



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 ON PAGE 86]

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

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.O.O.:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS FESIA DAVENPORT,
5 CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, FOR SACHI HAMAI.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARY WICKHAM, COUNTY COUNSEL?

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9 **ATTORNEY:** HERE, PRESENT.

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

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

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
17 AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING
18 TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED
19 APPROXIMATELY 1700 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TODAY'S MEETING,
20 AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE
21 AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. CONSISTENT
22 WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
23 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO THE
24 NUMBER OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE
25 READING THE NAMES. HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART OF

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1 THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
2 CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA TO
3 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
4 ARE CALLING IN TODAY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
7 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
8 COMMENT SHOULD CALL 844-767-5651 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
9 NUMBER 967-6434. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 844-767-5651 AND USE
10 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 967-6434. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF
11 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
12 CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. EACH PERSON
13 WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS. WE WILL
14 ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE ARE NO
15 SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE THE 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED, WE WILL
16 CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
17 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME
18 PART OF THE RECORD. YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET
19 THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON
20 TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM,
21 YOU WILL GET A WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF
22 YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY
23 OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND
24 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF
25 YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR

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1 SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
2 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL
3 BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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5 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU
6 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.
7 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
8 FROM THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER, EUNICIS HERNANDEZ. YOU HAVE
9 ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
10 TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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12 **EUNICIS HERNANDEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN AND
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS EUNICIS HERNANDEZ. I WOULD
14 LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. I WOULD LIKE TO START
15 OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SOLIS, MARK
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND HAHN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP LAST WEEK IN
17 MOVING THE REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT FORWARD
18 CLOSER TO GETTING INTO THE HANDS OF THE VOTERS FOR THEM TO
19 DECIDE WHAT THEIR BUDGET PRIORITIES ARE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
20 THE BOARD MOVING FORWARD TO GIVE THE VOTERS THE MUCH NEEDED
21 OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT OUR VALUES MORE CLEARLY IN OUR COUNTY'S
22 CHARTER, HEALTH AND EQUITY INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION AND
23 POLICING. IN ORDER TO REPAIR GENERATIONS OF RACIAL AND
24 ECONOMIC INJUSTICE IT WILL TAKE TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS EXTEND
25 BEYOND ANNUAL BUDGETING THAT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. IT'S NOT

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1 SUSTAINABLE FOR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE TO ENGAGE IN THAT ANNUAL
2 EVERY YEAR NOT SEEING THE RESULTS THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED. I
3 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS IS NO LESS THAN 10
4 PERCENT BECAUSE WE SPENT DECADES RECEIVING FAR LESS. AND IT'S
5 ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE'VE BEEN HEARING COMMENTS ON
6 THIS IS NOT -- THIS IS A RUSHED PROCESS, BUT IN THE ACTUAL
7 CHARTER AMENDMENT LANGUAGE THERE IS AN INCLUSION OF
8 TRANSPARENCY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. SO IF FOLKS HAVE
9 CONCERNS, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO PLUG IN ONCE THIS
10 HAPPENS. I'M NOT AFRAID FOR THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE PUT
11 ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE
12 THE ONES THAT VOTE.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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17 **MODERATOR:** WALDO GONZALEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
18 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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20 **WALDO GONZALEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 WALDO GONZALEZ, COUNTY RESIDENT, ALSO HERE REPRESENTING INNER
22 CITY STRUGGLE, A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BASED IN EAST LOS
23 ANGELES. WE ARE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 2 AND 3. I SEE
24 AND SERVE THE HIGHEST NEED AND MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN
25 L.A. COUNTY, AS SUCH, OUR MEMBERS BEAR A HIGHER BURDEN WITH

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1 REGARD TO SYSTEMIC RACISM AND THE LACK OF EQUITABLE ACCESS TO
2 QUALITY SERVICES. WE SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE WE
3 REIMAGINE LA. COUNTY WHERE THERE ARE AMPLE RESOURCES FOR YOUTH
4 PROGRAMS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS. RIGHT
5 NOW, L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGETS ARE UNRELIABLE AND UNFAIR. THEY
6 DON'T ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
7 THEY DON'T ADDRESS HOW OUR OVER-RELIANCE ON THE CARCERAL
8 SYSTEM HAS CREATED THOSE VULNERABILITIES. A REIMAGINE L.A.
9 BALLOT MEASURE WOULD MAKE SURE AT LEAST BUDGETS WOULD ALWAYS
10 PROVIDE BALANCE CONSISTENT SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT.
11 GIVING L. A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON A
12 REIMAGINE L.A. BALLOT MEASURE THIS NOVEMBER WILL MOVE THE
13 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROCESS FORWARD AND HELP ENSURE
14 THAT BLACK, BROWN, AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE
15 SERVICES THEY NEED DURING AND AFTER THE CRISIS. THE CHARTER
16 AMENDMENT PROVIDES THE PATHWAY FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING
17 IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND CONFRONTS THE LONG-STANDING RACIAL
18 AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS WORKED
19 DILIGENTLY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, BUT BOLD INVESTMENT IS LONG
20 OVERDUE. THIS IS THE NEXT STEP.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** MARCEL RODARTE. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
2 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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4 **MARCEL RODARTE:** THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2
5 AND 3. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
6 NAME IS MARCEL RODARTE. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE
7 CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION FIRST. I'D LIKE TO MAKE
8 CLEAR THE DESIRE TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD ON
9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES WE PROVIDE FOR OUR
10 COMMUNITIES. IT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ENTRUSTED TO DO. JUST TWO
11 MONTHS AGO, WE MET WITH EACH OF YOU TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF
12 MUTUAL INTEREST AND WAYS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE
13 PROBLEMS FACING OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. TODAY, WE HAVE
14 DOCUMENTED AND SUBMITTED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROCESS TO GET
15 TO THIS POINT. CHIEF AMONG OUR CONCERNS IS THAT WE WEREN'T
16 INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS. SO HERE WE ARE TODAY TO ASK IF YOU
17 VALUE THE PARTNERSHIP YOU HAVE WITH YOUR COMMUNITIES, AS WE
18 VALUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU, WHY HAVEN'T WE BEEN INCLUDED
19 IN THE PROCESS. YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MEANINGFUL
20 CHANGE THAT'S INFORMED BY THE PEOPLE YOU WERE ELECTED TO
21 REPRESENT. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SLOW IT DOWN AND LET
22 ALL VOICES BE HEARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** GERARD WRIGHT, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
2 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **GERARD WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND THE HONORABLE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GERARD WRIGHT, POLICY MANAGER
6 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2
7 AND 3. MUCH LIKE MR. RODARTE, WE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS
8 AROUND NOT JUST THE PROCESS BUT ALSO THE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY
9 THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED FOR FUTURE COUNTY BUDGETS. YOU ARE
10 GOING TO, BY THIS PROCESS, AND IF APPROVED, YOU'RE GOING TO
11 IRONCLAD A PARTICULAR PERCENTAGE OVER TIME, WHICH, THOUGH IT
12 IS NEEDED, THERE'S BETTER WAYS OF GOING ABOUT DOING IT. AND I
13 THINK THAT'S THE CORE CONCERN THAT'S BEING ADDRESSED. AND WE
14 WANT TO AT LEAST UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PREROGATIVES ARE BECAUSE
15 THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER PIECES THAT, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY
16 NEEDS FUNDING TO PROVIDE THOSE HEALTH SERVICES THAT YOU
17 ALREADY DO A WONDERFUL JOB ON. DO YOU REALLY NEED A SET
18 PERCENTAGE THAT MAY NEED MORE FLEXIBILITY OVER TIME? AND TO
19 ENCOURAGE OTHER INVESTMENTS THAT HELP COMMUNITIES ALL THE
20 MORE. SO JUST ADDRESSING THOSE CONCERNS AND HOPING THAT
21 THERE'S A BETTER PATHWAY FORWARD. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR
22 YOUR TIME.

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** MARIA BRENNINGS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
3 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **MARIA BRENNINGS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
6 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. MY NAME AGAIN IS MARIA
7 BRENNINGS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INNER CITY STRUGGLE
8 BASED IN THE EAST SIDE OF L.A. AND WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT
9 THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE L.A.
10 COUNTY AS A PLACE WHERE EVERY RESIDENT CAN THRIVE. OUR BUDGETS
11 MUST REFLECT OUR VALUES, AND THE PROPOSED REIMAGINE L.A.
12 BALLOT MEASURE WOULD PROVIDE L.A. COUNTY VOTERS WITH AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE GREATER INVESTMENT AND JUSTICE FOR OUR
14 HIGHEST NEED COMMUNITIES. THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
15 PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT PATHWAY FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING
16 IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC AND WILL CONFRONT THE LONG-STANDING
17 RACIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUITIES IN OUR COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS
18 WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND BOLDER
19 INVESTMENTS ARE NEEDED. THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT IS AN
20 IMPORTANT NEXT STEP WITH AN AT LEAST 10 PERCENT BUDGET
21 INVESTMENT. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO DECENTRALIZED AND
22 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES, THIS PROPOSED NEW INVESTMENT ALONG
23 WITH THE IMPACT OF THE EXISTING PROGRAMS WILL MORE EFFECTIVELY
24 ADDRESS HEALTH AND EQUITY GAPS AND FURTHER MINIMIZE THE OVER-

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1 RELIANCE ON PUNITIVE MEASURES. THANK YOU, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** SHAKITA CARTER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
7 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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9 **SHAKITA CARTER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHAKITA
10 CARTER, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. I'VE
11 BEEN WORKING AS A CHILD SUPPORT OFFICER SINCE 2007 WITH LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, AND I AM A PROUD MEMBER
13 OF S.E.I.U. 721. MY COWORKERS AND I ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
14 THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION. THE NEW COUNTY BUDGET HITS
15 OUR DEPARTMENT ESPECIALLY HARD WITH OVER 100 EMPLOYEES SLATED
16 FOR LAYOFF IN OCTOBER. UNDER THE C.S.C.C., EMPLOYEES AND OTHER
17 S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBERS HAVE ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT TO GET THE
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE RELIEF L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO
19 MAINTAIN JOBS AND SERVICES. WE HAVE BEEN ON THE PHONE DOING
20 PHONE BANK. S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBERS ALSO HELPED TO GATHER OVER 1
21 MILLION SIGNATURES TO PLACE ON PROPOSITION 15 ON THE BALLOT.
22 IF PASSED BY THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER, IT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY
23 STRENGTHEN COUNTY SERVICES ACROSS-THE-BOARD, BUT WE FEAR THAT
24 YOUR PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE WILL BE DIVISIVE.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** ISAAC BRIAN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
5 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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7 **ISAAC BRIAN:** THANK YOU. I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3
8 IN FULL SUPPORT. MY NAME IS ISAAC BRIAN. THE DIRECTOR OF THE
9 U.C.L.A. BLACK -- PROJECT AND ONE OF THE CHAIRS BEHIND THIS
10 MOVEMENT TO AMEND THAT COUNTY CHARTER. THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS ON THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS
12 BOARD. SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, YOU STOOD STRONG TIME
13 AGAIN ON MANY ISSUES. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOUR GROWTH ON CRIMINAL
14 LEGAL ISSUES HAS INSPIRED SO MANY OF US. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE WORDS TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE WHAT
16 YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS MEANT FOR BLACK LIVES OVER THE LAST FOUR
17 DECADES. WE HAVE WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT YOU. THERE'S NO
18 QUESTION ABOUT THAT, BUT WE CAN'T BE SO BLINDED BY THE ALLURE
19 OF PROGRESS THAT WE FORGET WHAT JUSTICE LOOKS LIKE. THE
20 REIMAGINE L.A. CHARTER AMENDMENT IS NOT SYMBOLIC. IT NOT A --
21 GESTURE. IT IS A CALL TO FISCALLY AND MATERIALLY IMPROVE THE
22 CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN L.A. COUNTY, NOW AND FOREVER. IT A CALL
23 THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ECHOING FOR NEARLY A DECADE. O.D.R.,
24 JAIL CLOSURES, THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP, AND SO MANY OTHER
25 FOUNDATIONAL POLICY DECISIONS HAVE LED US TO THIS MOMENT RIGHT

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1 NOW. RIGHT NOW, WE STILL OPERATE THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM ON
2 EARTH, AND 7 PERCENT OF THAT POPULATION IS EITHER PHYSICALLY
3 OR MENTALLY ILL. WE HAVE MODELED THE FRAMEWORKS NEEDED AND --
4 WE REALLY NEED TO MOVE BEYOND THE SYSTEMS THAT HAVE HARMED AND
5 HAVE EXACERBATED INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY FOR DECADES. PEOPLE
6 DESERVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON --

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

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11 **MODERATOR:** R.J. DRILEY, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
12 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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14 **R.J. DRILEY:** MY NAME IS R.J. DRILEY. I'M CALLING ABOUT AGENDA
15 ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I'M CALLING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CONCERNS
16 FROM PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY SECTOR OF THE
17 COUNTY. WE'VE ALL DEALT WITH CORONAVIRUS, OUR COLLEAGUES
18 CATCHING THE VIRUS, NOT SENDING OUR CHILDREN, NOT BEING ABLE
19 TO SEND OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL. AND WE FIND OUT ABOUT THIS
20 BILL PUSHED AT THE LAST MINUTE, NO REAL MEANINGFUL
21 CONSULTATION ABOUT HOW IT IS GOING TO IMPACT US. YOU CLAIM IT
22 WON'T RESULT IN LAYOFFS, BUT IT TAKES MONEY IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. IF YOU HAD CONFIDENCE IN THIS PROPOSAL, YOU WOULD DO
24 IT YOURSELF. YOU DIDN'T DO THAT. YOU DECIDED TO LET THE VOTERS
25 FIGURE IT OUT. SO IF IT WORKS, YOU TAKE CREDIT. IF IT DOESN'T,

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1 YOU BLAME THE VOTERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT'S POLITICS, BUT THAT
2 DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT.

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4 **MODERATOR:** KATHRYN HUSSY, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
5 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **KATHRYN HUSSY:** HI, MY NAME IS KATHRYN MADELINE HUSSY, AND I
8 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3 AND WOULD ALSO
9 LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M A RESIDENT OF
10 L.A.'S THIRD DISTRICT, AND I SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I
11 REIMAGINE AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE WE ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES AND
12 HOW WE ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES REFLECTS A COMMITMENT AS A
13 COMMUNITY TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. I COME FROM A FAMILY THAT
14 HAS BEEN SEVERELY IMPACTED OVER SEVERAL GENERATIONS BY BOTH
15 MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES AND STRUGGLES WITH SUBSTANCE USE. IT
16 PAINS ME GREATLY TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO MANY OF
17 MY LOVED ONES HAD THEY BEEN STRUGGLING IN LOS ANGELES AND HAD
18 THEY NOT BEEN WHITE, AS IT HAD LONG BEEN LOS ANGELES'S POLICY
19 TO TREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLE AND ESPECIALLY BLACK AND
20 BROWN PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE -- DISDAIN, AND PUNITIVENESS. FOR
21 TOO LONG, WE HAVE USED INCARCERATION AS A WAY TO RESPOND TO
22 SOCIAL HARMS RESULTING IN OVERCROWDED JAILS AND EVER-WIDENING
23 SOCIAL INEQUITIES. I REIMAGINE A LOS ANGELES THAT IS SAFE AND
24 EQUITABLE FOR EVERYONE, A LOS ANGELES WHERE WE WORK TO BREAK
25 THE CYCLES OF POVERTY AND VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF PERPETUATING

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1 THEM WITH INCARCERATION AND OVER-POLICING, WHERE WE PROVIDE
2 CARE TO THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH HOUSELESSNESS OR SUBSTANCE
3 USE, WHERE WE INVEST IN LIFE-CHANGING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES,
4 WHERE WE PROVIDE --

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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8 **MODERATOR:** LESLIE HORVATZ. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
9 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **LESLIE HORVATH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LESLIE HORVATH. I'M
12 THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS
13 1, 2, AND 3. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL
14 OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, WHICH HAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO FULLY
15 SUPPORT AND FUND THE L.A. COUNTY A.T.I. PLAN. ITEMS 1, 2, AND
16 3 PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT PLAN TO BE REALIZED. SINCE
17 CITYHOOD, OUR CITY HAS A RECORD OF COMMITMENT TO INVESTING IN
18 CARING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS MOST IN NEED. WE
19 BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE THE SAME
20 COMMITMENT. TO BE CLEAR, WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ALWAYS PRIORITIZED
21 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND OUR EXCELLENT CAPTAIN ED RAMIREZ LEADS US
22 EVERY DAY. SYSTEMS OF CARE AND SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY MUST
23 GO HAND-IN-HAND. ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 GIVE ALL OF OUR CITIZENS
24 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VOICE AND A VOTE IN HOW THE SYSTEMS
25 WORK TOGETHER. WHY DELAY DEMOCRACY? PEOPLE OFTEN SAY CHANGE IS

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1 HARD, BUT CASTING A YES OR NO VOTE IS QUITE EASY. HAVING THE
2 COURAGE TO CAST THE RIGHT VOTE IS WHAT IS DIFFICULT. THAT'S
3 WHY I'M HERE TO REPRESENT WEST HOLLYWOOD'S SUPPORT FOR YOU TO
4 HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** ABOUT YVETTE ALE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
9 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **YVETTE ALE:** HI, MY NAME IS YVETTE ALE. AND I'LL BE ADDRESSING
12 AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M RESIDENT
13 OF DISTRICT FIVE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I
14 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I REIMAGINE AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE
15 FAMILIES LIKE I MEAN THAT HAVE SURVIVED VIOLENCE AND HAVE BEEN
16 IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION ARE GIVEN THE RESOURCES THAT THEY
17 NEED TO THRIVE. AND RIGHT NOW, THE L.A. COUNTY BUDGET IS
18 UNRELIABLE, AS EUNICIS HERNANDEZ MENTIONED, AND UNFAIR, AND IT
19 DOESN'T INVEST IN THE VISION THAT THE BOARD HAS ALREADY SET IN
20 MOTION OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR TENURE. GIVING L.A. COUNTY
21 RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS BALLOT INITIATIVE
22 ONLY REINFORCES THE GOOD WORK OF THIS BOARD THAT YOU HAVE SET
23 IN MOTION, AND IT ALIGNS THIS COUNTY'S WORK WITH THE VALUES OF
24 THE COUNTY. OVERWHELMINGLY, THIS COUNTY SUPPORTS THE CHANGE
25 THAT YOU ALL HAVE INITIATED, A CHANGE THAT WILL BRING ON

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1 HEALTH AND EQUITY, THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF FOLKS THAT ARE
2 MOVING TO OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM, AND ACTUALLY GETS TO THE ROOT
3 CAUSES OF PROBLEMS RATHER THAN BEING REACTIONARY THOSE
4 PROBLEMS. IN ORDER TO REPAIR THE GENERATIONS OF RACIAL AND
5 ECONOMIC INJUSTICE, WE WILL NEED TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION. AND
6 THIS BALLOT --

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** MARISOL FIELDER. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
12 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.
13 MARISOL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** KELLY DIXON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
16 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **KELLY DIXON:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 2 AND 3. GOOD MORNING,
19 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KELLY DIXON. I AM AN OPERATIONS
20 ASSISTANT 2 AND HAVE SERVED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 29
21 YEARS. I ALSO SERVE AS S.E.I.U. 721'S CHIEF STEWARD FOR THE
22 DEPARTMENT. LAST MONTH, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED A BUDGET THAT WILL
23 LEAD TO THE LAYOFFS OF OVER 400 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
24 EMPLOYEES. THE LION'S SHARE OF THESE WILL BE PROFESSIONAL NON-
25 SWORN STAFF REPRESENTED BY S.E.I.U. WE ARE TAKING GREAT PAINS

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1 TO EXPLAIN TO OUR MEMBERS THAT THE SEVERE BUDGET IMPACT ON THE
2 SHERIFF IS DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEAVY RELIANCE ON SALES TAX
3 AND NOT THE RESULT OF A PETTY SQUABBLE BETWEEN YOUR BOARD AND
4 OUR BOSS, SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA. YET THIS THE DIVISIVE
5 MEASURE THAT YOU WANT TO PLACE BEFORE VOTERS DURING THE
6 PANDEMIC AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE FIGHTING FOR MORE REVENUES FOR
7 THE ENTIRE COUNTY SURE LOOKS LIKE POLITICAL RETRIBUTION. IT'S
8 THE LITTLE PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS GET HURT. ON BEHALF OF THOSE
9 LITTLE PEOPLE AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE COUNTY, WE CALL ON
10 YOU TODAY TO RETHINK THIS MISGUIDED ACTION. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** MARC ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.
15 PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE
16 BEGIN.

17

18 **MARC ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MARC
19 ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK, ITEMS 1,
20 2, AND 3. I WANT TO COMMEND THIS BOARD FOR THE LEVEL OF RIGOR
21 AND DIALOGUE AND HONEST CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD LAST WEEK
22 ABOUT THE REIMAGINE L.A. BALLOT MEASURE. YOU KNOW, I WALKED
23 AWAY FROM THAT CONVERSATION FEELING VERY ENCOURAGED THAT THIS
24 BALLOT MEASURE WILL ONLY ENHANCE THE WORK THAT THIS BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN MOVING FORWARD, AND I THINK IN A MOMENT

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1 WHEN WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT'S OPENLY
2 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE REASON THAT COVID IS IMPACTING BLACK AND
3 BROWN FOLKS SO SIGNIFICANTLY IS BECAUSE OF A HISTORY OF
4 SYSTEMIC RACISM. AND YOU ALL HAVE OBVIOUSLY TAKEN HUGE STEPS
5 TO ADDRESS THAT. WHAT REIMAGINE L.A. DOES IS IT SOLIDIFIES THE
6 TRAJECTORY THAT WE'RE MOVING ON. IT ENHANCES THE TRAJECTORY
7 THAT YOU ALL HAVE SET FORTH TO PUT FUNDING BEHIND SOME OF
8 THESE MAJOR, MAJOR DECISIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR.
9 AND THE VOTERS ARE WITH YOU. THEY HAVE BEEN WITH YOU.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** SHERYL DEBATISTE. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
15 WHICH ITEMS ALL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. [SILENCE.]
16 SHERYL DEBATISTE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **MICHELLE DEBATISTE:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE DEBATISTE, AND I
19 LIVE IN S.D. FOUR, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA 1, 2, AND 3.
20 I SUPPORT REIMAGINE L.A., AND I'M CALLING SPECIFICALLY TO
21 SUPPORT THE UPDATED LANGUAGE THAT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE 10
22 PERCENT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN FROM ANY EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES.
23 I WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. AND
24 I SEE FIRSTHAND THE WAY IN WHICH THEIR DREAMS, HOPES, SKILLS,
25 TALENTS OF ALL OF THESE INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS ARE STIFLED OUT

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1 BY THE FAILED SYSTEMS WE'VE CREATED. IT'S TOO OFTEN THAT THEIR
2 PATH TO STABILITY IS INTERRUPTED BY THE CARCERAL STATE, BUT
3 THE THING THAT I'VE LEARNED THE MOST FROM THEM IS THAT WE
4 CAN'T STOP IMAGINING EVEN IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES. I THINK
5 L.A. HAS FOUND ITSELF IN DARK TIMES, BUT WE NEED TO REIMAGINE.
6 WE NEED TO ENVISION ALTERNATIVES TO THE VIOLENT CYCLES WE HAVE
7 CREATED. I ENVISION L.A --

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** ERIC SEDON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
13 ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **ERIC SEDON:** HI, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRMAN. MADAM
16 CHAIRWOMAN. SORRY. MY NAME IS ERIC SEDON. I'M VICE PRESIDENT
17 OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS. I AM CALLING
18 ON ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I ACTUALLY DO NOT HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE
19 GOALS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. MY ISSUE IS WITH THE LACK OF
20 DELIBERATION. I WANT TO POINT TO AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, AND THIS
21 HAS TO DO WITH THE IMPACT ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS.
22 THIS MEASURE CALLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROGRAMS,
23 YET THESE PROGRAMS CAN ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED WITH THE
24 COOPERATION OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE BECAUSE, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW,
25 FROM BASIC CIVICS AND STATE LAW, THE D.A. HAS SOLE DISCRETION

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1 TO FILE OR REJECT OR DIVERT THESE CASES. SO MY QUESTION
2 SPECIFICALLY TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS WHY WAS THE D.A.'S OFFICE
3 SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THIS ENTIRE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** LEX STEPLING. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
8 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **LEX STEPLING:** HI, THIS IS LEX STEPLING, THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY
11 CAMPAIGNS AT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND PROUD MEMBER OF THE
12 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE AGENDA
13 ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS REALLY DOING THE
14 RIGHT THING IN CATCHING UP WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
15 THESE MOTIONS ENSURE THAT THE APPROACH TO PUBLIC SAFETY WILL
16 FOREVER BE HOLISTIC AND INCLUSIVE AND ACTUALLY GET TO THE ROOT
17 CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AND HARM AND GIVE ALL OF US AND OUR FUTURE
18 GENERATIONS A CHANCE TO THRIVE AND BE SAFE. IT'S EXCITING.
19 IT'S COMMENDABLE THAT THE BOARD IS NOW ENGAGING IN A GENUINELY
20 DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. AND I REJECT THE NOTION THAT ANY OF THIS
21 HAS BEEN HAPHAZARD OR LAST MINUTE. ANYBODY COMPLAINING ABOUT
22 THAT REALLY SHOULD REFLECT ON THEIR OWN LACK OF ENGAGEMENT UP
23 UNTIL THIS POINT. SO ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 LEADERSHIP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO LIVING IN A SAFE LOS ANGELES.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** WE HAVE CHRISTINE GUERRERO. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

4 PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **CHRISTINE GUERRERO:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS CHRISTINE GUERRERO.

8 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION OF

9 THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ON ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. WE'D

10 RESPECTFULLY LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD SUSPEND

11 CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND HOUSING

12 STABILIZATION CHARTER'S AMENDMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD BALLOT

13 UNTIL A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND

14 ANALYSIS IS CONDUCTED. WE FIND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ADDRESS

15 SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAUDABLE AND

16 WORTH THE ATTENTION OF EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTY.

17 HOWEVER, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT PROCEDURAL AND FISCAL CONCERNS

18 WITH PLACING A MEASURE TO CEMENT PERMANENT CATEGORICAL

19 SPENDING IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET WITHOUT FULLY UNDERSTANDING

20 THE CONSEQUENCES, UNINTENDED OR INTENDED, TO ALL COUNTY

21 SERVICES, OUR CITIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES. WE FEEL THAT THE

22 BOARD SHOULD POSTPONE CONSIDERATION BECAUSE THE CHARTER

23 AMENDMENT IS RUSHED, LACKS TRANSPARENCY, AND STAKEHOLDER

24 ENGAGEMENT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALREADY HAS EXISTING

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1 AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. AND THERE HASN'T
2 BEEN A FISCAL IMPLICATION STUDY ANALYZED.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1, 0
8 TO PRESS YOURSELF IN QUEUE. NEXT, ELLEN GESEN. YOU HAVE ONE
9 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY.
10 YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **ELLEN GESEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELLEN GESEN. I WOULD LIKE TO
13 SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN
14 SUPPORT OF THESE ITEMS. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I WOULD
15 LOVE TO KNOW WHY SUPERVISOR BARGER IS NOT ON THIS CALL. AND I
16 WOULD SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I REIMAGINE AN L.A. WHERE
17 EVERY PERSON CAN HAVE THEIR BASIC NEEDS MET. GIVING L.A.
18 COUNTY RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE REIMAGINE L.A.
19 BALLOT MEASURE THIS NOVEMBER WILL MOVE THE ALTERNATIVES TO
20 INCARCERATION PROCESS FORWARD AND HELP ENSURE THE BLACK,
21 BROWN, AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE SERVICES THEY
22 DESPERATELY NEED DURING AND AFTER THIS CRISIS. THE CHARTER
23 AMENDMENT PROVIDES A PATHWAY FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING
24 IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND CONFRONTS THE LONG-STANDING RACIAL
25 AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY. WE'D LIKE TO ALSO TAKE

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1 A MOMENT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS WHO ARE ON THIS CALL FOR
2 THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THEIR VISION AND SAY PLEASE, PLEASE, I
3 KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF NEGATIVITY, BUT WE ARE WITH YOU. WE
4 APPRECIATE YOU. KEEP UP THIS WONDERFUL WORK, AND LET US VOTE
5 ON THIS TO MAKE IT PERMANENT. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** NANCY CORTES. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
10 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **NANCY CORTES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NANCY CORTES. AND I AM
13 CALLING ABOUT AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I HAVE DEDICATED MY
14 ENTIRE CAREER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND NOT A SINGLE PERSON I
15 KNOW IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL TO STEER FUNDS AWAY FROM
16 THE PUBLIC SAFETY. IF YOU DISTRIBUTE -- IF YOU CHOOSE TO
17 DISTRIBUTE FUNDS OUT OF THIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, WE WILL ONLY
18 PAY FOR IT AT A LATER DATE WHEN THE RIOTING, CIVIL UNREST
19 RETURNS, AND IT WILL. THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH POLICE AND SHERIFFS
20 TO PROTECT US DURING THE LAST RIOTS. IF ANYTHING, WE SHOULD
21 INCREASE PERSONNEL. WE SAW IT ALL PLAY OUT IN THE MEDIA. THE
22 DECISION TO REDISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS WILL END BADLY. I FELT SO
23 BAD FOR MAYOR GARCETTI WHEN HIS RESIDENCE WAS UNDER ATTACK.
24 AND I FELT WORSE FOR HIS WIFE AND HIS KIDS. IT WAS A
25 FRIGHTENING SITUATION. THEY MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIFIED. IT MADE

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1 ME WANT TO DRIVE OUT TO HIS HOUSE AND TRY TO PROTECT THEM.
2 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND SENT OUT INTO THE STREETS TO
3 VICTIMIZE THE COMMUNITY. THEY WILL RETURN TO THE ONLY SKILL
4 THEY KNOW.

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** KELSEY UNGER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE SAY WHICH
10 ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **KELSEY UNGER:** GOOD MORNING. ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. I AM AN L.A.
13 COUNTY RESIDENT. I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT, AS OF THE LAST
14 MEETING, THE C.E.O. INFORMED THIS BOARD THAT THIS CHARTER
15 AMENDMENT COULD RESULT IN LAYOFFS. JUST TO REMIND THE BOARD
16 THAT L.A. COUNTY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS WITH AN
17 EXTREMELY DIVERSE WORKFORCE. AND DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WHEN
18 HOMELESSNESS IS ALREADY AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, TO RISK THESE
19 LAYOFFS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTING THE BLACK AND BROWN
20 WORKFORCE THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE SEEMS PROBLEMATIC.
21 ADDITIONALLY, THE LACK OF ENGAGEMENT THAT PEOPLE ARE
22 COMPLAINING OF THAT THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN OPPOSITION ARE
23 SOMEHOW AGAINST, I'D LIKE REMIND THE BOARD THAT WE'RE THE ONLY
24 ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT FROM THE SPECIFIC GROUPS THAT YOU DON'T
25 SEEM TO CARE ABOUT, ESPECIALLY INCLUDING THE UNIONS, WHICH YOU

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1 HAVE AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSULT WITH.
2 FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT I'M NOT EVEN SURE THAT THIS
3 DELEGATION OF YOUR BUDGETARY DUTIES IS CONSTITUTIONAL WHEN YOU
4 LOOK AT THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. ANTI-RACIST POLICIES AND
5 PUBLIC SAFETY ARE NOT INCONSISTENT IDEAS, BUT REIMAGINE L.A.
6 NEEDS TO BE BEGIN WITH ALL PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO GIVE INPUT
7 FROM A VARIETY OF --

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** CALEB CROWDER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
13 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **CALEB CROWDER:** HI, YES. MY NAME IS CALEB CROWDER. I'M GOING TO
16 BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 2 AND 3. I'M HERE WITH EVERYONE
17 IN, GROUND GAME L.A., AND THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. I WANT
18 TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISORS KUEHL, SOLIS, HAHN, AND
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE LAST WEEK. I
20 NEEDN'T REMIND YOU THAT WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC WITH
21 A MASSIVE ECONOMIC FALLOUT, AND THIS SITUATION IS ONLY GOING
22 TO GET WORSE. FAMILIES ARE WITHOUT WORK, UNABLE TO PAY RENT,
23 PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, FACING EVICTIONS, THE LIST GOES ON AND
24 ON. IT IS AFFECTING EVERYONE, BUT IT DISPROPORTIONATELY
25 AFFECTS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THE B.I.P.O.C. COMMUNITIES,

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1 BLACK, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR. OVER THE COURSE OF THE
2 LAST FIVE MONTHS, WE'VE BEEN FIGURING OUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO
3 SUPPORT FOLKS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS. THE MESSAGE
4 HAS BECOME CLEAR. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR BUDGETS MATCH OUR
5 PRIORITIES. WE NEED TAKE CARE OF FOLKS. WE NEED TO ADDRESS
6 INEQUITIES. WE NEED ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM. I'D ALSO REMIND
7 PEOPLE THIS DID NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. THIS IS NOT RUSHED.
8 THESE CLAIMS ARE REDUCTIVE, UNTRUE, AND OFFENSIVE. IT STANDS
9 ON THE SHOULDERS AND THE WORKS AND THE CENTURY LONG STRUGGLES
10 OF B.I.P.O.C. COMMUNITIES WORKING FOR A JUST COMMUNITY FOR
11 ALL.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** MARIA GONZALEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
16 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **MARIA GONZALEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARIA GONZALEZ, NOT
19 ONLY AM I A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, I WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY,
20 AS WELL. I WORK IN ONE OF THE CITIES THAT IS PATROLLED BY THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND I ALSO WORK FOR THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT. I'M ALSO A VOTER. I'M ALSO A MINORITY. AS A SINGLE
23 MOM, THIS IS VERY HARD BECAUSE I WILL BE ONE OF THE PEOPLE
24 THAT GETS LAID OFF. I AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS. I WOULD LIKE
25 TO REIMAGINE L.A. AS A BETTER PLACE, YES, ALWAYS. PLEASE,

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1 PLEASE, PLEASE RECONSIDER. CAN YOU AT LEAST BREAKDOWN HOW MUCH
2 A BUDGET CUT THAT EACH COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE FORCED
3 TO ENDURE? WILL THE DEPUTIES OF PATROL MY NEIGHBORHOOD, THE
4 PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH, BE PROVIDED WITH THE SAME LEVEL, WILL
5 I BE PROVIDED LEVEL OF SUPPORT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD? IN A
6 MINORITY NEIGHBORHOOD FROM COMPTON, YES, FROM COMPTON, SINGLE
7 MOM. I'M VERY PROUD OF IT, AS WELL.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVEN, YOU HAVE YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
13 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I'LL SPEAK ON ALL OF
16 THE ITEMS. AND FIRST, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THE DEPARTMENT
17 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, MARY WICKHAM AND NICOLE DAVIS
18 PINKHAM, HER SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL, HAVE DECIDED TO
19 PUT TOGETHER A SPECIAL MEETING ON A REGULAR TIME FOR THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS TO MEET, THEREBY DENYING GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. THAT'S A FAILED STRATEGY, AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU
22 UP ON THAT. I AGREE WITH EUNICIS HERNANDEZ THAT WE NEED TO BE
23 DOING MUCH MORE IN THE DECARCERATION SPACE IN THE COMMUNITY
24 INVESTMENT, BUT WE HAVE SOME ISSUES. SACHI HAMAI STEPPED DOWN
25 FROM THE UNITED WAY BOARD BEFORE TUESDAY'S VOTE TO AVOID ANY

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1 APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT BECAUSE THESE MEASURES, WHEN THEY COME
2 SO FAST AND FURIOUS, RESULT IN PROBLEMS. WE DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN
3 WHEN WE PASSED MEASURE H, THE MEASURE H INITIATIVE, AND WE GOT
4 SUED FOR \$.35 MILLION, WHICH WAS ON LAST WEEK'S AGENDA AS ITEM
5 41. AND THEN WE GET GUY'S LIKE SKIP MILLER, A PRIVATE
6 ATTORNEY, WORKING FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOING AROUND
7 CHASING THE SHERIFF ABOUT A DISPUTE THEY'VE BEEN HAVING --

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** PHAL SOK. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
13 ITEMS ALL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **PHAL SOK:** MY NAME IS PHAL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
16 COALITION, ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. HONESTLY, IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT
17 THE COUNTY HAS TO GO THIS FAR TO SUPPORT ITS RESIDENTS.
18 HONESTLY, IT'S MUCH NEEDED. I DO APPRECIATE THAT THE BOARD IS
19 MOVING THIS FORWARD AND ALSO NOT LISTENING TO FEAR MONGERS WHO
20 ONLY SPEAK REALLY FROM A PLACE OF RETRIBUTION THAT'S FOCUSED
21 ONLY ON AFTER HARMS HAVE OCCURRED. SO ULTIMATELY, THIS IS A
22 STEP TOWARDS REAL CHANGE TO INVEST IN PEOPLE, PROVIDE SUPPORTS
23 AND RESOURCES SO PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF ARE NOT FORCED INTO
24 CHOICES AND DECISIONS TO GO AND CAUSE HARM, RIGHT? COPS,
25 HANDCUFFS, CAGES, THEY DIDN'T STOP ANYONE FROM DOING THINGS

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1 THAT ARE HURTFUL, RIGHT? IF THEY DID, WE WOULDN'T BE THE
2 LARGEST HUMAN CAGE IN THE WORLD. LET'S JUST TALK FACTS. AS
3 I'VE MENTIONED YOU GUYS MANY TIME BEFORE THE BOARD, AGAIN AND
4 AGAIN, COPS -- HANDCUFFS, A SHINY NEW BRAND NEW JAIL THAT YOU
5 BUILT DIDN'T STOP ME FROM GOING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND
6 CAUSING HARM. THAT'S JUST WHERE I LIVED. I NEEDED SUPPORT. I
7 NEEDED CARE. I DIDN'T NEED THAT CAGE, BUT IMAGINE IF I HAD A
8 YOUTH CENTER. IMAGINE IF I HAD A SUMMER JOB TO GET ME BY.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** MICHELLE HENNESSY YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
14 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **MICHELLE HENNESSY:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 AND
18 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS MICHELLE HENNESSY, PRESIDENT
19 OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS. I HAVE A
20 QUESTION. HAS COUNTY COUNSEL DISCUSSED WITH THE SUPERVISORS
21 THAT THIS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT VIOLATES CALIFORNIA
22 CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11, AS WELL AS STATE LAW
23 CONTAINED IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 29000 BY DELEGATING A WAY
24 THIS BOARD'S CONTROL OF THE BUDGET AND THAT CALIFORNIA COURTS
25 OF APPEALS HAVE ROUTINELY HELD THAT THE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS

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1 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM DELEGATING AWAY THEIR
2 FINANCIAL DUTIES AS THIS MEASURE WOULD DO? CAN ANYONE ADDRESS
3 THAT? [SILENCE.] ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD?

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE CONTINUE, MA'AM.

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7 **MICHELLE HENNESSY:** WELL, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE ACTION
8 PROPOSED ACTUALLY VIOLATES THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND THAT IS
9 ONE OF THE MANY REASONS I OPPOSE IT.

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

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** CELIA, CAN I JUST SAY, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN,
15 LET'S JUST MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT BEING RUDE TO THESE PUBLIC
16 SPEAKERS, BUT THE ISSUE WITH PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS LAST
17 SPEAKER IS THAT WE REALLY DON'T ENGAGE IN BACK AND FORTH WITH
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO WE'RE NOT BEING RUDE. IT'S JUST WE DON'T.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22 **MODERATOR:** BOB ROADS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
23 ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1 **BOB ROADS:** OKAY. REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 TODAY AS
2 WELL AS POTENTIALLY ANY GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS TAB ROADS.
3 I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROFESSIONAL PEACE
4 OFFICERS ASSOCIATION. P.P.O.A. CONTINUE TO BE PROFOUNDLY
5 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO THE LAST
6 MINUTE APPROACH TO A CHARTER AMENDMENT WHICH COULD HAVE A
7 DEVASTATING EFFECT ON COUNTY RESIDENTS. BALLOT BOX BUDGETING
8 IS NOTHING MORE THAN A COMPLETE ABDICATION OF YOUR ELECTED
9 RESPONSIBILITY AS FIDUCIARIES. WE AGREE WITH THE L.A. TIMES
10 THAT IT IS, QUOTE, "A BAD IDEA AND POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL
11 STUDY, DELIBERATION, AND DECISION-MAKING," END QUOTE. WE
12 STRONGLY URGE THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE BOARD TO
13 SCRUTINIZE THE IN DEPTH LEGAL OPINION PROVIDED TO EACH OF YOUR
14 OFFICES BY A.L.A.D.S. YESTERDAY, WHICH HOPEFULLY REITERATES A
15 FEW OF OUR CONCERNS. ADDITIONALLY, WHY SHOULD YOU UNIONIZED
16 COUNTY WORKERS WHO, THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, HAVE BEEN
17 CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL AS DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS BY DEFINITION
18 NOW FACE LAYOFFS? P.P.O.A., TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS AND THE
19 JOBS OF OTHER UNION MEMBERS OF L.A. COUNTY, IS PROUD TO JOIN
20 OUR PROSER AND SISTERS AS PARTNERS AND LABOR COALITIONS AS
21 WELL AS MANY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS IN OPPOSITION --

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** ELIZABETH ALCANTAR, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
2 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'D BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **ELIZABETH ALCANTAR:** GOOD MORNING, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS
5 1, 2, AND 3, WHICH MOVE THE PROPOSED COUNTY AMENDMENT FORWARD
6 TO THE VOTERS. THE AMENDMENT GIVES THE VOTERS AN OPPORTUNITY
7 TO SHIFT AWAY FROM -- SAFETY BECAUSE PUBLIC SAFETY DOESN'T
8 SIMPLY NEED MORE OFFICERS ROAMING OUR STREETS, IT ALSO NEEDS
9 COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, HEALTH AND
10 MENTAL HEALTHCARE, SUPPORTING BLACK AND BROWN
11 ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND CAREER TRAINING FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN
12 FORMERLY INCARCERATED. AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CUDAHAY, WE
13 KNOW THAT COMMUNITIES LIKE MINE ARE MORE ADVERSELY AFFECTED,
14 ARE HISTORICALLY OVER-POLICED AND OVER-CRIMINALIZED RESULTING
15 IN GREATER INEQUITIES. SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS EVEN TO LOOK FOR
16 JOBS AND EVEN HOUSING. ALLOCATING 10 PERCENT TOWARDS
17 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IS WHAT WE NEED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES OF
18 COLOR LIKE MINE TO ADDRESS LONG-STANDING INEQUITIES,
19 DISPROPORTIONATE INCARCERATION RATES, AND -- ACCESS. I
20 RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO MOVE THIS AMENDMENT FORWARD AND
21 GIVE THE VOTERS TO A CHANCE TO REIMAGINE WHAT JUSTICE LOOKS
22 LIKE IN L.A. COUNTY, THANK YOU.

23

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** RON HERNANDEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
2 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **RON HERNANDEZ:** I'LL JUST SPEAK ON ITEMS 2 AND 3 AND PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, I'M RON
6 HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY
7 SHERIFFS. I WANT TO GO ON RECORD THIS MORNING IN OPPOSITION OF
8 THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE UNDER ITEMS 2 AND 3 NOT ONLY
9 BECAUSE HOW OF HOW HASTILY IT WAS THROWN TOGETHER WITHOUT
10 INPUT FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS OF L.A. COUNTY BUT A.L.A.D.S. ALSO
11 OPPOSES THE CHALLENGES OF -- AND THE PROCESS OF THESE ACTIONS.
12 AS OF NOW, EACH SUPERVISOR SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
13 OUR ATTORNEYS OF WHICH IT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS OF OUR
14 OPPOSITION AS WELL AS THE UNLAWFULNESS OF THESE ACTIONS WHICH
15 YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE. LET ME MAKE IT PERFECTLY
16 CLEAR. WE ARE NO WAY CHALLENGING THE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAMS,
17 WE ARE CHALLENGING THE PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSED MEASURE. ON
18 BEHALF OF A.L.A.D.S. AND THE MANY OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, I LOOK
19 FORWARD TO DOING THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** CHRISTOPHER BAKER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
24 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1 **CHRISTOPHER BAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER BAKER. I
2 LIVE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1
3 THROUGH 3. I'M STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 EFFORT TO DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE PROPOSALS THAT
5 WE'RE DISCUSSING. I HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS THAT CONCERN ME
6 DEEPLY. FIRST, HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE DIVERTED FROM LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT? HOW WILL THE DEFUNDING AFFECT LAW ENFORCEMENT'S
8 ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY? WHO
9 WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS THAT ARE BEING DIVERTED FROM LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT? HOW MUCH MONEY WILL THEY RECEIVE? WHAT RECORD OF
11 SUCCESS DO THESE PROGRAMS HAVE ON ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING? AND
12 HOW WILL SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE BE MEASURED? AS THE L.A. TIMES
13 NOTED, THIS PROPOSED VOTE HAS BEEN RUSHED TO A VOTE WITH A
14 LITTLE MORE THAN A HOPE THAT THEY WILL HELP THE COMMUNITY. WHY
15 DON'T WE FIRST FIGURE OUT THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS SO
16 THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON BEFORE WE MAKE THE VOTE? I
17 STRONGLY OPPOSE.

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** LEX RYAN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
23 ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1 **LEX RYAN:** HI, MY NAME IS LEX RYAN. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
2 ITEMS 2 AND 3. I SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I REIMAGINE AN
3 L.A. COUNTY WHERE EVERYONE HAS THE SUPPORT, CARE, AND
4 RESOURCES TO THRIVE. I HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS, AND I KNOW THAT
5 I AM ALIVE AND STABLE BECAUSE MY COMMUNITY RALLIED AROUND ME
6 BECAUSE I HAD A GOOD PSYCHIATRIST AND ACCESS TO THE MEDICATION
7 AND THERAPY I NEEDED. I KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT IF ONE THING HAD
8 BEEN DIFFERENT IN MY LIFE, I MIGHT HAVE DEALT WITH POLICE OR
9 ON THE STREET OR IN JAIL. I KNOW MY MENTAL HEALTH WOULD HAVE
10 DETERIORATED. I WANT EVERYONE TO RECEIVE THE CARE THEY NEED.
11 WE KNOW THAT WHEN WE SEND POLICE TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS, THEY
12 HAVE NO BUSINESS TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE END UP DEAD. AND WHY IS
13 THAT? WHY DO WE SEND POLICE? IT'S BECAUSE WE WANT AN EASY FIX
14 BECAUSE HALF OF OUR COUNTY'S BUDGET GOES TO THE POLICE AND
15 BECAUSE, RATHER THAN PROVIDING CARE FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME, WE
16 DISCARD PEOPLE. WE GIVE UP ON THEM, AND WE PUT THEM IN CAGES.
17 REIMAGINE L.A. WILL MOVE THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
18 PROCESS FORWARD AND HELP ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE SERVICES WE
19 NEED. WHEN SOMEONE'S IN CRISIS, WE DON'T NEED PEOPLE WITH GUNS
20 TO COME FIX THE SITUATION. RIGHT NOW, AND I KNOW FROM PERSONAL
21 EXPERIENCE, IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS AND SOMEONE --

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** SUSAN POWERS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
2 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SUSAN POWERS:** THANK YOU. I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. IN
5 2006, THE COURT IN TAUGHTEN VERSUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED THE USE OF THE INITIATIVE PROCESS TO
7 SET COUNTY BUDGETS, PARTICULARLY PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGETS.
8 FURTHERMORE, OUR OWN -- RULES REQUIRE THAT THE BOARD MEET AND
9 CONFER WITH ALL LABOR UNIONS 90 DAYS BEFORE THE LAST DATE TO
10 PLACE A CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT. THAT DEADLINE PASSED
11 IN EARLY MAY. THE BOARD'S PLAN TO PLACE THIS INITIATIVE ON THE
12 BALLOT IN NOVEMBER IS SHORT-SIGHTED AND VIOLATES THE LAW. IT
13 SETS UP THE COUNTY TO FACE LENGTHY LITIGATION PLACING VALUABLE
14 FUNDS IN JEOPARDY TO SATISFY A NEED TO APPEAR TO ADDRESS THE
15 CONCERNS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IT ALSO JEOPARDIZES VICTIMS
16 OF CRIME WHO WILL BE UNDERSERVED WHILE WE WAIT FOR THIS ACTION
17 TO BE LEGALLY UNDONE. I WAS ALSO DISTURBED AND DEMORALIZED BY
18 THE -- ATTITUDE THAT MANY MEMBERS DEMONSTRATED DURING THEIR
19 COMMENTS LAST WEEK. THEY SHOWED AN INDIFFERENT ATTITUDE TO THE
20 MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THIS MEASURE.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** ROBERT ROVANI, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
2 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **ROBERT ROVANI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT ROVANI. AND I'M
5 CALLING ABOUT ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. MS. KUEHL IS MY ELECTED
6 REPRESENTATIVE. TO BE CLEAR, I DON'T DISAGREE WITH COMMUNITY
7 INVESTMENTS AS PROPOSED. IN FACT, I THINK THEY'RE LONG
8 OVERDUE. I DO NOT AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT THE BOARD IS SEEKING TO
9 ACCOMPLISH THIS ON THE BACKS OF ITS COUNTY EMPLOYEES. LAST
10 WEEK, MS. HAMAI WAS UNEQUIVOCAL IN HER ASSESSMENT THAT THIS
11 PROPOSITION, IF ADOPTED, WILL RESULT IN LAYOFFS. IN MARCH,
12 L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECEIVED EMAILS REMINDING THEM THAT THEY
13 ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS. DUTIFULLY, WE SHOWED UP TO WORK
14 THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, RISKING OUR HEALTH AND OUR LIVES. WE
15 CONTINUE TO DO SO. AS A THANK YOU, WE WERE TOLD THAT WE MAY
16 HAVE TO TAKE PAY CUTS WHILE OTHERS MAY GET LAID OFF COME
17 OCTOBER 1ST. NOW, BECAUSE OF THIS PROPOSAL, WE ARE BEING TOLD
18 THAT THERE WILL BE MORE LAYOFFS IN THE YEARS TO COME. IN
19 ADDITION, BECAUSE OF THE QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY OF THIS
20 PROPOSAL, THE COUNTY WILL NOW BE MIRED IN COSTLY LITIGATION.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** CAROL BROOKS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
2 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **CAROL BROOKS:** HI, MY NAME IS CAROL BROOKS. I'M A RESIDENT OF
5 DISTRICT 3, AND I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. I
6 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I REIMAGINE AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE
7 PEOPLE CAN TRUST THEY WILL RECEIVE CARE WHEN THEY NEED IT
8 MOST, WHERE PEOPLE CAN TRUST THEY'LL BE ABLE TO EARN A WAGE
9 THAT ACTUALLY ALLOWS THEM TO COVER BASIC EXPENSES AND DO SO
10 WITH DIGNITY, WHERE PEOPLE CAN TRUST THAT THEY WILL BE SEEN
11 AND HEARD AS HUMAN BEINGS RATHER THAN OBJECTS TO BE LOCKED
12 AWAY FOR PROFIT. I REIMAGINE AN L.A. COUNTY THAT LEADS THE WAY
13 NATIONALLY AND EVEN INTERNATIONALLY AS A PROGRESSIVE,
14 COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY WHOSE BOTTOM LINE IS CARE INSTEAD OF
15 ONE WHO CARES ABOVE ALL ELSE ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE. RIGHT NOW,
16 L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGETS ARE UNRELIABLE AND UNFAIR. THEY DO NOT
17 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, LET
18 ALONE ADDRESS HOW OUR DEPENDENCY ON THE CARCERAL SYSTEM
19 CREATED THOSE VULNERABILITIES IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE
20 REIMAGINE L.A. BALLOT MEASURE WOULD ENSURE L.A.'S BUDGET COMES
21 CLOSER TO PROVIDING BALANCED CONSISTENT SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE
22 WHO NEED IT. BOLD INVESTMENT IN LONG OVERDUE. AND THIS IS THE
23 NEXT STEP. WE NEED AT LEAST 10 PERCENT.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** SCOTT DOMINGUEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. `PLEASE STATE
5 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SCOTT DOMINGUEZ:** YES, THANK YOU. ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3. I LIVE IN
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT. MY FAMILY, MY NEIGHBORS, MY
9 FRIENDS, WE'RE ALL VOTERS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND WHEN YOU VOTED
10 IN FAVOR OF DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, DEFUNDING THE DISTRICT
11 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WE WERE IN SHOCK, ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU HAD
12 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM ARE YOUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR
13 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ABOUT HOW UNVETTED AND UNPREPARED THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS WAS IN LOOKING AT THIS MOTION. NOW, WHEN YOUR
15 OWN ATTORNEY, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL, TELLS YOU
16 THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO FACE LAWSUITS BECAUSE OF THIS AND
17 THEN SAYS SHE'S ONLY GOING DISCUSS IT IN CLOSED SESSION WITH
18 YOU, THAT'S BECAUSE WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING IS ILLEGAL. IT'S
19 IN VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. IT'S IN VIOLATION
20 OF YOUR OWN COUNTY CHARTER. WHEN YOUR C.E.O. TELLS YOU THAT
21 THIS IS GOING RESULT IN LAYOFFS AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAYS
22 WELL, NO, MAYBE IT WILL RESULT IN NEW JOBS, WHERE DOES THE
23 UNITED WAY REPORT SAY AN THAT ALL THOSE COUNTY WORKERS WHO ARE
24 GOING TO BE LAID OFF WILL BE HIRED BY THE UNITED WAY, PAID A
25 FAIR WAGE, GIVEN THE BENEFITS THAT THEY DESERVE?

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **MODERATOR:** MIKE REYNOLDS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE
6 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **MIKE REYNOLDS:** YES, HI. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE PUBLIC
9 COMMENT. I'M ADDRESSING 1, 2, AND 3 AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AS
10 WELL. AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THESE
11 ITEMS. I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SAID THE
12 AMAZING, INCREDIBLE STUFF. AND I DON'T EVEN NEED A MINUTE. I'M
13 A TEACHER. I WORK IN THESE COMMUNITIES. MY KIDS, YOUR KIDS,
14 OUR KIDS, DO NOT NEED MORE COPS. THEY NEED CARE. THEY NEED
15 YOUTH CENTERS. THEY NEED PLACES WHERE THEY CAN GO TO GET
16 PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND THEY DO NOT NEED
17 COPS THREATENING AND TERRORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOODS. AND ALEX,
18 I KNOW YOU'RE LISTENING, ONE OF THOSE KIDS WAS ANDRES, AND HE
19 WAS MURDERED BY MIGUEL VEGA, AND THAT IS NOT WHAT NEED. WE
20 NEED TO ACTUALLY HAVE PEOPLE THAT CARE AND NOT DEPUTIES THAT
21 ARE MURDERING OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** ERIN RAIN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
2 ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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4 **ERIN RAIN:** HI, I'M ERIN RAIN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1. I'M
5 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
6 YOU SO MUCH TO THE BOARD FOR YOUR COURAGE IN THE FACE OF SOME
7 HONESTLY FRIGHTENING INTIMIDATION AND FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
8 KEEP REPRESENTING ALL OF US. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS.
9 THEY GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE AN L.A. WHERE THE
10 VALUES OF CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER ARE ACTUALLY PUT INTO ACTION.
11 THE COUNTY BUDGET, AS IT STANDS, ISN'T RELIABLE IN ITS --
12 BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, AND IT DOESN'T THOROUGHLY REFLECT
13 THE VALUES OF COMMUNITY CARE. THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ACTUALLY
14 DOES REFLECT THOSE VALUES. I'VE ALSO HEARD PEOPLE CALLING IN
15 AFRAID OF BEING LAID OFF, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU, BUT I
16 WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO REIMAGINE AN
17 L.A. WHERE BEING LAID OFF SHOULDN'T ENDANGER YOUR ACCESS TO
18 YOUR HOUSING, YOUR HEALTHCARE, AND YOUR COMFORT. L.A.
19 RESIDENTS NEED TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR
20 NECESSARY CARE AND SERVICES AND DECARCERATION SO THAT THE
21 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED SO INEQUITABLY AREN'T FORCED TO
22 CONTINUALLY FIGHT FOR SCRAPS OF A BUDGET THAT HAS HISTORICALLY
23 PRIORITIZED VIOLENCE AGAINST THEM. INSTEAD WE CAN MAKE A
24 LASTING COMMITMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC

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1 WELLNESS INSTEAD OF POLICING AND INCARCERATION. SHOW WHERE
2 OUR VALUES ARE.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** JAMES NELSON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
8 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10 **JAMES NELSON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS -- I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS
11 2 AND 3 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JAMES NELSON. I WORK
12 FOR DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I GREW UP IN WATTS. I'VE BEEN
13 INCARCERATED I WAS SENT AWAY AT THE AGE OF 19 FOR A MURDER I
14 DID NOT COMMIT. CORRUPTION THROUGH THE L.A.P.D. CRASH UNIT.
15 AND NOW I LIVE IN DISTRICT 4. A.T.I. HAVE ALREADY CAME UP WITH
16 A VISION HOW PEOPLE THAT'S BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED AND BEEN
17 SUFFERING FOR SO LONG IN THIS COUNTY IS NOW BEING ADDRESSED.
18 WE DO NOT NEED MORE POLICE. WE NEED POLICE TO BE MORE
19 ACCOUNTABLE. POLICE IS STILL BEING DECEITFUL ABOUT THEIR OWN
20 INVESTIGATION, ABOUT THE MURDERS THAT WE ARE SEEING IN OUR
21 COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GIVING PEOPLE THE
22 PROPER CARE THAT THEY NEED. AND I COMMEND YOU GUYS FOR HAVING
23 THE COURAGE TO STEP IN THIS DIRECTION BECAUSE SO MANY BEFORE
24 YOU HAVEN'T STEPPED IN THIS DIRECTION. THAT'S WHY WE ARE STILL
25 HAVING THIS CONVERSATION. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** GARY HALL, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
5 ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **GARY HALL:** ITEM 2 AND 3. MY NAME IS GARY HALL. I'M RETIRED FOX
8 EXECUTIVE. AND I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT 2 AND 3 AS A CITIZEN.
9 ALSO MY WIFE AND I -- PROGRAM. WE'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 10
10 YEARS. WE GET NO FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE COUNTY. SO I'M NOT
11 SAYING ALL OF THESE THINGS BECAUSE WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT LOSING
12 MONEY. WE DO IT BECAUSE WE LOVE IT. WE LOVE TO HELP OUR GUYS
13 AND GALS THAT ARE IN JAIL AND COMING OUT OF JAIL, BUT
14 SOMETIMES THEY'VE GOT TO GO TO JAIL. THEY'VE GOT TO HIT
15 BOTTOM. OUR SUCCESS STORIES, AND I'VE CHECKED WITH MOST OF OUR
16 GUYS, AND THEY ALL AGREE, THE TURNING POINT FOR THEM WAS GOING
17 BACK TO JAIL. IT MADE THEM FOCUS ON THEIR LIFE, AND IT MADE
18 THEM GET IN A PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE, BILL,
19 JUSTIN, AND RENEE OUT THERE. I PRAY THAT THEY'VE BEEN
20 ARRESTED. RENEE FINALLY DID,, BUT SHE GOT A TICKET BECAUSE
21 IT'S NOW BEEN DECRIMINALIZED. SHE WAS OFFERED A PROGRAM TWO
22 MONTHS AGO. SHE'S STILL NOT DONE IT. UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK --
23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **MODERATOR:** MARY JOHNSON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. POLICE STATE
3 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. TAMARA CASA, YOU HAVE
4 ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
5 TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **TAMARA CASA:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

9 **MODERATOR:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **TAMARA CASA:** OKAY. GIVE ME ONE SECOND BECAUSE I HAVE NO IDEA
12 WHEN I'M GOING TO GET CALLED, AND I NEED TO GET MY BEARINGS
13 STRAIGHT. SO I AM IN SUPPORT OF 2 AND 3. GIVING L.A. COUNTY
14 RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE REIMAGINE L.A. BALLOT
15 MEASURE THIS NOVEMBER WILL MOVE THE ALTERNATIVES TO
16 INCARCERATION PROCESS FORWARD AND HELP ENSURE BLACK, BROWN,
17 AND LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE SERVICES THEY NEED
18 DURING AND AFTER THIS CRISIS. THE CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDES A
19 PATHWAY FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THE
20 PANDEMIC, CONFRONTS THE LONG-STANDING RACIAL AND ECONOMIC
21 INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO
22 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BUT BOLD INVESTMENT IS LONG OVERDUE. THIS
23 IS THE NEXT STEP WE NEED. AT LEAST 10 PERCENT, WE CAN'T DOUBLE
24 COUNT EXISTING INVESTMENT. WE NEED TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS

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1 POSSIBLE WHOSE LIFE CAN'T WAIT. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO
2 DECENTRALIZED AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES --

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** SAM SACKS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
8 ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SAM SACKS:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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12 **MODERATOR:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **SAM SACKS:** I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2 AND 3 IN SUPPORT LIKE THE
15 VAST MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS AND I IMAGINE THE VAST MAJORITY OF
16 YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THESE
17 COMMUNITIES NEED CARE NOT COPS. THAT FORMER FOX EXEC, WHOEVER
18 THE FUCK THAT ASSHOLE WAS, HE SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME IN JAIL
19 IF HE REALLY THINKS IT WILL TURN THINGS AROUND BECAUSE I THINK
20 HE NEEDS AN INTERVENTION. MORE TO THE POINT, WE NEED TO PUT
21 THIS IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE. IF THE FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED
22 AGAINST IT ARE SO CONFIDENT THAT THIS ISN'T WHAT PEOPLE WANT,
23 THEN I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY'RE AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS
24 TO FIND THAT OUT. I THINK IT'S PRETTY EVIDENT THAT THESE ARE
25 JUST A VERY VOCAL MINORITY THAT ARE BE LOBBIED BY SHERIFF'S

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1 ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LIKE FORCES TO SUBVERT THE DEMOCRATIC
2 WILL. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** JEWEL CAREMEN. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
7 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **JEWEL CAREMAN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
10 ITEMS 2 AND 3. MY NAME IS JEWEL CAREMAN, AND I LIVE IN
11 DISTRICT 3 OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO
12 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS AND REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY WHERE CARE AND
13 SERVICES ARE A NECESSARY AND INDISPUTABLE PRIORITY. BEING IN
14 THE 10 PERCENT FEELS LIKE THE BARE MINIMUM THAT THE CITY OF
15 L.A. NEED AND DESERVE. ALSO GIVING L.A. RESIDENTS THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR NECESSARY CARE AND SERVICES IS THE
17 LOGICAL NEXT STEP IN A LOT OF YOUR BOLD AND CREATIVE ACTION
18 THAT IS YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN. EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, WE
19 WERE FACING CRISIS IN THIS COUNTY. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
20 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ARE DESPERATELY LACKING WHILE THE
21 INCARCERATION BUSINESS IS BOOMING. FOR ANYONE WHO DOES NOT
22 WISH TO RECOGNIZE THIS CRISIS AND THE RACISM ENDEMIC IN THE
23 CURRENT SYSTEM, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT BLACK RESIDENTS MAKE
24 UP ONLY 8 PERCENT OF OUR COUNTY BUT ARE OVER 30 PERCENT OF OUR
25 JAIL AND HOUSELESS POPULATION. WE'VE HAD CENTURIES OF

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1 INEQUITABLE TREATMENT -- L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S WHY WE NEED A
2 CHARTER AMENDMENT INSTEAD OF ANNUAL BUDGETING. IT'S PAST TIME
3 TO DIVEST IN POLICING AND INCARCERATION. LET THE PEOPLE TO
4 VOTE ON A BUDGET TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** TONY TORRES, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
9 WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **TONY TORRES:** YES. I JUST WANT TO PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. I
12 WANT TO WISH THE BOARD MY BEST REGARDS WITH THE HANDLING OF
13 COVID-19 SITUATION. I REALLY LIKE THAT THEY PROVIDE UPDATES
14 REGULARLY ON TELEVISION TO LET US KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I FIND
15 IT TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THEY
16 DON'T GET A LOT OF ACCOLADES, BUT I THINK THEY'RE DOING A
17 FANTASTIC JOB. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** ROSY GLEN LAMBERT, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
22 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **ROSY GLEN LAMBERT:** HI, I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2 AND 3. I JUST
25 WANT TO SAY THE PERSON A FEW SPEAKERS AGO WHO SAID SOMETIMES

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1 THEY GOT TO GO TO JAIL, I'D LIKE TO LIBERATE PEOPLE WITH
2 THOUGHT PROCESSES AS SIMPLISTIC AS THAT. I THINK THAT'S
3 ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW. OUR SYSTEM IN
4 L.A. FOCUSES ON INCARCERATION AND PUNITIVE MEASURES. AND IT'S
5 NOT WORKING. WE KNOW IT'S NOT WORKING BECAUSE IT
6 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. AND I
7 THINK, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE A LOT OF L.A. VOTERS,
8 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE WHITE AND EXTREMELY PRIVILEGED WHO
9 HAVE NEVER TAKEN A MOMENT TO REIMAGINE THESE SYSTEMS AND SEE
10 THAT THEY'RE NOT WORKING AND THINK ABOUT OTHER OPTIONS, WHICH
11 IS WHAT THIS MEASURE OF IS ABOUT. SO I WOULD REALLY HOPE THAT
12 WE WOULD GIVE L.A. VOTERS AN OPPORTUNITY. PUT THIS IN FRONT OF
13 THEM. THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP WE NEED IS TO LEAD L.A.
14 VOTERS TO SEE THE POSSIBILITIES. SO I'M REALLY SAD FOR THAT
15 CALLER, AND I REALLY HOPE THAT LOS ANGELES VOTERS ARE GIVEN AN
16 OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK THAT LINE OF THOUGHT.

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** ALLISON RUDENFELD, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
22 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **ALLISON RUDENFELD:** HI, MY NAME IS ALLISON RUDENFELD. I'M A
25 CONSTITUENT OF MS. SOLIS. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEMS

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1 1, 2, AND 3 AND CONTINUE TO SECURE REIMAGINE L.A.'S PLACE ON
2 THE BALLOT AND GIVE ANGELENOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HOLISTIC
3 CARE AND EQUITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF
4 REIMAGINE L.A., I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO SEIZE THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO LET THE VOTERS CHOOSE THEIR VALUES AS A
6 PERMANENT FIXTURE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S BUDGET IN THE
7 FUTURE. I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE THAT THIS MONEY SHOULD BE
8 INDEPENDENT OF ANY FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED TO THESE VITAL
9 SERVICES AS THEY HAVE BEEN SO GRAVELY UNDERFUNDED IN THE PAST.
10 WE NEED A SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND JUSTICE AND TO
11 UNDO THE GENERATIONAL TRAUMA AND DAMAGE PERPETUATED BY A
12 HURTFUL SYSTEMS. I REIMAGINE L.A. WHERE THE YOUTH ARE
13 SUPPORTED OUR HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS HAVE HOMES, AND OUR BLACK,
14 BROWN, AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES GET THE SUPPORT THAT'S LONG
15 OVERDUE, AND WHERE THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION HAS BEEN BROKEN
16 AND REPLACED WITH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. I WOULD BE SO PROUD
17 TO GET TO VOTE FOR REIMAGINE L.A. IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE GIVE
18 THE L.A. VOTERS THE CHANCE TO HELP HEAL OUR CITY. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** REESE HERNANDEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
23 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **REESE HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS REESE HERNANDEZ, AND I AM A
2 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I AM CALLING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS
3 2 AND 3 IN SUPPORT OF REIMAGINE L.A. BALLOT INITIATIVE. RIGHT
4 NOW, L.A. COUNTY BUDGETS ARE UNRELIABLE AND UNFAIR. THEY DO
5 NOT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THEY
6 DO NOT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF BLACK AND BROWN AND LOW INCOME
7 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGETED. GIVING
8 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE REIMAGINE
9 L.A. BALLOT MEASURE THIS NOVEMBER WILL MOVE TOWARDS AN
10 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROCESS FORWARD AND HELP ENSURE
11 OUR B.I.P.O.C. AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES HAVE BETTER ACCESS
12 TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, AND MENTAL HEALTH
13 AND INVESTMENTS. IT IS TIME TO ALLOW L.A. RESIDENTS THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VOICE. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** ENRIQUE VELASQUEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
19 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **ENRIQUE VELASQUEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ENRIQUE VELASQUEZ, AND
22 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3, THEN I WOULD ALSO
23 LIKE TO DO GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. AND
24 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THESE AGENDA ITEMS BECAUSE I IMAGINE AN
25 L.A. WHERE PEOPLE WILL NOT ONLY GET THE NEEDED SUPPORTS AND

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1 SERVICES THEY NEED BUT ALSO PROTECTIONS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE
2 L.A. TENANTS' UNION, AND I WORK WITH [INDISCERNIBLE], AND I
3 HAVE FOR YEARS WORKED IN SUPPORT OF TENANTS IN THE CITY OF
4 L.A. AND I AM REALLY CONCERNED THAT, AS THE TEMPORARY EVICTION
5 BAN COMES TO AN END, WE WILL SEE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF
6 PEOPLE JOINING THE STREETS IN HOMELESSNESS SITUATIONS. THIS
7 BUDGET WILL SOMEHOW PROTECT.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** PETE WHITE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH
13 ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **PETE WHITE:** YES. THIS IS PETE WHITE FROM LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
16 ACTION NETWORK. I AM CALLING TO BE IN SUPPORT OF 1, 2, AND 3.
17 I WANT TO COMMEND THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS, KUEHL,
18 HAHN, AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, LEADERSHIP THAT DOESN'T SHRINK IN THE
19 SHADOWS BUT EMERGES AND REFLECTS THE VOICES OF MILLIONS
20 DEMANDING CHANGE, REIMAGINING L.A. THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP NOT
21 FOOLED BY THE VOICES OF THOSE DEEPLY INVESTED IN THE CAGING OF
22 OUR COMMUNITIES, FIGHTING TO RETAIN A STATUS QUO WOULD SUGGEST
23 YOU CAN RESCUE ME BY ARRESTING ME. LEADERSHIP DRIVEN BY THE
24 IDEA THAT BUDGET PRIORITIES MUST REFLECT THE VALUES OF A LOS
25 ANGELES YEARNING TO BE FREE, A LOS ANGELES THAT SAYS PUBLIC

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1 SAFETY IS ACHIEVED BY A WHOLESALE INVESTMENT INTO THE SOCIAL
2 DETERMINANTS OF SAFETY, HOUSING, JOB CREATION, FOOD ACCESS,
3 HEALTH CARE, TRAUMA INFORMED CARE ETC., AND THOSE SERVICES
4 BEING PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNITIES BY THE COMMUNITIES. THE TIME
5 TO ACT IS NOW. ON CUE. THE SPECIAL INTERESTS WILL TRY TO HAVE
6 THE SAME OLD TIRED ANTI-BLACK RACIST TROPES.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** STEPHANIE GARCIA, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
12 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **STEPHANIE GARCIA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS STEPHANIE GARCIA, AND I'D
15 LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3. I'M A
16 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, AND I ALSO WORK IN DISTRICT 1 WITH
17 INNER CITY STRUGGLES. I WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EAST
18 SIDE AND SEE FIRSTHAND HOW FAMILIES NEED MORE SUPPORT IN
19 ACCESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND
20 HAVING PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT OUR YOUTH TO HAVE THE TOOLS THEY
21 NEED TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. I SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I
22 REIMAGINE AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE OUR COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE
23 EQUITABLE FUNDING THAT IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS YEARS OF
24 DISINVESTMENT. IT IS CLEAR THAT LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
25 LACK OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, AND THE OVER-RELIANCE ON

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1 INCARCERATION HAS CREATED A MONUMENTAL CRISIS FOR OUR COUNTY
2 WELL BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE IMPACTED BY
3 THIS THAN BLACK RESIDENTS WHO MAKE UP ONLY 8 PERCENT OF OUR
4 RESIDENTS BUT ARE OVER 30 PERCENT OF OUR JAIL AND HOUSELESS
5 POPULATION. AMENDING THE COUNTY CHARTER TO ENSURE OUR MOST
6 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE CARE AND SUPPORT THAT THEY
7 NEED IS COMMON SENSE AND THE MORAL THING TO DO. RIGHT NOW,
8 L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGET DO NOT ADDRESS THE NEED OF OUR MOST
9 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS --

10

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. AM I THE
15 ONLY ONE THAT IS FINDING IT DIFFICULT THAT SOME OF THE PUBLIC
16 SPEAKERS REALLY GO OFF FOR A WHILE BEFORE THEY COME BACK ON.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S ON YOUR END. I THINK THEY
19 HAVE BEEN COMING THROUGH CLEAR HERE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY
20 OTHER COLLEAGUES. WE'VE GOT TIME FOR ONE MORE SPEAKER.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT'S CLEAR HERE.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK YOUR LINE,
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE SPEAKER UNDER
3 PUBLIC COMMENT.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** WE HAVE DIANA SHAPIRO. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU
6 WILL ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **DIANA SHAPIRO:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA FROM INNER CITY STRUGGLE,
9 AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3, AND I'D LIKE TO
10 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A RESIDENT ON DISTRICT 1
11 AND SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE I REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY WHO
12 HAS PRIORITIZED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, SCHOOLS, AND YOUTH
13 PROGRAMS. RIGHT NOW, L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGET ARE UNRELIABLE AND
14 UNFAIR. THEY DO NOT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR VULNERABLE
15 POPULATIONS. A REIMAGINE L.A. BALLOT MEASURE WILL MAKE SURE
16 L.A.'S BUDGET ALWAYS PROVIDES BALLOT ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TO
17 PEOPLE WHO NEED IT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES OUR TIME FOR
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF
21 YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT
22 WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE
23 TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
24 MEETING, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD. WE WILL NOW HEAR
25 FROM THE SHERIFF, WHO REQUESTED TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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1 SHERIFF, YOU WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

2 AGENDA ITEMS. SHERIFF?

3

4 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

5 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE. FIRST, I WANT TO DISCUSS THE

6 TITLE BECAUSE ANY BALLOT MEASURE TYPICALLY THAT IS SUCCESSFUL

7 THAT DOESN'T DO WHAT IT SAYS IT DOES, IT INVOLVES A TITLE THAT

8 CAN BE CAN DECEPTIVE. SO IF YOUR TITLE IS COMMUNITY

9 INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION MINIMUM COUNTY

10 BUDGET ALLOCATION, YOU'RE REALLY NOT SAYING IN THE TITLE THAT

11 YOU'RE GOING TO BE DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORS, AND

12 THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF L.A. COUNTY. AND THAT IS YOUR CHOICE ON

13 THE TITLE. THAT IS OF CONCERN BECAUSE THE TITLE ITSELF IS

14 DECEPTIVE. NOW, I'M LOOKING AT THE FUNDING OF THE COUNTY

15 BECAUSE I KNOW THIS IS MISTAKE WOULD BRING ABOUT THE

16 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF BUDGETING AND FAIRNESS AS WE HEARD A LOT

17 OF SPEAKERS, BUT I'M SEEING THE MENTAL HEALTH FROM THE COUNTY

18 BUDGET IS \$2.8 BILLION DOLLARS. HOMELESS HOUSING, \$119 BILLION

19 DOLLARS. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES \$4.4 BILLION. PUBLIC HEALTH,

20 \$1.2 BILLION. DIVERSION AND REENTRY \$127.7 MILLION. CHILDREN

21 AND FAMILY SERVICES, THAT'S AT \$2.8 BILLION. LOOKING AT CHILD

22 SUPPORT SERVICES, \$195 MILLION. HEALTH SERVICES, \$8.5 BILLION.

23 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, \$91 MILLION. THEN I GO TO MEASURE H

24 FUNDING FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR WAS OVER \$400 MILLION. AND

25 THAT IS FOR HOMELESS, FOR HOUSING SUPPORT. I LOOK AT THE COST

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1 OF K-12 EDUCATION IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IN TODAY'S DOLLARS FOR
2 K-12 ALONE, THAT IS \$18 BILLION WE'RE SPENDING ON EDUCATION,
3 ALSO KNOWN AS COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. I'M
4 ALSO LOOKING AT THE COST OF OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS.
5 THERE'S 12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
6 AND THEIR COMBINED BUDGET HAS GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE UPWARDS OF
7 \$10 BILLION COMBINED, AND THAT ALSO PROVIDES NOT ONLY
8 [INDISCERNIBLE] PORTION BUT ALSO JOB TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL
9 CAREER PATHS. SO WE ARE SPENDING A HUGE AMOUNT OF SUMS IN ALL
10 THESE THINGS, BUT THIS BALLOT MEASURE IS TARGETING
11 SPECIFICALLY THE FUNDS THAT GO TOWARDS LAW ENFORCEMENT. I'VE
12 BEEN HEARING A LOT OF ISSUES, BUT NOW I GO THE ACTUAL BALLOT
13 MEASURE, AND I'M LOOKING AT THE PROGRAMS ON THIS. COMMUNITY-
14 BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AS I ALREADY MENTIONED. JOB
15 TRAINING AND JOBS FOR INCOME RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY
16 CONSTRUCTION JOBS. RENT ASSISTANCE. HOUSING VOUCHERS. CAPITAL
17 FUNDING FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATIVE
18 JUSTICE PROGRAMS. PRE-TRIAL NON-CUSTODY SERVICES AND
19 TREATMENT. COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES. HEALTH PROMOTION.
20 NONCUSTODIAL DIVERSION AND REENTRY PROGRAMS INCLUDING HOUSING
21 AND SERVICES. I THINK THE TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO ASK WHY AM I
22 SPENDING BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ALL OF THESE
23 PROGRAMS THAT ARE IN YOUR BALLOT MEASURE ONLY TO TAKE AWAY
24 FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, FROM PUBLIC SAFETY, THE ONLY LAST
25 MEASURE AVAILABLE TO KEEP PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR COMMITTING

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1 VIOLENT CRIMES THAT HARMS THE PUBLIC. AND I'M HEARING A LOT OF
2 LANGUAGE ABOUT THE OFFENDERS AND HOW THEY'RE VICTIMS AND
3 THEY'RE NOT OFFENDERS AND SOMEHOW THEY'RE HARMED BY THE
4 SYSTEM. AND I AM LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE WILL FULLY AGREE THAT
5 THOSE THAT SUFFER FROM DRUG ABUSE ISSUES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE
6 ISSUES, THOSE THAT SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, THEY NEED TO BE
7 TAKEN CARE OF. WE NEED PROVIDE FOR THEM. BY ALL MEANS, THERE
8 IS NO DISAGREEMENT ON THAT. HOWEVER ROBBING PETER PAY PAUL IS
9 NOT GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION BECAUSE ALL YOU'RE DOING IS
10 YOU'RE CREATING A NEW GENERATION OF VICTIMS THAT HAVE NO
11 RECOURSE. THAT SAFETY NET THAT KEEPS VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
12 VIOLENCE WILL DISAPPEAR. WHO DO YOU THINK ENFORCES DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS? THAT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT DOES
14 THAT. AND WHEN YOU START WITHDRAWING LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE
15 FROM THE COMMUNITY, WELL THAT'S WHAT'S GOING HAPPEN. THEY'RE
16 NOT GOING TO BE THERE ANYMORE. NOW, ALL OF YOU GOT AN AWFUL
17 LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT WITHDRAWING OR CLOSING DOWN ALTADENA
18 AND MARINA DEL REY STATIONS. YOU HEARD A LOT FROM BOTH
19 COMMUNITIES. AND THAT WILL MAKE IT A CERTAINTY THAT THOSE
20 STATIONS WILL BE CLOSED. ADDITIONALLY, SOUTH L.A. STATION,
21 EAST L.A., AND CENTURY STATION WILL FACE MASSIVE CURTAILMENTS
22 AS WELL BECAUSE \$173 MILLION, THAT MEANS A LOSS OF 1,020 JOBS.
23 BY THE WAY, THOSE JOBS THAT WILL BE LOST WILL BE AFRICAN
24 AMERICAN AND LATINO EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT
25 WE'VE BEEN HIRING EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE OFFICE. THEY ARE

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1 THE ONES, THE LAST HIRED ARE THE FIRST FIRED. YES, I GUESS
2 THEY CAN GET A CONSTRUCTION JOB IF THEY GET LAID OFF FROM
3 THEIR CURRENT JOB, IF WE'RE FOLLOWING YOUR LOGIC, BUT THAT
4 DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. SO THERE IS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THIS. NOW,
5 MY CONCERN, TOO, IS THIS WHOLE ISSUE ABOUT --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU
8 ONE MINUTE TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

9

10 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** ALL RIGHT. I THANK YOU THERE. I JUST WANT
11 TO TOUCH ON THIS COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM.
12 IT SEEMS LIKE THE INCARCERATED OR FORMERLY INCARCERATED HAVE
13 CO-OPTED THE TERM RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. THE WHOLE IDEA OF
14 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IS YOU MAKE THE VICTIM WHOLE. YES. AND WE
15 TRY TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP THE OFFENDER AS A MEMBER, A
16 CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY, BUT THAT IS SECONDARY TO
17 MAKING THE VICTIM WHOLE AGAIN. SOMEHOW THE VICTIM HAS BEEN
18 ERASED FROM THE EQUATION. AND IT'S ALL ABOUT THE OFFENDER.
19 ANYWAY, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR OWN CHALLENGES WITH THE
20 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THIS, THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO MEET AND
21 CONFER AND THE MASSIVE IMPACT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE ON
22 CERTIFIED BARGAINING UNITS THAT YOU HAVE TO REPRESENT THEIR
23 INTERESTS. SO, THAT'S THE IMPACT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. AND IF
24 THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT MEASURE, I SAY WHY DON'T YOU LET THE
25 PEOPLE THAT WANT TO DRIVE THIS GET THE SIGNATURES AND PUT IT

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1 ON THE BALLOT, AND WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO FULLY UNDERSTAND
2 THE IMPACT OF THIS AND HOW IT'S GOING TO HARM PUBLIC SAFETY.
3 ALL RIGHT? AND THAT IS TRULY REIMAGINING L.A. COUNTY. THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. WITH THAT, WE ARE
7 GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE HELD ITEMS. ITEM 1, WHICH IS RELATED
8 TO ITEMS 2 AND 3, THE REPORT ON PROCESS TO PLACE THE COUNTY
9 CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020 STATEWIDE GENERAL
10 ELECTION. THIS ITEM WILL BE A RECEIVE AND FILE. ON ITEM NUMBER
11 2, THE ORDINANCE AND PROCLAMATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION AND
12 ITEM NUMBER 3, THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF
13 A SPECIAL ELECTION ARE BEFORE US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
14 PLEASE READ IN THE SHORT TITLE FOR THE ORDINANCE FOR
15 INTRODUCTION.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
18 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020
19 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING UPON AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY CHARTER, WHICH WILL ANNUALLY ALLOCATE IN THE COUNTY'S
21 BUDGET NO LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S LOCAL GENERATED
22 UNRESTRICTED REVENUES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO ADDRESS THE
23 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF RACIAL INJUSTICE THROUGH COMMUNITY
24 INVESTMENTS AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND PROHIBIT

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1 USING THOSE FUNDS FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
2 AGENCIES TO BE PHASED IN BY JUNE 30TH, 2024.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, THANK YOU. I HELD ITEMS 2 AND
5 3, AND SO I'M GOING TO BEGIN. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. AND
6 FESIA, I KNOW THAT SACHI HAMAI IS NOT ON TODAY, BUT I WOULD
7 LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH DO YOU ESTIMATE THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY
8 INVESTING IN THE PROGRAMS LISTED WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE?

9

10 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR THE
11 QUESTION. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION BROKEN DOWN
12 BY PROGRAM THE WAY THAT IT IS LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE, WE KNOW
13 THAT WHAT SOME OF THAT INFORMATION IS. SO WE KNOW, FOR
14 EXAMPLE, THAT WE ARE INVESTING 100 MILLION IN AFFORDABLE
15 HOUSING. WE KNOW THAT WE ARE INVESTING ABOUT 58 MILLION IN OUR
16 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY PROGRAMS. I THINK BASED ON A
17 LARGER ANALYSIS THAT WE HAVE STARTED THAT WE'RE ESTIMATING
18 THAT THAT FIGURE IS AT LEAST ABOUT 200 MILLION, BUT WE WOULD
19 NEED TIME TO GO BACK AND DO A MORE SPECIFIC ANALYSIS BROKEN
20 DOWN AT THE PROGRAM LEVEL AS LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT WE
23 ARE INVESTING WELL OVER 10 PERCENT CURRENTLY INTO THE PROGRAMS
24 LISTED IN THIS ORDINANCE. AND SO, I'D LIKE TO GET A BREAKDOWN
25 ON THAT. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW BECAUSE I THINK

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1 THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE THIS IMPRESSION THAT, IN FACT, THIS
2 IS NEW MONEY GOING INTO NEW PROGRAMS WHEN, IN FACT, WE ARE
3 ALREADY INVESTING IN THESE PROGRAMS WITHOUT A CHARTER
4 AMENDMENT. AND THEN I JUST WANT TO COMMENT ON THE WORKFORCE
5 THAT CALLED IN. WITH COVID, WE KNOW THAT OUR REVENUE IS DOWN.
6 AND THIS BUDGET YEAR, THE C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, PUT TOGETHER A
7 BUDGET BASED ON BACKFILLING WITH FEDERAL DOLLARS. AND NEXT
8 YEAR, SHE MADE IT CLEAR TO THIS BOARD THAT THERE WERE CONCERNS
9 REGARDING THE FACT THAT WE MAY HAVE TO LAY OFF GIVEN THE
10 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. BY PUTTING 10 PERCENT ASIDE MANDATED OF
11 NET COUNTY COST, AND I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE DISCUSSION IN
12 TERMS OF WHAT NET COUNTY COST IS, DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF
13 THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL LAYOFFS IF THIS
14 CHARTER AMENDMENT WAS TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT FISCAL YEAR, ALL
15 THINGS BEING EQUAL?

16

17 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** ONCE AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THAT
18 QUESTION. I THINK THE IMPORTANT CAVEAT THERE IS WITH ALL
19 THINGS BEING EQUAL. IF THERE WERE NO NEW REVENUES THAT CAME
20 ONLINE FOR NEXT YEAR, WE WOULD ESTIMATE, AND THIS IS A ROUGH
21 ESTIMATE, BUT WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THERE WOULD BE BETWEEN
22 700 AND UP TO A THOUSAND POSITIONS THAT COULD BE POTENTIALLY
23 IMPACTED.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S NOT JUST IN THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT. THAT'S IN DEPARTMENTS THAT DEPEND UPON NET COUNTY
3 COST?

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT.

6
7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO PUT ON THE
8 RECORD THAT THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT.
9 THIS IS ABOUT PUTTING THE COUNTY IN A SITUATION WHERE WE DON'T
10 HAVE THE DISCRETION TO FUND DEPARTMENTS THAT DEPEND UPON NET
11 COUNTY COST. AND THEN I HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.
12 MARY, I KNOW THAT MICHELLE HENNESSY BROUGHT UP A QUESTION IN
13 TERMS OF HOW MUCH IS THE COUNTY CURRENTLY -- I'M SORRY. I'M
14 SORRY. HOW MUCH IS THE COUNTY CURRENTLY INVESTING IN THE
15 PROGRAMS LISTED IN THIS ORDINANCE, BUT IN TERMS OF HENNESSY'S
16 QUESTION, DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER IN TERMS OF LEGAL CHALLENGE ON
17 THIS ACTION IF IT SHOULD PASS ON THE ABILITY FOR THE COUNTY TO
18 CIRCUMVENT THE STATE CONSTITUTION?

19
20 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS I STATED LAST WEEK
21 PUBLICLY ON THE RECORD AND WITHOUT WAIVING THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT
22 PRIVILEGE I SHARE WITH THE BOARD, WHAT I'M COMFORTABLE SAYING
23 PUBLICLY IS THAT IT'S AN OPEN QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
24 THE BOARD'S ACTION TODAY WILL SURVIVE LEGAL CHALLENGE. BASED
25 ON A LETTER WE RECEIVED YESTERDAY, I KNOW THE BOARD OFFICE

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1 RECEIVED, IT DOES APPEAR THAT A LEGAL CHALLENGE WILL BE
2 COMING. SO IT'S OPEN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD SURVIVE
3 THAT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IN THE LETTER THAT WAS PREPARED AND THE
6 A.L.A.D.S. LAWYERS SUBMITTED REGARDING THE 90-DAY CHALLENGE,
7 AND I THINK IT WAS MENTIONED BY SOMEONE WHO CALLED IN, CAN YOU
8 EXPLAIN THAT IN TERMS OF I'M BEING TOLD THIS WAS IN FACT
9 SOMETHING THE COUNTY REQUESTED BE INCLUDED, CAN YOU ELABORATE
10 ON WHAT EXACTLY THAT 90-DAY TRIGGER IS?

11

12 **ATTORNEY:** THE ONLY THING I'M COMFORTABLE ELABORATING ON IS
13 JUST REITERATING WHAT THE LETTER REFERENCES. AND IT'S A
14 SPECIFIC SECTION OF THE COUNTY CODE, I BELIEVE, THAT EXPRESSLY
15 STATES THAT, TO THE EXTENT WE'RE OBLIGATED TO MEET AND CONFER
16 OVER THIS MATTER, THAT IF YOU REACH IMPASSE OVER THAT, THEN
17 WITHIN 90 DAYS OUTSIDE OF THIS BALLOT MEASURE BEING VOTED ON
18 AND PUT ON THE BALLOT, WE MUST GO THROUGH SOME MEDIATION
19 PROCESS.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, I
22 JUST HAVE TO SAY I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUES AND I AGREE THAT IT
23 IS IMPERATIVE FOR US TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND IN
24 FACT, THIS BOARD HAS SHOWN TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT WE HAVE
25 PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS AS IT RELATES TO SYSTEMIC

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1 ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED AND THAT
2 LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HAD TO STEP IN AND, IN FACT, DO THINGS THAT,
3 IF WE HAD PROVIDED MORE FUNDING IN PREVENTION, ARGUABLY LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. WE MUST CONTINUE TO
5 LISTEN TO OUR CONSTITUENCIES, UNDERSTAND THE DATA AND
6 STATISTICS, AND MAKE WELL-INFORMED DECISIONS ON SPENDING AND
7 POLICY. BECAUSE OF THE EVER-CHANGING DYNAMICS AND SHIFTING
8 NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD,
9 WHICH HAS BEEN ELECTED BY THE PUBLIC, TO MAINTAIN A POSTURE
10 THAT IS AGILE AS IT RELATES TO RESOURCES AND ALLOCATIONS. THE
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS VAST RESPONSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN
12 IT COMES TO THE BUDGET, WHERE WE MUST ACT RESPONSIBLY AND
13 NIMBLY TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS IS
14 MET. AND I MIGHT ADD THAT THERE IS A QUESTION IN TERMS OF WHAT
15 THIS WILL DO TO OUR BOND RATING, WHICH I WILL BE ASKING SACHI
16 TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A REPORT AS IT RELATES TO HOW THE
17 BOND AGENCIES LOOK AT THIS TYPE OF BUDGETING, IF, IN FACT, IT
18 EVEN IS LEGAL TO DO, WHICH I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS. THE BOARD
19 DELIBERATES, DEBATES, AND DECIDES ON HOW RESOURCES ARE SPENT
20 DURING OUR BUDGET PROCESS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BASED ON THE
21 NEEDS. THE TOP ISSUES FROM 15 YEARS AGO ARE NOT THE ISSUES OF
22 TODAY NOR WILL TODAY'S ISSUES BE REFLECTIVE OF WHAT WE WILL
23 SEE IN THE NEXT 15 YEARS GOING WAY INTO THE FUTURE. CRIME
24 TRENDS FLUCTUATE. POPULATIONS FLUCTUATE. RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS
25 OF THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE. THIS IS NOT AN

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1 APPROPRIATE WAY TO BUDGET. WE HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO MAKE THESE
2 TOUGH DECISIONS AND TO NOT DELEGATE ELSEWHERE. SINCE THE FIRST
3 DISCUSSIONS OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT LAST WEEK, WE'VE HEARD
4 FROM MANY OF OUR REPRESENTED COUNTY MEMBERS, WHO WILL
5 UNDOUBTEDLY BE IMPACTED. THEY ARE DISHEARTENED TO HAVE NOT
6 BEEN BROUGHT TO THE TABLE, AND THEY ARE RAISING FLAGS OF
7 CONCERN. WE'VE ALSO HEARD FROM VARIOUS REGIONS WITHIN THE
8 COUNTY AND FROM THE LEAGUE OF CITIES WHO HAVE SHARED SIMILAR
9 CONCERNS OF INSUFFICIENT VETTING AND A LAST MINUTE RUSH TO GET
10 THIS ON THE BALLOT. IN A MORE THOUGHTFUL PROCESS, WE WOULD
11 HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES AT LENGTH
12 WITH OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS, AND NO ONE WOULD HAVE BEEN
13 BLINDSIDED. AGAIN, WE ALL AGREE THAT RESOURCES NEED TO BE
14 COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND ALTERNATIVES TO
15 INCARCERATION. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL MOTIONS REITERATING THAT
16 TO THE POINT THAT WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS IN SCALING UP
17 THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL
18 CONTINUE TO DO SO. THE ISSUE HERE IS WITH THE PROCESS AND WITH
19 THE LACK OF DIALOGUE AROUND IMPACTS TO OUR COUNTY SYSTEM AS A
20 WHOLE. AND TO THOSE WHO ARE PUSHING THIS AS AN EFFORT TO
21 DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT, I AM OPPOSED TO THAT, AS WELL. THIS
22 DOES NOT HAVE TO BE AN EITHER/OR. IN FACT, AS I'VE SAID, THIS
23 BOARD CURRENTLY ALLOCATES FAR MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF OUR
24 GENERAL FUND TO PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS CREATING
25 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION. THE DECISIONS THAT WOULD BE CARRIED

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1 OUT THROUGH THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT ARE THE SAME DECISIONS THAT
2 THE BOARD CAN CONSIDER AND ADDRESS DURING ANY BOARD MEETING IN
3 FULL VIEW OF THE PUBLIC AND WITH GREATER INTENTIONALITY AND
4 ACCOUNTABILITY. WE OWE IT TO OUR RESIDENTS, THE VOTERS, AND
5 OUR WORKFORCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A ROBUST DISCUSSION AND
6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY ON AN ISSUE THIS SIGNIFICANT,
7 RATHER THAN RUSHING TO GET IT ON THE BALLOT WITHOUT AMPLE
8 ANALYSIS AND FEEDBACK. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND THIS IS
9 AN IMPORTANT DECISION WITH SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC POLICY AND
10 FINANCIAL REPERCUSSIONS THAT IS WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS TO
11 COME. AND I FEEL IT IS BEING RUSHED, AND I ACTUALLY BELIEVE
12 THAT IT'S NOT EVEN LEGAL FOR US TO MOVE IT FORWARD. SO I WILL
13 BE VOTING A STRONG NO AGAIN TODAY AND NEXT TUESDAY. SO WITH
14 THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT WAS A GOOD AND BRAVE
17 SPEECH. WHEN I WAS ELECTED IN 1994 AS THE FIRST AND ONLY GAY
18 PERSON IN THE WHOLE LEGISLATURE IN CALIFORNIA, I WAS ON THE
19 LOSING END OF QUITE A FEW VOTES. AND I HAD ONLY ONE SORT OF
20 ALTERNATIVE, AND THAT WAS TO MAKE A REALLY GREAT SPEECH. SO I
21 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND KNOW THAT YOU DEEPLY
22 BELIEVE THEM. I HAVE TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT I FIND THE COMMENTS
23 ERRONEOUS IN A NUMBER OF WAYS AS WELL AS SOME OF THE COMMENTS
24 MADE IN PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T WANT TO REMIND
25 ANYBODY I'M THE ONLY LAWYER ON THE BOARD, BUT I'M THE ONLY

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1 LAWYER ON THE BOARD, AND I LISTENED TO, VERY CAREFULLY, TO THE
2 OPINION AND STATEMENTS OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO I THINK IS
3 ONE OF THE BEST IN THE STATE IF NOT IN THE UNITED STATES. SHE
4 IS GREAT. AND WHAT SHE HAS SAID IS ESSENTIALLY THAT WE CAN BE
5 SUED FOR ANYTHING AND PRETTY MUCH ARE. I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW
6 THAT WHEN WE TALK TO EACH OTHER IN CLOSED SESSION ABOUT
7 PENDING LITIGATION OR CURRENT LITIGATION, WE HAVE A FEW CASES
8 THAT WE TALK ABOUT EVERY WEEK. WE ARE BEING SUED BECAUSE THERE
9 ARE HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREET. WE'RE BEING SUED BECAUSE
10 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT WE'RE NOT ALLOWING THOSE WHO
11 ARE IN JAIL TO BE MADE SAFE FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. I
12 THINK YOU KNOW THAT, EVERY OTHER WEEK, WE HAVE TO SETTLE A
13 CASE RELATED TO THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S USE OF EXCESSIVE
14 FORCE. AND I THINK LAST YEAR ALONE, WE PAID OUT \$45 MILLION.
15 SO, YES, IT'S ALWAYS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO SUE US, BUT TO
16 MAKE ANY KIND OF STATEMENT ABOUT THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND
17 THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW AND THIS VIOLATES, YOU KNOW, LABOR
18 LAW, I'M SORRY. NONE OF THAT IS ACCURATE REALLY. YOU CAN SAY
19 SOMETHING IS AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION BECAUSE YOU READ IN IT
20 THAT THE BOARD IS SUPPOSED TO DECIDE ON THE BUDGET. WELL, THE
21 BOARD IS DECIDING ON EVERY ASPECT OF THE BUDGET EXCEPT FOR 10
22 PERCENT OF 25 PERCENT IF THIS SHOULD PASS. AND THEN THE
23 ALLOCATION OF ALL OF THE MONEY THAT MUST BE USED, IF THIS
24 PASSES, WOULD BE WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD. I MEAN,
25 READ IT. JUST READ IT. SECONDLY, IN TERMS OF IT BEING RUSHED

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1 TO THE BALLOT, I THINK A COUPLE OF OUR PEOPLE SPEAKING IN
2 PUBLIC COMMENT GOT IT RIGHT. IT'S ONLY FEELING RUSHED TO
3 PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION. THIS IS A MOMENT IN
4 TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE SAYING TO US WHY IS EVERY SOLUTION
5 WEARING A UNIFORM AND CARRYING A WEAPON. THIS IS NOT THE
6 APPROPRIATE WAY TO WORK IN SOCIETY. WE WANT SOMETHING ELSE. TO
7 THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY, AND WE APPRECIATE ALL 112,000
8 OF YOU, EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT THEIR JOB. LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT HAS NOT BEEN AS WORRIED AS EVERYBODY ELSE OVER THE
10 PAST YEARS BECAUSE THEY FEEL VERY SECURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO
11 PROTECT THEM, AND NOW THEY'RE STARTING TO BE WORRIED. WELL,
12 WELCOME TO THE CLUB. THERE ARE PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR
13 JOBS ALL OVER THIS COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO CUT
14 LAW ENFORCEMENT JOBS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE SET
15 STRAIGHT. WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT ALLOCATING, IF THIS SHOULD
16 PASS, AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF N.C.C. TO THESE PROGRAMS, THAT
17 LEAVES 90 PERCENT OF N.C.C. I BELIEVE YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT
18 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALONE CURRENTLY RECEIVES ALMOST A
19 BILLION DOLLARS OF N.C.C. WAY, WAY, WAY OVER 10 OR 20 OR 30 OR
20 40 PERCENT. AND BY CONTRAST, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
21 REENTRY GETS ABOUT 58 MILLION. SO, WHAT WE'RE SAYING, IN THIS
22 CASE, IS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE TAKEN SOME
23 SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS TO TURN A VERY UNWIELDY AND LARGE SHIP
24 AROUND. WE WANT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO HOUSING, TO MENTAL HEALTH
25 TREATMENT, AND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAMS. SO WE

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1 ESTABLISHED O.D.R., WHICH HAS BUILT A VERY STRONG TRACK RECORD
2 OF SAFELY DIVERTING MORE THAN 5500 PEOPLE FROM THE JAILS. LET
3 ME SAY, THEN, THAT WE HAVE ALSO REDUCED THE JAIL POPULATION,
4 THANKS TO THE SHERIFF AND HIS STAFF, FROM 17,000 PEOPLE, WHICH
5 HAS BEEN POINTED OUT IS THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY, TO ABOUT
6 12,000 PEOPLE. WELL, I'M ASSUMING THERE ARE CUSTODY OFFICERS
7 THAT ARE NOT NEEDED BECAUSE WE'VE REDUCED THAT POPULATION BY
8 5,000. WHY IS THE SHERIFF TALKING ABOUT CLOSING LOCAL LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT OFFICES IN THE CITIES? AND AS FAR AS THE CITIES
10 GO, I DID HEAR THAT THE CONTRACT CITIES SAID THEY WERE WORRIED
11 ABOUT NOT BEING CONSULTED ABOUT THIS, BUT I'D LIKE TO CALL
12 YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE MAYORS OF SOME OF OUR
13 CITIES CAME ON THE LINE AND TESTIFIED THAT THEIR CITIES HAD
14 VOTED IN FAVOR OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT. SO, IT IS NOT CLEAR
15 THAT WE ARE HARMING CITIES WHEN THE MAYORS OF THOSE CITIES
16 TELL US THAT THEY'RE FOR IT, AS WELL. THE QUESTION OF THE BOND
17 RATING WAS RAISED. AND YET, A 10 PERCENT OF 25 PERCENT
18 ALLOCATION IN AREAS WHERE WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING A GOOD DEAL
19 IS NOT HARMFUL. I'VE BEEN, WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF THE BOARD,
20 THROUGH THE SAME BOND RATING AGENCIES THAT EVERY CHAIR GOES
21 TO. THEIR QUESTIONS WERE NOT IN THIS AREA OF WHERE WE HAD
22 FIXED COSTS BECAUSE, GOD KNOWS, WE HAVE MANY MORE FIXED COSTS
23 THAN THIS. WHAT THEY WANT TO KNOW IS CAN WE KEEP A GOOD AND
24 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. AND YOU MAY NOTICE IN THE DRAFTING THAT
25 WAS PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY FOR FIRST READING, WE HAVE ADDED A

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1 SECTION THAT SAYS IN THE EVENT OF A FISCAL EMERGENCY, THE
2 BOARD CAN OVERTURN THIS MEASURE BY FOUR VOTES. THAT IS
3 APPROPRIATE, AND IT HAS BEEN PUT IN. AND I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR
4 THAT. SO I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY TO USE THE WORD DEFUNDING ABOUT
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN THEY CONTINUE TO GET HUMONGOUS AMOUNTS OF
6 MONEY EVEN SHOULD THIS PASS IS SORT OF A JOKE. NO ONE IS
7 DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WOULD CALL IT, AS WE
8 HAVE IN SO MANY OTHER CASES, RIGHTSIZING WHERE THE JAIL
9 POPULATION HAS BEEN REDUCED SO GREATLY. MOST RECENTLY, WE
10 ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WHY?
11 BECAUSE WE WANT A ROAD MAP FOR OUR VISION OF THE CARE FIRST/
12 JAIL LAST SYSTEM. THESE ARE NOT JUST WORDS TO US. THE FEAR IS
13 THEY MAY JUST BE WORDS IN A DECADE TO A BRAND NEW BOARD. AND I
14 DO THINK THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SAY TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY WOULD YOU LIKE THIS TO BE A LONGER-TERM
16 INVESTMENT THAN JUST WHEN KUEHL'S THERE OR HAHN IS THERE OR
17 BARGER IS THERE OR SOLIS IS THERE OR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO IS
18 TERMED OUT AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WON'T BE THERE. I THINK
19 THAT WE NEED TO GIVE A BIG YES TO THIS. AND I THANK MY
20 CONSTITUENTS WHO THANKED US FOR OUR COURAGE BECAUSE, IN A WAY,
21 IT DOES TAKE COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND THIS IS THE
22 TIME DO IT. THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND I CONTINUE TO
23 SUPPORT THIS VERY STRONGLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO
3 APPLAUD SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO IS OUR ONLY ATTORNEY ON THE
4 BOARD. THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT. AND I'M HAPPY THAT YOU LED
5 THIS EFFORT AND YOU ASKED ME TO COAUTHOR THIS LAST WEEK TO
6 BRING THE ORDINANCE BEFORE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. YOU
7 KNOW, WE HEARD A LOT OF SUPPORT ON THE PHONE CALLS AND MORE
8 THAN 2,400 EMAILS FOR MOVING FORWARD ON THIS EFFORT AS WE
9 CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER AS A COUNTY TO ACTIVELY DISMANTLE
10 SYSTEMIC AND STRUCTURAL RACISM, BIGOTRY, AND LONG-STANDING
11 INEQUITIES, INCLUDING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY'S POLICIES AND
12 SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. IN FACT, THE BOARD
13 VOTED TO DO JUST THAT LAST WEEK THANKS TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS'S MOTION. AND ALONG WITH THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
15 SUPPORT FOR THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT, WE ALSO CAME TO IT WITH A
16 LOT OF FEAR-BASED INFORMATION WRAPPED UP IN FACTS SUCH AS
17 SAYING THAT I WAS ADVOCATING TO ELIMINATE A THOUSAND DEPUTIES
18 FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS. NOT ONLY WAS THAT UNTRUE, BUT I MADE
19 IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGES IN FUNDING
20 FOR SWORN STAFF AND ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO IMPACT TO THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT FOR NEW SWORN STAFF OR A
22 REDUCTION IN SWORN STAFF PATROL. AND THAT WAS DREDGED UP FROM
23 A 2019 MOTION THAT WAS VOTED ON BY THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH
24 FISCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET DEFICITS, WHICH THIS BOARD SUPPORTED. IN

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1 REGARDS TO THE CONCERNS OF TRANSPARENCY AND PROCESS, THERE IS
2 A THREE-YEAR PHASE-IN PERIOD, THREE-YEAR, PHASE-IN PERIOD
3 WOULD WILL ALLOW FOR MORE INPUT ON HOW WE IMPLEMENT THIS
4 INITIATIVE. THIS IS NOT EVEN GOING INTO EFFECT FOR THE NEXT
5 YEAR'S BUDGET AS SOME HAVE STATED. AND THERE ARE CLAUSES THAT
6 GIVES THE BOARD SOME FLEXIBILITY. I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THE
7 POTENTIAL CUTS IN POSITION. WE'LL CREATE EVEN MORE GOOD PAYING
8 UNION JOBS THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, ESPECIALLY JOBS THAT WILL
9 HELP US BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY-BASED
10 SERVICES. AND, IN FACT, THE CHARTER DOES NOT DICTATE HOW THIS
11 BOARD OR FUTURE BOARDS IMPLEMENT THE INITIATIVE. SO TO SAY
12 THAT WE'RE OUT TO CUT JOBS RIGHT NOW IS SIMPLY UNTRUE. WHAT
13 WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE IS NOT ONLY ALLOW THE VOTERS TO VOICE
14 THEIR OPINIONS BUT TO HAVE A REAL SEAT AT THE TABLE. AS I SAID
15 BEFORE, WHAT'S WRONG WITH PUTTING THIS IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS
16 AND HAVING THEM DECIDE? THIS IS ABOUT FUNDING THE VISION OF
17 L.A. COUNTY TO REIMAGINE LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT PUTS CARE
18 FIRST AND JAILS LAST. WE HAVE HEARD -- WE HAVE HAD TO ACT FAST
19 TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO PLACE THIS MEASURE
20 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, AND I BELIEVE THE ORDINANCE BEFORE US
21 IS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE LONG
22 GONE UNMET. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THAT CONTINUES TO RAVAGE OUR
23 COMMUNITIES HAS ONLY MAGNIFIED THE SOCIAL INEQUITIES IN OUR
24 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY
25 IMPACTED. IT'S EVIDENT BY THE NUMBERS THAT BLACK AND BROWN

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1 COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE HAVE BEEN HIT THE HARDEST BY THE
2 PANDEMIC AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS. IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE,
3 LATINOS ACCOUNT FOR 72 PERCENT OF THOSE HOSPITALIZED DUE TO
4 COVID-19 DESPITE MAKING UP LESS THAN HALF OF THE GENERAL
5 POPULATION. UNSURPRISINGLY, THEY'RE ALSO HIT HARDEST BY THE
6 HOUSING CRISIS AND OVERREPRESENTED IN OUR HOMELESS POPULATION.
7 AND ABOUT 34 PERCENT OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE
8 BLACK DESPITE MAKING UP ONLY 9 PERCENT OF THE GENERAL
9 POPULATION. BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE ARE ALSO OVER-POLICED AND
10 HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED DISPROPORTIONATELY COMPARED TO OTHER
11 RACES. IN FACT, THE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY IN L.A. JAILS, 31
12 PERCENT ARE BLACK. AND 54 PERCENT ARE LATINOS. THAT'S OVER 80
13 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. TODAY'S REALITY IS A
14 CONTINUED MASS MOVEMENT IN THE STREETS FOR JUSTICE DEMAND THAT
15 WE INVEST OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND IN
16 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WHICH PROVIDES, I BELIEVE,
17 MEANINGFUL HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH, JOBS, AND EDUCATION.
18 DECADES OF UNDERINVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES REQUIRES THAT WE
19 TAKE THIS BOLD ACTION TODAY WITH DIRECT PARTICIPATION FROM
20 THOSE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE TODAY.
21 THE INCREDIBLE STRIDES WE HAVE MADE IN ADVANCING ALTERNATIVES
22 TO INCARCERATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE
23 BECAUSE WE'VE HAD THE SUPPORT AND STEADFAST ADVOCACY FROM MANY
24 IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS ACADEMICIANS AND OTHER THINK TANKS
25 WHO ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO CHANGE THE COURSE IN THE

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WITH THE BENEFIT OF THAT UNWAVERING
2 COMMUNITY SUPPORT, TOGETHER WE HAVE CANCELED PLANS FOR
3 EXPANDING INCARCERATION, WHICH ALIGNS WITH OUR CARE FIRST AND
4 JAIL LAST VISION. WE HAVE AN EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE WHO
5 WILL BE LOOKING AT CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN A YEAR,
6 WHILE EVALUATING RIGHTSIZING THE OTHER SIX JAILS IN THE L.A.
7 JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT CURRENTLY EXIST. WE'RE MOVING TO A NEW
8 REALITY WITH THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES THAT WILL PROVIDE
9 RESOURCES AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE
10 ANGELENOS. AND WE'VE TAKEN EXTRAORDINARY ACTION TO DECREASE
11 THE JAIL POPULATION. AND THAT'S ONE KUDO I WILL GIVE TO THE
12 SHERIFF, THAT HE WAS ABLE DO THAT DRAMATICALLY TO BRING THAT
13 NUMBER DOWN TO 5,000 PEOPLE AND WILL CONTINUE TO EVALUATE THE
14 REMAINING POPULATION AS 40 TO 60 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT
15 ARE IN CURRENT CUSTODY HAVE SOME LEVEL OF MENTAL HEALTH NEED,
16 AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE IN THAT JAIL. WE'RE DEMANDING
17 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND FOR ALL OUR LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. AND WE'RE DRIVING THESE POLICIES THAT
19 UPHOLD RACIAL EQUITY AND TO PUT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
20 OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS FIRST. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS
21 ISN'T GOING TO CURE ALL, BUT WE HAVE TO START TO REIMAGINE
22 L.A. COUNTY BY SHIFTING OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES TO HELP OUR
23 YOUTH BY PROVIDING FUNDS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, JOB
24 TRAINING FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS, AND TO IMPLEMENT
25 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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1 AND COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES. THIS IS THE ACTION THAT
2 WE HAVE TO BEGIN TODAY TO RE-ENVISION OUR FUTURE. THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, YOU KNOW, THANKS
9 AGAIN TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CONVENIENTLY OR INCONVENIENTLY
10 GOT ON THE LINE AND OFFERED AN HOUR'S WORTH OF PUBLIC COMMENT
11 ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING, BUT AS THE CHAIR ALWAYS REMINDS US, SO
12 MANY EMAILED. AND WE ALL HAVE ACCESS TO SEEING HOW PEOPLE --
13 PHONE CALLS AND TEXTS AND EMAILS, AS WELL, ABOUT WHAT WE'RE
14 DOING. AND CERTAINLY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO DO HAVE CONCERNS
15 ABOUT AMENDING OUR COUNTY CHARTER IN THIS WAY, BUT, AGAIN, IT
16 BEARS REPEATING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY DOING TODAY AND WHAT
17 WE'RE NOT DOING TODAY. I KNOW THAT I WILL BE VOTING IN FAVOR
18 OF MOVING THIS CONCEPT FORWARD TO PLACE A MEASURE ON OUR
19 NOVEMBER 3RD BALLOT THAT WOULD AMEND THE CHARTER TO REDIRECT
20 OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES, BUT WE, TODAY, CERTAINLY ARE NOT MAKING
21 A DECISION TO AMEND THE CHARTER. WE'RE NOT MAKING A DECISION
22 TODAY TO DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE
23 ALLOWING THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY, THE VOTERS WHO DECIDE SHOW
24 UP IN NOVEMBER, WE'RE ALLOWING THEM TO WEIGH IN ON WHETHER OR
25 NOT THEY WANT TO MAKE THIS AMENDMENT, THEY WANT TO CODIFY

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1 LONG-TERM BUDGET PRIORITIES THAT CLEARLY REIMAGINE THE WAY LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY BEHAVES BY REALLY REINVESTING IN OUR
3 COMMUNITIES. YOU KNOW, THERE HAS HAS BEEN -- I'M 68 YEARS OLD,
4 AND I'VE SEEN A LOT OF ACTIVISM AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN MY
5 LIFE, BUT I WILL TELL YOU, I'VE NEVER SEEN THE KIND OF
6 ACTIVISM FROM PEOPLE, NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT CERTAINLY
7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO HAVE
8 FINALLY DECIDED THAT BEING PATIENT OR LONG TERM ADVOCACY TO
9 LAWMAKERS WOULD ACTUALLY CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF OUR WORLD.
10 THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF POLICE BRUTALITY. THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH
11 OF NON-INVESTMENT IN OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, AND
12 THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH OF SYSTEMIC RACISM. AND THIS IS A MOMENT,
13 AS I SPOKE ABOUT LAST WEEK, THAT I REALLY BELIEVE WE ARE
14 COMPELLED TO ACT. PEOPLE HAVE PROTESTED IN THE STREETS. THEY
15 HAVE MADE PHONE CALLS. THEY HAVE SIGNED PETITIONS. THEY'VE
16 SENT EMAILS. THEY'VE UTILIZED NEARLY ALL THE TOOLS OF
17 DEMOCRACY AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO CALL FOR A CHANGE IN THE WAY
18 GOVERNMENT SPENDING -- [SILENCE.]

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20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN? IT SOUNDS LIKE WE LOST
21 YOUR CONNECTION?

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW WE CAN, GO AHEAD.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. HOW MUCH OF THAT DID YOU NOT HEAR?

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE HEARD ALMOST ALL OF IT UNTIL YOU JUST
5 SAID, "CAN YOU HEAR ME?"

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** WE COMPLAINED ABOUT PEOPLE NOT ENGAGING IN LOCAL
8 POLITICS. WE'VE COMPLAINED ABOUT PEOPLE NOT VOTING BECAUSE
9 THEY DON'T THINK GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR THEM, BUT A MOMENT LIKE
10 THIS, I BELIEVE, WE ARE WELCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. WE'RE
11 WELCOMING PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY SHOW UP AT THE POLLS TO GIVE US
12 THEIR OPINION, AND THERE'S NO GREATER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT THAN
13 VOTING. AND, YOU KNOW, JOHN LEWIS ALWAYS SAID THAT ONE OF THE
14 GREATEST NONVIOLENT TOOLS OF OUR DEMOCRACY IS TO VOTE. AND
15 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY. WE'RE GIVING PEOPLE IN NOVEMBER
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY THINK IT MAKES
17 SENSE TO SPEND NO LESS THAN 10 PERCENT ON COMMUNITY
18 INVESTMENTS. AND WHAT A GREAT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT THIS
19 CHARTER AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW FOR, SPENDING MONEY ON OUR YOUNG
20 PEOPLE, SPENDING MONEY ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT, MAYBE SUMMER
21 JOBS. WE'RE SPENDING MONEY ON -- THIS WOULD SPEND MONEY ON
22 HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, JOB TRAINING. AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL
23 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, I SAT ON THE
24 SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE. THE NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT FROM
25 BUSINESSES ACROSS THIS COUNTRY WAS HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO

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1 ACCESS CAPITAL FOR THEIR BUSINESSES. EVERY CHAMBER IN L.A.
2 COUNTY, BIZFED, EVERYONE WHO REPRESENTS BUSINESSES SHOULD
3 SUPPORT THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE WHAT WE
4 KNOW IS THAT IT'S OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE THE BACKBONE
5 OF OUR ECONOMY. IT'S THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HIRE PEOPLE
6 FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. WHAT A GREAT ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM
7 TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO INVEST BACK IN SMALL BUSINESSES. YOU KNOW,
8 I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE WOMAN WHO CALLED IN I THINK FROM
9 COMPTON WHO SOUNDED FEARFUL WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT THIS
10 CHARTER AMENDMENT, IF PASSED, WOULD STRIP HER COMMUNITY OF
11 RESOURCES. AND I WOULD SAY IT WAS JUST THE OPPOSITE. HER
12 COMMUNITY WILL HAVE MONEY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOR PROGRAMS
13 FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMPTON, FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT,
14 AND FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES IN HER COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW, I
15 SAID IT LAST WEEK, AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN THAT I TRUST THE
16 VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE CLEAR WHAT THEIR
17 PRIORITIES ARE AND HOW THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR DOLLARS SPENT.
18 AND I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU SAID WE'RE ELECTED TO
19 MAKE THESE HARD DECISIONS ON BUDGET PRIORITIES. AND I BELIEVE
20 THAT'S WHAT I AM DOING TODAY WHEN I VOTE. I AM MAKING THE HARD
21 DECISION, IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT HARD TO ME, BUT IT MIGHT BE
22 PERCEIVED THAT WAY, TO PUT THIS BALLOT MEASURE BEFORE THE
23 VOTERS. WE'VE ALWAYS HEARD OF DR. KING'S STATEMENT THAT THE
24 ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG, BUT IT BENDS TOWARDS
25 JUSTICE. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S NEVER AUTOMATIC, AS WE

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1 HAVE SEEN. LOOK HOW LONG JOHN LEWIS SPENT. HE SPENT 60 YEARS
2 TRYING TO GET JUSTICE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. HISTORY ONLY
3 BENDS TOWARDS WHAT'S RIGHT BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE JOHN LEWIS PAID
4 THE PRICE. WELL, TODAY, WE'RE MAKING IT BEND TOWARD JUSTICE
5 AND TO RIGHT WRONGS THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORIC IN OUR COUNTY. I
6 SUPPORT PUTTING THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT, AND I
7 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING HAVING THIS DEBATE AND CONVERSATION
8 BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER. AND I BELIEVE, AGAIN, THAT THE
9 VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY WILL DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU,
10 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
15 BELIEVE IT IS OUR COLLECTIVE INTENTION TO ENSURE THAT THE
16 COUNTY'S BUDGET REFLECTS THE DIVERSE AND, YES, THE NEEDS AND
17 VALUES OF OUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. I THINK MANY OF US
18 KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE TO DRIVE TOWARDS MORE
19 EQUITY, A MORE EQUITABLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. JUST LAST WEEK,
20 WE ADOPTED AN ANTI-RACISM FRAMEWORK, WHICH I EXPECT WILL
21 CHANGE HOW WE GOVERN AND MAKE POLICY MOVING FORWARD. IN
22 CALLING FOR CHANGE, IT IS COMPLETELY FAIR, I BELIEVE, TO HEED
23 THE CALL FOR LONG-TERM ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I WELCOME FEEDBACK
24 FROM THE VOTERS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BOARD IS GUIDED
25 ACCORDINGLY, BUT IN THE INTERIM, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,

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1 THE SENSE I HAVE FROM COMMUNITIES THAT ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE,
2 THE FAMILIES TRYING TO STAY ABOVE WATER, IS THAT MORE NEEDS TO
3 BE DONE AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. LET'S NOT LET A YEAR GO
4 BY WITHOUT MAKING CHANGES TO OUR BUDGET THAT MORE CLEARLY
5 ALIGN WITH OUR VALUES, WITH OUR NEEDS, AND THE NEEDS OF MOST
6 OF OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE
7 APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET IN THE COMING MONTHS TO MAKE
8 REFINEMENTS AND TO CONTINUE REIMAGINING HOW L.A. COUNTY'S
9 SAFETY NET CAN BEST FULFILL ITS PURPOSE. NOW, I BELIEVE THAT
10 THAT REIMAGINING SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIORITIES
11 OUTLINED IN THE CHARTER AMENDMENT BEFORE US. A REIMAGINING
12 THAT DEEMPHASIZES THE PUNITIVE, A REIMAGINING THAT
13 REEMPHASIZES THE REHABILITATIVE, THE PREVENTIVE, A REIMAGINING
14 THAT MOVES MORE RESOURCES TOWARD PROMOTING PROGRAMS THAT WE
15 KNOW WILL IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH, COMMUNITY WELL-BEING,
16 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND STANDARDS. SO, MADAM CHAIR AND
17 COLLEAGUES, LET'S MOVE SWIFTLY TO ADVANCE THESE FUNDING
18 PRIORITIES NOW. IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF OUR PREROGATIVE. I
19 FIRMLY BELIEVE IT IS A MATTER OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY. I THANK
20 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO,
23 WITH THAT, ITEM 1 WILL BE A RECEIVE AND FILE. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEMS 2 AND 3 ARE BEFORE

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1 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

2 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 AND 3 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR

5 SOLIS?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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

10 THOMAS?

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

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

15 KUEHL?

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU
5 ASKED TO SPEAK?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DID, MADAM CHAIR. AND YOU MAY NOTE THAT
8 THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUED A CONCERN REGARDING THE
9 CENSUS, ONE THAT WE HAVE BEEN GRAPPLING WITH OURSELVES. AND I
10 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT ON JULY 21
11 THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PUBLISHED A MEMORANDUM AIMED AT
12 EXCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE OFTEN DEFINED AS UNDOCUMENTED
13 IMMIGRANTS FROM BEING COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS. THIS BOARD
14 AND THIS MAJORITY HAS TAKEN A STRONG VIEW OF THIS. AGAIN, THE
15 ATTORNEY GENERAL FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE TRUMP
16 ADMINISTRATION JUST TODAY CHALLENGING THIS LATEST XENOPHOBIC
17 ATTACK. I HOPE, ONCE AGAIN, THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL
18 PREVAIL. WE JOINED, AS I RECALL, IN HIS LAST EFFORT, THAT IS
19 THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO PUSH BACK ON THESE POLICIES
20 CREATING A CLIMATE OF FEAR AND HATRED IN OUR STATE, IN OUR
21 NATION. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A MOTION FORTHCOMING
22 NEXT WEEK, BUT THIS ITEM IS UPON US NOW. AND SO I THINK, MADAM
23 CHAIR, IT'S A GOOD IDEA, AND I INTEND TO DO SO, TO REACH OUT
24 TO OUR COUNTERPARTS IN C.S.A.C. AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO GET ON
25 BOARD WITH TRYING TO HELP MAKE FOR A MORE RATIONAL, A MORE

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1 EQUITABLE, A MORE ANTI-RACIST SET OF POLICIES AS IT RELATES TO
2 THE CENSUS. AND I THINK IT'S OF APPARENT IMPORTANCE THAT WE DO
3 THIS IN A TIMELY MANNER. I JUST SIMPLY WANTED TO FLAG THIS
4 HERE AND NOW, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, BECAUSE IT STRIKES
5 ME AS BEING JUST THAT IMPORTANT. I THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND
8 WE'LL FOLLOW UP WITH M.A.C.O. AND C.S.A.C. REGARDING THAT, AS
9 WELL. SO WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. MADAM
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. (MEETING ADJOURNED TO CLOSED
20 SESSION.)

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SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JULY 28, 2020

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. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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