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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 ON PAGE 225]

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

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

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

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

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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25 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER?

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** HERE.

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

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8 **MARY WICKHAM:** PRESENT.

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

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

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
16 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
17 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS RECEIVED
18 OVER 17,000 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND
19 THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED. ALL OF THEM WERE
20 AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION,
21 CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE
22 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO THE
23 NUMBER OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE
24 READING IN THE NAMES. HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART

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1 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
2 THE AGENDA.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
5 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, WITH A SET
6 MATTER AT 11 A.M. ITEM S-11 IS A STATUS REPORT BY REGISTER-
7 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK ON VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE, IN
8 PREPARATION FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION. ON PAGE THREE,
9 SPECIAL DISTRICT. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 4, CONSENT CALENDAR,
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 23. ON ITEM 2, THIS
12 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
13 ON ITEM THREE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 HELD. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
15 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO UPDATE DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO OF
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BARGER'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE AND
17 DESIGNATE UP TO \$100 MILLION OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE NO PLACE
18 LIKE HOME FUNDING FOR RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE INVESTMENTS AT
19 COUNTY HEALTH CAMPUSES, AND THAT THIS SET ASIDE FUNDING SHOULD
20 NOT BE PART OF ANY FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NOTICE OF
21 AVAILABLE FUNDING SOLICITATION UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, IF
22 IT HAS NOT BEEN FULLY COMMITTED BY JUNE 30, 2022. ITEMS 5 AND
23 6, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
24 ITEMS 10 AND 12, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THESE
25 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 13, 14, AND 16, SUPERVISOR KUEHL

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1 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISORS BARGER
3 AND SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE THEIR MOTION TO REVISE
4 DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR
5 APPROVED PLANS EXPIRING BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2020, AND JANUARY 21,
6 2021; AND DIRECTIVE NUMBER THREE TO CHANGE THE PERMIT ISSUE
7 DATE FROM JANUARY 1, 2020, TO BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2020, AND
8 JANUARY 1, 2021. ON ITEM 22, THIS INCLUDES A SUBSTITUTE
9 MOTION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23,
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY
11 21, 2020. ON PAGE 20, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 24 THROUGH
12 42. ON ITEM 25, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
13 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 8, 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE
14 POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
15 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 35. ITEM 35
16 IS AN URGENCY ORDER FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE
17 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS, BY
18 STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE PROHIBITION OF PRICE GOUGING
19 DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, AS PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT
20 OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, OR DURING A
21 LOCAL EMERGENCY AS DECLARED PURSUANT TO LAW. ON ITEM 35,
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS
23 ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 28. ON PAGE 27, THIS INCLUDES
24 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
25 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE

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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH 48
2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 28, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION.
8 ITEM 43 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING CODE TITLE,
9 TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY ADDING, DELETING, AND/OR CHANGING
10 CERTAIN EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE
11 POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. ITEM 44 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
12 INTRODUCTION GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE TO
13 ANTELOPE EXPANSION 1B, L.L.C., TO CONDUCT AND TRANSMIT
14 ELECTRICITY FOR A PERIOD OF 36 YEARS, BEGINNING AUGUST 27,
15 2020, AND EXPIRING AUGUST 26, 2056. ON PAGE 29, SEPARATE
16 MATTERS, ITEMS 45 AND 46. ITEM 45 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
17 APPOINT SELWYN HOLLINS TO THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL
18 SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JULY 7, 2020, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF
19 \$299,958. ITEM 46 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT NORMA GARCIA
20 TO THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, EFFECTIVE
21 JULY 7, 2020, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$271,221. ON PAGE 30,
22 FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET ISSUES. ALSO ON PAGE 30 IS 2020-
23 2021 BUDGET ITEM. ON ITEM 48, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
24 REQUESTS THE RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO FUNDING WITH THE
25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PRORAM, TO

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1 CHANGE THE AMOUNT TO \$2.4 MILLION. ON PAGE 34, ITEMS CONTINUED
2 FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY
3 THE BOARD. ON ITEM A-4, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM
5 CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
8 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
9 READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE
10 AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
11 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF
14 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-
15 226-8196, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 682-5370. TO REPEAT:
16 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8196, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 682-
17 5370. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN
18 TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU
19 WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA
20 ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN
21 ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE,
23 FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ALL
24 AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL
25 ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ALL OF THE

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1 ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE THE 60 MINUTES
2 HAVE ELAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WHEN SPEAKING ON
3 THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET
4 THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON
5 TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA
6 ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE
7 CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR
8 IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF
9 YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE
10 NOTE: IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A
11 COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE
12 VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU,
13 OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
14 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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16 **MODERATOR:** JUST AS A REMINDER: TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE
17 PRESS 1, THEN 0, AT THIS TIME. WE DO NEED YOU TO PRESS 1, THEN
18 0, TO PLACE YOURSELF INTO THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS
19 COOKIE SMITH. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS, AND IF YOU ARE
20 ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN. ANTHONY ROBLES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM, AND IF
22 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE HAVE CASSIE GOGREEVE. PLEASE STATE THE
3 AGENDA ITEMS, AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** -- ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORS FOR ASSISTANCE. I'M CALLING
7 FROM [INAUDIBLE] IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 20, AND IN SUPPORT OF
8 14, 3, 4, AND 10. [INAUDIBLE] AN INVESTMENT OF \$1.5 MILLION IN
9 [INAUDIBLE]. [INAUDIBLE] UTILIZE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSIVE
10 TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR SUBSTANCE
11 USE DISORDER, HOMELESSNESS, AND OTHER SITUATIONS CAUSED BY
12 UNMET NEEDS, TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES.
13 [INAUDIBLE] RECOMMENDATION 35: [INAUDIBLE] DEPARTMENT OF
14 MENTAL HEALTH [INAUDIBLE] MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS TO REDUCE
15 [INAUDIBLE]. RECOMMENDATION 36: [INAUDIBLE] TO IMPROVE
16 RESPONSE TIMES. RECOMMENDATION 37: [INAUDIBLE]. AND
17 RECOMMENDATION 38: [INAUDIBLE] MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS TO
18 ADDRESS [INAUDIBLE] INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION [INAUDIBLE].
19 [INAUDIBLE] DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR OUTREACH WORKERS TO RESPOND
20 TO [INAUDIBLE].

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22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** JAMES MADISON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
2 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE CLOSING OF THE
6 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN L.A. AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT I AM VERY
7 CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL
8 JAIL. I THINK THAT EVERYONE MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
9 ACTIONS, AND THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO BREAK THE LAW AND
10 VICTIMIZE OUR COMMUNITIES. AFTER A.B. 109, PROP 47, AND PROP
11 57, I THINK THAT THERE ARE FAR LESS CONSEQUENCES FOR
12 COMMITTING CRIMES, AND FAR LESS CONCERN ABOUT THE VICTIMS.
13 VICTIMS DON'T SPEAK UP FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON, AND THAT'S
14 BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN FEAR. ONLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN UNSAFE
15 COMMUNITIES KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO LIVE IN FEAR. ONE OF THE
16 TOP PRIORITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE TO PROTECT PUBLIC
17 SAFETY. WITHOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, OUR COMMUNITIES CANNOT THRIVE
18 ACADEMICALLY, PROFESSIONALLY, OR OTHERWISE. OUR CHILDREN MUST
19 FEEL SAFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND CUTTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
20 REDUCING JAIL BEDS MAKES OUR NEIGHBORHOODS LESS SAFE, NOT THE
21 OTHER WAY AROUND. YES, WE NEED NONPROFITS WHO PROVIDE
22 SERVICES, BUT WE MUST ALSO HAVE ADEQUATE PATROL DEPUTIES AND
23 JAIL BEDS FOR THOSE WHO INSIST ON PREYING ON OUR VULNERABLE
24 COMMUNITIES. PLEASE OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL
25 JAIL. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** JACK SMITH, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
5 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
6 MAY BEGIN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** ACTUALLY, MY NAME IS COOKIE SMITH. I HOPE YOU ARE ALL
9 DOING WELL THIS MORNING. THE MEN'S JAIL, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING
10 AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN IN PLACE, IS ABSURD AND WOULD BE
11 INCREDIBLY IRRESPONSIBLE ON YOUR PART. 50 YEARS AGO, I CAME TO
12 LOS ANGELES AND MOVED TO GLENDALE. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO
13 SECURE A JOB IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY, WHERE I REMAINED FOR 15
14 YEARS. EACH MORNING FOR 15 YEARS, I WOULD TAKE THE BUS FROM
15 GLENDALE TO DOWNTOWN L.A. A LOT OF MY FELLOW PEOPLE THAT I
16 WORKED WITH TOLD ME I SHOULDN'T DO IT, BECAUSE IT WAS
17 DANGEROUS, BUT I CONTINUED TO DO SO BECAUSE I FELT SECURE AND
18 IN NO DANGER. FAST-FORWARD 35 YEARS. WITH THE INCREASE IN
19 POPULATION DENSITY, HOMELESSNESS BEING PERVASIVE ON THE
20 STREETS OF L.A., THE PROLIFERATION OF DRUGS AND CRIME RAMPANT,
21 THE STREETS OF L.A. ARE NO LONGER SAFE, AND MANY LIVE IN FEAR.
22 WE NEED MORE LAW AND ORDER, NOT LESS. AGAIN, WE MUST ESTABLISH
23 NEW FACILITIES BEFORE PLANNING THE CLOSURE OF THE MEN'S
24 CENTRAL JAIL IN DOWNTOWN L.A., THE LARGEST FACILITY OF ITS
25 KIND IN THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** KIMBERLY BERRY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
5 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
6 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** HEY, YES, I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4, 10, AND
9 13, WHICH I SUPPORT, AND I ALSO OPPOSE ITEM 20. AND I WOULD
10 LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF, ACTUALLY, AGENDA ITEM 3. I THINK
11 IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL
12 JAIL, BUT I ALSO THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO CLOSE THE
13 JAIL. I'VE WORKED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND I
14 HAVE SEEN THE VALUE OF THE LIVES AND HOW MANY PEOPLE TURN
15 AROUND AND ARE REALLY CONTRIBUTING, WONDERFUL MEMBERS OF THE
16 COMMUNITY. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF WE KEEP THAT
17 OPEN. AND, OF COURSE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A PLAN IN PLACE, BUT
18 THE SOONER, THE BETTER, THAT WE CAN GET THESE MEMBERS BACK AND
19 CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** JAMES WHEELER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
24 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
25 MAY BEGIN.

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES, I AM SPEAKING TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER NUMBER 3.
3 SIMPLY CLOSING M.C.J. WILL NOT SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS, BUT IT WILL
4 CREATE MANY, MANY MORE COSTLY AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. THE
5 TRANSFER OF INMATES CURRENTLY HOUSED AT M.C.J. TO THE NORTH
6 COUNTY, WITH THE RIGHT COURT PROCEEDINGS, WOULD REQUIRE A
7 COSTLY EXPANSION OF INMATE TRANSIT FOR ALL THE COURTS LOCATED
8 ONLY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. M.C.J. PROVIDES SPECIALIZED CUSTODY
9 BEDS FOR MORE THAN 4,000 INMATES, MANY OF WHICH REQUIRE A LONG
10 LIST OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE NOT
11 AVAILABLE IN OTHER REMOTE CUSTODY FACILITIES. TRANSFERRING
12 THOSE SERVICES TO REMOTE CUSTODY FACILITIES WOULD BE COSTLY,
13 REQUIRE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND RELATED STAFF TO TRAVEL LONG
14 DISTANCES. DEPUTY SHERIFFS HAVE MANY IDEAS AND CAN SUPPORT
15 REASONABLE REFORM PROPOSALS. WE ARE LINE LEVEL STAFF THAT YOUR
16 BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER TALKING BEFORE TAKING EXTREME MEASURES,
17 SUCH AS CLOSING DOWN M.C.J.

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19 **SPEKAER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE.

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22 **MODERATOR:** MARK HEMPSTREET, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
23 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
24 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **MARK HEMSTREET:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 3 ONLY. GOOD MORNING,
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK HEMSTREET. I AM THE C.E.O. OF THE
3 LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UP IN THE NORTH L.A. COUNTY'S
4 FIFTH DISTRICT. I AM CALLING IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 3, THE
5 CLOSING OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WITHOUT A WORKABLE PLAN FOR
6 REPLACEMENT. UNLESS YOU'VE FIGURED OUT HOW TO PREVENT PEOPLE
7 FROM DISRESPECTING THE LAW AND COMMITTING CRIMES, DO NOT CLOSE
8 THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE DO NOT HAVE VACANCIES IN THE OTHER
9 COUNTY JAILS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THE INMATES FROM M.C.J. EVEN
10 WITH THE OPTIMISTIC IDEA THAT 18 PERCENT OF INMATES CAN BE
11 PLACED IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAMS, THAT
12 STILL LEAVES 80 PERCENT OF THE INMATES WHO SHOULD, FOR PUBLIC
13 SAFETY, STAY IN JAIL. OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE, AND
14 THIS IS NOT HOW WE ACHIEVE IT. THANK YOU.

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** STUART SANTANA, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
19 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
20 YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING, ALSO, ABOUT
23 AGENDA ITEM THREE. THE REASON WHY I ACTUALLY OPPOSE THE
24 FACILITY CLOSING IS MORE BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN A
25 REPLACEMENT FACILITY IDENTIFIED, OR A BILL TO CREATE IT. THESE

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1 INMATES NEED THEIR HOUSING, AS WELL. AND ALSO KEEP IN MIND THE
2 FAMILIES AND SUCH THAT VISIT SAID INMATES. PUTTING A FACILITY
3 WELL OUTSIDE THE COUNTY BORDERS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
4 LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THE LOVED ONES THAT ARE
5 INCARCERATED. OF COURSE, THERE'S ALWAYS THE SAFETY CONCERN OF
6 WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO PUT THE EXCESS INMATES THAT DON'T FIT
7 IN THE BLOATED INCARCERATION SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE. SO I JUST
8 WANTED TO SAY THAT.

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** MICHELLE FLANAGAN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
13 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
14 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS MICHELLE FLANAGAN.
17 I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM THREE. I LIVE IN THE 5TH DISTRICT
18 AND I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S
19 CENTRAL JAIL. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A DEVELOPED MENTAL HEALTH...
20 ANY KIND OF A MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM OR CENTER FOR MOST OF
21 THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I CAN
22 TELL YOU THAT MY SON SPENT SOME TIME THERE, AND IT REALLY DID
23 CHANGE HIS LIFE. IT SCARED HIM STRAIGHT. AND I WOULD REALLY
24 HATE TO THINK THAT WE WOULD CLOSE THAT CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT A
25 PROPER MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY TO TREAT THESE PEOPLE IN THE

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1 COMMUNITY. I AM VERY AFRAID THAT IT WILL IMPACT THE 5TH
2 DISTRICT SIGNIFICANTLY. WE HAVE A LOT OF OPEN SPACE. WE HAVE A
3 TREMENDOUS HOMELESS ISSUE, AND IF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS
4 CLOSED, UNFORTUNATELY, I SEE OUR HOMELESS ISSUE EXPANDING
5 SIGNIFICANTLY. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOW THAT INTO OUR
6 COMMUNITY. WE WANT THEM TO GET HELP. HOWEVER, WE NEED A VERY
7 GOOD SOLUTION PRIOR TO GOING IN. THANK YOU.

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

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11 **MODERATOR:** VINCENT GARAMEUM, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
12 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
13 YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. CLOSING DOWN M.C.J. IS A DANGEROUS
16 MISTAKE. THERE WAS ALREADY A DECISION MADE TO REPLACE THE JAIL
17 WITH A FACILITY WHERE INMATES ACTUALLY RECEIVE HUMANE
18 REHABILITATION IN SMALLER CENTERS, BUT IT WAS VOTED DOWN.
19 HOWEVER, THIS MOTION WANTS TO CLOSE DOWN THE JAIL WITHOUT A
20 REPLACEMENT. HOW WILL THIS NOT INCREASE CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS
21 IN L.A.? I WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF CLOSING DOWN THE JAIL ONLY IF
22 A REPLACEMENT FACILITY IS CREATED BEFORE THE CLOSING DOWN OF
23 THE JAIL. BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE, BECAUSE IN A YEAR, THERE
24 WILL BE NO NEW FACILITIES. I BELIEVE THIS MOTION IS
25 SHORTSIGHTED. I AM A HEALTHCARE STUDENT IN DOWNTOWN L.A. I

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1 CARE ABOUT MY PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE SAFETY OF MY FRIENDS AND
2 LOVED ONES. I URGE YOU ALL TO TALK TO SOME RESIDENTS THAT WILL
3 BE MOST IMPACTED BY THIS DECISION: THE POOR, MINORITY
4 COMMUNITIES, NOT THE WEALTHY ONES THAT MANY OF YOU LIVE IN. I
5 URGE A NO VOTE ON CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** JILL SHAPIRO, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
10 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING ABOUT THE
14 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, ALSO. WHY IS THERE
15 NO CONCERN FOR THE COUNTLESS VICTIMS WHO CONSTITUTE THE EXACT
16 SAME VULNERABLE MINORITIES YOU PROPOSE TO CARE ABOUT? BEFORE
17 YOU CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, YOU MUST SECURE ALTERNATIVE
18 FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SERVICES AND PROTECT THE
19 PUBLIC. I SPEAK FOR THIS MAJORITY WHO ARE BUSY WITH THEIR
20 LIVES, AND ARE IN SOME CASES SCARED TO SPEAK OUT, BUT VERY
21 MUCH CARE ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. MEANWHILE, YOU ARE HEARING
22 MOSTLY FROM THE VOCAL MINORITY FUNDED BY SPECIAL INTERESTS
23 WITH AN AGENDA THAT WOULD DESTROY OUR FREEDOM. THERE HAVE BEEN
24 MORE THAN ENOUGH REFORMS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OVER
25 THE PAST DECADE, INCLUDING A.B. 109 AND PROP 77. NOW,

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1 PROGRESSIVES ARE GOING AFTER D.A. JACKIE LACEY FOR BEING TOO
2 TOUGH ON CRIME. PLEASE OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL
3 JAIL, AS THIS IS JUST ANOTHER PLOY TO FURTHER AN AGENDA THAT--

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** MARGARET JONES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
9 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
10 YOU MAY BEGIN. MARGARET JONES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M CALLING ABOUT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE. I
13 AM CALLING ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF THE JAIL. THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
14 CANNOT BE EFFECTIVE WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. JAILS ARE MEANT TO
15 KEEP YOUR CONSTITUENTS SAFE FROM THOSE WHO CANNOT BE DIVERTED.
16 DIVERSION IS NOT FOR EVERYONE, AND CANNOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR
17 INCARCERATION. NONPROFITS ARE NOT MANDATED TO LOCATE AND
18 DELIVER SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT THEM, EVEN IF THEY
19 NEED THEM THE MOST. THEY ARE ALSO NOT RESPONSIBLE WHEN SOMEONE
20 DECIDES TO RAPE, ROB, OR MURDER SOMEONE. IF THERE ARE THOSE
21 WHO DON'T THINK WE NEED LAW ENFORCEMENT, THEN CREATE A
22 REGISTRY THAT BLOCKS THEIR CALL WHEN THEY CALL THE POLICE, BUT
23 DON'T PUT THE REST OF US IN HARM'S WAY. I CARE ABOUT PUBLIC
24 SAFETY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BURY MY CHILDREN, NOR DO I WANT
25 THEM TO GROW UP BELIEVING SOCIETY SUPPORTS BREAKING THE LAW. A

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1 LAWLESS SOCIETY IS NOT WHERE WE WANT TO BE, AND WE DON'T WANT
2 TO LIVE THERE. PLEASE OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL
3 JAIL. I URGE A NO VOTE ON CLOSING THE M.C.J. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** TAMARA HIBBY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
8 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
9 MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** AGENDA NUMBER NUMBER THREE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
12 TAMARA HIBBY, AND MY HUSBAND WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
13 WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR SOLIS
14 REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE, WHAT
15 ARE YOU DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC,
16 WHILE EVERYTHING ELSE IS AT A STANDSTILL, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT
17 CLOSING THE JAIL AND RELEASING MORE CRIMINALS? HOW DOES THAT
18 HELP PUBLIC SAFETY? WHY ARE YOU ADDRESSING ANY ISSUES OTHER
19 THAN C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND BUDGET-RELATED ISSUES? BEFORE WE MAKE
20 RADICAL CHANGES TO OUR COMMUNITY'S WELLBEING, LET'S GET
21 THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC AND THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. IF WE
22 CANNOT RECOVER FINANCIALLY IN A VERY SHORT TIME, THERE MAY BE
23 MORE HOMELESS, MORE CRIMINALS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE
24 SITUATION, AND EVEN A LARGER PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE TO DEAL WITH.
25 DO NOT CLOSE THE JAIL. THANK YOU.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** MARISSA LA RIOS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
5 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARISSA LA RIOS. I HAVE
9 WORKED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. I AM
10 OPPOSED TO THE BOARD AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE, AND ASK THAT
11 THE BOARD DROP THE GOAL OF CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN
12 ONE YEAR. THERE IS NO WAY THAT THE RECOMMENDED GOALS
13 DOCUMENTED IN THE MOTION CAN BE ACHIEVED IN ONE YEAR, LET
14 ALONE CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN ONE YEAR. LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY IS NOW EXPERIENCING A SECOND SURGE OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
16 PANDEMIC, WITH EXPERTS EXPECTING A NEW WAVE OF INFECTIONS TO
17 HIT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA. THE BOARD'S ATTENTION
18 AND PRIORITY SHOULD REMAIN FOCUSED ON C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND
19 GETTING THE L.A. COUNTY ECONOMY REOPENED. IT IS MY
20 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
21 IS UNDERGOING A HISTORIC BUDGET CRISIS, RESULTING IN THE
22 CURTAILMENT OF HUNDREDS OF JOBS, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE LAYOFFS.
23 BOARD AGENDA NUMBER THREE CALLS FOR MUCH OF THE REPORT BACK TO
24 BE CONDUCTED BY THE SHERIFF, WHO IS HANDLING NOT ONLY THE
25 C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS IN HIS JAIL FACILITIES, BUT IS ALSO

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1 DEALING WITH THE \$145 MILLION. BOARD AGENDA NUMBER THREE DOES
2 NOT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AT THIS TIME, AND CERTAINLY A ONE-
3 YEAR PERIOD WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO THOROUGHLY EVALUATE,
4 ANALYZE, AND MEASURE THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY
5 ISSUES.

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA
11 ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
12 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-
15 JOHNSON, AGENDA ITEM THREE, AGENDA ITEM 10, AND CERTAINLY
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU KNOW, I AM GLAD WE ARE HEARING FOLKS WHO
17 ARE CALLING IN AND STATING VARIOUS LEVELS OF CONCERNS, AND AS
18 LEADERS WHO HAVE MADE SO MUCH PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES, I
19 THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE
20 LEVEL OF MISINFORMATION, THE MISQUOTING OF THE R.A.N.D. STUDY,
21 THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE MOTION ITSELF, WHICH IS MOVING
22 FORWARD AN AGENDA THAT WE ARE NOT JUST PULLING OUT OF THE AIR,
23 BUT WE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN BUILDING FOR THE LAST YEAR, AND
24 CERTAINLY THE LAST DECADE OF ORGANIZING WORK. AND SO TODAY, I
25 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR

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1 PUTTING FORWARD THIS REALLY COURAGEOUS MOTION. I THINK IT IS
2 REALLY CRITICAL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
3 CONTINUING TO CALL THE QUESTION OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
4 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF YOU
5 TO NOT JUST CLOSE THIS JAIL, BUT SHUT DOWN THE CRISIS: THE
6 CRISIS OF SPENDING \$160 MILLION, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IT'S
7 MOSTLY PERSONNEL BUDGET, ON KEEPING THAT FACILITY MOVING. WE
8 UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY MOVE THOSE
9 RESOURCES ELSEWHERE IN CLOSING THIS FACILITY, AND IT TAKES
10 THAT \$160 MILLION EVERY YEAR TO MANAGE AND HIDE A CRISIS: A
11 CRISIS OF HOUSING BLACK PEOPLE, WHO ARE 8 PERCENT OF THE
12 COUNTY POPULATION, AND 30 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY JAIL
13 POPULATION. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE 5,000 LESS PEOPLE IN THE JAILS
14 AT THIS MOMENT, THAT LEVEL OF REDUCTION HAS NOT ADDRESSED THE
15 FUNDAMENTAL CRISIS OF BLACK PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING TARGETED IN
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN THE WAYS IN WHICH WE POLICE. AND SO
17 WHAT WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TODAY IS TO ADDRESS THAT,
18 FUNDAMENTALLY, BY NOT JUST CLOSING THIS FACILITY, BUT
19 ADDRESSING THAT CRISIS: A CRISIS THAT HAS LOOKED LIKE THIS
20 COUNTY'S SPENDING \$120 MILLION POLICING AND INCARCERATING
21 PEOPLE IN SOUTH CENTRAL BETWEEN THE YEARS OF 2016 AND 2018.
22 THESE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE 37 PERCENT AND 61 PERCENT BLACK
23 FOR MOSTLY--

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1 **SPEAKER:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** FOR MOSTLY PUBLIC HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES. AND SO THE
5 MOTIONS IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY ARE PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
6 TO MEET THIS MOMENT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MOVING RESOURCES NOT
7 JUST AWAY FROM INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT FROM THE MECHANISMS AND THE
8 INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE DRIVING THE CRISIS THAT IS MAKING
9 C.O.V.I.D.-19 DANGEROUS TO BLACK PEOPLE, AND IS MAKING
10 INCARCERATION DANGEROUS TO BLACK PEOPLE, AND IS MAKING
11 HOUSELESSNESS DANGEROUS TO BLACK PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
12 AND WE'RE CALLING ON YOU TODAY TO SEE THE FULL PICTURE AND
13 CREATE MANDATES THAT ACTUALLY ADDRESS THAT CRISIS, NOT JUST
14 WITH THE CLOSURE OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT MOVING THE
15 BUDGETS THAT NEED TO BE MOVED. AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE
16 LEADERSHIP THAT YOU ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH TODAY.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** AYAN YULFAYAN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
21 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
22 MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** AGENDA NUMBER THREE. I'M SO TROUBLED ABOUT THE MOTION
25 TO CLOSE DOWN THE JAIL, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IT STARTED WITH

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1 A.B. 109, PROP 47, AND PROP 57, AND NOW YOU WANT TO CLOSE
2 JAILS? I AM AN IMMIGRANT SINGLE MOM OF THREE KIDS. I FEEL MORE
3 UNSAFE IN THIS CITY THAN WHERE I CAME FROM. AND WITH THE
4 RECENT PROTESTERS AND RIOTING, MY FAMILY LIVES IN CONSTANT
5 ANXIETY AND FEAR, AND THEN YOUR MOTION TO CLOSE THE JAIL WOULD
6 BE MAKING OUR LIFE EVEN WORSE. THE TOP PRIORITY OF ANY LOCAL
7 GOVERNMENT IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY, AND EVERY YEAR WE'RE
8 GETTING CLOSER TO LAWLESSNESS IN THIS COUNTY AND THE STATE. I
9 DO NOT LIVE IN A GATED COMMUNITY, AS MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE.
10 PLEASE CARE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AS YOU CARE
11 FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY. I URGE A NO VOTE ON CLOSING THE MEN'S
12 CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
17 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
18 MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I'M GOING TO
21 ADDRESS, FOR THE SAKE OF SIMPLICITY, ALL THE ITEMS AND GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY? SO, FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO
23 CONGRATULATE NORMA GARCIA FOR PULLING DOWN 271 GRAND AS THE
24 PARKS AND REC JEFE, AND KUDOS TO SELWYN HOLLINS, WHO'S BEEN
25 SHUNTED OVER BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FROM CITY HALL, WHERE HE WAS

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1 WORKING AT L.A.D.O.T. AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO BE THE I.S.D.
2 GUY. I.S.D. IS WHERE SOME OF OUR MOST EGREGIOUS CONTRACTS ARE
3 COOKED POORLY BY PEOPLE WHO MIGRATE IN AND OUT OF I.S.D. AND
4 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I'M THINKING OF MOTOROLA, BUT
5 LET'S MOVE FORWARD. THESE ARE TWO LEADERS WHO ARE GOING TO DO
6 A VERY GOOD JOB OF HOLDING THE LINE ON REAL PUBLIC
7 ACCOUNTABILITY, UNFORTUNATELY. I WILL SAY, NORMA GARCIA
8 INHERITS COUNTY GOLF UNDER PARKS AND REC, WHICH WAS DRAGGED
9 INTO THE NEW YORK TIMES, AS YOU RECALL, FOR EGREGIOUS SELF-
10 DEALING BY THE KNABE CLAN, ET CETERA, WHICH IS REALLY, REALLY
11 DISAPPOINTING. MOVING ON TO ITEM THREE, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS
12 LONG OVERDUE FOR REWORKING. CLOSING IT TAKES A PLAN, AND THE
13 PLAN WAS LAUNCHED IN 2012 BY JAMES AUSTIN. IT'S CALLED THE
14 AUSTIN PLAN. IT WAS A SERIOUS PROPOSAL WHICH WAS IGNORED BY
15 ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS, BUT IT WAS A PLAN TO MOVE THE CURRENT
16 PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO BE INCARCERATED INTO FACILITIES AROUND
17 SMALLER FACILITIES. AND, FRANKLY, NOW THE WAY THAT THE MOTION
18 AND MOVEMENT OF SOCIETY HAS EVOLVED, WE SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE
19 DIMINISHING ALMOST TO NOTHING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED,
20 ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY DANGEROUS. AND WE SHOULD BE GETTING
21 RID OF PEOPLE LIKE HUNTSMAN, WHO IS FIGHTING WITH THE SHERIFF
22 AND WITH PROBATION. AND HE'S A GUY WHO SITS THERE WITH THE
23 SUPERVISORS, WITH ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE TO THE
24 SUPERVISORS. NO DISRESPECT. LIKEABLE FELLOW. NOT WHAT WE NEED,
25 BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF INSIDE BASEBALL. BELIEVE

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1 ME, I COULD TELL YOU STORIES ABOUT HOW CHALLENGING THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY COUNSEL--

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. SO, I JUST WANT TO ELABORATE ON HOW
8 DIFFICULT IT IS TO HAVE THE KIND OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES
9 AND EVOLUTIONS UNDERWAY WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE AT ONE ANOTHER. WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO
11 BROKER A PEACE. MAYBE SOME OF THE GREAT GENIUSES AND LEADERS
12 IN OUR COMMUNITY COULD FORGE SOME KIND OF A... I DON'T WANT TO
13 SAY MARRIAGE, OBVIOUSLY, BUT A PARTNERSHIP TO DO THE RIGHT
14 THING, WHICH IS TO REINVENT THE WAY WE HANDLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
15 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND IT HAS TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE D.A.,
16 WHO HAS DONE A TERRIBLE JOB, FRANKLY, AND THEY DO NOT DO THEIR
17 MAIN JOB. I'M GOING TO FINISH WITH THE PUBLIC INTEGRITY
18 DIVISION, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, I'VE ONLY GOTTEN THROUGH,
19 FINALLY, TO THIS MEETING AFTER WEEKS OF TRYING, WHICH IS A
20 STRATEGY. THERE IS NO REASON TO BE EXCLUDING PEOPLE FROM THE
21 PROCESS, AND YET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS NOT BEHAVED IN A
22 WAY THAT SHOWS THAT THEY REALLY ARE COMMITTED TO--

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** AMY WOODSON-BOLTON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
3 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
4 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS AMY WOODSON-BOLTEN. I'M SPEAKING FOR THE
7 L.A. COUNTY VOTERS' ACTION COALITION ON AGENDA ITEM S-1,
8 VOTING BY MAIL IN NOVEMBER. EXPANSION OF VOTE-BY-MAIL TO ALL
9 VOTERS IS A BIG TASK. OVER 2 MILLION VOTERS WILL BE GETTING
10 BALLOTS IN THE MAIL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NOVEMBER, EVEN IF
11 THEY HAVEN'T REQUESTED THEM. COMMUNICATING VOTING INFORMATION
12 IS EVEN MORE CRITICAL THAN IN THE PAST. THE REGISTRAR'S VOTE-
13 BY-MAIL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ONLY UTILIZES ITS EXISTING WEBSITE
14 AND DIRECT MAIL, AND THE WEBSITE ITSELF IS COMPLEX TO NAVIGATE
15 AND NOT UP TO DATE. IT DOESN'T YET TELL VOTERS ABOUT ALL THE
16 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS IN NOVEMBER. DIRECT MAIL IS USEFUL, BUT
17 IGNORES SUBSTANTIAL GROUPS WHO RELY ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR OTHER
18 MEANS FOR INFORMATION. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD AND THE REGISTRAR
19 FOLLOW THE ADVISE FROM THE [INAUDIBLE] COALITION LETTER, AND
20 ENGAGE A PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION PLAN TO IMPROVE PUBLIC
21 UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS OF THE MANY CHANGES COMING FOR
22 NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** TAB RHODES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
2 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **TAB RHODES:** YEAH, REGRADING ITEM NUMBER THREE AND GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS TAB RHODES. I AM PRESIDENT OF THE
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,
8 REPRESENTING 9,200 COUNTY FAMILY MEMBERS. I HAVE WORKED MEN'S
9 CENTRAL JAIL AND IN CUSTODY DIVISION THROUGHT MY CAREER, AND I
10 CAN ATTEST TO YOU THAT THIS JAIL IS FAR FROM OPTIMAL FOR THE
11 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE INMATES OR ANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
12 HOWEVER, AS I'VE DISCUSSED WITH EACH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY, THE
13 NEED FOR A JAIL FACILITY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IS A KEY FACTOR
14 IN THE LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND A BENEFIT TO THE
15 CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NEEDED AT
16 THIS POINT TO PROVIDE WRAPAROUND SERVICES OF REHABILITATION
17 NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT OTHER REMOTE JAIL FACILITIES IN THE
18 COUNTY, EASE OF VISITS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO VISIT THEIR
19 INCARCERATED LOVED ONES, SPECIFIC HOUSING FOR HIGH-SECURITY
20 CONCERNS, AND CENTRALIZED ACCESS TO THE DOWNTOWN COURTS.
21 SHOULD MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BE CONSIDERED FOR CLOSURE,
22 COLLABORATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH WILLING
23 PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS, SUCH AS P.P.O.A., WOULD BE APPRECIATED,
24 TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE FAMILIES OF LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
3 HAVE ONE MINUTE NOW TO BEGIN YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
4 PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **TAB RHODES:** THANK YOU. I CONCLUDED. I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE
7 THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH
8 WILLING PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS, AND WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF ANY
9 OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** MADONNA SILVER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
14 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
15 YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 5 FOR
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MADONNA SILVER. I AM 18 YEARS OLD
19 AND CURRENTLY A SOPHOMORE IN COLLEGE. I AM CALLING FOR YOU TO
20 SUPPORT THE MOTION FOR \$25.7 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE
21 YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM. I RECEIVED MY FIRST WORK EXPERIENCE
22 THROUGH THE GLENDALE YOUTH ALLIANCE REFERRED TO ME BY MY
23 SOCIAL WORKER, AND IT FOUND ME A JOB AT THE CITY TREASURER'S
24 OFFICE AS AN ASSISTANT. WHILE WORKING THERE, I GAINED
25 FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE IN A PROFESSIONAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND

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1 [INAUDIBLE]. IT HELPED ME BUILD MY RESUME AND ESTABLISH MY
2 PROFESSIONAL WORK, AND LATER ALLOWED ME TO SECURE A WORK STUDY
3 POSITION AT MY COLLEGE, TO HELP PAY FOR MY EDUCATION. THIS IS
4 WHY THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM MUST BE FUNDED, BECAUSE NOW MORE
5 THAN EVER, DURING THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, UNEMPLOYMENT IS
6 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTING FOSTER YOUTH, WHO ARE HIGHLY
7 SUSCEPTIBLE TO FINANCIAL INSECURITY. THE CONTINUATION OF THIS
8 PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE FOSTER YOUTH LIKE MYSELF EQUAL
9 OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN THE WORKPLACE AND SECURE MEANS OF
10 FINANCIAL STABILITY. PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION TO FUND THE
11 YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MEANS TO EQUITY TO ACHIEVE THEIR
12 EMPLOYMENT GOALS. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

15
16 **MODERATOR:** ABIGAIL ANDRESU, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
17 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
18 YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 5. HELLO, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
21 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE
22 YOUTH@WORK MOTION. MY NAME IS ABIGAIL ANDRESU, AND I'M A
23 FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT WILL
24 PROVIDE FORMER FOSTER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES WE DESPERATELY NEED.
25 ONLY HALF OF US WILL HAVE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT BY AGE 24. ON

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1 AVERAGE, WE CAN ACCUMULATE [INAUDIBLE] HUNDRED THOUSAND
2 DOLLARS IN SOCIAL COSTS OVER OUR LIFETIME. THIS INCLUDES
3 TAXPAYER-FUNDED COSTS, SUCH AS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,
4 INCARCERATION, AND THOSE ABSORBED BY THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS
5 THE COST OF DOING NOTHING. HOWEVER, THIS IS ONLY THE FINANCIAL
6 TOLL, NOT THE CHALLENGES AND EXPERIENCES AS WE LEAVE CARE AND
7 ENTER ADULthood WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF A FAMILY TO GUIDE US TO
8 MAKE BIG DECISIONS. IT'S SCARY, BUT DOING NOTHING CANNOT BE
9 THE RESPONSE. WE NEED PREVENTION, AND PART OF THAT PREVENTION
10 IS THIS YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM. WE NEED THIS TO PASS NOW MORE THAN
11 EVER, WHEN JOBS ARE BECOMING SCARCE, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH WE ARE
12 CLASSIFIED AS YOUTH, WE ARE OWN SOLE PROVIDERS, AND MANY OF US
13 HAVE DEPENDENTS. WE ARE THE FUTURE. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
14 YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

17

18 **MODERATOR:** REZI PEREZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU
19 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 5 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
23 MADAM CHAIR, [INAUDIBLE] YOUTH@WORK. AM REZI PEREZ, AND I AM
24 24 YEARS OLD. [INAUDIBLE] TWO MONTHS AFTER EXITING CARE. I
25 HAVE BEEN A PART OF A SMALL NONPROFIT FOR THE PAST THREE

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1 YEARS. [INAUDIBLE], HOWEVER, THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE FOR
2 MOST FOSTER YOUTH. 75 PERCENT OF FOSTER YOUTH AGE OUT OF THE
3 SYSTEM WITHOUT HAVING SOME TYPE OF WORK EXPERIENCE. THAT MEANS
4 THAT 15,000 OUT OF 20,000 YOUTH THAT EXIT FOSTER CARE EACH
5 YEAR HAVE NEVER HAD ANY TYPE OF WORK EXPERIENCE. PLEASE
6 SUPPORT THE MOTION TO FUND YOUTH@WORK, AND OPEN MORE
7 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO FIND THEIR FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR
8 YOUR TIME.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** ALICIA SMITH, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
13 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5 FOR
17 PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH WAS THE YOUTH@WORK MOTION. AGAIN, MY
18 NAME IS ALICIA SMITH, AND I'M A LEADER WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
19 YOUTH COLLABORATIVE. I'M A STUDENT, AND I'M ALSO AN ADVOCATE
20 FOR SOCIETAL REFORM. AS A MINORITY IN FOSTER CARE, I HAD TO
21 WORK AT A VERY YOUNG AGE TO SUPPORT MYSELF, AND LIVING IN
22 POVERTY FORCED ME TO WORK PART-TIME, MINIMUM WAGE JOBS THAT I
23 DIDN'T NECESSARILY WANT TO WORK, BUT I HAD TO WORK WHATEVER
24 JOB I COULD GET MY HANDS ON. I DIDN'T HAVE THE LUXURY TO TAKE
25 MY TIME TO FIND THE BEST JOB THAT WORKS FOR ME, OR TO USE MY

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1 TIME WORKING AT JOBS THAT DIDN'T PAY ME, LIKE VOLUNTEERING OR
2 INTERNING, WHICH, IN THE LONG RUN, HAS DELAYED MY PROGRESSION
3 TOWARDS MY CAREER PATH. AS MOST JOBS DO, EXTENSIVE TRAINING
4 AND EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED IN MY CAREER, AND IF I HAD THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AT A YOUNGER AGE AND ACTUALLY GET PAID FOR
6 MY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, I WOULD BE IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE
7 FOR SUCCESS AS AN ADULT. SO PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION TO FUND
8 THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM, WHICH WILL HELP YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVE
9 THEIR EMPLOYMENT GOALS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO
10 SPEAK TODAY.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** JOHN SMITH, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
15 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
16 MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. AS A TAXPAYING IMMIGRANT WHO HAS WORKED
19 EXTREMELY HARD TO MOVE OUT OF THE POOR COMMUNITIES WHERE I
20 GREW UP, I TAUGHT MY CHILDREN TO STUDY HARD AND OBEY ALL THE
21 LAWS SO THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE THE SAME AMERICAN DREAM. I ALSO
22 TAUGHT THEM THAT EVERY ACTION HAS CONSEQUENCES, AND I AM VERY
23 CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD, BECAUSE IT SENDS
24 THE EXACT OPPOSITE MESSAGE, AND IT MAKES THE JOBS OF PARENTS
25 THAT MUCH HARDER. ACTS OF CRIME ARE OFTEN PERPETRATED AGAINST

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1 ONE'S OWN RACE, SO YOU ARE NOT PROTECTING VULNERABLE IMMIGRANT
2 COMMUNITIES BY CLOSING JAILS AND REDUCING POLICE. YOU ARE
3 PERPETRATING AND COMPOUNDING THE PROBLEM. PLEASE, PLEASE DO
4 NOT PUNISH PUBLIC SAFETY FOR DOING THEIR JOB. THEY ARE THE
5 ONES WHO WE CALL WHEN WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY, NOT YOU.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** GREG TORRES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
11 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
12 MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE. MY NAME
15 IS GREGORY TORRES, AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY FOR 26 YEARS. I WANT TO GO ON RECORD IN OPPOSITION TO
17 THE PLAN FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN ONE YEAR. IT IS
18 A KNOWN FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY GRANTED
19 AN EARLY RELEASE TO MORE THAN 5,000 INMATES OVER THE LAST FEW
20 MONTHS. THE SHERIFF HIMSELF STATED THAT RELEASING ADDITIONAL
21 INMATES WOULD MEAN PUTTING PEOPLE ON THE STREET THAT YOU WOULD
22 NOT WANT TO SEE ON THE STREET. IT IS ALSO A KNOWN FACT THAT,
23 AS PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTING, VIOLENT CRIMES ARE ON
24 THE RISE IN L.A. COUNTY. DRAWING UP A HASTY PLAN TO CLOSE AN
25 ENORMOUS JAIL WITHIN 12 MONTHS IS THE DEFINITION OF A

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1 DANGEROUS RUSH TO JUDGMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY HAS TO
2 MOVE THE NEEDLE, BUT THIS PLAN TAKES IT TOO FAR, TOO FAST, AND
3 COMPROMISES PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE NEED IN LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** PETER WARREN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
10 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
11 MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 1, GENERAL COMMENT. PETER WARREN, WITH L.A.
14 COUNTY VOTERS' ACTION COALITION IN SAN PEDRO. I HIGHLIGHT
15 SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS AROUND VENDOR AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT FOR
16 NOVEMBER'S ELECTION. IN RESPONSE TO PROBLEMS DURING THE
17 PRIMARY, THE REGISTRAR PLANS TO OUTSOURCE MORE ELECTION-
18 RELATED WORK. DOCUMENTATION OF RELEVANT MANAGEMENT
19 DEFICIENCIES CAN BE FOUND IN THE V.S.A.P. REPORT FOR FORUM
20 GROUP FINDINGS AND OUR COALITION'S LETTERS OF APRIL 27 AND MAY
21 15. FOR EXAMPLE, BEST PRACTICES FOR DEPLOYING NEW TECHNICAL
22 SYSTEMS SHOULD INCLUDE TRAINING BY VENDORS AND ONSITE SUPPORT.
23 NEITHER WERE INCLUDED IN V.S.A.P. CONTRACTS AND MASTER
24 AGREEMENTS. FOCUS BOARD OVERSIGHT ON THIS ISSUE IS CRITICAL.
25 OUTSIDE VENDORS WILL HANDLE MUCH OF THE HUGE JUMP IN VOTE-BY-

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1 MAIL THIS FALL. ASK YOURSELF, IS THE NECESSARY VENDOR CONTRACT
2 LANGUAGE IN PLACE? ASK ALSO, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT ALL VOTERS
3 WILL RECEIVE THEIR MAIL-IN BALLOTS ON TIME AND FREE OF ERRORS?
4 I WANT TO THANK JANICE HAHN, WHO HAS BEEN A GOOD ALLY ALWAYS,
5 AND TO THE BOARD.

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** RON HERNANDEZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
11 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
12 MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **RON HERNANDEZ:** YES, I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 3 AND
15 GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS RON HERNANDEZ. I AM PRESIDENT OF
16 THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. FOR DECADES,
17 EVERYONE HAS KNOWN THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEN'S CENTRAL
18 JAIL FACILITY IS OUTDATED AND ILL-SUITED FOR THE OPERATION IT
19 PROVIDES. IT WAS OUTDATED IN 1985, WHEN I WORKED THERE. IT WAS
20 DESIGNED IN A DIFFERENT ERA FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SET OF
21 CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR A SPECTRUM OF INMATES THAT REQUIRED MINIMAL
22 TO HIGH-SECURITY HOUSING. ALL WE HAVE NOW IS THE HIGH-SECURITY
23 INMATES, AND EVEN THOUGH RELEASES HAVE DECREASED THE
24 POPULATION, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE CONDITIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING,
25 THE POOR CONDITIONS, WE STILL DO NOT HAVE A BETTER OPTION FOR

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1 HIGH-SECURITY IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE COUNTY. WE SUPPORT A
2 PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW CENTRAL JAIL IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND
3 WE HAVE SUPPORTED SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO REPLACE THE CURRENT
4 FACILITY WITH A MORE SUITABLE FACILITY. WHAT WE CAN'T SUPPORT
5 IS THE CLOSURE OF THE CURRENT FACILITY WITH NO PROVISIONS FOR
6 HOUSING THE HIGH-SECURITY INMATES IN M.C.J. ON PUBLIC
7 COMMENT, I JUST WANTED TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THE
9 BEHALF OF THE BUDGET AND THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT. I KNOW
10 THERE'S A LOT OF BACKGROUND STUFF THAT IS DISCOURAGING TO BOTH
11 SIDES, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC AND EVERYTHING THAT'S
12 GOING ON, I THINK WE NEED THE BEST DEPARTMENT POSSIBLE. WE
13 NEED THE FUNDS TO HAVE THE BEST TRAINING POSSIBLE. I THINK
14 L.A. COUNTY DOES, IN FACT, LEAD THE NATION IN HOW WE TRAIN AND
15 HOW WE DO STUFF, AND I WANT TO CONTINUE ON THAT PATH. SO THANK
16 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSIDERATION.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** PATRICIA WENSKUNAS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
21 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
22 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **PATRICIA WENSKUNAS:** AGENDA ITEM THREE, OPPOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
25 JAIL, AND GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD OF

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1 SUPERVISORS. I AM PATRICIA WENSKUNAS, THE FOUNDER AND C.E.O.
2 OF CRIME SURVIVORS. I AM ALSO A SURVIVOR OF ATTEMPTED MURDER,
3 AND I'M CALLING TODAY TO OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF THE MEN'S
4 CENTRAL JAIL, AGENDA ITEM 3. WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, THIS RE-
5 VICTIMIZES VICTIMS OF CRIME. WE HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF CRIME AND
6 ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE WITHOUT FEAR, AND WE ASK YOU
7 TO VOTE NO OR TO RECONSIDER AND PAUSE THIS MOTION, AND SHOW US
8 AND OUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU CARE ABOUT VICTIMS AND PUBLIC
9 SAFETY. IT IS IMPERATIVE, DURING THESE MOST CHALLENGING OF
10 TIMES, TO STAND UNITED FOR CHANGE, BUT NOT AT THE RISK YOU
11 WOULD BE PLACING BY CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. DIVERSION
12 IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF REHABILITATION, BUT NOT ALL
13 INMATES WITHIN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE GOOD CANDIDATES FOR
14 DIVERSION. IF YOU COMMIT A CRIME, YOU SHOULD BE HELD
15 ACCOUNTABLE. IF ONE OFFENDER VICTIMIZES A VICTIM, THE COUNTY
16 WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. PLEASE VOTE NO TO CLOSE MEN'S
17 CENTRAL JAIL. THOSE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S CUSTODY ARE DESERVING
18 OF REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT, AND VICTIMS OF CRIME DESERVE
19 THEIR RIGHTS.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

23
24 **PATRICIA WENSKUNAS:** THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE
25 TREATMENT AND JUSTICE FOR ONE AND FOR ALL. THE PUBLIC IS

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1 DESERVING OF SAFE COMMUNITIES, AND YOU WERE ELECTED TO ENSURE
2 THE BASIC NEEDS ARE MET. PAUSE, RESET, AND WORK TOGETHER FOR
3 OUR COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THANK YOU FOR VOTING NO ON
4 CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND VOTE TO BUILD A NEW ONE,
5 AND FOR SHOWING THE LOUD MESSAGE OF BEING A VOICE FOR THE
6 VOICELESS, AND SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THANK
7 YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** BRISIA GUTIERREZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
12 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
13 YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **BRISIA GUTIERREZ:** HELLO. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER
16 FIVE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRISIA GUTIERREZ. I AM THE
17 OUTREACHING AND ENGAGEMENT FELLOW AT THE ALLIANCE FOR
18 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION
19 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER TO FUND THE
20 YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM. THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM WILL GIVE YOUNG
21 PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP INTO THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE,
22 AND PROVE THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF ANYTHING. WHEN I STARTED MY
23 FIRST FULL-TIME INTERNSHIP, I WAS CONCERNED THAT I COULD NOT
24 HANDLE THE SCHEDULE AND DEMANDS OF WORKING FULL-TIME IN A
25 CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF EMPLOYMENT

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1 EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, I KNEW THAT THIS INTERNSHIP WAS THE
2 OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME, AND I WAS. THANKS TO THE GUIDANCE
3 OF THE PROGRAM AND OFFICE STAFF, I TRULY FELT THAT I WAS
4 CAPABLE OF TACKLING ANY TASK, AND FELT CONFIDENT IN MY
5 ABILITIES AS A LEADER. THE SKILLS AND RELATIONSHIPS I
6 DEVELOPED ALLOW ME TO BE HERE, TALKING TO YOU TODAY, TO PURSUE
7 JUSTICE AND EQUITY FOR CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. I KNOW
8 I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS POSITION IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PEOPLE WHO
9 BELIEVED THAT I WAS VALUABLE AND CAPABLE. BY FUNDING THE
10 YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM, YOU ARE PROVING THAT YOUTH ARE INDEED
11 VALUABLE AND CAPABLE. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA
16 ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
17 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO SPEAK TO
20 ITEMS 2, 6, 12, 14, AND 22. ITEM NUMBER TWO HAS TO DO WITH THE
21 SHERIFF OVERSEEING A SUPPORT TEAM AND [INAUDIBLE]. IN L.A.
22 COUNTY, WE HAVE ALREADY [INAUDIBLE] OF POWER OF [INAUDIBLE]
23 AND SO ON, AND WE CANNOT MAKE THE SHERIFF [INAUDIBLE] ANY OF
24 THE MEETINGS, AND I HAVE BEEN GOING TO MOST OF THOSE MEETINGS.
25 SO SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE, BECAUSE WE CANNOT CONTINUE IN

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1 THAT PATH. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, [INAUDIBLE] VERY IMPORTANT TO
2 INVEST IN A PUBLIC DEFENDER [INAUDIBLE] VERY IMPORTANT. AND
3 ITEM 14, ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, I AM CONCERNED THAT [INAUDIBLE]
4 IS MISSING IN [INAUDIBLE] IN PUBLIC HEALTH [INAUDIBLE], AND SO
5 ON. AND THE LAST ONE, ITEM 22, ON THE ROOM KEY, I AM TOTALLY
6 IN SUPPORT OF THAT ITEM, BUT IT'S REALLY SAD THAT I HAVE TRIED
7 TO PLACE ONE INDIVIDUAL, AND EVERY TIME, WE ARE TOLD THERE IS
8 NO ROOM ACCESSIBLE [INAUDIBLE], SO THAT'S AN ITEM I WOULD LIKE
9 TO REALLY SUPPORT. HAVE A GOOD DAY. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME
10 TO SPEAK.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** ERIC ESCONDARI, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
15 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
16 YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI. IT'S GOING TO BE AGENDA NUMBER THREE, FOR THE
19 CLOSURE OF THE JAIL. I'M CALLING IN OPPOSITION TO CLOSING THE
20 JAIL, BECAUSE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN'T FUNCTION OR BE
21 EFFECTIVE WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. BY CLOSING THIS JAIL, WE'RE
22 GOING TO END UP WITH PEOPLE WHO ORIGINALLY COMMITTED CRIMES
23 OUT ON THE STREET, AND THIS IS GOING TO BE JUST ENCOURAGING A
24 FUTURE GENERATION OF KIDS AND ADULTS TO JUST COMMIT CRIMES,
25 BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO SHOW THAT IT'S OKAY. WE ARE PUTTING

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1 PUBLIC SAFETY BEHIND THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A VICTIM, BECAUSE
2 APPARENTLY NOW IT IS OKAY TO COMMIT CRIME, IT'S OKAY TO GO TO
3 JAIL, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE BEING EARLY-RELEASED ANYWAY. SO WE
4 NEED TO MAKE SURE TO KEEP OUR CONSEQUENCES IN PLACE, TO SHOW
5 THE FUTURE GENERATION THAT IT'S BETTER TO CHOOSE A LIFE NOT OF
6 CRIME, AND OF RESPONSIBILITY, RATHER THAN GOING INTO THIS KIND
7 OF A LIFE. SO WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A LAWLESS SOCIETY, AND
8 THEREFORE WE NEED TO KEEP THIS JAIL OPEN UNTIL WE HAVE A SOLID
9 PLAN AND ALTERNATIVE IN PLACE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
15 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
16 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND
19 CHAIRWOMAN. MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR AND
20 COFOUNDER OF LA DEFENSA. I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK ON GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT, AND SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM THREE, CLOSING DOWN
22 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. BUT BEFORE I GET TO THAT, I DO WANT TO
23 THANK THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS IN THIS
24 MOMENT, FOR MOVING FORWARD THIS MODEL OF CARE FIRST THAT THE
25 WHOLE BOARD HAS STOOD BEHIND. SO JUST THANK YOU TO THE BOARD

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1 FOR REALLY HAVING THAT VISION AND GETTING US THERE, BECAUSE I
2 THINK MOST OF US KNOW THAT WE DIDN'T JUST GET HERE YESTERDAY.
3 WE'VE BEEN ON THIS JOURNEY FOR OVER A YEAR NOW, REALLY
4 DISCUSSING A PLAN OF WHAT TO DO. A LOT OF THE FOLKS CALLING IN
5 HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL DOWN, AND
6 MENTION THAT THERE'S NO PLAN. BUT YOU ALL KNOW, AND WE KNOW,
7 THAT WE'VE DEVELOPED THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST REPORT WITH
8 OVER 100 RECOMMENDATIONS AND 5 STRATEGIES ON HOW TO MAKE SURE
9 THAT OUR COMMUNITIES CAN BE PROTECTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT
10 THEY DON'T END UP FILLING UP THE EMERGENCY ROOMS OR THE JAILS.
11 AND SO WE HAVE A VISION FOR THIS. WE HAVE A CLEAR PATH ON HOW
12 TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. AND ALSO, JUST WANT TO UPLIFT THE
13 FACT THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT ONLY A DUNGEON THAT
14 [INAUDIBLE], BUT IT'S ALSO SUCKING UP OUR RESOURCES. \$160
15 MILLION TO RUN THAT PLACE, AND OVER 90 PERCENT OF IT GOES TO
16 JUST FUNDING SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT. I MEAN, THAT IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE. AND WE KNOW
18 BASED, ON THE R.A.N.D. REPORT, THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
19 PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL
20 HEALTH NEEDS COULD BE BETTER SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S
21 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT WE CAN STILL GET OUT. WE ALSO KNOW,
22 IN THIS JOURNEY THAT WE'VE BEEN ON, THAT O.D.R., IN ITS SHORT
23 LIFESPAN, HAS BEEN EXTREMELY MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS EVER BEEN AT ANYTHING. AND SO IN THIS
25 MOMENT, REALLY UPLIFTING THAT, INSTEAD OF USING \$160 MILLION,

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1 AND CONTINUING MOVING FORWARD, THAT IF WE CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL,
2 WE CAN EXPAND O.D.R. SIGNIFICANTLY. AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED AT
3 THIS MOMENT, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WE HAVE
4 TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE A.T.I. REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS
5 ARE C.O.V.I.D.-19-RESPONSIVE, BECAUSE THEY WILL ADJUST AND
6 ENHANCE THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY
7 MEMBERS.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC
10 COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** GREAT, THANK YOU. YES, SO THE A.T.I.
13 ENHANCES THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, PREVENTING FOLKS
14 FROM EVEN ENTERING THE SYSTEM, OR EVEN THE SYSTEM HAVING
15 ACCESS TO OUR PEOPLE. ALSO, I REALLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ITEM
16 20, WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY \$1.5 MILLION TO
17 EXPAND THE SHERIFF'S MED TEAMS. ALSO IN THE A.T.I. REPORT,
18 THERE ARE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN INTERCEPT ONE THAT ARE
19 REALLY PREVENTATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, SO THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
20 DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS TO OUR PEOPLE. THOSE ACTUALLY SUPPORT
21 EXPANDING THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
22 SUCH AS A PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM. AND IN THIS
23 MOMENT, WHERE WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVES
24 TO INCARCERATION AND A DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF CARE, MOVING
25 THIS MONEY TO THE SHERIFF GOES AGAINST ALL OF WHAT WE HAVE

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1 DONE, ESPECIALLY IN HAVING THEM HANDLE MOMENTS OF CRISIS FOR
2 OUR MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS. SO I REALLY URGE YOU ALL TO LOOK
3 AT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** SACA EWAS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU
8 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M CALLING REGARDING AGENDA NUMBER THREE.
12 GOOD MORNING. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE
13 OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. EVERYBODY MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
14 FOR THEIR ACTIONS. THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO BREAK THE LAW AND
15 VICTIMIZE OUR COMMUNITIES. AFTER A.B. 109, PROP 37, AND PROP
16 57, THERE ARE FAR LESS CONSEQUENCES FOR COMMITTING CRIMES, AND
17 FAR LESS CONCERN ABOUT THE VICTIMS. VICTIMS DON'T SPEAK UP
18 BECAUSE OF ONE SIMPLE REASON: THEY LIVE IN FEAR. ONLY THOSE
19 WHO LIVE IN UNSAFE COMMUNITIES KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO LIVE IN
20 FEAR. ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE TO
21 PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY. WITHOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, OUR COMMUNITIES
22 CANNOT THRIVE ACADEMICALLY, PROFESSIONALLY, OR OTHERWISE. OUR
23 CHILDREN MUST FEEL SAFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND CUTTING LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT AND REDUCING JAIL BEDS MAKES OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
25 LESS SAFE. YES, WE NEED NONPROFITS TO PROVIDE SERVICES, BUT WE

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1 MUST ALSO HAVE ADEQUATE PATROL DEPUTIES AND JAIL BEDS FOR
2 THOSE WHO INSIST ON PREYING ON VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. PLEASE
3 OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU.

4

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** SIAN HOE, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU
8 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM OPPOSING THE CLOSING OF M.C.J.,
12 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE. WE NEED TO PLAN FIRST AND HAVE A
13 FACILITY TO HOUSE THESE CRIMINALS. RELEASING THOSE INMATES
14 WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR CITY. MY FAMILY'S AND YOUR
15 FAMILY'S SAFETY IS AT RISK. DUE TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BEING IN
16 ITS LOCATION, INMATES BENEFIT GREATLY FROM FAMILY VISITS, AND
17 I GREATLY OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU
18 FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** LAURIE COLLIER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
23 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
24 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA NUMBER 5,
2 YOUTH@WORK. MY NAME IS LAURIE COLLIER. I'M WITH THE ALLIANCE
3 FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. [INAUDIBLE] THE OPPORTUNITY
4 COLLABORATIVE, WHICH IS A CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIP AIMED AT
5 IMPROVING THE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT TRAJECTORY FOR
6 TRANSITION-AGED FOSTER YOUTH. THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM IS THE
7 LARGEST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SERVING LOS ANGELES
8 YOUTH, OFTEN FROM DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ACROSS
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS OFTEN THE FIRST EMPLOYMENT
10 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING FOSTER YOUTH, TO BUILD
11 THEIR RESUMES. UNEMPLOYMENT AND HOMELESSNESS ARE
12 INTERDEPENDENT CONCEPTS. THE [INAUDIBLE] STUDY REPORTS 50
13 PERCENT OF FOSTER YOUTH WILL BE UNEMPLOYED BY THE AGE OF 24,
14 AND HALF OF ALL YOUNG ADULTS WHO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE END UP
15 HOMELESS OR INCARCERATED. THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM HELPS BREAK
16 THE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN UNEMPLOYMENT AND HOMELESSNESS.
17 THEREFORE, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT IN FULLY
18 FUNDING THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 CONSIDERATION.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** DWAYNE BINSHADLER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
24 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
25 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME'S DWAYNE BINSHADLER. I AM SPEAKING FOR THE
3 L.A. COUNTY VOTERS' ACTION COALITION ON THE TOPIC OF
4 MANAGEMENT [INAUDIBLE] ON AGENDA ITEM S-1, AND MAKING A
5 GENERAL COMMENT. THE MARCH 3RD PRIMARY WOULD BE MULTIPLE
6 MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES. THE TRANSITION TO VOTE CENTERS WAS NOT
7 ADEQUATELY PLANNED. PROBLEMS WITH LOCATION PLANNING, STAFFING,
8 I.T. AND PHONE SUPPORT ALL CONTRIBUTED TO LONG LINES. QUALITY
9 CONTROL ISSUES AND TRANSFER OF VOTER RECORDS INTO THE E.M.S.
10 SYSTEM RESULTED IN 17,000 VOTERS NOT RECEIVING MAIL-IN
11 BALLOTS. THE E.M.S. IS KNOWN TO BE OLD TECHNOLOGY, AND SIMILAR
12 PROBLEMS HAVE OCCURRED BEFORE, IN 2018, FOR EXAMPLE. NO
13 REALISTIC LOAD TESTING OF POLL BOOKS MEANT LONG DELAYS AT
14 POLLING STATIONS, AS WELL. THERE IS NO CONTINGENCY PLAN IN
15 PLACE TO HANDLE THE LIKELY EVENT THAT FEWER THAN PREDICTED
16 VOTERS WOULD CHOOSE EARLY VOTING. THERE'S A PATTERN OF
17 PLANNING THAT IS TOO OPTIMISTIC, OR THAT FAILS TO CONSIDER
18 LIKELY RISKS. THIS [INAUDIBLE] IN MULTIPLE REPORTS, INCLUDING
19 THE REGISTRAR'S OWN V.S.A.P. REPORT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE?

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** JANIAN PETERSON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
2 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
3 YOU MAY BEGIN. JANIAN PETERSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** CAROLE BROOKS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
8 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
9 MAY BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CAROLE BROOKS. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL'S DISTRICT, AND I'M CALLING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 10.
13 I THINK IT IS AMAZING THAT THE O.D.R. HAS SUCCESSFULLY
14 DIVERTED OVER 5,000 PEOPLE OUT OF JAILS AND INTO SERVICES, AND
15 THAT AFTER A YEAR IN THE O.D.R. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM, 86
16 PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS HAVE NO NEW FELONY CONVICTIONS. AS
17 SOMEONE WHO SUFFERS FROM MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, INCLUDING
18 ONE THAT NEARLY TOOK MY LIFE, I UNDERSTAND HOW LIFESAVING THE
19 MENTAL HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY IS, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE WHERE I
20 WOULD BE IF I'D BEEN PUT IN A CAGE INSTEAD OF GETTING THE HELP
21 I NEEDED. IT SEEMS, THOUGH, THAT MENTAL HEALTHCARE IS OFTEN
22 SEEN AS A LUXURY, AND I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE REPRIORITIZED AS
23 A BASIC NEED, AND ONE THAT IS PROVIDED FOR IN PLACE OF
24 INCARCERATION. I FEEL EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE HEALTHCARE I
25 HAVE HAD ACCESS TO, AND I HAVE HOPE FOR WHAT THE O.D.R. CAN

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1 DO, SEEING ALL IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED DESPITE BEING TREMENDOUSLY
2 UNDERFUNDED. CURRENTLY, THE O.D.R. ONLY RECEIVES 1 PERCENT OF
3 THE TOTAL PUBLIC PROTECTION BUDGET, WHILE THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF OUR
5 TAX DOLLARS, WITH A \$3.4 BILLION BUDGET.

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** JO CHASE, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU
11 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANKS. YEAH, MY NAME IS JO CHASE. I LIVE IN
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT, AND I AM CALLING TO SPEAK ON
16 AGENDA ITEMS 3, 10, 13, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. THANKS FOR YOUR
17 TIME. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CLOSING-- THIS IS FOR AGENDA ITEM
18 THREE. I SUPPORT THE CLOSING OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND
19 COMMEND SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR TAKING THIS BOLD
20 ACTION IN FREEING UP THE OPERATIONAL COST OF THE FACILITY THAT
21 CONTINUES TO UNDERMINE THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF OUR
22 COMMUNITIES, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE BOARD TO FOCUS ON MAXIMIZING
23 OTHER CRITICAL EFFORTS, SUCH AS DIVERTING UPWARDS OF 70
24 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S JAILED MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION, IN
25 ADDITION TO A 160 MILLION OPERATIONS COST. CLOSING M.C.J. WILL

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1 MEAN \$37.7 MILLION IN REFURBISHMENT FUNDS, AND EVEN MORE IN
2 MAINTENANCE COSTS, WOULD BE FREED UP FOR THE A.T.I.
3 IMPLEMENTATION THAT COMMUNITIES NEED CARE, NOT CAGES. AND IN
4 KIND OF RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE CALLING IN AND SAYING
5 THAT THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS A PLACE OF SAFETY, I KNOW OF
6 MANY MOTHERS WHO NEVER WERE ABLE TO HEAR WHERE THEIR SONS WERE
7 WHEN THEY ENTERED THE M.C.J., AND THEY WERE WAITING TO HEAR
8 ABOUT THEIR SON'S OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBER'S HEALTH FOR MONTHS
9 IN M.C.J. IT IS NOT NECESSARILY A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL. AGENDA
10 ITEM 10: THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY HAS SUCCESSFULLY
11 DIVERTED OVER 5,000 PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAILS AND INTO SERVICES.
12 AFTER A YEAR IN O.D.R. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS, 86 PERCENT
13 OF PARTICIPANTS HAD NO NEW FELONY CONVICTIONS, JUST WHAT THE
14 LAST CALLER WAS TALKING ABOUT. JUST TO FOLLOW THAT, I'LL JUST
15 SAY THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE
16 LION'S SHARE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS, WITH A \$3.4 BILLION BUDGET.
17 IF THE BOARD TRULY BELIEVES IN THE CARE FIRST VISION, IF YOU
18 TRULY HEAR OUR STORIES, IF YOU TRULY UNDERSTAND ALL OF THESE
19 STORIES THAT HAVE BEEN TOLD TO YOU OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
20 YEARS, YOU SHOULD BE DIVERTING LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS INTO THE
21 PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PROVEN TO WORK, NOT JUST TO
22 MAINTAIN THE JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT OF WONDERFUL, I'M SURE,
23 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING IN THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE RACIST VIOLENCE THAT HAS
25 ACCRUED OVER THE YEARS IS NOT GOING AWAY.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT, AGENDA ITEM 13. I JUST
6 WANT TO ALSO TALK ABOUT THAT REALLY QUICK. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
7 CREATION OF AN A.T.I. FUND TO URGE THE COUNTY TO TAKE EVEN
8 BOLDER STEPS TOWARD THE CARE-FIRST BUDGET. THE BOARD SHOULD BE
9 TAPPING THE RAINY DAY FUND, C.O.V.I.D.-19 FEDERAL DOLLARS, AND
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING FOR A.T.I. NOW. INVESTING THESE FUNDS
11 IN A.T.I. WOULD SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY
12 IN THE LONGSTANDING INEQUALITIES THAT HAVE PLAGUED BLACK,
13 BROWN, HOUSELESS, AND LOW-INCOME PEOPLE FOR TOO LONG. THIS IS
14 NOT A MOMENT OF INCREMENTAL REFORM. THIS IS A MOMENT FOR BOLD,
15 DECISIVE, AND TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION. TO THESE CALLERS THAT
16 HAVE CALLED IN TODAY AND ARE SPEWING OUT DIFFERENT FRAGMENTS
17 OF INFORMATION AND MISINFORMATION, EVERYONE WANTS TO BE SAFE.
18 AND I THINK WHERE THE NUMBERS ARE SHOWING UP HERE IS THAT
19 REFORM IS NOT HELPING, BUT THINGS LIKE THE O.D.R., OR THINGS
20 THAT HAVE PROVEN TO WORK, TO ACTUALLY IMPROVE THE LIVES OF
21 PEOPLE WHO END UP IN INCARCERATION, THAT'S GOING TO LEAVE US
22 ALL SAFER AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHETHER WE UNDERSTAND HOW
23 THAT WORKS OR NOT.

24

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** PHAL SOK, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU
3 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **PHAL SOK:** HI, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS PHAL SOK, WITH THE YOUTH
7 JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
8 PASS MOTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, AND 20.
9 LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, SPEAKING AS
10 SOMEBODY DIRECTLY IMPACTED, SPEAKING AS SOMEBODY THAT'S
11 FORMERLY INCARCERATED, SOMEBODY THAT CAUSED HARM IN OUR
12 COMMUNITIES, THAT CAGE, THAT BOX OF CONCRETE THAT YOU SPEND
13 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR ON DID NOT STOP ME FROM DOING THAT
14 HARM. IT DOESN'T STOP ANYBODY FROM DOING ANYTHING. IT'S ABOUT
15 CHOICES THAT PEOPLE MAKE. AND ULTIMATELY, WHAT I NEEDED WAS
16 SOMEBODY TO GUIDE ME IN THOSE CHOICES. I NEEDED SUPPORT FROM
17 FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY TO COME AND LOVE ME AND CARE FOR ME,
18 AND THE ONLY THING WE HAVE FOR YOU IS A MAN WITH A BADGE AND A
19 FIREARM. AND WHEN I STEP OUTSIDE MY DOOR, [INAUDIBLE]. AND
20 EVERYBODY I SAW HERE SAYING THAT WE NEED THIS CAGES, WE NEED
21 THIS BOX, THEY WOULD HAVE THIS COUNTY GO BANKRUPT. THEY WOULD
22 HAVE ALL THE MONEY TAKEN AWAY FROM O.D.R., AND BUILD MORE
23 CONCRETE BOXES. THAT IS ALL THEY'RE THINKING ABOUT. ALL THEY
24 THINK ABOUT IS A PLACE OF FEAR. THEY'RE NOT THINKING FROM A
25 PLACE OF COURAGE THAT THE BOARD HAS HAD OVER THE LAST YEAR,

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1 TWO, THREE, FOUR YEARS, AND CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW TO MOVE
2 AWAY FROM THIS FRAMEWORK. HOW DO WE MOVE AWAY FROM PUNISHMENT,
3 AND HOW DO WE MOVE INTO ACCOUNTABILITY? SO THE JAIL AND THE
4 CAGE, IT'S PUNISHMENT. PUNISHMENT IS NOT ACCOUNTABILITY.
5 CRIMES ARE NOT ALL HARMS. NOT ALL HARMS ARE ALSO CRIMES. WE
6 HAVE TO DRAW THESE DISTINCTIONS TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE TALKING
7 ABOUT. AND SO I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE
8 ON A PATH OF LOOKING AT THE A.T.I., LOOKING AT THE FRAMEWORK
9 AND THE PLANNING THAT FOLKS HAVE COME TOGETHER TO REALLY TALK
10 ABOUT, BECAUSE THAT'S TRUE PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT CAGE IS NOT
11 DOING ANYTHING TO STOP ANYTHING FROM OCCURRING. IT IS
12 PREDICATED ON SOMETHING HAVING OCCURRED. SO HOW DO WE GET TO A
13 PLACE WHERE NOTHING OCCURS TO BEGIN WITH? THE CAGES DO NOT
14 HELP THAT. CAGES, THEY SEEM LIKE A DETERRENT, BUT ULTIMATELY,
15 IF THEY WERE REALLY EFFECTIVE, NOBODY WOULD GO CAUSE HARM IN
16 OUR COMMUNITIES. NOBODY WOULD GO VIOLATE THESE IDEAS OF LAW
17 AND ORDER. FOLKS CHOOSE TO DO THINGS THAT ARE KNOWN AS CRIMES
18 IN SOCIETY BECAUSE THE SOCIETY PREPARES THE CRIME FOR PEOPLE
19 TO GO AND COMMIT. BY THE WAY, SOCIETY HAS LOOKED AT PEOPLE--

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **PHAL SOK:** OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE SUFFERED FOR A LONG TIME. WHEN
25 I WAS 16, I DIDN'T HAVE A YOUTH CENTER TO GO TO. I DIDN'T HAVE

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1 ANYBODY. NOBODY CAME TO CHECK ON ME. NOTHING. I DIDN'T HAVE A
2 SUMMER JOB TO GO TO. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OF THAT. SO THAT IS WHY
3 PEOPLE GO AND DO THINGS. THAT'S WHY: BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT
4 BEEN SUPPORTED. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED ANYTHING. IT IS A
5 VACUUM THAT YOU PUT PEOPLE IN, AND YOU FORCE THEM INTO
6 TERRIBLE CHOICES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO OTHER OUTCOME, THEY
7 HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. AND SO I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO LISTEN
8 TO FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED, TO LISTEN TO FOLKS THAT HAVE
9 BEEN TO THAT JAIL. I'VE BEEN IN THAT JAIL. I KNOW WHAT IT IS
10 LIKE. I HAVE SEEN THE BIGGEST RATS IN THAT JAIL. THE BIGGEST
11 RATS I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. IS THAT WHERE PEOPLE NEED TO
12 BE? THAT'S TRAUMA IN THOSE PLACES. NO WINDOWS, NO AIR,
13 NOTHING. AND WHEN IT IS BLACKOUT, IT IS ENTIRELY DARK. YOU
14 CAN'T SEE ANYTHING WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT, BECAUSE THERE IS
15 NOTHING FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD GOING IN THERE. AND WHEN I
16 LEFT, I BECAME SO PALE. I LOST ALL THE COLOR, AND I'M NOT A
17 WHITE PERSON. AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU--

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAM CHAIR, THE
20 ONE HOUR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT HAS NOW EXPIRED.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS
23 HAS ENDED. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK.
24 IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT
25 WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE

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1 TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
2 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. SO WITH THAT,
3 WE ARE NOW GOING TO CALL ON THE SHERIFF, WHO REQUESTED TO
4 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 13, AND 20.
5 SHERIFF, WE WILL GIVE YOU 5 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THESE ITEMS.

6

7 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, LET ME START WITH ITEM NUMBER 2,
8 WHICH IS SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1185, THE SHERIFF'S
9 OVERSIGHT BOARD. I SUPPORT THE NOTION OF OVERSIGHT IN ITS
10 ENTIRETY. HOWEVER, IT HAS TO BE INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT. AND THE
11 EFFORTS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FALLS FAR SHORT OF THAT
12 INDEPENDENCE, AND I THINK ALSO, GIVEN WHAT WE'RE SEEING
13 TRANSPIRE IN CITY GOVERNMENT, WITH THE ARREST OF COUNCILMAN
14 ENGLANDER AND THE ARREST OF COUNCILMAN HUIZAR BY THE F.B.I.,
15 AND A VERY LARGESCALE CORRUPTION PROBE AT CITY HALL, IT
16 DOESN'T TAKE A WHOLE LOT TO BELIEVE THAT ABSOLUTE POWER
17 CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY. SO I THINK THE ISSUE OF AN INSPECTOR
18 GENERAL AND OVERSIGHT NEEDS TO BE FOR ALL OF COUNTY
19 GOVERNMENT. THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I
20 WOULD SUPPORT AN INSPECTOR GENERAL WHO IS VOTED ON BY THE
21 PUBLIC AT LARGE, SO HE'S NOT BEHOLDEN TO ANY POLITICAL
22 INTERESTS. THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 2. AND I'M GOING TO SKIP TO ITEM
23 NUMBER 6. I WILL GET TO NUMBER THREE, WHICH IS THE JAILS AND
24 THE RELATED ITEMS. BUT ON ITEM NUMBER 6, YOU RECEIVED A LETTER
25 YESTERDAY TO YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

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1 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 1421, WHICH IS EMBODIED IN 832.7 OF THE
2 PENAL CODE. AND IF YOU READ THROUGH THE LETTER WHICH YOU
3 RECEIVED YESTERDAY, WE HAVE SUBMITTED MULTIPLE REQUESTS FOR
4 RESOURCES, IN TERMS OF SOFTWARE FOR REDACTION AND FOR
5 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO SATISFY S.B. 1421. AND THIS GOES BACK
6 TO THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, IN FISCAL YEARS '18-'19,
7 FISCAL YEARS '19-'20, AND FISCAL YEARS '20-'21. IN JANUARY
8 2019, WE SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR BUDGET TO PURCHASE US
9 SOFTWARE, AND FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. THE REQUEST WAS DENIED
10 BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. APRIL 2019: THE SAME REQUEST.
11 REQUEST DEFERRED BY THE C.E.O. JULY 2019: REQUEST DEFERRED BY
12 C.E.O. JANUARY 2020: REQUEST DEFERRED BY THE C.E.O. APRIL
13 2020: IN THE BUDGET PROCESS, THE REQUEST WAS DEFERRED BY THE
14 C.E.O. AND NOW, IN JULY 2020, THEIR ISSUE IS NOW PENDING AS
15 PART OF THE CURRENT BUDGET DELIBERATION. BUT THE POINT IS WE
16 HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR IT EVER SINCE THIS CAME ON THE HORIZON,
17 TO HAVE THE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE S.B. 1421 FULL
18 TRANSPARENCY, JUST LIKE WITH THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS. THE BALL
19 IS IN YOUR COURT WITH THE FUNDING. WE HAVE BEEN DENIED
20 REPEATEDLY, AND WE CAN'T JUST PULL OUT OF [INAUDIBLE] HAD THE
21 RESOURCES TO DO SO, BUT WE REPURPOSED OUR AUDITS AND
22 ACCOUNTBILITY BUREAU TO HANDLE 1421 REQUESTS, AND HOPEFULLY,
23 BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WE'LL BE MAKING SOME PROGRESS, BUT WE
24 HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY COOPERATION FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND
25 YOUR BOARD IN THAT ISSUE. ALL RIGHT, LET ME TAKE NOW OVER

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1 TO... HOLD ON ONE SECOND. LET ME MOVE NOW TO THE AGENDA ITEMS
2 IN RELATION TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND THAT IS
3 RELATED TO ITEMS 10, 13, AND 20. AND IF WE GO TO THE CLOSURE
4 OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, YOU HEARD QUITE A BIT FROM THE
5 COMMUNITY. THEY ARE NOT TERRIBLY IMPRESSED WITH THE IDEA, WITH
6 THE EXCEPTION OF THAT SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNITY THAT IS PART OF
7 THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED COMMUNITY. BUT LET ME POINT YOU TO SOME
8 AUTHORITIES THAT YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF. PENAL CODE SECTION
9 4015 STATES, "THE SHERIFF SHALL RECEIVE ALL PERSONS COMMITTED
10 TO JAIL BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY," AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE
11 ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM, AND ALSO
12 INCLUDE THE PEOPLE ON BAIL, AND THAT IS ONGOING. GOVERNMENT
13 CODE SECTION 26605: "THE SHERIFF SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF AND BE
14 THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO KEEP THE COUNTY JAIL AND
15 THE PRISONERS IN IT, INCLUDING PERSONS CONFINED TO THE COUNTY
16 JAIL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION 3454 OF THE PENAL
17 CODE FOR A VIOLATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN." SO
18 THIS IS VERY SPECIFIC, AND THAT IS PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITY
19 AS SHERIFF, IS AROUND THE JAIL. IT IS PART OF STATE LAW. IT'S
20 PART OF OUR OBLIGATION TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE. AND WE HAD
21 A PLAN TO ACTUALLY DEMOLISH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND REPLACE IT
22 WITH A FACILITY THAT WAS SMALLER IN SIZE; NOT AN EXPANSION
23 THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO SELL, BUT ACTUALLY A RETRACTION IN THE
24 SIZE OF THE FOOTPRINT OF THE JAIL SYSTEM IN IT'S ENTIRETY. AND
25 YOU REJECTED IT, AND YOU PAID AN \$8 MILLION PENALTY IN THE

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1 PROCESS. AND BY REJECTING THAT, YOU LEFT US WITH THE DUNGEON
2 THAT WE HAVE TODAY, KNOWN AS MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HOWEVER, THE
3 JAIL SYSTEM TODAY HOUSES 1,199 MURDER SUSPECTS, 762 ATTEMPTED
4 MURDER SUSPECTS, 65 MANSLAUGHTER SUSPECTS, 105 RAPE SUSPECTS,
5 391 CHILD MOLESTATION SUSPECTS, 1,200 ROBBERY SUSPECTS, 142
6 CARJACKING SUSPECTS, 743 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUSPECTS. THESE ARE
7 FELONY SUSPECTS WITH INJURIES TO THEIR COHABITANTS. 85 HUMAN
8 TRAFFICKING SUSPECTS, 64 KIDNAPPING SUSPECTS, 1,717 ASSAULT
9 WITH A DEADLY WEAPON SUSPECTS, AND 178 ARSONS. NOW, YOU TELL
10 ME HOW SAFE YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE WITH THEM OUT THERE
11 IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT IS THE NATURE OF THE POPULATION OF THE
12 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM RIGHT NOW. WE ALREADY RELEASED 5,300
13 INMATES, AND DURING THAT PROCESS OF RELEASING THE 5,300, WE
14 ALREADY GOT RID OF THE LOWEST LEVEL OFFENDERS. AND ALSO, THE
15 ZERO BAIL POLICY ENACTED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM AND THE
16 JUDICIAL COUNCIL FOR THE STATE ASSISTED IN GETTING THE NUMBERS
17 DOWN TO 5,300. WE HAD PEOPLE THAT WERE CLOSE TO FINISHING
18 THEIR SENTENCE. WE GOT RID OF THOSE. SO, BASICALLY, WHAT IS
19 LEFT BEHIND OF THE 12,000 LEFT BEHIND IS A CONCENTRATION OF
20 THE MOST DANGEROUS INMATES IN THE JAIL SYSTEM RIGHT NOW. THERE
21 IS NO WAY AROUND IT. AND ANY STUDY FROM R.A.N.D. OR FROM THE
22 O.D.R., CLAIMING THAT THEY DIVERTED SUCCESSFULLY 5,000 PEOPLE,
23 OR WHATEVER NUMBER THEY ARE TRYING TO SAY, THOSE ARE NOT
24 ACCURATE NUMBERS. THEY ARE COUNTING THE SAME PEOPLE MULTIPLE
25 TIMES.

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1

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

3

4 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WAIT. WE HAVE ONE MORE THING. YOU SAID 5
5 MINUTES. HOLD ON.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'VE ACTUALLY GONE OVER, BUT I'LL GIVE
8 YOU ANOTHER MINUTE. THAT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO GO ON TO THE
9 NEXT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ITEM YOU'RE SPEAKING ON NOW.

10

11 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** I JUST WANT TO GO ON TO ONE THING.
12 REGARDLESS OF THE AUTHORITIES, THE WHOLE DEFUNDING PROCESS OF
13 THE OTHER ITEMS, WHICH IS 10, 13, AND 20, IT SOVED AN END RUN
14 USING THE FUNDING MECHANISMS TO TRANSFER OUR BUDGET TO OTHER
15 ENTITIES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE THE
16 SAME MEANS AS CUTTING OFF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FROM FUNDING. BUT
17 ON SUNDAY, ISABELLA CORTES, A 13-YEAR-OLD INNOCENT YOUNG CHILD
18 LOST HER LIFE AT THE HANDS OF SOMEONE WHO WAS RELEASED FROM
19 THE COUNTY JAIL UNDER THE ZERO BAIL POLICY. SHE PAID THE
20 ULTIMATE SACRIFICE, AND SHE WAS AN INNOCENT VICTIM. AND THAT
21 IS A NAME WE NEED TO REMEMBER. AND WHEN PEOPLE SAY, SAY YOUR
22 NAME, OR SAY HIS OR HER NAME, WE NEED TO SAY THE NAME OF
23 ISABELLA CORTES. BECAUSE HAD WE NOT HAD THE ZERO BAIL POLICY
24 IN PLACE, SHE WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY, BECAUSE THE PERSON WAS ON
25 PROBATION, HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON A FELONY WEAPONS VIOLATION,

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1 WOULD HAVE BEEN A NO-BAIL, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN IN JAIL ON
2 SUNDAY, INSTEAD OF CARJACKING A CARLOAD OF CHILDREN, CAUSING
3 HER TO BE EJECTED AND LOSING HER LIFE IN THE PROCESS. SO THE
4 POINT IS, AND THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS THAT WE ARE DEALING
5 WITH PEOPLES' LIVES HERE. AND IT IS VERY EASY FOR THE JUSTICE-
6 INVOLVED TO SAY, "WELL, IF THE CONSEQUENCES WERE NOT SEVERE OR
7 THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION, WE WOULD BE DOING
8 BETTER." BUT IT ALWAYS NEGATES THE FACT THAT VICTIMS ARE THE
9 ONES THAT BEAR THE BRUNT OF ALL THE DECARCERATION AND WHATEVER
10 THE FLAVOR OF THE DAY IS. AND OUR OBLIGATION IS PUBLIC SAFETY.
11 IN MAINTAINING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY, WE NEED TO PLACE A HOUSE
12 OVER A THOUSAND PEOPLE IN SINGLE-MAN CELLS, AND THAT IS MEN'S
13 CENTRAL JAIL. UNTIL WE HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE TO HOUSE THEM, IT
14 HAS TO STAY IN PLACE, AND WORKING AND FUNCTIONING. AND I'M
15 GOING TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE THAT ARE IN JAIL, THAT
16 CANNOT BE RELEASED, THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR MENTAL
17 HEALTHCARE. AND YOU ARE NOT DOING THAT RIGHT NOW. SO ANYWAY,
18 ANY QUESTIONS? MORE THAN HAPPY TO TAKE THEM.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. ALL RIGHT, I SEE NO
21 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
22 INPUT. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON NOW. MADAM EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE
24 WILL BE VOTING ON TODAY.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-D, 1, 2,
2 4 AS REVISED, 7 THROUGH 9, 11, 15, 17. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER ABSTAINS. 18, 19 AS REVISED, 20, 21, 22, 23. ON ITEM
4 23, THIS ITEM WILL BE RECONSIDERED AND INCLUDED WITH THE ITEMS
5 BEFORE THE BOARD. 24, 26 THROUGH 27, 29 THROUGH 34, 36 THROUGH
6 39, 40-A, 43 THROUGH 47, 48 AS REVISED.

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8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS,
10 WITH THE EXCEPTION, AS NOTED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
11 CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

19

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

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

7

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

9

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

11 0.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP ITEMS HELD

14 BY SUPERVISORS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 3, FOLLOWED BY

15 THE SET MATTER S-1, THEN ITEM NUMBER 5, ITEM NUMBER 6, ITEMS

16 10 AND 13, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ITEM NUMBER 12,

17 ITEM 14, ITEM 16, ITEM 28 AND 35, WHICH ARE RELATED, AND

18 FINISHING UP WITH ITEM A-4. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH

19 ITEM NUMBER 3, DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL

20 JAIL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDUCES ITS

21 RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SO

22 YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I DO

25 WANT TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT WELL OVER 1,500 E-MAILS CAME

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1 IN IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 3, AND 20 CAME IN OPPOSED. SO WE
2 DIDN'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HEARING EVERYBODY THAT WAS TRYING
3 TO GET ON THE LINE. SO I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR, AND I
4 AM SURE THAT IS ALL AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR PUBLIC RECORD. SO I
5 WANT TO BEGIN BY SAYING THAT BACK IN JUNE, WE APPROVED A
6 MOTION THAT WAS PUT FORWARD BY OUR COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISORS
7 HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT REQUESTED A PLAN FROM OUR JUSTICE
8 PARTNERS AND HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS
9 FOR MAINTAINING THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS BELOW
10 THE STATE RATED CAPACITY OF THE JAIL SYSTEM. THE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME OUT OF THAT MOTION WOULD SEEK TO
12 MAINTAIN THE IMPRESSIVE REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
13 INCARCERATED IN OUR JAILS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH
14 ONGOING COLLABORATIONS ACROSS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FROM A POPULATION OF WELL OVER
16 17,000 INCARCERATED PEOPLE PER DAY BEFORE THE C.O.V.I.D.
17 PANDEMIC HIT, TO AROUND 12,000 FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.
18 THAT'S A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 5,000. ALONG WITH THE CONTINUED
19 DOWNWARD TREND IN CRIME COUNTYWIDE, WE HAVE MADE, I KNOW,
20 TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN ONLY A FEW MONTHS, BUT I THINK NONE OF
21 US WOULD HAVE EXPECTED OR COULD HAVE PREDICTED THAT THIS WOULD
22 HAPPEN. AND I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
23 JOINING ME AS CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION, WHICH I BELIEVE BUILDS
24 ON SUPERVISOR HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, BY ASKING THAT
25 THE SAME GROUP ALSO REPORT BACK WITH A PLAN ON HOW TO CLOSE

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1 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN A YEAR. THIS MOTION BEFORE US SEEKS
2 TO OPEN UP A SERIOUS AND COMMITTED CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT IT
3 WOULD TAKE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN ONE YEAR. THE
4 FREQUENT REPORTS BACK WILL, I BELIEVE, ALLOW US TO GAIN MORE
5 INSIGHT INTO ALL THE DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED PIECES
6 NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE OUTCOME THAT I BELIEVE ALL WILL
7 STRIVE FOR. WHILE I KNOW THAT THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF
8 C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAVE PUT EVERYTHING INTO A SENSE OF SUSPENDED
9 REALITY, THIS MOTION SEEKS TO USE THIS TIME TO PLAN FOR A NEAR
10 AND DIFFERENT FUTURE, WHEN THE CONSTRAINTS PLACED BY
11 C.O.V.I.D.-19 ARE MORE UNDER CONTROL, AND WE CAN BEGIN TO
12 IMPLEMENT OUR COLLECTIVE VISION THAT HAS BEEN STATED TIME AND
13 TIME AGAIN: CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH, WHICH WE ALL
14 ADOPTED LAST YEAR. PREVIOUSLY, WE HAVE ONLY CONSIDERED THE
15 CLOSING OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN THE CONTEXT OF CONVERSATIONS
16 OF REPLACING IT WITH A DIFFERENT JAIL. BUT LAST YEAR, WE DID
17 NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANS FOR THE MIRA LOMA'S WOMEN'S
18 JAIL OR THE CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CENTER PLANS.
19 WE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY QUESTIONS THAT HAVE
20 NEVER BEEN ASKED, AND THEREFORE NEVER ANSWERED, ABOUT WHETHER
21 WE EVEN NEEDED A NEW JAIL. AND NOW WE'RE IN A NEW MOMENT THAT
22 NONE OF US COULD HAVE ANTICIPATED, WHERE THE JAIL POPULATIONS
23 HAVE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND ENOUGH TO CONSIDER CLOSING
24 THIS FACILITY MORE READILY THAN WE COULD HAVE PREVIOUSLY
25 IMAGINED. I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT LAST YEAR, I COMMITTED TO

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1 MOVING FORWARD TO DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING A CARE
2 FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH. THAT REQUIRED TAKING THE
3 POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH ANOTHER
4 FACILITY TAKEN OFF THE TABLE, SO TO SPEAK, IN ORDER TO FULLY
5 EXPLORE BUILDING UP COMMUNITY-BASED NETWORKS OF CARE AND
6 SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY
7 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I AM STILL COMMITTED TO PURSUING A
8 PATH FORWARD THAT DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE INVESTING IN JAIL
9 CONSTRUCTION, WHICH WOULD ONLY ALLOW US TO RELY ON
10 INCARCERATION AS A RESPONSE TO OUR RESIDENTS' NEED FOR
11 HOUSING, NUTRITION, FOOD, ECONOMIC STABILITY, TREATMENT, AND
12 HEALTHCARE. I HEARD A FEW CONCERNS THAT PUSHING TO CLOSE MEN'S
13 CENTRAL JAIL DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEEDS OF
14 VICTIMS OF CRIME, INCLUDING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
15 HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT VICTIMS AND THEIR UNIQUE
16 NEEDS AND EXPERIENCES ARE A BIG PART OF THE CONSIDERATION FOR
17 PUSHING IN THIS NEW DIRECTION. WE HAVE HEARD THAT VICTIMS AND
18 SURVIVORS OF CRIMES, ESPECIALLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, ARE LESS
19 LIKELY TO REPORT CRIMES BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TRUST IN THE
20 LEGAL SYSTEM TO RESPOND IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT PERPETUATE
21 VIOLENCE OR IS OTHERWISE SUPPORTIVE. FURTHER, STUDIES HAVE
22 SHOWN THAT WOMEN OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME WOMEN WHO ARE
23 SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY
24 MANDATORY ARREST POLICIES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. A STUDY
25 CONDUCTED BY THE WOMEN IN PRISON PROJECT FOUND THAT 75 PERCENT

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1 OF INCARCERATED WOMEN THEY INTERVIEWED HAD EXPERIENCED SEVERE
2 PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER DURING ADULthood. THE
3 PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT REPLACING IT WITH
4 ANOTHER ONE REQUIRES AN INTENTIONAL AND STRATEGIC EFFORT TO
5 REPLACE THE PUNITIVE CULTURE THAT THAT FACILITY REPRESENTS
6 WITH RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTING SYSTEMS OF
7 ACCOUNTABILITY, WHILE EXPANDING ESSENTIAL RECOURCES FOR ACCESS
8 TO RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS, AND TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENCE, AND
9 TO ACTUALLY BE TREATED WITH CARE, COMPASSION, AND DIGNITY.
10 THIS IS WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT IMPROVING THE HEALTH
11 AND SAFETY OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THE MOTION BEFORE US COMES
12 AS AN IMPORTANT, GIANT NEXT STEP IN THE PATH TOWARDS THE
13 COUNTY CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH, WHICH WE ALL ADOPTED
14 LAST YEAR. IT BUILDS ON THE IMPRESSIVE, SUCCESSFUL WORK OF THE
15 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THE ALTERNATIVES TO
16 INCARCERATION WORK GROUP, AND THE OTHER RELATED EFFORTS THAT
17 HAVE COME FORWARD OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS TO REDUCE THE
18 COUNTY'S RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION, AND IMPROVE BOTH HEALTH
19 AND SAFETY OUTCOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AS WE HAVE HEARD MORE
20 AND MORE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND EVEN MORE LOUDLY FROM
21 THE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT ARE HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD AND IN
22 OUR COUNTY, THIS IS AN ISSUE OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND OF ECONOMIC
23 JUSTICE. IN THE CONTEXT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, IT HAS ALSO BECOME
24 EVEN MORE CLEAR THAT THIS IS ALSO A HEALTH ISSUE. AS I'VE
25 STATED BEFORE, WHILE WE'VE MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN

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1 REDUCING THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE
2 POPULATION OF PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES HAS NOT
3 SIMILARLY DECREASED. THAT POPULATION NOW MAKES UP ALMOST HALF
4 OF THOSE WHO REMAIN IN OUR JAILS, AND THE VAST MAJORITY WHOM
5 ARE BLACK AND LATINO MEN AND WOMEN WHO DESERVE QUALITY CARE
6 AND TREATMENT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD
7 ON THOSE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE COME TO LIGHT DURING THIS
8 PANDEMIC, KEEPING THESE POPULATIONS FROM INCREASING, AND
9 CONTINUING TO FIND WAYS TO DECREASE THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE
10 ENTERING AND STAYING IN OUR JAILS EVEN MORE. DESPITE WHAT HAS
11 BEEN STATED ELSEWHERE, I AM NOT CALLING FOR THE FREEING OF
12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED OR CONVICTED OF THE MOST SERIOUS
13 CRIMES. IN FACT, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANYONE BESIDES A JUDGE
14 HAS THAT POWER. I CERTAINLY DON'T. BUT THE DECREASES IN THE
15 POPULATION OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAS MADE CLEAR THAT
16 THERE ARE LOW-LEVEL OFFENDERS WHO CAN BE AND SHOULD BE BETTER
17 SERVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE R.A.N.D. AND O.D.R. STUDIES
18 LAST YEAR SHOWED THAT THERE ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
19 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS WHO CAN CONTINUE TO SUFFER IN JAILS,
20 WHERE EVERYONE MAY TRY TO SERVE THEM, BUT THE CONDITIONS AND
21 ENVIRONMENT ITSELF ARE DAMAGING; OR THEY CAN BE SERVED IN
22 COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS THAT WE'VE ALREADY SEEN CAN HELP
23 THESE SAME INDIVIDUALS THRIVE, REACH INDEPENDENCE, AND BECOME
24 POSITIVE, CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. TODAY WE
25 HAVE ON OUR AGENDA SOME IMPORTANT MOTIONS, IN ADDITION TO THIS

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1 ONE, THAT SERVE AS A RELATED MILESTONE TO THIS ONE, LIKE
2 LOOKING TO CONSIDERABLY EXPAND O.D.R.'S CAPACITY TO SERVE THIS
3 POPULATION, AND DEVELOPING A FUND AND MAKING ACTUAL
4 COMMITMENTS TO MAKING THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION VISION
5 A REALITY. COMMITTING TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SHOULD FREE
6 UP POTENTIAL CAPITAL FUNDS THAT WOULD HAVE GONE TOWARDS
7 PLACING BAND-AIDS ON AN AILING FACILITY, OPERATING COSTS, AND
8 EVEN LIABILITY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING SUCH AN OUTDATED
9 PRISON. CHANGING THE WAY WE APPROACH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
10 OUR COUNTY WILL REQUIRE THAT WE CONTINUE TO RE-IMAGINE OUR
11 SYSTEMS AND OUR INVESTMENTS, AND TO BUILD A RENEWED VISION FOR
12 A FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES THAT WE KNOW IS POSSIBLE. WE ARE
13 OBVIOUSLY IN A MORE CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIME. HOWEVER, WE ARE
14 CONTINUING TO SPEND MONEY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND TO CARE FOR
15 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS THROUGHOUT OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO
16 WE CAN'T TAKE THE EASY ROAD TO SAY THAT MONEY IS LACKING.
17 RATHER, WE MUST ASK OURSELVES HOW IS IT THAT WE WANT TO INVEST
18 THIS MONEY, AND WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR
19 COUNTY AND WHAT WE ARE COMMITTING TO. AND FINALLY, I WOULD
20 LIKE TO READ IN A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT WAS PUT FORTH BY
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER, THAT I ACCEPTED. AND IT IS A BIT LENGTHY,
22 SO PLEASE BEAR WITH ME. AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS: I THEREFORE
23 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE WORK GROUP TO
24 INCORPORATE INPUT FROM POLICE CHIEFS AND CONTRACT CITIES IN
25 THE REPORT, AND TO INCLUDE DATA ON THE FOLLOWING: SPECIFIC BED

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1 TYPES CURRENTLY UTILIZED AT M.C.J., WHERE THESE BEDS EXIST
2 ELSEWHERE IN THE SYSTEM TO SERVE CURRENT HIGH-NEED
3 POPULATIONS; DETAILED AND ANONYMIZED DATA REGARDING THE
4 POPULATION CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY AT EACH OF THE JAIL
5 FACILITIES, BY FACILITY, INCLUDING OFFENSES BY INMATE, LENGTH
6 OF TIME BEING SERVED FOR SPECIFIED OFFENSES, CLASSIFICATIONS
7 BASED ON ACUITY, MENTAL HEALTH STATUS, AGE, ETHNICITY, GENDER,
8 GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PRETRIAL STATUS, THOSE
9 INCARCERATED ON PROBATION OR PAROLE VIOLATIONS, TECHNICAL OR
10 OTHERWISE, AND HOLDS RELATED TO FINDINGS OF INELIGIBILITY FOR
11 DIVERSE OR RELEASE, THOSE WITH SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS
12 INCLUDING H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., AND A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE
13 RECOMMENDED FOR DIVERSION VERSUS THOSE WHO WOULD REMAIN IN
14 CUSTODY. AND I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 DIRECT OUR C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS WITH A STATUS
16 UPDATE ON THE AUGUST 13, 2019, MOTION ENTITLED "EXPLORING A
17 DECENTRALIZED CONTINUUM OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND CARE
18 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY," AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT WORKING GROUPS
19 OR RELATED INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY IN REGARDS TO DETAILED
20 DATA ON THE ANTICIPATED BED PLACEMENT TYPES NEEDED IN ORDER TO
21 ACCOUNT FOR THE DECENTRALIZED CONTINUUM OF COMMUNITY-BASED
22 TREATMENT AND RESIDENTIAL BEDS NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WHO
23 ARE POTENTIALLY ABLE TO BE DIVERTED FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
24 SYSTEM. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POLICE CHIEF'S
25 ASSOCIATION AND THE CONTRACT CITIES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE

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1 EXISTING WORK GROUP, AND COME TO THE TABLE TO SHARE IMPORTANT
2 DIVERSION INITIATIVES THAT THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN IN THEIR OWN
3 CITIES. I TRULY HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN
4 DEVELOPING THIS CONVERSATION, AND SHARE IN DEVELOPING IN OUR
5 COMMUNITYWIDE EFFORT TO BUILD UP THE SEVERELY NEEDED SYSTEM OF
6 CARE. AND I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING INPUT FOR PEOPLE
7 WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE L.A. REENTRY HEALTH ADVISORY
8 COLLABORATIVE TO THIS WORK GROUP IN THE REPORTS THAT WE
9 RECEIVED BACK. AND AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE DR.
10 CHRISTINA GHALY, OUR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND JUDGE
11 PETER ESPINOZA, DIRECTOR OF OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
12 REENTRY, TO JOIN US AND TO SHARE THEIR INPUT ON THIS MOTION.
13 AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU VERY MUCH, AND
14 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU ALL JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THIS
15 IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD.

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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOUR
18 CO-AUTHOR, WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU
19 WANT TO WAIT FOR THE PRESENTATION, OR DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK
20 BEFORE?

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BEFORE, IF
23 THAT'S ACCEPTABLE.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM
2 WITH THAT?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT IS FINE.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE FLOOR IS
7 YOURS.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
10 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION, FOR
11 ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR IT, AND ALSO MY COLLEAGUES, MARK
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND JANICE HAHN, FOR THEIR PREVIOUS MOTION. WE
13 HAVE ALL BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR YEARS. ESSENTIALLY, THE
14 BOARD HAS STRUGGLED TO LAND ON A DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO THE
15 QUESTION: WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL? AND THERE
16 ARE A NUMBER OF POINTS THAT ARE REALLY CRYSTAL CLEAR. MEN'S
17 CENTRAL JAIL IS OUTDATED. IT IS CRUMBLING. IT IS REALLY
18 DANGEROUS. IT DOESN'T MEET THE SAFETY OR SECURITY OR HEALTH
19 NEEDS OF ANYONE WHO WORKS THERE, MUCH LESS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
20 INCARCERATED THERE. THE 20 OR SO PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED TODAY,
21 GOOD FOR THEM FOR GETTING IN LINE EARLY. VERY SMART. BUT, AS
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED, WE GOT 17,000 OR SO EEMAILS ABOUT
23 THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TODAY, AND THOUSANDS OF THEM WERE IN
24 FAVOR OF CLOSING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND FINDING ANOTHER
25 WAY. THOSE WHO THINK WE NEED MEN'S CENTRAL DON'T SEEM TO KNOW

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1 THAT HALF THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE HOLDING IN JAIL HAVEN'T EVEN
2 RECIEVED A TRIAL YET. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING,
3 THEY SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD THE BAIL THAT'S BEEN SET. THEY DON'T
4 SEEM TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TWIN TOWERS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER
5 FACILITIES THAT ARE HOUSING THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF
6 PRISONERS; DON'T SEEM TO KNOW THAT EVERY OTHER DAY, WE HAVE
7 FLOODING AT MEN'S CENTRAL, AND THE INMATES IN ONE AREA OR
8 ANOTHER ARE KNEE-DEEP IN WATER, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE
9 WATCHING OVER THEM. BUT THE ANSWER TO QUESTIONS LIKE, "CAN WE
10 FIX IT," OR, "SHOULD WE REPLACE IT," OR, "WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT
11 IT," HAVE BEEN ELUSIVE. AND BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF
12 PEOPLE THAT THIS COUNTY HAS CONSISTENTLY INCARCERATED BEFORE
13 C.O.V.I.D.-- WE WERE UP TO 17,000 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS-- THE
14 ONE QUESTION WE HAVE RARELY ASKED OURSELVES UP UNTIL NOW IS,
15 DO WE EVEN NEED THIS JAIL? DO WE REALLY TO KEEP THIS JAIL
16 OPEN? THAT IS THE QUESTION WE POSE IN TODAY'S MOTION. WE THINK
17 THE ANSWER IS NO, AND FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, WE'RE ASKING A
18 COLLECTION OF EXPERTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN AS TO HOW IT MIGHT BE
19 POSSIBLE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR.
20 REMARKABLY, WHAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ASK THE QUESTION
21 IS THE UNPRECEDENTED HEALTH CRISIS. WE ARE DOWN 5,000 INMATES
22 FROM WHERE WE WERE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS, AND THAT IS
23 AN EXCELLENT RESULT. IT COMES FROM LOOKING AT THOSE WHO SHOULD
24 BE MOVED OUT BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH, AND PUT IN OTHER
25 FACILITIES OR OTHER PLACEMENTS. IT COMES FROM LOOKING AT THE

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1 ZERO BAIL PROJECT, THE SHERIFF, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE
2 OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALL
3 WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD
4 SAFELY BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY. THE SHERIFF NAMED ALL THE
5 DIFFERENT KINDS OF DANGEROUS PEOPLE, WHICH ADDED UP TO LESS
6 THAN 2,000 PEOPLE. SO, LOOKING AT THOSE WHO COULD SAFELY BE
7 RELEASED, THE COURT CREATED A STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR
8 EVALUATING CASES BROUGHT TO IT BY OUR COUNTY JUSTICE PARTNERS,
9 ADOPTED AN EMERGENCY ZERO BAIL SCHEDULE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
10 THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT, AND
11 IMPLEMENTED SOME TEMPORARY TECHNOLOGY-BASED SOLUTIONS. OUR
12 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY SCoured LISTS OF THE JAIL
13 POPULATION, FOUND ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD BE DIVERTED
14 UNDER THEIR CARE AND SUPERVISION, AND THESE ARE VERY STRINGENT
15 RULES, WHICH THE COURT HAS TO AGREE TO AND APPLY. THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
17 HEALTH SUPPORTED ALL THESE EFFORTS WITH STAFF AND RESOURCES
18 AND TRANSITION PLANNING. SO THAT IS WHERE WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS
19 POPULATION: AT THE ALL-TIME LOW, AND GO EVEN LOWER. THE BOARD
20 TOOK THE FIRST STEP, AS WE ALL KNOW, WHEN IT ADOPTED THE
21 MOTION BROUGHT BY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, ASKING
22 OUR JUSTICE EXPERTS HOW TO KEEP THESE POPULATIONS AT THEIR
23 ALL-TIME LOW. SO TODAY WE BUILD ON THAT FIRST STEP BY
24 ACKNOWLEDGING A FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH: IF WE BUILD IT, THEY WILL
25 COME. THAT MEANS IF WE KEEP THESE CELLS OPEN, WE WILL

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1 INEVITABLY FILL THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE. THE NEXT LOGICAL
2 STEP HAS TO BE, CLOSE THOSE CELLS JUST IN MEN'S CENTRAL,
3 FIGURE OUT WHERE THOSE DANGEROUS PEOPLE MUST BE HOUSED IN ALL
4 OF OUR OTHER FACILITIES, AND HOUSE THOSE IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF
5 PLACEMENT WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM THEM. YOU HEARD THE PEOPLE
6 TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE. YOU HEARD THEM DISSOLVE IN
7 TEARS TODAY. CAROLE BROOKS, JO CHASE, BOTH MY CONSTITUENTS,
8 TALKING ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TAKE THE STEP. AND IT
9 DOESN'T HAPPEN IN A VACUUM. WE WON'T SIMPLY CLOSE THE JAIL AND
10 HOPE FOR THE BEST. THAT'S NOT THE PLAN. THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J.
11 WILL BE TIMED, IT WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE SCALING UP OF
12 DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VERY, VERY
13 SOLID A.T.I. WORK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS. WE MUST BUILD UP
14 REHABILITATION AND HEALING IN THE COMMUNITY. WE MUST REDUCE
15 OUR RELIANCE JUST ON CAGING PEOPLE, AND THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J.,
16 AS WE CONTINUE TO DO THAT, WON'T BE THE REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT
17 IT LOOKED LIKE TODAY. IT WILL SIMPLY BE LOGICAL, IT WILL BE
18 FISCALLY PRUDENT, AND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY
19 HEALING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
22 HAHN, YOU WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS DID. SO, PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION, WHY DON'T WE
24 HEAR FROM THE BOARD, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THE REPORT BY THE
25 DEPARTMENTS, IF THAT'S OKAY.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,

3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. BOTH OF YOUR COMMENTS, AS

4 WELL AS BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION TODAY, ARE SO POWERFUL AND

5 SIGNIFICANT. AND I THINK THAT THE POINT THAT'S BEEN MADE A

6 COUPLE TIMES IS, THIS BOARD HAS, FOR A WHILE NOW, BEEN MOVING

7 IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. AND I KNOW IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST

8 THINGS I TALKED ABOUT AFTER BECOMING A SUPERVISOR WAS MEN'S

9 CENTRAL JAIL, AND HOW IT WAS OUTDATED, IT WAS DECAYING. IT WAS

10 AN ABOMINATION. IT PUTS EVERYONE INSIDE THAT FACILITY AT RISK,

11 BOTH THE INMATES, AS WELL AS OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHO ARE

12 ASSIGNED THERE. IT WAS ACTUALLY ALMOST A YEAR AGO THAT THIS

13 BOARD VOTED TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT TO BUILD A JAIL THAT WAS

14 GOING TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND WE WERE CRITICIZED IN

15 SOME OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY FOR VOTING AGAINST THAT. AND

16 YET, I REMEMBER SPECIFICALLY THAT I KNOW I VOTED AGAINST THAT

17 BECAUSE THE CONTRACT THAT WE WERE UNDER TO REBUILD THAT JAIL

18 DID NOT ALLOW US TO BUILD THE KIND OF FACILITY THAT I THINK WE

19 WERE ALL BEGINNING TO ENVISION, AND THAT WAS MORE CLOSELY

20 ALIGNED WITH SOMETHING LIKE A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER,

21 BUT WE COULD NOT DO THAT WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT THAT

22 WE FELT BOUND TO. BUT EVEN AS WE CANCELED THAT CONTRACT, WE

23 ALL AGREED THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HAD TO GO. AND SO ON THAT

24 SAME DAY, WE APPROVED A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS-- I

25 CO-AUTHORED IT-- THAT ASKED A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER WHAT

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1 IT WOULD TAKE TO DEMOLISH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS SOON AS
2 POSSIBLE. THAT WAS A YEAR AGO. A LOT HAS CHANGED, AND NOW WE
3 HAVE BETTER INFORMATION, THANKS TO A R.A.N.D. STUDY. ON ANY
4 GIVEN DAY, THERE ARE OVER 3,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL
5 ILLNESS IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM WHO COULD BE SAFELY DIVERTED
6 THROUGH OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. AND WE ALSO HEARD
7 IN MARCH FROM THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKING GROUP,
8 WHO PRESENTED US WITH A FRAMEWORK OF WHAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
9 SYSTEM COULD LOOK LIKE, WHILE RELYING ON CARE AND COMMUNITY
10 INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION. AND FINALLY, THIS PANDEMIC HAS
11 FORCED US TO LOWER OUR JAIL POPULATION OVER THE LAST FEW
12 MONTHS BY MORE THAN 5,000 INDIVIDUALS, BRINGING US FROM AN
13 AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF 17,000, DOWN TO 12,000. AND A LOT
14 HAS HAPPENED IN THIS LAST YEAR, BUT WHILE ALL THIS HAS
15 CHANGED, WE HAVE NEW FACTS. THE ONE THING THAT HAS REMAINED
16 THE SAME IS THAT THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS STILL THERE, IT'S
17 STILL ANTIQUATED, AND IT'S STILL DILAPIDATED, AND MAY I
18 EMPHASIZE IT IS NOT SAFE FOR THOSE WHO ARE INMATES, AND IS NOT
19 SAFE FOR OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. AND NOW, IT'S ANOTHER TIME TO
20 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN FINALLY DEMOLISH
21 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
22 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY FOR YEARS. AS HAS BEEN SAID, WE'VE
23 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE JAIL POPULATION FOR THE FIRST TIME
24 IN DECADES. FOUR WEEKS AGO, I ENTERED A MOTION THAT ASKED OUR
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY

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1 TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO KEEP IT THAT WAY, WHILE WE PROTECT
2 PUBLIC SAFETY. AND THIS MOTION ADDS ON TO THAT PERFECTLY BY
3 ASKING THE SAME WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT HOW WE COULD CLOSE
4 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS
5 WITHIN THE YEAR. THIS IS A REPORT BACK, AND I HAD A LOT OF
6 CALLS THIS MORNING, E-MAILS, THINKING WE WERE VOTING TODAY, TO
7 START REVVING UP THE BULLDOZERS TO - DEMOLISH IT TODAY. AND
8 THAT'S NOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE ARE ASKING FOR OUR WORKING
9 GROUP THAT, BY THE WAY, IS LED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
10 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, TO ANSWER THE QUESTION
11 WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BE ABLE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
12 WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR. WE NOT CLOSING IT WITHOUT A PLAN. IT IS
13 NOT OUR DESIRE TO RELEASE VIOLENT CRIMINALS INTO THE STREETS,
14 THUS VICTIMIZING MORE PEOPLE. THIS IS A QUESTION WE'VE ALL
15 BEEN ASKING: CAN WE DEMOLISH THIS ANTIQUATED AND UNSAFE
16 FACILITY, WITH ANOTHER PLAN IN PLACE? IT IS A QUESTION WE HAVE
17 BEEN ASKING, AND I'LL TELL YOU, ONE THING THIS PANDEMIC HAS
18 TAUGHT US ABOUT A LOT OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING
19 ABOUT, WE HAVE BEEN DEBATING, IS THAT WE SHOULDN'T WAIT TO
20 ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING TOMORROW THAT COULD BE DONE TODAY. AND I
21 HOPE THIS REPORT BACK WILL ADDRESS SOME VERY REAL CONCERNS
22 THAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC. IT
23 IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY ANYTIME SOON, SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
24 WE CAN CONTINUE TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE IN OUR JAIL FACILITIES,
25 TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS IF INMATES ARE MOVED FROM

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1 M.C.J. INTO OTHER FACILITIES. AND SECOND, THERE ARE SOME REAL
2 CONCERNS THAT WE'VE HEARD IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT INMATES BEING
3 RELEASED, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REPORT BACK
4 ADDRESSES IF INMATES WOULD EVEN NEED TO BE RELEASED TO
5 ACCOMPLISH THIS CLOSURE, AND IF SO, HOW COULD THAT BE DONE
6 WHILE MAKING SURE THAT WE PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY. I'M GOING
7 TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY. I THINK THESE ARE THE RIGHT QUESTIONS
8 TO ASK, AND I WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN KEEPING ON TOP OF
9 THIS WORKING GROUP, TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS REPORT GETS BACK TO
10 US THE ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

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

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. A SHOUTOUT TO BOTH
15 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL. I THINK IT IS CLEAR FOR YEARS
16 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY CHALLENGES, INCLUDING
17 THE DETERIORATING CONDITIONS, VIOLENCE, LAWSUITS, AND UNTIL
18 RECENTLY, SEVERE OVERCROWDING. I THINK WE HAVE BEEN CLEAR THAT
19 THE LAYOUT OF THIS FACILITY IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO
20 REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CLEAR THAT THE
21 CONTINUED OPERATION OF THIS FACILITY STANDS AS A MONUMENT TO
22 THE FUNDAMENTAL VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF
23 INMATES. AND M.C.J., AS IT NOW EXISTS, IS SIMPLY CONTRARY TO
24 DEVELOPING THE EVOLVING VISION OF A JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT
25 RESTORES AND REHABILITATES. AND SO, AS IT HAS BEEN SAID BY

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1 OTHER COLLEAGUES TODAY, THAT THE JAIL POPULATION HAS BEEN
2 REDUCED FROM 17,000 TO ROUGHLY 12,000, AND THE BOARD HAS
3 AFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THE CENSUS DOWN LONG-TERM,
4 IF THAT IS OUR GOAL, IF THAT'S OUR OBJECTIVE, IF THAT'S THE
5 VISION WE EMBRACE, NOW IS THE TIME TO REALLY ROLL UP OUR
6 SLEEVES AND FIGURE OUT HOW THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. BUT IT
7 HAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THOUGHTFULLY, AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEING
8 PROPOSED, WITH THE PROPER VETTING, SO THAT THE TWIN OBJECTIVES
9 OF UPHOLDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND ADVANCING COMMUNITY WELLBEING
10 ARE BOTH AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR DELIBERATIONS AND OUR
11 RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT IF WE DO IT RIGHT, THIS WILL BE
12 GROUNDBREAKING, SET A STANDARD FOR MANY JURISDICTIONS
13 THROUGHOUT THE NATION, AS LOS ANGELES HAS OFTEN DONE IN MANY
14 OTHER INSTANCES. AND I AM OF THE VIEW WE CAN GET THIS RIGHT,
15 THEREFORE WE NEED TO GET ON WITH IT, AND GET ON WITH IT NOW.
16 WE COULD FREE UP RESOURCES BEING SPENT ON INCARCERATION TO
17 DIVERT THOUSANDS MORE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE JAILS, AND
18 IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY'S ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
19 INITIATIVES, AS WILL BE LAID OUT IN MORE DETAIL LATER ON IN
20 THE AGENDA. AND THIS MOMENT IN TIME, THIS HISTORICAL MOMENT IN
21 MANY RESPECTS, PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MEANINGFUL AND
22 SUSTAINED STRIDES TOWARD BREAKING THE CYCLE BETWEEN
23 HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION, LEADS TOWARD ELIMINATING THE
24 RACIAL DISPARITIES EXACERBATED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,
25 AND IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THE COUNTY'S

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1 INVESTMENTS AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING. THAT WHAT'S AT STAKE
2 HERE. WE'RE GETTING STARTED AGAIN, ANEW, WITH A SENSE OF
3 PURPOSEFULNESS AND INTENTIONALITY THAT IS MATCHED BY OUR OWN
4 PERSONAL STORIES AND OUR OWN COMMITMENTS TO DO RIGHT BY THE
5 PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU
6 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, AND I THANK THE AUTHORS AND
7 THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AS WELL AS
8 THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED WITH US IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES
9 TO BRING US TO A POINT WHERE WE CAN HAVE THIS INFORMED,
10 THOUGHTFUL, AND DELIBERATIVE DISCUSSION. MADAM CHAIR?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS FOR ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT AND READING IT IN, AND I
14 WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF FOR WORKING WITH MINE TO COME UP WITH
15 AN AGREEABLE LANGUAGE. I REALLY DO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT
16 THAT WE ALL GATHER RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR THIS REPORT BACK,
17 IN ORDER TO MAKE WELL-INFORMED DECISIONS. BECAUSE THIS WILL
18 HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENTIRE COUNTY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
19 INCLUDE POLICE CHIEFS AND CONTRACT CITIES IN THE WORK GROUP
20 DISCUSSIONS. WITH C.O.V.I.D. BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, IT IS NOT
21 TRULY FEASIBLE TO BUILD UP THE COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING THAT
22 WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIS LEVEL OF DIVERSION IN ONE YEAR,
23 AND THOSE WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR DIVERSION ARE VERY MUCH HIGH-
24 NEED, AND THE BEDS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO
25 THOSE THAT EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE SYSTEM. SO I JUST WANT

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1 TO REMIND US, THIS IS NOT A ONE-FOR-ONE EXCHANGE. WE HAVE
2 LOWERED THE POPULATION BY 5,000 INDIVIDUALS, AND OUR JUSTICE
3 PARTNERS ARE CONSTANTLY REVIEWING THOSE IN CUSTODY TO IDENTIFY
4 GOOD CANDIDATES FOR EARLY RELEASE. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN
5 GET TO A LEVEL APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THIS FACILITY WITHOUT A
6 REPLACEMENT. THOSE WITHIN OUR CUSTODY HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL
7 RIGHTS TO TREATMENT, AND WE ALL AGREE THAT TREATMENT AND CAN
8 AND SHOULD BE IMPROVED. WE CANNOT TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE FACT
9 THAT NOT EVERYONE CAN BE DIVERTED. THOSE WHO REMAIN IN CUSTODY
10 ARE WORTHY OF MEANINGFUL TREATMENT, AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION
11 TO ENGAGE IN A REALISTIC CONVERSATION AROUND WHAT THAT NEEDS
12 TO LOOK LIKE, AND HOW WE CAN SET THAT IN MOTION. THE COUNTY
13 NEEDS TO BE IN THE BUSINESS OF REHABILITATION, AND IT'S TIME
14 THAT WE RESEARCHED OUT FOR THAT VERY NEED. AND I WOULD REMIND
15 THIS BOARD, AND I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, A STUDY WAS CONDUCTED AND
16 A REPORT WAS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD BY H.M.S., WHICH ARE EXPERTS
17 IN DIVERSION, AND THE QUESTION WAS, WITH DIVERSION IN PLACE,
18 WHAT WOULD THE NEED BE FOR A REPLACEMENT FACILITY? AND THE
19 REPORT CAME BACK WITH A SIZE LARGER THAN WHAT THE PRIOR BOARD
20 HAD AGREED TO, IN TERMS OF REPLACING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SO
21 WHEN I HEAR PEOPLE SAY "DIVERSION IN PLACE OF," I THINK THAT
22 IS A COMPLETE MISLEADING STATEMENT. IN FACT, I THINK DIVERSION
23 IS A MUST FOR THOSE THAT SHOULDN'T BE IN OUR JAILS. BUT
24 DIVERSION ALONE IS NOT GOING TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE NEED TO
25 HAVE A REPLACEMENT FACILITY. AND I ALSO WOULD SAY, I'M NOT

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1 GOING TO PAINT EVERYONE WITH ONE STROKE. THE SHERIFF IS
2 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: ISABELLA CORTES WAS A VICTIM OF SOMEONE WHO
3 WAS OUT ON ZERO BAIL. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M GOING TO SAY
4 THAT ALL THOSE THAT ARE RELEASED WITH ZERO BAIL ARE GOING TO
5 GO OUT AND COMMIT A CRIME. BUT I THINK WE ALL NEED TO
6 RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL, AND TO GET ALL
7 THE INFORMATION NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION IS GOING
8 TO IMPACT GENERATIONS TO COME. AND IT INCLUDES PROVIDING A
9 ROBUST SYSTEM, AS IT RELATES TO DIVERSION. BECAUSE MANY IN
10 THAT JAIL WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS ARE IN THAT
11 JAIL BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS. AND NO DOUBT THE CRIME
12 THEY COMMITTED, IF WE HAD GOTTEN TO THEM BEFORE THEY COMMITTED
13 THE CRIME, THEY WOULD NOT END UP IN OUR JAIL. AND I CAN TELL
14 YOU, HAVING BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL 30
15 YEARS AGO WAS PROBLEMATIC. AND SO TO LOOK AT IT NOW, AND TO GO
16 INTO IT NOW, I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY IT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.
17 IT IS NOT FIT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THERE, BUT ALSO THE
18 PEOPLE WORKING IN THERE. AND WITH C.O.V.I.D., I THINK IT HAS
19 EVEN HEIGHTENED MORE THE FACT THAT IT IS A BREEDING GROUND FOR
20 ILLNESS. AND I KNOW THAT, AS A BOARD, WE ALL AGREE THAT
21 SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M GOING TO
22 SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I'M IN
23 SUPPORT OF CLOSURE. IN FACT, I BELIEVE CLOSURE WILL HAVE AN
24 IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY IN THIS COUNTY. BUT I THINK IT'S
25 IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET ALL THE FACTS FROM ALL SEGMENTS THAT

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1 WILL BE IMPACTED TO PROVIDE A CLEAR PICTURE MOVING FORWARD,
2 AND I WILL HOPE, LIKE WHEN THE H.M.S. STUDY CAME FORWARD, THAT
3 PROVIDED FACTS AROUND BOTH WHAT IS NEEDED TO REPLACE, BUT ALSO
4 AROUND DIVERSION, THAT WE WILL ACCEPT THE REPORT AND THE
5 FACTS, AND SET ASIDE MAYBE SOME BIAS, BOTH ON MY PART, BUT
6 ALSO ON MY COLLEAGUES', WHO BELIEVE THAT NO JAIL REPLACEMENT
7 IS NECESSARY. I HOPE WE'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT, IN
8 FACT, WILL ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY IN THIS COUNTY, BUT ALSO
9 COMPASSION AS IT RELATES TO THOSE THAT DON'T DESERVE TO BE IN
10 A LOCKED FACILITY AT A JAIL, BUT IN FACT IN A FACILITY THAT IS
11 GOING TO TREAT THEM AND HELP THEM. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS, YOU HAD SOME INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO TESTIFY?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. I WANTED TO ASK JUDGE PETER ESPINOZA TO
15 RESPOND TO THE STATEMENTS OR CONCERNS THAT THERE MAY NOT BE
16 ENOUGH ADEQUATE COMMUNITY CAPACITY, OR INABILITY TO BUILD
17 ENOUGH COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO MAKE THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J.
18 POSSIBLE. AND I WANTED TO HEAR, ALSO, FROM DR. GHALY, WITH
19 RESPECT TO OTHER JAIL FACILITIES, IF SHE COULD TALK ABOUT
20 THAT, PARTICULARLY THE TWIN TOWERS OR THE LYNWOOD FACILITY,
21 WHERE WOMEN ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED, AND IF SHE CAN TOUCH ON WHAT
22 SHE KNOWS, THAT SHE'S BEEN WORKING ON FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS.
23 SO WITH THAT, I'D ASK FOR THEM TO SPEAK.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE. JUDGE ESPINOZA?

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2 **JUDGE ESPINOZA:** WELL, I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR
3 HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU CAN HEAR ME. AND I
4 CAN RESPOND TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S QUESTION. I WANTED TO MAKE A
5 BRIEF STATEMENT BEFORE I DID, IF THAT IS OKAY, SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **JUDGE ESPINOZA:** SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE OFFICE OF
11 DIVERSION AND REENTRY WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND ITS
12 COLLABORATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THIS MOTION TO
13 CREATE A PLAN FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THIS MOTION IS
14 VERY MUCH ALIGNED WITH THE COUNTY'S OVERALL PLAN TO CREATE A
15 SYSTEM OF CARE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS, AS AN
16 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. THIS MOTION IS ALSO CONSISTENT
17 WITH THE WORK CURRENTLY BEING DONE BY OUR TWO DEPARTMENTS, THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
19 ON CREATING STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN THE POST-C.O.V.I.D.
20 POPULATION AT ITS HISTORIC LOWS, WITH THE CENSUS HOVERING
21 AROUND 12,000, WHICH IS THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES THAT WE'VE
22 BEEN WITHIN THE B.F.C.C. RATED CAPACITY FOR THE JAIL. WE ARE
23 AT A MOMENT IN TIME, AND MANY OF THE SUPERVISORS HAVE REFERRED
24 TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE AT A HISTORICAL MOMENT IN TIME, WITH
25 THE CENSUS HAVING BEEN REDUCED BY 30 PERCENT. UNFORTUNATELY,

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1 THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION WAS NOT REDUCED PROPORTIONATLY AT
2 THE SAME RATE AS THE GENERAL POPULATION, IN RESPONSE TO THE
3 C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, AND I THINK THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR
4 THAT. ONE OF THEM IS A SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES. BUT THE FACT OF
5 THE MATTER IS THAT PRIOR TO THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, WHEN THE
6 MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION IN THE JAIL WAS AROUND 30 PERCENT,
7 AND IT'S NOW IN EXCESS OF 40 PERCENT, AND I HEARD SOMEONE
8 REFER TO THAT 50 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION, THIS IS
9 REALLY TROUBLING; TROUBLING, IN PARTICULAR, WHEN YOU CONSIDER
10 THAT THE R.A.N.D. CORPORATION ISSUED ITS REPORT LAST YEAR,
11 THAT INDICATED THAT 60 PERCENT OF THE INMATES IN MENTAL HEALTH
12 HOUSING IN THE JAIL, THAT HAD SIGNIFICANT CRITICAL NEEDS,
13 COULD BE SAFELY REMOVED FROM THE JAIL USING EXISTING
14 STRATEGIES THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT AND THE
15 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. WE NEED TO DO FURTHER STUDIES
16 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WOULD MEAN AND WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO
17 REMOVE PEOPLE WITH LESS ACUTE CLINICAL NEEDS, SUCH AS THOSE
18 SUFFERING FROM S.U.D., BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE SAME PEOPLE
19 CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE JAIL. I WANT TO REMIND THE SUPERVISORS
20 THAT IN ADDITION TO THE WORK THAT YOU ARE ALL SO FAMILIAR
21 WITH, THAT OUR CLINICAL TEAM DOES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
22 SUPERIOR COURT, REMOVING MENTALLY INMATES FROM THE JAIL, WE
23 ALSO DO A LOT OF WORK ON THE FRONT END. OUR LEAD PROGRAM IS
24 DESIGNED AND IS SUCCESSFUL AT KEEPING PEOPLE FROM EVEN
25 ENTERING THE COUNTY JAIL, AND OUR REENTRY DIVISION IS

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1 CURRENTLY RECEIVING REFERRALS FROM PEOPLE LEAVING THE JAIL WHO
2 ARE IN NEED OF SERVICES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO REDUCE RECIDIVIST
3 BEHAVIOR. SO WE ARE COMING AT THIS PROBLEM FROM ALL SIDES. I
4 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, AND IT HASN'T BEEN MENTIONED
5 TODAY, THAT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY RECENTLY
6 ISSUED A STUDY ON THE PROPORTIONATE IMPACT OR REPRESENTATION
7 OF INMATES OF COLOR, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN INMATES,
8 WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS IN MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING IN THE
9 JAIL. WE ALL KNOW THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE
10 DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN THE GENERAL POPULATION. THAT
11 DISPROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION IS EXACERBATED WHEN YOU TAKE A
12 LOOK AT THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. SO THIS IS VERY MUCH A
13 RACIAL JUSTICE ISSUE, WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS VERY MUCH AT THE
14 FOREFRONT OF DEMONSTRATIONS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE NATION AND
15 IN THIS COUNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT IF PROPERLY RESOURCED, THE
16 COUNTY COULD CREATE ADEQUATE HOUSING AND SERVICES TO CARE FOR
17 A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THE PERSONS WHO ARE CURRENTLY
18 INCARCERATED IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND I WANT TO AGREE WITH
19 THE SHERIFF THAT NOT EVERYBODY IN THE JAIL CAN BE DIVERTED,
20 AND I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING THE POSITION
21 THAT EVERYONE IN THE JAIL CAN BE SAFELY REMOVED. WE ARE VERY
22 CAREFUL ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE DO, AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO
23 THIS WORK WITHOUT PRODUCING A HIGH RATE OF NEGATIVE OUTCOMES.
24 SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT AS A LEAD-IN TO MY RESPONSE TO THE
25 QUESTION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE

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1 CAPACITY-- I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN PROMISE WE CAN DO IT IN A
2 YEAR, BUT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CREATE REAL HOUSING AND REAL
3 SERVICES FOR THOSE INMATES IN THE JAIL WHO NEED HOUSING AND
4 SERVICES TO BE SAFELY MAINTAINED IN THE PUBLIC, AND I WILL
5 CITE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT: IN RESPONSE TO THE C.O.V.I.D.
6 PANDEMIC, WE WERE AUTHORIZED TO CREATE 200 BEDS. IT TURNED OUT
7 TO BE 211 BEDS, BECAUSE WHEN YOU START PUTTING HOUSING SITES
8 TOGETHER, IT IS NOT ALWAYS AN EVEN NUMBER. BUT WE STOOD THOSE
9 BEDS UP, WITH SERVICES, WITHIN A TWO-WEEK PERIOD, AND BEGAN
10 RECEIVING INMATES INTO THOSE FACILITIES, INCLUDING INMATES WHO
11 ARE MEDICALLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE THEY HAD CONDITIONS THAT MADE
12 THEM VULNERABLE TO THE PANDEMIC. SO I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR
13 BARGER, AND TO THE OTHER SUPERVISORS, THAT WE CAN SAFELY DO
14 THIS WORK, AND WE CAN BEGIN REMOVING LARGER NUMBERS OF INMATES
15 FROM THE JAIL. WE HAVE MORE THAN 2,000 PERSONS RIGHT NOW IN
16 OUR CARE IN THE COMMUNITY. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT ANSWERS THE
17 QUESTION. I WILL SAY THAT WE WILL BE ANSWERING THAT QUESTION
18 WHEN THIS REPORT IS FINALLY SUBMITTED. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. GHALY?

21

22 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THE
23 OPPORTUNITY, AND SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL, FOR YOUR
24 LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION. I WILL COMMENT JUST QUICKLY IF IT
25 IS ALL RIGHT, AND THEN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL ADDRESS THE

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1 SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT YOU RAISED. SO, AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE
2 COMMENTED, STUDIES AND REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE HAVE SHOWN THAT IT
3 IS DEFINITELY POSSIBLE TO NOT JUST SAFELY REMOVE PEOPLE FROM
4 JAIL, BUT TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT ENHANCES SAFETY AND PROMOTES
5 EQUITY. AND I WAS VERY TOUCHED BY MANY OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS
6 THIS MORNING THAT SPEAK TO THOSE ISSUES OF SAFETY AND EQUITY,
7 AND I ABSOLUTELY WANT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE FOREFRONT IN MY
8 MIND AND IN THE MINDS OF O.D.R. STAFF AND TEAM. THANKS TO
9 JUDGE ESPINOZA'S TEAM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, AS WELL AS MANY
10 OTHERS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS MOTION IS ABSOLUTELY NOT
11 ABOUT RELEASING DANGEROUS CONVICTED CRIMINALS TO THE STREET.
12 MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE, JUST AS I DO, THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE
13 WHO ARE DANGEROUS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED SERIOUS CRIMES AND
14 SHOULD BE IN JAIL. THIS MOTION, HOWEVER, IS SUGGESTING A
15 DIFFERENT WAY FORWARD, AND IT'S NOT SUGGESTING THAT
16 INDIVIDUALS NOT PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES. RATHER, IT SEEMS FOCUSED
17 ON TWO THINGS. FIRST IS OUR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR
18 INMATES WHO DO BELONG IN JAIL, IN A FACILITY THAT IS SAFE AND
19 HUMANE FOR THE INMATES, AND ALSO FOR THE STAFF: THE DEDICATED
20 SHERIFF'S STAFF, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
21 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES STAFF THAT WORK THERE. M.C.J. IS
22 NOT SUCH A FACILITY. THE INMATES WHO ARE IN M.C.J., AND THE
23 STAFF WHO WORK THERE, NEED TO BE CARED FOR AND WORK IN A
24 FACILITY THAT CAN SAFELY AND HUMANELY PROVIDE FOR THEM FOR THE
25 DURATION OF THEIR INCARCERATION. AND SECOND, THIS MOTION

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1 IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT, WHILE SOME PEOPLE ABSOLUTELY
2 BELONG IN JAIL, THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT THE REALITY OF EVERYONE
3 WHO IS IN JAIL TODAY. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE PARTICIPATION
4 AND PARTNERSHIP OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TEAM, JUSTICE
5 PARTNERS, O.D.R., AND MANY OTHERS, FOR THE EFFORTS TO REDUCE
6 THE JAIL POPULATION FROM THE 17,000 TO THE 12,000, AND IN
7 DOING SO REDUCING THE RISK THAT THOSE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS
8 CONTRACT C.O.V.I.D. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE THOUSANDS OF
9 OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN STUDY UPON STUDY THAT LOW-LEVEL
10 OFFENDERS WHO ARE NONVIOLENT CAN BE SAFELY AND HUMANELY
11 RELEASED TO COMMUNITY SERVICES. AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED,
12 THE REALITY IS THAT ALMOST HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN JAIL
13 HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME. MOST ARE POOR, MOST ARE
14 INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR. THEY ARE VICTIMS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM, AND
15 MANY HAVE COMMITTED THEIR ALLEGED NONVIOLENT CRIMES AS A
16 RESULT OF UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTIONS. THE STAFF
17 IN THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES UNIT ARE OUTSTANDING, BUT
18 IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT MENTAL ILLNESS AND
19 ADDICTIONS WILL GET BETTER IN A JAIL. AND WITHOUT GETTING
20 BETTER, WHEN THE VAST MAJORITY OF INMATES ARE RELEASED, WHICH
21 THEY WILL BE IN A MATTER OF MONTHS, THEY ARE RELEASED WITHOUT
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET BETTER, AND THIS DETRACTS FROM PUBLIC
23 SAFETY. O.D.R. HAS PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT THEIR WORK
24 CAN BE DONE, DONE WELL, AND DONE IN A WAY THAT ENHANCES
25 SAFETY, IMPROVES HOUSING STABILITY, AND REDUCES FELONY

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1 CONVICTION RATES. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THEIR OTHER
3 MOTIONS TODAY IN SUPPORT OF O.D.R. AND THE A.T.I.'S WORK.
4 HOWEVER, ABSOLUTELY ALL OF THIS TAKES A PLAN, AND THAT PLAN
5 WILL TAKE HARD WORK AND THE DEDICATED FOCUS OF COUNTY
6 LEADERSHIP AND MANY HEALTH AND JUSTICE-RELATED DEPARTMENTS.
7 FOR THE SAKE OF THE SAFETY OF THE PATIENTS AND STAFF, IT IS
8 IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE JAIL POPULATION BELOW THE B.F.C.C.
9 RATED CAPACITY. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
10 SERVICES, ALONG WITH MYSELF, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS AND C.H.S.
11 DIRECTOR, ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF AND HAVE
12 ALREADY STARTED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW, POTENTIALLY, THIS CAN
13 BE DONE WITH A MIND AND AN EYE TO THE OTHER JAILS THAT ARE
14 AVAILABLE. THIS INCLUDES THE USE, POTENTIALLY, OF BOTH THE
15 C.O.D.F. FACILITY AND EXPANDING ITS USE FOR BOTH MEN AND
16 WOMEN, WHERE CURRENTLY IT'S ONLY USED FOR WOMEN, SO THIS CAN
17 BE THE HOME FOR THE MAXIMUM-SECURITY PRISONERS THAT ARE
18 CURRENTLY HELD IN M.C.J. IT COULD ALSO INVOLVE THE GREATER USE
19 OF PITCHESS, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY RENOVATED FACILITY AT
20 PITCHESS EAST. I WON'T PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THIS PLANNING
21 WORK. I THINK THAT WORK IS IMPORTANT AND NEEDS TO TAKE INTO
22 ACCOUNT THE INSIGHT AND EXPERTISE OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE
23 CONTINUUM OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS IN THE JUSTICE
24 SYSTEM, AS WELL AS IN THE PUBLIC, AND I WILL LET THAT PROCESS
25 PLAY OUT TO SEE IF THESE STEPS AND FACILITIES ARE SUFFICIENT,

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1 OR WHETHER A NEW FACILITY IS NEEDED, TO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
2 POINTS; AND ALSO, WHAT THE ADDITIONAL VOLUME OF RELEASES COULD
3 BE IF THERE WERE GREATER INVOLVEMENT FROM THE JUSTICE PARTNERS
4 AND THE COURT SYSTEM, AND RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
5 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. IN CLOSING, JUST THANKS FOR
6 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
7 COMING YEAR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POTENTIAL PLAN FOR
8 CONSIDERATION IN THE FUTURE BY THE BOARD. THANKS VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, AND THANK YOU FOR
11 ALL YOUR WORK ON THE C.O.V.I.D. AND ON THE TESTING AND
12 EVERYTHING. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD
13 YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME CLOSING REMARKS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** I REALLY DO WANT TO THANK JUDGE PETER ESPINOZA AND
16 DR. GHALY, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN REALLY DOING THE WORK FOR
17 THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, AND REALLY HELPING US TO UNDERSTAND
18 HOW CARE AND TREATMENT CAN REALLY BE TRANSFORMATIONAL FOR, I
19 THINK, WELL OVER-- WELL, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE ALREADY
20 BEEN SERVED, THAT HAVE LEFT OUR JAILS, AND USING OTHER TOOLS
21 THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO US: THE WHOLE PERSON CARE, AND JUST
22 GETTING OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED AND ENGAGED. AND THE
23 FACT THAT WE ALREADY HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CONTRACT
24 CITIES AND CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION ON THESE ISSUES IN THE
25 WORKING GROUP, I THINK, HELPS TO BUILD UPON WHERE WE WANT TO

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1 GO. SO I THINK, MOVING FORWARD, WE HAVE A LOT MORE, I THINK,
2 THAT WE CAN CONTEMPLATE AND REALLY LOOK TO SEE HOW WE CAN
3 DEVELOP THESE BEDS WITHIN OUR OWN SYSTEM NOW THAT MAY EXIST,
4 BUT THEN ALSO CONTINUING TO PUSH AHEAD, OBVIOUSLY, IN THE
5 COMMUNITY, SO THAT WE CAN GET COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
6 AND TO COLLABORATE WITH US IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. SO I THANK
7 EVERYONE, AND I THANK THE BOARD, AND I THANK THE PUBLIC.
8 REGARDLESS OF WHAT SIDE WE ARE ON, WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD. SO
9 I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 3 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US.
12 DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR ANY-- IT'S ALREADY DONE.
13 OKAY. SO ITEM 3 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
15 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

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

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID I JUST HEAR

12 YOU VOTE? OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT WAS THE VOTE?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MOTION CARRIES, 4-0.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM S-

17 1, REPORT ON VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THE 2020

18 GENERAL ELECTION. IT WAS HELD FOR DISCUSSION. SUPERVISOR HAHN,

19 WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, THIS IS OUR SET

22 MATTER TO TALK ABOUT OUR VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE AND,

23 OF COURSE, THE GENERAL ELECTION COMING UP IN NOVEMBER.

24 REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK DEAN LOGAN IS ON THE LINE, AND

25 IF MY COLLEAGUES WILL INDULGE ME, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST START

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1 OUT BY ASKING THE COUNTY RECORDER SOME QUESTIONS. I HAVE LIKE
2 SIX QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HONE IN ON, BUT I'M
3 SURE SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS. AND I JUST FEEL
4 LIKE-- I DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT, BUT I'M GOING TO SAY IT, THAT
5 WE HAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT ELECTION COMING UP THIS FALL, AND I
6 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE AS PREPARED AS
7 POSSIBLE, SO THAT EVERYBODY WHO IS REGISTERED TO VOTE, WANTS
8 TO VOTE, CAN VOTE, AND CAN CAST THEIR BALLOT SAFELY AND WITH
9 THE CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR VOTES WILL BE COUNTED. WE HAD SOME
10 ISSUES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN MARCH THAT WE HEARD ABOUT,
11 AND A LOT OF IT HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE LOST SINCE THE PANDEMIC
12 HIT. THAT HAS REALLY BEEN THE FOCUS OF MOST OF OUR ISSUES AND
13 CONCERNS AND BOARD MOTIONS. BUT I THINK IT IS NOW TIME, HERE
14 IN JULY, TO GIVE DEAN LOGAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THE
15 CONFIDENCE OF OUR VOTING PUBLIC IN OUR SYSTEM AND HOW WE'RE
16 GOING TO RUN IT. SO, DEAN, I AM GOING TO JUST ASK YOU, BECAUSE
17 I THINK I HAVE ABOUT SIX QUESTIONS, AND THEN I AM SURE MY
18 COLLEAGUES WILL ALSO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. MY FIRST QUESTION IS
19 THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST TAKEAWAYS FROM ELECTION DAY IN MARCH
20 WAS THE SCENES OF CHAOS AT SOME OF OUR VOTE CENTERS; THE
21 STORIES OF WAITING MANY HOURS, FOR MANY VOTERS, AND THAT IS
22 JUST SO UNACCEPTABLE. SO I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME REPORTS ON
23 WHAT CAUSED THAT, BUT WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME THAT WE CAN DO
24 RIGHT OFF THE BAT THAT CAN RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE IN OUR
25 VOTING SYSTEM AND FOR VOTERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY? GO AHEAD.

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2 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS
3 DEAN LOGAN, REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK. THERE'S OBVIOUSLY
4 QUITE A BIT THAT IS BEING DONE WITH REGARD TO RESTORING
5 CONFIDENCE IN THE VOTING SYSTEM, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE
6 IMPORTANCE OF DOING THAT-- CAN YOU HEAR ME?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **DEAN LOGAN:** OKAY. SO, YEAH, BUILDING AND RESTORING CONFIDENCE
11 IN THE VOTING PROCESS IS PARAMOUNT, AND OUR REPORT BACK TO
12 YOUR BOARD IN APRIL SPEAKS TO A CRITICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE
13 REVIEW OF, REALLY, EVERYTHING THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE MARCH
14 ELECTION AND A PATH FORWARD. WE KNOW THAT SOME VOTERS
15 EXPERIENCED ISSUES IN MARCH, AND WE HAVE SEEN, AROUND THE
16 COUNTRY, THE STRUGGLES IN THE DAYS AND MONTHS THAT ELECTION TO
17 ENSURE A SAFE AND SECURE, ACCESSIBLE VOTING EXPERIENCE IN
18 OTHER STATES. SO WE KNOW THIS IS IMPORTANT. OUR REPORT, WHICH
19 WAS DETAILED AND CANDID, IDENTIFIED 47 SPECIFIC ACTION ITEMS
20 AND IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AHEAD OF THE
21 GENERAL ELECTION, AND THOSE ITEMS ARE FOCUSED ON THE EXPANSION
22 OF VOTE-BY-MAIL AS A SAFEGUARD TO ENSURE THAT EVERY VOTER IN
23 THE COUNTY HAS ACCESS TO A BALLOT; THE ENHANCEMENT AND
24 COMPLETE RETESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF ALL EQUIPMENT AND
25 TECHNOLOGY USED TO SUPPORT THE ELECTION; IMPROVEMENTS IN THE

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1 RESOURCING AND DEPLOYMENT OF VOTE CENTERS; AND INCREASED
2 STAFFING AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING OF OUR ELECTION
3 WORKERS. SO WE ARE HEADS DOWN, ALL HANDS ON DECK, IMPLEMENTING
4 THOSE ACTIONS, AND WE'RE HAVING THAT WORK VALIDATED BY
5 EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE THE QUALITY
6 AND ACCOUNTABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU MENTIONED VOTE-BY-MAIL, DEAN, AND I WOULD SAY
9 ONE OF THE CALLERS TODAY DURING PUBLIC COMMENT COMMENTED ON
10 YOUR WEBSITE. AND AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD VOTED TO INSTRUCT
11 YOU TO MAIL A BALLOT TO EVERY ELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTER IN
12 L.A. COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD APPLIED TO
13 BE AN ABSENTEE VOTER, AND YET YOUR WEBSITE STILL HAS ON IT,
14 "HOW DO YOU SIGN UP FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?" THERE IS NOTHING
15 ON YOUR WEBSITE THAT SORT OF POPS UP SAYING EVERYBODY IS GOING
16 TO GET A BALLOT. YOU CAN STILL VOTE IN PERSON, BUT EVERYBODY
17 GETS A BALLOT. HOW COULD YOU HAVE MISSED SOMETHING SO OBVIOUS
18 ON YOUR WEBSITE OF EDUCATING THE VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY?

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION AND I
21 APPRECIATE THE COMMENT. I DID NOTE THAT EARLIER, DURING PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. I DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE MISSED THAT. WE ARE IN THE
23 PROCESS OF REVAMPING THE WEBSITE FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION,
24 AND THAT WILL BE ONE OF A VARIETY OF TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR VOTER
25 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION, AND WE SHOULD HAVE THAT UPDATED ON THE

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1 WEBSITE BY MID-MONTH THIS MONTH. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TOOLS
2 ON THE WEBSITE THAT WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING, INCLUDING THE
3 ABILITY FOR VOTERS TO SIGN UP, THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF
4 STATE'S OFFICE, TO TRACK THE MAILING OF THEIR BALLOT AND ALSO
5 THE RETURN OF THEIR BALLOT, SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO RETURN IT
6 THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. WE ALSO WILL BE ENCOURAGING
7 VOTERS TO USE THE VOTER LOOK-UP FEATURE IN ADVANCE OF THE
8 ELECTION TO VERIFY THEIR REGISTRATION, TO VERIFY THAT THEIR
9 ADDRESS IS CORRECT, AND ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE CORRECT
10 INFORMATION WELL IN ADVANCE OF WHEN THE BALLOTS GO IN THE
11 MAIL. AND I ALSO JUST WANTED TO ADD TO THAT, THAT THE COMMENT
12 THAT WAS MADE EARLIER IN PUBLIC COMMENT, JUST TO CLARIFY THAT
13 WE DO NOT RELY SOLELY ON THE WEBSITE AS OUR MEANS OF EDUCATING
14 VOTERS. IN FACT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD AND THE STATE
15 LEGISLATURE, AND EVEN SOME FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL
16 GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE ALLOCATED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
17 RESOURCES FOR A MULTIMEDIA CAMPAIGN THAT WILL BE FOCUSED ON
18 GETTING THAT WORD OUT AND MAKING SURE THAT VOTERS KNOW THAT
19 THEY ARE RECEIVING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT, BUT ALL OF THE
20 OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, BUT I WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AS
23 SOON AS THE BOARD GAVE YOU THE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAIL A BALLOT
24 TO EVERY SINGLE VOTER, YOU SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN OFF
25 YOUR WEBSITE HOW PEOPLE COULD SIGN UP FOR ONE. SO I STILL FEEL

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1 LIKE YOU'VE GOT TO REALLY GET ON TOP OF THIS. PEOPLE ARE
2 BEGINNING TO LOOK AT YOUR WEBSITE, PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT
3 THE ELECTION, AND THAT IS REALLY A SIMPLE THING THAT YOU
4 SHOULD DO. LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT THE BALLOTS THAT PEOPLE
5 ACTUALLY GET. AS YOU KNOW, OUR FIRE MEASURE THAT MANY OF US
6 WERE SUPPORTING AND WERE COUNTING ON WAS ACTUALLY LEFT OFF
7 ABOUT 117,000 VOTERS. HOW CAN YOU, AGAIN, RESTORE THE
8 CONFIDENCE AND GUARANTEE THAT EVERY VOTER GETS A BALLOT IN
9 THEIR MAILBOX, AND THAT ALL THE NAMES, ALL THE CANDIDATES, ALL
10 THE MEASURES ARE ACCURATE ON EVERYBODY'S BALLOT?

11

12 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR, WE LOOKED CLOSELY AT THAT ISSUE WITH
13 THE FIRE MEASURE, AND AS YOU KNOW, THOSE VOTERS WERE
14 SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AND WE TRACKED
15 THOSE BALLOTS. SO I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THE VOTERS DID
16 GET THE MEASURE. THAT IS NOT TO EXCUSE OR TO REMOVE THE
17 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ISSUE, BUT THAT WAS ADDRESSED DURING THE
18 ELECTION. BUT WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE
19 KIND OF ISSUES DON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, AND PART OF THE
20 TRANSPARENCY THAT WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE SINCE THE MARCH
21 ELECTION IS RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT AND
22 QUALITY ASSURANCE. SO WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A COUNTY TECHNOLOGY
23 ALLIANCE THAT INCLUDES HIGHLY REGARDED I.T. PERSONNEL FROM
24 MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WITH
25 G.I.S. EXPERIENCE AND FAMILIARITY WITH THE JURISDICTIONAL

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1 BOUNDARIES IN THE COUNTY, WHO ARE ASSISTING WITH CONDUCTING AN
2 AUDIT OF THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES FOR ANY MEASURE OR
3 JURISDICTION THAT HAS CONTESTS AND MEASURES ON THE BALLOT IN
4 NOVEMBER. THEY ARE ALSO VALIDATING OUR QUALITY ASSURANCE
5 PROTOCOLS AND REVIEWING THE PROCEDURES THAT ESTABLISH THE
6 BALLOT STYLES, AND OFFERING VOTERS THE TOOLS TO TRACK THEIR
7 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS, THAT I TALKED ABOUT JUST A LITTLE BIT
8 AGO. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, THE EARLY DECISION TO MAIL BALLOTS
9 TO ALL THOSE ALLOWED US TO WORK WITH OUR BALLOT PRINTING,
10 MAILING, AND PROCESSING VENDORS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE
11 INCREASED CAPACITY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF MAILING MORE THAN
12 5.5 MILLION BALLOTS. BUT THAT SAID, THE ABILITY TO ACCURATELY
13 PRINT AND MAIL BALLOTS RELIES HEAVILY ON THE ACCURACY OF THE
14 DATA IN OUR STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE, AND ON
15 RELIABILITY OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IN THE DELIVERY OF
16 THOSE BALLOTS. SO WE ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE
17 BEST AND MOST CURRENT ADDRESS INFORMATION FOR OUR REGISTERED
18 VOTERS, AND TO DO THAT, WE ARE SENDING OUT AN ADVANCED MAILING
19 TO ALL VOTERS LATER THIS MONTH, THAT INFORMS THEM THAT ALL
20 VOTERS WILL BE MAILED BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, AND
21 ALSO INFORMS THEM OF THE OPTIONS TO RECEIVE ELECTION MATERIALS
22 IN ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGES, SO THAT WE CAN GET THAT IN OUR
23 SYSTEM, AGAIN, WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE MAILING OF THE BALLOTS.
24 THAT MAILING WILL ALSO PROVIDE US WITH ADDRESS CONFIRMATION
25 INFORMATION AND FORWARDING DATA FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

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1 SO THAT WE CAN BE SURE THAT ANY DATA CLEANUP THAT MAY NEED TO
2 OCCUR PRIOR TO MAILING THE BALLOTS GETS OUT THERE. BUT WE ALSO
3 RECOGNIZE THAT WITH THAT RELIANCE ON THE POSTAL SERVICE AND ON
4 THE DATA, THAT IN-PERSON VOTING OPTIONS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE
5 TO BE IMPORTANT, SO WE ARE NOT DISREGARDING THAT IN ANY
6 REGARD. THE BALLOTS WILL BE GOING IN THE MAIL 29 DAYS BEFORE
7 THE ELECTION, SO THAT'S OCTOBER 5TH, AND WE WILL BE PUTTING
8 OUT MESSAGING SO VOTERS KNOW THAT, AND KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT
9 THEM. FOR OUR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS, THEY'LL GO IN THE
10 MAIL 45 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. ONCE VOTERS RECEIVE THOSE
11 BALLOTS, THEY CAN BEGIN MARKING THEM AND RETURNING THEM
12 IMMEDIATELY. RETURN POSTAGE IS PAID. OR, IF VOTERS ARE MORE
13 COMFORTABLE DROPPING OFF THEIR VOTED BALLOT IN A BALLOT BOX,
14 THEY CAN DO THAT AT ANY OF MORE THAN 380 BALLOT DROP-OFF
15 LOCATIONS THAT WILL BE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, OR AT
16 ANY OF THE VOTE CENTERS, ONCE THOSE OPEN, STARTING TEN DAYS
17 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT IS ALL REALLY GREAT INFORMATION. AND AGAIN,
20 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE, I BELIEVE, AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF
21 PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, THAT WILL BE, FOR THE VERY
22 FIRST TIME, VOTING BY MAIL. SO I WILL URGE YOU TO MAKE SURE
23 THAT NOT ONLY MAILING THIS INFORMATION TO VOTERS, BUT SOMEHOW
24 REALLY FLOODING SOCIAL MEDIA, FLOODING THE MEDIA, TRYING TO
25 MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY SHOULD RECEIVE

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1 THEIR BALLOT, HOW QUICKLY THEY CAN MARK IT AND GET BACK TO
2 YOU, AND HOW THEY CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR VOTE IS COUNTED.
3 LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU JUST SAID, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH
4 WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT MORE PEOPLE VOTING
5 BY MAIL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU UNDERESTIMATED LAST TIME
6 WAS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT STILL LIKE TO SHOW UP ON
7 ELECTION DAY IN PERSON. SO, JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE
8 PREPARED FOR THAT. AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO JUST TOUCH ON
9 WHERE THESE VOTING CENTERS WILL BE. NOW, SO MUCH HAS CHANGED
10 IN OUR WORLD. BEFORE, WE WERE TELLING PEOPLE, "GEE, YOU DON'T
11 HAVE TO VOTE CLOSE TO HOME. YOU CAN VOTE WHERE YOU WORK." SO A
12 LOT OF THESE VOTING CENTERS WERE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED BY, YOU
13 KNOW, WORK ENVIRONMENTS. NOW WE KNOW, OF COURSE, MORE PEOPLE
14 ARE BACK HOME, AND PROBABLY WOULD APPRECIATE THESE VOTING
15 CENTERS TO BE CLOSER TO THEIR HOME THAN THEIR SO-CALLED
16 WORKPLACE. SO HOW MANY VOTE CENTERS WILL WE HAVE, AND HOW DO
17 YOU CHOOSE THE LOCATION OF THESE WORK VERSUS HOME CENTERS?

18

19 **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE. THANK YOU, AND WE HAVE LOOKED CLOSELY AT
20 THAT DATA FROM MARCH. AND AS YOU MENTIONED, WITH THE
21 CONTINUING CHANGES WITH THE C.O.V.I.D. ENVIRONMENT, WE KNOW
22 FROM REVIEWING THE DATA FROM MARCH THAT MOST IN-PERSON VOTERS
23 DID CAST THEIR BALLOTS AT A VOTE CENTER LOCATED WITHIN THREE
24 MILES OF THEIR RESIDENCE. SO THERE IS VERY CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT
25 THE VOTERS STILL, BY HABIT OR OTHER REASON, ARE VOTING CLOSE

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1 TO HOME. THE VOTERS' CHOICE ACT DOES REQUIRE VOTE CENTERS TO
2 BE DISTRIBUTED GEOGRAPHICALLY AROUND THE COUNTY AND CONSIDERS
3 SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC TRANSIT,
4 ACCESSIBILITY, AND ADEQUATE PARKING, AND WE WILL, OF COURSE,
5 COMPLY WITH ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. UNDER THE VOTERS' CHOICE ACT,
6 AS WE'RE NOW GOVERNED, WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM--
7 AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE A MINIMUM-- OF 114 VOTE CENTERS THAT
8 OPEN TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION, AND THEN AT LEAST 570 VOTE
9 CENTERS THAT ARE OPEN DURING THE FINAL WEEKEND PRIOR TO AND ON
10 ELECTION DAY. THAT SAID, BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE IN MARCH, AND
11 A REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DATA, AND JUST WATCHING WHAT IS
12 HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE IMPORTANT
13 TO EXCEED THOSE MINIMUMS AND TO PROVIDE VOTE CENTERS THAT ARE
14 LARGER AND CAN ACCOMMODATE HIGHER VOTER TURNOUT. IN FACT, IN
15 MARCH, WE EXCEEDED THE LEGAL MINIMUMS AND WE STILL HAD THE
16 LARGE CAPACITY ISSUES LATER IN THE DAY ON ELECTION DAY. SO WE
17 ARE CONTINUING OUR ANALYSIS AND REVIEWING THE DATA, AND OUR
18 FOCUS IS QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY. WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT
19 WE HAVE FACILITIES THAT DO HAVE THE CAPACITY, AND THAT WE CAN
20 STAFF THEM APPROPRIATELY TO ENSURE A GOOD FLOW OF VOTERS. SO I
21 EXPECT TO HAVE A FINAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE ACTUAL NUMBERS,
22 AND REPORT TO YOU ON OUR SELECTION CRITERIA LATER THIS MONTH.
23 MEANWHILE, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH ACQUIRING THE
24 COMMITMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED. BUT AS YOU
25 MENTIONED, EVEN WITH MAILING BALLOTS TO ALL VOTERS, AND WITH

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1 THE IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, THERE IS A GOOD INDICATION THAT A
2 HIGH NUMBER OF VOTERS WILL STILL CHOOSE TO VOTE IN PERSON. WE
3 KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, THAT IN MARCH, 42 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS
4 WHO VOTED IN PERSON HAD BEEN MAILED THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS,
5 SO THAT IS A DYNAMIC THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO.
6 AND OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
7 HELD DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND AGAIN LOOKING AT OTHER STATES
8 THAT HAVE HELD PRIMARIES AFTER CALIFORNIA, STILL INDICATE THAT
9 THERE IS HIGH TURNOUT AND A CONTINUED DESIRE TO VOTE IN
10 PERSON.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, CAN I JUST SAY ONE-- I
13 MEAN, THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION, BUT YOU JUST CONTRADICTED
14 YOURSELF, BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING MINIMUM, BUT YET YOU ARE
15 SAYING THERE MAY BE MORE? SO SHOULDN'T WE SHOOT FOR MORE?

16

17 **DEAN LOGAN:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I'M SORRY IF I
18 DIDN'T STATE THAT WELL. THERE'S A LEGAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENT
19 THAT'S BASED ON A FORMULA THAT'S IN THE LAW. THAT'S THE 114
20 AND THE 570 VOTE CENTERS. I BELIEVE THAT WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO
21 EXCEED THAT MINIMUM AND, EVEN WITH VOTE-BY-MAIL, QUITE LIKELY
22 APPROACH THE NUMBER THAT WE HAD IN MARCH, IN ORDER TO DO THAT.
23 BUT I THINK IT IS MORE THAN JUST NUMBERS. IT IS ALSO THE
24 QUALITY OF THE VOTE CENTERS AND THE TYPES OF FACILITIES THAT

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1 WE MAKE AVAILABLE, SO LARGER FACILITIES THAT HAVE MORE ROOM
2 FOR THE CROWDS THAT WE EXPECT ON ELECTION DAY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. JUST A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS I HAVE. AND
5 SPEAKING OF, YEAH, I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE OUGHT TO
6 SHOOT FOR MORE. ALSO, AS WE KNOW, THERE IS SOMETIMES SOME
7 MISINFORMATION SPREAD DURING ELECTION SEASON, THAT SOMEHOW
8 VOTING BY MAIL IS FRAUDULENT, AND SO THERE WILL BE SOME
9 MESSAGING OUT THERE THAT IS TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM
10 VOTING BY MAIL. SO WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO HAVE
11 THE VOTE CENTERS. I FELT LIKE LAST TIME WE HAD AN ISSUE WITH
12 BEING UNDERSTAFFED AND UNDERTRAINED AT THE VOTE CENTERS, AND
13 WONDERING IF YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT USING THE COUNTY WORKFORCE,
14 SORT OF LIKE OUR DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS THAT WE DEPLOY
15 DURING THE PANDEMIC, FOR THE 11 DAYS OF THOSE VOTING CENTERS.

16

17 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES. WE THINK THAT IT IS GOING TO BE, IN
18 PARTICULAR, WITH THE NEW IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, PUTTING A
19 STRAIN ON OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT ELECTION WORKERS IN THE
20 COMMUNITY, THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO NEED TO RELY ON THE COUNTY
21 WORKFORCE TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS PROCESS. AND WE HAVE A
22 PROPOSAL WE ARE WORKING ON WITH THE C.E.O. TO DO EXACTLY WHAT
23 YOU JUST MENTIONED, AND THAT IS TO REVAMP A MODEL THAT IS
24 SIMILAR TO THE DISASTER SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM TO UTILIZE
25 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT THE VOTE CENTERS. IN ADDITION TO THAT,

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1 WE'RE STARTING RECRUITMENT IN THE COMMUNITY EARLIER, AND
2 EXPANDING OUR TECHNICAL TRAINING TO INCLUDE MORE HANDS-ON
3 EXPERIENCE WITH THE NEW EQUIPMENT, AND WE'VE ALSO ESTABLISHED
4 A LOCAL ACTION TEAM THAT IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL ADVOCACY AND
5 STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ASSISTING US WITH ON-THE-
6 GROUND, LOCALIZED RECRUITMENT AND SPONSORSHIP OF VOTE CENTERS
7 AND ELECTION WORKERS, AND THAT PARTICULAR GROUP IS REALLY
8 HELPING US TO IDENTIFY WHERE ARE THE TRUST GAPS IN OUR
9 COMMUNITY, WHETHER THAT BE A GEOGRAPHIC OR PARTICULAR
10 POPULATIONS OF VOTERS WHO, AS YOU INDICATED, MAY BE LESS
11 CONFIDENT ABOUT VOTE-BY-MAIL, AND EVEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE
12 TYPE OF LOCATIONS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR VOTE CENTERS. SO
13 THEY ARE HELPING US TO FOCUS ON HARD-TO-REACH AREAS AND
14 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE STRUGGLED WITH ACCESS IN THE PAST. AND
15 THEN, FINALLY, WE'RE CONTRACTING FOR SUPPORT IN TWO KEY AREAS
16 WITH STAFFING AT THE VOTE CENTERS: THE FIELD TECH SUPPORT,
17 WHICH INCLUDES ACTUALLY PLACING TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN THE VOTE
18 CENTERS TO ADDRESS, ON THE SPOT, ANY TECHNICAL ISSUES ON
19 ELECTION DAY; AND ALSO OUR I.T. CALL CENTER, TO STREAMLINE THE
20 TRACKING AND SPEED UP THE RESPONSE TO ANY ISSUES THAT OUR
21 ELECTION WORKERS REPORT FROM THE VOTE CENTERS.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THE LAST TWO THINGS, I WILL PUT THEM ALL IN
24 ONE. WE WERE TOLD LAST TIME THAT ANYWHERE FROM 5 TO 20 PERCENT
25 OF THOSE MACHINES WERE NOT WORKING. I EXPERIENCED THAT

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1 MYSELF, WHEN I WENT INTO MY VOTE CENTER, THAT SOME OF THE
2 MACHINES HAD LARGE X'S ACROSS THEM, TAPED UP, AND WERE NOT
3 AVAILABLE. WE GOT CRITICIZED ROUNDLY BECAUSE THE COUNTY, OF
4 COURSE, INVESTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THIS NEW VOTING
5 EXPERIENCE, AND TO SEE SO MANY OF THEM ON THAT DAY, WHETHER IT
6 WAS THE E-POLL BOOKS NOT SYNCING PROPERLY WHEN PEOPLE WERE
7 CHECKING IN, OR THE ACTUAL MACHINES THAT WEREN'T BEING ALLOWED
8 TO BE USED. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HOLD THESE VENDORS
9 ACCOUNTABLE? I THINK I WAS EVEN QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE NEED OUR
10 MONEY BACK." RIGHT? WE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY, AND FOR THEM TO
11 BE BROKEN ON ELECTION DAY REALLY WAS UNACCEPTABLE. SO WHAT
12 HAVE WE DONE TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE? AND I'LL JUST ROLL INTO
13 THE LAST ONE, DEAN. HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE PEOPLE FEEL SAFE
14 ACTUALLY GOING INTO ONE OF THESE CENTERS? YOU TOUCHED ON IT A
15 LITTLE BIT, LIKE SOCIAL DISTANCING, SPACE BETWEEN MACHINES,
16 CONTACT WITH WORKERS. IS EVERYBODY GOING TO WEAR A MASK? ARE
17 WE REQUIRING VOTERS TO WEAR A MASK, WORKERS TO WEAR A MASK?
18 HOW ARE YOU SANITIZING THE ACTUAL MACHINES AFTER EACH PERSON
19 VOTES? PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW, "AM I GOING TO RISK
20 MY HEALTH IF I STILL INSIST ON VOTING IN PERSON." SO HOW ARE
21 WE HOLDING VENDORS ACCOUNTABLE, AND HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE
22 PEOPLE FEEL PHYSICALLY SAFE FROM THIS VIRUS IF THEY CHOOSE TO
23 VOTE IN PERSON?
24

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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE, LET ME ADDRESS THE EQUIPMNT ISSUE FIRST. OUR
2 REPORT, AND THEN THE INDEPENDENT REPORT THAT VALIDATED THAT,
3 SHOWED THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT ISSUE DEALT WITH
4 THE E-POLL BOOKS, AND IT WAS NOT THAT THEY PHYSICALLY DID NOT
5 WORK, IT WAS MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING AND THE CAPACITY OF
6 THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE DATA. AND WITHOUT GETTING TOO FAR
7 DOWN INTO THE WEEDS, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS,
8 OPERATIONALLY AND PROCEDURALLY, THAT WE LEARNED IN THAT
9 PROCESS, AND THAT THE VENDOR THAT WE PURCHASED THAT SYSTEM
10 LEARNED FROM THAT PROCESS. THAT PARTICULAR PRODUCT WAS
11 PURCHASED AS AN OFF-THE-SHELF SYSTEM. IT WAS NOT A DEVELOPMENT
12 PROJECT IN THE PRIMARY. AS FAR AS HOLDING THE VENDOR
13 ACCOUNTABLE, WE ARE RENEGOTIATING OUR CONTRACT WITH THAT
14 VENDOR TO INSIST THAT THEY ADDRESS THE CAPACITY ISSUES, THE
15 TRAINING ISSUES, AND THAT THEY HAVE ONSITE SUPPORT HERE. THEY
16 ARE BEING RESPONSIVE AND WE ARE DOING FIELD TESTING AND VOLUME
17 TESTING THAT I CAN DETAIL IN SUBSEQUENT STATUS REPORTS TO
18 ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. ON THE BALLOT-MARKING DEVICES,
19 INDICATIONS ARE, FROM WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO GATHER, IS THAT
20 THEY ACTUALLY DID WORK FAIRLY WELL. WE KNOW THAT THERE WERE
21 ISSUES WITH PAPER JAMS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED AND TRACED BACK TO
22 A FAULTY PRINTER GEAR ON CERTAIN DEVICES THAT OCCURRED DURING
23 ONE PHASE OF THE MANUFACTURING OF THOSE DEVICES. AND WE ALSO
24 BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS AN INADEQUATE TRAINING ISSUE THAT COULD
25 HAVE ADDRESSED A LOT OF THE ISSUES ON SITE, RATHER THAN

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1 SHUTTING DOWN THOSE UNITS. WE HELD HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH
2 THE MANUFACTURING VENDOR AND DEMANDED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THAT
3 ISSUE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE IN RETESTING ALL
4 THE DEVICES-- NOT JUST THOSE THAT HAVE THE ISSUES, BUT ALL OF
5 THE DEVICES-- AND ALL OF THE PRINTER GEARS THAT WERE AFFECTED
6 HAVE BEEN REPLACED. BUT TO HELP ENSURE CONFIDENCE AND
7 DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA'S VOTING
8 SYSTEM STANDARDS, WE ARE ALSO REQUIRING THE VENDOR TO TAKE THE
9 ENTIRE INTEGRATED SYSTEM THROUGH A COMPLETE RETESTING, THIRD-
10 PARTY, INDEPENDENT TESTING, AND TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FROM
11 THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THAT PROCESS STARTED ABOUT A WEEK AGO,
12 OR ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. THE FUNCTIONAL TESTING AND SECURITY
13 TESTING IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW. AND AGAIN, SIMILAR TO THE E-
14 POLL BOOKS, THAT INVOLVES VOLUME TESTING AND IMPROVEMENTS THAT
15 HAVE MADE TO THE PAPER HANDLING TO ADDRESS PAPER JAMS. SO THEY
16 ARE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE TO US, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF
17 STATE, THAT THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED PRIOR TO THE
18 NOVEMBER ELECTION. AND THEN I'LL JUST REPEAT THAT WE ALSO ARE
19 GOING TO HAVE EXPERIENCED FIELD TECH SUPPORT AT THE VOTE
20 CENTERS IN NOVEMBER, SO THAT IF THERE ARE ISSUES, THEY CAN BE
21 ADDRESSED QUICKLY, OR IF WE NEED TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT ON SITE,
22 WE CAN DO THAT. WITH REGARD TO THE SAFETY AND THE C.O.V.I.D.-
23 19 IMPACTS ON IN-PERSON VOTING, THAT IS ANOTHER AREA THAT WE
24 DEVOTED SOME SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION TO. AS YOU KNOW, SINCE THE
25 MARCH ELECTION, WE'VE CONDUCTED SMALLER-SCALE SPECIAL

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1 ELECTIONS IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR, ALL WHILE THE
2 STATE AND THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS
3 RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE'VE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC HEALTH ON DEVELOPING SAFETY PLANS AND PROCEDURES THAT
5 KEEP THE VOTING PROCESS ACCESSIBLE, WHILE COMPLYING WITH
6 PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING, PERSONAL
7 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND THE APPROPRIATE CLEANING AND
8 DISINFECTING OF THE WORK AREAS AND EQUIPMENT. WE ACTUALLY HAD
9 PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS VISIT OUR VOTING LOCATIONS DURING THE
10 SPECIAL ELECTION PERIOD, AND THEY'VE PROVIDED ASSESSMENTS AND
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENSURING A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT. AS
12 A RESULT, OUR SPECIFICATIONS FOR VOTE CENTERS INCLUDE THE NEED
13 FOR LARGER, MORE OPEN SPACES, TO ALLOW FOR BOTH THE DISTANCING
14 OF PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT. ALL OF OUR EQUIPMENT WILL BE WIPED
15 DOWN AND CLEANED AFTER EACH USE. VOTERS AND ELECTION WORKERS
16 WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS. WE WILL HAVE ON HAND
17 AT EVERY VOTE CENTER HAND SANITIZER, PLASTIC GLOVES, AND
18 DISPOSABLE FACE COVERINGS, AND WE WILL PROVIDE LINE QUEUEING
19 TO ENSURE THE RECOMMENDED SIX-FOOT DISTANCE, AND WE'LL HAVE
20 SIGNAGE THAT'S ADDED TO ADDRESS THOSE PRECAUTIONS AND REASSURE
21 VOTERS OF THOSE PRECAUTIONS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN TO ENSURE THEIR
22 SAFETY. FINALLY, WE'LL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE VOTE-BY-
23 MAIL BALLOTS THAT WE'RE MAILING TO VOTER ACTUALLY SERVE AS A
24 SAFEGUARD TO MAKE SURE THAT VOTERS CAN HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD
25 SAFELY AND SECURELY IN NOVEMBER. SO WE'LL ENCOURAGE VOTERS WHO

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1 ARE ABLE TO DO SO TO SAFELY PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION BY
2 RETURNING THEIR MAILED BALLOT THROUGH THE MAIL OR AT ONE OF
3 OUR BALLOT DROPBOX PROGRAMS, AND HOPEFULLY IN THAT SENSE HELP
4 WITH FLATTENING THE CURVE AND MAKING SURE THAT THE IN-PERSON
5 VOTING EXPERIENCE IS PRIORITIZED FOR THOSE VOTERS WHO NEED
6 THOSE SERVICES, WHETHER THAT BE FOR LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE,
7 ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES, OR OTHER REASONS.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU, DEAN, AND I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MY
10 COLLEAGUES WHEN I SAY WE ARE ALL HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORT.
11 IT IS A HUGE UNDERTAKING, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
12 ONE OF OUR 5.4 MILLION VOTERS IN THIS COUNTY CAN SAFELY AND
13 EFFECTIVELY CAST THEIR BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER. THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH. AND THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR LETTING ME ASK ALL THOSE
15 QUESTIONS. BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAD
18 SOME QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I'LL BE BRIEF. I THINK SUPERVISOR HAHN ASKED A
21 LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT I WAS GOING TO ASK. BUT ONE THING I JUST
22 WANT TO REITERATE, DEAN, IS THAT PEOPLE REALLY GET COMFORTABLE
23 WHERE THEY TEND TO VOTE, AND ONE THING I KNOW WE HAD SOME
24 ISSUES WITH WAS GETTING SOME OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OPEN
25 UP. AND I'M WONDERING IF WE CAN MAYBE GO BACK TO THEM NOW,

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1 GIVEN THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE SOME CHANGES, PERHAPS, IN
2 SCHOOLING AND WHAT THEIR CALENDAR LOOKS LIKE, AT LEAST FOR THE
3 FOUR DAYS BEFORE VOTING, AND MAYBE NOT THE WHOLE 10 OR 11
4 DAYS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WAS AN ISSUE WITH STAFFING THAT YOU
5 HAD TALKED ABOUT. SO THAT'S ONE. THE OTHER IS MAKING SURE THAT
6 WE DO HAVE CONFIDENT STAFF, THAT WE GET COUNTY STAFF INVOLVED
7 TO HELP SUPERVISE AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE TESTING
8 OF ALL THE EQUIPMENT. SO YOU HAVE A DRESS REHEARSAL, MAYBE,
9 TWO OR THREE TIMES BEFORE THE ACTUAL DAY OF THE VOTING CENTER
10 OPENING, OR EVEN THE WEEKEND BEFORE ELECTION DAY. I THINK IT
11 IS JUST A CONSTANT, CONSTANT REITERATION AND PRACTICE SO THAT
12 WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE HERE, BECAUSE AS PREVIOUS
13 DISCUSSIONS WE'VE HAD, I KNOW WE HAD A CHANGE-OVER IN STAFF,
14 AND PEOPLE-- VOLUNTEERS, GRANTED-- DID NOT ALWAYS SHOW UP, AND
15 I THINK WE HAVE TO SHOW SOME RELIABILITY HERE. AND I
16 UNDERSTAND THAT THE C.E.O. IS VERY INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH
17 YOU AND WORKING WITH US ON SEEING HOW THAT CAN HAPPEN. AND
18 THEN, JUST LASLY, MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE CULTURALLY
19 COMPETENT INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE STAFFING THOSE VOTING CENTERS
20 WHERE PEOPLE SPEAK MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. I THINK THAT STILL
21 CONTINUES TO BE A BIG BARRIER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY
22 SINCE SO MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN. AND I KNOW YOU
23 MADE AN EFFORT TO DO WHAT YOU COULD IN THAT VEIN, BUT I THINK
24 WE REALLY DO NEED TO HAVE SOME STAFF AVAILABLE THAT CAN MAKE
25 THAT COMMITMENT, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. JUST REAL QUICK, TO
3 COMMENT ON A COUPLE OF THOSE THINGS, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU
4 RAISING THE ISSUE WITH REGARD TO SCHOOLS, AND THAT IS
5 SOMETHING YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, THAT SCHOOLS ARE
6 OFTEN RECOGNIZED IN OUR COMMUNITY AS FAMILIAR AND TRUSTED
7 LOCATIONS FOR VOTING BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN USED IN THAT MANNER
8 FOR MANY YEARS. I WILL SHARE WITH YOU THAT SECURING SCHOOLS
9 FOR VOTING HAS BECOME EVEN MORE CHALLENGING IN THE C.O.V.I.D.--
10 19 ENVIRONMENT. IN OUR INITIAL OUTREACH TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
11 THERE IS A RESISTANCE, AND THERE ARE COMPETING NEEDS FOR THOSE
12 SPACES. BUT WE KNOW THAT, JUST GEOGRAPHICALLY, THERE ARE
13 PLACES IN OUR COUNTY WHERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RELY ON
14 SCHOOL FACILITIES DURING THAT FOUR-DAY VOTING PERIOD THAT YOU
15 MENTIONED. SO ANY SUPPORT THAT THE BOARD CAN PROVIDE-- AND WE
16 ARE IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH YOUR OFFICES IN THAT REGARD-- IN
17 YOUR DISTRICTS IS MOST APPRECIATED, AND I ALSO WANT TO JUST
18 NOTE THAT DR. DUARDO, OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION HERE IN
19 THE COUNTY, IS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL ACTION TEAM THAT I
20 MENTIONED BEFORE, AND IS ENGAGED WITH US IN THAT REGARD, AS
21 WELL.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. GREAT. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
2 FOR HAVING THIS AS A SET ITEM. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS IMPORTANT
3 MOVING FORWARD, AND I THINK IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE TAKE THE
4 LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LAST ELECTION. AND THAT IS WHY I HAD
5 TO INTERRUPT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHEN YOU WERE ASKING YOUR
6 QUESTIONS, BECAUSE ONE OF THE TAKEAWAYS WAS THAT THERE WERE
7 LONG LINES AND PEOPLE WERE VERY FRUSTRATED AND FELT THEY WERE
8 NOT GETTING ACCESS TO THE POLLING BOOTHS. AND I KNOW THAT'S
9 QUITE THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THIS BOARD WANTS AND ACTUALLY, IN
10 FACT, EXPECTS. AND THE LESSONS LEARNED, AS IT RELATES TO
11 INTERNET ACCESS, IS IMPORTANT. WHILE WE ARE DOING A LOT OF
12 MAIL-OUT-- OBVIOUSLY, ALL-- THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE THAT
13 ARE GOING TO WANT TO COME IN, AND I THINK WE NEED TO
14 RECOGNIZE. AND, DEAN, YOU SAID WITH THE PERCENTAGES THAT THERE
15 ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE VOTING, AND WE CANNOT ASSUME
16 THAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT VIA MAIL. AND SO I THINK IT IS
17 IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE ALL HANDS ON DECK AS WE MOVE FORWARD,
18 AND BE PREPARED, BUT ALSO, AGAIN, LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE
19 LAST ELECTION. I THINK THAT THAT IS A GOOD BLUEPRINT, IN TERMS
20 OF WHAT WENT WRONG AND HOW WE HAVE TO CORRECT IT TO MAKE IT
21 RIGHT. AND SO I AM ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THAT WE GET ALL OF THE
22 REPORTS, AND ACTUALLY MONTHLY WOULD BE WHAT I WOULD PREFER, IN
23 TERMS OF STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION, IN TERMS OF CORRECTIVE
24 ACTION THAT IS IN PLACE AS IT RELATES TO THE PAST ELECTION. I
25 WOULD ALSO SAY THAT IT WAS TOUCHED ON, BUT I FULLY SUPPORT

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1 HAVING COUNTY STAFF TO BE THE WORKERS, INSTEAD OF VOLUNTEERS,
2 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IN THE PAST, WE HAD SITUATIONS WHERE THERE
3 WERE NO-SHOWS, AND THAT THEY WERE SHORT-STAFFED. AND, DEAN, I
4 COMMEND YOU, BECAUSE WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION,
5 YOU QUICKLY ACTED ON IT. BUT I THINK THAT FOREWARNED IS
6 FOREARMED, AND SO I THINK WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT. AND
7 ONE WAY TO PREPARE FOR THAT IS TO HAVE THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS
8 THE LEADS. SO WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE STATUS REPORT,
9 AND I KNOW THAT THIS BOARD IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL THE
10 TOOLS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS LEFT WITHOUT THE
11 ABILITY TO VOTE, ESPECIALLY IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, WHICH IS
12 AN IMPORTANT ELECTION. SO I AM, YOU KNOW, I REALLY BELIEVE,
13 DEAN, THAT ALL EYES ARE ON THIS COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO HOW
14 WE ARE GOING TO PERFORM, AND I HAVE NO DOUBT-- NO DOUBT-- THAT
15 WE ARE GOING TO STAND TALL AND BRING IT HOME. SO WITH THAT,
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SAY SOME THINGS.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST HAVE TWO
19 FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS. ONE OF THEM IS ABOUT THE E-POLL BOOKS
20 ISSUE. I WANT IT CLARIFIED. BOTH REPORTS THAT IDENTIFIED
21 ISSUES WITH THE MARCH ELECTION CITED THE E-POLL BOOKS, AND WE
22 REFERRED TO IT, INDICATED THAT YOU WERE WORKING WITH A VENDOR.
23 BUT THIS IS A DATABASE THAT WE ARE ACCESSING THAT IS HELD BY
24 THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. HAS THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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1 ALSO AGREED TO WORK WITH US TO MAKE ANY CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE
2 NECESSARY ON HIS END?

3

4 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR THAT QUESTION.
5 THE ANSWER IS YES. SO, AS YOU POINT OUT, THE E-POLL BOOKS,
6 THAT SYNCHRONIZATION PROCESS THAT I TALKED ABOUT BEFORE,
7 INVOLVES A CONNECTIVITY OF OUR ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO
8 THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE, AND THAT HAS BEEN
9 AN ISSUE EVEN PRIOR TO THE MARCH ELECTION, THAT THE
10 INTERACTION BETWEEN OUR ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THE
11 STATE DATABASE, AND THAT WAS EVEN REFERENCED EARLIER IN PUBLIC
12 COMMENT. I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
13 OFFICE HAS ENGAGED WITH US ON THAT. THEY, AT THEIR EXPENSE,
14 HAVE ENGAGED A CONTRACTOR TO WORK WITH THE VENDOR FOR THE
15 STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE, OUR VENDOR FOR THE
16 ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND OUR I.T. STAFF, SPECIFICALLY
17 FOCUSED ON THE SYNCHRONIZATION IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I THINK
18 THAT'S CRITICAL, BECAUSE IN THE PAST, IT'S REALLY BEEN
19 APPROACHED LIKE WE ARE ONE OF ANY OF THE OTHER COUNTIES. BUT
20 GIVEN THE NUMBER OF VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT
21 SYNCHRONIZATION PROCESS JUST HAS TO BE DEALT WITH DIFFERENTLY,
22 BECAUSE WE HAVE 5.5 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS AND THERE IS NO
23 OTHER COUNTY THAT COMPARES TO THAT. SO I AM PLEASED THAT WE
24 HAVE THAT LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT NOW, AND THAT WORK IS ONGOING. I

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1 GET WEEKLY UPDATES ON THAT PROCESS, AND THAT WILL CONTINUE
2 THROUGH THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY
5 WAY TO TEST THAT, AS WELL, BY ATTEMPTING TO OVERWHELM THE
6 SYSTEM BY TRYING TO ACCESS IT FROM 400 DIFFERENT COMPUTERS,
7 BECAUSE IT WAS AS SLOW AS MOLASSES, AND THAT WAS JUST NOT OUR
8 BANDWIDTH. I MEAN, IT REALLY HAD TO DO WITH ACCESSING THE
9 STATEWIDE DATABASE, AND THAT WAS THE MAJOR HOLDUP IN THE
10 PLACES THAT I VISITED ON ELECTION DAY. THE SECOND QUESTION,
11 YOU TALKED ABOUT A TRACKING SYSTEM. SO WHEN WE MAIL OUT A
12 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT TO EVERY REGISTERED VOTER, OBVIOUSLY, WE
13 HAVE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE. COULD YOU BE A LITTLE MORE CLEAR:
14 WHAT TRACKING SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOUR OFFICE, BUT ALSO
15 CAN THE PUBLIC TRACK THEIR BALLOT ONCE THEY ARE IN THE MAIL
16 STREAM?

17

18 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES, BOTH OF THOSE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE. SO WE
19 HAVE INTERNAL TRACKING SYSTEMS THROUGH OUR VOTE-BY-MAIL PRINT
20 AND MAILING VENDORS, SO WE CAN SEE THE DELIVERY OF THE BALLOTS
21 WHEN THEY ARE GOING OUT TO THE VOTERS. BUT FOR VOTERS
22 THEMSELVES, AND WE WILL BE PROMOTING THESE SERVICES, THERE'S A
23 STATEWIDE SERVICE CALLED BALLOTTRAX, AND, AS YOU KNOW, THE
24 WHOLE STATE WILL BE MAILING BALLOTS TO EVERY REGISTERED VOTER
25 IN THIS ELECTION. SO THAT IS A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS VOTERS TO

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1 SUBSCRIBE TO GET NOTIFICATIONS THAT WILL TELL THEM. THEY CAN
2 GET TEXT MESSAGES, E-MAILS, OR EVEN AUTOMATED PHONE CALLS THAT
3 WILL TELL THEM WHERE THEIR BALLOT IS IN THE PROCESS. SO IF
4 THEIR BALLOT HAS BEEN MAILED FROM THE COUNTY, THEY SHOULD BE
5 RECEIVING IT ON SUCH-AND-SUCH DATE. IF THEY VOTED IT AND
6 RETURNED IT, IT WILL TRACK THOSE ACTIVITIES SO VOTERS CAN HAVE
7 THE CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR VOTED BALLOT DID GET BACK TO THE
8 COUNTY, AND THAT THEIR SIGNATURE'S BEEN VERIFIED, AND THAT
9 THEIR BALLOT IS READY FOR TABULATION. SO THOSE ARE PRETTY
10 EXTENSIVE SERVICES. THAT INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE
11 MAILING THAT'S GOING OUT TO VOTERS. IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE
12 VOTE-BY-MAIL PACKET, AS WELL AS IN THE SAMPLE BALLOT, AND IS
13 PART OF OUR MULTIMEDIA CAMPAIGN. THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ALSO
14 PROVIDES A SERVICE CALLED INFORMED DELIVERY SERVICE, WHICH
15 AGAIN IS A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE THAT ANY POSTAL PATRON CAN
16 SUBSCRIBE TO, THAT WILL ALSO SEND YOU A MESSAGE THROUGH A TEXT
17 OR AN E-MAIL THAT ACTUALLY HAS AN IMAGE OF THE MAIL THAT HAS
18 BEEN RECEIVED IN YOUR MAILBOX. SO THAT IS ANOTHER SERVICE THAT
19 WE WILL BE PROMOTING. IT'S A SERVICE OF THE U.S. POSTAL
20 SERVICE, BUT IT'S ALSO A SERVICE THAT, IF WE PROMOTE IT, THAT
21 WE ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM A DISCOUNT ON OUR POSTAL RATES FOR
22 THE MAILING OF THOSE 5.5 MILLION BALLOTS. SO WE WILL BE
23 FOLLOWING UP ON THAT, AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO THAT IS ANOTHER REASON TO SAVE THE U.S. POST
2 OFFICE.

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4 **DEAN LOGAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** WRITE A FEW THANK-YOU NOTES, EVERYBODY, AND PUT
7 REAL STAMPS ON THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
8 DEAN.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M IMPRESSED WITH THAT POSTAL SERVICE. I
11 DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS. I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THAT. ALL RIGHT,
12 I'M SEEING THAT NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANYMORE COMMENTS.
13 THIS IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE. SO IT WOULD BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO RECEIVE AND FILE. NOW WE
15 WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 5, YOUTH@WORK 2020-21. AND I'M
16 SORRY. BACKING UP FOR ONE SECOND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
17 WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS AN AYE VOTE FOR ITEM NUMBER 3,
18 DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AS LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY REDUCES ITS RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAD A COMPUTER
22 FAILURE HERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I REPEAT: I CAN
23 SPECULATE, BUT I WON'T.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL, YOU HAVE BEEN
2 RECORDED AS AN AYE VOTE. SO NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER
3 5, REINVESTING IN OUR YOUTH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS
6 FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION ALONG WITH ME. C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS
7 BEEN UNPRECEDENTED, AND IT REQUIRES AN UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE,
8 ESPECIALLY AS IT IMPACTS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. RECENTLY, THE
9 CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT,
10 FROM MID-MARCH TO APRIL 25, 2020, YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16
11 TO 24 MADE UP AN ASTOUNDING 53.3 PERCENT OF ALL UNEMPLOYMENT
12 CLAIMS IN CALIFORNIA. AND THE URBAN INSTITUTE FURTHER
13 DEMONSTRATED THE DEVASTATING IMPACT C.O.V.I.D. HAS HAD ON OUR
14 YOUNG PEOPLE, FINDING THAT 57.4 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS AGED
15 18-24 SAID THEIR FAMILIES HAD LOST JOBS, OR HAD THEIR HOURS CUT
16 OR THEIR INCOME CUT, COMPARED TO 35.4 PERCENT FOR THOSE AGED
17 54-64. WE KNOW THAT THE HARDSHIP IS FELT EVEN MORE BY OUR
18 FOSTER YOUTH, AND OUR PROBATION YOUTH, AND THOSE EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS, IN ADDITION TO OUR L.G.B.T.Q.I. YOUTH AND OUR
20 YOUTH OF COLOR. THESE ARE THE YOUTH THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE
21 PROTECTION FOR THROUGH OUR SAFETY NET, AND THE COUNTY
22 YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM HELPS TO DO THAT. IT'S A VITAL PROGRAM THAT
23 AIMS TO REDUCE THE YOUTH DISCONNECTED FROM COMMUNITY AND
24 PROGRAMS BY CONNECTING THEM TO SERVICES. YOUTH@WORK UNITES US
25 BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE

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1 SUCCESS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN LIFE AND IN THEIR CAREERS. THAT
2 REMAINS TRUE EVEN DURING NOW, DURING THIS PANDEMIC. IN FACT,
3 THE PANDEMIC HAS REVEALED THE NEED FOR US TO CONTINUE
4 INVESTING IN WHAT REALLY MATTERS, AND THAT MEANS OUR YOUNG
5 PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT
6 TO OUR YOUTH REMAINS AS STRONG AS EVER. I RECOGNIZE THE
7 UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC HARDSHIP THE COUNTY IS FACING, BUT I
8 ALSO CAN'T ALLOW THAT HARDSHIP TO BE FURTHER ENDURED BY OUR
9 YOUNG PEOPLE. SO YOUTH@WORK, AS YOU KNOW, IS A PROGRAM THAT
10 NOT ONLY OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG
11 ADULTS, BUT IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE REGION'S PUBLIC
12 WORKFORCE SYSTEM TO BUILD STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH HIGH-GROWTH
13 INDUSTRIES THAT OFFER TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY AND VISION TO OUR
14 YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, IN MY OPINION, IT IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION. I
15 HAD A LITTLE BIT TO DO WITH THIS WHILE I SERVED AS SECRETARY
16 OF LABOR UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION DURING THE 2008
17 RECESSION, AND WE REALLY HEAVILY INVESTED IN APPRENTICESHIP
18 PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. IN FACT, WE MADE
19 AVAILABLE IN 2012 \$20 MILLION IN GRANTS TO PROVIDE JOB
20 TRAINING, SUPPORT SERVICES, FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE-INVOLVED
21 YOUTH. AND IN LONG BEACH WHILE I WAS SECRETARY OF LABOR, THE
22 DEPARTMENT FUNDED A UNIQUE PROGRAM THERE TO PROVIDE CAREER
23 TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR 300 YOUTH TO EARN THEIR HIGH-SCHOOL
24 DIPLOMA, OR G.E.D., WHILE ALSO RECEIVING HANDS-ON TRAINING IN
25 THE CULINARY ARTS, HEALTHCARE, AND/OR MANUFACTURING. SO THESE

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1 ARE THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS I THINK THAT WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE,
2 ESPECIALLY DURING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT WE'RE FACED WITH
3 NOW, AND WE WANT TO SEE THIS CONTINUED. BUT I WILL HAVE TO SAY
4 TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT I WAS TROUBLED THAT THE BUDGET THAT WE
5 APPROVED RECENTLY DID NOT INCLUDE FUNDING FOR YOUTH@WORK. BUT
6 I KNOW THAT OUR C.E.O. WILL IDENTIFY FUNDING AND RESTORE THE
7 FULL FUNDING FOR YOUTH@WORK, AND THAT'S WHY, THROUGH THE
8 MOTION TODAY, WE ARE DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY UP TO
9 \$20.7 MILLION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-
10 21 TO SUSTAIN THE YOUTH@WORK PROGRAM. THE MOTION ALSO DIRECTS
11 THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY SUSTAINED FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT
12 YOUTH@WORK IS FUNDED FOR YEARS TO COME. AND I WANT TO THANK
13 OUR C.E.O., W.D.A.C.S., AND OUR AMERICAN JOB CENTERS OF
14 CALIFORNIA, AND OUR YOUTH@WORK PROVIDERS, AND THE MANY YOUTH
15 THAT ALSO GOT ON THE LINE EARLIER AND MADE PUBLIC COMMENTS.
16 THEY REALLY ARE OUR FUTURE AND THEY DESERVE THE VERY BEST.
17 WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I'D ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND I KNOW
18 YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SOME STATEMENTS ON THIS. THANK
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
22 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE:
23 YOUTH WORK PLACEMENT AND ENSURING THEIR CAREER PATHS. AS THE
24 CHAIR, WHEN I TOOK OVER, I MADE THIS YEAR ALL ABOUT FOCUSING
25 ON OUR YOUTH AND INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH, AND C.O.V.I.D. HAS

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1 DERAILED, REALLY, SOME OF THE IDEAS THAT I HAD, AS IT RELATED
2 TO WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO, BUT IT HAS NOT DERAILED MY
3 COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH, WHO ARE
4 GOING TO BE THE NEXT GENERATION TO TAKE OVER THE REINS.
5 EXPOSING YOUTH TO COUNTY OR OTHER JOB PLACEMENT IS A GREAT WAY
6 TO HELP PREPARE OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD
7 TO HEARING FROM W.D.A.C.S ON THEIR PLANS FOR THESE FUNDS,
8 GIVEN THE CLOSURE OF MANY COUNTY BUILDINGS, GIVING YOUTH AN
9 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW THINGS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO HELP
10 THEM DURING THIS C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, BY LEARNING AND
11 BECOMING CONTRACT TRACERS IS ESPECIALLY EXCITING. I AM
12 PARTICULARLY EXCITED TO LEARN THAT A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF SLOTS
13 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FOSTER YOUTH IN OUR COUNTY, A SPECIFIC
14 GROUP IN NEED OF GOOD CAREER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. AS OUR
15 A.J.C.C.S ARE CONNECTING MANY JOB SEARCHERS TO JOBS, AND WILL
16 BE GREAT PARTNERS TO HELP PLACE YOUTH IN SUMMER JOBS OR OTHER
17 TYPES OF JOBS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THIS ENSURES THAT WE ARE
18 LOOKING AT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH A HOLISTIC LENS.
19 WORKING WITH OUR BOARD, OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND
20 OUR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WILL HELP US SHARE USEFUL
21 AND HELPFUL INFORMATION TO THE USE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY
22 LOOK BACK ON FONDLY. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE PROBABLY ALL COME
23 IN CONTACT WITH YOUTH, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE FOSTER SYSTEM,
24 AND I KNOW I HAVE, WITH SOMEONE WHO WORKS FOR JOE NICCHITTA,
25 AND SHE WAS THE FIRST TO SAY THAT THE OPPORTUNITY IT GAVE HER

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1 TO MOVE FROM AN INTERNSHIP INTO PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT CHANGED
2 HER LIFE, AND IT'S GOING TO CHANGE HER SIBLINGS' LIVES,
3 BECAUSE SHE IS LEADING AS AN EXAMPLE. SO I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND
4 THE IMPACT OF THESE TYPE OF PROGRAMS ON OUR YOUTH, AND HOW IT
5 CAN TRULY BE LIFE-CHANGING. SO WITH THAT, AGAIN, THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR WITH YOU. THIS IS
7 AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. FOR
8 RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS A VERY VALUABLE
9 PROGRAM. AND I WOULD SAY THAT, IN A WAY, THIS IS VERY SIMILAR
10 TO WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WITH DIVERSION. THIS IS GIVING YOUTH AN
11 OPPORTUNITY, A POSITIVE OPPORTUNITY, TO POSSIBLY CHANGE THE
12 COURSE OF THEIR LIFE. SO I OBVIOUSLY AM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
13 THIS, AND I HOPE, MOVING FORWARD, THAT WE SEE THE PRIVATE
14 SECTOR TAKING THE LEAD, AS WELL, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
15 OUR YOUTH AND INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH. SO WITH THAT, I'M
16 LOOKING TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS. AND
17 I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE THAT HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS
18 ITEM. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL
19 SECOND IT TO APPROVE IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
20 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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

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

5

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

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. NOW WE ARE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 6,
23 PRESERVATION AND TIMELY RELEASE OF EVIDENCE ON LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO
3 JUST GO OVER, YOU KNOW, LONG BEFORE C.O.V.I.D. HIT US,
4 GLOBALLY, WE HAVE BEEN FACING AN EPIDEMIC FOR YEARS: SYSTEMIC
5 VIOLENCE, BRUTALITY, AND RACISM AT THE HANDS OF LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE'VE SEEN TOO MANY
7 LOVED ONES KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, MANY OF WHOM ARE PEOPLE
8 OF COLOR. FAMILIES ARE MOURNING, AND A LACK OF INFORMATION
9 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR LOVED ONES, INCLUDING VIDEO
10 EVIDENCE, ADDS TO THEIR PAIN AND TRAUMA. TWO YOUNG MEN WERE
11 KILLED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN THE LAST TWO YEARS IN MY
12 DISTRICT: A YOUNG MAN NAMED PAUL REA, WHO WAS 18 YEARS OLD,
13 AND A 21-YEAR-OLD, ANTHONY VARGAS. NOT ONLY ARE THESE FAMILIES
14 HURTING, BUT WE HEARD DISTURBING ACCOUNTS OF SHERIFF'S
15 DEPUTIES HARASSING AND INTIMIDATING BOTH FAMILIES WHILE THEY
16 MOURNED THEIR DEATHS. WE ADDITIONALLY HEARD THAT PAUL REA'S
17 FAMILY AND ANTHONY VARGAS'S FAMILY WERE NOT ABLE TO GET ACCESS
18 TO VIDEO OF THE SHOOTINGS OR OTHER INFORMATION, DESPITE USING
19 LEGAL AVENUES. THESE ARE NOT OUTLIER STORIES THAT I'VE SHARED,
20 BUT UNFORTUNATELY, SURVIVING FAMILIES OF POLICE VIOLENCE MUST
21 FACE THE OBSTACLE OF OBTAINING RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT VIDEO
22 EVIDENCE FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHO NOT ONLY KILLED
23 THEIR LOVED ONE, BUT IS ALSO TASKED WITH LEADING THE
24 INVESTIGATION. THE DISTRUST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IS LARGELY
25 EXACERBATED BY THE HANDLING OF INVESTIGATIONS AND THE LACK OF

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1 INFORMATION THAT IS SHARED. THE ATTACKS ON THE VICTIMS AND
2 FAMILIES' CREDIBILITY IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE FAILURE TO
3 RELEASE VIDEO AND OTHER EVIDENCE, JUST COMPOUNDS THE HURT AND
4 PAIN ON THE SURVIVING FAMILIES, AND ON THE PUBLIC SENTIMENT,
5 OF A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THESE
6 INVESTIGATIONS. CONCERNINGLY, THE SHERIFF ALSO IS NOT
7 COMPLYING WITH THE LAW THAT DICTATES TRANSPARENCY MEASURES
8 THAT NEED TO TAKE PLACE WHEN THERE IS A USE-OF-FORCE INCIDENT,
9 LIKE POLICE SHOOTINGS. THE BOARD ESTABLISHES THE OFFICE OF THE
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO SUPERVISE AND PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OVER THE
11 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS ONE TOOL TO ENSURE THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT IS TRANSPARENT WITH THE COMMUNITY IN ITS
13 OPERATIONS, AND UPON ANY MISCONDUCT BY L.A.S.D. STAFF HELD TO
14 ACCOUNT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SHERIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS
15 CONTINUED TO DEFY RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS MADE BY THE
16 O.I.G. SO I'M PUTTING THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY AS ONE STEP
17 TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY WITHIN THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT, AND ENSURE INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED BY PENAL CODE
19 832.7, IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING POLICE
20 SHOOTINGS. ASIDE FROM ENSURING THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT IS
21 FOLLOWING THE LAW, IT ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE SHERIFF GIVE
22 FULL, IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IN ALL
23 SHOOTING INVESTIGATIONS. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY IS, IN MY
24 OPINION, INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC TRUST
25 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT CONTINUE TO ERODE, AND TO ENSURE

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1 ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO ENGAGE IN THIS CONDUCT ARE HELD
2 ACCOUNTABLE. WE MUST DO THIS FOR OUR COMMUNITY ABOVE ALL, AND
3 FOR THE FAMILIES WHO CONTINUE TO SUFFER. I HAVE ASKED
4 INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX HUNTSMAN TO SPEAK ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
5 THE MOTION IF, MADAM CHAIR, THERE AREN'T ANY QUESTIONS FROM
6 THE BOARD. AND IF THERE ARE, THEY CAN ASK, AND THEN I'D LIKE
7 TO HEAR FROM MAX HUNTSMAN, OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. HUNTSMAN?

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11 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME? I THINK SO. I JUST WANT
12 TO MAKE SURE I AM ON. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND
13 EVERYONE LISTENING. WATCHDOGS AND WHISTLEBLOWERS ARE RARELY
14 POPULAR WITH THOSE THEY REPORT ON, BUT THEY ARE NECESSARY FOR
15 TRUST IN GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS REMOVED SEVERAL
16 INSPECTORS GENERAL, AND A.B. 1185, WHICH WAS OPPOSED BY OUR
17 SHERIFF EARLIER IN THIS MEETING, WOULD CODIFY LOS ANGELES'S
18 APPROACH ACROSS CALIFORNIA, BECAUSE OF A SHERIFF IN SACRAMENTO
19 WHO MANAGED TO HAVE HIS I.G. FIRED BECAUSE OF PUBLIC
20 REPORTING. A YEAR AGO, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TRIED TO HAVE
21 ME REMOVED, AS WELL. I THANK THIS BOARD FOR ITS STRONG,
22 ONGOING SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRANSPARENCY AND
23 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THE FUNCTION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. I'M
24 AWARE OF NO INSPECTOR GENERAL IN AMERICA WHO IS ELECTED. IT IS
25 A PROFESSIONAL POSITION WHICH REQUIRES INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS

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1 AND THE SUPPORT OF A GOVERNMENT THAT EMPLOYS IT. IT IS NOT A
2 SUBSTITUTE FOR EXTERNAL INVESTIGATION, SUCH AS THE F.B.I.
3 INVESTIGATION WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO CURRENT REFORM EFFORTS.
4 THE SHERIFF IS ENTITLED TO OPPOSE A.B. 1185 BECAUSE IT ISN'T
5 LAW YET. BUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LEGALLY CHARGED WITH
6 FOLLOWING THE LAWS THAT ARE ON THE BOOKS. PUBLIC PROTESTS
7 CALLING FOR POLICE REFORM HAVE FOLLOWED YEARS OF RESISTANCE TO
8 TRANSPARENCY. STATE LAW REQUIRES THE COUNTY TO SUPERVISE ITS
9 POLICE, THE REASON AN INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS APPOINTED. BUT THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THAT LAW. IN 2014,
11 THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE NAMES OF OFFICERS
12 IN POLICE SHOOTINGS COULD ONLY BE WITHHELD BASED ON SPECIFIC
13 THREATS. YET, OUR COUNTY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THAT RULING. TWO
14 YEARS AGO, THE PENAL CODE WAS AMENDED TO REQUIRE WRITTEN
15 VESTIFICATIONS FOR WITHHOLDING ANY INFORMATION IN A POLICE
16 SHOOTING, BUT OUR COUNTY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THAT LAW. THE
17 SHERIFF CURRENTLY HAS AN AUTOPSY HOLD ON THE GUARDADO CASE,
18 WITHOUT EXPLANATION. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU CALLS ON THE COUNTY
19 TO COMPLY WITH ALL THESE LAWS, AND I SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU HAVE
22 ANY OTHER FOLLOW-UP ON THAT?

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO. I JUST WANT TO THANK OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL,
25 AND I DO BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD PATH FORWARD FOR US, GIVEN

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1 THAT THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH HEIGHTENED TALK AND DISCUSSION
2 COVERED BY THE MEDIA, INCLUDING OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL TRYING
3 TO ASCERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING VIDEOS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN
4 CONFISCATED, AND THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES
5 NOT WANT TO DISCLOSE OR AT LEAST PROVIDE INFORMATION TO SOME
6 OF THE FAMILIES. I THINK THAT WE OWE OUR COMMUNITY MUCH MORE.
7 SO I ASK MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, AND
10 THEN I WILL CALL ON YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT
11 COMPLIANCE WITH STATEWIDE TRANSPARENCY LAWS IS ESSENTIAL TO
12 ENSURING COMMUNITY TRUST. AND AS SOMEONE WHO TRULY DOES
13 BELIEVE IN PUBLIC SAFETY, I THINK IT IS MORE IMPORTANT NOW
14 THAN EVER TO HAVE THAT TRANSPARENCY FRONT AND CENTER. IT'S
15 UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO REQUEST THAT THE
16 O.I.G. BE ALLOWED TO OVERSEE THE VERY DEPARTMENT THE OFFICE
17 WAS CREATED TO MONITOR. AND BY THE WAY, THAT PREDATES THE
18 SHERIFF THAT IS IN THAT OFFICE NOW. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
19 DATES BACK TO SHERIFF BACA, AND ALSO UNDER SHERIFF MCDONNELL.
20 WE HAD SEVERAL DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RECENTLY, WITH
21 ABSOLUTELY NO TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC WITH REGARD TO THE
22 PERTINENT DETAILS. AND I THINK IT'S A DISSERVICE TO THOSE MEN
23 AND WOMEN THAT PUT ON A UNIFORM THAT THERE IS NOT THAT
24 TRANSPARENCY, BECAUSE IT PUTS THEM ALL UNDER THE MICROSCOPE AS
25 IT RELATES TO WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ON THE STREET. AS WE MOVE

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1 TO OUTFIT DEPUTIES WITH BODY-WORN CAMERAS, THESE PROTOCOLS
2 WILL BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, AND I CERTAINLY HOPE WE HAVE
3 EVERYTHING IN ORDER BY THEN. NOT ONLY DOES THE PUBLIC DESERVE
4 THE TRANSPARENCY, BUT ACTUALLY, THE LAW REQUIRES IT. AND AS A
5 BOARD, WE HAVE BEEN UNITED IN ENSURING THAT TRANSPARENCY, NOT
6 ONLY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT THROUGHOUT EVERY COUNTY
7 DEPARTMENT, IS IN PLAY. AND SO I WOULD HOPE, MOVING FORWARD,
8 WE WOULD ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE. AND I SAY "WE" COLLECTIVELY,
9 BECAUSE IT GOES BEYOND THIS BOARD IN PROVIDING ACCESS AND
10 ANSWERS NOT ONLY TO THE PUBLIC, BUT TO THE FAMILIES THAT
11 DESERVE ANSWERS. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS APPROPRIATE TO WEIGH IN, MADAM
14 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THIS IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE TO
15 HAVE NONCOMPLIANCE OR, FOR THAT MATTER, DEFIANCE IN THE FACE
16 OF THAT WHICH THE BOARD, THE GOVERNING ENTITY FOR THE COUNTY,
17 HAS ESSENTIALLY SAID SHOULD BE THE CASE. SO THE MOTION PUTS IT
18 FORWARD AGAIN, AS WAS THE CASE JUST A WEEK AGO, TWO WEEKS AGO,
19 WITH THE CASE OF ANDRES GUARDADO. AND WHILE THERE DOESN'T HAVE
20 TO BE A RUSH TO JUDGMENT AS TO WHAT THE CONCLUSION MAY BE,
21 THERE MUST BE AN OBJECTIVE OR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SO
22 THAT THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. ANYTHING THAT SEEKS TO
23 REMOVE THE OPTION FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION REEKS OF,
24 IMPLIES, COVER-UP. THAT IS THE VERY THING THAT WE ARE SEEKING
25 TO AVOID. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THIS INSTANCE CANNOT BE

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1 COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM INVESTIGATIONS. THAT IS ALREADY KNOWN
2 AND ESTABLISHED. BUT THERE'S A MANDATE FOR THE INSPECTOR
3 GENERAL TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS. AND,
4 MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
5 PRESS THIS CASE. WE HAVE TO INSIST ON IT. WE ARE NOT
6 SUPPLICANTS. THEREFORE, THIS SHERIFF HAS TO ABIDE BY THE LAW.
7 ANYTHING LESS CAN'T BE TOLERATED. AND SO, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA,
8 DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANT TO ADD THAT
13 IT HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTING TO ME THAT THE TACTIC ADOPTED BY
14 THE SHERIFF TO ATTACK THIS BOARD FOR ACTIONS THAT HE IS
15 FAILING TO TAKE, AS THOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT, IN TERMS
16 OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND THE OVERSIGHT THAT WE ASK THE
17 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO DO, TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES. IT ACTUALLY HAS CONVINCED ME EVEN
19 FURTHER THAT THERE MUST BE SOME REASON TO WITHHOLD THIS
20 INFORMATION, OR HE WOULDN'T BE THROWING MUD AT US FOR TRYING
21 TO CREATE MORE TRANSPARENCY. HE SUGGESTS THAT WE ARE DENYING
22 HIM THE ABILITY TO HAVE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO DO THIS, AND
23 YET I THINK HE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT WHEN THE C.E.O. ASKED
24 EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY TO PROPOSE AN 8-PERCENT
25 CURTAILMENT, BASED ON THE FACT THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE DOWN A

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1 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE BUDGET JUST THIS YEAR, HE IS THE ONE
2 THAT PROPOSED DOING AWAY WITH THESE UNITS THAT DO SPECIAL
3 INVESTIGATIONS, LIKE SEXUAL ASSAULT AND THESE INVESTIGATIONS
4 OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. AND THEN, WHEN THE C.E.O. SAID,
5 "NO, WE WOULD RATHER TAKE IT OUT OF CUSTODY," HE STARTED
6 CLAIMING FALSELY THAT WE WERE THE ONES THAT WANTED TO TAKE
7 AWAY HIS INVESTIGATIVE UNITS. SO I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT
8 THE SHERIFF DOES NOT WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THESE
9 SHOOTINGS, AND THAT MAKES ME EVEN MORE ANXIOUS TO DO THIS. I
10 VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. ALL THIS REQUIRES IS THE
11 TIMELY POSTING OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION, ENSURING THAT NO
12 HOLDS ARE PLACED ON AUTOPSY RESULTS BY THE SHERIFF WITHOUT THE
13 KIND OF JUSTIFICATION STATE LAW REQUIRES. POST THE VIDEOS,
14 GIVE ACCESS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AS MY COLLEAGUE
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, WE ARE NOT SUPPLICANTS HERE. WE
16 ARE SAYING, "YOU WILL GIVE ACCESS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.
17 THIS IS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND WE EXPECT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE TO
18 OBEY THE LAW." SO I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS
19 VERY IMPORTANT MOTION, AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT IT.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SEEING NO
22 OTHER COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM COMING FROM MY COLLEAGUES, I AM
23 GOING TO... SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL MOVE IT, I WILL SECOND IT TO
24 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 ROLL.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

17

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

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-
21 0.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT, NOW WE ARE GOING TO
24 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 10, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM
25 NUMBER 13, EXPANDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY'S

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1 WORK TO REDUCE INCARCERATION AND INVEST IN THE HEALTH AND
2 WELLBEING OF COMMUNITIES. ITEM 13 IS THE CREATION OF A RESERVE
3 FUND TO SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE.
4 IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
5 AND 13 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SO WE WILL START WITH
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON ITEM NUMBER 10. I THINK THAT WE
7 LOST HIM FOR A MOMENT, SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE
8 TO BEGIN THE DISCUSSION? I KNOW THAT THEY GO HAND IN HAND, SO
9 GO AHEAD AND YOU'VE GOT THE FLOOR.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS IS STRUGGLING TO GET BACK ON AIR, AS IT WERE, SO I WANT
13 TO BEGIN BY THANKING HIM FOR PARTNERING WITH ME ON THESE TWO
14 MOTIONS: HIS TAKING THE LEAD ON O.D.R. AND ADEQUATE FUNDING
15 FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND CO-AUTHORING WITH
16 ME ON THE LEAD THAT I'VE TAKEN ON ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR
17 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND THE FUNDAMENTAL
18 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE A.T.I. WORKING GROUP. SO TODAY WE
19 ARE ASKING OUR COLLEAGUES TO COMMIT REAL DOLLARS TO THE
20 REFORMS THAT WE ALL CALLED FOR OVER QUITE A FEW MOTIONS, AND
21 WE HAVE EMBRACED BY INCORPORATING THE WORK OF O.D.R., AND THE
22 REPORT FROM THE A.T.I. WORKING GROUP. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
23 AND REENTRY, AS YOU KNOW, WAS CREATED BY THIS BOARD IN 2015,
24 AND IT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS THE BEGINNING OF THE TRANSFORMATION
25 IN L.A. COUNTY, IN WHICH WE RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE CANNOT GET

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1 WELL IN A CELL. AND SINCE THEN, THIS BOARD HAS, TIME AND TIME
2 AGAIN-- AND IT HAS BEEN QUITE REPEATED A NUMBER OF TIMES--
3 DEMONSTRATED OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS APPROACH. WE'VE CLOSED
4 JUVENILE HALLS. WE'VE CLOSED JUVENILE CAMPS. WE BLEW UP PLANS
5 TO BUILD THE WOMEN'S DETENTION FACILITY IN MIRA LOMA. WE
6 CANCELED THE CONTRACT TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND NOW,
7 JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO, WE PASSED A MOTION ASKING OUR COUNTY
8 JUSTICE PARTNERS TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO CLOSE THE MEN'S
9 CENTRAL JAIL ONCE AND FOR ALL. BUT WE HAVE DONE A LOT MORE
10 THAN CLOSE BUILDINGS. TOGETHER, WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND,
11 REALLY, AN UNPRECEDENTED WIDE VARIETY OF MEMBERS OF OUR
12 COMMUNITY, WE HAVE ACTUALLY REIMAGINED THE WAY THAT WE PLAN TO
13 CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED. AND I'M GOING TO CHARACTERIZE PEOPLE
14 WHO WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP AWAY FROM CRIME BY GIVING THEM HELP;
15 PEOPLE THAT MAY HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME, BUT THEY NEED SOME
16 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE, THEY NEED HELP GETTING OVER THEIR
17 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER; WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN CARE FOR THOSE IN
18 NEED, IN ORDER TO AVOID INCARCERATING. THE A.T.I. WORK GROUP
19 THAT WE CREATED DELIVERED US A REAL ROADMAP: 114
20 RECOMMENDATIONS TO DELIVER A TRUE SYSTEM OF CARE TO THE
21 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND TO POINT US IN THE RIGHT
22 DIRECTION TO GET US STARTED, THE WORK GROUP HIGHLIGHTED 26
23 FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AS A STARTING POINT. SO THE CARE
24 FIRST, JAILS LAST, IT'S NOT JUST A SLOGAN FOR US. IT REFLECTS
25 COUNTLESS HOURS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION BY OVER A THOUSAND

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1 PEOPLE: PROFESSIONALS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ADVOCATES, PEOPLE
2 WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, WHOSE VOICES ARE BEING HEARD FOR THE
3 FIRST TIME. AND THEY KNOW THAT JAILS ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR
4 HEALING, AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO REALLY BUILD STRONGER AND
5 HEALTHIER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES IS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF CARE
6 IN THOSE VERY COMMUNITIES; NOT PUT ME IN A CAGE DOWNTOWN WITH
7 A BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE, BUT SEE WHAT WE CAN DO IN OUR VERY
8 COMMUNITIES. AND NOW WE ARE ACTUALLY AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE.
9 THE POLICIES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, THE MODEL HAS
10 BEEN TESTED BY O.D.R., THE ROADMAP FOR WHAT COMES NEXT HAS
11 BEEN WRITTEN BY THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP.
12 SIMPLY PUT, IT IS TIME TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS.
13 AND IT IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT THESE ARE LEAN TIMES. I REALLY
14 UNDERSTAND. THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A DEGREE
15 OF FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY THAT WE CAN'T IGNORE. BUT THE
16 UNPRECEDENT PANDEMIC HAS ALSO BROUGHT CERTAIN KIND OF
17 UNEXPECTED BUT WELCOMED REALITIES TO LIFE IN THE CRIMINAL
18 JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE'VE SEEN THAT WHEN THE MOMENT CALLS FOR IT,
19 THE SYSTEM CAN RESPOND, AND DOES RESPOND. AS WE HEARD BEFORE,
20 THE JAIL POPULATION IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW, DUE IN PART TO
21 O.D.R'S HERCULEAN EFFORTS TO DIVERT AND HOUSE HUNDRED AND
22 HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS. AND INSTEAD OF WAITING AND HOPING
23 THAT INDIVIDUALS WON'T REOFFEND AND CYCLE BACK THROUGH THE
24 JAILS, WE HAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SUPPORT THEIR
25 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, AND SET

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1 OURSELVES UP TO OFFER A SYSTEM OF CARE TO MORE AND MORE PEOPLE
2 IN THE FUTURE. FUNDING O.D.R. TAKES CARE OF THE IMMEDIATE
3 NEED; CREATING A RESERVE FUND FOR A.T.I. INITIATIVE ADDRESSES
4 THE LONG-TERM NEED. BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL, AND BOTH MUST BE BEGIN
5 IMMEDIATELY. SO THESE MOTIONS ASK JUST THAT OF OUR C.E.O. WE
6 ASKED OUR C.E.O. AND HER VERY, VERY CAPABLE STAFF TO IDENTIFY
7 A MINIMUM OF ONE-TIME FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30 MILLION AS
8 PART OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO KEEP O.D.R. SUFFICIENTLY
9 FUNDED SO IT DOES NOT ONCE AGAIN FIND ITSELF FACING A FISCAL
10 CLIFF. AND THEN-- AND THIS IS MY MOTION-- WE ASKED OUR C.E.O.
11 TO TAKE THE NEXT 45 DAYS TO SEARCH WITHIN A NUMBER OF
12 IDENTIFIED FUNDING STREAMS, PLUS ANY OTHERS THE C.E.O. MIGHT
13 HAVE AT HER DISPOSAL, TO ESTABLISH A REAL RESERVE FUND FOR
14 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE FUNDING STREAMS IDENTIFIED
15 IN THE MOTIONS REFLECT THE REALITY THAT O.D.R. AND A.T.I. ARE
16 NOT MERELY JUSTICE INITIATIVES. THEY'RE MORE THAN THAT. THEY
17 ARE HEALTH INITIATIVES. THEY ARE REHABILITATION INITIATIVES.
18 SO WE ARE ASKING THE C.E.O. TO LOOK AT HEALTH AND JUSTICE AND
19 REHABILITATION-FOCUSED FUNDING STREAMS, IN ORDER TO LEVERAGE
20 AS MANY RESOURCES AS POSSIBLE TO FUND THESE COMPLEMENTARY AND
21 HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO JUSTICE REFORM. WHILE WE ARE STILL IN
22 THE PROCESS OF HIRING THE A.T.I. DIRECTOR-- AND IT IS, I
23 ASSURE YOU, GOING FORWARD-- AND THE PERSON WHO IS ULTIMATELY
24 HIRED WILL NEED SOME TIME TO WORK WITH C.E.O., WITH HIS OR HER
25 COUNTY PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, TO DEVELOP

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1 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS, WE HAVE TO BEGIN NOW TO SET ASIDE THE
2 A.T.I. SEED MONEY. THIS WILL POSITION THE FUTURE A.T.I.
3 DIRECTOR TO MOVE QUICKLY ON, AT LAST, THEIR INITIAL
4 PRIORITIES. AND BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME OF THE A.T.I.
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MORE COMPLEX, TAKE MORE TIME TO IMPLEMENT,
6 WE ALSO ASK OUR C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO GROW THAT A.T.I.
7 FUND. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
8 A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST MODEL WILL REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT
9 FINANCIAL INVESTMENT FOR YEARS TO COME, BUT IT IS AN
10 INVESTMENT WE WILL NOT THEN BE REQUIRED TO PUT INTO OUR JAILS,
11 TO PUT INTO OUR CAGES. WE SIMPLY CANNOT WAIT FOR THE IDEAL
12 FINANCIAL SCENARIO TO BE IN PLACE BEFORE WE START SETTING
13 ASIDE THE FUNDING IT WILL TAKE TO MAKE OUR CARE FIRST, JAILS
14 LAST VISION A REALITY. LET'S BEGIN NOW WITH A MEANINGFUL
15 INITIAL COMMITMENT AND A PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH THAT REFLECTS
16 THE STATUS OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND THE OFFICE OF
17 DIVERSION AND REENTRY AS THE TRUE ALTERNATIVES TO
18 INCARCERATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU
21 NOW HAVE THE FLOOR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP ON
25 THESE TWO MOTIONS, AND THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD FOR THE

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1 ATTENTION THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN THESE ISSUES, AS WELL. MAY I
2 ACKNOWLEDGE THE THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE
3 WRITTEN OR CALLED INTO OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES SINCE THE
4 CALLING FOR A CARE-FIRST BUDGET AND MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS IN
5 THE COMMUNITY. WE SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. AND, COLLEAGUES,
6 FOR MANY YEARS, WE'VE DISCUSSED WHAT DIVERSION AND WHAT
7 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WHAT A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST
8 AGENDA CAN AND SHOULD LOOK LIKE. WELL, HERE IT IS. AND WE
9 SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT WE ARE LAUNCHING. WE HAVE STUDIED AND
10 WE HAVE PILOTED AND WE HAVE BEGUN THE WORK. IT'S ALREADY BEEN
11 ESTABLISHED THAT SOME 5,500 INDIVIDUALS DIVERTED FROM THE
12 JAILS BY O.D.R. IS SUFFICIENT PROOF. AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED
13 TO DO, AND WE BEGAN THIS WORK IN 2015. AND WHAT WE HAVE NOT
14 DONE IS CONFIRM A LONG-TERM FINANCIAL FOOTING TO MAKE SURE WE
15 ARE FULLY AND FUNDAMENTALLY INVESTING IN THIS COMMUNITY-BASED
16 SYSTEM OF CARE ACROSS THE COUNTY. I MAINTAIN THAT IT IS BOTH
17 SMART, IT'S HUMANE, AND IT'S FISCALLY PRUDENT. THERE'S A
18 TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE HERE THAT WE OUGHT TO EMBRACE. SO THE TWO
19 MOTIONS, AS HAVE BEEN REFERENCED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
20 EFFECTIVELY CAUSE US TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION OF MAKING THE
21 FISCAL COMMITMENT WITH RESPECT TO O.D.R., AND THEN WITH THE
22 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE WORKING GROUP HAS DONE A
23 MARVELOUS PIECE OF WORK. NOW IT IS TIME TO TEST THAT. I'M
24 PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE BOARD HAS DONE TO GET US TO THIS
25 POINT. I'M PROUD OF THE WORK THAT COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS HAVE

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1 DONE. THEY HAVE MADE A HUGE INVESTMENT. I AM PROUD OF THE WORK
2 THAT THE STAFF HAS DONE, WITH RESPECT TO O.D.R. IN PARTICULAR.
3 THEY JUST KEPT GRINDING THROUGH AND PROVING THAT THIS WAS
4 WORKABLE, THAT IT WAS DOABLE, AND WE HAVE MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE
5 GRATEFUL AND CELEBRATE. SO, A BOARD THAT UNDERSTANDS THE NEED
6 TO BALANCE INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES,
7 AND ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. IT
8 IS INDEED THAT BALANCE THAT WE SEEK TO STRIKE, AND IT IS OUR
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO CREATE THAT BALANCE. WHAT WE INVEST IN
10 REFLECTS OUR VALUES, AND FOR WAY TOO LONG, WE HAVE BEEN
11 LOPSIDED-- SOME WOULD EVEN SAY UPSIDE DOWN-- IN OUR RESOURCE
12 ALLOCATION, DESPITE KNOWING THAT NO ONE GETS WELL IN A CELL.
13 HOW OFTEN HAVE WE HEARD THAT? NOW IS THE TIME TO KNOW THAT WE
14 BELIEVE IT, AND CAN PROVE IT BY VIRTUE OF INVESTMENTS WHERE
15 PEOPLE CAN THRIVE IN THE CONTEXT THAT IS COMMUNITY-BASED. WE
16 RELY ON LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SERVE AS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS,
17 DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DATA THAT SUGGESTS THAT THERE'S
18 A NEW LOOK THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN, IN TERMS OF WHAT 911 CALLS
19 REALLY ENTAIL. NOW IS THE TIME TO BE UNAFRAID, WITH RESPECT TO
20 LEADING IN A DIRECTION THAT CAUSES THIS TO BE MADE RIGHT. AND
21 I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN DO SO WITHOUT AN ABUNDANCE OF
22 ANTAGONISM, JUST SIMPLE, MODEST CLARITY; JUST A SENSE OF
23 INTEGRITY AS IT MOVES FORWARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY.
24 WE HAVE THAT ABILITY, AND WE CAN DEDICATE THE RESOURCES, AND
25 WE CAN GET ON WITH THIS WORK. AND OUR COUNTY, OUR

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1 STAKEHOLDERS, OUR COMMUNITIES, GENERALLY SPEAKING, AS WELL AS
2 OUR EMPLOYEES, WILL BE BETTER FOR IT. I THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'LL JUST GO RIGHT TO THE
10 HEART OF THIS. I AM SUPPORTING THIS. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING SO
11 MUCH ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BUT IT IS REALLY A
12 BIG STEP FOR US TO ACTUALLY PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS
13 AND FUND THIS. CREATING THIS A.T.I. FUND IS REALLY A STEP THAT
14 PROVES THAT WE ARE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS. I KNOW TWO WEEKS
15 AGO AT THE BOARD MEETING, I SAID THEN, IF THERE WERE AN A.T.I.
16 FUND, I WOULD SUPPORT CREATING IT AND HELPING TO FUND IT. AND
17 I INTRODUCED A MOTION TWO WEEKS AGO WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
18 LOOK AT THE WAY WE SPEND A.B. 109 FUNDS TO SEE IF ANY OF THIS
19 MONEY COULD BE REPURPOSED TOWARDS DIVERSION AND OTHER
20 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. SO I THINK THESE TWO MOTIONS
21 TODAY, 10 AND 13, DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH WHAT I WAS THINKING
22 ABOUT WHEN I INTRODUCED THE A.B. 109 MOTION, AND HOPEFULLY
23 SOME OF THAT MONEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND CAN GO TOWARDS
24 EXPANDING O.D.R. OR INTO THIS NEWLY CREATED ALTERNATIVES TO
25 INCARCERATION FUND. I THINK THIS IS SMART, THIS IS RIGHT, AND

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1 I THINK THIS WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HOW WE ACHIEVE
2 THE GOALS THAT I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL AIMING FOR. THANK YOU,
3 MADAM CHAIR.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO
8 COMMEND SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THESE
9 ITEMS, 10 AND 13, TOGETHER. WE JUST DID SOME VERY S
10 UNPRECEDENTED THINGS TODAY, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO
11 IT. I'VE NEVER SEEN OUR BOARD MORE HARMONIZED ON THESE ISSUES,
12 AND IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A
13 WAYS TO GO, BUT O.D.R., THEY DO NEED ASSISTANCE. AND RIGHT
14 NOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE WHO
15 ARE STILL IN OUR JAIL, WHO HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS,
16 AND COULD BE SAFELY RELEASED. THEREFORE, IN MY OPINION, I
17 THINK WE NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND PUT THE APPROPRIATE
18 FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN GET TO WORK ON THE JOB THAT WE ALL KNOW
19 IS BEFORE US. AND I AM ONE WHO KNOWS THAT IT IS DEEPLY
20 ENGRAINED IN SOME OF US THAT WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THOSE VOICES
21 IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND I'M SO PROUD OF THE FOLKS THAT DID SEND
22 LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO US TODAY, REGARDING OUR MOTIONS AND
23 THESE TWO, BECAUSE THEY ALL FIT TOGETHER. AND I VERY MUCH WANT
24 TO THANK BOTH OF YOU AND SALUTE YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
25 AND I INTEND ON SUPPORTING THESE TWO ITEMS.

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I WILL GO LAST AND JUST SAY
3 THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM, AND I AM 100-PERCENT BEHIND
4 DIVERSION AND WORKING TOWARD REENTRY. BUT THE ONE THING THAT I
5 WILL DIFFER ON IS THE FACT THAT WE DON'T NEED HOUSING, AS IT
6 RELATES TO THE JAILS. I THINK IT IS NOT AN EITHER/OR. I
7 BELIEVE IT IS AN "AND." AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I
8 BELIEVE THAT THE SOONER WE INVEST IN REENTRY, THE MORE LIVES
9 WE ARE GOING TO SAVE FROM ENDING UP IN OUR JAILS. I MEAN, I'M
10 SORRY, IN DIVERSION. THE MORE LIVES WE'RE GOING TO END UP
11 PREVENTING TO GET INTO OUR JAILS. AND THEN FOR THOSE AS IT
12 RELATES TO THE REENTRY, THE MORE WE INVEST IN THAT, THE LESS
13 LIKELY THEY ARE TO RETURN TO OUR JAILS. AND SO I THINK THAT WE
14 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, BUT ALSO AN OBLIGATION, TO MAINTAIN
15 FUNDING AND TO INVEST. BECAUSE, AGAIN, I KEEP SAYING IT, THAT
16 WE ARE INVESTING IN THE VERY FUTURE OF THIS COUNTY. AND I
17 BELIEVE THAT IT'S WELL SPENT AND A STRONG INVESTMENT, SO I AM
18 GOING TO BE IN SUPPORT OF BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS. AND I AM
19 TRYING TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT, AND I
20 DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE. SO WITH THAT, ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US.
21 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
23 CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

3

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

6

7 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE-AYE.

8

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

11

12 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

13

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

15

16 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

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20 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE HAVE ITEM 13 BEFORE US. MOVED
2 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO
3 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
4 ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE ARE NOW ON TO ITEM NUMBER
7 12, INVESTING IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
11 BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS HERE TO SPEAK TO THE
12 ISSUE, BUT PRELIMINARILY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE KILLING
13 OF GEORGE FLOYD AND OTHER RECENT TROUBLING INCIDENTS INVOLVING
14 INAPPROPRIATE USE OF FORCE HAVE UNDERScored THE CLEAR NEED FOR
15 INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WHERE
16 THERE'S A CLAIM OF MISCONDUCT. AND THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO
17 BE ASSURED THAT THE COUNTY IS DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN TO
18 STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT AND, TO THIS END, ENSURE TRANSPARENCY OF
19 INFORMATION. IT IS REALLY JUST THAT SIMPLE, MADAM CHAIR AND
20 COLLEAGUES. AS THIS BOARD RESPONDS TO INCIDENTS OF FATAL USES
21 OF FORCE AND RESULTING CALLS FOR REFORM, IT MUST CONTINUE TO
22 BUILD ON ITS WORK, REALLY, OF THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS OF
23 STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE COUNTY'S LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THIS IS A CONTINUING MESSAGE THAT WE
25 HAVE TRIED TO PROPOUND SINCE WE REALLY HAVE TAKEN UP THE ISSUE

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1 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM. IF SCALED AND PROPERLY RESOURCED,
2 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT WITHIN THE PUBLIC
3 DEFENDER'S OFFICE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO FILL CRITICAL GAPS IN
4 THIS REGARD, AGGREGATING THE INFORMATION ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 MISCONDUCT AND UTILIZING THIS INFORMATION IN COURT WHEN
6 REPRESENTING THEIR CLIENTS, AS WELL AS MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO
7 OTHER AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND TO
8 THE PUBLIC, AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. THIS IS IMPORTANT NOT JUST
9 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT ALSO FOR PROMOTING
10 FAIRNESS WITHIN THE COUNTY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCREASING
11 TRANSPARENCY, AND PROMOTING WHAT MANY OF US LIKE TO THINK OF
12 AS 21ST-CENTURY CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING. AND AFTER ANY OF MY
13 COLLEAGUES MAY WISH TO BE HEARD, MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK
14 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, RICARDO GARCIA, TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS, IF
15 HE'S SO INCLINED, ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM. AND AT
16 THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS
17 ISSUE. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS FOR NOW, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I SEE
20 THAT NO ONE HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK, SO, RICARDO, THE FLOOR IS
21 YOURS.

22
23 **RICARDO GARCIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M
24 JUST MAKING SURE WE'RE TECHINCALLY CONNECTED.

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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING ME HERE
4 TODAY AND TO SPEAK ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND NOT ONLY
5 THAT, BUT I HAVE SAT THROUGH THE MEETING TODAY AND HAVE BEEN
6 VERY THRILLED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT MOTIONS THAT THIS BOARD HAS
7 APPROVED TODAY. THE MAY 25TH TRAGIC MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD HAS
8 INCITED NATIONWIDE PROTEST IN A CALL FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
9 CHANGE. PEOPLE ACROSS OUR COUNTRY AND HERE AT HOME HAVE SPOKEN
10 IN UNISON FOR THE ROLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND
11 JUSTICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S LAW
12 ENFORCMENT ACOUNTABILITY UNIT, WHEN PROPERLY SCALED, IS ONE OF
13 THOSE POWERFUL AND COST-EFFECTIVE AND DIRECT MEANS TO HOLD
14 POLICE ACCOUNTABLE FOR MISCONDUCT. WHEN WE IDENTIFY THOSE
15 UNFIT TO PROTECT AND SERVE, WE REBUILD TRUST IN THE JUSTICE
16 SYSTEM. TAKING THE REINS AS PUBLIC DEFENDER, I SAW A NEED TO
17 OVERSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY. ON JULY 19, 2019, WITH THE
18 HELP OF THIS BOARD, WE BROUGHT ON BOARD A LAW ENFORCEMENT
19 ACCOUNTABILITY ADVISOR. THE ADVISOR HAS PROVEN A GREAT
20 RESOURCE, OBTAINING MATERIALS AND REPORTS THROUGH DISCOVERY
21 AND PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST, AS WELL AS ACCUMULATING INFORMATION
22 FROM LAWYERS, THE COMMUNITY, AND ADVOCATES ABOUT POLICE
23 ACTIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND WITHIN CASES. THE ADVISOR HAS
24 BEGUN TO BUILD A CATALOG OF PUBLIC INFORMATION TO FERRET OUT
25 MISCONDUCT AND HOLD LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABLE. AND THE

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1 ADVISOR DETERMINED THAT, AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED, OUR UNIT
2 CANNOT POSSIBLY REVIEW, ORGANIZE, AND CATALOG ALL THE EXISTING
3 AND NEW DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION RECEIVED. THE ISSUE IS
4 ONE OF TIMING. INFORMATION ABOUT AN OFFICER'S EXHIBITING
5 MISCONDUCT MUST BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY. AN
6 APPROPRIATELY SCALED AND ROBUST UNIT WILL GATHER, ORGANIZE,
7 AND CATALOG USE-OF-FORCE AND MISCONDUCT INFORMATION THAT WILL
8 IDENTIFY TRENDS AMONG OFFICERS, AND ENSURE THE INFORMATION IS
9 APPROPRIATELY AVAILABLE AS EVIDENCE IN COURT. THIS INFORMATION
10 ALSO WILL COME FROM COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AS
11 WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CHARGED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE
12 UNIT WILL GATHER THIS INFORMATION ALSO THROUGH EXISTING LAWS,
13 SUCH AS 1421, BRADY, AND PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS, AS WELL AS
14 USING THE INTERNET AND NEWS REPORTS TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION
15 ABOUT OFFICERS WHO BELONG TO SECRETIVE CLIQUES WHICH ADVOCATE
16 FOR OR ENGAGE IN EXCESSIVE FORCE, LYING IN POLICE REPORTS, AND
17 OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE UNIT, IF
18 PROPERLY SCALED, WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE OVER 1,000 CASES
19 THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE, WHERE WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT
20 POSTCONVICTION INFORMATION PROVIDES US IF OFFICER MISCONDUCT
21 HAS EXISTED IN THE CASE, SO THAT WE MAY DETERMINE WHETHER OR
22 NOT THAT EVIDENCE SHOULD CASE THE OVERTURN OF A CONVICTION, OR
23 REDUCTION OF SENTENCE. BUT ALSO, VERY EXCITING AND VERY
24 DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
25 DIGITAL CATALOG OF POLICE MISCONDUCT INFORMATION WHICH WOULD

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1 BE ACCESSIBLE BY ALL PUBLIC DEFENDERS, ALTERNATE PUBLIC
2 DEFENDERS, AND PANEL ATTORNEYS PRIOR TO ADVISING THEIR CLIENTS
3 WHETHER TO ACCEPT A PLEA OR TAKE A CASE TO TRIAL. THE UNIT
4 WOULD ALSO LITIGATE ANY NONCOMPLIANCE ON EXISTING LAWS FOR
5 RECORD REQUESTS, AND THE PROVIDING OF INFORMATION FOR TRIAL.
6 AND TO CONCLUDE, I WANT TO SAY THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD HAS
7 REIGNITED THE DEMAND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY. A
8 ROBUST PUBLIC DEFENDER LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT
9 COMPRISED OF COMMITTED ATTORNEYS AND STAFF WILL WORK
10 TIRELESSLY TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR CONSTITUTIONAL
11 RIGHTS. A PROPERLY SCALED UNIT IS AS CRITICAL AS EVER TO BRING
12 COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE BACK TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS MOTION
13 AND WHAT IT REPRESENTS-- AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE
14 ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROMOTE FAIRNESS WITHIN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM--
15 - IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T JUST WAIT FOR. I WANT TO THANK
16 YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY AND FOR YOUR MOTION,
17 WITH YOUR POSITIVE, HOPEFUL VOTE ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER COLLEAGUE WOULD
20 LIKE TO TESTIFY, THANK YOU, RICARDO, FOR YOUR--

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. I FORGOT TO
23 TEXT YOU. I JUST WANTED TO THANK OUR WONDERFUL PUBLIC
24 DEFENDER, AND JUST TO-- YOU KNOW, IT'S SORT OF NEW TO ME. I AM
25 SURE IT IS NEW TO A LOT OF THE PUBLIC THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE A

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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT IN OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
2 OFFICE, AND IT WAS EXACTLY DESIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE OF
3 GATHERING AND REVIEWING MISCONDUCT INFORMATION FOR ALL LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY. BUT IT IS TOO SMALL. IT
5 DOESN'T HAVE TEETH. AND AGAIN, I JUST WANTED TO THANK
6 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER. THIS IS
7 THE MOMENT THAT I WAS SPEAKING ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT WE
8 NEED TO MEET IN EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING. AND I THINK EVEN
9 HILDA-- YEAH, HILDA TALKED ABOUT ALL THE THINGS WE HAVE
10 ALREADY JUST DONE ON THIS BOARD MEETING, BUT ON MEETING THIS
11 MOMENT. AND THE PUBLIC HAS GIVEN US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS
12 ALL THESE ISSUES OF TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THIS IS
13 THE OFFICE WHERE IT IS GOING TO BE. AND I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR
14 OF TAKING THIS STEP THAT CAN BEEF UP THIS UNIT, GIVE THEM WHAT
15 THEY NEED, AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND THE MONEY, THE RESOURCES,
16 AND THE STAFFING SO THAT OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS WHAT HE NEEDS
17 TO DO WHAT OUR PUBLIC IS DEMANDING OF US. SO THANK YOU, MADAM
18 CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO WITH THAT, ITEM 12 IS BEFORE
21 US. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
23 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

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

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1

2 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

3

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

6

7 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

8

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

11

12 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

13

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

15

16 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

17

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

19

20 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

21

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

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
2 NUMBER 14, PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH HEALTH OFFICER
3 ORDER ENFORCEMENT. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE HAVE SPENT A GOOD DEAL
7 OF TIME TODAY, QUITE APPROPRIATELY, FOCUSING ON OUR JUSTICE
8 ISSUES AND HOW WE WANT TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS
9 ABOUT THEM. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO
10 EVERYBODY THAT WE ARE DEEPLY ENGAGED EVERY MINUTE IN THE
11 COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE EPIDEMIC, THE C.O.V.I.D. EPIDEMIC
12 THAT WE HAVE BEEN FACING SERIOUSLY EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
13 MARCH. WE HAVE ALREADY DONE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK. WE CARRY
14 MOTIONS EVERY OTHER WEEK ABOUT WHAT TO DO TO RESPOND TO THE
15 VIRUS, AND WE WERE IMPROVING, AND THE NUMBERS WERE LOOKING
16 PRETTY GOOD FOR A WHILE. WE WERE FLATTENING THE CURVE WITH OUR
17 STAY-AT-HOME ORDER, AND SO WE THOUGHT, WELL, GIVEN THE
18 ECONOMIC DEVASTATION THAT WE WERE SEEING BECAUSE OF THE LOSS
19 OF REVENUE, THE LOSS OF JOBS, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE LINING UP
20 FOR FOOD, WE WERE VERY WORRIED AND THOUGHT, WELL, WE COULD
21 PROBABLY, CAUTIOUSLY, OPEN THE BUSINESSES IN OUR CITIES AND
22 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WE
23 ASSUMED A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 AND THIS BOARD TO ESSENTIALLY CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AS
25 THEY WENT TO THEIR RESTAURANTS, AS THEY WENT TO THE BEACH, AS

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1 THEY WENT TO THEIR GYMS, AS THEY WENT TO MALLS, TO CONTINUE TO
2 WEAR THEIR MASKS, TO CONTINUE TO STAY HOME AS MUCH AS
3 POSSIBLE, TO CONTINUE TO DISTANCE, AND UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS
4 HOW THE NUMBERS WERE KEPT DOWN. AND I AM SAD TO SAY,
5 COLLEAGUES, THAT WE WERE QUITE WRONG. WE WERE JUST WRONG.
6 PEOPLE DID NOT TAKE THOSE PRECAUTIONS. AND AS A RESULT, OUR
7 CASES STARTED GOING UP AGAIN RAPIDLY-- OVER 2,000 CASES A DAY,
8 SOME OVER 2,500 A DAY. WE'VE REACHED 3,000 ONE DAY, FAR FASTER
9 THAN WE ANTICIPATED WHEN WE BEGAN TO REOPEN. AS A MATTER OF
10 FACT, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT ON THE
11 WEEKEND OF JUNE 27TH AND 28TH, WHEN THEY SENT OUT PEOPLE TO
12 INSPECT A OVER A THOUSAND PLACES, THEY FOUND THAT 49 PERCENT
13 OF ALL THE BARS AND 33 PERCENT OF ALL THE RESTAURANTS THAT
14 THEY INSPECTED WERE NOT ADHERING TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING
15 PROTOCOLS INDOORS. THE WORKERS WERE NOT WEARING FACE MASKS OR
16 FACE SHIELDS AT 54 PERCENT OF ALL THE BARS AND 44 PERCENT OF
17 ALL THE RESTAURANTS. SO, COLLEAGUES, IF BUSINESSES WANT TO
18 REOPEN, THEY HAVE TO TAKE THESE PROTOCOLS VERY SERIOUSLY,
19 BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK, AND THEY HAVE TO TAKE ACTION.
20 SO FAR, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ASKING FOR COOPERATION. MANY OF
21 OUR BUSINESSES HAVE COOPERATED. NOW WE ARE ASKING YOU TO JOIN
22 ME IN TAKING ANOTHER STEP, WHICH SAYS, IF YOU'RE NOT IN
23 COMPLIANCE, THERE WILL BE A PRICE TO PAY, BECAUSE YOUR FAILURE
24 TO COMPLY CAUSES OTHERS TO PAY THE PRICE WITH THEIR HEALTH. WE
25 WILL FIND YOU IF YOU'RE OUT OF COMPLIANCE. WE WILL SHUT YOU

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1 DOWN IF WE FIND YOU OUT OF COMPLIANCE A SECOND TIME, AND THIS
2 MUST BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. IT'S A DANGEROUS SITUATION. SO
3 HERE'S WHAT THE MOTION ASKS FOR: WE ASK FOR AN ENFORCEMENT
4 PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED. OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE NOT PUTTING THINGS IN
5 PLACE TODAY BY VOTING FOR THIS MOTION. WE'RE ASKING FOR AN
6 ENFORCEMENT PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED WITHIN 14 DAYS, THAT WOULD BE
7 REPORTED AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING. IN THE MEANTIME, I HOPE
8 THAT EVERYONE WILL HEAR THIS AS A WARNING BELL FOR BUSINESSES
9 THAT SAY, "OH, WELL, THEY CAN'T MEAN ME," OR, "OH, WELL, IF
10 PEOPLE HAVE THEIR BACKS TO EACH OTHER, IT'S OKAY TO BE ONLY A
11 FOOT APART." THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WEEK RECOGNIZED
12 THE DANGERS IN INDOOR DINING IN RESTAURANTS, IN BARS, IN
13 WINERIES, IN CARD ROOMS, AND HE SAID WE HAVE GOT TO SHUT THESE
14 PLACES DOWN AGAIN TO HELP SLOW DOWN THE PROGRESS OF THE VIRUS.
15 WE'LL GIVE THEM EXTRA TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY NEED TO DO
16 TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. SO IT'S JUST LIKE SCHOOL. YOU FLUNK,
17 WHICH IS WHAT PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY DID. YOU TAKE THE CLASS
18 AGAIN. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE'RE RESETTING. BUT IN
19 ADDITION, WE'RE GOING TO PREPARE A MOTION FOR THE JULY 21ST
20 BOARD MEETING IN ADDITION TO THE REPORT BACK ON HOW WE MIGHT
21 IMPOSE THESE FINES, TO FACILITATE WORKER-LED HEALTH AND SAFETY
22 REPORTING MECHANISMS FOR WORKPLACES. THAT IS, I'M GOING TO
23 ALSO PROPOSE A MOTION SO THAT WORKERS CAN REPORT, WHEN THEY
24 WORK AT MARKETS, AT HOTELS, OTHER PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT HARDEST
25 HIT BY C.O.V.I.D., NOT IF THEY FEEL THEY CAN'T SPEAK UP TO

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1 MANAGEMENT OR THEY HAVE AND THEY'VE BEEN IGNORED ABOUT UNSAFE
2 WORKING CONDITIONS, WE WANT TO EMPOWER THEM TO NOTIFY PUBLIC
3 HEALTH. BECAUSE THE QUESTION ABOUT IMPOSING FINES IS, HOW ARE
4 YOU GOING TO INSPECT? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND PEOPLE OUT OF
5 COMPLIANCE? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENFORCE? SO WE'RE GOING TO
6 ASK FOR HELP. THE GOVERNOR'S ALREADY ASKED FOR HELP FROM
7 CITIES, SO THAT THEIR INSPECTORS THAT GO OUT TO LOOK AT
8 BUILDINGS, LOOK AT PLUMBING, LOOK AT WATER SYSTEMS,
9 EVERYTHING, INCLUDING HEALTH, CAN HELP US TO ENFORCE. SO I
10 HOPE THAT WE WILL GET CLOSER TO COMPLIANCE WITH OUR CRITICAL
11 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN ME IN
12 ASKING FOR THIS REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS, AND I THANK EVERYONE
13 THAT HELPED TO WORK ON THIS ISSUE. I THANK OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
14 DEPARTMENT, OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, ALL WORKING SO
15 HARD ON THESE ISSUES, ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
16 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AND SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I
17 WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THIS ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY
20 ANYTHING?

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, ALTHOUGH AFTER THAT, WE PROBABLY
23 DON'T NEED TO SAY ANYTHING. THAT WAS WELL DONE, SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL. I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION
25 WITH YOU, AND I THINK THIS HAS BEEN A VERY, VERY CHALLENGING

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1 TIME FOR ALL OF US. I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY THAT ALL FIVE OF US
2 ARE COMPLETELY COMMITTED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND
3 SAFETY. THAT'S SORT OF OUR NUMBER-ONE GOAL, IS PROTECTING THE
4 PUBLIC'S HEALTH. BUT WE FOUND OURSELVES IN A SITUATION WHERE
5 WE FELT COMPELLED BY THE EVIDENCE THAT WE WERE HEARING ABOUT
6 OUR ECONOMY, ABOUT PEOPLE LOSING THEIR JOBS, ABOUT SMALL
7 BUSINESSES GOING UNDER, ABOUT CERTAIN RESTAURANTS THAT JUST,
8 FRANKLY, WEREN'T SET UP FOR ONLINE OR CURBSIDE SERVICE. SO WE
9 MADE SOME DECISIONS, THOUGHTFULLY, ON WHAT PARTS OF OUR SECTOR
10 WE WOULD AGREE WITH THE GOVERNOR TO REOPEN. I ALWAYS SAID THAT
11 WE WERE WALKING A FINE LINE. WE WERE THREADING THE NEEDLE
12 BETWEEN THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND OPENING THE ECONOMY.
13 UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT WE'VE SEEN WITH THE RECENT DATA IS THAT
14 OUR DECISIONS TO ALLOW CERTAIN SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY TO
15 REOPEN HAVE NOT BEEN WITHOUT SOME NEGATIVE RESULTS. AND
16 WHETHER WE MOVED TOO QUICKLY, I'M NOT SURE. I DO KNOW THAT
17 THOSE WHOSE JOBS WERE AFFECTED, WHOSE BUSINESSES WERE
18 AFFECTED, THE CITIES WHOSE ECONOMY DEPENDED ON SOME OF THIS
19 REOPENING, HAVE THANKED US FOR OUR DELIBERATE DECISIONS. BUT
20 IT HAS BEEN VERY UNNERVING TO SEE HOW MANY OF THESE BUSINESSES
21 HAVE JUST BLATANTLY DISREGARDED THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND
22 GUIDELINES THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUT INTO PLACE
23 AND MADE SURE EACH OF THEM KNEW IT, READ IT, UNDERSTOOD THAT
24 IF YOU REOPEN, HERE'S THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT YOU MUST PUT
25 IN PLACE FOR YOUR CUSTOMERS, BUT ALSO FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES. YES,

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1 WE WANT PEOPLE TO GET THEIR JOBS BACK, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO
2 SEND EMPLOYEES INTO SITUATIONS THAT COULD, YOU KNOW, AFFECT
3 THEIR PERSONAL HEALTH. SO I, YOU KNOW, WENT OUT A COUPLE OF
4 TIMES TO SOME RESTAURANTS, AND I SAW THEM, YOU KNOW, BLATANTLY
5 DISREGARDING THESE PROTOCOLS. SO I AGREE THAT THIS IS THE NEXT
6 STEP, THAT WE JUST HAVE TO SAY WE ARE SERIOUS. WE MEAN
7 BUSINESS. WE WANT YOU TO COMPLY. WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO HAVE
8 TO CITE YOU OR TO FINE YOU. WE WANT TO GIVE YOU TIME TO GET
9 INTO COMPLIANCE. BUT WE'RE SERIOUS, AND THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH IS
10 SERIOUS, AND YOUR BUSINESS WILL DO BETTER, LONG-TERM, IF YOU
11 CAN PROVIDE THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS TO ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO FEEL
12 COMFORTABLE COMING BACK TO YOUR BUSINESS. AND I DO WANT TO
13 ENCOURAGE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH ALL OF OUR
14 CITIES WHO HAVE THEIR OWN CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS TO
15 MAYBE HELP US, BECAUSE IT'S CLEAR THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE
16 NUMBER OF INSPECTORS WE ACTUALLY NEED TO GET EVERYBODY INTO
17 COMPLIANCE. SO I HOPE YOU'LL REALLY BE AGGRESSIVE ABOUT THAT.
18 WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD. WE WANT TO, YOU KNOW,
19 SUCCESSFULLY REOPEN OUR ECONOMY. BUT, AS I THINK EVERYBODY
20 SAW, WE WERE QUICK, IF WE NEED TO, TO WALK IT ALL BACK, TO RE-
21 CLOSE THINGS. WE CLOSED THE BEACHES FOR THE JULY 4TH WEEKEND.
22 WE CLOSED BACK DOWN BARS AND INSIDE-DINING AND RESTAURANTS.
23 BUT THE BETTER COURSE OF ACTION, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE TO,
24 YOU KNOW, ALLOW THESE TO REOPEN, BUT INSIST ON SAFETY
25 PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES BEING IMPLEMENTED, NO IF'S, ANDS, OR

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1 BUTS ABOUT IT. SO THANK YOU. WE HAVE TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF
2 THIS VIRUS. WE'RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. WE'VE GOT TO
3 TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. WE ARE MONTHS AWAY FROM A VACCINE OR A
4 THERAPEUTIC DRUG TO TREAT YOU IF YOU GET IT. AND WE'VE GOT TO
5 FIGURE THIS OUT, BUT IT CAN ONLY BE FIGURED OUT IF EVERYONE
6 DOES THE RIGHT THING. AND IF YOU DON'T DO IT BECAUSE IT'S THE
7 RIGHT THING, WE'LL FINE YOU AND REALLY INSIST THAT YOU DO.
8 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO SAY,
11 BUSINESSES HAVE REALLY HAD TO CONTINUOUSLY RELEARN AND
12 REORGANIZE HOW THEY CAN OPERATE WITHIN THIS NEW REALITY. AND I
13 WOULD REMIND THIS BOARD THAT, ACTUALLY, RESTAURANTS WERE NOT
14 ALLOWED TO REOPEN WITH INDOOR DINING UNTIL JUNE 2ND, SO AFTER
15 LATE MAY, WHEN WE STARTED TO SEE THE NUMBERS GO UP, WHICH
16 COINCIDED WITH MEMORIAL DAY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT WERE
17 TAKING PLACE. ADD TO THAT THE FACT THAT ON JUNE 2ND, WHEN WE
18 GAVE THE GREEN LIGHT FOR THEM TO BE ALLOWED TO REOPEN FOR
19 INDOOR DINING, THAT WAS THE NIGHT THAT WE HAD A LOT OF
20 PROTESTS AND LOOTING TAKING PLACE, SO MANY OF THOSE
21 RESTAURANTS DIDN'T OPEN. BUT I WILL CONCEDE THAT COMPLIANCE
22 WAS VERY, VERY LOW IN THE BEGINNING. AND THE FIRST WEEKEND, I
23 THINK DR. FERRER SAID, I THINK 50 PERCENT OF THE RESTAURANTS
24 THAT WERE INSPECTED WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE. THAT IS A
25 COMPLETE, UTTER FAILURE ON THE PART OF THAT INDUSTRY,

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1 ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE HAD THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY
2 TASK FORCE, LED BY SOME INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHO GAVE THEIR TIME
3 FROM THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY TO OUTLINE AND GIVE GUIDANCE IN
4 TERMS OF WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO COMPLY. AND,
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I HAD, ACTUALLY, AN OPPOSITE EXPERIENCE. I
6 WENT TO A RESTAURANT ACTUALLY OWNED BY ONE OF THE MEMBERS,
7 GREG SMITH, OUT IN PASADENA, SMITTY'S, AND THEY WERE IN FULL
8 COMPLIANCE, BECAUSE THEY TOOK WHAT WAS OUTLINED IN THE
9 ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE GUIDELINES AND APPLIED IT. AND
10 SOCIAL DISTANCING WAS IN PLACE. THEY HAD UP THE BARRIERS. ALL
11 THE STAFF WERE DRESSED AND PREPARED, AS RELATES TO THE
12 P.P.E.S. BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION THERE ARE RESTAURANTS THAT
13 ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE. AS THE RESTAURANTS GAIN UNDERSTANDING
14 OF WHAT IS EXPECTED, AND HAVE TIME TO STOCK UP AND GET UP TO
15 SPEED IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY NEED, I BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO SEE
16 MORE COMPLIANCE. BUT THAT BEING SAID, THERE ARE STILL BAD
17 ACTORS THAT ARE NOT FOLLOWING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, AND
18 THESE STEPS TO INCENTIVIZE COMPLIANCE MUST BE TAKEN. HOWEVER,
19 I BELIEVE THE ACTION TO SPECIFICALLY TARGET BARS, RESTAURANTS,
20 RETAIL STORES, GYMS, AND OTHER BUSINESSES WITH FINES IS VERY
21 PUNITIVE, BUT ALSO, SOME OF THEM WOULD RATHER PAY A FINE THAN
22 TO DEAL WITH COMPLIANCE. WE BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THE
23 BUSINESSES WHO ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
24 ARE NOT DOING SO OUT OF PROTEST OR BECAUSE THEY DO NOT REOPEN;
25 THEY FEAR THEY'RE GOING TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS. AND I AM ON THE

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1 SIDE OF BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE WORKERS, BUT SPECIFICALLY
2 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES. IT
3 IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO BRING ALL BUSINESSES INTO
4 COMPLIANCE. ADDING A FINE, IN MY OPINION, WILL NOT ONLY ADD
5 INSULT TO INJURY, BUT WILL NOT CHANGE THE DECISION-MAKING OF
6 MANY OF THESE RESTAURANTS WHO ARE ON THE EDGE OF GOING UNDER.
7 I HONESTLY WOULD RATHER MAINTAIN THE CURRENT ENFORCEMENT,
8 CLOSURE OF THE BUSINESS FOR SEVEN DAYS, INSTEAD OF ADDING AN
9 ALTERNATIVE PUNITIVE MEASURE. I WOULD ALSO ASK US TO CONSIDER
10 LOWERING THE THRESHOLD FOR WHAT LEADS TO A SEVEN-DAY PERMIT
11 REMOVAL FROM A RESTAURANT. CURRENTLY, D.P.H. IS ONLY PULLING A
12 PERMIT FOR SEVEN DAYS WHEN RESTAURANTS ARE OPERATING INDOOR
13 DINING. I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT PULLING PERMITS FOR WHEN
14 OTHER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERING GUIDELINES ARE NOT
15 FOLLOWED. WE NEED TO INCORPORATE THE NEW GUIDELINES INTO THAT
16 THRESHOLD, BECAUSE I WILL TELL YOU, I'VE TALKED TO RESTAURANTS
17 PRIOR TO THIS VOTE, AND THEIR BIGGEST FEAR IS HAVING THEIR
18 PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT PULLED, BECAUSE THEN THEY CANNOT OPERATE.
19 AND ONE WEEK OF NOT BEING IN OPERATION IS FAR MORE SEVERE THAN
20 A FINANCIAL PENALTY FOR NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE. IT SENDS A
21 STRONGER MESSAGE. JUST AS WE CONSULTED THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN
22 REOPENING, I THINK WE SHOULD INCLUDE THE INDUSTRIES TO ASSIST
23 WITH THE ENFORCEMENT DOCUMENTS. WHILE I DO NOT THINK
24 ADDITIONAL FINES WILL SOLVE OUR COMPLIANCE PROBLEM, I HOPE
25 THIS MOTION BROADENS OUR CONVERSATION TO ENSURING ALL SECTORS

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1 OF OUR COUNTY ARE DOING THEIR PART TO ENSURE WE CAN REOPEN
2 SAFELY. AND WHAT I TELL PEOPLE IS, IS THAT THIS VIRUS IS HERE.
3 WHEN WE BEGAN TO SLOWLY REOPEN, THE SPREAD WAS FROM ONE-- WHEN
4 WE STARTED, IT WAS ONE PERSON WOULD SPREAD IT TO FIVE TO SIX
5 PEOPLE. BY THE TIME WE BEGAN TO SLOWLY REOPEN, IT WAS ONE
6 PERSON WOULD SPREAD IT TO, I THINK, A LITTLE LESS THAN ONE.
7 THE VIRUS IS STILL HERE. IT IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS. I THINK THIS
8 IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH. AND LEARNING TO
9 LIVE WITH MEANS SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASKS, AND WASHING YOUR
10 HANDS. THAT IS THE NEW NORM, AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY WHAT
11 WE HAVE TO CONVEY. AND, YOU KNOW, I JUST BELIEVE THAT WE NEED
12 TO TAKE ACTION ON THESE RESTAURANTS. BUT I WOULD CAUTION US,
13 BECAUSE I SAW OVER THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND INDIVIDUALS
14 WOULD RATHER GET FINED THAN TO COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH
15 ORDER. AND WE ALL SAW HOW THAT WENT IN CERTAIN AREAS, AS IT
16 RELATES TO FIREWORKS. SO WITH THAT, YOU KNOW, I WILL SUPPORT
17 THIS, BUT I HOPE THAT WE WILL LOOK AT BROADENING THE
18 DEFINITION, AS IT RELATES TO WHEN AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
19 INSPECTOR CAN PULL SOMEONE'S HEALTH PERMIT. SO WITH THAT,
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE ONE
21 FINAL COMMENT.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK
24 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD,
25 BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE ARE, UNFORTUNATELY, SOME

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1 BUSINESSES THAT AREN'T COMPLYING, OR HAVEN'T COMPLIED, WITH
2 THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS. AND WE KNOW
3 THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE MADE MANY, MANY
4 SACRIFICES, AND THEY'VE DONE THAT TO HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE IN
5 APRIL AND MAY. AND TO SEE THE NUMBERS RISING AGAIN IS VERY
6 DISHEARTENING. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE OUR
7 ECONOMY IS TO SAVE LIVES AND ENFORCE THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
8 THAT ARE MEANT TO PROTECT WORKERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, OR
9 CONSUMERS. WE CAN'T ALLOW THE NONCOMPLIANT BUSINESSES TO
10 CONTINUE JEOPARDIZING THE HEALTH OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 RESIDENTS. IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
12 OUTBREAKS AT LARGE COMPANIES, SUCH AS FARMER JOHN MEAT PACKING
13 PLANT IN VERNON, AND MORE RECENTLY L.A. APPAREL. THEIR WORKERS
14 WERE NOT ADEQUATELY PROTECTED, WHICH RESULTED IN HUNDREDS OF
15 INFECTIONS IN THOSE WORKPLACES, LET ALONE THAT THEY THEN WENT
16 TO THEIR HOMES AND POSSIBLY INFECTED THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS
17 WITHOUT REALLY KNOWING THAT THEY HAD THE VIRUS. AT L.A.
18 APPAREL, WE LEARNED THAT EMPLOYEES WERE PROVIDED WITH
19 CARDBOARD TO USE AS A BARRIER BETWEEN THEIR FELLOW GARMENT
20 WORKERS, WHICH WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. AND RECENTLY, I HEARD
21 FROM OUR LABOR PARTNER, SEIU 721, THAT SOME FAST-FOOD WORKERS
22 IN OUR DISTRICT FEEL THAT THEIR WORKPLACES HAVE INSUFFICIENT
23 POLICIES AND INADEQUATE PROTECTIONS TO FIGHT C.O.V.I.D.-19.
24 THIS IS ALSO UNACCEPTABLE, AND I DO BELIEVE IT'S OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY, THAT THESE LARGER BUSINESSES

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1 ENSURE THAT THEY PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES
2 AND TO THOSE THAT ARE EVEN FEARFUL OF GOING TO WORK, BUT YET
3 HAVE TO BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL WORKERS. AND WE
4 KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY COMPANIES THAT CAN AFFORD TO DO THIS,
5 SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY EXCUSES. SO I UNDERSTAND, ALSO, THAT
6 SMALL MOM-AND-POP BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING, AND I DO
7 FEEL THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEM, AND THAT'S WHY
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I AUTHORED THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 COMPLIANT
9 MOTION THAT WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD TO HELP
10 SMALL BUSINESSES. AND THAT MOTION DIRECTED THE COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENTS TO ESTABLISH A PANDEMIC-COMPLIANT BUSINESS WORKER
12 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES REOPEN, THOSE
13 VERY SMALL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH GRANTS FOR
14 SMALL BUSINESSES TO FUND P.P.E. AND OTHER C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED
15 COSTS, AND REQUIRE BUSINESSES TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE IN
16 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM ARE NOT FULLY AWARE
17 OF WHAT THE RULES ARE, AND HAVE NEVER HAD TO NAVIGATE A
18 BYZANTINE SYSTEM. SO WE DO HAVE TO SET GOOD STANDARDS,
19 ESTABLISH CERTIFICATION OR PLACARDS SO THAT THEY CAN
20 DEMONSTRATE TO THE PUBLIC, TO THEIR CUSTOMERS, THAT THEY ARE
21 COMPLIANT WITH OUR SAFETY RULES. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE
22 SEEKING \$60 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT
23 PROGRAM. SO I THINK THIS COMPLEMENTS MANY OF WHAT WE'VE
24 ALREADY-- ACTIONS THAT WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN, AND WOULD URGE

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1 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANTED TO ASK, I THINK YOU
7 AND I ARE IN SYNC, I THINK, ABOUT THIS. I SAW THE NOTION OF
8 THE FINE AS A KIND OF A WARNING SYSTEM, RATHER THAN, YOU KNOW,
9 WALKING IN AND SAYING, "YOUR TABLES ARE TOO CLOSE. WE'RE
10 PULLING YOUR PERMIT." AND SO I THINK WE'RE IN AGREEMENT, AND I
11 DO LIKE THE IDEA ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO COMPLY, AND PEOPLE
12 UNDERSTANDING WHERE THEY ARE OR ARE NOT. LIKE YOU GUYS, AND I
13 THINK ALL FOUR OF YOU, I HAVE BEEN GOING OCCASIONALLY TO MY
14 FAVORITE RESTAURANT, BECAUSE I REALLY WANTED TO GO BACK, WHEN
15 THEY WERE ONLY SERVING OUTSIDE, AND THEY HAD THEIR TABLES
16 SEPARATED BY THE HEDGES THAT THEY USE AS PART OF THEIR
17 DECORATION. BUT IT WASN'T 6 FEET. AND IT WAS KIND OF LIKE,
18 WELL, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A HEDGE. WELL, I'M SORRY, AIR DOES GO
19 THROUGH A HEDGE. SO I SAID, "YOU HAVE TO TAKE OUT THE MIDDLE
20 TABLE OR YOU'RE NOT IN COMPLIANCE." AND THEY DID. AND THEY
21 WERE, YOU KNOW, FINE TO JUST PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, 6 FEET
22 AWAY. SO I THINK THAT SAYING, YOU KNOW, "THIS IS LIKE A
23 WARNING, YOU MUST PAY YOUR FINE, BUT WE WON'T SHUT YOU DOWN
24 YET, GET INTO COMPLIANCE," THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND,

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1 ANYWAY. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
2 VOTE.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, I HEAR YOU LOUD AND
5 CLEAR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND SO WITH THAT, ITEM 14 IS BEFORE
6 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
7 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
8 ROLL.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

8 0.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD

11 LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS AN AYE VOTE FOR ITEM 6, THE

12 PRESERVATION AND TIMELY RELEASE OF EVIDENCE ON LOS ANGELES

13 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. THAT WAS

14 SOLIS'S MOTION. SO LET THE RECORD REFLECT, MADAM EXECUTIVE

15 OFFICER, THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS AN AYE VOTE ON ITEM

16 NUMBER 6.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO

21 ITEM 16, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL: THE COMMITMENT TO

22 THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME

23 REMARKS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, VERY
2 BRIEFLY. AS YOU ALL REMEMBER, THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE
3 WAS DESIGNED AS A ONE-OF-A-KIND STRATEGIC INITIATIVE TO SHED
4 LIGHT ON GENDER INEQUITIES, AND ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE SOME
5 SOLUTIONS. IT WAS PROPOSED, ORIGINALLY, AS A FIVE-YEAR
6 PROGRAM, AND IT WAS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF GENDER EQUITY, AS WE
7 IDENTIFIED THEM, FOR OUR STAFF IN THE COUNTY, FOR ALL THOSE
8 FOR WHOM WE PROVIDE SERVICES, AND THEN GENERALLY, IN TERMS OF
9 ANY OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS IT WANTED TO MAKE EVEN MORE
10 BROADLY FOR THE COUNTY. THE FINAL-CHANGES BUDGET WHICH WE
11 ADOPTED PROPOSED AN EARLY SUNSET OF THIS INITIATIVE. BUT IN MY
12 HUMBLE OPINION, AS WE SAY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN AFFORD TO HALT
13 THIS CRITICAL WORK. IT IS NEARING ITS FIVE-YEAR MARK, WHICH
14 WOULD END IN '21/'22, AND THE INITIATIVES THAT THEY'RE WORKING
15 ON, IN TERMS OF THE GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT, WHICH IS
16 COLLECTING INTERSECTIONAL GENDER DATA IN ALL OF OUR COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENTS, NOT ONLY ABOUT STAFF, BUT ABOUT THOSE WE SERVE;
18 THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY STUDY TO INCREASE WOMEN'S RESILIENCY
19 EVEN MORE NECESSARY TODAY, TO WITHSTAND ECONOMIC SHOCK; THE
20 AT-PROMISE GIRLS AD HOC COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS BEEN HELPING TO
21 DEVELOP PATHWAYS FOR SUCCESS FOR OUR GIRLS IN FOSTER CARE, AS
22 WELL AS THOSE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; AND EFFORTS TO INCREASE
23 WOMEN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, JUST TO NAME A FEW OF THE
24 INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN. SO I HAVE ASKED FOR A REPORT BACK IN
25 45 DAYS ON REINSTATEMENT OF THE POSITIONS, AND RESPECTIVE

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1 FUNDING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, SO THAT THIS BOARD SHOWS
2 COMMITMENT TO THIS IMPORTANT WORK FOR MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE
3 WHO LIVE AND WORK IN L.A. COUNTY CAN CONTINUE. I THANK YOU,
4 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. AS YOUR CO-AUTHOR
10 ON THE MOTION TO CREATE THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, I KNOW
11 HOW IMPORTANT THIS FIVE-YEAR INITIATIVE HAS BEEN AND WILL BE.
12 AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, I DO BELIEVE IT HAS IMPROVED OUR
13 COUNTY POLICIES REGARDING NECESSARY GENDER LENS FOR HIRING
14 PRACTICES IN THE COUNTY, AND OUR COMMISSIONERS UNDER ABBY
15 LADD'S LEADERSHIP HAS TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE, SUCH AS WORKING TO
16 HIRE MORE WOMEN AT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
17 CHIEF OSBY. AND THERE'S BEEN SO MANY OTHER TREMENDOUS EFFORTS
18 BEING MADE. AND THE IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 WILL,
19 UNFORTUNATELY, IMPACT MANY WOMEN, BUT I WANT TO UNDERSCORE
20 WOMEN OF COLOR, AS WELL, AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS. SO WE DO NEED
21 TO KEEP THE FOCUS WHERE IT IS, AND HOPEFULLY EMPOWER THEM. SO,
22 MADAM CHAIR, I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, WE WERE ALL, OF
2 COURSE, PAYING ATTENTION TO OUR C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON
3 GOING FORWARD WITH A BUDGET THAT CLEARLY WAS GOING TO SEE A
4 HUGE LOSS IN REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF
5 YEARS, SO THIS WAS AN IDEA, THAT MAYBE WE SUNSET THE WOMEN AND
6 GIRLS INITIATIVE. AND AT FIRST I THOUGHT, OKAY, MAYBE THAT'S A
7 PLACE WHERE WE CAN SAVE MONEY. BUT I DID REACH OUT TO MY
8 COMMISSIONERS, DR. CARMEN SHEA, JANE TEMPLAN, PERLA HERNANDEZ,
9 WHO IS OF COURSE THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR GRACE NAPOLITANO.
10 THOSE THREE ARE MY COMMISSIONERS. I ASKED THEM WHAT THEIR TAKE
11 WAS ON THIS, AND WHETHER OR NOT THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA, TO
12 SUNSET IT. AND, NATURALLY, ALL THREE OF THEM WERE ADAMANT.
13 THEY WANT TO FINISH THE WORK THEY'VE STARTED. THEY LIKED THE
14 IDEA OF GETTING A REPORT BACK ON THE BUDGET BEING RESTORED AND
15 HOW AN EARLY SUNSET CAN BE PREVENTED. THEY ALSO JUST BROUGHT
16 UP A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT I THOUGHT, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THAT
17 WE CAN SORT OF MAKE SURE THIS INCREDIBLE INITIATIVE TOUCHES.
18 THEY DID WANT TO SEE A GREATER FOCUS BY THE W.G.I. ON WOMEN OF
19 COLOR, AND PARTICULARLY OLDER WOMEN. THEY REALLY FELT LIKE WE
20 WERE MISSING SOMETHING BY NOT FOCUSING AS MUCH ON OLDER WOMEN.
21 THEY ALSO WANTED TO HOLD AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL
22 COMMUNITY MEETINGS, AND DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW
23 THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS HAS FURTHER STRESSED EXISTING
24 PROBLEMS THAT MARGINALIZED WOMEN FACE, LIKE THE DIGITAL
25 DIVIDE, ACCESS TO CHILDCARE, ACCESS TO SERVICES. AND THEY

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1 WANTED MORE TRANSPARENCY ON THE BUDGET OF THE INITIATIVE AS A
2 WHOLE, AS WELL AS THE STAFFING BUDGET, SO THEY COULD PROVIDE
3 MORE GUIDANCE ON THOSE KINDS OF EXPENDITURES. SO THEY LOVED
4 THIS WORK. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THEY APPRECIATED YOUR SORT OF BIG
5 IDEA ON WHAT THIS COULD MEAN FOR GENERATIONS OF WOMEN GOING
6 FORWARD. THEY WANT IT TO CONTINUE. THEY WANT THE BUDGET
7 RESTORED. AND I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION, AND LET'S JUST TRY
8 TO MAKE IT EVEN STRONGER, REALLY BROADEN THE ISSUES THAT
9 THEY'RE WORKING ON. BUT I WANT TO THANK ALL THE COMMISSIONERS
10 THAT WE EACH APPOINTED FOR THEIR WORK, THEIR BELIEF AND THEIR
11 FAITH IN THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, AND ACTUALLY ITS
12 IMPORTANCE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT THIS, BUT I
15 JUST HAVE TO SAY, ESPECIALLY ON THE HEELS OF WHAT SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN JUST SAID, WE'VE HAD THE FORTUNE OVER THE LAST THREE
17 YEARS BEING IN OFFICE OF BEING ABLE TO VOTE ON BUDGETS THAT
18 WERE NOT FACING SHORTFALLS, AS IT RELATES TO THE REVENUE
19 COMING IN. SO OUR C.E.O. HAD TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS, AND
20 I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WOULD AGREE WITH ANY CUTS, BECAUSE AT
21 THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK WE'VE ALL TAKEN PRIDE IN THE FACT
22 THAT WE HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB OF ENSURING THAT WHEN WE
23 HAVE THE ABILITY TO FUND SOMETHING, OR TO MAKE QUALITY OF LIFE
24 BETTER IN THIS COUNTY, WE'VE INVESTED IN THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, I
25 DON'T WANT THE COMMENTS MADE TO REFLECT, IN FACT, WHAT THE

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1 C.E.O. FELT WAS NOT IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS
2 IS \$1.2 MILLION TO STAFF TWO POSITIONS. 1.2 HERE, 3 THERE-- I
3 MEAN, IT ALL ADDS UP. AND BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC, WE HAVE A
4 \$2 BILLION SHORTFALL. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
5 RECOGNIZE THAT DECISIONS WERE MADE THAT WERE VERY DIFFICULT,
6 AND IT WASN'T REFLECTIVE OF THE QUALITY OF WHATEVER IT WAS. IT
7 WAS, IN FACT, THE REALITY OF, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, YOU
8 CAN'T PAY FOR THE SERVICE. SO I AM IN FAVOR OF LOOKING AND
9 SEEING HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THIS. BUT, YOU KNOW, I DON'T FEEL
10 IT'S FAIR TO SAY, OR TO AT LEAST IMPLY, THAT THE C.E.O.
11 DECIDED TO START CUTTING THINGS WITHOUT TAKING INTO
12 CONSIDERATION EACH AND EVERY PROGRAM. BECAUSE AT THE END OF
13 THE DAY, AGAIN, EVERY SINGLE THING THAT WAS SUBMITTED, AS IT
14 RELATES TO CUTS, SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE IMPACTED BY. SO I WILL
15 SUPPORT THIS, BUT, YOU KNOW, I JUST FEEL THAT DIFFICULT
16 DECISIONS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE, EVENTUALLY, AS IT
17 RELATES TO THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE REVENUE. AND I HOPE
18 THAT WE AS A BOARD, COLLECTIVELY, CAN PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER
19 AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ENSURE THAT IT'S DONE IN A FAIR AND
20 EQUITABLE WAY, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT WE REPRESENT 10 MILLION
21 RESIDENTS, AND EACH AND EVERY ONE HAS A DIFFERING OPINION, IN
22 TERMS OF WHAT SERVICES NEED TO BE PROVIDED. AND SO WITH THAT,
23 I WILL SUPPORT THIS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK.
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
2 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING
3 FUNDING TO THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE. TOO MUCH TIME, TOO
4 MUCH EFFORT, AND A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EXERTION HAVE BEEN
5 INVESTED IN THIS INITIATIVE, AND FRANKLY, TOO MUCH IS AT
6 STAKE. WHAT DO I MEAN? I MEAN, OPPORTUNITIES FOR EQUITY, FOR
7 ADVANCEMENT, AND FOR WELLBEING FOR THE WOMEN AND GIRLS OF THIS
8 COUNTY. SO I'M HOPEFUL, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THAT
9 FUNDING WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PROCESS
10 TO ENSURE THAT THIS IMPORTANT WORK DOES NOT GET SHELVED OR
11 REMAIN UNFINISHED. THAT WOULD NOT BE GOOD, AND I THINK IT IS
12 COMPLETELY AVOIDABLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO ONE ELSE ON THIS
15 ITEM, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
17 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

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

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE NOW ON TO ITEM 28, WHICH RELATES TO
20 35: URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 8, CONSUMER
21 PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS; AND ITEM 35, COUNTY
22 CODE, TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE
23 REGULATIONS AMENDMENT. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF THIS
3 PANDEMIC HAS LEFT COUNTLESS COUNTY RESIDENTS IN POSITIONS MORE
4 DIRE THAN THEY EVER THOUGHT THEY'D SEE. AND SINCE THE
5 DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4TH, THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS HAS RECEIVED
7 NEARLY 2,000 REPORTS OF PRICE GOUGING, AND OVER 700 FORMAL
8 COMPLAINTS FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SOURCES. IT SHOULD BE NO
9 SURPRISE THAT COMPLAINTS CENTER ON ESSENTIAL ITEMS, SUCH AS
10 SANITIZERS, MASKS, CANNED GOODS, BOTTLED WATER, FOOD, BUT THE
11 ABUSE IS WIDESPREAD ACROSS ALL BUSINESS SECTORS. AND I BELIEVE
12 THAT THIS BEHAVIOR IS SIMPLY UNCONSCIONABLE. SO, PURSUANT TO
13 THE MARCH 31ST MOTION THAT WE ADVANCED, D.C.B.A. AND COUNTY
14 COUNSEL WERE TASKED BY THIS BOARD TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT OUR
15 EXISTING PRICE GOUGING ORDINANCE, AND COME BACK WITH UPDATES
16 THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR PRICE GOUGING PROVISIONS, NOT ONLY
17 FOR CONSUMERS, BUT ALSO FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. CRITICALLY,
18 THE ORDINANCE BEFORE US TODAY STRENGTHENS PROTECTIONS AGAINST
19 UNCONSCIONABLE-- AND I DO WANT TO SAY, AGAIN, UNCONSCIONABLE--
20 PRICE MARKUPS, PREDATORY PRODUCT HOARDING, AND OTHER PREDATORY
21 PRACTICES THAT SURFACE AFTER EVERY MAJOR DISASTER IN THE
22 COUNTY, AND CLARIFIES PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN RENTALS AND
23 FACILITIES. FURTHERMORE, MADAM CHAIR, BY AUTHORIZING SUBPOENA
24 POWER FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY, THE ORDINANCE
25 BOLSTERS THE D.C.B.A.'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS,

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1 WHICH WILL ALLOW PROSECUTING AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
2 REGION TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE ORDINANCE ARE HELD
3 ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH A LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE EVIDENTIARY PROCESS.
4 NOW, THIS UPDATED ORDINANCE IS MUCH NEEDED, AS IT IMPROVES AND
5 ALIGNS WITH THE COUNTY'S MISSION TO PROTECT VULNERABLE
6 RESIDENTS. THIS IS ALL ABOUT CONSUMER PROTECTION IN A BIG WAY.
7 AND SO TOGETHER, BETWEEN COUNTY COUNSEL'S AFFIRMATIVE
8 LITIGATION DIVISION AND D.C.B.A., THEY'RE MAKING GREAT STRIDES
9 AND THEY SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THAT, FROM PRICE GOUGING
10 PROTECTIONS TO OTHER CRITICAL WORK, SUCH AS CONSUMER
11 EDUCATION, HIGH-IMPACT LITIGATION, AND WAGE THEFT ENFORCEMENT.
12 SO WE ARE DEALING WITH WORKER PROTECTION, AS WELL AS CONSUMER
13 PROTECTION. SO I HOPE THAT THE PREDATORS OUT THERE HEAR US
14 LOUD AND CLEAR TODAY: WE WILL NOT TOLERATE THEIR ABUSE. AS OF
15 THIS DAY, OUR TOOLKIT TO PURSUE JUSTICE FOR CONSUMERS HAS
16 EXPANDED SIGNIFICANTLY. MADAM CHAIR, AFTER ANY OF MY
17 COLLEAGUES WHO MAY WISH TO BE HEARD ON THE ITEM, I WOULD LIKE
18 TO INVITE OUR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
19 BUSINESS AFFAIRS, JOE NICCHITTA, AS WELL AS ASSISTANT COUNTY
20 COUNSEL SCOTT KUHN, TO MAKE REMARKS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
21 ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSUMERS OF THE COUNTY OF
22 LOS ANGELES. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THEM BOTH AND THEIR
23 RESPECTIVE OFFICES FOR THE GOOD WORK THEY'VE DONE ON OUR
24 BEHALF. MADAM CHAIR?

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. NICCHITTA, THE FLOOR IS
2 YOURS.

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4 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, AND
5 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, FOR
6 YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS IMPORTANT CONSUMER PROTECTION
7 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. AND FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS JOE
8 NICCHITTA, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AND I
9 DON'T HAVE TO REMIND ANYONE THAT PRICE GOUGING AND DISASTER-
10 RELATED SCAMS ARE MAJOR ISSUES FOLLOWING ANY DISASTER, BUT THE
11 PRICE GOUGING AND SCAMS WE'VE SEEN DURING THIS PANDEMIC HAVE
12 BEEN PARTICULARLY PERVASIVE. D.C.B.A. IS ACTIVELY
13 INVESTIGATING DOZENS OF COMPLAINTS OF PRICE GOUGING. THEY
14 INVOLVE, NEARLY ALL OF THEM, PRICES OF ESSENTIAL GOODS: MASKS,
15 GLOVES, HAND SANITIZERS, FOOD. THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU WOULD
16 EXPECT THE CONSUMER WOULD NEED TO BUY AT THIS TIME. BUT UNLIKE
17 OTHER DISASTERS-- AND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ALLUDE TO
18 THIS-- WE'RE SEEING ALL SECTORS TARGETED BY PRICE GOUGING.
19 THAT MEANS BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS WHO ARE TRYING TO ACCESS
20 P.P.E., HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, AND EVEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,
21 FRANKLY, WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PRICE QUOTES THEY'RE
22 RECEIVING FOR ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES THAT ARE GROSSLY OUT OF STEP
23 WITH COST. AND SO EVERY CONSUMER IS A POTENTIAL VICTIM DURING
24 THIS PANDEMIC, NO MATTER HOW WELL RESOURCED OR SOPHISTICATED.
25 AND CONSUMERS ARE BUYING THESE OVERPRICED PRODUCTS. IN MANY

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1 CASES, THEY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. SO THIS ORDINANCE COMES AT A
2 CRITICAL TIME. IT ADDRESSES THE EVOLVING WAY THAT PREDATORY
3 VENDORS SEEK TO PROFIT ON CONSUMERS, AND IT ENHANCES MY
4 DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE CASES AND PRESERVE
5 DOCUMENTS. AND THAT IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO WE
6 INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF PRICE GOUGING IN THE UNINCORPORATE
7 AREA, BUT WE ALSO SUPPORT INVESTIGATIONS IN EVERY CITY IN THE
8 COUNTY, AND WE PARTNER WITH CITY PROSECUTORS, THE DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEY, AND THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL. SO I WANT TO THANK
10 YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, FOR
11 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, AND I WANT TO THANK, AS WELL,
12 COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM, AND THE WORK OF HER TEAM,
13 ESPECIALLY SCOTT KUHN, WHO OVERSEES COUNTY COUNSEL'S
14 AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION UNIT, AND WHO JOINS ME TODAY TO TALK
15 ABOUT THE ITEM. AND TOGETHER, OUR TWO DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT ONLY
16 ENFORCING PRICE GOUGING LAWS, WE'RE PARTNERING TO ADVANCE THE
17 BOARD'S IMPORTANT CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION PRIORITIES
18 THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HIGHLIGHTED A MOMENT AGO.
19 LET ME JUST CLOSE BY ENCOURAGING ANYONE-- CONSUMER, BUSINESS,
20 NONPROFIT-- ANYONE WHO SUSPECTS THEY'RE BEING OVERCHARGED FOR
21 AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OR SERVICE, PLEASE REPORT IT THROUGH OUR NEW
22 WEB APP: STOPPRICEGOUGING.DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV; OR BY PHONE, AT
23 800-593-8222. SO WITH THAT, I TURN THIS OVER TO ASSISTANT
24 COUNTY COUNSEL SCOTT KUHN.

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1 **SCOTT KUHN:** SCOTT KUHN, ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH OUR
2 AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION. THE
3 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PRICE GOUGING ORDINANCE THAT ARE BEFORE
4 YOU TODAY REFLECT THE LESSONS THAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM PREVIOUS
5 DISASTERS; NOT JUST THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 DISASTER WE'RE GOING
6 THROUGH NOW, BUT ALSO THE WOOLSEY FIRE DISASTER AND THE
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS LEAK OUT IN PORTER RANCH. WE ALSO
8 RESEARCHED BEST PRACTICES AND BEST LANGUAGE THAT OTHER
9 JURISDICTIONS ARE USING. AND BASED ON THAT REVIEW, WE HAVE
10 BEFORE YOU RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SEVERAL KEY AREAS OF THE
11 ORDINANCE, AND THOSE FOCUS ON THE WHO. SO, WHO IS DOING THE
12 PRICE GOUGING? THE WHAT: WHAT ARE THEY PRICE GOUGING? WHAT ARE
13 THEY SELLING? AND HOW: HOW DO WE STOP THEM? SO FIRST, AS TO
14 WHO, ONE OF THE GAPS IN THE CURRENT ORDINANCE IS PROTECTING
15 CONSUMERS FROM NEW MARKET ENTRANTS, OR PEOPLE WHO ARE FIRST-
16 TIME SELLERS. RIGHT? SO WHAT WE FOUND IS, A LOT OF PEOPLE
17 NEVER BEFORE WERE SELLING MASKS OR HAND SANITIZER OR EVEN
18 TOILET PAPER, AND NOW, SUDDENLY, THEY'VE GOT A BUNCH OF MASKS
19 AND THEY'RE TRYING TO SELL THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND SO OUR
20 ORDINANCE WOULD MAKE THAT ILLEGAL TO SELL GOODS FOR THE FIRST
21 TIME AT AN UNCONSCIONBLY EXCESSIVE PRICE, WHICH IS DEFINED TO
22 MEAN 50 PERCENT MORE THAN THEY PAID FOR THE GOOD, OR THEY PAID
23 TO PRODUCE THE GOOD. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE FOCUSING ON FOLKS WHO
24 NEVER BEFORE WERE SELLING THE PRODUCT, AND NOW, FOR THE FIRST
25 TIME, ARE GETTING INTO THE BUSINESS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

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1 CONSUMERS AT THIS TIME. SO THAT'S THE FIRST WHO. THE SECOND
2 WHO IS HOARDERS: PEOPLE WHO ARE HOARDING PRODUCTS WITH THE
3 INTENT TO RESELL THOSE GOODS, WHICH NOT ONLY HURTS CONSUMERS,
4 BUT IT ALSO COULD HURT COUNTY FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, WHO
5 AREN'T ABLE TO FIND MASKS OR P.P.E. OR OTHER PRODUCTS BECAUSE
6 PEOPLE ARE HOARDING THEM. SO, AGAIN, IT WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL
7 TO HOARD PRODUCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESELLING THEM, OR
8 OFFERING TO RESELL THOSE GOODS. THIS WILL HELP ENSURE ACCESS
9 TO THOSE ESSENTIAL GOODS AND PRODUCTS DURING EMERGENCIES. IN
10 TERMS OF THE WHAT, WHAT TYPES OF GOODS ARE COVERED, WE'VE
11 EXPANDED THE LANGUAGE TO MAKE SURE THAT CRUCIAL ESSENTIAL
12 GOODS ARE COVERED, SUCH AS MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DIAPERS AND BABY
13 SUPPLIES, SANITARY PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS EXPANDED THE
14 DEFINITIONS TO INCLUDE RENTAL HOMES, APARTMENT HOME RENTALS,
15 CARE FACILITIES, AND MOBILE HOMES, TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S
16 NO, YOU KNOW, PREYING UPON RENTERS OR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO
17 RELOCATE BECAUSE OF A DISASTER, OR JACK UP THE PRICES BECAUSE
18 THERE'S A VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT NEEDS TO MOVE TO A
19 CERTAIN LOCATION. WE ALSO INCLUDE AMENDMENTS THAT MAKE THE
20 ORDINANCE APPLICABLE TO FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES. AND FINALLY,
21 THE HOW. HOW DO WE STOP PRICE GOUGING MORE EFFECTIVELY? AND IT
22 FOCUSES ON IMPROVED INVESTIGATION RESOURCES AND IMPROVED
23 ENFORCEMENT. SO THE ORDINANCE DELEGATES YOUR BOARD'S SUBPOENA
24 POWER TO THE DIRECTOR OF D.C.B.A. TO ISSUE ADMINISTRATIVE
25 SUBPOENAS TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE VIOLATIONS OF THE PRICE

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1 GOUGING ORDINANCE. IT ALSO REQUIRES BUSINESSES TO RETAIN
2 PRICING AND SALES DATA DURING THE DECLARED DISASTERS AND THE
3 PERIOD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE DISASTER. IT EXPANDS COUNTY
4 COUNSEL'S ABILITY TO FILE CIVIL ACTIONS TO STOP VIOLATIONS,
5 AND ADDS A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO \$10,000 PER VIOLATION. THESE
6 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ORDINANCE TODAY WILL GIVE US THE TOOLS WE
7 NEED TO BETTER ENFORCE AND STOP PRICE GOUGING. HOW THE
8 ENFORCEMENT PROCESS WORKS, AS MR. NICCHITTA MENTIONED, COUNTY
9 COUNSEL AND D.C.B.A. ARE WORKING IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP, AND WE
10 ARE ALSO PART OF A TASK FORCE THAT INCLUDES THE DISTRICT
11 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, THE L.A.
12 CITY ATTORNEY, AND OTHERS, TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF PRICE
13 GOUGING THAT ARE OCCURRING WITHIN THE COUNTY REGION. CONSUMER
14 COMPLAINTS ARE FIELDIED BY D.C.B.A. AND THEN REFERRED TO THE
15 APPROPRIATE JURISDICTIONAL ENTITY FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND
16 POSSIBLE ACTION. IN SOME CASES, THERE IS WARNING LETTERS THAT
17 CAN BE SENT OUT; IN OTHER CASES, IT COULD BE ADMINISTRATIVE
18 FINES. BUT IF THERE ARE FACTS THAT SHOW CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF
19 PRICE GOUGING VIOLATIONS, COUNTY COUNSEL IS HERE TO FILE CIVIL
20 LAWSUITS TO STOP THE VIOLATIONS AND TO PROTECT CONSUMERS. SO I
21 WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TEAM AND OUR D.C.B.A.
22 PARTNERS FOR THEIR WORK TO STOP PRICE GOUGING AND PROTECT
23 CONSUMERS. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE PRESENTATIONS. VERY
2 GOOD. I SEE THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS
3 ITEM, SO ITEM 28 AND 35 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS
5 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEMS 28 AND 35 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

14

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

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE ARE ON ITEM A-4,
7 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS RELATING TO
8 THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS CRISIS, AND THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
9 KUEHL.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. VERY QUICKLY, WE TALKED
12 ABOUT SEVERAL OF THE REALLY CRITICAL AREAS THAT THIS BOARD HAS
13 BEEN ADDRESSING THIS YEAR, AND THIS INDEED IS ONE OF THEM TO
14 WHICH WE HAVE PAID A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION, AND THAT IS OUR
15 HOMELESS POPULATION. AND IN MAY, WE REALIZED THAT, ALTHOUGH WE
16 WERE HOUSING MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TEMPORARILY, THAT WE
17 WOULD NEED TO HAVE A PLAN FOR WHAT TO DO WHEN WE HAD TO MOVE
18 THAT POPULATION BECAUSE THE MOTEL ROOMS AND HOTEL ROOMS THAT
19 THEY WERE IN, THE REC CENTERS, A LOT OF PLACES THAT THEY HAD
20 BEEN PLACED TO PROTECT THEIR HEALTH, WOULD PROBABLY NO LONGER
21 BE AVAILABLE. SO WE ASKED L.A.H.S.A. TO CREATE A HOMELESS
22 C.O.V.I.D. RECOVERY PLAN TO ALLOW US TO MOVE BEYOND OUR
23 EMERGENCY CRISIS RESPONSE TO THE INTERSECTING CRISES OF
24 HOMELESSNESS AND C.O.V.I.D. AND ON JUNE 26TH, L.A.H.S.A.
25 RELEASED THAT PLAN. I FIND IT VERY EXCITING, ACTUALLY, BECAUSE

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1 IT PROVIDES A ROADMAP FOR HOW WE MIGHT HOUSE THE 15,000 PEOPLE
2 OF OUR ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION WHO ARE MOST AT RISK OF
3 CONTRACTING C.O.V.I.D. BECAUSE THEY'RE 65 OR OLDER, OR HAVE
4 UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
5 COUNTY'S EFFORTS THROUGH PROJECT ROOM KEY, ISO-QUARANTINE
6 HOUSING, OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY C.O.V.I.D.
7 HOUSING, IN COMBINATION WITH L.A. CITY'S EFFORTS, THROUGH THE
8 USE OF STATE TRAINERS AND THEIR CITY REC CENTERS, WE PLACED
9 OVER 5,000 OF THOSE 15,000 ALREADY IN TEMPERATURE HOUSING. BUT
10 WE KNOW THAT THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE IS PRETTY PRECARIOUS,
11 BECAUSE, AS I SAID, MANY OF THESE TEMPORARY HOUSING LOCATIONS
12 WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS, AND
13 INDEED WE WANT THEM TO. ADDITIONALLY, WE GOT 4,000 PEOPLE WHO
14 ARE HOMELESS AND C.O.V.I.D.-VULNERABLE ON COMMUNITY QUEUE,
15 WHICH MEANS WAITING FOR HOUSING PLACEMENTS. SO THIS HOMELESS
16 C.O.V.I.D. RECOVERY PLAN PROVIDES A ROADMAP FOR HOW WE CAN
17 BOTH TRANSITION THOSE WE ARE TEMPORARILY HOUSING TODAY TO
18 PERMANENT HOUSING, AND ALSO HOW TO ADDRESS THE TOTAL
19 POPULATION OF C.O.V.I.D.-VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS. AND, OF
20 COURSE, THE WORK TAKES RESOURCES. L.A.H.S.A. IDENTIFIED THE
21 NEED TO FIND \$609 MILLION IN NET NEW RESOURCES. SO LAST
22 THURSDAY, THE C.E.O. RELEASED A FUNDING PLAN THAT SHOWS HOW WE
23 CAN MAKE THE FIRST DOWN PAYMENT ON THAT \$609 MILLION. AND I
24 WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. FOR IDENTIFYING MONEY WITHIN THE
25 C.A.R.E.S. ACT EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, AS A PART OF THE WAY

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1 THAT WE MIGHT ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I NOTE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES
2 ARE ASKING FOR AN EVEN LARGER COMMITMENT IN THIS AREA OF
3 HOUSING, AND HAVE MENTIONED THAT WE WANT A LARGER COMMITMENT.
4 AND I, OF COURSE, ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THAT. THE COUNTY'S
5 COMMITMENT, COMBINED WITH FUNDING THAT THE STATE HAS COMMITTED
6 TO HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET, ARE A SIGNIFICANT DOWN
7 PAYMENT ON THE PLAN. SO WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR COLLEAGUES AT
8 THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO COMMIT
9 FUNDING TO THIS PLAN. SO, MADAM CHAIR, IF MY COLLEAGUES WISH
10 TO SPEAK, OF COURSE, THEY ALWAYS COME FIRST, AND THEN I'D LIKE
11 TO ASK A REPRESENTATIVE FROM L.A.H.S.A. TO SPEAK TO THE
12 IMMEDIATE STEPS L.A.H.S.A.'S GOING TO TAKE TO BEGIN
13 IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN, AND HOW THEY'LL TRACK THE PROGRESS. AND
14 THEN FOLLOWING L.A.H.S.A., I'M HOPING THAT PHIL ANSELL, IN THE
15 C.E.O.'S OFFICE, CAN SPEAK TO THE FUNDING RECOMMENDED IN THE
16 FUNDING PLAN, AND WHETHER THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE ANY
17 ADDITIONAL STEPS TO COMMIT THOSE FUNDS TO THE HOMELESS
18 C.O.V.I.D. RECOVERY PLAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD
21 LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HOLDING THIS. ADDITIONALLY, I'D LIKE TO
25 THANK L.A.H.S.A. AND THE C.E.O. TEAMS FOR THEIR WORK ON THE

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1 ITEM FROM THE OUTSET OF THIS PANDEMIC. I THINK IT'S FAIR TO
2 SAY OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN CLEAR: IDENTIFY THE MOST VULNERABLE,
3 PROVIDE THEM WITH IMMEDIATE SHELTER THROUGH PROJECT ROOM KEY,
4 AND GET AS MANY PEOPLE HOUSED AS POSSIBLE. VERY CLEAR. AND WE
5 HAVE WORKED HARD AT THAT. WE'VE ASKED THE C.E.O. AND
6 L.A.H.S.A. TO THINK THROUGH WHAT A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM
7 RESPONSE SHOULD LOOK LIKE, AND WHAT HAS BEEN OUTLINED IS A
8 REGIONAL PLAN, AND IT REQUIRES REGIONAL BUY-IN. AND THAT
9 CARRIES WITH IT WHAT HAS TO BE STATED AS A REGIONAL
10 OBLIGATION. I THINK WE HAVE TO CONSULT OUR CITY PARTNERS, WHO
11 HAVE BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH US IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, AND WE
12 RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANTS TO BUILD
13 CONSENSUS AROUND THIS, SO THAT WE CAN COMMIT COLLECTIVELY. IT
14 WON'T WORK UNLESS IT'S COLLABORATIVE AND COLLECTIVELY PURSUED,
15 SO THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO TAKE THIS
16 ISSUE ON. WE NEED THE BEST THINKING, MADAM CHAIR AND
17 COLLEAGUES, FROM OUR C.E.O. AND PARTNERS ON HOW TO GO ABOUT
18 OPERATIONALIZING THIS VISION. THIS IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF
19 HEART. AND IF WE ARE TO MAKE PROGRESS, WE JUST NEED TO DOUBLE
20 DOWN LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS, IN ORDER TO MAKE GOOD ON WHAT OUR
21 COMMITMENTS ARE. I JUST HAVE TO SAY, AFTER THE PANDEMIC
22 SUBSIDES, AND AFTER THE GREAT RECESSION REBOUNDS, OR
23 DEPRESSION REBOUNDS, THIS ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS GOING TO
24 CONFRONT US. IT WON'T EASILY GO AWAY, AND EVERYTHING WE CAN DO
25 NOW TO GET A RUNNING START ANEW IS NECESSARY. AND SO, MADAM

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1 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I OFFER THOSE COMMENTS IN FULL
2 CONCURRENCE THAT WE NEED TO NOT LET UP, BUT GO HARDER, IN THE
3 BEST INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO ARE YET HOMELESS, AND EVEN
4 OURSELVES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM-- IS HEIDI
7 ON?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK HEIDI IS AT A MEDIATION. I'M NOT SURE.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. NATHANIEL?

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK.

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY, I MISSED THAT. GO AHEAD,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I JUST, BEFORE ANYBODY FROM THE
19 DEPARTMENT SPEAKS, I JUST, AGAIN, I KNOW THIS IS WHAT WE'VE
20 ALL BEEN CALLED FOR. WE NEED A MARSHALL PLAN TO PARTICULARLY
21 GET FOLKS OFF THE STREET, AS A RESULT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. I
22 THINK THIS LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER. JUST, WHEN SOMEBODY SPEAKS, I
23 WOULD LIKE THEM TO ADDRESS A COUPLE OF MY CONCERNS. NUMBER
24 ONE, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE LOOKING TO LEASE ABOUT 5,000 MARKET-
25 RATE UNITS, AND RIGHT THERE I GET STUCK, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW

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1 DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET UNITS RIGHT NOW. I KNOW I HAVE HELD
2 LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. WE'VE OFFERED TO PAY THE DEPOSIT,
3 THE DAMAGES, HOLDING THE UNIT WHILE WE FIND THE PERFECT MATCH.
4 AND WE'VE HAD SO FEW LANDLORDS WILLING TO PARTNER WITH US ON
5 THIS. AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW, SECTION 8 EXISTS, AND WE HAVE SO
6 FEW LANDLORDS WILLING TO DO THAT, AS WELL. SO I'M A LITTLE
7 NERVOUS ABOUT THE 15,000 LEASING OF MARKET UNITS, AND MAYBE
8 SOMEBODY COULD SPEAK TO HOW WE ACTUALLY THINK WE'RE GOING TO
9 DO THAT. AND THEN I'M ALSO A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER
10 OF STAFF THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO ADMINISTER THIS AND
11 PROVIDE THE CASE MANAGEMENT. MOST OF OUR PROVIDERS ARE, YOU
12 KNOW, OVEREXTENDED RIGHT NOW WITH PROJECT ROOM KEY. IT LOOKS
13 LIKE L.A.H.S.A. MIGHT NEED TO HIRE MORE STAFF, GET NAVIGATORS,
14 CASEWORKERS. I'M WONDERING HOW LONG THAT WILL TAKE. SO I JUST-
15 - AGAIN, I BELIEVE IT. IT LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER. THOSE ARE MY
16 INITIAL CONCERNS AND REACTIONS WHEN I SEE THIS. I WANT IT TO
17 WORK MORE THAN ANYBODY, BUT I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT
18 MORE ABOUT HOW WE ACTUALLY THINK WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS. THANK
19 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO
22 SAY SOMETHING, THEN I'M HANDING OVER THE GAVEL TO SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS WHILE YOU SAY SOMETHING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. YEAH, I'LL BE BRIEF. I, TOO, AM VERY CURIOUS
2 HOW WE MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM INITIALLY USING THE C.A.R.E.S.
3 ACT MONEY AND THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAD USING F.E.M.A. MONEY,
4 ALSO, WITH MANY OF THESE INITIATIVES, AND WANT TO KNOW HOW WE
5 EXTEND THAT IN THE TRANSITION; AND ESPECIALLY IN THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, STILL WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE EFFORT OUT
7 IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHERE WE DON'T HAVE A FACILITY YET
8 IDENTIFIED. THE FARTHEST ONE WE HAVE IS IN POMONA, BUT THAT
9 WAS ESTABLISHED SOME YEARS AGO, AND THE NEED CONTINUES TO BE
10 GREAT. SO THAT'S A QUESTION I HAVE. AND THEN LOOKING, ALSO, IN
11 TERMS OF KNOWING THAT C.O.V.I.D.-19 IS GOING TO BE WITH US FOR
12 A WHILE, ARE WE ANTICIPATING MORE FOLKS BECOMING HOMELESS? AND
13 WHAT'S OUR PLAN OF ACTION FOR THAT? AND THEN, LASTLY, BECAUSE
14 WE ARE WORKING WITH JUDGE CARTER, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
15 FEEDBACK FROM BOTH PERSPECTIVES-- FROM OUR C.E.O., AS WELL AS
16 FROM L.A.H.S.A.-- ABOUT WHERE WE GO WITH THAT IN WORKING WITH
17 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. SO LET'S
18 TURN IT OVER TO PHIL, OR L.A.H.S.A. LET'S GO WITH L.A.H.S.A.
19 FIRST. GO AHEAD. HELLO?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE CAN NOW.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH, SUPERVISORS, FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY. I WILL SAY THAT
4 IT HAS BEEN A HERCULEAN LIFT, BRINGING THE 35 SITES ONLINE
5 ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND BRINGING MORE THAN 3600 INDIVIDUALS
6 INDOORS IN THE MIDST OF THIS PANDEMIC. I WOULD LIKE TO START
7 BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE ARE A LONG WAYS FROM BEING PAST THE
8 PANDEMIC, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, AND SO IT IS ABSOLUTELY A
9 CONCERN OF OURS TO BE EXPEDITIOUS IN PUTTING THIS PLAN INTO
10 PLACE, BECAUSE THE SOONER WE CAN MOVE FOLKS FROM PROJECT ROOM
11 KEY INTO THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL UNITS, THAT ALLOWS US, WHILE THE
12 PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES ARE OPEN, TO MOVE ADDITIONAL FOLKS
13 INDOORS. AND AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE PROJECT ROOM KEY WAS
14 INITIALLY DESIGNED AS A MECHANISM TO PROTECT FOLKS FROM NEED
15 OF HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH, AND THAT'S REALLY AS A COST-
16 SAVING MEASURE, IN ADDITION TO A LIFESAVING MEASURE, BECAUSE
17 THE COST OF A HOTEL ROOM WITH SERVICES ATTACHED IS MUCH LESS
18 THAN IT WOULD BE FOR HOSPITALIZATIONS FOR ALL OF THESE
19 INDIVIDUALS. SO I ABSOLUTELY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS A
20 CONTINUED NEED, AND WILL BE UNTIL WE HAVE A VACCINE THAT IS
21 NOT ONLY PROVEN, BUT IS WIDELY IN USE ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO
22 THAT'S GOING TO BE A WAYS FROM NOW. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT BOTH
23 CONTINUING WITH THE PROJECT ROOM KEY FOR AS LONG AS THAT IS
24 FEASIBLE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE F.E.M.A. FUNDING, AS
25 WELL AS COUNTY AND CITY RESOURCES. IN FACT, WE ARE STILL IN

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1 THE PROCESS OF OPENING A COUPLE OF NEW FACILITIES WITH THE
2 CITY; HOPEFULLY, ONE MORE, POTENTIALLY, WITH THE COUNTY, AS
3 WELL, DIRECTLY IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE FAR FROM
4 PAST THIS PANDEMIC. SO IN TERMS OF INITIAL STEPS, WE'VE
5 ALREADY, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE STOOD UP THE PROJECT ROOM KEY
6 PROGRAM, WE BENEFITED FROM THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE
7 DEPARTMENT AND THEIR EXPERTISE IN INCIDENT COMMAND MANAGEMENT.
8 THIS ALL HELPED US DEVELOP AN INTERNAL INCIDENT COMMAND
9 STRUCTURE FOR OUR EFFORTS IN STANDING UP PROJECT ROOM KEY, AND
10 THAT WAS REALLY INSTRUMENTAL. BEING ABLE TO STREAMLINE OUR
11 DECISION-MAKING AND HAVE CLEAR LINES OF COMMUNICATION AROUND
12 WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT, AND MAKING SURE THAT NOTHING GOT
13 DROPPED IN THE PROCESS. SO WE'VE TAKEN THOSE LEARNINGS AND
14 WE'VE DEVELOPED AN INTERNAL INCIDENT COMMAND STRUCTURE FOR THE
15 REHOUSING EFFORTS, AS WELL. SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT OVER
16 THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. SOME OF THAT WILL BE LEVERAGING SOME
17 OF THE FOLKS WHO HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN STANDING UP PROJECT
18 ROOM KEY, AND USING THAT EXPERTISE TO TRANSITION TO THE
19 REHOUSING EFFORT. ADDITIONALLY, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN WORKING
20 WITH THE PROJECT ROOM KEY RESIDENTS IN ESTABLISHING ALL THE
21 NECESSITIES THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE IN PLACE TO BE ABLE TO
22 ACCESS PERMANENT HOUSING. SO WE'VE DEVELOPED STRONG
23 PARTNERSHIPS WITH D.P.S.S., THE COUNTY C.B.E.S.T. PROGRAM, AS
24 WELL AS THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO
25 ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS I.D.S AND THE REQUIRED

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1 DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR MOVING INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, AS WELL
2 AS ENSURING THAT EVERY PERSON IN PROJECT ROOM KEY HAS AT LEAST
3 GENERAL ASSISTANCE AS A SOURCE OF INCOME, AS WELL AS ENSURING
4 THAT ALL THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR S.S.I. OR S.S.D.I. ARE IN
5 PROCESS TO ACQUIRE THOSE BENEFITS. WE'VE ALSO WORKED TO
6 IDENTIFY LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO CAN HELP ELIMINATE ANY
7 LEGAL ROADBLOCKS, AS WELL AS WE'VE ALSO BEGUN WORKING WITH ALL
8 OF OUR PROVIDERS AT EACH OF THE PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES TO
9 IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALIZED HOUSING PLANS FOR EACH OF THE PROJECT
10 ROOM KEY RESIDENTS. SO A LOT OF THIS WORK IS ALREADY UNDERWAY.
11 I WILL-- YOU KNOW, I WANT TO HONOR THE CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT
12 THE AVAILABILITY OF UNITS ON THE PRIVATE MARKET. IT IS A HUGE
13 LIFT TO THINK ABOUT HAVING 15,000 ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENTS
14 AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. YOU KNOW, AS YOU
15 WILL NOTE IN OUR PLAN, THIS IS A THREE-YEAR PLAN. WE DON'T
16 EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE 15,000 UNITS AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT
17 SIX MONTHS, EVEN. BUT WE ARE LOOKING AT MULTIPLE STRATEGIES
18 FOR MAINTAINING FOLKS IN HOUSING SO THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING
19 BACK TO THE STREET, AND THAT THEY'RE NOT BEING PLACED INTO
20 CONGREGATE SHELTER, WHERE THEIR HEALTH IS IN JEOPARDY. SO WE
21 ARE HOPEFUL. WE'RE HOPING TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS NOT ONLY THE
22 E.S.G. FUNDS, BUT THE RECOMMENDED 100 MILLION FROM THE C.R.F.
23 FUND, THE C.O.V.I.D. RECOVERY FUND, THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR A
24 GREAT DEAL OF FLEXIBILITY IN TERMS OF HOW WE WORK WITH
25 LANDLORDS, THAT COULD EXPAND SOME OF THE TOOLS THAT WE'VE USED

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1 WITH RAPID REHOUSING, THINGS THAT THE COUNTY TO BRILLIANT
2 CORNERS HAS USED IN ITS STRATEGIES FOR OBTAINING HOUSING FOR
3 FOLKS WITH CHOICE VOUCHERS. SO THOSE INCLUDE HOLDING FEES.
4 WE'RE EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POTENTIAL MASTER LEASING.
5 AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY IN ITS EFFORTS ON
6 ACQUISITIONS. THE STATE HAS MONEY AVAILABLE FOR POTENTIALLY
7 ACQUIRING BOTH THE HOTELS AND MOTELS THAT ARE PART OF PROJECT
8 ROOM KEY, BUT ALSO FOR OTHER PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE.
9 SO ANY ACCESS TO THAT STATE MONEY OR USE OF THE C.R.F. TO
10 IMMEDIATELY PROCURE UNITS WILL BE UNITS THAT WE COULD LEVERAGE
11 IN THIS EFFORT. I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT ONE OF OUR OBVIOUS
12 CONCERNS IS AROUND THE STRAIN ON THE ECONOMY AND UNEMPLOYMENT,
13 AND THE NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PAYING THEIR
14 RENT DURING THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. IT'S BEEN EXTREMELY
15 FORTUNATE THAT WE'VE HAD THE MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS, BUT WE
16 ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THAT WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN
17 THE MORATORIUM ENDS, WHICH IS WHY IN OUR PLAN WE ALSO CALLED
18 OUT SEVERAL ACTIONS THAT WE WOULD ASK THE STATE AND LOCAL
19 POLICY-MAKERS TO LOOK AT WAYS THAT WE CAN STABILIZE RENTERS SO
20 THAT WE'RE NOT SEEING A NEW FLOOD INTO THE HOMELESSNESS
21 SYSTEM. OUR HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM IS REALLY INTENDED TO BE THE
22 SAFETY NET OF SAFETY NETS, AND SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT
23 THE FURTHER-UPSTREAM SAFETY NETS ARE GIRDED TO BE ABLE TO
24 ADDRESS THIS POTENTIAL SURGE, COME NOVEMBER. SO I WILL LEAVE
25 IT THERE, SO I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TOO MANY DETAILS. I'M

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1 MORE THAN WILLING TO ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, IF YOU
2 DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I ANSWERED THE CONCERNS THAT WERE SHARED.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PHIL ANSELL?

5

6 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

7

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

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** OKAY. EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD
11 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE EXPENDITURE
12 PLAN, OR THE FUNDING PLAN, WHICH THE C.E.O. EXPLAINED TO THE
13 BOARD LAST THURSDAY. OVERALL, L.A.H.S.A. IDENTIFIED A NEED,
14 OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, FOR \$609 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING
15 COMMITTED TO THE RECOVERY PLAN. AND IN THE FUNDING PLAN WHICH
16 WE SUBMITTED ON LAST THURSDAY, WE IDENTIFIED \$308 MILLION FROM
17 THE COUNTY, JUST OVER HALF OF THE TOTAL. AND AS HAS BEEN
18 MENTIONED, THERE'S DEFINITELY A NEED FOR OUR PARTNERS,
19 PARTICULARLY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE FEDERAL
20 GOVERNMENT, TO COME FORWARD TO ASSIST WITH PROVIDING THE
21 REMAINING FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN.
22 I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS THE FOUR FUNDING STREAMS
23 IDENTIFIED BY THE C.E.O. TO SUPPORT THE RECOVERY PLAN, AND IN
24 SO DOING, I'LL ADDRESS SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S QUESTION ABOUT
25 WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED; RATHER, ANY

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1 ACTION IS NEEDED BY THE BOARD FOR THIS FUNDING TO ACTUALLY BE
2 AVAILABLE. THE FIRST OF THE FOUR FUNDING STREAMS WE IDENTIFIED
3 IS THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, FOR WHICH THE COUNTY
4 RECEIVES FUNDING FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE 82
5 CITIES, SMALLER CITIES, WHICH DO NOT RECEIVE THE S.G. FUNDING
6 DIRECTLY. BOARD ACTION WILL BE REQUIRED, WITH RESPECT TO THE
7 UTILIZATION OF THAT FUNDING. THERE IS A PENDING REPORT FROM
8 THE C.E.O. BACK TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED USE OF
9 THAT E.S.G. FUNDING, AND A FOLLOW-UP BOARD ACTION WILL BE
10 REQUIRED. WE'RE INTENDING TO DISCUSS THAT PROCESS AND TIMELINE
11 WITH THE HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES AT THEIR MEETING TWO DAYS
12 FROM NOW, AND WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT BOARD ACTION MAY BE POSSIBLE
13 ON JULY 21ST, REGARDING THE USE OF THAT FUNDING. THE SECOND
14 FUNDING SOURCE IS THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, WHERE THE
15 C.E.O. HAS RECOMMENDED \$111 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY PLAN. BOARD ACTION WILL ALSO BE
17 REQUIRED IN THAT REGARD, AND IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE
18 WILL BE A FORTHCOMING BOARD ACTION REGARDING UTILIZATION OF
19 THE COUNTY'S C.R.F. FUNDING OVERALL, AND WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT
20 THAT ACTION WOULD INCLUDE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE
21 RECOMMENDED C.R.F. FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS RECOVERY
22 PLAN. AND WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THAT MAY TAKE PLACE AT
23 THE JULY 21ST BOARD MEETING, AS WELL. THE THIRD FUNDING SOURCE
24 IS A MODEST PORTION OF THE RAPID REHOUSING FUNDING THROUGH
25 MEASURE H FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE FISCAL YEARS, A PORTION

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1 OF THE SINGLE ADULT RAPID REHOUSING FUNDING. THAT FUNDING IS
2 ALREADY ALLOCATED TO L.A.H.S.A. NO ADDITIONAL BOARD ACTION IS
3 REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER FULL-YEAR
4 MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR '20/'21 ON
5 SEPTEMBER 15TH, AND THAT ACTION WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ADDRESS
6 THE RAPID REHOUSING FUNDING THAT WE RECOMMENDED TO BE USED IN
7 SUPPORT OF THE RECOVERY PLAN. AND THEN, FINALLY, BUILDING ON
8 PRIOR REPORT TO THE BOARD REGARDING HOMELESS OLDER ADULTS, WE
9 RECOMMEND THAT PURSUIT OF 52 MILLION FOR THE FIRST YEAR, FOR
10 CALENDAR YEAR 2021, IN STATE AND FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING. THE
11 KEY ACTION THAT WILL BE REQUIRED THERE WILL BE ADVOCACY WITH
12 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUILDING ON THE REPORT WHICH
13 WE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AROUND WAYS IN WHICH
14 MEDICAID FUNDING COULD BE UTILIZED SPECIFICALLY FOR SERVICES
15 FOR HOMELESS OLDER ADULTS. AND WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO
16 COLLABORATING WITH THE BOARD IN THAT ADVOCACY EFFORT, WHICH
17 WILL BEGIN WITH ADVOCACY, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, WITH THE
18 STATE GOVERNMENT. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
21 REPORT, BOTH OF YOU. I'M SEEING THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS REQUESTED
22 TO SPEAK ON THIS. OH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SAY
23 SOMETHING.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I SIMPLY WANT TO THANK BOTH OF THEM FOR THEIR
2 REPORT. I FEEL LIKE IT WAS VERY COGENT AND INFORMATIVE. AND I
3 WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING THIS
4 REPORT TO BE MADE. I THINK IT'S KIND OF BIG NEWS, AND IT
5 DEMONSTRATES A LOT OF VERY, VERY GOOD WORK ON THEIR PART. I
6 FIND THE REPORT VERY EXCITING AND LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING IT A
7 REALITY. SO IT'S JUST A REPORT AT THE MOMENT. SO THANK YOU FOR
8 ALLOWING US THE TIME IN THE MEETING. AND THANKS TO BOTH OF
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** SORRY. JUST VERY QUICKLY, I DIDN'T HEAR ANY
18 RESPONSE REGARDING THE IMPACT OF JUDGE CARTER'S DECISION, OR
19 WHAT WE'RE DOING TO HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HE'S
20 RAISED WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THE HOMELESS THAT LIVE IN THE
21 CITY AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THAT MAY NOT MEET THE 65-YEARS-
22 OF-AGE REQUIREMENT TO BE HOUSED. HOW ARE WE WORKING THAT
23 PROGRAM INTO THIS EFFORT?

24

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1 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, AS PART OF THE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF
2 THE LITIGATION BETWEEN THE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE
3 COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY HAS AGREED TO
4 PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE CITY TO PAY FOR A PORTION OF THE
5 OPERATING COSTS OUT OF 6,000 NEW BEDS IN THE CITY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, WHICH ARE DESIGNATED FOR THREE POPULATIONS:
7 INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITHIN 500 FEET OF A FREEWAY
8 OVERPASS/UNDERPASS, ONRAMP OR OFFRAMP; INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 65
9 AND OLDER; AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OTHERWISE VULNERABLE. THE
10 LATTER TWO CATEGORIES, THE OVER-65 AND THOSE WHO ARE OTHERWISE
11 VULNERABLE, ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE TARGET POPULATION OF
12 15,000 IDENTIFIED BY L.A.H.S.A. SO WE ARE HOPEFUL A PORTION OF
13 THE BEDS WHICH THE CITY WILL ESTABLISH PURSUANT TO THAT
14 AGREEMENT, SUPPORTED IN PART THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY,
15 WILL HELP ADDRESS THE NEED FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY PLAN.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. AND I DIDN'T GET A RESPONSE BACK, IN TERMS
19 OF THE OUTER AREAS OUTSIDE THE CITY OF L.A., UNINCORPORATED
20 ,AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES, AS I POINTED OUT. SO
21 YOU'VE BEEN WORKING WITH US ON THIS, AND SO HAS L.A.H.S.A.,
22 ABOUT TRYING TO IDENTIFY PLACES OUT IN OUR S.P.A.S, OUT IN 7
23 AND WHAT HAVE YOU-- SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND SOUTHEAST AREA. SO
24 I REALLY WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. AND OF COURSE
25 IT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGE TO WORK WITH OUR CITIES, BUT I DO

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1 THINK THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON US LOOKING AT SOMETHING MORE
2 STABILIZING OUT THERE. I THINK PEOPLE ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT
3 THIS BOARD DOES. SO I WOULD JUST URGE US TO STAY FOCUSED ON
4 THAT, AS WELL.

5

6 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, I'D LIKE TO ASSURE YOU AND THE ENTIRE
7 BOARD THAT WE ARE CERTAINLY LOOKING AT THIS AS A COUNTYWIDE
8 EFFORT, AND THE FUNDING STREAMS WHICH WE'VE IDENTIFIED, THREE
9 OF THEM ARE COUNTYWIDE, BUT ONE IS NOT. I MEAN, WE'RE
10 RECOMMENDING \$80 MILLION. 75 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL C.A.R.E.S.
11 ACT E.S.G. FUNDING GOES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
12 RECOVERY PLAN, AND THAT IS SPECIFICALLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED
13 AREAS AND 82 SMALLER CITIES IN THE COUNTY, EXCLUDING LOS
14 ANGELES, LONG BEACH, AND FOUR OTHER CITIES WHICH RECEIVE THEIR
15 OWN E.S.G. FUNDING. SO WE ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING TO THIS AS A
16 COUNTYWIDE PLAN, AND WE'VE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE ABILITY
17 TO ESTABLISH PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES ON A COUNTYWIDE BASIS
18 THROUGHOUT ALL EIGHT S.P.A.S IN THE COUNTY, AND LOOK TO THAT
19 AS A BRIDGE TO FURTHER WORK TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN THE
20 AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. I KNOW WE'LL CONTINUE TO STAY FOCUSED ON IT.
23 AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD DIFFICULTY IN SOME OF OUR CITIES WITH
24 THE ROOM KEY PROJECT, WITH THE MOTELS BEING UTILIZED FOR
25 PERMANENT USE. AND I KNOW SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MIGHT HAVE

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1 HEARD FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS OR SEVERAL CITIES THAT ARE NOT
2 ALIGNED APPROPRIATELY. AND THAT'S A DIFFICULT SITUATION,
3 REALLY TRYING TO GET OUR OTHER CITIES, ON A REGIONAL BASIS, TO
4 STEP UP AND REALLY WORK WITH US. SO THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE
5 QUESTION. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY,
8 FOLLOWING UP ON THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
9 RIGHT. AND I KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, WHILE PROJECT ROOM KEY HAS
10 BEEN AN AMBITIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORT, THE NEED ON THE
11 STREETS IS EVEN GREATER MOVING FORWARD, AND WE HAVE AN
12 OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING COMPONENT. AND
13 IF YOU LOOK AT THE RECOVERY PLAN, IT'S GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE.
14 I MEAN, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. BUT I BELIEVE IT'S MORE
15 COSTLY FROM A FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE, AND ACTUALLY AN ETHICAL
16 PERSPECTIVE, TO LET HIGHLY VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS CYCLE IN AND
17 OUT OF JAILS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS. I THINK THAT FOR ALL OF US,
18 THIS IS A MATTER OF DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS EASY. AND
19 THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE AN EASY TASK, AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE
20 GOING TO TRIP ALONG THE WAY. BUT I'M CONFIDENT, AND I KNOW I'M
21 COMMITTED TO DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS PLAN WORK,
22 SO THAT WE NEVER FIND OURSELVES IN A SITUATION AGAIN WHERE
23 ELDERLY AND MEDICALLY FRAIL INDIVIDUALS FIND THEMSELVES
24 WITHOUT SHELTER IN THE MIDST OF A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. IT'S
25 NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT WE HAVE NOT

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1 SEEN A MORE DEVASTATING SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 AMONGST
2 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND WE CANNOT TAKE THAT
3 CHANCE AGAIN. THE FACT THAT THE HOMELESS CRISIS HAS REACHED
4 UNTENABLE LIMITS IS NOT NEWS TO ANY OF US, BUT THIS IS A
5 MOMENT IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE TO DOUBLE OUR EFFORTS AND PROTECT
6 THOSE WHO NEED US MOST. SO, REALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY
7 COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD FOR TAKING ON THIS ADDED CHALLENGE,
8 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, PHIL, AND PLEASE PASS ON MY THANKS TO
9 HEIDI, AS WELL, FOR ALL OF THE TEAMS THAT ARE BEING PUT
10 TOGETHER TO GET THIS PLAN IN OPERATION AND ENSURE THAT OUR
11 EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD ARE DONE. SO WITH THAT, THIS IS A
12 RECEIVE-AND-FILE. AND MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO SPECIALS. ITEM
14 NUMBER 41. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM
15 SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED
16 OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS. I BELIEVE,
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE REQUESTED SOMETHING?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST WANTED
20 TO HIGHLIGHT A CONCERN THAT I WILL BRING IN MORE EXPLICITLY
21 FOR OUR NEXT MEETING. IT WAS IN APRIL OF 2017 THAT WE BROUGHT
22 FORTH A MOTION ON IMPLICIT BIAS. AND SINCE THAT TIME, THE
23 COUNTY, LARGELY LED THROUGH H.R. AND THE C.E.O. AND SEVERAL
24 OTHER DEPARTMENTS, HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE TRAINING WITH OUR
25 EMPLOYEES TO CONFRONT THE ISSUE OF IMPLICIT BIAS. AND NOW,

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1 MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO
2 MOVE TO A MORE EXPLICIT IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESSING OF THE
3 ISSUES OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AS THEY MANIFEST THEMSELVES IN
4 THE CONTEXT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THOSE SERVICES AND
5 PROVISIONS THAT WE TOUCH. LAST WEEK, I HAD A FACEBOOK LIVE
6 EXCHANGE WITH PROFESSOR CORNELL WEST, WHO'S PROBABLY MOST
7 NOTED FOR HIS 1993 TEXT ENTITLED "RACE MATTERS." LET ME JUST
8 SIMPLY QUOTE FROM THAT FOR A SECOND. HE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:
9 "TO ENGAGE IN A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF RACE IN AMERICA, WE MUST
10 BEGIN NOT WITH THE PROBLEMS OF BLACK PEOPLE, BUT WITH THE
11 FLAWS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY: FLAWS ROOTED IN HISTORIC
12 INEQUALITIES AND LONG-STANDING CULTURAL STEREOTYPES, HOW WE
13 SET UP THE TERMS FOR DISCUSSION. RACIAL ISSUES SHAPES OUR
14 PERCEPTIONS AND OUR RESPONSE TO THESE ISSUES." SO, MADAM
15 CHAIR, I KNOW THAT THE ISSUE OF THE PERPETRATION OF SYSTEMIC
16 RACIAL BIAS AND ESTABLISHING ANTI-RACIST PROGRAMS, POLICIES,
17 AND THE LIKE WITHIN THE GOVERNANCE OF OUR COUNTY IS UPON US.
18 IT WILL BE MINE TO BRING FORTH A MOTION FOR OUR COLLECTIVE
19 CONSIDERATION AT OUR MEETING TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY. AND I THANK
20 YOU.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE
23 LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
24 ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN SWING. THE
3 FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS MOURNING THE LOSS OF THE
4 LONGTIME LEADER AND BELOVED ADVOCATE JOHN SWING. HE WAS THE
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SEARCH TO INVOLVE PILIPINO AMERICANS,
6 CALLED S.I.P.A., AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
7 WITHIN THE FIRST DISTRICT. JOHN PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH FROM
8 COMPLICATIONS DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. HE WAS 48 YEARS OF AGE. A
9 RESPECTED AND PASSIONATE LEADER, JOHN SPENT HIS CAREER
10 ADVOCATING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND CULTIVATING
11 ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHIN THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. HE
12 DEDICATED HIS TIME AND ENERGY MAKING HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN A
13 BETTER PLACE FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THE COMMUNITY MISSES JOHN
14 DEARLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ELLEN, AND THEIR SIX
15 CHILDREN ZACHARY, JOSHUA, CHLOE, MACKENZIE, SASHA, AND NIKO.
16 MAY HE REST IN PEACE. SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN,
17 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ARMY SPECIALIST VANESSA GUILLEN.
18 VANESSA GUILLEN WAS A 20-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER WHO WAS LAST SEEN AT
19 FORT HOOD IN CENTRAL TEXAS IN APRIL. THIS PAST FRIDAY, HER
20 FAMILY RECEIVED THE HEARTBREAKING NEWS THAT HER REMAINS HAD
21 BEEN FOUND. ACCORDING TO HER FAMILY, VANESSA HAD DREAMED OF
22 BEING IN THE MILITARY SINCE CHILDHOOD. JUST A DECADE AGO, HER
23 RELATIVES RECALLED VANESSA TELLING HER MOTHER THAT SHE WANTED
24 TO DEFEND HER HOMELAND WHEN SHE GREW UP. SHE WAS READY AND
25 EAGER TO SERVE HER COUNTRY, YET WHEN SHE ENTERED THE ARMED

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1 FORCES, VANESSA FACED SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND WAS AFRAID TO
2 SPEAK OUT DUE TO FEAR OF RETALIATION. THE SYSTEM FAILED HER.
3 WE MUST KEEP HER IN OUR COLLECTIVE MEMORY, AND CALL FOR
4 SYSTEMIC REFORMS. HER MURDER IS A TRAGEDY AND AN OUTRAGE.
5 WHILE WE SEARCH FOR ANSWERS AND DEMAND FOR JUSTICE, MY
6 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.
7 VANESSA'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER MAYRA, AND HER MOTHER GLORIA.
8 MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN WE DO ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE,
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE. THAT'S FINE. AND LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE
14 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REYNA
15 CELINA CASTRO. REYNA WAS BROTHER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW. SHE WAS BORN
16 ON MAY 31ST, 1936, IN SINALOA, MEXICO. REYNA CAME TO LOS
17 ANGELES IN 1959, AND SOON AFTER SETTLED IN THE COMMUNITY OF LA
18 PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS. SHE WAS A RETIRED
19 MEMBER OF THE TEAMSTERS UNION, A DOG AND BIRD LOVER, AND SPENT
20 MOST OF HER TIME CARING FOR HER PLANTS AND FRUIT TREES. REYNA
21 RELISHED IN HER ANNUAL TAMALE-MAKING TRADITIONS DURING THE
22 HOLIDAYS, SHARING THE UNIQUE FAMILY RECIPE, WHICH CONTINUES TO
23 BE PASSED DOWN TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. SHE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR
24 BEING A STRONG WOMAN, HER SENSE OF HUMOR, AND HER
25 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR HER FAMILY. REYNA IS SURVIVED BY HER

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1 EIGHT CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND MORE
2 RECENTLY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, TOTALING 36 FAMILY MEMBERS
3 WHO LOVED AND ADORED HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU,
4 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
9 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE REVEREND IVAN E. GEORGE,
10 BORN JULY 2ND, 1941, IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. HE PASSED ON JUNE THE
11 24TH, AT THE AGE OF 78. HE WAS CALLED TO MINISTRY IN 1958, AND
12 BECAME A LICENSED MINISTER AT THE AGE OF 17. AFTER COMPLETING
13 HIS UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, HE
14 ATTENDED ANDOVER NEWTON SEMINARY IN NEW HAVEN, WHERE HE
15 RECEIVED A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE, AND THEN HE WENT ON TO
16 COMPLETE A MASTER'S IN RELIGION AND THEOLOGY AT TEMPLE
17 UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA. HE WAS ORDAINED IN 1966, AND THEN
18 BEGAN HIS WORK AS AN URBAN STRATEGIST FOR THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
19 CHURCHES BOARD OF NATIONAL MINISTRIES. HE PASTORED LITERALLY
20 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, FROM JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK, ALL THE WAY TO
21 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING GREAT LEADERSHIP IN A
22 VARIETY OF WAYS. AND SO WE MOURN HIS PASSING. HE WAS A GREAT
23 ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
24 HUGE HEART, HIS DEVOTION TO HIS FAITH, AND AS A FAITHFUL
25 FRIEND AND BELOVED PASTOR. HE'S SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN,

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1 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND AN EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I
2 SHOULDN'T FAIL TO MENTION THAT HE HAS THREE GREAT-
3 GRANDCHILDREN AND MAYBE WHOEVER REMEMBERED THE REVEREND IVAN
4 E. GEORGE FOR THE GOOD WORK THAT HE DID WHILE AMONG US. I'D
5 LIKE THAT WE WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARVA JO
6 FIELDER, WHO WAS BORN ON MAY 1ST, 1942, AND PASSED AWAY ON
7 JUNE THE 14TH, AT THE AGE OF 78. MS. FIELDER'S SURVIVED BY AN
8 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HER DEARLY.
9 AND WE THANK HER FAMILY FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. AND FINALLY, MADAM
11 CHAIR, GENITA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "GIGI," EVANGELISTA JOHNSON,
12 BORN SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1935, IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. SHE
13 PASSED ON JUNE 13TH, HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AT THE AGE OF 84.
14 SHE WAS AN ALUMNUS OF THE BUTLER UNIVERSITY IN INDIANAPOLIS,
15 INDIANA, WHERE SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S
16 DEGREES IN LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD
17 EDUCATION, RESPECTIVELY. SHE CONTINUED HER POSTGRADUATE
18 EDUCATION IN INDIANA UNIVERSITY, AND RECEIVED HER TEACHING
19 CREDENTIALS FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA. SHE WORKED AS A
20 TEACHER, AS A CHIEF PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANT FOR THE PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE RACE DESEGREGATION
22 INSTITUTE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY. SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND
23 TURNED HER FOCUS TO REAL ESTATE, WHERE SHE WORKED ON THE
24 DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS,
25 INCLUDING THE GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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1 BUILDING, DESIGNED BY THE GREAT PAUL WILLIAMS, IN THE HISTORIC
2 WEST ADAMS DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES. AN ASTUTE EXECUTIVE, SHE
3 OWNED SEVERAL BUSINESSES FOCUSED ON REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
4 AND MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS IN THE FIELD OF SECURITIES
5 INVESTMENTS. HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE DULY RECOGNIZED WHEN SHE
6 WAS HONORED BY THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION FOR WOMEN IN 2016,
7 WITH THE BUSINESS AWARD. HER PASSION FOR FURTHERING ONE'S
8 EDUCATION WAS EVIDENT THROUGH HER PHILANTHROPY, WHERE SHE
9 ESTABLISHED AND FUNDED SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AFRICAN-
10 AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS AND GIRLS ENTERING COLLEGE. SHE WILL
11 BE REMEMBERED AS A PHILANTHROPIST, FOR HER VOLUNTEERISM, HER
12 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND HER
13 GENEROSITY AND GRACE. MS. JOHNSON IS SURVIVED BY HER EXTENDED
14 FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL SURELY MISS HER. FINALLY, MADAM
15 CHAIR, I'D ASK SUPERVISOR HAHN TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN
16 MEMORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY BRAD PYE, JR. BORN JUNE 11TH, 1929,
17 AND HE PASSED ON JULY 5TH, HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AT THE AGE OF
18 91. IN 1943, AT THE AGE OF 12, HE HITCHHIKED WITH A FRIEND
19 FROM LOUISIANA, CAME ALL THE WAY TO LOS ANGELES, AND LIVED ON
20 HIS OWN FOR FOUR YEARS UNTIL HIS MOTHER JOINED HIM. BRAD PYE
21 WAS ONE WHO SERVED AS THE SPORTS EDITOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES
22 SENTINEL NEWSPAPER, AND, DURING HIS 30-YEAR TENURE, HELPED HIM
23 EARN TOP PUBLICATION AWARDS FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. HE WAS
24 INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DESEGREGATION OF THE AREAS RESERVED FOR
25 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS FOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS DURING THE 1960S.

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1 WHILE WORKING FOR THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS BASEBALL TEAM IN
2 1961, BRAD PYE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC
3 RELATIONS STAFFER IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL. IN ADDITION TO HIS
4 CAREER IN SPORTS JOURNALISM, HE HAD A 24-YEAR LONG CAREER IN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT IN 1987,
6 MR. PYE WORKED AS A DEPUTY FOR SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN, AND
7 WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY. HE WAS SOME KIND OF
8 GUY. HE ALSO SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY FOR
9 SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE. AND DURING THE BURKE
10 ADMINISTRATION, HE CHAMPIONED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FREE
11 YEAR-ROUND SWIM EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH, A PROGRAM THAT'S
12 STILL ACTIVE TODAY THROUGH THE AQUATIC FOUNDATION OF
13 METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES. IN 1993, HE ACCEPTED A POSITION AS A
14 DIVISION CHIEF WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
15 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. BRAD PYE SERVED ON THE CITY OF
16 LOS ANGELES RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND
17 WAS THE COMMISSION'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT. IT WAS
18 IN 2015 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES RENAMED THE GYM AT THE SAINT
19 ANDREWS RECREATION CENTER IN HIS HONOR. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
20 AS A MAN OF MANY FIRSTS, SUCH AS THE FIRST RECOGNIZED AFRICAN-
21 AMERICAN SPORTS WRITER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE FIRST BLACK
22 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMMISSION, AND
23 THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SCOUT FOR THE
24 LOS ANGELES-- AND THEN SAN DIEGO-- CHARGERS FOOTBALL TEAM. HE
25 WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS VOLUNTEERISM, AS A

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1 TRAILBLAZER, A CHAMPION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY IN SPORTS, AND A
2 REGULAR SPORTS COLUMNIST FOR LOCAL BLACK NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO
3 SHOWS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR DAUGHTERS JAN, JENICE, JILL,
4 AND SHAREE, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,
5 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, MANY COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE LAND,
6 WHO WILL MISS BRAD PYE, JR., MOST ASSUREDLY. THAT CONCLUDES MY
7 ADJOURNING MOTIONS FOR THE DAY, MADAM CHAIR, AND I THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WANTED TO MAKE SOME
10 COMMENTS ON BRAD PYE.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I DID. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE IT'S
13 NOT MY TURN TO DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. BUT THANK YOU, MARK, FOR
14 ALLOWING ME JUST TO SAY A FEW WORDS. OF COURSE, BRAD PYE, JR.,
15 WAS A DEAR FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY. I REMEMBER SO MUCH ABOUT HIM
16 WHEN HE WORKED FOR MY DAD. AND AS YOU SAID, YOU KNOW, HE WAS
17 JUST SUCH A TRAILBLAZER IN SPORTS BROADCASTING. HE WAS SUCH A
18 CIVIC LEADER. HIS TAG LINE WAS "SWITCH REELS." BUT HE ALWAYS
19 USED HIS INFLUENCE TO ADVANCE EQUALITY AMONG BLACK ATHLETES
20 AND JOURNALISTS. I THOUGHT I KNEW ALMOST EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM
21 UNTIL YOU MENTIONED IT, MARK, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL I WAS
22 READING THAT HE ACTUALLY FOUGHT FOR BLACK REPORTERS TO OBTAIN
23 PRESS CREDENTIALS AT THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, NOT
24 EVEN SOMETHING I REALIZED HE FOUGHT FOR. HE WAS JUST A GREAT
25 MAN. THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS ACTUALLY AT HIS WIFE EUNICE'S

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1 FUNERAL SERVICE. PASTOR MURPH WAS STILL THERE AND WAS
2 PRESIDING.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** SO I AM SURE PASTOR MURPH, KENNY, AND OTHERS WILL
7 BE WELCOMING BRAD INTO HEAVEN. AND, YOU KNOW, SHAREE, OF
8 COURSE, WORKS FOR THE COUNTY. SHE IS WITH OUR I.S.D.
9 DEPARTMENT. I SAW HER REGULARLY IN OUR HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
10 BASEMENT, AND SHE WOULD GIVE ME REGULAR UPDATES ON BRAD. AND
11 SHE WAS WITH HIM AT THE END. AND I MADE SURE THAT SHE TOLD
12 BRAD HOW MUCH OUR FAMILY LOVED HIM. SO, VERY SAD, BUT HE'LL BE
13 MISSED. WHAT A GREAT LIFE. THANK YOU FOR ADJOURNING FOR HIM,
14 MARK.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, "SWITCH REELS." YEAH.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND CAN I BE ADDED TO THAT? I MEAN,
19 WHEN I FIRST STARTED WITH THE COUNTY, HE WAS NEXT DOOR,
20 WORKING FOR SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF
21 SPENDING MANY TIMES IN THE HALLWAY TALKING WITH HIM. AND ONE
22 OF MY COLLEAGUES, RICK VELASQUEZ, WAS SAYING THE SAME THING.
23 HE WAS AN AMAZING MAN WITH SO MUCH HISTORY AND SO MANY AMAZING
24 STORIES TO TELL. SO I'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THAT.

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

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3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'LL GO ON TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** MIGHT I ASK, GIVEN HIS LONG HISTORY WITH THE
6 COUNTY, THAT ALL OF US MIGHT BE INCLUDED ON THE ADJOURNMENT?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK SO, TOO. A GOOD RECOGNITION OF HIS LIFE
11 AND HIS WORK. TODAY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN
12 THE MEMORY OF JOURNALIST AND MAGAZINE FOUNDER JOSE GUAJAN, WHO
13 DIED ON JULY 1ST OF COMPLICATIONS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. HE WAS A
14 NATIVE OF GUATEMALA, AND IN 1980, HE FOUNDED THE ADVERTISING
15 AGENCY ALFA Y OMEGA. IN 1983, HE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED
16 STATES, WORKED AS A DISHWASHER AND A WAITER'S ASSISTANT. BUT
17 TWO YEARS LATER, HE STARTED WORKING FOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, AND
18 THEN FOUNDED HIS MAGAZINE, "HISPANIDAD," WHICH FOCUSED ON SHOW
19 BUSINESS NEWS. IN 2001, HE SHIFTED THE FOCUS OF THE MAGAZINE
20 AND STARTED PUBLISHING STORIES THAT FOCUSED ON CULTURE IN THE
21 COMMUNITY AND THE CHRISTIAN ECCLESIASTICAL ENVIRONMENT. HE'S
22 SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN. AND, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
23 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARL REINER, A
24 COMEDY LEGEND WHO DIED ON JUNE 29TH. AND THIS WAS A TRULY
25 MULTITALENTED ENTERTAINER: AN ACTOR, A SCREENWRITER, A

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1 PRODUCER, A DIRECTOR, A NOVELIST, PLAYWRIGHT, A COMEDIAN. HE
2 ROSE TO PROMINENCE IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION. HE WAS A
3 WRITER-PERFORMER ON SID CAESAR'S "YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS" AND
4 "CAESAR'S HOUR." ONE OF HIS MOST BELOVED CAREER CONTRIBUTIONS
5 WAS THE 1960S T.V. CLASSIC "THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW," WHICH HE
6 NOT ONLY PRODUCED, BUT HE ALSO PLAYED KIND OF HIMSELF, IN A
7 WAY: DICK VAN DYKE'S FICTIONAL BOSS ON THE SHOW. HE TEAMED UP
8 WITH MEL BROOKS ON THE HUGELY SUCCESSFUL "2,000 YEAR OLD MAN"
9 RECORDS, IN WHICH HE NOT ONLY ONE A GRAMMY, BUT ALSO
10 DEMONSTRATED THE VALUE OF A STRAIGHT MAN, AND HOW TALENTED YOU
11 HAVE TO BE TO KEEP UP WITH MEL BROOKS. BUT IT ALSO LED HIM TO
12 A LIFETIME OF COLLABORATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO
13 COMEDY GIANTS. ONE OF HIS NOVELS, "ENTER LAUGHING," BECAME
14 BOTH A HIT BROADWAY PLAY AND THE FIRST OF MANY MOVIES HE WOULD
15 DIRECT, INCLUDING FOUR OF STEVE MARTIN'S EARLY STARRING
16 VEHICLES. HE APPEARED IN A NUMBER OF FILMS. I THINK WE
17 REMEMBER HE WAS IN "OCEANS 11" AND ALL OF ITS SEQUELS, AND HAD
18 RECURRING ROLES ON THE SITCOMS "HOT IN CLEVELAND" AND "TWO AND
19 A HALF MEN." IN 2000, HE WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS MARK
20 TWAIN PRIZE FOR AMERICAN HUMOR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN
21 ROB, ANNIE, AND LUCAS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JERRY DANIEL, WHO DIED ON JUNE 26TH.
23 AFTER THE CITY OF L.A. DESIGNATED MULHOLLAND A SCENIC PARKWAY
24 IN THE EARLY 1970S, JERRY SERVED FOR MANY YEARS ON THE
25 MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

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1 EVENTUALLY BECOMING ITS CHAIR, AND HELPED DEVELOP THE CITY'S
2 MULHOLLAND SPECIFIC PLAN ORDINANCE TO ASSURE MAXIMUM
3 PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE PARKWAY'S PICTURESQUE AND
4 HISTORIC FEATURES AND NATURAL RESOURCES. IN 1991, HE WAS
5 APPOINTED TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY BY L.A.
6 COUNTY SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN. HE WAS REAPPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR
7 ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, AND LATER BY ME. THIS IS A LONG TENURE OF
8 SERVICE. AND DURING THAT TENURE WITH THE SANTA MONICA
9 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE ACQUISITION AND
10 DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC OF MORE THAN 50,000 ACRES OF OPEN
11 SPACE AND PARKLAND. IN HONOR OF HIS LIFETIME OF CONSERVATION
12 EFFORTS, ONE OF THE BEST VIEWS IN L.A. BEARS HIS NAME-- THE
13 JEROME C. DANIEL OVERLOOK-- WHICH IS ABOVE THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL.
14 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DARLENE, AND HIS TWO SONS, DAVID
15 AND BRENT. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
16 IN MEMORY OF JONI BERRY, WHO DIED JUNE 28TH OF COMPLICATIONS
17 OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. FOR 24 YEARS, SHE WAS CHAIRPERSON OF THE
18 PROFESSIONAL DANCERS SOCIETY, WHICH PROVIDES DANCERS WITH
19 ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL HOUSING AND OTHER NEEDS. SHE WAS ALSO A
20 FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF S.H.A.R.E.,
21 INC., A CHILDREN'S NONPROFIT, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT OF HER
22 FAMILY FOUNDATION. THE FAMILY FOUNDATION ENDOWED THE JOSEPH
23 AND INEZ EICHENBAUM WELLNESS CENTER AT THE JEWISH FAMILY
24 SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES, AND FUNDED THE EICHENBAUM LABORATORY
25 OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AT TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY. SHE'S SURVIVED

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1 BY HER HUSBAND, STEPHEN MAITLAND-LEWIS; HER SON, TONY BOYAR;
2 HER STEPCHILDREN, DOUGLAS, HOWARD, TOBY, BENJAMIN, AND
3 VICTORIA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
4 MEMORY OF LONGTIME FRIEND STEVE BING, PRODUCER AND
5 PHILANTHROPIST, WHO DIED ON JUNE 22ND. HE LAUNCHED HIS OWN
6 PRODUCTION COMPANY, SHANGRI-LA ENTERTAINMENT, IN 2000. HE'S
7 CREDITED WITH FINANCING AND PRODUCING FILMS LIKE "THE POLAR
8 EXPRESS," STARRING TOM HANKS, AND "GET CARTER," STARRING
9 SYLVESTER STALLONE. AN AVID MUSIC FAN, HE PRODUCED MARTIN
10 SCORSESE'S "SHINE A LIGHT" DOCUMENTARY, ABOUT THE ROLLING
11 STONES. HE GAVE GENEROUSLY TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS WELL AS
12 TO MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC CAUSES, INCLUDING THE MOTION PICTURE
13 AND TELEVISION FUND, THE SILVERLAKE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, AND
14 THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN,
15 KIRA AND DAMIAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRED BERLE COWAN, WHO DIED ON JUNE 15TH.
17 HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST WHO WAS
18 INVOLVED WITH MANY CAUSES, INCLUDING THE L.A. URBAN COALITION
19 AND THE L.A. COUNTY COURTHOUSE CORPORATION. HE WAS ON THE
20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE VETERANS PARK CONSERVANCY AT THE
21 L.A. NATIONAL CEMETERY, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE EVOLUTION OF
22 THE WEST SIDE FAMILY Y.M.C.A., VOLUNTEERED WITH S.C.O.R.E.
23 BUSINESS MENTORING, TUTORED IN VARIOUS L.A. CITY SCHOOLS, AND
24 WAS A BIG BROTHER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, KEITH AND
25 ROBERT. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE

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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY MANDELL, GREAT COMPOSER AND
2 ARRANGER, WHO DIED ON JUNE 29TH. HE COMPOSED, CONDUCTED, AND
3 ARRANGED MUSIC FOR NUMEROUS AWARD-WINNING MOVIE SOUNDTRACKS,
4 INCLUDING "I WANT TO LIVE," WHICH WAS NOMINATED FOR THREE
5 GRAMMY AWARDS; THE THEME FROM THE MOVIE AND THE T.V. SERIES
6 "MASH"; AND "A TIME FOR LOVE," WHICH WAS NOMINATED FOR AN
7 ACADEMY AWARD. HIS SONG "THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE" WON THE
8 1965 ACADEMY AWARD FOR BEST ORIGINAL SONG, AND THE GRAMMY
9 AWARD FOR SONG OF THE YEAR, IN 1966. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
10 DAUGHTER MARISSA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
13 HAHN?

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
16 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHU KWAN WOO. MANY OF YOU
17 PROBABLY KNOW THE WOO BROTHERS, PETER, CHARLIE, AND JACK. THIS
18 WAS THE YOUNGEST BROTHER, SHU, WHO WAS ONLY 66 WHEN HE PASSED
19 AWAY. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1971. HE WENT ON TO EARN
20 A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENGINEERING FROM U.C.L.A. SHU
21 STARTED A CAREER IN ENGINEERING, WORKING WITH THE
22 INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER. AFTER A HUMBLE START RUNNING A
23 CHINESE RESTAURANT ON THE REDONDO BEACH PIER, SHU, ALONGSIDE
24 HIS PARENTS AND BROTHERS PETER, CHARLIE, AND JACK, WOULD GO ON
25 TO ESTABLISH A WIDELY SUCCESSFUL TOY IMPORT AND WHOLESALE

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1 BUSINESS WITH A.B.C. TOYS. THEY CONTINUED TO INVEST IN THE
2 INDUSTRIAL PART OF DOWNTOWN L.A., AND WOULD TURN A ONCE
3 NEGLECTED AREA INTO THE THRIVING TOY DISTRICT. IN LATER YEARS,
4 SHU AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY WOULD TRANSITION TO THE WORLD
5 OF REAL-ESTATE MANAGEMENT. OUTSIDE OF HIS WORKING CAREER, SHU
6 HAD A PASSION FOR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, AND WAS PROUD OF THE WORK
7 HE DID AS A COMMISSIONER, AND LATER AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
8 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF L.A., C.R.A. MY BROTHER,
9 WHEN HE WAS MAYOR, APPOINTED SHU TO A CITY COMMISSION, MAKING
10 HIM THE FIRST CHINESE AMERICAN TO SERVE. HE TOOK GREAT PRIDE
11 IN LISTENING TO THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, AND
12 HE OFTEN SOUGHT TO BE A BRIDGE BETWEEN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES
13 ACROSS THE CITY. HE APPROVED PROJECTS FROM SENIOR HOMES, TO
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO LARGE PROJECTS LIKE L.A. LIVE, TO
15 TRANSFORM DOWNTOWN. AND ONE ENDURING SYMBOL OF HIS INVOLVEMENT
16 CAN BE SEEN IN THE CHINATOWN GATEWAY. UNDER THE DRAGON GATE ON
17 BROADWAY, THERE IS A PLAQUE WHICH HONORS THE ROLE HE HAD IN
18 C.R.A. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT I WAS ABLE TO BE ON AN
19 INTERNATIONAL TRIP WITH SHU WHEN MY BROTHER LED A DELEGATION
20 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO CHINA AND TO KOREA. GOSH, I WANT
21 TO SAY IT WAS 2002, I BELIEVE, BUT HE WAS ON THAT TRIP. HE WAS
22 THE NICEST, SWEETEST, SUCH A GENTLEMAN. HE JUST WAS SUCH A
23 GREAT GUY, AND WE WILL DEFINITELY MISS HIM. SHU IS SURVIVED BY
24 HIS WIFE ELLI, HIS SON CHRISTOPHER, HIS BROTHERS PETER,
25 CHARLIE, AND JACK, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, CAN I JOIN YOU ON THAT?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I GUESS ALL BOARD MEMBERS, THEN, IF THAT'S
7 OKAY.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL MEMBERS.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. YEAH, THE WOO BROTHERS HAD A LOT TO DO WITH,
14 REALLY, THE LANDSCAPE OF LOS ANGELES.

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

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
19 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANGELA MADSEN, WHO WAS A LONG BEACH
20 RESIDENT, AND SHE WAS ONLY 60 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY, OUT IN THE
21 SEA WHILE TRYING TO BECOME THE FIRST PARAPLEGIC, FIRST OPENLY
22 GAY, AND OLDEST WOMAN TO ROW SOLO ACROSS THE PACIFIC OCEAN
23 FROM LONG BEACH TO HAWAII. ANGELA WAS A MARINE VETERAN, A
24 THREE-TIME PARALYMPIAN, AN AUTHOR, AN ACTIVIST, AND SHE IS
25 MENTIONED IN THE "GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS" 14 TIMES, TO

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1 NAME A FEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IN 1993, ANGELA WAS INJURED
2 PLAYING BASKETBALL WHILE STATIONED AT EL TORO AIR BASE, AND
3 ERRORS IN THE SURGERY UNFORTUNATELY LEFT HER A PARAPLEGIC.
4 AFTER GOING THROUGH A REHABILITATION PROGRAM AT THE V.A. IN
5 LONG BEACH, SHE FOUND HER PURPOSE THROUGH ADAPTIVE SPORTS. SHE
6 STARTED ROWING IN 1997, AND WITHIN A YEAR, INITIATED AN
7 ADAPTIVE ROWING PROGRAM TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER
8 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN WITH A
9 DISABILITY TO TWICE ROW ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, AND IN 2009
10 SHE AND A TEAMMATE BECAME THE FIRST WOMEN TO ROW ACROSS THE
11 INDIAN OCEAN. ANGELA BEGAN THIS MOST RECENT TRIP IN APRIL,
12 CELEBRATING HER 60TH BIRTHDAY ON THE WATER. SHE ALWAYS SAID
13 THAT IF SHE NOT RETURN, YOU KNOW SHE DIED DOING WHAT SHE
14 LOVED. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER WIFE, DEBRA, AND AN INTERNATIONAL
15 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS AND FANS WHO LOVED AND ADMIRED HER DEEPLY. I
16 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
17 DAVID GAFIN, WHO IS A FORMER MAYOR OF DOWNEY, WHO PASSED AWAY
18 AT THE AGE OF 65. HE WAS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND THE FAMILY
19 MOVED TO DOWNEY IN 1960, WHERE DAVID GRADUATED FROM DOWNEY
20 HIGH SCHOOL IN 1972, AND IS A MEMBER OF ITS HALL OF FAME. HE
21 WAS ELECTED TO THE DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL IN 2004. HE WAS
22 REELECTED FOUR YEARS LATER. HE ALSO SERVED AS MAYOR IN 2007
23 AND 2008. AS A CIVIC LEADER, HE WAS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
24 DOWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AS WELL AS GANGS OUT OF DOWNEY AND
25 THE DOWNEY LOS AMIGOS KIWANIS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE

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1 BRENDA, HIS SON BRENT GABLE, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW TRISHA, AND
2 GRANDCHILDREN MIKA AND NOAH GABLE. HE HAD A GREAT CAREER IN
3 DOWNEY, AND WE WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT'S IT.
4 THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
7 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF FRANKLYN GRIFFITH KOSTLAN, A
8 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE
9 AGE OF 89. FRANK HAD DEEP ROOTS TO THE PASADENA AND SAN MARINO
10 AREAS, WITH HIS FATHER SERVING AS THE PASADENA CITY MANAGER,
11 AND HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER OWNING A GAS STATION IN THE AREA. HE
12 ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PASADENA JUNIOR COLLEGE,
13 WHERE HE EXCELLED IN ATHLETICS AND EARNED THE ORDER OF MAST
14 AND DAGGER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE. FRANK
15 PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A MILITARY
16 POLICEMAN DURING THE KOREAN WAR. UPON COMPLETING HIS SERVICE,
17 HE PURSUED HIS STUDIES AT U.S.C., ATTAINING HIS B.S. IN
18 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND AN M.B.A. WHILE AT U.S.C., HE MET
19 HIS FUTURE WIFE, JANE CLIFFORD, TO WHOM HE WAS MARRIED FOR
20 NEARLY 50 YEARS, UNTIL HER PASSING IN 2006. TOGETHER THEY HAD
21 THREE CHILDREN: KEVIN, KERRY, AND KELLY. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS
22 PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS A SENIOR CORPORATE EXECUTIVE FOR
23 DENNY'S RESTAURANT. HE MARRIED KATHLEEN MCCARTHY IN 2009,
24 AFTER WHICH BOTH FAMILIES GREW CLOSER. HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT
25 FUDGE SUNDAES, TROJAN FOOTBALL, AND A GOOD PAUL SIMON SONG. HE

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1 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KATHLEEN; THREE CHILDREN, KEVIN, HIS
2 DAUGHTER KERRY SERVENKA, AND HIS DAUGHTER KELLY BOWMAN; AS
3 WELL AS NINE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 DONALD HERBERT HAUENSTIEN, JR., A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
5 CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HE SERVED FOUR
6 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IN ELECTRONIC
7 COMMUNICATIONS AS A CRYPTO SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT REPAIRMAN. AFTER
8 COMPLETION OF HIS SERVICE, HE GRADUATED FROM OHIO STATE SCHOOL
9 OF ENGINEERING. HE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND PURSUED AN M.B.A.,
10 EVENTUALLY TAKING A POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING
11 ENGINEERING WITH H.R. TEXTRON IN SANTA CLARITA. HE STARTED HIS
12 OWN BUSINESS, ABACUS COMPUTERS, IN 1990, WHERE HE WORKED FOR
13 25 YEARS. HE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR, HELPER, AND LOVED TO
14 ENTERTAIN FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN HIS BACKYARD. DON IS SURVIVED
15 BY HIS WIFE CAROL, TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE SON, AND TWO BROTHERS.
16 AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROL G. LIBBY, A
17 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA. SHE EARNED A B.A. DEGREE IN
18 EDUCATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES
19 IN 1950, AND TAUGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE LOS ANGELES
20 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN CHILD
21 DEVELOPMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE IN 1987. SHE
22 SERVED IN THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHERE SHE SERVED ON
23 THE HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE, AND WAS A DRIVING FORCE
24 BEHIND THE PLACEMENT OF 11 MARKERS REPRESENTING SIGNIFICANT
25 LANDMARKS IN ARCADIA'S HISTORY. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN OTHER

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM AND
2 BOTANIC GARDEN, AND FIRST AVENUE P.T.A., BALDWIN STOCKER
3 P.T.A., AND THE ARCADIA COUNCIL P.T.A. SHE WAS A FOUNDING
4 OFFICER OF THE ARCADIA'S BEST FOUNDATION, PROGRAM CHAIRWOMAN
5 AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ARCADIA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, AND
6 PRESIDENT OF ALPHA AUXILIARY OF THE ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL
7 FOUNDATION. CAROL WAS NAMED ARCADIA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE
8 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN 1978 AND 2018, AND WAS THE RECIPIENT OF
9 THE CITY OF ARCADIA'S SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD IN 2001 AND 2016.
10 SHE RECEIVED THE ARCADIA CHINESE ASSOCIATION AWARD IN 2002,
11 AND A COMMENDATION FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY IN 2017. SHE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR
13 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
14 KAREN PEARSON, A LONGTIME SANTA CLARITA RESIDENT. SHE WAS
15 PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE EASTSIDE CANYONS OF
16 THE VALLEY-- PLACERITA, WHITNEY, AND ELSMERE-- LEADING HER TO
17 JOIN THE CANYON PRESERVATION GROUP, AND FOUNDED THE LOCAL
18 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SIERRA CLUB. SHE WORKED TO ENSURE THE
19 PRESERVATION OF WHITNEY CANYON BY PERSUADING THE OWNERS TO
20 SELL THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. SHE WROTE AND
21 PROMOTED BOND FUNDING FOR A BUFFER ZONE AROUND PLACERITA
22 NATURE CENTER, TO PROTECT THE NATURAL AREA FROM ENCROACHMENT.
23 KAREN WAS HONORED BY THE SIERRA CLUB AND THE CITY OF SANTA
24 CLARITA WITH VARIOUS AWARDS, AND BY THE PLACERITA NATURE
25 CENTER, WHO NAMED A TRAILHEAD AFTER HER. HER DEDICATION TO THE

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1 EASTSIDE CANYONS RESULTED IN THE PRESERVATION OF TRAILS AND
2 OPEN SPACES THAT WILL BENEFIT GENERATIONS TO COME. KAREN IS
3 SURVIVED BY HER SON MICHAEL. SO WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. THAT WILL BE THE
5 ORDER. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO
6 CLOSED SESSION?

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
10 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
11 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; ITEM CS-
12 2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT; AND ITEM CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD
13 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE
16 WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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

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

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

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1))

Consideration of firms to recruit for the position of Chief
Probation Officer. (20-3383)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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