOMY
5 CAUSING RECORD UNEMPLOYMENT, MIRRORING THAT OF THE GREAT
6 DEPRESSION, AND YET THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE CRISES WITH WHICH
7 WE HAVE TO ATTEND. WE'RE DEALING WITH MULTIPLE CRISES, CRISES
8 WITHIN A CRISIS ON TOP OF CRISES AS SEEMS TO BE OUR REALITY AT
9 THIS POINT IN TIME, BUT DURING THIS PANDEMIC, THERE HAS BEEN A
10 RENEWED SENSE OF URGENCY FOR THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS
11 DEMONSTRATED THROUGH, FOR EXAMPLE, PROJECT ROOM KEY. I WANT TO
12 UNDERSCORE THAT. IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, L.A. COUNTY HAS
13 REPURPOSED VACANT HOTEL ROOMS TO BRING INDOORS NEARLY 4,000
14 FRAIL AND ELDERLY PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO HAPPEN
15 TO BE 65 YEARS AND/OR MEDICALLY FRAGILE. THEY ARE THE MOST
16 VULNERABLE AMONG US. AS MEASURE H FUNDS DECLINE, OWING TO THE
17 LACK OF SALES TAX REVENUE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY
18 WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE
19 A SPENDING PLAN THAT SUSTAINS THE COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF
20 COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS AND ALLOWS US TO KEEP PUSHING MORE
21 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INTO THE PLACES THAT DEFINE
22 THEIR DIGNITY AND RECOGNIZE THEIR WORTH AS HUMAN BEING, AND AS
23 I MAKE REFERENCE TO MEASURE H, THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN
24 RAISED ELOQUENTLY BY PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE ISSUE OF
25 ALLOCATION OF MEASURE H. DOLLARS IN TERMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,

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1 THAT MATTER HAS BEEN TAKEN OFF LINE AS BEST AS WE CAN
2 DETERMINE. IT IS UNDER REVIEW ALL OVER AGAIN, AS WELL, IN MY
3 VIEW, IT SHOULD BE. OVER THE LAST MONTH, WE WITNESSED PROTESTS
4 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ACROSS THE NATION OF PUBLIC OUTCRY
5 AND AN AWAKENING TO SYSTEMIC RACISM AND RACIALIZED KILLINGS AT
6 THE HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. THERE'S NO DENYING THAT. WE NEED
7 TO SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER, AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO DO. IN RESPONSE TO THESE EVENTS AND IN
9 RESPONSE TO GREATER INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS WE MUST
10 UNAPOLOGETICALLY DOUBLE DOWN ON THE APPROACHES THAT PRIORITIZE
11 PEOPLE'S HEALTH, COMMUNITY WELL BEING, AND SAFETY OVER
12 SURVEILLANCE, OVER EXCESSIVE ENFORCEMENT AND USE OF FORCE, OF
13 OVERCRIMINALIZATION, AND INCARCERATION. WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE
14 OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND WE BEGAN ON THAT ROAD
15 WAY LAST YEAR AND BEFORE WITH THE MOTION THAT WAS BROUGHT IN
16 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF, AND WE WILL NOT TURN BACK.
17 WHILE THE PANDEMIC HAS ACCELERATED THE THE COUNTY'S CRIMINAL
18 JUSTICE REFORM EFFORTS IN SOME WAYS, THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
19 THOUGHT TO BE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE NOW IN LESS
20 THAN THREE MONTHS. THE JAIL POPULATION HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM
21 APPROXIMATELY 17,000 PERSONS TO 12,000, FINALLY BRINGING THE
22 POPULATION DOWN TO THE STATE MANDATED CAPACITY LEVEL. WE WERE
23 OUT OF COMPLIANCE FOR ALL OF THAT TIME, AND IT TOOK A PANDEMIC
24 TO CAUSE THAT TO BE CORRECTED, AND MY POINT OF VIEW IS THAT IF
25 WE DON'T STAY EVER VIGILANT, WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN

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1 CONSTANT NON-COMPLIANCE OWING TO BEING ACQUIESCENT IN THE FACE
2 OF MASSIVE BUREAUCRACIES THAT MUST BE FACED HEAD ON. SO, TO
3 KEEP INCARCERATION LEVELS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH DOWN, LET ME
4 JUST SAY, I'M COMMITTED TO EXPANDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
5 AND RE-ENTRY'S WORK, SO THAT HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS MORE
6 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS CLINICAL NEEDS CAN BE DIVERTED OUT OF
7 JAILS INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF THEIR LIVES, BECAUSE IT IS THE
8 MOST COMPASSIONATE THING TO DO, THE MOST HUMANE THING TO DO.
9 IT IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE THING TO DO. WE SAY IT BEFORE,
10 WE SAY IT AGAIN, INCARCERATION COSTS ROUGHLY \$600 PER PERSON
11 EACH DAY, WHILE DIVERSION COSTS MERELY \$70 PER DAY. DO THE
12 MATH. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT. AND THIS COUNTY HAS EFFECTIVELY
13 REMOVED 5500 INDIVIDUALS FROM JAILS AND SERVED OVER 21,000
14 PERSONS THROUGH ITS COMPREHENSIVE RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS, AND
15 THAT'S BEEN LEAD BY THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY.
16 REMEMBER, WE KICKED THIS WORK OFF IN 2015, AND THE WHOLE
17 NOTION IS TO BEGIN TO SHIFT PRIORITIES, SHIFT RESOURCES
18 CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEWS AND VALUES OF WHAT IS A PROPER WAY
19 TO MANAGE SCARCE RESOURCES AND ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF
20 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN STUCK IN SYSTEMS AND THE OUTCOMES ARE
21 POOR. THE ONLY THING WE WERE DOING IN MANY INSTANCES WAS
22 RECALCULATE RECIDIVISM, RECALCULATING RECIDIVISM. INSTEAD, WE
23 NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT BETTER OUTCOMES CAN BE. I
24 WANT TO SAY I'M EQUALLY COMMITTED TO INVESTING RESOURCES IN
25 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, THAT INITIATIVE WHICH INCLUDES

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1 SCALING UP PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTERS, THE BEHAVIORAL
2 HEALTH CENTER, AS IS GOING UP AT THE M.L.K. CAMPUS, AND
3 BUILDING OUT COMMUNITY-BASED CONTINUUM OF CARE. THAT'S THE
4 FOUNDATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK. EXPECT THAT
5 WE WILL LEAN IN IN THAT REGARD. WE ARE SIMPLY OBLIGED TO DO
6 SO. I WANT TO PLAY IT SAFE FOR THE RECORD. I'M COMMITTED TO
7 IMMEDIATELY RESUMING THE LAUNCHING OF THE BOARD APPROVED
8 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND INVESTIGATIVE ARM OF THE
9 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FOCUSED ON PROBATION REFORM.
10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS, WE CANNOT TURN BACK ON THAT. WE CAN'T
11 AFFORD TO DELAY THE CRITICAL WORK OF STRENGTHENING
12 ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC SAFETY. AND THAT'S WHY THE NEXT BOARD
13 MEETING, WE'LL BE PUSHING VERY HARD TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES
14 YET TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND THAT'S A
15 FULL ON COMMITMENT THAT HAS TO BE EVIDENCED IF WE ARE TO LIVE
16 OUT THE VALUES THAT WE ARTICULATE. THIS IS TIME FOR FURTHER
17 INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY CENTERED SOLUTIONS THAT GIVE THE
18 COUNTY THE BEST AND HIGHEST RETURN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, THE
19 BEST AND HIGHEST RETURN THAT ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF
20 PERSONS WHO ARE, IN SOME WAYS, THOUGHT TO BE VULNERABLE, BUT
21 WHO CAN BE CAUSED TO THRIVE WITH PROPER INVESTMENTS. I WANT TO
22 BE CLEAR THAT OUR WORK DOES NOT END HERE TODAY. THIS IS JUST A
23 PART OF THE PROCESS, BUT IT DOESN'T END HERE TODAY. WE WILL
24 CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER TO PRODUCE WHAT IS A SUPPLEMENTAL
25 BUDGET THAT ENSURES THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A LEADER IN

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1 PRIORITIZING PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELL BEING. WE HAVE THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE TO DO IT. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE HAVE THE
3 RESOLVE AND THE IMAGINATION. L.A. COUNTY IS A LEADER IN
4 REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT'S ALREADY BEEN EVIDENCED OVER
5 THE PAST HALF DECADE, AND WE ARE NOT FINISHED. WE ARE
6 COMMITTED TO CLOSING THE GAP ON MANY LEVELS WITH RESPECT TO
7 UNMET NEEDS IN THIS COUNTY SO THAT WE ARE ACHIEVING BETTER
8 RESULTS FOR OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES WHO DESERVE THOSE
9 INVESTMENTS. YES, I'M FULLY AWARE THAT RESOURCES ARE FINITE.
10 WE DON'T HAVE AN UNLIMITED BANK ACCOUNT HERE. 33-PLUS BILLION
11 DOLLARS IN TERMS OF BUDGETING IS A LOT, BUT WE HAVE A LOT TO
12 DO. THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE DO IT, WHERE WE AIM IT, WHAT ARE
13 PRIORITIES ARE, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE A VERY
14 CAREFUL, CLOSE, HARD LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING. MAY I END BY
15 SAYING, MADAM CHAIR, A SHOUT OUT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI, FOR CONTINUING TO BE AN EXEMPLARY
17 STEWARD OF THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES, RIDING ON THE BUDGET
18 PROCESSES AND FINANCES AND DOING WHAT HAS BEEN NECESSARY ON A
19 NUMBER OF WAYS TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET INITIATIVES THAT EACH
20 MEMBER OF THIS BOARD HAS BROUGHT FORWARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE
21 MORE HUMANE, TO BE MORE SMART, TO BE MORE IN LINE WITH THE SET
22 OF VALUES TO SAY THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN BE DISTINGUISHED
23 AS A LEADER IN THE AREA OF OF THE SAFETY NET, THE NEW SAFETY
24 NET, THE REAL SAFETY NET THAT CAN KEEP US ON TRACK WITH OUR
25 HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS. MADAM CHAIR?

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY
6 THANKS TO OUR, FRANKLLY, INCREDIBLE C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, FOR
7 HELPING THE COUNTY, ONCE AGAIN, GET THROUGH SOME DIFFICULT
8 TIMES, BUT THIS IS REALLY UNPRECEDENTED. IN THE FEW YEARS
9 THAT I'VE BEEN SERVING, I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE SEEN ANYTHING
10 LIKE THIS. AND, SACHI, YOU AND THE TEAM, AND OUR COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP, OUR BUDGET AND FINANCE STAFF HAD TO
12 SUGGEST SOME VERY, VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS TO US OVER THE
13 LAST FEW WEEKS. AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MENTIONED, WE ARE FACING
14 AN UNPRECEDENTED ALMOST BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET GAP FOR THE
15 INCOMING FISCAL YEAR, AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET IN FRONT OF US
16 INCLUDES A LOT OF CURTAILMENTS OF OUR COUNTY SERVICES AND OUR
17 COUNTY STAFF, AND I ALWAYS LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
18 REMIND PEOPLE THAT, EVEN THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN THOSE IN THE
19 COUNTRY MORE ON THE OTHER SIDE POLITICALLY FROM ME, WHO HAVE
20 BEEN TRYING TO CONVINCING YOU THAT GOVERNMENT IS A BAD THING,
21 THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD GO AWAY, THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD STEP
22 DOWN. NOW, IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE REALLY DOUBLE EMERGENCY
23 SITUATIONS, IT'S GOVERNMENT THAT HAS TO STEP UP AND HAS
24 STEPPED UP. AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE WHAT WE
25 CAN OF MANY OF THE SERVICES, MOST OF WHICH ACTUALLY DO ALSO

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1 SERVE THE CLIENTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN OUR
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. IT'S NOT IDEAL THAT WE MAKE THESE
3 CURTAILMENTS, BUT I'M CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE SOME BETTER DAYS
4 AHEAD, POTENTIAL MITIGATION PLANS. THAT'S WHY WE DO
5 SUPPLEMENTAL IN SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR ADVOCACY AT
6 THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS BECAUSE THEY WILL BE BRINGING
7 SOME MONEY THAT WE HAVE TO ROPE IN. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
8 BUILD ON THE WORK AND POSITIVE CHANGE THAT WE HAVE STARTED TO
9 ACCOMPLISH OVER THESE LAST FEW YEARS. WE HAVE CRITICAL
10 PRIORITIES THAT I THINK YOU'RE HEARING, THOSE OF YOU LISTENING
11 TO THIS DELIBERATION. THIS BOARD IS SUBMITTED TO MOVING
12 FORWARD AND MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER. OUR FOLKS STRUGGLING
13 TO MAKE ENDS MEET, WE HAVE TO HEAR THEM AND HELP THEM.
14 COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT CARE FIRST/JAIL
15 LAST IS NOT JUST THE GOLD STANDARD BUT THE ONLY STANDARD.
16 THERE'S BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF TALKS ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO
17 INCARCERATION. I THINK THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE LOOKING AT THE
18 AGENDA KNOW THAT IN SECTION 3, THERE'S A REPORT BACK ON A.T.I.
19 BY THE C.E.O. IN NUMBER 3F, AND WE WILL -- I'VE HELD THAT ITEM
20 SO WE CAN HAVE A FURTHER TALK ABOUT WHAT WE WILL DO WITH THIS
21 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND WHAT WE ARE DOING. I AM PROUD
22 OF MY CONSTITUENTS WHO SPOKE UP, AND PROUD OF ALL OF THE
23 CONSTITUENTS IN L.A. COUNTY FOR SPEAKING UP FOR THIS BECAUSE
24 IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE A PROGRESSIVE BOARD, BUT IT DOESN'T
25 HURT SINCE THEY HAVE TO MAKE THE RULES, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT

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1 TO HAVE THE MOVEMENT SAY TO US AND YOU MUST, AND YOU MUST, AND
2 YOU MUST. AND WE HEAR YOU, AND WE ARE PROUD OF YOU FOR
3 SPEAKING UP. HOWEVER DIFFICULT THE CURTAILMENTS ARE, THE
4 PROPOSED BUDGET STILL DOES PROTECT A NUMBER OF OUR KEY
5 PRIORITIES, INCLUDING, I'M HAPPY TO SAY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
6 I'M GRATEFUL TO THE C.E.O. FOR FINDING A WAY TO CONTINUE THE
7 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO INVEST IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
8 FUND. IT'S A COMMITMENT WE MADE FIVE YEARS AGO, AND IN THE
9 LAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN SUCH A RISE IN HOMELESS NUMBERS.
10 AND NOW, DEMANDS TO REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON THE TOP DOWN LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT MODEL AND RATHER INVEST IN HOUSING AND SERVICES
12 ONLY MAKES IT CLEAR -- MORE CLEAR HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. THE
13 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND,
14 COMBINED WITH ADDITIONAL CITY AND STATE FUNDING, IS
15 DRAMATICALLY INCREASING THE STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOMES. IT IS A
16 LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSING WHEN
17 THERE'S GOOD TIMES AND WHEN THERE'S BAD TIMES. AND THIS IS
18 TRUE IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, BUT WE CAN CAN'T STOP
19 THERE. WE HAVE TO TALK A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT KEY PRIORITIES
20 THAT WE MUST SUPPORT AND FUND. I WANT TO REPEAT WHAT MY
21 COLLEAGUE FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT SAID IN TERMS OF ITM 3C, IF
22 YOU LOOK FORWARD, WHICH WAS THE H.O.S.T. FUNDING, THE LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT FUNDING FROM MEASURE H. THAT IS GOING TO BE
24 REFERRED BACK, IF WE AGREE BY VOTE, TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND
25 WILL NOT BE PART OF THE BUDGET TODAY IF WE AGREE. SECONDLY, ON

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1 JUNE 26TH, L.A.H.S.A. RELEASED THE HOMELESS COVID RECOVERY
2 PLAN. WE BROUGHT A MOTION ASKING THEM TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
3 HAVE A DETAILED PLAN FOR HOUSING THE 15,000 PEOPLE
4 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO THIS
5 VIRUS. IT'S AN AMBITIOUS PLAN, BUT IT'S ALSO IMPERATIVE TO
6 MOVE THEM, ESPECIALLY AS PROJECT ROOM KEY LOSES ITS ROOMS TO
7 HOTELS REOPENING IF THEY CAN, AND SOMETHING WE REALLY HAVE TO
8 PAY ATTENTION TO. AND I'M UNDERSCORING THAT AGAIN, FOOD
9 INSECURITY. WE CANNOT REALLY TURN OUR EYES AWAY FROM THE FACT
10 THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY ARE NOT JUST HUNGRY
11 BUT STARVING. IT'S AN URGENT NEED. JUST LOOK AT THE CARS LINED
12 UP AT OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS AND CHALLENGES TO ENROLL
13 PEOPLE FAST ENOUGH TO MEET GROWING DEMANDS IN GOVERNMENTAL
14 SAFETY NET PROGRAMS LIKE CAL FRESH WHERE WE ARE CONSISTENTLY
15 OVERWHELMED WITH THE NUMBER OF WANTING TO SIGN UP. PEOPLE
16 THINK THE ISSUE OF FOOD INSECURITY IS NEW, BUT IT'S NOT. THE
17 STRAIN ON THE ECONOMY HAS EXACERBATED IT. THIRDLY, LET'S NOT
18 LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAJOR STRIDES WE'VE MADE IN IMPROVING OUR
19 PLANET'S LONG TERM HEALTH THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY. IT USED TO
20 BE THAT PEOPLE WOULD SAY OH, YOU KNOW, THOSE
21 ENVIRONMENTALISTS, THEY JUST CARE MORE ABOUT TREES THAN
22 PEOPLE, AND THEN WE DISCOVERED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND HOW
23 ALL OF THESE SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES THAT WORK TO CLEAN UP THE
24 AIR AND CLEAN UP THE WATER TO KEEP US HEALTHY REALLY IMPACTED
25 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR EVEN MORE BECAUSE, OF COURSE, THEY WERE

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1 THE ONES THAT HAD ALL OF THESE DIRTY SPEWING PLACES IN THEIR
2 DISTRICTS. SO, SUSTAINABILITY IS AN ISSUE FOR ALL OF US, AND I
3 ENCOURAGE US TO CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION. LAST BUT NOT LEAST,
4 I WANT TO SAY WE CANNOT AFFORD TO STOP THE WOMEN AND GIRLS
5 INITIATIVE, PARTICULARLY AS IT NEARS ITS FIVE-YEAR MARK IN
6 FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. THIS IS A ONE OF A KIND INITIATIVE THAT
7 SHEDS LIGHT, THE ONLY ONE IN THE COUNTY SPECIFICALLY
8 DESIGNATED TO TURN THE LIGHT ON GENDER INEQUITIES AND TO WORK
9 TO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS. THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THE BUDGET BEING
10 RECOMMENDED TODAY, FINAL BUDGET, PROPOSES AN EARLY SUNSET OF
11 THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE DELETING TWO POSITIONS. I WOULD
12 SAY, THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. I'M GOING TO ASK US TO LOOK AT THIS
13 AGAIN NEXT WEEK IN OUR REGULAR MEETING AND SEE IF WE CAN'T
14 HELP. AND IN CONCLUSION, I WANT TO SAY THE HARSH REALITY OF
15 WHAT WE ARE FACING, THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC, THE RIGHTEOUS
16 SOCIAL UPRISING, IT IS FOR THESE VERY REASONS THAT WE MUST
17 PRESS ON WITH OUR REALLY IMPORTANT PRIORITIES TO TELL THOSE
18 WHO ARE TESTIFYING AND THE MILLIONS WHO ARE NOT, WE HEAR YOU.
19 WE'VE BEEN WITH YOU ALL ALONG. WE WILL USE OUR POWER AND OUR
20 ABILITIES TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES TO OUR MORE -- MOST
21 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. WE WANT OUR SOCIETY AND OUR
22 ENVIRONMENT TO BE STRONGER AND BETTER, AND WE WILL WORK
23 TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU,
5 SACHI, FOR YOUR WORK AN YOUR TEAM'S WORK ON THIS BUDGET BEFORE
6 US TODAY. AND I DEFINITELY CONSIDER YOU THE GREAT GUARDIAN OF
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU'VE ALWAYS MANAGED TO PROTECT OUR
8 RESOURCES AND OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR OUR RESIDENTS FOR
9 DECADES TO COME, BUT IN A LOT OF WAYS, THIS IS A COMMON SENSE
10 APPROACH YOU'RE TAKING HERE. WE'RE MAKING CUTS TO STAY WITHIN
11 OUR MEANS AND WAIT AND SEE IF WE GET ADDITIONAL HELP FROM THE
12 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE THESE CUTS. AND I
13 RESPECT THAT. THIS BUDGET PRIORITIZES THE BOTTOM LINE. IT
14 KEEPS OUR GOVERNMENT WHOLE, BUT THIS IS A BUDGET THAT IS A
15 STATUS QUO BUDGET IN AN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. I DON'T THINK
16 THIS BUDGET MEETS THE MOMENT. THIS MAY VERY WELL BE THE WORST
17 COMBINATION OF CRISES OUR RESIDENTS HAVE EVER FACED. WE ARE
18 SEEING MORE PEOPLE LOSING THEIR HOUSING, THEIR JOBS, THEIR
19 BUSINESSES, THEIR HEALTH, AT A SCALE THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN
20 BEFORE, AND THEY NEED OUR HELP. GRANTED, WE'VE DONE SOME
21 THINGS TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH BOARD MOTIONS, BUT I
22 DON'T BELIEVE AT A SCALE COMMENSURATE OF THE POWER AND
23 RESOURCES OF THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN A
24 LOT OF WAYS THE PANDEMIC HAS FORCED US TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
25 WITH AN URGENCY THAT I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR FOR SOME TIME

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1 NOW. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN MORE PEOPLE BEING RELEASE FROM JAIL AND
2 DIVERTED TO SERVICES THAN EVER BEFORE. WHY SLOW THIS MOMENTUM?
3 WE TAKE PRIDE AS A COUNTY FOR BEING THE ULTIMATE SAFETY NET
4 FOR OUR RESIDENTS, BUT AT A TIME WHERE WE ARE NEEDED MORE THAN
5 EVER, WE ARE VOTING ON A BUDGET THAT HOLDS BACK OUR ABILITY TO
6 BE THAT HELPING HAND. FOR EXAMPLE, L.A. COUNTY WAS ALLOCATED
7 INDICATED \$1 BILLION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE
8 CARES ACT, THE CORONAVIRUS AID RELIEF AND SECURITY ACT, BUT AS
9 OF RIGHT NOW, 900 MILLION OF THAT 1 BILLION IS STILL SITTING
10 IN OUR COUNTY COFFERS. WE NEED TO SPEND MORE OF THAT MONEY NOW
11 ON THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT, AND THAT'S NOT IN THIS BUDGET. I
12 KNOW WE HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE BOTTOM LINE AND PRESERVE OUR
13 FINANCIAL STABILITY, BUT THE RAINY DAY IS HERE. IT'S EASY TO
14 HELP PEOPLE WHEN TIMES ARE GOOD. IT'S HARD, BUT IT'S OUR
15 RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP PEOPLE WHEN TIMES ARE BAD. ON TOP OF
16 THIS, I KNOW THAT WE ALL BELIEVE THIS BUDGET IS A STATEMENT OF
17 OUR VALUES, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS BUDGET REFLECTS OUR VALUES.
18 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT OUR
19 ASPIRATIONS FOR REFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND
20 BUILDING A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE SET UP THE OFFICE OF
21 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. WE VOTED AGAINST REPLACING THE MEN'S
22 CENTRAL JAIL WITH ANOTHER JAIL, AND WE PASSED A HISTORIC
23 FRAMEWORK FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND NOW PEOPLE
24 ARE LITERALLY TAKING TO THE STREETS DEMANDING CHANGES MANY OF
25 WHICH THIS BOARD AGREES WITH AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARDS,

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1 NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS, AND YET I
2 DON'T SEE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BUDGET IN FRONT OF US TODAY. IN
3 FACT, THIS BUDGET CUTS FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE
4 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, TWO AGENCIES THAT DEFEND THE
5 HOMELESS, JUVENILES, THE MENTALLY ILL, AND THE INDIGENT, WHICH
6 WILL LIKELY RESULT IN LAYOFFS THAT WILL SERIOUSLY IMPACT THEIR
7 ABILITY TO DO THEIR IMPORTANT WORK. ACCORDING TO THE
8 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FRAMEWORK THAT SUPERVISOR SHEILA
9 KUEHL INITIATED AND THAT WE ALL VOTED FOR, WE SHOULD BE
10 INVESTING MORE IN THESE POSITIONS, NOT CUTTING THEM. PLENTY OF
11 OUR SPEAKERS DURING PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY BROUGHT UP THE IDEA
12 OF CREATING AN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FUND, AND I WOULD
13 SUPPORT CREATING THAT KIND OF FUND. MAY I JUST SAY ALL OF
14 THOSE WHO CALLED IN TODAY WERE SO ARTICULATE AND SO INCREDIBLY
15 THOUGHTFUL AND CONSCIENTIOUS IN THEIR WORDS TO US. THIS
16 BUDGET'S 8 PERCENT CUT IN N.C.C. ACROSS THE BOARD WAS NOT
17 STRATEGIC. WHAT WE NEED IS A SURGICAL SCALPEL THAT CUTS FROM
18 SOME BUT INVESTS IN OTHERS. IN ADDITION, I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WROTE YOU LETTER, SACHI, ON FRIDAY AND
20 EXPRESSED HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES OF
21 COLOR THAT ARE NOT MET WITH THIS BUDGET, AND I AGREE WITH HER
22 VISION OF HOW THIS BUDGET CAN BE IMPROVED AND HOW WE CAN BEND
23 THIS BUDGET TOWARDS PEOPLE OF COLOR. I KNOW WE ARE NOT
24 BRINGING IN ANY MOTION TODAY TO REDIRECT RESOURCES, BUT I'VE
25 THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT THIS, AND I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN IN

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1 THE VOTE ON THIS BUDGET, AND I REALLY WOULD ASK THAT YOU
2 APPROACH THIS BUDGET DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU EVER HAVE BEFORE,
3 AND I KNOW WE CALL THIS THE FINAL BUDGET, BUT AS YOU'VE TOLD
4 US SACHI, WE ACTUALLY HAVE THREE BITES AT THE APPLE, AND THIS
5 IS OUR SECOND BITE. NEXT WE HAVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET THAT
6 I HOPE I CAN VOTE YES ON. AND I URGE YOU, SACHI, TO WORK WITH
7 EACH OF US, WITH ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS, TO REWORK THIS BUDGET
8 SO IT MEETS THE CHALLENGES OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY TIMES. THANK
9 YOU, I YIELD BACK.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YIELDING BACK US TO,
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITH THAT, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS REQUESTED
13 TO SPEAK. SO, WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND INVITE SHERIFF
14 VILLANUEVA TO COMMENT.

15

16 **SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA:** YES, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND
17 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC
18 COMMENTS, AND I HEARD FROM, I THINK EACH OF YOU, AND THE
19 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPRESENTS A VERY CRITICAL
20 DEFUNDING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
21 AND IN THE MAJOR AREAS, AND WHAT I DIDN'T HEAR FROM ANYBODY,
22 EITHER FROM THE SUPERVISORS OR PUBLIC COMMENTS, WAS ANY WORD
23 ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS OF CRIME. IT WOULD SEEM LIKE THEY'VE JUST
24 BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE FACE OF THE PLANET. AND VICTIMS OF
25 CRIME ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY. THEY ARE THE

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1 ONES THAT BEAR THE BRUNT OF CRIME THAT'S INFLICTED UPON THEM.
2 THEY BEAR THE FINANCIAL PRICE, THE EMOTIONAL TOLL. AND THEY
3 HAVE TO ADDRESS THE LOSS. IMAGINE A BREADWINNER WHOSE SOLE
4 MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IS IT STOLEN. IT'S GRAND THEFT AUTO.
5 AND THERE'S NO CONSEQUENCES FOR THAT CRIME RIGHT NOW. AND THAT
6 HAS A HUGE IMPACT TO THAT PERSON BEING ABLE TO BRING FOOD TO
7 THE TABLE. AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
8 ASSAULT, FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LOST A LOVED ONE DUE TO MURDER,
9 THESE ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. AND I WILL
10 ARGUE, AND I DON'T DISAGREE THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR CARE
11 AND CONTROL AND OUR CUSTODY AND ENVIRONMENT THAT SUFFER FROM
12 MENTAL ILLNESS, SUFFER FROM DRUG ABUSE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND
13 DEFINITELY WE WANT TO DO OUR BEST TO REACH OUT AND SUPPORT
14 THEM WHERE WE CAN. HOWEVER WE CAN'T ERASE ACCOUNTABILITY FROM
15 THE EQUATION THAT IS SORELY LACKING. PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
16 HAS A HUGE ROLE TO PLAY, AND THE ALTERNATIVES TO
17 INCARCERATION, THE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST MODEL, IT JUST
18 DIVORCES ITSELF FROM THE NOTION OF PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY.
19 AND I HAVE OVER 1200 INMATES IN THE COUNTY JAIL AWAITING TRIAL
20 FOR MURDER. THEY ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO
21 BE DIVERTED. THEY REPRESENT A SERIOUS PHYSICAL THREAT TO THE
22 COMMUNITY. AND HOWEVER, AMONG THAT CROWD, THEY STILL NEED
23 TREATMENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT SUFFER FROM MENTAL
24 DISORDERS. WE HAVE TO CARE FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE IN OUR
25 CARE AND CONTROL. THAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY. IN THIS BUDGET

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1 THAT'S BEING PROPOSED, I'M LOSING ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE
2 PROGRAMMING NECESSARY TO CARE FOR THE INMATE POPULATION IN OUR
3 CONTROL. I'M ALSO LOSING THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE
4 INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL OF THE CRIMES
5 COMMITTED THAT ARE NOT HOMICIDE. I MEAN A PROPOSAL TO
6 ELIMINATE SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU, MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU,
7 NARCOTICS BUREAU, SAFE STREETS BUREAU, THAT'S -- I DON'T EVEN
8 KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN WITH THAT, FORGERY AND CYBER CRIMES, THEY
9 IMPACT THE LIVES OF A LOT VICTIMS OF CRIME IN A VERY
10 POSITIVE WAY. AND JUST AXING THEM FROM THE BUDGET FOR SOMEHOW
11 TO BALANCE THE BOOKS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY BUDGET DOES NOT SEEM
12 A VERY JUDICIAL EXERCISE IN SPREADING THE -- OR DISTRIBUTING
13 THE RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. ELIMINATING PARKS
14 BUREAU, I THINK SUPERVISOR SO SOLIS, YOU SPOKE ABOUT THE
15 NECESSITY OF SUPPORTING THE PARKS PROGRAM, BUT IF YOU
16 ELIMINATE THE PARKS BUREAU, YOU REALIZE YOU'RE WITHDRAWING ALL
17 OF THE SECURITY AND SAFETY PROVIDED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
18 THOSE VERY PARKS, WHICH MEANS NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
19 BE WILLING TO GO OUT AND ENJOY THOSE PARKS IF THERE'S
20 PERCEPTION THAT IT'S NOT A SAFE THING TO DO. THE SAME THING
21 GOES FOR MASS TRANSIT. I KNOW MOST OF YOU SIT ON THE BOARD OF
22 THE N.T.A. RIDERSHIP IN THE N.T.A. IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE
23 PERCEPTIONS OF SECURITY. AND THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE. THERE'S
24 NO WAY AROUND THAT. THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN, BUT WITH DEFUNDING LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT, CRIME WILL PREDICTABLY INCREASE. THE TIMES WE'VE

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1 ENJOYED WHERE CRIME HAS STEADILY DECREASED IS GOING TO COME
2 TO AN END. NOW WE ARE GOING TO START SWINGING THE TIDE IN THE
3 OTHER DIRECTION WHERE IT'S IS GOING TO UPWARDS. NEW YORK CITY
4 IS EXHIBITING THAT. CHICAGO IS EXHIBITING THAT, AND WE ARE NOT
5 EXEMPT TO THE LAWS OF GRAVITY. AND THIS IS A VERY -- THIS
6 BUDGET, THE BULK OF THE BUDGET, THE BULK OF THE VACANCIES, THE
7 BULK OF LAYOFFS ARE ALL CENTERED ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
8 YOU HAVE THE ABILITY AND YOU HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO SPREAD
9 THE HIT TO THE COUNTY BUDGET ACROSS ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS
10 EQUITABLY AND USING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES, BUT HIDING BEHIND A
11 FIG LEAF OF PROP 172 AND THE SALES TAX, AND OH, GOSH, DARN IT
12 FALLS MOSTLY ON PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE
13 PEOPLE GOING TO GET HURT WITH THIS BUDGET, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.
14 AND I NOTICE A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN THE
15 JAIL, BUT I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT WITH ROUGHLY 95,000 CASES
16 OF COVID 19 AND 2300 DEATHS, I DID THE MATH. IF THE RATE OF
17 INFECTION AND DEATH IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM WAS THE SAME AS IN THE
18 GENERAL PUBLIC, YOU WOULD HAVE 409 DEATHS OF INMATES IN OUR
19 JAIL SYSTEM. WE'VE ONLY HAD TWO. SO WE ARE DOING SOMETHING
20 RIGHT IN THE JAIL SYSTEM. WE DEFINITELY -- I SUPPORT A LOT OF
21 THE IDEAS OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BUT IN PRINCIPLE,
22 YOU HAVE TO BUILD IT FIRST. YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT WORK BEFORE
23 YOU WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE THING THAT ARE SUPPORTING PROGRAMS
24 THAT DO WORK THAT DO KEEP THE COMMUNITIES SAFE. AND GOING BACK
25 TO OUR VICTIMS ARE CRIME, THEY ARE PREDOMINANTLY PEOPLE COLOR.

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1 THEY ARE THE ONES THAT PAY THE PRICE TO RISING CRIME RATES,
2 AND I JUST DON'T HEAR A WORD ABOUT THEM AT ALL. THEY SOMEHOW
3 DISAPPEARED. SAME GOES FOR THE AVERAGE LAW ABIDING TAX PAYING
4 RESIDENT OR CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTY. THEY HAVE A STAKE IN THE
5 OUTCOME AS WELL NOT JUST JUSTICE INVOLVED COMMUNITY. EVERYBODY
6 ELSE, WHICH IS A FAR LARGER GROUP OF PEOPLE, THEY HAVE AS MUCH
7 AT STAKE IF NOT MORE IN THE OUTCOME OF HOW WE SHAPE PUBLIC
8 SAFETY IN THE FUTURE, AND THIS BUDGET DOES NOT DO THAT. THIS
9 BUDGET IS A SHOUT OUT AND A WINK AND A NOD TO DEFUND THE
10 POLICE MOVEMENT, AND YOU ARE HIDING BEHIND PROP 172 TO ACHIEVE
11 IT, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK, AND YOU'RE GOING TO HARM
12 PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY, AND I URGE YOU TO RETHINK YOUR APPROACH.
13 ANYWAY, THANK YOU, AND ANY QUESTIONS, I WILL BE MORE THAN
14 HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. WITH THAT,
17 I'M GOING TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS, BUT FIRST, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, JUST A FEW
21 QUESTIONS IF I MAY. FIRST TO COUNTY COUNSEL, IN TERMS OF ROLE
22 OF THE C.E.O. AND HAVING AUTHORITY TO SET THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET
23 CAN YOU SPEAK TO THAT?

24

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1 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU. YES, THE LAW IS CLEAR.
2 UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SET THE
3 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY AND ITS DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD DOES THIS THROUGH THE C.E.O.
5 THE BOARD AND C.E.O., NOT THE SHERIFF, CONTROL THE BUDGET.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I CONTINUE?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I JUST HAD A
10 FEW QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SHERIFF THAT I WANTED, SACHI, AND
11 THEN I CAN INVITE YOU TO SPEAK AFTERWARDS. I THOUGHT YOU
12 WANTED TO ASK SHERIFF VILLANUEVA A QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, I WANT TO PROCEED WITH QUESTIONS FROM
15 TO OUR STAFF.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE
18 C.E.O. BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE SHERIFF DIDN'T
19 MENTION IS BODY CAMERAS, WHICH SEEMS TO BE A HOT TOPIC OVER
20 THE LAST WEEK. SACHI, CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US HOW MUCH MONEY
21 WAS SET ASIDE FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND HOW MUCH OF THAT
22 ALLOCATION HAS BEEN SPENT TO DATE?

23

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** TOTAL ALLOCATED TO DATE IS 34.78 MILLION,
2 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS SPENT APPROXIMATELY 7.7
3 MILLION OF THAT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND IS THIS FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN SET
6 ASIDE, WILL IT REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE BODY WORN CAMERA ROLL
7 OUT IN THIS BUDGET?

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS FULLY FUNDED IN
10 JUNE OF 2019, AND IT WILL REMAIN EARMARKED UNTIL COMPLETION. I
11 WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHEN WE FUNDED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
12 IN JUNE 2019, WE ALSO FUNDED FOUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS WELL
13 WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND SET ASIDE THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC
14 DEFENDER, THE D.A., THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND I.S.D.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS COME TO US
17 TO REQUEST FUNDS TO BE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE NEXT STEP IS
18 ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH A VENDOR AND THEN PURCHASE THE
19 CAMERAS, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WE HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THE
22 INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT'S WHAT THE 7.7 MILLION WENT FOR, BUT THE
23 NEXT STEP IS FOR THE SHERIFF TO BRING FORWARD WITH THE
24 CONTRACT WITH THE VENDOR.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SACHI. IS THE DIRECTOR
2 AVAILABLE, SELWYN HOLLINS?

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4 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** GOOD MORNING, SELWYN HOLLINS.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU GIVE US UPDATE ON
7 THE BODY WORN CAMERA PROCUREMENT PROCESS?

8

9 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** YES, ON OCTOBER 31ST, 2019 AT THE REQUEST OF
10 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR DEPARTMENT RELEASED THE REQUEST
11 FOR PROPOSALS FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE
12 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN MOVING, PROGRESSING,
13 AS EXPECTED. SOLICITATIONS ARE COMPLETED. THE EVALUATIONS ARE
14 DONE, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S IN IS THE PROCESS OF
15 NEGOTIATING WITH THE TOP RANKED VENDOR TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACT
16 TO MOVE FORWARD

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHO HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE TEAM OF
19 EVALUATORS?

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21 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** THE EVALUATORS THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FROM
22 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
23 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
2 INVOLVED IN EACH STEP OF IN PROCESS, CORRECT?

3

4 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** THAT IS CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO GIVE WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW, CAN YOU
7 LET US KNOW HOW SOON CAN THE SHERIFF OUTFIT DEPUTIES WITH
8 THESE CAMERAS?

9

10 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** WE CAN SPEAK TO, OR I CAN SPEAK TO THE
11 PROCUREMENT PROCESS, ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED AND A
12 CONTRACT IS PREPARED, THEN A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD WILL BE
13 MADE PUBLIC. AFTER THAT -- OR ONCE THAT IS RELEASED, THEN THE
14 NON-SELECTED VENDORS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST, BUT
15 SUBJECT TO ANY PROTESTS OR THE RELEASE OF CONTRACT, AS SOON AS
16 IT IS SIGNED, THEY CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS OF PROCURING THE
17 EQUIPMENT.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHEN DO WE ANTICIPATE THE CONTRACT BEING
20 FINALIZED BASED ON WHERE IT IS RIGHT NOW?

21

22 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** AT THE CURRENT PHASING, WE ANTICIPATE MID TO
23 LATE JULY. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF NEGOTIATION MEETINGS
24 THUS FAR BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S AND THE TOP RANKED VENDOR, AND
25 WE EXPECT THAT A LOT OF GREAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. SO, THAT

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1 BEING SAID, ONCE THAT NEGOTIATION PROCESS IS COMPLETED, THEN
2 IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PREPARING THE CONTRACTS AND GETTING THEM
3 SIGNED.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. HOLLINS. I WANT YOU TO STAY
6 ON IN CASE ANY OF ME COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU,
7 BUT LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT THE MONEY IS -- HAS BEEN SET
8 ASIDE IN A P.F.U. FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS, BUT THIS BOARD, AS A
9 WHOLE, HAS ALLOCATED. SO THE MONEY IS THERE. LET THE RECORD
10 REFLECT THAT. AND LET THE RECORD REFLECT, AS I'VE SAID, THE
11 SHERIFF HAS THE ABILITY TO OUTFIT EACH AND EVERY SHERIFF WITH
12 THE CAMERAS ONCE PROCUREMENT IS DONE IN MID JULY. SO, I JUST
13 WANT THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS?

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I WEIGH IN ALSO TO MAKE
17 IT A LITTLE BIT MORE CLEAR, WHEN YOU SAID THE MONEY IS SET
18 ASIDE IN A P.F.U., I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS
19 THE SHERIFF HAS THE SPENDING AUTHORITY, AND SO ONCE HE ENTERS
20 INTO THE CONTRACT, THE MONEY IS THERE, BUT HE HAS THE ABILITY
21 TO JUST MOVE FORWARD, AND IT'S BASICALLY, LIKE THE MONEY WILL
22 BE DRAWN FROM THE P.F.U., BUT HE DOES HAVE THE SPENDING
23 AUTHORITY. SO AS SOON AS HE COMPLETES EVERYTHING, IT'S REALLY
24 UP TO HIM TO, YOU KNOW, REQUEST THE MONEY TO BE PAID.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SACHI, HE HAS TO
2 SUBMIT AN INVOICE AND HAS IT BE A NEXUS TO THE BODY WORN
3 CAMERAS IN ORDER TO DRAW DOWN THOSE FUNDS?

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.

8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS A MATTER OF HISTORICAL RECORD, MADAM
11 CHAIR, THE BOARD HAS BEEN MOVING THE AGENDA OF BODY WORN
12 CAMERAS SINCE 2012. THE PREVIOUS YEAR HEARD FROM THIS BOARD ON
13 THIS ISSUE, AND WE HAVE BEEN MARCHING FORWARD TO TRY TO GET
14 THIS IMPLEMENTED. IT WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF THE CITIZENS
15 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, SEVERAL ITERATIONS, PUSHING ON THE PART
16 OF THE BOARD TO GET THIS DONE. IT IS NOT A -- AN ELECTIVE
17 PIECE OF BUSINESS. THIS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO CONTEMPORARY LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT TO HAVE BODY WORN CAMERAS IN PLACE. WE HAVE AN
19 ABUNDANCE OF EXAMPLES HOW CONTROVERSY COULD HAVE BEEN MORE
20 CLEARLY SETTLED HAD WE HAD THESE BODY WORN CAMERAS. TIME IS UP
21 FOR ANY EXCUSES AS TO WHY WE DON'T HAVE THEM. IMPLEMENTATION
22 IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. I APPRECIATE QUESTIONS YOU POSED,
23 MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE IT CLARIFIES IN MY MIND THAT THESE ISSUES
24 HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE INTEREST OF ELEVATING COMMUNITY
25 CONFIDENCE, PUBLIC TRUST IN TERMS OF WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT

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1 REPRESENTS, THAT IT IS TO DO. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD
2 LIKE TO ASK THE C.E.O. A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE
3 REPRESENTATIONS MADE PERTAINING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S
4 BUDGET. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MADAM C.E.O., HELP US
5 UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS. DID THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUBMIT A
6 CURTAILMENT PLAN LIKE THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY, AND
7 IF SO, WHEN, AND WHAT WAS PROPOSED IN THAT PROCESS IN TERMS OF
8 ELIMINATION OF ITEMS AND THE LIKE? THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION.
9 IF YOU CAN ANSWER THAT FOR US, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES,
12 LIKE EVERY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF SUBMITTED HIS
13 COST REDUCTION SCENARIOS OF 10, 15, AND 20 PERCENT. IN THE 10
14 PERCENT CURTAILMENT PROPOSED HE SUBMITTED ON APRIL 27TH, HE
15 PROPOSED CUTTING UNINCORPORATED AREA CONTROL, PARKS BUREAU,
16 SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU, OPERATION SAFE STREETS, COMMUNITY
17 PARTNERSHIP BUREAU, WHICH IS C.O.P.S. PROGRAM, [INDISCERNIBLE]
18 AND CYBER CRIMES BUREAU, MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU, AND CUTS TO THE
19 RELATED OPERATIONS. THESE ARE THE SHERIFF'S OWN RECOMMENDED
20 CUTS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME FOLLOW UP. HOW MANY ITEMS AND
23 INDIVIDUALS WOULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CUTS,
24 MADAM C.E.O.?

25

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** UNDER THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL AND 8
2 PERCENT SCENARIO, THE SHERIFF'S PLAN WOULD ELIMINATED 1,525
3 VACANT POSITIONED AND RESULTED IN 894 POTENTIAL LAYOFFS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO, WAS THERE ANY CHANGE TO OR DID YOU
6 MODIFY THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSED CURTAILMENT PLAN IN ANY WAY? AND
7 IF SO, WHEN DID YOU DO SO, AND WHY WOULD YOU HAVE DONE THAT?

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES, I DID. I CUT
10 THE NUMBER OF LAYOFFS PROPOSED BY THE SHERIFF NEARLY IN HALF.
11 MY STAFF IDENTIFIED AN ADDITIONAL 437 VACANT POSITIONS TO
12 ELIMINATE INSTEAD OF IMPOSING THE 894 LAYOFFS AS THE SHERIFF
13 HAD PROPOSED. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT THE NUMBER
14 OF LAYOFFS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACTUALLY IN THE POSITIONS
15 WILL COME ENTIRELY FROM CUSTODY OPERATIONS, WHICH I BELIEVE IS
16 APPROPRIATE GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN THE JAIL
17 POPULATION. AND I THINK YOU ASKED WHEN I MADE THIS DECISION. I
18 MADE THE DECISION AFTER WE HAD IDENTIFIED THAT IT WAS AN 8
19 PERCENT CUT AND BEFORE I FINALIZED ALL OF THE DOCUMENTATION
20 GOING TO YOUR BOARD. SO, IT WAS SOMETIME IN MID JUNE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I
23 WANT TO RAISE NOR NOW, BUT I ASSURE YOU THERE COULD BE MORE.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SACHI
5 HAMAI, FOR CLARIFYING THE VENDOR PROCESS AND HOW THE SHERIFF'S
6 OFFICE HAS INDEED BEEN WORKING WITH YOU. I WANT TO ECHO WHAT
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID THAT SOME OF US HAVE BEEN
8 ENGAGED ON THE WHOLE ISSUE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS. I KNOW IN THE
9 YEAR I WAS FIRST ELECTED IN 2014, I CARRIED SEVERAL MOTIONS.
10 WE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PREVIOUS SHERIFF REGARDING
11 THE WHOLE ISSUE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS. IT WAS QUITE AN ITEM FOR
12 DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME. I THINK IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
13 AS WELL AS THE COUNTY. THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS PUT FORWARD AT
14 THAT TIME WAS MUCH MORE AMBITIOUS, I BELIEVE, AND COST A LOT
15 OF MONEY, AND I THINK THAT WAS SOMEWHAT PROHIBITIVE IN TERMS
16 OF WHAT WE WERE REALLY TRYING TO LOOK AT. I REALIZE THAT THE
17 PLAN THAT THIS NEW SHERIFF, VILLANUEVA, BROUGHT IN IS MUCH
18 DIFFERENT, BUT MY QUESTION IS, ARE WE LOOKING IN TERMS OF THIS
19 R.F.P. TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE CAMERAS FOR ALL OF OUR DEPUTIES. I
20 WANT CLARIFICATION. WHAT PORTION ARE WE FUNDING BECAUSE I
21 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME CLARITY ON THAT? CAN SOMEONE ANSWER
22 THAT? I.S.D. PERHAPS?

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S I.S.D. I'M GLAD YOU'RE
2 GETTING CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I DID SAY ALL, AND I DON'T THINK
3 IT DOES.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WELL, SELWYN CAN ANSWER, BUT I CAN ALSO
6 ANSWER, BUT, SELWYN, GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** I.S.D. -- I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR, OUR ROLE
9 WAS REALLY JUST TO SUPPORT THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. AS FAR AS
10 HOW THE FUNDING IS GOING TO DO GO, IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THE
11 R.F.P. WAS INCLUSIVE OF WHATEVER --

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THEN I'LL RESPOND. ABSOLUTELY. THE --
14 BASED ON THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT THAT CAME BACK, IT WAS THE
15 SECOND CONSULTANT REPORT, THE FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN SET ASIDE,
16 THE ALMOST 35 MILLION, COVERS ALL PATROL STATIONS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. OKAY. THAT JUST -- AND I ASK THAT QUESTION
19 BECAUSE I UNDER THAT THE SHERIFF HAS A PROPOSAL TO ROLL OUT
20 THIS PLAN BEGINNING WITH WHAT I WANT TO SAY ARE FIVE, FIVE
21 INITIAL STATIONS THAT HE'S IDENTIFIED TO ALLOW FOR THE
22 DEPUTIES TO HAVE THE BODY WORN CAMERAS. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I
23 HAVE IS THAT, GIVEN ALL OF THE HISTORY WITH THE SHERIFF IN
24 PARTS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, IS THAT I FOUND IN ASKING
25 QUESTIONS OF HIS STAFF THAT THEY WERE GOING TO NOT IDENTIFY

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1 ANY CAMERAS BEING PUT OUT IN THIS PILOT PROGRAM IN EAST LOS
2 ANGELES, WHICH, TO ME, STRIKES AT THE VERY CORE OF WHY THIS
3 PROGRAM IS NECESSARY. AND I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT, AND I
4 WOULD URGE THE SHERIFF TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THAT BECAUSE,
5 GIVEN WHAT WE HAVE JUST GONE THROUGH IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS,
6 AND OF COURSE THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, I THINK OUR COMMUNITY IS
7 CRYING OUT, OBVIOUSLY, FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
8 AND WE WILL WORK WITH YOU ON THAT BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING I
9 CARE DEARLY ABOUT. ALSO, I KNOW THIS ISN'T A BUDGET ITEM BUT
10 THE FACT THAT WE DO NEED TO HAVE SOME ABILITY TO REVIEW THE
11 POLICY IN TERMS OF HOW INFORMATION IS STORED, HOW IT IS
12 VIEWED, WHO THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE THAT MAKE DETERMINATIONS,
13 AND IF IT IS TRANSPARENT AND JUDICIAL IN NATURE. SO, I WOULD
14 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT O.I.G. AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
15 COMMISSION ALSO HAVE A ROLE AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC, AND THAT
16 THAT INFORMATION THE SHERIFF SHOULD PROVIDE TO ALL OF OUR
17 RESIDENTS IN HOW HE'S GOING TO PUT FORWARD THIS PILOT PROGRAM
18 THAT IS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT STARTING IN FIVE DIFFERENT
19 STATIONS. AND I UNDERSTAND ONLY ONE IN MY DISTRICT HAS BEEN
20 IDENTIFIED, AND I BELIEVE THAT'S THE CITY OF INDUSTRY. AND
21 THAT IS A SMALL STATION. THEY COVER SOME UNINCORPORATED AREAS,
22 BUT I WOULD SAY OF HIGHER IMPORTANCE, I THINK, IN TODAY'S
23 TIMES, IS EAST LOS ANGELES. SO, I WOULD JUST UNDERSCORE THAT,
24 MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MY
25 COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF
5 EXPLANATION, THANK GOODNESS, ON THE BODY WORN CAMERAS BECAUSE
6 THERE'S SO MUCH MISINFORMATION AND COMPLAINING OUT THERE. BUT
7 LET ME JUST GET THIS STRAIGHT AGAIN, UNDER THIS SCENARIO,
8 SACHI, WHEN YOU SAID HE HAD THE SPENDING AUTHORITY TO JUST
9 SPEND THAT P.F.U. MONEY ONCE THE VENDOR HAS BEEN CHOSEN AND
10 CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED, DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE HAVE
11 NOT COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ANOTHER VOTE FOR APPROVAL?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THE ONLY THING SUPERVISOR, THAT WOULD
14 COME BACK, IS WE WOULD TRANSFER THE MONEY PROBABLY THROUGH A
15 MIDYEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT, BUT HE COULD GO AHEAD AND ENTER
16 INTO THE CONTRACT AND MOVE FORWARD. IT'S REALLY A MINISTERIAL
17 PROCESS. IT'S JUST TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS FROM P.F.U. INTO THE
18 CHECKING ACCOUNT, BASICALLY TO PROCESS -- TO PAY THE VENDOR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, WE ARE JUST WAITING FOR THAT VENDOR TO BE
21 CHOSEN AND THE CONTRACT TO BE NEGOTIATED, AND THEN, AS YOU
22 SAID, IT'S ADMINISTERIAL THAT WE TRANSFER THE MONEY, BUT WE
23 HAVE THE MONEY. IT'S BEEN APPROPRIATED. IT'S IN A FUND. IT'S
24 READY TO GO. SO, IN NO WAY ARE WE HOLDING THIS UP OR IN ANY

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1 WAY BLOCKING THIS ABILITY FOR OUR SHERIFF TO IMPLEMENT A BODY
2 WORN CAMERA PROGRAM. IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND THE MONEY HAS BEEN
5 SINCE JUNE OF 2019.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND LET ME -- THE OTHER THING, AND I
8 KNOW I THINK MARK ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC
9 PROGRAMS THAT ARE GOING TO BE CUT IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
10 TO MEET THAT 8 PERCENT CURTAILMENT. I WAS GOING TO ASK THE
11 SAME THING, WHO CAME UP WITH THOSE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, AND YOUR
12 ANSWER WAS ACTUALLY THE SHERIFF GAVE THAT TO YOU, AND YOU EVEN
13 MITIGATED A LITTLE BIT FURTHER BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF
14 LAYOFFS. MY QUESTION IS DOES THE SHERIFF HAVE ANOTHER
15 OPPORTUNITY IF HE DISAGREES WITH THOSE PROGRAMS. DOES HE HAVE
16 ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK WITH OTHER CUTS THAT WOULD
17 MEET THAT 8 PERCENT THAT MAYBE WOULDN'T BE THESE SPECIFIC
18 PROGRAMS? AND AT WHAT POINT IN THIS PROCESS IS THAT STILL
19 AVAILABLE TO HIM?

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, GREAT QUESTION.
22 YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO -- AND OPEN TO LISTENING TO
23 THE SHERIFF. I THINK AFTER I HAD MADE MY FINAL DECISION TO
24 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE LAID OFF, WE
25 DID ASK FOR THE SHERIFF'S COMMENT ON THIS TO WHICH HE SAID HE

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1 DID NOT ENDORSE ANY OF THE CURTAILMENTS BUT INSTEAD WOULD
2 RATHER CUT JUST OVERTIME AND COURT RELATED SERVICES. AND AS
3 YOU KNOW, OVERTIME, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A REAL GOOD TRACK
4 RECORD OF ANY KIND OF REDUCTION. SO, I DID SAY NO TO THAT, AND
5 THEN WITH RESPECT TO THE COURT OPERATIONS, THAT'S AN M.O.U.
6 WITH THE STATE. AND I CAN'T DEFUND SOMETHING THAT WE ARE
7 CURRENTLY IN A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH. SO, IF THE SHERIFF
8 WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK AND TRY AND WORK WITH US, I'M HAPPY TO
9 LISTEN TO HIM. WE WILL BE WORKING AGAIN BETWEEN NOW AND
10 SUPPLEMENTAL TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO CERTAINLY MITIGATE THE
11 INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE LAID OFF

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** RIGHT. AND THAT WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION TO
14 THE SHERIFF THAT IF HE'S REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THESE
15 SPECIFIC CUTS, THAT HE COME BACK WITH ANOTHER IDEA ON HOW TO
16 MEET THAT 8 PERCENT. AND, SACHI, CHANGING SUBJECTS, MY BIG
17 THING WAS, GOSH, WHEN I WAS CHAIR, WHICH SEEMED LIKE SO LONG
18 AGO, I WAS VERY BIG ON THE WHOLE IDEA OF TELEWORKING, WORKING
19 FROM HOME, WORKING FROM ALTERNATE SITES, AND I KNOW THAT A
20 COUPLE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, W.D.A.C.S., HUMAN RESOURCES,
21 AUDITOR CONTROLLER HAVE TERMINATED LEASES FOR CURRENT
22 WORKSPACES BECAUSE THEIR STAFF IS WORKING FROM HOME. AND I WAS
23 WONDERING, TO ME, THIS IS ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF THE PANDEMIC.
24 IT'S REALLY ALLOWED OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME,
25 AND I LOVE THE WAY WE SUPPORTED THEM BY MAKING SURE EVERYBODY

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1 HAD LAPTOPS AND THE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THAT. IS
2 THERE A WAY THAT WE CAN MAXIMIZE TELEWORKING IN OUR COMMERCIAL
3 LEASES GOING FORWARD? I DIDN'T SEE THAT ANYWHERE IN THIS
4 BUDGET. I DIDN'T KNOW, SACHI, IF THERE WAS ANY OPPORTUNITY
5 GOING FORWARD TO AGAIN THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK HAS BEEN
6 POSITIVE AND HAS BEEN IMPORTANT AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU COULD
7 CAPITALIZE ON THAT BY FIGURING OUT IF THERE ARE OTHER LEASES
8 THAT WE COULD TERMINATE. THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL MY QUESTION,
9 MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SACHI, DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT, AND
12 THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SURE, ABSOLUTELY. AND JUST TO CLOSE OUT
15 THE CONVERSATION ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, I DO WANT TO
16 REITERATE AGAIN THE POTENTIAL LAYOFFS, THE 457, THOSE ARE ALL
17 COMING FROM CUSTODY. I AM NOT TAKING THEM FROM THE AREAS THAT
18 THE SHERIFF PROPOSED. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE, I THINK
19 EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M ON THE
20 RECORD ABOUT THAT. SWITCHING OVER TO TELEWORK, YES,
21 SUPERVISOR, THE PANDEMIC ACTUALLY HAS REALLY, AS YOU
22 INDICATED, MOVED US QUITE RAPIDLY INTO THE WHOLE TELEWORK
23 WORLD, AND OBVIOUSLY, WE DID NOT PUT ANYTHING IN THIS FINAL
24 CHANGED BUDGET BECAUSE AS WE ARE GETTING READY TO REOPEN ALL
25 OF THE COUNTY FACING PUBLIC BUILDINGS WHAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE

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1 BOARD IN THE REOPENING OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS IS A MULTI-
2 PHASE APPROACH TO THE USE OF TELEWORK. I THINK WHAT YOU WILL
3 SEE IN IT IS THAT THERE ARE DEPARTMENTS THAT WANT TO
4 CONSOLIDATE LEASES AND/OR RELOCATE FROM LEASED SPACE INTO
5 COUNTY OWNED SPACES, SO WE MAY BE DOWNSIZING A BIT ON SPACE,
6 BUT WE HOPE THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE NOT JUST A ONE-TIME
7 REDUCTION, BUT A MULTI-PHASED REDUCTION IN OUR COST FOR
8 LEASING AND PROPERTIES. AND WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WILL BE THE FIRST PHASE OF HOPEFULLY MANY
10 YEARS TO COME OF OUR REDUCTION IN THE FOOTPRINT FOR COUNTY
11 EMPLOYEES. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, SACHI, I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AGAIN, I
14 THINK WE ARE TRYING TO REIMAGINE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, REIMAGINE
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT I ALSO THINK THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO
16 REIMAGINE HOW OUR EMPLOYEES WORK AND SERVE THE PUBLIC. THANKS,
17 I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING INTO THAT.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. RETURNING TO THE ISSUE OF
22 BODY WORN CAMERAS, I HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE
23 SHERIFF WAS IMPOSING A NUMBER OF POLICIES, SHOULD THE BODY
24 WORN CAMERAS BE ROLLED OUT, INCLUDING A POLICY BY WHICH THE
25 DEPUTY INVOLVED WOULD BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE FOOTAGE BEFORE

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1 ANYONE ELSE, AND THAT OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL, OUR OWN REVIEW
2 TEAMS, AND THE FAMILIES WOULD NOT HAVE THE SAME ACCESS. SO I
3 WANTED TO ASK OUR C.E.O. AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL IF WE HAVE ANY
4 ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE USE OF THE FOOTAGE FROM BODY WORN
5 CAMERAS, OR IS THAT ALL WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO
6 KIND OF DECIDE ON THAT?

7

8 **ATTORNEY:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS MARY WICKHAM COUNTY
9 COUNSEL. GREAT QUESTION. IN THEORY, THE C.O.C. AND THE O.I.G.
10 SHOULD BE WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 TO FIGURE OUT THOSE SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUES, WHEN CAMERAS
12 CAN BE TURNED ON, WHEN THEY ARE TURNED OFF, WHAT GETS TO BE
13 REVIEWED, AND OF COURSE LABOR ALSO WOULD BE AT THE TABLE
14 NEGOTIATING THAT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THOSE DETAILS HAVE
15 NOT BEEN FINALIZED YET.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT. ONE FURTHER THING, I
18 NOTICE THE SHERIFF KIND OF PULLED OUT AN OLD CHESTNUT, I
19 BELIEVE MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD HAVE CALLED IT, ABOUT HOW CUTTING
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET MAKES PEOPLE LESS SAFE OR FEEL LESS
21 SAFE, AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT IT'S INTERESTING TO ME THAT
22 THE PRIMARY TESTIMONY ABOUT WHAT IS MAKING PEOPLE FEEL UNSAFE
23 THESE DAYS IS LAW ENFORCEMENT, IS A CONCERN ABOUT THE BEHAVIOR
24 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THAT BY DOING THINGS LIKE RE-ENTRY AND
25 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WE ARE TRYING TO INVEST IN

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1 HELPING PEOPLE NOT HAVE RECIDIVATE, AND ACTUALLY THAT IS WHAT
2 MAKES COMMUNITIES FEEL SAFE. NOT TOP DOWN LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO
3 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN
4 PUTTING THE BUDGET TOGETHER.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITH THAT,
7 WE'VE GOT THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. GO AHEAD SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A WORD ON THESE BODY WORN CAMERAS. I
11 SAID WE BEGAN THIS WORK IN OCTOBER OF 2012. REFERENCE HAS BEEN
12 MADE TO THE C.O.C. AND THE O.I.G., AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
13 FOR US TO BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ON RECORD WITH
14 REPORTS ABOUT BODY WORN CAMERAS. THIS YEAR IS ONE EXAMPLE WITH
15 THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE C.O.C. CAME WITH A
16 REPORT IN 2018. BOTH SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS HAD A MOTION
17 ON THIS ISSUE IN 2016. SO THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY MARCH
18 FORWARD. THE MOTION THAT I BROUGHT WAS THE ORIGINAL MOTION IN
19 2012, AND WE'VE CONTINUED TO DO THAT WORK AGAIN. WE CAME BACK
20 IN 2019. SO, THE BODY HAS BEEN ENGAGED. THE BOARD HAS BEEN
21 ENGAGED IN TRYING TO MOVE THIS AGENDA FORWARD. THERE SHOULD BE
22 NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. AND ANY ATTEMPT TO TRY TO MAKE IT
23 APPEAR AS THOUGH THERE'S BEEN NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE
24 BOARD IS JUST SIMPLY FALSE. I WANT TO SAY FURTHER THAT, WITH
25 RESPECT TO THE POLICY ISSUES AND THE LIKE WITH THE ROLL-OUT OF

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1 THE BODY WORN CAMERAS, IT SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUSIVELY THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUSIVELY THE D.A.'S
3 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE A C.O.C. THIS WHY WE HAVE
4 O.I.G., AND FOR THAT MATTER THIS IS WHY WE HAVE A PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER'S OFFICE. ALL OF THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE
6 CREDIBILITY AND THE EFFICACY OF BODY WORN CAMERAS TO HELP
7 RAISE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC TRUST VIS-A-VIS LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE
8 ABSENCE OF SUCH ONLY FURTHER ADVANCES THE CRITIQUE THAT LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT HAS SOMETHING TO HIDE, AND IT'S TOO EXCLUSIVE,
10 PUSHING BACK ON THOSE WHO WANT TO SEE BETTER SAFETY, MORE
11 COMMUNITY, STANDARDS THAT LEAD TO LESS VIOLENCE IN OUR
12 RESPECTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE BOARD. PART ONE CRIMES ARE
13 REAL, BUT IF YOU DON'T TRUST LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HELP DEAL WITH
14 THAT, THEN WHAT DID WE ACCOMPLISH? PRECIOUS LITTLE. SO I THINK
15 A MORE INCLUSIVE INSIGHT ON THE PART OF THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT WOULD SERVE US WELL. AND SO TO THE EXTENT THAT
17 THAT'S APPROPRIATE, MADAM CHAIR, THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE
18 RECORD INDICATING TO THE SHERIFF IN MOST EXPLICIT LANGUAGE IS
19 APPROPRIATE, CONSISTENT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL'S OVERSIGHT. WE
20 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS THAT I JUST
21 DELINEATED ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS AS WELL. THANK YOU,
22 MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. DO I
25 HAVE ANY OTHER COLLEAGUES, I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER COLLEAGUES

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1 WISHING TO ADDRESS ON THIS ITEM. SO WITH THAT, ITEM 2 IS
2 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SURE. ITEM 2 BEFORE US TO RECEIVE AND FILE
6 2A AND TO ADOPT 2B, CONTINUE THE PORTION OF RECOMMENDATION 3
7 RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION
8 PROGRAM TO JULY 7, 2020. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

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

14

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

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN.

25

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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
10 ITEM NUMBER 3 FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS WHICH WERE REFERRED TO
11 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM THE C.E.O. ONCE
12 AGAIN ON ITEM NUMBER 3. SACHI HAMAI?

13

14 **SACH HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ON ITEM NUMBER 3,
15 THESE ARE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS WHICH WERE
16 REFERRED TO BUDGET DELIBERATION. SO ITEM NUMBER 3A IS
17 CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITIONAL MARINA DEL REY REVENUES. THIS
18 ITEM WILL BE A RECEIVE AND FILE. ON ITEM NUMBER 3B, THIS IS A
19 REPORT BACK ON FUNDING REQUIRED IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
20 BUDGET UNIT. AGAIN THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. ON AGENDA ITEM
21 NUMBER 3C, I'M ASKING THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
22 C.E.O.'S ITEM -- EXCUSE ME, OFFICE. ON ITEM NUMBER 3D, THIS
23 WAS A REPORT BACK ON THE MASTER PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE
24 DIVISIONS FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND THE EAST LOS ANGELES
25 CIVIC CENTER. AGAIN THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. ON ITEM 3E,

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1 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR THE SHERIFF TO DEVELOP AND COMPLETE ITS
2 REVENUE ANALYSIS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO
3 REALIGN ITS BUDGET. THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. ON ITEM NUMBER
4 3F, THIS IS A REPORT BACK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
5 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. ON THIS ITEM, I KNOW SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL IS HOLDING IT. I DID WANT TO INDICATE ON THIS ITEM THAT
7 WE HAD PROVIDED A REPORT ON JUNE 16TH REGARDING THE STATUS OF
8 THE A.T.I. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON JUNE 17TH, I HAD PROVIDED ANOTHER
9 UPDATE TO THIS BOARD TO ENSURE THE BOARD KNEW THAT THE
10 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT HAD PROVIDED A GRANT FUND SO THAT WE WERE
11 ABLE TO BEGIN THE HIRING PROCESS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
12 THE A.T.I. AND WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT. A JOB BULLETIN
13 HAS BEEN POSTED, AND WE HOPE WE WILL HAVE A DIRECTOR HIRED
14 SOON. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS. THOSE ITEMS BEFORE
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WANTED TO
18 ADDRESS ITEM 3D?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, 3D, YES, D. THE EAST L.A. CIVIC
21 CENTER THAT OUR C.E.O. JUST TALKED ABOUT, YES, I'D LIKE TO
22 THANK YOU, SACHI HAMAI AND I.S.D., FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE
23 SO FAR TO IMPROVE THE EAST L.A. CIVIC CENTER. IT'S BEEN
24 INCREDIBLE BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN GREAT REPAIRS THAT WERE MUCH
25 NEEDED THERE INCLUDING REVAMPING OUR PARKING STRUCTURE,

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1 INCREASING LIGHTING WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND IMPROVING
2 SIGNAGE, AS WELL AS REPAIRS TO THE LAKE THAT IS THERE. I WANT
3 TO UNDERSCORE FOR THE EAST L.A. CIVIC CENTER, IT DOES SERVE AS
4 A VERY PROMINENT HUB FOR OUR SERVICES. I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE
5 FIRST REGIONAL OFFICES WHERE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS FIND THEIR
6 HOME. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, WE'VE SEEN THERE'S
7 BEEN AN INCREASE IN CRIME, AND UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS A
8 SHOOTING THAT OCCURRED, I BELIEVE, ALMOST A YEAR AGO, AND I
9 KNOW THAT THE RESIDENTS THERE ARE WANTING US TO DO MORE IN
10 TERMS OF SECURITY, AND I'M HAPPY WITH THE REFORMS THAT WE'RE
11 PUTTING IN PLACE NOW, BUT I DO WANT TO ASK THAT WE COME
12 TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER
13 SECURITY, AND THAT MEANS ACTUALLY HAVING THE DIFFERENT
14 DEPARTMENTS SHARE IN THAT COST. SO, I WANT TO URGE THE C.E.O.
15 TO PLEASE COME BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN READY TO BE ABLE
16 TO GIVE US A PLAN MOVING FORWARD, AND I THANK THOSE THAT HAVE
17 ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON THIS. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL CIVIC CENTER,
18 AND I KNOW AT ONE POINT WE EVEN HAD L.A. FILM COME OUT THERE,
19 AND WE GAVE A TOUR OF ABOUT 50 PEOPLE WHO WERE VERY INTERESTED
20 IN USING PARTS OF THE PARK AREA, OUR AMPHITHEATER, OUR
21 LIBRARY. THAT IS ALSO HOME TO THE ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE CENTER
22 AND OUR EAST L.A. COURTS. AND IT'S A BEAUTIFUL FACILITY. WE'D
23 LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY AND CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE
24 FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE LIVING AROUND THE SURROUNDING
25 AREA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO SAY A FEW MORE
5 WORDS ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. IT'S GOTTEN SO MUCH
6 ATTENTION, WHICH I'M VERY, VERY HAPPY ABOUT AND SIMPLY TO
7 REITERATE THAT IT SEEMS TO ME, FROM MANY OF THE REMARKS TODAY
8 AND PRECEDING TODAY, THAT THIS BOARD IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO
9 CARRYING OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO LOOKING AT FOUNDATION
10 RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE ADOPTED, AND THEN WE WERE HIT WITH
11 THE VIRUS AND ALL OF THE DIMINUTIONS OF REVENUE FROM THE
12 STATE, FROM THE FEDS, FROM TAXES, ETC., TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
13 THE WAY TO DO THE LEAST DAMAGE TO EVERYTHING THAT THE COUNTY
14 DOES ACROSS THE BOARD AND FRANKLY NOT TO THROW OUR OWN
15 EMPLOYEES IN ANY WAY UNDER THE BUS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT'S
16 WHAT, LOOKING AT EACH DEPARTMENT SUGGESTING AN 8 PERCENT
17 CURTAILMENT REALLY IS ABOUT. SO, REALLY IN GOOD FAITH, I
18 DIDN'T FEEL, AND I THINK OTHERS WERE THE SAME, THAT WE COULD
19 PROPOSE EVEN ONE NEW POSITION BECAUSE WE WERE CUTTING SO MANY
20 OF PEOPLE WHO WERE THEMSELVES PART OF WHAT WE ARE COUNTING ON
21 FOR A.T.I. SO I WAS VERY PLEASED WHEN THE ENDOWMENT STEPPED UP
22 AND SAID FOR THE FIRST YEAR, UNTIL WE WORK THIS THROUGH AND
23 SEE WHERE OUR MONEY WILL COME FROM, THAT THEY WILL FUND A
24 DIRECTOR'S POSITION SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER
25 TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN HIRE A DIRECTOR BECAUSE IT'S A

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1 BIG SHIP, AND IT'S GOING NOWHERE WITHOUT A CAPTAIN. AND THIS A
2 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT RECRUITMENT AND HIRING, AND I'M GRATEFUL
3 TO BOB ROSS AT THE ENDOWMENT TO THAT ONE PERSON THAT SAID THAT
4 THAT MEANS THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE WORKING FOR THEM. NO, THAT IS
5 NOT THE CASE. THIS DIRECTOR WILL BE IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE,
6 AND IT'S FUNDING, AND WE USE A NUMBER OF FOUNDATIONS TO HELP
7 US AUGMENT THE MONEY WE USE IN MANY OF THE AREAS IN WHICH WE
8 TRY TO DO GOOD. NOT TO ALSO FORGET THAT BOB ROSS WAS THE CHAIR
9 OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKING GROUP AND DEEPLY,
10 DEEPLY UNDERSTANDS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE NEED FOR
11 CONSENSUS AND INDEED IS GOING TO RECONVENE THE GROUP TO TALK
12 ABOUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE VERY SOON. SO, I'M VERY, VERY
13 GRATEFUL FOR THE REPORT BACK, VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK BY
14 YOURSELF, MISS HAMAI, AND ALSO ESIA DAVENPORT AND HER TEAM TO
15 REALLY MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WE WILL BE TALKING AGAIN ABOUT IT A
16 WEEK FROM TOMORROW AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AND I LOOK
17 FORWARD TO TRULY ROLLING THIS OUT AND MAKING IT HAPPEN. SO,
18 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WANTED TO
21 SAY SOMETHING ON THIS ITEM?

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT TO JOIN
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL ALSO IN SUPPORT OF HER COMMENTS AND REALLY
25 THANKING CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT DR. BOB ROSS, FOR HIS

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1 COMMITMENT, LONGSTANDING LEADERSHIP ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE,
2 BUT ALSO MAKING AVAILABLE THE FUNDS TO ALLOW US TO IDENTIFY A
3 DIRECTOR FOR THE A.T.I. WE HEARD SO MUCH TODAY FROM WITNESSES
4 WHO ARE ENCOURAGING US TO MOVE THIS ALONG AND FIND THE
5 FUNDING, AND I DO BELIEVE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. I
6 WOULD ENCOURAGE OUR C.E.O. AND OUR STAFF TO THINK CREATIVELY
7 AS WE MOVE ALONG WITH THIS REINVIGORATED REIMAGING OF HOW WE
8 DEAL WITH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. THIS FITS IN PERFECTLY. WE
9 SHOULD BE ABLE COME UP WITH A GOOD PLAN. I LOOK FORWARD TO ALL
10 OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THANKING THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT AND ALL
11 OF OUR PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS AS WELL AS OUR OWN CENTER FOR
12 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND EVERYONE THAT HAS PUT THEIR EFFORTS
13 FORWARD ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO JUST IN GENERAL,
17 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, I MEAN BOB IS AN INCREDIBLE PERSON AND
18 GIVES SO MUCH BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, SO I ACTUALLY WANT TO
19 ALSO OFFER MY THANKS AS WELL. SO, SEEING NO OTHER COLLEAGUES
20 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES, SECONDED BY
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
22 THE ROLL ON ITEM NUMBER 3.

23

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM NUMBER 3 IS BEFORE US TO RECEIVE AND
2 FILE ITEMS 3A, 3B, 3D, 3E, AND 3F AND TO REFER BACK 3C BACK TO
3 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

6

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

9

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

11

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO BUDGET
5 ITEMS 4 AND 5, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. WE WILL HEAR
6 AGAIN FROM OUR C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI. -

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ON BUDGET ITEMS 4
9 AND 5, ON ITEM NUMBER 4A, WHICH IS APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION
10 LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEAR '20-'21, THIS IS AN APPROVE ITEM. ON
11 ITEM NUMBER 4B, THIS IS TO APPROVE THE REVISED FIGURES AS
12 BETTER INDICATED IN THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '20-'21
13 AND INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PREPARE AND PRESENT THE
14 FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR BOARD ADOPTION. ON ITEM NUMBER 4C,
15 THEY ARE MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13, AND THOSE ITEMS
16 WILL BE BEFORE YOUR BOARD FOR APPROVAL. WITH THAT, IF THERE
17 ARE NO QUESTIONS ON ITEMS 4A THROUGH 4C, I WOULD THEN ASK TO
18 TAKE UP ITEM 4 -- EXCUSE ME, ITEM NUMBER 5, WHICH I WOULD --
19 WILL TURN OVER TO THE AUDITOR- CONTROLLER.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE NO ONE HAS REQUESTED TO
22 SPEAK. SO WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE AUDITOR --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR? I WAS HOPING WE WOULD TAKE 4B
25 SEPARATELY BECAUSE THAT'S THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN 4A AND 4C.

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1

2 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** ACTUALLY, MADAM CHAIR -- SO, YOU DO HAVE
3 TO TAKE THESE ITEMS UP -- YOU HAVE TO TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 4B
4 BEFORE ITEM NUMBER 5, BEFORE THE AUDITOR- CONTROLLER PRESENTS
5 THE BUDGET.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU WISH TO
8 DISCUSS 4B? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT WOULD BE THE ONE I WOULD ABSTAIN AGAIN ON
11 BECAUSE IF WE DO BIFURCATE THAT THEN WE WILL NOT -- THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS --

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** ARLENE, CAN I STOP YOU BECAUSE THE
22 SUPERVISORS HAVE TO TAKE UP ITEMS --

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, SACHI. I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU
25 WANTED HER TO SPEAK BEFORE WE TAKE UP IT UP.

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1

2 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** NO, YOU HAVE TO ADOPT THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEN --

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO ITEMS 4A THROUGH 4C ARE BEFORE US, BUT
6 WE ARE GOING TO HAVE EACH ONE VOTED ON INDIVIDUALLY. SO, WITH
7 THAT, I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SURE, SO WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A ROLL CALL
11 ON ITEMS 4A AND 4C FIRST. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE

14

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR 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 4-

4 0. NOW WE'RE TAKING ROLL CALL ON ITEM NUMBER 4B. SUPERVISOR

5 SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

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

10 THOMAS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN ON THIS.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR

19 BARGER?

20

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

22

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

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M BACK ONLINE. WE HAD A MALFUNCTION.
2 WOULD THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER INDICATE WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING
3 RIGHT NOW?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'RE VOTING ON ITEMS 4B.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND
10 WE VOTED ON ITEMS 4A AND 4C. WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR VOTES TO BE
11 REFLECTED AS A WHAT?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M GOOD WITH THOSE AS WELL, MADAM CHAIR.
14 THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO 4B, 4-0 WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WON'T SPECULATE WHO CHOSE TO JACK UP MY
23 SYSTEM WHILE WE WERE VOTING, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL LEAVE IT TO
24 YOUR IMAGINATION.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE AUDITOR-
2 CONTROLLER.

3

4 **ARLENE BARRARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. ARLINE BARRARA,
5 AUDITOR CONTROLLER. ON APRIL 28TH YOUR BOARD APPROVED FISCAL
6 YEAR 2020-2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. WE'VE UPDATED ALL OF THE
7 ADJUSTMENTS. YOUR BOARD APPROVED IT IN YOUR DISCUSSION EARLIER
8 TODAY. THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FINAL BUDGET IS BALANCED AND
9 READY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SO, WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 5
12 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM NUMBER 5 IS BEFORE US, SUPERVISOR
16 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:** ABSTAIN.

9

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. LET
19 THE RECORD REFLECT THAT OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JULY 7, 2020.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I'M SORRY, CAN I SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 6?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. I'M SORRY, YES.

25

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THAT'S OKAY. IT'S JUST MY FINAL CLOSING
2 COMMENTS. I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD, THE BOARD
3 DEPUTIES, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, MY DEPARTMENT, BEGINNING WITH
4 ESIA, JIM, MY ENTIRE BUDGET TEAM LED BY MATT CHULA MASON, MY
5 ENTIRE EXECUTIVE TEAM. ALL OF US, AND PARTICULARLY THIS YEAR,
6 I THINK THAT WITH SO MANY ISSUES GOING ON, IT'S BEEN QUITE A
7 DIFFICULT YEAR, BUT THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED AND THANK
8 YOU TO THIS BOARD FOR CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THIS OFFICE AND
9 GETTING THROUGH ALL OF THESE ISSUES TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SACHI. THAT WAS -- YEAH. THANK
12 YOU VERY MUCH. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO YOUR TEAM. I THINK THE
13 ENTIRE BOARD APPRECIATES THE HARD WORK THAT ALL -- THAT
14 EVERYONE PUT INTO THIS, INCLUDING OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, BY THE
15 WAY, WHO, THROUGHOUT THIS COVID, HAVE HAD TO BALANCE THE FACT
16 THAT THEY HAVE LOST REVENUE, AND COMING IN AND PUTTING A
17 BUDGET PROPOSAL TOGETHER. SO, THANK YOU. WITH THAT, THE NEXT
18 REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 7TH, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M. ALSO
19 THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING TOMORROW AT
20 11:00 A.M. THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR '20-'21
21 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU ALL.

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THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 29, 2020,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th
16 day of July 2020, for the County records to be used only for
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR