



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 ON 223]

3
4
5 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO
6 THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS, AS YOU KNOW, IS TUESDAY,
8 SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2020. THIS IS IS SUPERVISORS SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER IS GOING TO JOIN LATER. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS
10 OPPORTUNITY TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.
11 TOADY IS THE BEGINNING OF THAT CELEBRATION FOR A MONTH. OUR
12 MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC
13 HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE
14 ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. SO PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND
15 RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

16
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HERE, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

20
21 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE, MADAM CHAIR

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISORS HAHN?

24
25 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING CHIEF
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER? FESIA DAVENPORT? MARY WICKHAM? MARY
4 WICKHAM?

5

6 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I'M SORRY SUPERVISOR, WE WERE MUTED. FESIA
9 DAVENPORT IS HERE.

10

11 **ATTORNEY:** AND MARY WICKHAM IS HERE.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, GREAT. YES, AND CELIA ZAVALA?

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. AS INDICATED IN THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL BE
18 TALKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED OVER 5,800 WRITTEN
20 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
21 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
22 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT TO BROWN ACT
23 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
24 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN
25 PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE READING IN THE NAMES.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL
2 RECORD. I'D LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO AN URGENCY MOTION,
3 MOTION, 71-A. BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALLS THE AGENDA, I
4 HAVE A JOINT MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER THAT RECOMMENDS
5 THAT THE BOARD MAKE A FINDING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
6 SECTION 54954.2B2, THAT THERE'S A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE
7 ACTION TO RATIFY THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MADE ON
8 SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020 FOR THE BOBCAT FIRE AND THAT THE NEED FOR
9 ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE
10 POSTING OF THE AGENDA AND PLACED THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA. MADAM
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO VOTE ON THE URGENCY
12 TO PLACE THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD FOR CONSIDERATION
14 LATER IN THE MEETING UPON HER RETURN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

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

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE.
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES

10 4-0.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** 4-0. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. NOW, MADAM

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF

16 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER AT

17 10:30 A.M. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ITEM S1 IS A

18 DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AS

19 REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD. ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL

20 DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION

21 DISTRICT 27 AND THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. ON PAGE

22 4, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

23 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 3D, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM

24 BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 17. ON ITEM 4D, SUPERVISOR

25 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ITEM 28. ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 ITEMS 1-21. ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
3 BE HELD. ALSO, ITEM 6 AND 16 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ON
4 ITEM 7, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
5 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
6 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON ITEM 12,
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO
8 ON ITEM 12, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT
10 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 3D. ON ITEM 18,
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO ON ITEM
12 18, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 HELD. ON PAGE 19, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 22-72. ON
15 ITEMS 22 AND 23, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE
16 HELD. ON PAGE 41, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
17 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
18 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
19 70B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO
20 REVISE THEIR MOTION TO INCLUDE IN RECOMMENDATION A CLIMATE
21 CHANGE AND WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE ON THE COUNTY'S ENERGY
22 RESILIENCY AS THE COUNTY WORKS TO ELIMINATE DISPROPORTIONATE
23 HEALTH OUTCOMES IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND POTENTIALLY
24 ELIMINATES ONE OR MORE OF ITS SOURCES OF LOCAL ENERGY
25 PROTECTION AND REVISE RECOMMENDATION 1C TO ADD FOR POST POLICY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 MANDATING DE-CARBONATION. ON ITEM 70C, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 70G, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
3 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE ITEMS
4 FOR CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK THROUGH ITEMS
5 70H ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** MOVED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, OKAY.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 42, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
10 ITEM 73 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE
11 TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, BY REPEALING SECTION 5.40.097. ITEM 74 IS
12 AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6,
13 SALARIES, RELATING SALARY CHANGES TO SUSPEND THE GENERAL
14 SALARY FOR MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL AND PERFORMANCE PLAN TIER ONE
15 AND ADD A REFERENCE ANNOTATION TO ONE SALARY TABLE. ITEM 75 IS
16 AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING CODE COUNTY 6 TITLE 6,
17 SALARIES, BY ADDING, DELETING, AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN
18 EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITION IN
19 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. ITEM 76 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
20 AMENDING THE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PARK WATER
21 COMPANY TO ACKNOWLEDGE A NAME CHANGE FROM PARK WATER COMPANY
22 TO LIBERTY UTILITIES CORP AND EXTEND THE TERM FOR 15 YEARS
23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2035. ITEM 77 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
24 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE WATER PIPE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO
25 SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR 15 YEARS THROUGH

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 NOVEMBER 27TH, 2035. ON PAGE 47, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.

2 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** VERY GOOD. LET'S MOVE ON THEN. WE WILL NOW GO TO
5 THE TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS. AND WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
6 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
7 READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE
8 AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
13 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,
14 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
15 1336503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
16 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
17 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
18 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
19 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
20 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
21 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
22 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
23 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES
24 MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL ALLOCATE 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF
19 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS
20 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE
21 REMOVED FROM THE COMMENTS QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS NICOLE
22 BROWN. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO
23 ADDRESSING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD MORNING, I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA 6, 15, 18,
2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS NICOLE
3 BROWN, SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE
4 AND MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM HERE
5 TODAY TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEMS 6, 15, AND 18 AND
6 TO BRING SOME ALARMING FINDINGS TO YOUR ATTENTION RELATED TO
7 THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET. I ASK THAT YOU VOTE YES FOR
8 AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 15. YOUR SUPPORT WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO
9 STAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY ON THESE IMPORTANT BALLOT
10 MEASURES. I ALSO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 18 TO
11 ESTABLISH THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, AND I THANK
12 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION.
13 AS ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF STAKEHOLDERS WHO WORKED HARD ON THE
14 A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS, I BELIEVE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TO
15 MAKING THIS VISION A REALITY, AND IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING THE
16 REVIEW COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE A.T.I. RACIAL EQUITY FRAMEWORK.
17 THE MAINTAINING A REDUCED JAIL POPULATION POST COVID-19 REPORT
18 IS A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL
19 TO WORK FROM, AND I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION.
20 WHILE AGENDA ITEMS 6, 15, AND 18 ARE IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD
21 ACCOMPLISHING THE CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST VISION, I AM VERY
22 WORRIED WE ARE LEAVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BEHIND. I KNOW THAT I
23 DO NOT NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE IN A TIME OF UPRISINGS
24 AGAINST THE RACIAL INJUSTICES OF OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,
25 AND WE ARE ALSO IN DIRE ECONOMIC DIMES. IN RESPONSE, L.A.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 YOUTH UPRISING WROTE TWO LETTERS TO THE BOARD TO DRAW
2 ATTENTION TO THE ASTRONOMICAL AMOUNT OF MONEY GOING TO YOUTH
3 INCARCERATION. OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, THE JUVENILE
4 INSTITUTION SERVICES BUDGET UNIT HAS GROWN BY 25 PERCENT TO A
5 WHOPPING \$397 MILLION LAST YEAR. MEANWHILE, THE POPULATION OF
6 CAMPS AND HALLS FELL BY 70 PERCENT, AND LIKE THE JAILS, THE
7 POPULATION OF DETAINED YOUTH REDUCED EVEN FURTHER AFTER COVID-
8 19 TO ROUGHLY 500 YOUNG PEOPLE. WE THANK THE BOARD FOR MAKING
9 THE COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THAT REDUCTION. HOWEVER, AFTER A
10 LONG INVESTIGATION TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH MONEY WAS ALLOCATED
11 TO JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, WE WERE SHOCKED
12 TO FIND THAT, DESPITE CUTS MADE BY THE C.E.O., THIS BUDGET
13 ACTUALLY GREW BY OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. FURTHERMORE,
14 PROBATION IS RECEIVING AN ADDITIONAL \$57 MILLION FOR CAPITAL
15 PROJECTS.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
18 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **NICOLE BROWN:** GREAT, THANK YOU. THIS IS STILL IN MY GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT, SO YES, THANK YOU. SO, YES, SO, PROBATION
22 ALSO IS RECEIVING AN ADDITIONAL \$57 MILLION FOR CAPITAL
23 PROJECTS TO FIX THE CAMPS AND HALLS, WHILE THE YOUTH JUSTICE
24 WORKGROUP IS WORKING TO REIMAGINE A NEW MODEL WHERE,
25 HOPEFULLY, ALL OF THESE OUTDATED AND PUNITIVE INSTITUTIONS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WILL BE SHUT DOWN. I KNOW I AM NOT ALONE IN FEELING DEEP
2 SHOCK, OUTRAGE, AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THESE BUDGET ITEMS,
3 WHICH ARE ALREADY BLOATED, CONTINUE TO GROW. NOW MORE THAN
4 EVER, WE MUST MOVE AWAY FROM UNJUST STATUS QUO BUDGETS.
5 INSTEAD, WE NEED TO INVEST IN A FUTURE WHERE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
6 CAN THRIVE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND OR THE
7 NEIGHBORHOOD THEY LIVE IN. I BELIEVE EACH ONE OF YOU DOES CARE
8 ABOUT THIS, AND I, THEREFORE, URGE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY DIVEST
9 FROM THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS AND PROBATION CAPITAL PROJECT
10 BUDGETS IN SEPTEMBER'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND INVEST IN
11 COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR A CARE FIRST FUTURE.
12 THANK YOU.

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS KENT MENDOZA. PLEASE STATE THE
18 AGENDA ITEM AND ALSO IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
19 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I
22 AM WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I AM HERE SPEAKING
23 IN SUPPORT -- REITERATING WHAT THE LAST PERSON SAID AND
24 SUPPORTING WHAT SHE SAID, AS WELL, BUT I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF
25 ITEM NUMBER 6, 15, AND 18. THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT STEPS TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 KEEPING UP MOMENTUM ON THE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST VISION. BUT WE
2 CAN -- WE CANNOT LEAVE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE BEHIND. I THINK THAT
3 THE MAIN -- WHAT I WANT TO SAY RIGHT HERE TODAY IS WE REALLY
4 NEED TO LOOK AT THIS JUVENILE INSTITUTION AND PROBATION
5 BUDGET. I THINK THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERNS ON HOW WE HAVE
6 BEEN SPENDING THIS MONEY, AND YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO
7 KEEPING REPEATING STUFF THAT YOU ALL ALREADY KNOW, WHAT IS
8 HAPPENING. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE JUST REALLY REALLY HAVE TO
9 MOVE AWAY FROM THE STATUS QUO SYSTEM THAT PERPETRATES RACISM
10 AND INVEST IN A FUTURE WHERE, YOU KNOW, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN
11 REALLY STRIVE, REGARDLESS OF, YOU KNOW, WHERE THEY COME FROM
12 AND STUFF LIKE THAT. I THINK I REALLY JUST WANT TO URGE WHAT
13 MY COLLEAGUES SAID IN THE BEGINNING, MY FRIEND FROM THE SAME
14 COALITION, THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING TOO, TO REALLY LOOK
15 AT THE BUDGET REALLY CAREFULLY MOVING FORWARD. YOU KNOW, WE
16 DON'T REALLY THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU HAVE A
17 YOUNG PERSON THAT IS IN THE SYSTEM, THEY HAVE TO BE WORKING AT
18 THE AGE OF 12, AND HE IS IN THAT SYSTEM UNTIL HE IS 20 YEARS
19 OF AGE. IF YOU GUYS DON'T LOOK AT HOW THOSE YEARS, THAT'S
20 ALMOST A DECADE, THAT IS ALL THE MONEY WE ARE LITERALLY
21 PUTTING IN OUR YOUTH, BUT NOT TO HELP THEM AND TO REALLY
22 SUPPORT THEM IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE DOING IT TO REALLY --
23 FOR THEM TO BE IN AN INSTITUTION, TO EXPERIENCE THINGS THAT I
24 HAVE EXPERIENCED. AND I THINK THAT THERE'S A -- WE ARE COMING
25 TO A BETTER VISION NOW WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ESPECIALLY WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP AND WHAT'S GOING
2 TO COME OUT OF THAT. SO JUST REALLY --

3

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

6

7 **KENT MENDOZA:** -- SPENDING THE MONEY IN THE COUNTY, THANK YOU.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICKY REYES. PLEASE STATE THE
10 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **RICKY REYES:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RICKY REYES. I'M
14 SPEAKING ON AGENDA 6, AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE ANTIRECIDIVISM
15 COALITION. I AM CURRENTLY ON PAROLE AFTER SERVING 23 YEARS. I
16 SUPPORT PROPOSITION 17, AND I HUMBL Y ASK THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
17 SUPPORT AS WELL. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO RESTORE THE
18 RIGHT TO VOTE FOR CITIZENS ON PAROLE. I CAN ATTEST THAT NOT
19 HAVING THE RIGHT VOTE PLAYS HUGE PART IN FEELING ISOLATED AND
20 UNIMPORTANT WITHIN A SOCIETY THAT I'M STRUGGLING TO RECONNECT
21 WITH. GROWING UP, I WAS SELFISH. I HAD NO CONCERN FOR MY
22 COMMUNITY, LOCALLY OR OTHERWISE. I HAVE GROWN AND MATURED.
23 WHILE COMPLETING MY SENTENCING, MY COMMUNITY HAS BECOME
24 IMPORTANT TO ME. IT IS DISHEARTENING TO BE FREE AND NOT HAVE A
25 VOICE WITHIN IT. PAROLE IS MEANT TO BE AN EXTENSION OF PRISON

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SENTENCE. IT IS MEANT TO HELP ONE REINTEGRATE. THE ABILITY TO
2 VOTE AND HAVE A VOICE WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT SIGNAL THAT ONE
3 HAS BEEN WELCOMED BACK. IT WOULD INSTILL A DEEPER SENSE OF
4 PRIDE, CONFIDENCE, AND CONNECTION. IT WOULD SERVE TO MAKE ME
5 FEEL WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY. FEELING CONNECTED, HEARD, AND
6 RESPECTED WILL HELP REDUCE RECIDIVISM. IT WILL MAKE OUR
7 COMMUNITY SAFER FOR ALL OF US. I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE
8 ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH MY FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
9 MAKING RESPONSIBLE AND INFORMED DECISIONS TOGETHER. THANK YOU
10 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS YVETTE ALE. PLEASE STATE THE
15 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **YVETTE ALE:** HI, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
19 YVETTE ALE. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I AM CALLING IN
20 STRONG SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 6, 12, 15, AND 18. AND I WOULD
21 LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO COMMEND
22 THIS BOARD FOR TAKING A POSITION ON SOME REALLY CRITICAL
23 BALLOT INITIATIVES, INCLUDING PROP 17. AS SOMEONE WHO IS
24 DISENFRANCHISED, WHO CANNOT VOTE, I UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION
25 AND THE VULNERABILITY OF THOSE THAT ARE SUBJECT TO OUR LAWS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THAT CANNOT WEIGH IN ON OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. I STRONGLY
2 ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD, IN THIS MOMENT OF MASS
3 DISENFRANCHISEMENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO SUPPORT A BALLOT
4 INITIATIVE THAT WOULD EMPOWER THOSE THAT ARE COMING OUT OF THE
5 SYSTEM, WHO HAVE BEEN FAILED BY OUR SYSTEM FOR SO LONG, TO BE
6 ABLE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. IT
7 WILL ALLOW THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND SPEAK
8 FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE OF FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN FAILED BY OUR
9 SYSTEM. I ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BOARD TAKING AN
10 OPPOSITION POSITION TO PROP 20. THIS BOARD HAS BEEN HISTORIC
11 IN IMPLEMENTING TRANSFORMATIVE MEASURES THROUGH THE
12 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP FINAL REPORT, AND
13 THROUGH ALL THE VARIOUS MOTIONS YOU HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST
14 SEVERAL MONTHS AND LAST SEVERAL YEARS. PROP 20 WOULD ROLL
15 BACK ALL OF THE AMAZING WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE HERE IN L.A.
16 COUNTY, AND THE BOARD HAS RECENTLY PASSED A MOTION TO START
17 WEIGHING IN AND REALLY USING THE PULPIT OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS IN SACRAMENTO. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STOP A
19 BILL THAT WOULD UNDERCUT AND UNDERMINE ALL OF THE
20 TRANSFORMATIVE WORK THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DOING IN
21 PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD
22 FOR THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL.
23 IT IS IMPERATIVE THE BOARD CONTINUE TO BUILD ON SUPERVISOR
24 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION TO ADDRESS ANTI-BLACK RACISM BY
25 INTEGRATING THIS COUNCIL INTO THE PROCESS OF REDUCING OUR JAIL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 POPULATION, ESPECIALLY IN THIS MOMENT OF COVID-19, BUT I DO
2 WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THIS COUNCIL'S WORK TO KEEP THE NUMBER
3 OF --

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
6 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **YVETTE ALE:** I WANT TO ADDRESS THAT I AM CONCERNED THIS
9 MOTION'S LANGUAGE ONLY APPEARS TO CONTEMPLATE THE COUNCIL'S
10 PROPOSING INCREASES IN SPENDING RATHER THAN DECREASES. WE HAVE
11 TO FOCUS ON MOVING MONEY OUT OF THE INCARCERATION SYSTEM,
12 INCLUDING THE YOUTH PROBATION SYSTEM, AS PREVIOUSLY A PERSON
13 HIGHLIGHTED. OVER \$800,000 PER YOUTH, PER YEAR ARE SPENT
14 INCARCERATING OUR YOUTH IN THE PROBATION SYSTEM. IT IS TIME
15 THAT BE CAPTURE THOSE DOLLARS. AND LASTLY, I URGE THE BOARD TO
16 WEIGH IN ON PROPOSITION 25. PROPOSITION 25 WILL BE DETRIMENTAL
17 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WILL INCREASE THE RATE OF RACIAL
18 INEQUALITY IN THE INCARCERATION SYSTEM HERE. YOU ALL HAVE BEEN
19 DOING AMAZING WORK TO MOVE MORE PROGRESSIVE POLICIES FORWARD
20 TO ESTABLISH A DIFFERENT MONEY BAIL, PRETRIAL SYSTEM THAT
21 MOVES BEYOND USING HARMFUL RISK ASSESSMENT ALGORITHMS. WE
22 CANNOT HANDLE MORE PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO
23 REDUCE THESE MEASURES, AND PROP 25 IS A REGRESSIVE WOLF IN
24 SHEEP'S CLOTHING POLICY THAT WOULD ACTUALLY UNDERMINE THE WORK
25 --

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KENNY GREEN. PLEASE STATE THE
6 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
7 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **KENNY GREEN:** YES, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 18 AND
10 ALSO ON THE GENERAL COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING TO ALL THE
11 SUPERVISORS OUT THERE. MY NAME IS KENNY GREEN, AND I AM WITH
12 AN AMAZING ORGANIZATION, CENTRAL CHILD, BASED IN LONG BEACH
13 THAT IS ALSO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE HARBOR AREA SERVING
14 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY. I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF
15 WORKING WITH MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ON SOME GREAT PROJECTS WHEN HE
16 WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL, AND I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WORKING
17 WITH SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN THAT DATES BACK PRIOR TO HER BEING
18 ON THE CITY COUNCIL, CONGRESS, AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR, AS SHE
19 IS NOW. WE HAVE BEEN ON A LOT OF PROJECTS THAT WERE LIFE-
20 CHANGING FOR THE FOLKS IN THE HARBOR AREA, AS WELL AS ACROSS
21 THE COMMUNITY. WORKING WITH JANICE HAHN AND HER AMAZING STAFF,
22 LIKE ERICA VELASQUEZ, FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN PRICELESS. NOW,
23 ON AGENDA ITEM 18 THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING, CENTRAL CHILD IS IN
24 TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ENTIRE MOTION. WE FEEL THE MOTION WAS
25 WELL THOUGHT OUT. THE MOTION HAS ADDRESSED THE NEED, AND THE 7

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 POINTS LISTED HERE ON THIS MOTION HITS THE POINT. FROM THE
2 FRAMEWORK, TRACKING --

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
5 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **KENNY GREEN:** FROM THE FRAMEWORK, TRACKING, DATA COLLECTION,
8 EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS, IDENTIFYING THE FUNDING
9 NECESSARY FOR THE NEED, AND HIRING A PERSON THAT IS
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR GATHERING EVERYTHING FOR A FULL REPORT. BUT
11 ALSO IS INCLUDED THAT THIS MOTION IS VERY INCLUSIVE, HAVING
12 PARTICIPATION WITH ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE BOARD
13 THAT MAKES THIS EVEN MORE LEGITIMATE, WITH ACCOUNTABILITY.
14 BECAUSE OF THE OVERCROWDEDNESS THAT HAS BEEN CREATED IN MANY
15 WAYS, DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES,
16 UNRESOLVED AND UNDETECTED HEALTH ISSUES, JUST TO NAME A FEW,
17 WITH THESE CHALLENGES, THE BUDGETING WITH SOME OF THESE
18 SERVICES THAT THE INCARCERATED PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE WON'T HAPPEN
19 FOR THEM. AND GUESS WHAT? WE WILL BE DEALING WITH THOSE ANGRY
20 FOLKS WHEN THEY COME BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE TO DEAL
21 WITH THEM. SO THIS MOTION COVERS ALL THE BASES. AND YOU ALL
22 KNOW, WORKING WITH JANICE, SHE DOES HER HOMEWORK, ROLLS UP HER
23 SLEEVES AND GETS IN THE TRENCHES, AS WELL AS MARK.

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSE OSANA, PLEASE STATE THE
5 AGENDA ITEM AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **JOSE OSANA:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS JOSE OSANA. I AM A
9 PROGRAM MANAGER AT CENTRAL CHILD LONG BEACH, AS WELL, JUST
10 LIKE KENNY GREEN. I AM HERE TO SPEAK TODAY ON ITEM 18. CENTRAL
11 CHILD, AS KENNY STATED, IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM 18 TO FORM
12 THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL. AS A FORMERLY-INCARCERATED
13 INDIVIDUAL THAT DID A LOT OF TIME IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL, I
14 CAN TELL YOU THE OVERCROWDING I EXPERIENCED WHEN I WAS
15 INCARCERATED THERE LED TO A LOT OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH
16 PROBLEMS THAT I AM DEALING WITH TODAY. I THINK THAT THIS
17 MOTION WILL PUT INTO PLACE THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS THAT
18 WILL BEGIN TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES THAT STILL AFFECT SO MANY
19 OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE INCARCERATED IN OUR COUNTY JAIL
20 SYSTEM AT THIS TIME. I THINK THIS PANDEMIC HAS PRESENTED US AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT NEW SOLUTIONS, AND I STRONGLY URGE THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN UNANIMOUS FAVOR OF ITEM 18,
23 THANK YOU.

24

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

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK ANTHONY, PLEASE STATE THE
3 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK
7 ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 6, 12, AND 15, AND
8 ALSO ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU KNOW, THE PROMISE OF THE
9 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FRAMEWORK THAT WE HAD BEEN
10 MOVING FORWARD OVER THE LAST -- OVER THE YEARS, SO SPEAKS
11 REALLY CLEARLY TO THE FACT THAT THE STATE LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE
12 MUST ENHANCE AND REMOVE OBSTACLES FOR OUR ABILITY TO MOVE
13 FORWARD THE LOCAL VISION OF A CARE FIRST APPROACH. AND THE
14 PROPOSITIONS AND THE POSITIONS YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY
15 REALLY SPEAK TO THAT, AND I WILL JUST SAY THANK YOU,
16 SUPERVISORS, FOR REALLY TAKING THE RESTORATION OF VOTING
17 RIGHTS SERIOUSLY. WE SHOULD REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE
18 SUCCESS OF A.T.I., THE INSIGHTS OF A.T.I., HAVE MUCH TO DO
19 WITH THE PRESENCE, THE WISDOM, AND THE RIGOR OF FORMERLY
20 INCARCERATED PEOPLE WHO HAVE THROWN DOWN IN THAT PROCESS, AND
21 WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER DEFEND, PROTECT, AND
22 EXPAND THE APPLICATION OF THAT WISDOM AT THE BALLOT BOX. AND
23 AS THOSE RIGHTS AND AS THAT AGENCY IS UNDER ATTACK AT VARIOUS
24 PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE IN LOS
25 ANGELES TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND TO TAKE THAT POSITION AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 CONTINUE TO BE CONSISTENT IN HOW WE SEE THE PRESENCE AND THE
2 POWER OF FORMERLY-INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND INCARCERATED PEOPLE
3 IN MOVING US TOWARDS A CARE FIRST APPROACH. AND IN DOING SO,
4 WE ALSO HAVE TO DEFEND OUR FOLKS AND DEFEND OUR COMMUNITIES,
5 AND SO WE ASK YOU TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 20. ANY BILL THAT IS
6 WRITTEN AND CHAMPIONED BY SOMEONE WHO SAYS THAT THEY SPENT
7 THEIR CAREER AS A SHERIFF LOCKING UP AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY
8 COULD DOES NOT STAND IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CARE FIRST APPROACH
9 THAT WE ARE MOVING HERE TODAY. PROPOSITION 20 UNDERMINES OUR
10 WORK AT A.T.I. IT UNDERMINES THE DATA AND THE FACTS AND
11 CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD THE MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN THAT
12 WOULD ASSUME THAT REFORMS HARM OUR COMMUNITIES WHEN ALL OF THE
13 INDICATORS SHOW THE OPPOSITE. WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT
14 DIRECTION WITH PROP 47. WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
15 WITH ALL THE --

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
18 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** AND WE ASK YOU TO CONTINUE ALSO
21 AGAIN TO TAKE A COURAGEOUS STANCE IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION
22 25, WHICH WE BELIEVE VERY CLEARLY, OF ALL THE INDICATORS HAVE
23 SHOWN HOW PRETRIAL IS PLAYING OUT AROUND THE COUNTRY AND HOW
24 WE HAVE SEEN IT PLAY OUT DURING THIS COVID MOMENT THAT THERE
25 WILL BE VERY DIRE CONSEQUENCES IN THE EXPANSION OF OUR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PRETRIAL POPULATION. WE CANNOT RUN THE RISK OF USING RISK
2 ASSESSMENT TOOLS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN WAYS THAT
3 CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE OUR SUCCESSES. WE HAVE SEEN OUR A.T.I.
4 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CLEARLY STATE WE NEED A PRETRIAL SERVICES
5 ENTITY THAT IS NOT PROBATION THAT IS ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY.
6 AND PROP 25 WOULD UNDERMINE THAT. IT WOULD ACTUALLY GIVE MORE
7 MECHANISMS AND MORE RESOURCES TO PREVENTATIVE DETENTION, WHICH
8 WILL UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS HERE, AND WE ASK YOU TO TAKE THE
9 COURAGEOUS STANCE TODAY AGAINST PROPOSITION 25. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
14 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT
15 PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE
16 QUEUE. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MELINDA KAKANI, PLEASE STATE THE
17 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **MELINDA KAKANI:** HI, THIS IS MELINDA KAKANI WITH CHILDREN'S
21 DEFENSE FUND, CALIFORNIA. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 18
22 AND TO GIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL. FIRST, THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR TURNING A VISION, A
24 PLAN, AN ASPIRATION INTO REALITY. WHILE WE CELEBRATE THE
25 REDUCTION IN THE INCARCERATED POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THE WORK IS CLEARLY NOT DONE. THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW
2 COUNCIL IS JUST ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY AND
3 ACCOUNTABILITY, BOTH OF WHICH ARE OWED TO THE COMMUNITIES,
4 FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO DECADES OF OVER POLICING,
5 OVERINCARCERATING, AND OVERPROFILING. WORDS THAT CAN EASILY BE
6 SUBSTITUTED FOR RACISM. CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, CALIFORNIA
7 STRONGLY SUPPORTS STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND KEEPING THEM
8 TOGETHER. THE J.P.R.C. IS ONE MORE MECHANISM TO BRING THOSE
9 LANGUISHING BEHIND BARS, IN CAGES, AND IN ISOLATION HOMES. SO
10 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING THIS A PRIORITY AND FOR ALLOWING US
11 TO TURN TO REDUCING THE ACTUAL CYCLING OF PEOPLE THROUGH THE
12 SYSTEM IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT I WOULD BE REMISS TO NOT ALSO
13 LIFT UP THE 500 YOUNG PEOPLE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN L.A.
14 COUNTY'S HALSS AND CAMPS. THE SAME --

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
17 BEGIN YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **MELINDA KAKANI:** THE SAME YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO BE LEFT OUT
20 OF THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST VISION, THE SAME YOUNG PEOPLE
21 SUBJECT TO PROBATION'S CLUTCHES, PATIENTLY, OR PERHAPS
22 IMPATIENTLY, WAITING FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, THE
23 SAME YOUNG PEOPLE WE WILL BE SPENDING OVER \$398 MILLION ON TO
24 INCARCERATE, NOT TO EDUCATE, NOT TO DEVELOP, NOT TO CULTIVATE.
25 I'M AT A LOSS AT HOW WE ARE OF GIVING MORE MONEY TO PROBATION

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FOR THE 2020-2021 TIME PERIOD TO INCARCERATE FEWER YOUNG
2 PEOPLE THAN EVER, WHEN THE YOUTH INCARCERATED POPULATION HAS
3 DROPPED BY 30 PERCENT. I IMPLORE EACH OF YOU TO TAKE A CLOSER
4 LOOK AT THE TRAUMA AND HARM INFLICTED BY INCARCERATING
5 CHILDREN AND TO STOP THROWING MONEY AT IT. THESE ARE THE SAME
6 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. AND
7 WHILE PROBATION DOESN'T KEEP TRACK OF THAT DATA, YOU SHOULD.
8 LET'S GET THESE KIDS HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES. THE YOUTH JUSTICE
9 WORKGROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SHARED SOON, AND THANK
10 YOU FOR CREATING THAT SPACE. BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO STOP
11 FUNDING PROBATION, A SYSTEM FLAWED BEYOND REPAIR, AND INVEST
12 IN A MODEL THAT --

13

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

16

17 **MELINDA KAKANI:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS OZZIE LOPEZ. PLEASE STATE THE
20 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **OZZIE LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM SPEAKING
24 ON ITEM NUMBER 4, 4D, THE 3RD AND DANGLER AFFORDABLE HOUSING
25 PROJECT. THIS IS A 78 UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH 39 WILL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 BE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE UNITS, TO ASSIST THE CURRENT CRISIS WE
2 ARE FACING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
3 EAST LOS ANGELES IS CONTINUING TO BE DISENFRANCHISED, AND
4 PEOPLE ARE UP ROOTED BECAUSE OF INAFFORDABILITY AND THE
5 INABILITY TO PAY THEIR RENTS. THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT,
6 ACCESSING THE FUNDS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE
7 PEOPLE THAT HAVE CALLED EAST LOS ANGELES HOME FOR DECADES AND
8 DECADES TO BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. SO ALTHOUGH IT
9 DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM, IT DOES MITIGATE A STEP THAT'S
10 VERY NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
11 ABLE TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND BE ABLE TO RENT HOMES THAT ARE
12 AFFORDABLE, TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND ENSURE THEY
13 PRESERVE THEIR LIVELIHOODS. ONCE AGAIN, I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT
14 ITEM 4D. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, PLEASE
19 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND
23 HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN. MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. I'M AM
24 THE CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LA DEFENSA AND ALSO A MEMBER OF
25 THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION AND A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 DISTRICT. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 12, 15, 16 --
2 SORRY, ITEMS 6, 12, 15, AND 18. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE
3 PUBLIC COMMENT AND ALSO 70C. AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE
4 AGENDA ITEMS. FOR FAR TOO LONG, FOLKS HAVE BEEN
5 DISENFRANCHISED AND HAVE NOT ABLE TO BECOME CIVICALLY ENGAGED
6 BECAUSE OF ALL THE BARRIERS AND THE IMPACTS OF BEING
7 INCARCERATED IN THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. THEY HAVE NO ABILITY TO
8 CONTRIBUTE ON ELECTORAL OUTCOMES, BUT WE HAVE SEEN THAT ONCE
9 FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPACE,
10 POWER, AND LEADERSHIP, THINGS LIKE THE A.T.I. REPORT COME TO
11 LIFE. PROP 17 IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP FORWARD IN THE FIGHT
12 AGAINST RECIDIVISM AND FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF FORMERLY
13 INCARCERATED FOLKS, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING
14 PROPOSITION 17 AND FOR ALSO, YOU KNOW, THE RECOGNITION OF THE
15 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY AS PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I OPPOSE PROP 20 BECAUSE
17 IT'S A REGRESSIVE APPROACH TO JUSTICE. IT IS IN DIRECT
18 OPPOSITION TO ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON
19 HERE LOCALLY IN L.A. COUNTY. I MEAN JUST EVEN LOOK AT THE
20 ACTUAL PROPOSITION. THEY WANT TO BEGIN D.N.A. COLLECTION FOR
21 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES? THAT IS JUST BEYOND -- IT IS
22 UNFATHOMABLE TO SEE SOMEONE TRYING TO PASSING A LAW LIKE THAT
23 THAT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO LEAD TO MORE BLACK, BROWN, AND
24 INDIGENOUS FOLKS IN OUR JAILS. WE CANNOT ALLOW PASSING OF THAT
25 LEGISLATION. I MEAN JUST EVEN IMAGINE HOW MUCH MONEY IT WOULD

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ALSO SIPHON IN. IT WOULD ADD OVER \$2.3 BILLION TO THE
2 CARCERAL SPENDING IN CALIFORNIA BY 2025. SO NOT ONLY IS IT
3 RIDICULOUS IN THE POLICIES, BUT ALSO IT IS FISCALLY
4 IRRESPONSIBLE, AND IT SEEKS TO UNDERMINE ALL THE
5 TRANSFORMATIVE WORK AND HARD WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE OVER THE
6 YEARS NOT ONLY IN THE COMMUNITY BUT YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
9 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU. AND AGENDA ITEM 18 ESTABLISHING
12 THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH
13 EVERYONE BRINGING UP THE FOCUS AROUND YOUTH AND INCLUDING THEM
14 IN THIS PIECE. IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF HOW MUCH MONEY
15 PROBATION SUCKS IN FROM HAVING YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THEM. SO
16 WHILE THE COUNCIL IS WORK TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED
17 ANGELENOS IS ESSENTIAL, I AM CONCERNED THAT THE MOTION'S
18 LANGUAGE ONLY APPEARS TO CONTEMPLATE THE COUNCIL PROPOSING
19 INCREASES IN SPENDING RATHER THAN DECREASES. AND I CAN TELL
20 YOU, AFTER BEING IN THE ROOM AROUND THE GROUP THAT'S PLANNING
21 TO CLOSE DOWN M.C.J. AND THE WORKGROUP THAT'S WORKING AT
22 A.B.109 BUDGET REASSESSMENTS, THAT WITHOUT COMMUNITY THERE,
23 THESE CONVERSATIONS WOULD BE GOING NOWHERE IN THE DIRECTION
24 TOWARDS CARE FIRST. ALSO I URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE PROP 25.
25 IT HAS ALREADY INCREASED PROBATION BUDGETS, AND IT WOULD

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SIPHON PEOPLE WHO ARE LEGALLY INNOCENT, WHO HAVEN'T BEEN
2 CONVICTED, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROBATION, AND JUDGES
3 ALREADY HAVE AN EXTREME AMOUNT OF POWER AND DISCRETION. PROP
4 25 ONLY EXPANDS THAT, AND IT CEMENTS THE USE OF --

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LUCIA PIER, PLEASE STATE THE
10 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **LUCIA PIER:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS 6, 12,
14 15, 18 AND SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LUCIA
15 PIER. I AM A RESIDENT RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE. HI, SHEILA
16 KUEHL. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE STATE PROPOSITIONS YOU
17 ARE CONSIDERING TODAY HOLD INCREDIBLY HIGH STAKES FOR
18 CALIFORNIA'S RELATIONSHIP TO AND RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION.
19 AND JUST TO SAY, I AM NOT SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DIRECTLY
20 IMPACTED BY THE VIOLENCE OF OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM. I AM A WHITE
21 WOMAN WHO WAS AFFORDED SO MUCH SUPPORT, SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES,
22 AND SO MANY PASSES. THE SYSTEM HASN'T FAILED ME, AND THAT IS
23 EXACTLY THE PROBLEM THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. THE
24 DRACONIAN ROLL-BACKS OF PROP 20 AND THE PROGRESS OF PROP 17
25 ARE LINKED TO THE DEVASTATINGLY DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INCARCERATION AND DISENFRANCHISEMENT ON B.I.P.O.C. AND POOR
2 COMMUNITIES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THE BOARD SUPPORT OPPOSE
3 PROPOSITION 20 AND SUPPORT PROPOSITION 17 IN KEEPING WITH YOUR
4 COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY CARE, SAFETY, AND EMPOWERMENT. AND I
5 AM SO DISAPPOINTED THERE IS NO MOTION TODAY ADDRESSING
6 PROPOSITION 25. AND I CALL ON THE BOARD TO QUICKLY AND
7 PUBLICLY DECLARE OPPOSITION TO PROP 25. THIS IS ESPECIALLY
8 IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSING MESSAGING OF THE
9 PROPOSITION. THE ENTICING PROMISE OF ENDING CASH BAIL CLOAKS
10 THE RACIST AND HARMFUL SYSTEM OF RISK ASSESSMENT ALGORITHMS.
11 AS YVETTE ALE SAID EARLIER, IT IS A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING
12 PROPOSITION. IT WILL INCREASE PRETRIAL DETENTION ACROSS THE
13 STATE, INCLUDING IN L.A. COUNTY AND EXACERBATE THE RACIAL
14 DISPARITIES IN OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM. PROP 25 ALSO DIRECTS
15 FUNDS TOWARD PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, WHICH IS UNBELIEVABLE,
16 EXPANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS THE STATE AT PRECISELY THE
17 MOMENT WE ARE SEEKING TO BUILD BETTER AND MORE HUMANE
18 ALTERNATIVES. PROPOSITION 25 IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE
19 COURAGEOUS WORK OF THIS BOARD TO MOVE US ALL TOWARD
20 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION --

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE YOUR ONE MINUTE TO
23 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **LUCIA PIERS:** OKAY, I'LL JUST SAY MY LAST POINT AGAIN.
2 PROPOSITION 25 IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE COURAGEOUS WORK
3 OF THIS BOARD TO MOVE US ALL TOWARDS ALTERNATIVES TO
4 INCARCERATION AND A SYSTEM THAT TRULY DOES PUT CARE FIRST. YOU
5 MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY STEP OF OPPOSING THIS PROPOSITION, AND
6 I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING A MOTION THAT DOES SO SOON. THANK
7 YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
12 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0, DO NOT PRESS 1
13 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR
14 NEXT SPEAKER IS EPHRAIN ORTIZ. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM
15 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
16 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **EPHRAIN ORTIZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOARD. I AM ADDRESSING
19 ITEM NUMBER 6 AND ALSO GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS EPHRAIN
20 ORTIZ. I AM A PROGRAM ASSISTANT WITH THE CENTER FOR COUNSEL
21 AND A MEMBER OF THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION, AND ALSO I AM
22 ALSO ONE OF THE OVER 50,000 PEOPLE ON PAROLE, WHICH DO NOT
23 HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. I URGE, OR I ASK THE BOARD TO STRONGLY
24 CONSIDER BACKING PROPOSITION 17 IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE RIGHT
25 TO VOTE FOR PEOPLE SUCH AS MYSELF. I HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SINCE I CAME HOME. I HAVE BEEN HOME OVER A YEAR NOW WITH NO
2 INFRACTIONS WHATSOEVER WITH THE LAW. I HAVE WORKED THROUGHOUT
3 THIS WHOLE COVID CRISIS HELPING TO KEEP CALIFORNIA AND OTHER
4 STATES RUNNING AT A DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, FISH DISTRIBUTION
5 COMPANY, AND ALSO CONTRACTED COVID DUE TO THIS. IT HURTS ME TO
6 KNOW THAT, EVEN AFTER ALL MY SACRIFICE AND EVERYTHING THAT I
7 DO, I AM STILL LEFT OUT OF MY RIGHT TO VOTE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
10 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **EPHRAIN ORTIZ:** I ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE CONSIDER BACKING THIS
13 PROPOSITION 17 AND JUST CONTINUE ON WITH THIS PROACTIVE
14 APPROACH THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING, YOU, YOURSELVES, HAVE BEEN
15 DOING, AS WELL AS COUNTLESS OTHER PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS, IN
16 ORDER TO MAKE THIS COUNTY A BETTER PLACE AND HAVE EQUALITY.
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LORI GAY, PLEASE STATE THE
22 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **LORI GAY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS LORI GAY. I AM
2 THE C.E.O. OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 3D, 17, AND ALSO GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR PUTTING FORWARD
5 THIS MOTION RELATIVE TO FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND MORTGAGE
6 RELIEF AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR SECONDING THE MOTION
7 AND HAVING YOUR STAFF WORK SO CLOSELY WITH US TO TRY TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CARED FOR YET DURING THIS
9 CRISIS ARE CARED FOR AND CERTAINLY, LAST BUT NOT LEAST,
10 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR KEEPING THIS ISSUE ALIVE
11 WHEN WE THOUGHT THAT WE WEREN'T GOING BE ABLE TO SEE SOME
12 RELIEF COME TO HOME OWNERS. THE MOTION PROVIDES FOR HOME
13 OWNERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL
14 COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE RELATIVE TO THEIR MORTGAGES. WE KNOW
15 THAT MORE THAN 57 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY'S HOMEOWNERS DID NOT
16 FALL UNDER THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. THAT'S A HUGE PROBLEM. WE
17 KNOW HOME MATTERS NOW WITH THE PANDEMIC. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE
18 WHAT WE CALL THE TSUNAMI OF FORECLOSURES COME ACROSS OUR
19 COUNTRY AGAIN LIKE IT DID IN 2008 TO 2012. FAMILIES NEED TO BE
20 ENCOURAGED TO GET HELP, NEGOTIATE WITH THEIR LENDER, AND MAKE
21 ADJUSTMENTS THROUGH FORBEARANCES AND LOAN MODIFICATIONS TO
22 PROTECT THEMSELVES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO ENCOURAGE IS
23 THAT THIS MONEY IS NOT GRANTED AWAY ON THE MORTGAGE RELIEF
24 SIDE. IF YOU GIVE A GRANT TO A FAMILY, IT IS VERY UNLIKELY
25 THAT THEY WILL USE IT TO PAY DOWN A MORTGAGE DELINQUENCY.SO WE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE STAFF OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO
2 BE ABLE TO ASSESS PROGRAMMING TO REALLY MAKE SURE HOMEOWNERS
3 STAY IN THEIR HOMES. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, ON OUR THINKING, WE
4 KNOW THAT MORE THAN 30,000 FAMILIES ARE VULNERABLE TODAY. AS
5 WE WATCHED THE NOTICE OF DEFAULT GO DOWN, WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE
6 ARE JUST WAITING FOR MORATORIUMS TO END. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE
7 THAT HAPPEN. WE THINK WE CAN GET IN FRONT OF IT. THE H.U.D.
8 APPROVED COUNSELING AGENCIES STAND READY TO SERVE. THE
9 C.D.F.I.S IN THE COMMUNITY STAND READY TO ACT AND TO HELP MAKE
10 LOAN ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
11 SUPPORT --

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT FOR
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **LORI GAY:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MANNER, AND
17 IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS OF WORK. AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO YOUR
18 STAFF AND THE TIME YOU'VE ALLOWED THEM TO WORK WITH US. WE ARE
19 ALSO MEMBERS OF THE HEALTHY L.A. COALITION, SO I DON'T WANT TO
20 BE REMISS IN NOTING THAT WE ALSO NEED PROPERTY WORK. SO, AS
21 FORECLOSURES DO HAPPEN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE
22 ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED TO BE ABLE TO BUY UP
23 PROPERTIES, MAKE THEM AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST,
24 MAKE THEM AVAILABLE THROUGH MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE FOR NEW
25 BUYERS, AND MAKE SURE THAT MULTI-FAMILY TENANTS ARE NOT THROWN

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 OUT OF THEIR HOME. THANKS AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE YOU. WE STAND
2 READY TO WORK..

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS ELLEN GYZAYE. PLEASE STATE THE
7 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **ELLEN GYZAYE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELLEN GYZAYE. I AM A RESIDENT
11 OF DISTRICT 5. I AM CALLING TO STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEMS
12 6, 12, 15, AND 18. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. IN REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 12, I
14 STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 12. I URGE THE BOARD TO
15 PUBLICLY DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 17. FELONY
16 DISENFRANCHISEMENT HAS, FOR FAR TOO LONG, BEEN BOTH A CAUSE
17 AND AN EXPRESSION OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AND INEQUALITIES IN
18 CALIFORNIA. WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO ELECTORAL
19 OUTCOMES, PEOPLE ON STATE PAROLE ARE UNABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR
20 THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES AT THE BALLOT BOX. RESTORING
21 THE VOTING RIGHTS OF PEOPLE ON STATE PAROLE IS AN IMPORTANT
22 STEP TOWARDS A CARE FIRST MODEL FOR L.A. COUNTY. IT AFFIRMS
23 THAT EVERYONE HAS HUMANITY, AGENCY, AND AN ESSENTIAL VOICE
24 OUR COMMUNITIES. ON PROPOSITION 15, SORRY, AGENDA ITEM 15,
25 PROPOSITION 20 SEEKS TO UNDERMINE THE TRANSFORMATIVE WORK AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 YEARS OF HARD-FOUGHT PROGRESS MADE BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND
2 ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTED TO JUSTICE ACROSS CALIFORNIA. THIS
3 REGRESSIVE PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATION STANDS IN DIRECT
4 OPPOSITION TO THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION ROAD MAP AND
5 THE HARD WORK OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTED CONSISTENTLY BY
6 THIS BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD ON A PATH
7 TOWARD INCREASED INVESTMENT IN THOSE VERY PROGRAMS. I STRONGLY
8 URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION AND OFFICIALLY
9 COMMIT TO OPPOSING THIS PROPOSITION. ON AGENDA ITEM 18, I
10 APPLAUD THE BOARD'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A REDUCED JAIL
11 POPULATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID, BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE
12 STEADILY RISING RATE OF INCARCERATION AND DETENTION IN L.A.
13 COUNTY SINCE THE LOWEST --

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT TO
16 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **ELLEN GYZAYE:** THANK YOU. FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD
19 LIKE TO ECHO MANY OF THE OTHER CALLERS URGING THE BOARD TO
20 OPPOSE PROPOSITION 25. I'M CALLING ON THE BOARD TO PUBLICLY
21 DECLARE THAT OPPOSITION. THE PASSAGE OF PROP 25 WOULD GO FROM
22 BAD TO WORSE, AND AS BAD AS THIS CASH BAIL IS, WE CANNOT MOVE
23 BACKWARDS BY REPLACING IT WITH SOMETHING THAT IS EVEN WORSE,
24 THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAUREN JANE, PLEASE STATE THE
4 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **LAUREN JANE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M ADDRESSING
8 ITEM 18 AND GENERAL COMMENT IN FAVOR OF JAIL POPULATION REVIEW
9 COUNCIL. MY NAME IS LAUREN JANE, COFOUNDER FOR MAMA BEARS FOR
10 CHANGE FROM DIAMOND BAR, CALIFORNIA. THERE ARE 2,850 JAIL
11 JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 JAIL SYSTEM IS THE LARGEST OF THEM ALL. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 HOLDS MORE INMATES IN CUSTODY THAN ALL JAILS IN EACH 37 U.S.
14 STATES. THIS MUST CHANGE. WE ARE PROUD TO BE A WORLDWIDE
15 LEADER, BUT BEING A LEADER IN JAIL POPULATION IS NOTHING TO
16 BE PROUD OF. WE MUST INVEST IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
17 RESOURCES AND FOCUS MORE ON REHABILITATION MODEL, MIMICKING
18 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS LIKE BOYS REPUBLIC AND CHINO HILLS. THE
19 JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL IS REQUIRED STEP IN THE RIGHT
20 DIRECTION. LET'S LEAD AND BE THE CHANGE WE MUST SEE IN THE
21 U.S., THANK YOU.

22

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

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LOGAN YOUNG. PLEASE STATE THE
2 AGENDA ITEM AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ROBIN YOUNG:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBIN YOUNG, AND I AM SPEAKING FOR
6 LOGAN YOUNG AND ROBIN YOUNG. WE OWN A STORE TOGETHER, AND WE
7 ARE SPEAKING FOR AGENDA 1. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF
8 THE INDOOR MALLS. AS AN EMPLOYER IN THE COMMUNITY, I AM
9 CONCERNED BY THE COUNTY'S LACK OF DATA AND OPEN DIALOGUE
10 REGARDING THE CONTINUED CLOSURE OF INDOOR SHOPPING CENTER
11 MALLS. WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPEN OUR MALL. WE ARE COMMITTED
12 TO REOPENING AND THE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LOCAL AND STATE
13 MANDATED GUIDELINES AND C. D. C. RECOMMENDATIONS. MACY'S, J.
14 C. PENNY, TARGET, WALMART, AND 99 CENT STORES ARE ALLOWED
15 OPEN. SO I FEEL LIKE THE COUNTY'S TREATMENT OF INDOOR MALLS
16 APPEARS TO BE BASED ON THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THESE FACILITIES
17 ARE LESS SAFE THAN OTHERS. FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT VENUES THAT
18 HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, INDOOR
19 MALLS ARE SAFER. THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER INTERIOR
20 PAVILION SPACE, EASILY SEPARATED ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

21

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

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULIE SANCHEZ, PLEASE STATE THE
2 AGENDA ITEM AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. MS. SANCHEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

4

5 **JULIE SANCHEZ:** HI, SORRY. I WASN'T SURE WHEN I WAS ON. MY NAME
6 IS JULIE. I AM A PARENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM CALLING
7 REGARDING AGENDA 1 AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING
8 CLOSURE OF INDOOR MALLS, AND ALSO SCHOOLS, AND
9 EXTRACURRICULARS. I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A SNAPSHOT OF THE
10 DAILY STRUGGLES THAT WE EXPERIENCE WITH SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED
11 AND GYM ACTIVITIES BEING CLOSED. MY CHILDREN, THEY ARE
12 EXHAUSTED WITH DOING NOTHING BUT SITTING IN FRONT OF THE
13 COMPUTER. THEY CHECK OUT OF SCHOOL -- DROP IN AUDIO. THE
14 SOCIAL CONNECTION, BUT AGAIN, THIS HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH
15 NOTHING BUT SITTING IN FRONT OF A COMPUTER. THE IRONY IS THAT
16 OUR DANCE SCHOOLS AND OUR TEAM GYMNASTICS SIT NEXT TO A SWEAT
17 SPA AND A BEAUTY SALON, BOTH OF WHICH ARE OPEN, HAVE CLOSER
18 CONTACTS, SMALLER SPACES, AND OLDER CLIENTELE, BUT OUR
19 FACILITIES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE OPEN, DANCE, EDUCATION,
20 SPORTS. THIS DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE. THIS ALSO GOES FOR THE
21 MALLS. OUR KIDS ARE DEPRESSED. THEY ARE NOT LEARNING. THEY ARE
22 ANXIOUS. THEY ARE ACTING OUT. THEY ARE DESPERATE FOR SOCIAL
23 CONNECTION AND ATTENTION. IT IS LEADING TO HARM SELF AND
24 OTHERS.

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT TO
2 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **JULIE SANCHEZ:** THANK YOU. SO AS WE ARE SPEAKING TODAY ABOUT
5 HOW TO REDUCE JAIL POPULATIONS, LET'S START WITH TALKING ABOUT
6 PREVENTION. SCHOOLS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CAN FOLLOW
7 THE SAME STATE CARE GUIDELINES, INCLUDING TEMPERATURE CHECKS,
8 SOCIAL DISTANCING, -- CAPACITY IN ORDER TO OFFER SAFE
9 EDUCATION, AND SAFE COURSES. EDUCATION, MUSIC, DANCE, TEAM
10 SPORTS ARE CORRELATED TO RESPECTING OTHERS, INDEPENDENCE, AND
11 STAYING OUT OF PRISON. I ASK THAT, AS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
12 REOPENING, WE CONSIDER THE FAMILIES THAT YOU REPRESENT, THE
13 CHILDREN THAT YOU REPRESENT, WHO ARE STRUGGLING, AND I SUPPORT
14 YOU MOVING TOWARDS REOPENING SCHOOLS AND AFTER SCHOOL
15 CURRICULARS THAT HELP TO BUILD INDEPENDENCE. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
20 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
21 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
22 THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MIKE WILLIAMS, PLEASE STATE THE
23 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MIKE WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM
2 SPEAKING TODAY ON ITEM 18 AND GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS MIKE
3 WILLIAMS. I AM A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND I REMAIN
4 INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES. I WANT TO
5 CONGRATULATE YOU ON REDUCING THE DAILY AVERAGE INCARCERATION
6 IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. A PROJECT OF AT LEAST 16 ENTITIES OF THE
7 COUNTY WORKING TOGETHER WITH POSITIVE RESULTS IS REALLY GREAT.
8 THE 77 PAGE REPORT RELEASED ON AUGUST THE 9TH, 2020 WAS VERY
9 INTERESTING READING. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS THE PLAN TO
10 MAINTAIN AND REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATIONS AND THE ATTENDING
11 GLOBAL RECOMMENDATIONS. AS A NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT RESIDENT, I
12 FOUND THE REPORT EDUCATIONAL. I WAS MADE AWARE OF PROBLEMS I
13 WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH. I SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE MOTION ESTABLISHING THE JAIL
15 POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, ITEM 18 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. THANK
16 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE GOVERNING
17 BODY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RONDA MCMILLAN, PLEASE STATE
22 THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **RONDA MCMILLAN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RONDA MCMILLAN, AND
2 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY ON ITEM 3D, 17, FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND
4 MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PROPOSED
5 COMMITMENT TO MORTGAGE RELIEF AND FINANCIAL COUNSELING FOR LOW
6 TO MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNERS. AND WE THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN
7 AND SOLIS FOR THE PROPOSED MOTION AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
8 FOR REMAINING ENGAGED ON ITEMS AND ISSUES THAT IMPACT LOCAL
9 HOMEOWNERS DURING THE PANDEMIC. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE
10 STAFFS OF DISTRICTS 1 AND 4 FOR THEIR HANDS-ON SUPPORT. THERE
11 ARE MORE THAN 4.4 MILLION FAMILIES AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS.
12 THIS FUNDING WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING AT HOME
13 AND BEING ON THE STREET FOR HOMEOWNERS. ONLY 57 PERCENT OF THE
14 MORTGAGE HOLDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR
15 C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING, AND LESS THAN THAT NUMBER UTILIZED THE
16 FUNDING AVAILABLE. MOM AND POP LANDLORDS USED EVEN LESS OF THE
17 FUNDING THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WERE
18 UNAWARE OR WERE NOT SURE HOW TO ACCESS IT OR THOUGHT IT MIGHT
19 NOT BE FOR THEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP
20 WITH THE COUNTY AND THE --

21

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

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOE DIAZ, PLEASE STATE THE
2 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **JOE DIAZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 19 ON THE AGENDA. I WANT TO
7 PERSONALLY THANK, ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
8 HEALTH FACILITIES, THE BOARD AND THEIR VISION AND THEIR
9 PIONEERING EFFORTS TO PRIORITIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES
10 TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC, ESPECIALLY FOCUSING ON
11 PUBLIC ISSUES THAT RELATE TO THE TREATMENT AND HOPEFULLY
12 SOLUTION FOR THE MOST FRAIL AND VULNERABLE OF OUR POPULATION.
13 AND THAT IS OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS. WE REPRESENT ABOUT 400
14 OF NURSING HOMES IN LOS ANGELES, AND AS AN ASSOCIATION WHO HAS
15 BEEN AROUND FOR OVER 60 YEARS, THIS HAS BEEN THE WORST THREAT
16 THAT HAS IMPACTED OUR COMMUNITIES. HOPEFULLY, THE RESOLUTION
17 THAT IS APPROVED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
18 ADEQUATELY AND TIMELY MEET THE NEEDS TO PROTECT OUR FRAIL AND
19 ELDERLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

20

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

23

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KELLY QUINLIN, PLEASE STATE THE
2 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **KELLY QUINLIN:** YES, I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM S1 AND ALSO A
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A BUSINESS OWNER OF A KARATE SCHOOL, AND
7 WE HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR OVER SIX MONTHS NOW. WE WERE ABLE TO
8 OPEN FOR TWO AND A HALF WEEKS AT THE END OF JUNE AND BEGINNING
9 OF JULY. AND AT THAT TIME, WE IMPLEMENTED EVERY SAFETY
10 PRECAUTION POSSIBLE. WE HAD 11 BY 11 FOOT SQUARES MARKED OFF.
11 WE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT, JUST DRILLS. EVERYONE WORE A
12 MASK. WE HAVE EVERY TYPE OF HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE. NO ONE
13 IS TOUCHING ANYTHING. THEY KEEP IT ALL ON THEIR SPOT ON THE
14 MAT, AND IF THEY USE THE RESTROOM, WHICH WE'VE ADVISED THEM TO
15 GO BEFORE THEY GET THERE, WE WILL SANITIZE IMMEDIATELY AFTER.
16 IT WORKED OUT PERFECTLY. WE ALSO HAD PEOPLE CARRYING A
17 BANDANNA WITH THEM, SO IF THEY HAD THE COUGH, OR SNEEZE, THEY
18 WOULD --

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT TO
21 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **KELLY QUINLIN:** TO PREVENT THE SPREAD. I AM JUST ASKING THAT
24 YOU REALLY RECONSIDER THE CLOSING OF SPORTS FOR YOUTH. IT IS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 NECESSARY. AND I AM JUST ASKING THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BYE
2 BYE.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE KRUTHI PAREK, PLEASE STATE
7 THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **KRUTHI PAREK:** HI, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
11 YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETING. I AM
12 CALLING REGARDING ITEMS 6, 12, 15, 18, AND 32. I AM IN FAVOR
13 OF ALL OF THEM AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 I ECHO A LOT OF WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID, SO I WILL NOT SAY
15 IT AGAIN. I THINK THAT THIS IS A MOMENT, 2020 IS THE YEAR OF
16 EXPOSING THE DECADES AND CENTURIES OF CLASSISM AND RACISM THAT
17 PLAYS OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, PEOPLE DO
18 NOT HAVE STABLE HOUSING. THEY DON'T HAVE BASIC NEEDS. AND WE
19 ARE CONTINUING TO LOOK AT SPENDING AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT OF
20 MONEY ON THINGS WE JUST DON'T NEED ANYMORE. IF WE LOOK AT OUR
21 -- APPROACH TO THE CARE FIRST BUDGET AND WANT TO MAKE SURE
22 THAT YOU'RE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST, I'M A PART OF THE LOS
23 ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION THAT IS REALLY LOOKING AT
24 MOBILIZING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP SPACE
25 TO CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR A NO MORE COST TO PROBATION. PROBATION

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HAD FAILED AGAIN AND AGAIN. AS SPEAKERS BEFORE ME HAVE STATED,
2 WE ARE SPENDING APPROXIMATELY \$800,000 PER YEAR TO INCARCERATE
3 ONE YOUNG PERSON, WHICH BASICALLY MEANS WE'RE PROTECTING
4 PROBATION SALARIES. WE ARE PROTECTING PROBATION JOBS, AND IN
5 THIS MOMENT WHERE YOUR RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE SAFE HOUSING AND
6 YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T HAVE SAFE PLACES TO DEVELOP, THEY DO NOT
7 HAVE JOBS, THEY DO NOT HAVE YOUTH CENTERS, THEY DO NOT HAVE
8 PEACE BUILDERS OR CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO SUPPORT THEM WITH
9 ISSUES THAT COME UP IN THEIR LIVES, THIS IS A MOMENT WHERE WE
10 CONTINUE TO URGE YOU TO PLEASE TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT YOUR
11 BUDGET. MAKE SURE FOR EVERY \$100, YOU ARE INVESTING \$98 INTO
12 YOUR RESIDENTS LOOKING OUT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT A PART -- AND
13 PUT \$2 TOWARD LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR PROBATION. WE HAVE SEEN
14 AGAIN AND AGAIN THE HARM THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS
15 CONTINUED TO HAVE ON --

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT TO
18 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **KRUTHI PAREK:** WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO URGE YOU TO PLEASE DO NOT
21 ALLOW THE '20-'21 BUDGET TO HAVE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAVING
22 THIS MUCH MONEY. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU REROUTE THESE FUNDS
23 INTO THE NEW VISION AROUND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THAT THE YOUTH
24 JUSTICE WORK GROUP CONTINUES TO PROMOTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
25 FOR YOUR TIME.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE RUDY ESPINOSA, PLEASE
5 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **RUDY ESPINOSA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO
9 SPEAK ON 70C ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **RUDY ESPINOSA:** WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANTED TO JUST
15 SIGNAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE HISTORIC PROPOSAL
16 THAT IS IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY, ON ITEM 70C. AND I ASK FOR YOUR
17 SUPPORT. THERE IS 50,000, SOME ESTIMATED 50,000
18 MICROENTREPRENEURS THAT ARE ALSO CALLED STREET VENDORS IN OUR
19 REGION, AND THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMY
20 THAT MUST BE ENGAGED. UNFORTUNATELY, HISTORICALLY, THEY
21 HAVEN'T BEEN ENGAGED. WE HAVE NOT INVESTED IN INFRASTRUCTURE,
22 IN AN ACCESSIBLE PERMIT SYSTEM FOR THEM. ITEM 70C IS THE
23 BEGINNING OF THIS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
24 URGE ALL THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. IT IS
25 INFORMED BY A GREAT REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 BUSINESS AFFAIRS THAT'S INFORMED BY STREET VENDORS AND ALSO
2 BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES, AND IT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THE FACT
3 THAT WE NEED TO INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT STREET
4 VENDORS AND HELP THEM PARTICIPATE IN OUR ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY
5 BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU A HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT TO
8 ADDRESS YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **RUDY ESPINOSA:** I'D LIKE TO JUST SUPPORT THE BOARD IN MAKING
11 SURE THAT THEY VOTE YES ON ITEM 70C AND ALSO SUPPORT THE REST
12 OF THE HOUSING MEASURES THAT ARE ON TODAY'S AGENDA, THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JAY STEVEN BRANTLEY, PLEASE
17 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON
18 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **JAY STEVEN BRANTLEY:** MY NAME IS JAY STEVEN BRANTLEY, AND I'M A
21 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 15
22 AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK
23 YOU SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR PROPOSING THIS MOTION
24 OPPOSING PROP 20. THIS REGRESSIVE MEASURE WOULD UNDO YEARS OF
25 WORK MADE TOWARD DECARCERATION STYMIE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS BY DIVERTING RESOURCES
2 AWAY FROM PROGRAMS THAT KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. IT WOULD MEAN AN
3 EXPANSION OF PRISON POPULATIONS WHICH, IN THIS MOMENT, AMOUNTS
4 TO FURTHER, AND EVER MORE COSTLY, HEALTH CRISES WITHIN AND
5 POTENTIALLY OUTSIDE OF DETENTION CENTERS. AND HAVING
6 SUPPORTED COMMUNITY-FIRST MEASURES IN THE PAST, FAILING TO
7 CONDEMN PROP 20 NOW WOULD UNDERMINE VOTERS' TRUST IN THE BOARD
8 AND ITS COMMITMENT TO CENTERING PEOPLE OVER PRISONS. I AM
9 CALLING ON THE CONDEMNATION OF PROP 20 AS SOMEONE WHO, YEARS
10 AGO, FACED FELONY DRUG CHARGES MYSELF. I WAS OFFERED AN
11 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION, BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, MY SECOND
12 CHANCE WAS BOUGHT AND PAID FOR. TOO MANY YOUNG CALIFORNIANS
13 WHO WOULD BE HELPED BY TREATMENT ARE INSTEAD SACRIFICED TO A
14 SYSTEM THAT PROFITS FROM THEM BEING CAGED BECAUSE THEY LACK
15 THE PRIVILEGE AND RESOURCES THAT I HAD.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT FOR
18 YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **JAY STEVEN BRANTLEY:** THANK YOU. I ALSO CALL ON THE BOARD TO
21 DRAFT A MOTION DECLARING THEIR OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 25.
22 WHILE PROP 25 SUPPORTS THE MUCH-NEEDED ELIMINATION OF CASH
23 BAIL, IT ALSO PROPOSES THE EMPLOYMENT OF STATISTICAL
24 ALGORITHMS TO DETERMINE AN OFFENDER'S LIKELIHOOD OF RE-
25 OFFENSE, ASSUMING SUCH SCI-FI METHODOLOGY CAN BE EFFECTIVELY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IMPLEMENTED, IT WOULD ONLY REPLACE A SYSTEM THAT CRIMINALIZES
2 POVERTY AND THEREBY DISPROPORTIONATELY NEGATIVELY IMPACTS
3 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WITH A SYSTEM OF ORGANIZED HARASSMENT.
4 CITIES WHERE SUCH PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TRIED HAVE SEEN MORE
5 INCARCERATION, NOT LESS, AND FURTHER REENFORCEMENT OF RACIAL
6 DISPARITIES WITHIN THEIR CRIMINAL SYSTEMS. FAILING TO CONDEMN
7 PROP 25 WOULD UNDERMINE THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST
8 AGENDA AND GO AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE A.T.I.
9 REPORT. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
14 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
15 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
16 THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KEITH SHARP. PLEASE STATE THE
17 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
18 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **KEITH SHARP:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS KEITH SHARP. I AM
21 WITH HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO, THE PROUD EMPLOYER OF 2,000
22 EMPLOYEES IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM S1 AND
23 WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM TODAY REQUESTING THE
24 BOARD SUPPORT THE REOPENING OF CARD ROOMS FOR OUTDOOR GAMING
25 NOW. I FIRST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER PUBLIC

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 STATEMENT IN WHICH SHE RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO BALANCE THE
2 IMPORTANCE OF STOPPING COVID-19 WITH THE NEED TO GET PEOPLE
3 BACK TO WHO CANNOT WORK FROM HOME. AND TO GET -- DROP IN
4 AUDIO.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR LAST SPEAKER IS PHAL SOK. PLEASE STATE THE
9 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE SPEAKING ON AND IF YOU ARE ALSO
10 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **PHAL SOK:** GOOD MORNING, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 6, 15, AND 18, ALSO
13 TAKING UP GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE
14 THIS BOARD TO THINK ABOUT A POKER GAME AS AN ANALOGY. THIS
15 BOARD HAS BEEN VERY INVESTED IN GOING FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO
16 DECARCERATE AND A PLAN TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND TO LOVE ON
17 OUR FOLKS AND TO LOVE ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I SAY POKER BECAUSE
18 NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO FOLD. NOW IS NOT TO TIME TO TURN YOUR
19 HAND IN AND SAY I QUIT. NOW IS THE TIME TO PRESS FORWARD AND
20 KEEP ON GOING BECAUSE THAT HAND IS GOING TO WIN. WHEN THAT
21 HAND WINS, WE ARE NOT GOING TO NEED A BUNCH OF POLICE IN THE
22 STREETS ANYMORE. I SPEAKING FROM MY EXPERIENCE. AS I'VE SAID
23 MANY, MANY TIMES AGAIN AND AGAIN TO THIS THIS BOARD, AS A
24 YOUNG PERSON WITHOUT THE SUPPORTS THAT I NEEDED, AS SOMEBODY
25 THAT JUST LOST A PARENT AND ESSENTIALLY BECAME PARENTLESS,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WHEN I OPENED MY DOOR, THERE WAS NOTHING BY COPS, BADGES, AND
2 FIREARMS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT WAS INVESTED IN. SO THINK OF THE
3 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT WERE SPENT TO
4 INCARCERATE ME, TO PUT ME INTO THE SYSTEM, TO TAKE ME AWAY
5 FROM A COLLEGE EDUCATION, TO PUT ME INTO HALLS AND CAMPS, TO
6 SEND ME THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM FOR WELL OVER A DECADE. I
7 WOULD SAY A DECADE AND A HALF. THESE ARE THE THINGS TO THINK
8 ABOUT. THESE ARE THE CONSEQUENCES. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, IF
9 THE COUNTY AND SOCIETY OVERALL HAD BEEN SUPPORTING ME,
10 PROVIDING ME WITH THE THINGS I NEEDED, LIKE FOLKS HAVE BEEN
11 MENTIONING EARLIER, YOUTH CENTERS, YOUTH JOBS, PEACE BUILDERS
12 IN THE COMMUNITY, FOLKS THAT WANT TO REACH OUT AND TALK TO ME
13 WHEN I WAS IN THAT TIME OF NEED, WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE
14 OUTCOME OF MY LIFE AND WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE OUTCOME OF THE
15 HARM I CAUSED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY? THOSE CONCRETE BOXES
16 FILLED WITH REBAR THAT TAKES 30 YEARS TO DRY DID NOT HELP ME
17 FOR A DAMN THING. THE FOLKS THAT DID HELP ME WERE THE FOLKS
18 THAT CAME IN, THAT WENT THROUGH ALL THE STRUGGLES OF GETTING
19 INSIDE A LOCKUP TO COME TO SEE ME, TO COME TALK TO ME, TO COME
20 SHARE WITH ME AND BREAK BREAD WITH ME. THAT IS WHAT MAKES A
21 DIFFERENCE. PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT TO
24 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **PHAL SOK:** I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO THINK FORWARD,
2 TO THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, AT THE END OF THE DAY,
3 THE END OF POLICING IN OUR COMMUNITIES MEANS THAT THERE IS NO
4 NEED FOR POLICING, MEANS THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE WELL AND
5 WHOLE. THEY ARE SAFE BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING A CARED FOR. THEY
6 ARE NOT ARE HURT, AND HURT PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE. SO THESE ARE
7 THINGS WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, TO REMOVE TRAUMA FROM OUR
8 COMMUNITY, TO HEAL OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, TO HEAL OUR STREETS.
9 THERE'S A LOT OF BLOOD THAT'S BEEN SPILLED OUT THERE. AND IT
10 ALWAYS CRIES OUT, SO I WOULD ASK THIS BOARD TO HEAL THAT BLOOD
11 AND TO JUST KNOW THAT YOU'RE STEPPING FORWARD IN THE RIGHT
12 DIRECTION TO BRING THEM SOME CLOSURE. AND SO WITH THAT, I
13 YIELD MY TIME. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRIS RIDDLE, PLEASE
18 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **CHRIS RIDDLE:** HI. MY NAME IS CHRIS RIDDLE, I AM A RESIDENT OF
22 DISTRICT TWO, AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6, 12, 15,
23 18 AND GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEMS 6 AND 12,
24 PROPOSITION 17 IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP FORWARD IN THE FIGHT
25 AGAINST RECIDIVISM AND FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF FORMERLY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INCARCERATED PEOPLE. RESTORING VOTING RIGHTS OF PEOPLE ON
2 STATE PAROLE IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS THE CARE FIRST MODEL
3 FOR L.A. COUNTY. IT AFFIRMS THAT EVERYONE HAS HUMANITY,
4 AGENCY, AND AN ESSENTIAL VOICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND ON ITEM
5 15, I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD OPPOSE PROP 20
6 BECAUSE IT IS A REGRESSIVE APPROACH TO JUSTICE. IT IS IN
7 DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED CARE THAT COMMUNITIES
8 HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR, VOTERS HAVE USHERED IN, AND THIS BOARD
9 HAS SUPPORTED. IT WILL NOT ONLY ADD \$2.3 BILLION IN
10 INCARCERATED SPENDING BY 2025, IT WILL STEAL VITAL FUNDING
11 FROM COMMUNITY SYSTEMS OF CARE, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT.
12 RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT THESE ARE THE PROGRAMS THAT ACTUALLY
13 KEEP PEOPLE SAFE, NOT INCARCERATION AND POLICE. WE CAN'T ALLOW
14 THE PASSING OF LEGISLATION THAT SEEKS TO SIPHON AWAY ALREADY
15 SCARCE STATE RESOURCES INTO A CARCERAL SYSTEM AND INCREASE
16 POPULATIONS IN JAILS AND PRISONS TO EVEN MORE CRITICAL LEVELS.
17 WHILE THE COUNCIL'S WORK TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED
18 ANGELENOS LOW IS ESSENTIAL, I AM CONCERNED ON PROP 8, OR ON
19 ITEM 18, THAT THE MOTION'S LANGUAGE ONLY APPEARS TO
20 CONTEMPLATE THE COUNCIL PROPOSING INCREASES TO SPENDING,
21 RATHER THAN DECREASES. AS THE POPULATIONS STABILIZE AT NEW
22 LOWER LEVELS, THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO IDENTIFY
23 OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE JAIL SPENDING AND REINVEST THE SAVINGS
24 IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE COUNTY'S CARCERAL SYSTEM
25 HAS SHOWN OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THEY NEED STRONGER

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 OVERSIGHT IN THEIR BUDGET ALLOCATIONS. I CALL ON THE BOARD TO
2 AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THIS PROVISION AND VOTE YES ON THE
3 AMENDED MOTION. AND AS FAR AS MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT GOES,
4 I URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE PROP 25. PROP 25 WILL UNDERMINE THE
5 COUNTY --

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT FOR
8 YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

9

10 **CHRIS RIDDLE:** PROP 25 WILL UNDERMINE THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST
11 AGENDA AND THE PROGRESSIVE PRETRIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
12 A.T.I. REPORT. PRETRIAL REFORM WAS ONE OF THE TOP 26. PRETRIAL
13 REFORM IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING A DECREASED JAIL POPULATION.
14 INSTEAD, PROP 25 WILL INCREASE INCARCERATION RATES AND
15 THREATEN THE BOARD'S MISSION TO BOTH SUPPORT A CARE FIRST
16 AGENDA AND CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I URGE THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS TO PUBLICLY DECLARE THEIR OPPOSITION TO
18 PROPOSITION 25 AND CONTINUE ON A PATH TOWARD REDUCING OUR
19 RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION AND PRETRIAL DETENTION. A COMMITMENT
20 TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IS GOING TO REQUIRE CONSTANT
21 ATTENTION AND DEDICATION BY THIS BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR
23 CONTINUED VISION AND DETERMINATION IN THIS DIRECTION. I YIELD
24 MY TIME.

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE
2 ONE HOUR OF PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS
5 HAS ENDED. I WANT TO THANK ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU
6 WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
7 COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
8 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
9 WHICH WILL THEN BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON
10 TO HEAR FROM SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA, WHO HAS REQUESTED TO
11 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM NUMBER 18. SHERIFF, YOU WILL HAVE
12 THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. WELCOME.

13

14 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. FIRST,
15 I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND YOURSELF, SUPERVISOR
16 BARGER, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR ORGANIZING THE \$100,000
17 REWARD THAT LEADS TO THE ARREST OF THE SUSPECT IN THAT
18 COWARDLY ATTACK ON THE DEPUTIES. THAT IS MUCH APPRECIATED.
19 THAT HAS NOW BEEN MATCHED AND EXCEEDED BY PRIVATE DONORS AS
20 WELL. SO, WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START THERE. REGARDING ITEM
21 NUMBER 18, THE JAIL COUNT TODAY STANDS AT 13,807 OF WHICH
22 2,000 ARE ROUGHLY INMATES WHO NEED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO STATE
23 PRISON OR TO MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. HOWEVER, NONE OF THEM ARE
24 TAKING INMATES. SO OUR POPULATION IS GROWING AS A RESULT OF
25 THAT. HOWEVER, THE COURTS ARE NOT OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SO EVEN IF WE TRANSFER THE 2,000 OUT, WE ARE STILL GOING TO
2 BE FACED WITH AN INCREASING JAIL POPULATION BECAUSE IT IS
3 ARTIFICIALLY LOW AT THIS POINT. MY CONCERN ABOUT THIS JAIL
4 POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, FOR ONE, IS THAT THE AUTHORITY TO
5 MANAGE THE JAILS EXCLUSIVELY RESIDES IN MY OFFICE. AND I
6 CANNOT EMPHASIZE THAT ENOUGH. AND I TOOK THE INITIATIVE, IN
7 FEBRUARY, TO START REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION IN RESPONSE TO
8 THE COVID PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, I CAN ONLY IMPACT A SMALL SLICE
9 OF THE JAIL POPULATION, AND WE GOT RID OF THAT SMALL SLICE. SO
10 WHAT IS LEFT IN THE JAIL POPULATION IS MOSTLY FELONS, AND
11 PRETRIAL DETAINEES, AND VERY SERIOUS CRIMES. IF YOU LOOK AT
12 RIGHT NOW JUST FOR 2020, WE HAVE REPORTED 8,974 VIOLENT
13 CRIMES, 119 HOMICIDES, 2,500 ROBBERIES, 1,500 AGGREGATED
14 ASSAULTS, 6,000 BURGLARIES. THIS IS NOT ANY -- AND I'M
15 HEARING EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT DECARCERATION AND THE HARM IN
16 THIS CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST MODEL. IT COULD ALSO BE CALLED
17 OFFENDER FIRST/VICTIM LAST MODEL. THERE IS NOTHING RACIST
18 ABOUT THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE IN JAIL BECAUSE OF THE CRIME
19 THEY COMMIT. THAT IS A FUNCTION OF A PERSONAL DECISIONS THAT
20 PEOPLE MAKE TO COMMIT THE CRIMES. WE ARE ONLY -- THE PEOPLE
21 THAT ARE LEFT WITH THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO HOLD PEOPLE IN
22 CUSTODY WHILE THEIR CASES ARE BEING TRIED IN COURT, OR IF IT'S
23 AN A.B.109, A SENTENCE. IN FACT, MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES IN
24 THE COUNTY JAIL ARE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT AT THIS POINT. SO, ALL
25 THAT IS LEFT ARE FELONIES, AND THESE ARE FELONIES BECAUSE THEY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HARMED THE COMMUNITY. I HEARD A LOT ABOUT HARM FOR THE FOLKS
2 THAT ARE ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BUT I HAVE YET TO HEAR
3 SOMEONE APOLOGIZE FOR THE HARM THAT IS CAUSED TO VICTIMS OF
4 CRIME. THAT NEEDS TO BE THE TOP PRIORITY FOR THE COUNTY, AND
5 IT IS FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE HARM THAT IS CAUSED TO VICTIMS OF
6 CRIME. AND THIS POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, IT LOOKS NOTHING
7 MORE THAN A VEILED ATTEMPT TO USURP THE AUTHORITY OF THE
8 SHERIFF AND TO DO MY JOB. THE REASON WE WERE ABLE TO
9 DEPOPULATE BY 5,000 INMATES IS BECAUSE I WAS DOING MY JOB. I
10 WORKED WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS. THAT'S THE
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THAT'S THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATIVE
12 PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS,
13 KENNETH BRAZIL, SAM ODA, THE CRIMINAL COURT DIVISION. WE WORK
14 TOGETHER, AND WE WORKED VERY, VERY WELL TOGETHER. AND
15 RECOGNIZE THAT YOU CANNOT FORM A COUNCIL OF ALL OF THESE
16 PEOPLE, WELL-INTENDED AS IT MAY BE, AND SOMEHOW THAT IS GOING
17 TO DICTATE OR MANAGE THE POPULATION OF THE JAIL. IT IS A
18 FUNCTION OF THE CRIME THAT HAPPENS ON THE STREET.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, CAN YOU WRAP UP,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YEAH, SO IN OTHER WORDS, LET'S FOCUS ON
24 HAVING PEOPLE COMMIT LESS CRIME, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION, AND I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. SO
2 THANK YOU AGAIN.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, AND WE JUST
5 WANT TO SAY THAT OUR THOUGHTS ARE PRAYERS ARE WITH THE TWO
6 DEPUTIES AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, REGARDING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME WITH
8 YOUR TWO DEPUTIES STILL HOSPITALIZED. SO THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS,
9 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

10

11 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE ARE GOING TO --
14 TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH THE SET ITEM, S1, AND THEN
15 ITEMS 3D AND 17, WHICH ARE RELATED TO ITEM 4D AND 28, ALSO
16 RELATED, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6 AND 12, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP
17 TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS, 18, 19, 22, 23, 70C AND THEN
18 FINISHING WITH ITEM 70G. BUT, PRIOR TO DOING THAT, MADAM
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON
20 WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
23 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, SD1, 1D, 2D, 5D-8D, 1-5, 7-11, 13, 14,
24 15, SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTES NO, 16, 20, 21, 24-27, 29-69, 70A,
25 70B, AS REVISED, 70D-70F, 70H, 73-77 ARE BEFORE YOU.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT WILL MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
4 EXCEPTIONS NOTED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
5 ROLL.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

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

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
3 5.0.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM S1, WHICH
6 IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AS SET MATTER. THIS IS A PUBLIC
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC
8 TRENDS. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON DR. BARBARA FERRER, THE
9 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE US AN UPDATED. DR.
10 CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, WILL ALSO BE
11 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. DR. FERRER? IS DR. FERRER
12 ON THE LINE? YEAH, SHE IS ON. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOUR MIC PLEASE,
13 DR. FERRER?

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** DR. FERRER, YOU MAY BEGIN SPEAKING.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, WHY DON'T WE GO
18 AHEAD -- I KNOW THERE ARE QUESTIONS FOR DR. FERRER, BUT WE ARE
19 TRYING TO GET THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. IS DR. GHALY ON? IS
20 DR. GHALY LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? OKAY, DR. GHALY, WOULD YOU
21 LIKE TO SAY ANY REMARKS REGARDING THE ITEM TODAY?

22

23 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** HI, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING. THANK
24 YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. I'M APPRECIATIVE OF
25 YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP ON COVID AND FOR THE CHANCE TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ADDRESS. AS YOU KNOW, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WE HAVE
2 SEEN A DECLINE IN THE VOLUME OF COVID-19 CASES ACROSS LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. THE HOSPITALIZATION RATES HAVE DECLINED, WHICH
4 IS A GOOD THING. THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL PATIENTS IN THE
5 HOSPITALS, MANY OF THEM, APPROXIMATELY 1/3, ARE IN INTENSIVE
6 CARE UNITS ACROSS THE COUNTY, BUT THE OVERALL RATE OF
7 HOSPITALIZATION IS LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS IN LATE JULY
8 AND EARLY AUGUST. AND THAT IS REALLY THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF
9 ALL RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN ABIDING BY THE PUBLIC
10 HEALTH PRACTICES OF WASHING HANDS, PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AND
11 MASK WEARING. WE CONTINUE ALSO TO HAVE TESTING AVAILABILITY
12 ACROSS THE REGION IN A VARIETY OF BOTH THE COUNTY SUPPORTED
13 AND COUNTY OPERATED TESTING SITES, IN ADDITION TO THOSE
14 TESTING SITES OPERATED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS
15 THROUGH THE -- THE ESTABLISHED HEALTH SYSTEM AND VARIETY OF
16 PRIVATE PARTNERS. WE ARE REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE PEOPLE
17 THAT HAVE COME FORWARD TO SUPPORT TESTING. WE HAVE HAD A FEW
18 OF THE TESTING SITES CLOSED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, I'M
19 SORRY, THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS IN RESPONSE TO THE POOR AIR
20 QUALITY OUT OF SAFETY -- CONSIDERATION OF SAFETY FOR THE STAFF
21 MEMBERS. BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT THERE ARE A ROBUST NUMBER OF
22 APPOINTMENT SLOTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS REALLY THE FULL
23 GEOGRAPHY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
24 THOUSANDS OF UNFILLED APPOINTMENT SLOTS. SO I REALLY ENCOURAGE
25 THE PUBLIC TO THINK ABOUT WHETHER THEY NEED ACCESS TO TESTING.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID OR IF YOU HAVE ANY EXPOSURE TO
2 AN INDIVIDUAL WITH COVID, OR POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO AN
3 INDIVIDUAL WITH COVID OR CERTAINLY INDIVIDUALS THAT WORK IN
4 CERTAIN ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS, THERE ARE TESTING APPOINTMENTS
5 AVAILABLE. IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO SEEK TESTING THROUGH YOUR
6 ESTABLISHED PROVIDER AS THEY CAN HELP COORDINATE YOUR CARE,
7 AND THEY HAVE ACCESS TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S BASELINE MEDICAL
8 RECORD AND HEALTH INFORMATION, BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, THERE
9 ARE LOT OF TESTING SLOTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS THE COUNTY,
10 AND WE WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT THOSE TESTING SLOTS REMAIN
11 AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT NEED THEM. IT IS TOO SOON TO SEE IF
12 WE ANY BUMP IN THE NUMBER OF CASES FROM THE RECENT LABOR DAY
13 WEEKEND, BUT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR
14 TWO, BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT PEOPLE KEPT IN MIND THOSE BASIC
15 FOUR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES, AND WE'LL SEE REALLY NO INCREASE
16 OR ONLY A MINIMAL INCREASE. I'D BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY
17 QUESTIONS OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THERE ARE.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. NOW DR. FERRER IS
20 ON. DR. FERRER?

21

22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, HI, SORRY, NOT SURE WHAT THE PROBLEM
23 WAS WITH THE OTHER CONNECTION, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, YOU ARE ON.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY, PERFECT. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND I'M GLAD TO
4 BE HERE TO GIVE A SHORT UPDATE. I WANTED TO TRY TO UPDATE IN
5 FOUR AREAS, ONE, TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DATA TRENDS,
6 SEGUE INTO WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED AND WHAT THE GOALS ARE MOVING
7 FORWARD, TALK A LITTLE BIT AND TOUCH UPON THE SECTOR
8 REOPENINGS, AND THEN CLOSE WITH SOME INFORMATION ABOUT
9 COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES. SO JUST TO START, I WANT TO NOTE THAT
10 ALL OF OUR DATA INDICATORS LOOK SO MUCH BETTER NOW IN EARLY
11 SEPTEMBER THAN THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THE MIDDLE OF JULY
12 THROUGH MOST OF AUGUST. WE ARE DOWN, AS OF YESTERDAY, TO ONLY
13 SEEING ON A REGULAR BASIS AT OUR HOSPITALS REALLY UNDER 900
14 DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS. OUR DAILY POSITIVITY RATE STANDS AT
15 ABOUT 3 PERCENT AVERAGE, THIS IS OUR TEST POSITIVITY RATE, AND
16 NEW CASES ARE AVERAGING SLIGHTLY UNDER 1,000 NEW CASES A DAY.
17 I THINK AS DR. GHALY NOTED, WE ARE REALLY -- WE HAVE SEEN A
18 SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN TESTING, AND I BELIEVE THAT DR. GHALY
19 ENCOURAGED PEOPLE WHO NEED TO GET TESTED TO PLEASE GO OUT AND
20 GET TESTED. MORE SITES ARE OPEN, AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
21 THAT PEOPLE CONTINUE TO TEST. OUR DEATHS HAVE ALSO DROPPED
22 SIGNIFICANTLY, SO THAT OUR AVERAGE IS NOW UNDER 30 DEATHS A
23 DAY. AND THIS ALL CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF VERY HARD WORK DONE BY
24 SO MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE AND OUR
25 BUSINESSES. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE SHOWED YESTERDAY A

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 CHART THAT REALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING
2 THAT THE REOPENING DECISIONS AND THE CLOSING DECISIONS THAT WE
3 MAKE TOGETHER ARE, IN FACT, DECISIONS THAT HAVE AN IMPACT ON
4 WHAT WE SEE IN THEN OUR CASE NUMBERS, AND OBVIOUSLY OUR CASE
5 NUMBERS WILL INFLUENCE OUR HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS AND OUR
6 DEATH NUMBERS. SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT, AT THE
7 POINT THAT WE WERE DOING LOT OF REOPENING, FOR SOME REOPENINGS
8 IN PARTICULAR, AND AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE OUT AND ABOUT,
9 WE DID SEE THAT VERY, VERY STEEP INCREASE, PARTICULARLY AFTER
10 THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY, SO THAT, BY THE MIDDLE OF JULY, WE WERE
11 AVERAGING WELL OVER 3,000 NEW CASES A DAY, AND HOSPITALIZATION
12 RATES HAD CLIMBED, UNFORTUNATELY, TO OVER 22 HOSPITALIZATIONS
13 A DAY. EVEN THOUGH, SINCE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST, WE HAVE
14 BEEN ON A STEADY DECLINE, I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE STILL HAVE
15 WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19
16 IN OUR COUNTY. THE STATE HAS ACTUALLY DEVELOPED A TIERED
17 FRAMEWORK TO USE TO REALLY CLASSIFY ALL COUNTIES BASED NOW ON
18 WHAT THEY ARE CALLING COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION LEVELS. AND WE,
19 UNFORTUNATELY, IN L.A. COUNTY, ARE STILL IN WHAT IS CALLED
20 TIER ONE, WHICH IS THE PURPLE TIER, BECAUSE WE HAVE WIDESPREAD
21 TRANSMISSION. AND AS THE STATE IMPOSES A SET OF RESTRICTIONS
22 BASED ON EACH COUNTY'S TIER LEVEL, SO IF YOU ARE IN TIER ONE,
23 WE HAVE MORE RESTRICTIONS THAN WHEN WE MOVE UP TO TIER TWO.
24 AND WE CAN NEVER BE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE. WE CAN BE
25 MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE, AND WE HAVE BEEN, BECAUSE WE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ARE ALLOWED THAT FLEXIBILITY TO REALLY DETERMINE AS A COUNTY
2 WHAT EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO DRIVE DOWN COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION
3 RATES. AS OF LAST WEEK, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR DAILY CASE RATE OF
4 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE, WAS AT ABOUT SLIGHTLY OVER 9
5 CASES, NEW DAILY CASES. IN ORDER TO GET TO BE IN TIER TWO, WE
6 HAVE TO HAVE THE DAILY CASE RATE DROP TO BELOW 7 NEW CASES,
7 AND IT WOULD HAVE TO DROP CONSECUTIVELY FOR TWO WEEKS. WE ARE
8 MAKING PROGRESS, BUT WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO BEFORE WE MOVE INTO
9 A TIER THAT WILL BE, INSTEAD OF HAVING WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY
10 TRANSMISSION, WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. WE
11 HAVE LEARNED A LOT OVER THE PAST 7 MONTHS. WE KNOW THAT THIS
12 VIRUS SPREADS VERY EASILY AND THAT ASYMPTOMATIC SPREAD, THAT'S
13 SPREAD BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO SYMPTOMS, COULD BE RESPONSIBLE
14 FOR UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19. AND THIS
15 MAKES IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE
16 SO MANY PEOPLE CAN BE, IN FACT, GIVING THE VIRUS TO OTHERS
17 WITHOUT ANY SYMPTOMS OR KNOWLEDGE THEY ARE INFECTED, IT IS A
18 TIME FOR EVERYONE TO TAKE WHAT WE CALL UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS
19 WHENEVER YOU ARE OUT AND AROUND ASSUMING THAT ANYONE ELSE YOU
20 ARE IN CONTACT WITH MAY BE POSITIVE AND THAT YOU, TOO, COULD
21 BE POSITIVE AND ABLE TO INFECT OTHERS. AND THE OTHER THING WE
22 LEARNED SO FAR, IS THAT IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT
23 A CONCEPT OF CUMULATIVE RISK AND NOT JUST THE RISK YOU HAVE
24 FOR EVERY ACTIVITY YOU ENGAGE IN. SO OVER THE COURSE OF TODAY,
25 AS WE MOVE OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS TO GO TO WORK, TO GO TO THE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 STORE, TO GET ESSENTIAL GOODS, AND GO AND PARTICIPATE IN
2 ESSENTIAL SERVICES, IF OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO CHILDCARE OR
3 THEY WENT TO A DAY CAMP, ALL OF THOSE ARE, IN AND OF
4 THEMSELVES, ACTIVITIES THAT ACTUALLY INCREASE YOUR RISK, IF
5 YOU ARE PARTICIPATING, OR YOUR CHILD'S RISK, OF EITHER
6 TRANSMITTING THE VIRUS OR HAVING SOMEONE INFECT YOUR OR YOUR
7 CHILDREN. THE IMPORTANT CONCEPT HERE IS THAT, OVER THE COURSE
8 OF THE DAY, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE, PERHAPS, MULTIPLE
9 OPPORTUNITIES WHERE YOU MAY EXPERIENCE MORE RISK BECAUSE OF
10 YOUR ACTIVITIES. AND IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO JUST SAY WELL,
11 THIS ACTIVITY IS LESS RISKY THAN SOMETHING ELSE, SO IT'S OKAY
12 FOR ME TO DO IT. IT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO THINK HOW MANY
13 DIFFERENT EXPOSURES AM I HAVING OVER THE COURSE OF A DAY, AND
14 WHICH OF THOSE EXPOSURES IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR ME TO CONTINUE
15 TO DO. I SAY THAT BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THE MOST IMPORTANT
16 THINGS RIGHT NOW, AND THE -- OF OUR GOALS IS TO BE ABLE TO GET
17 MORE CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL AND MORE PEOPLE TO GET BACK TO
18 WORK AND TO USE OUR EMERGING SCIENCE AND THE TOOLS THAT WE
19 HAVE AT HAND TO BE ABLE TO SLOW THE SPREAD AND REDUCE
20 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. AND THIS REALLY MEANS THAT WE KNOW
21 NOW, MASKS ARE ESSENTIAL. THOSE FACE COVERINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY
22 ESSENTIAL WHENEVER WE'RE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE NOT IN OUR
23 HOUSEHOLD. THE FURTHER AWAY WE ARE FROM EACH OTHER, EVEN WITH
24 OUR FACE COVERINGS, THE BETTER THE BETTER OFF WE'RE GOING TO
25 BE. OUTDOORS, ALWAYS LESS RISKY THAN INDOORS, BUT STILL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 REQUIRES THE MASKING AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING. TESTING,
2 PEOPLE DO NEED TO CONTINUE TO GET TESTED, IF YOU ARE
3 SYMPTOMATIC, IF YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT OF
4 SOMEONE WHO IS A KNOWN CASE, IF YOU'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE OR YOU
5 THINK YOU'VE HAD EXPOSURE BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN IN A RISKY
6 SETTING CROWDED WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT MASKING AND ARE
7 NOT DISTANCING. PEOPLE NEED TO ISOLATE AND QUARANTINE, IF YOU
8 ARE POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 OR YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT OF
9 SOMEONE WHO IS POSITIVE. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION, COLLECTIVELY,
10 TO PROTECT THOSE WITH GREATER RISK FOR ILLNESS AND DISEASE.
11 AND WE'RE VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY
12 AT GREATER RISK FOR SERIOUS DISEASE AND EVEN DEATH, PEOPLE
13 WITH CHRONIC UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS, PEOPLE WHO ARE
14 VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THEIR LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY ARE
15 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND THEY ARE IN SITUATIONS WHERE THEY ARE
16 EXPOSED TO LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. THEY LIVE IN CONGREGATE
17 LIVING SITUATIONS, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR NURSING
18 HOMES, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND IT IS ALSO
19 IMPORTANT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, TO LIMIT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
20 OUR CONTACT WITH NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS TO ONLY THOSE
21 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE REALLY ESSENTIAL AND A HIGH PRIORITY
22 BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY WE ARE GOING TO REDUCE OUR CUMULATIVE
23 RISK. AND, YOU KNOW, THROUGHOUT THE LAST MONTH, WE HAVE
24 REOPENED SOME SECTORS. WE HAVE, IN SOME SECTORS,
25 UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE ADDED ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS AND EVEN

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 CLOSED SOME SECTORS BACK DOWN. SO LET ME START BY TALKING
2 ABOUT RETAIL AND WHERE WE ARE IN RETAIL. AND MOST RETAIL IN
3 L.A. COUNTY IS OPENED WITH RESTRICTIONS ON CAPACITY AND
4 REQUIRED ADHERENCE TO INFECTIONS CONTROL AND DISTANCING. WE DO
5 DIFFER FROM THE STATE THAT WE STILL HAVE NOT OPENED THE INDOOR
6 PARKS AND SHOPPING MALLS, BUT, IN FACT, MANY RETAILERS, MOST
7 RETAILERS, IN L.A. COUNTY ARE, IN FACT, OPEN AT THIS TIME. OUR
8 RESTAURANTS THAT ARE PERMITTED TO PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD ARE
9 NOW OPENING FOR OUTDOOR DINING ONLY, AND OUR BARS, BREWERIES,
10 AND WINERIES ARE ONLY OPEN FOR PICK UP AND RETAIL. AND I WANT
11 TO JUST NOTE ON JUNE 18TH, WE REOPENED BARS. AT THAT POINT, WE
12 WERE SEEING A THOUSAND CASES A DAY. ON JULY 1ST, A COUPLE OF
13 WEEKS LATER, WE JUMPED TO SEEING 2,000 CASES A DAY. AND WE
14 KNOW THAT FIRST WEEKEND WE OPENED, THAT FIRST SATURDAY, NEARLY
15 500,000 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY -- THESE BARS. THIS ISN'T THE
16 ONLY REASON WE SAW AN INCREASE, BUT CLEARLY IT'S ONE OF THE
17 STEEPEST INCREASES IN CASES THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER A SHORT
18 PERIOD OF TIME. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN PEOPLE ARE EATING AND
19 DRINKING, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO WEAR THEIR FACE COVERINGS. AND
20 AT BARS, THERE TENDS TO BE A LOT OF MINGLING, MAKING IT EASIER
21 TO SPREAD THE VIRUS AND ENSURING THAT BAR SETTINGS END UP
22 BEING A HIGHER RISK SETTING THAN MANY OTHERS. CARD ROOMS AND
23 FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS STILL REMAIN CLOSED WHILE WE ARE
24 TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DRIVE DOWN COMMUNITY
25 TRANSMISSION. AND WE ARE REVIEWING THESE DECISIONS WITH THE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 BOARD AT THE END OF THE MONTH AFTER WE'VE LOOKED AND SEEN THE
2 IMPACTS OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE
3 WON'T SEE ANOTHER SURGE LIKE WE SAW AFTER JULY 4TH, BUT IT
4 WOULD BE FOOLISH TO START A LOT OF REOPENINGS RIGHT NOW, ONLY
5 TO QUICKLY NEED TO CLOSE DOWN AGAIN BECAUSE OUR NUMBERS ARE
6 MOVING RAPIDLY IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. AT SCHOOLS, WE HAVE
7 BEEN WORKING FOR MONTHS WITH EDUCATORS, PARENTS, AND SCHOOL
8 DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP A SET OF DIRECTIVES ON HOW TO OPEN
9 SCHOOLS WITH AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE. I WANT TO THANK
10 EVERYBODY WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD WITH US AND SO PATIENTLY OVER
11 THE SUMMER TO CREATE THOSE DIRECTIVES. CURRENTLY, PER THE
12 STATE ORDER, SCHOOLS IN TIER COUNTIES CAN ONLY OPEN FOR THE
13 FOLLOWING, SCHEDULE SERVICES FOR HIGH RISK STUDENTS, AND,
14 SHOULD THE COUNTY CHOOSE TO, A WAVER PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN
15 GRADES PREK-6. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
16 WE DID MAKE A FEW CHANGES TO FOCUS FIRST ON GETTING THOSE
17 STUDENTS BACK FOR IN-SCHOOL SERVICES WHO NEED IT THE MOST.
18 SCHOOLS HAVE FLEXIBILITY IN DETERMINING WHICH OF THEIR HIGH
19 NEEDS, HIGH RISK STUDENTS CANNOT BE SERVED ONLY THROUGH
20 DISTANCE LEARNING. 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL STUDENT BODY CAN BE
21 ON CAMPUS EACH DAY FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT IN
22 COHORTED GROUPS. EACH GROUP CAN HAVE UP TO 12 STUDENTS AND TWO
23 SUPERVISING ADULTS. THIS OPPORTUNITY IS REALLY MEANT TO
24 PRIORITIZE AND MAKING SURE THAT STUDENTS WITH I.E.P.S AND
25 ENGLISH LEARNERS ARE GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED THAT CAN'T

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 BE PROVIDED THROUGH VIRTUAL LEARNING. THE SCHOOLS ARE ALSO
2 ALLOWED TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS WHO NEED
3 IN-PERSON ASSESSMENTS AND ARE ALSO ABLE TO BRING BACK OTHER
4 HIGH NEED, HIGH RISK STUDENTS FOR THIS LIMITED SET OF
5 SUPPORTS. WE HAVE CURRENTLY 109 SCHOOLS THAT ALREADY FILED
6 APPLICATIONS WITH OUR OFFICE TO REOPEN FOR THESE SERVICES, AND
7 EVERY DAY, WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING MORE APPLICATIONS. OUR
8 PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALISTS ARE PREPARED TO IN FACT ASSIST ALL
9 SCHOOLS REOPENING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES, AND WE DO THAT BOTH
10 THROUGH SITE VISITS AND THROUGH CONSULTATIONS. WE WILL BE
11 SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER, AT WHICH POINT
12 WE WILL HAVE SIX WEEKS OF ASSESSMENT DATA TO INFORM FUTURE
13 SCHOOL REOPENING PLANS. AND LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT
14 AND GIVE A LOT OF THANKS TO ALL OF OUR CITIES, AND OUR CITY
15 MANAGERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS, SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF OUR
16 PARTNERS ON HELPING ENSURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE GOOD INFORMATION,
17 THEY CAN MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES, AND MOST
18 IMPORTANTLY THAT OUR BUSINESSES ARE AWARE OF HOW THEY NEED TO
19 BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS AND THE
20 DIRECTIVES THAT ARE IN THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS AROUND
21 INFECTION CONTROL AND DISTANCING AT ALL WORKPLACES. WE
22 CURRENTLY AVERAGE OVER 2,000 COMPLAINTS A WEEK THAT COME IN.
23 THOSE COMPLAINTS CAN COME TO US ANONYMOUSLY, AND THEY CAN
24 COME TO USE BOTH ON A PHONE LINE AND THROUGH AN EMAIL ADDRESS.
25 WE DO, IN FACT, INVESTIGATE AND FOLLOW UP WITH ALL OF THE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 COMPLAINTS, AND WE POST EVERY DAY AN UPDATED LIST ON OUR
2 WEBSITE OF ALL OF THE WORK PLACES WHERE WE HAVE FOUND
3 OUTBREAKS. THESE ARE SITES THAT HAVE 3 OR MORE CONFIRMED CASES
4 OF COVID-19 OVER 14 DAYS. WE ALSO CATEGORIZED THE INDUSTRIES
5 INTO SUB SECTORS, AND WE'VE NOTED THAT THERE ARE SOME
6 INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS TO DATE,
7 AND THAT INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. I WANT
8 TO NOTE THAT FOOD MANUFACTURING, FOOD AND BEVERAGE STORES, AND
9 FOOD SERVICES AND DRINKING PLACES HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF
10 OUTBREAKS, BOTH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN
11 AFFECTED, BUT ALSO THEY TOP THE LIST OF INDUSTRIES WHERE WE
12 SEE THE MOST OUTBREAKS, BUT WE HAVE ALSO OUTBREAKS IN
13 WAREHOUSES, STORAGE FACILITIES, WHOLESALERS, IN MOBILE VEHICLE
14 AND PARK DEALERS, IN APPAREL MANUFACTURING, AND AT
15 CONSTRUCTION SITES. SO AGAIN, WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF
16 OUTBREAKS, AS WE KNOW, ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY IN JUST ABOUT
17 EVERY SINGLE SECTOR, BUT THERE ARE SOME INDUSTRY SECTORS THAT
18 ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN SEEING MORE OUTBREAKS THAN OTHERS. OUR
19 TEAMS OUR THERE TRYING TO PROVIDE A LOT OF TECHNICAL
20 ASSISTANCE. BUT AT THIS POINT, WE DO ISSUE CITATIONS TO FOLKS
21 WHO ARE VIOLATING THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER. AND WITH THAT,
22 SUPERVISORS, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. ONE THING I
23 WANTED TO NOTE IS WE DID LAUNCH THE SAFETY COMPLIANCE
24 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM LAST WEEK. THIS IS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS AND
25 EMPLOYEES, AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE 216 BUSINESSES THAT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND NOW HAVE SELF-CERTIFIED AND SELF-
2 ATTESTED TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE HEALTH
3 OFFICER ORDERS, AND THEY HAVE A SPECIAL SEAL THAT THEY ARE
4 ABLE TO POST AT THEIR BUSINESS SITE SO THAT YOU, AS A
5 CONSUMER, WOULD BE ABLE TO KNOW THAT THESE ARE, IN FACT,
6 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH A TRAINING SO THAT THEY CAN
7 ADHERE TO ALL OF THE DIRECTIVES THAT ALLOW FOR AS MUCH SAFETY
8 AS POSSIBLE FOR WORKERS AND FOR CUSTOMERS. AND WITH THAT, I AM
9 OPEN FOR QUESTIONS.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND THANK YOU, DR.
12 GHALY, FOR PRESENTING TODAY AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP DURING
13 THIS CRISIS. THERE'S NO QUESTION, WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
14 SERVICE AND ALL THE FRONTLINE WORKERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
15 HEALTH SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS AND LEADERSHIPS OF,
16 NOT ONLY DR. GHALY AND DR. FERRER, BUT ALSO DR. SHERIN. I ALSO
17 WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS FOR
18 THEIR SUPPORT AND RESOURCES BOTH POST AND MOVING FORWARD. OUR
19 PARTNERSHIP WITH FEDERAL HEALTH SERVICES AGENCIES HAS BEEN
20 CRITICAL TO RESOURCING OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS. I JUST WANT TO
21 PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. NOW WITH THAT, I AM GOING TO
22 WITHHOLD MY QUESTIONS UNTIL MY COLLEAGUES SPEAK. SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS, YOU REQUESTED TIME TO SPEAK AND ASK QUESTIONS.

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND WELCOME
2 BACK. I WANT ALSO TO THANK DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY AND ALL OF
3 OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FRONTLINE STAFF AS WELL AS
4 OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY FOR PROVIDING THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE
5 THAT HAS JUST BEEN REMARKABLE IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. IT IS
6 UNPRECEDENTED, AND WE NEED TO GIVE CREDIT TO OUR COUNTY
7 EMPLOYEES, TOO, FOR HELPING US REALLY STEP UP TO THE PLATE ON
8 THIS. I CAN'T ALSO UNDERSCORE HOW DEEPLY PENETRATING THE COVID
9 VIRUS HAS BEEN AMONGST COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND DISADVANTAGED
10 COMMUNITIES AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY LOST OVER 6,000
11 LIVES IN THE COUNTY. IT IS INCREDIBLE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE
12 TO DO, BUT WE HAVE MUCH MORE WORK TO DO. I AM ALSO THANKFUL
13 THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE HAS PLAYED A
14 MAGNIFICENT ROLE IN MANY WAYS BY HELPING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
15 THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED THAT WE WOULD HAVE NEVER SEEN AND REALLY
16 HAS CHALLENGED US TO REMAKE AND REIMAGINE WHAT THE COUNTY CAN
17 DO IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DO
18 WANT TO UNDERSCORE IS THAT THERE ARE MANY OF OUR, YOU KNOW,
19 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FACED WITH EVEN MORE DISPARITIES NOW. AND
20 THE COVID-19 HAS REALLY EXPOSED MUCH OF THAT WITH OUR
21 RESIDENTS, WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE,
22 PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, AS WELL AS OUR BUSINESSES
23 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY SAY THAT I
24 KNOW MY OFFICE HAS BEEN INUNDATED BY MANY, MANY CALLS FROM OUR
25 SMALL BUSINESSES, OUR RESTAURANT OWNERS, OUR BREWERIES, AND A

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 VERY IMPORTANT INDUSTRY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, ALONG WITH THE
2 CARD ROOMS, AND I KNOW WE WILL BE HAVING MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT
3 THAT BECAUSE I DO HOPE THAT THEY WILL STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND
4 ENSURE THAT THEIR WORKERS ARE PROTECTED, THAT ALL WORKERS ARE
5 PROTECTED IN ANY WORK SITE. I AM HAPPY, DR. FERRER, THAT YOU
6 IN YOUR PRESENTATION HAVE MADE AVAILABLE THE TOP 10 INDUSTRIES
7 THAT HAVE HAD THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CASES. AND I WOULD
8 ENCOURAGE US TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT PUBLIC AND TO HAVE
9 INTERACTIONS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN
10 REALLY TAME THIS CURVE. WE CAN'T GO BACK, AND I ALSO WANT TO
11 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER BECAUSE, JUST LAST WEEK, YOU AND I
12 SERVE ON A COMMITTEE FOR GREATER LOS ANGELES. AND IT IS, A
13 REPORT NOTED, OR CALLED, NO GOING BACK TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE
14 AND INCLUSIVE LOS ANGELES. AND I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF, AND
15 MY STAFF, AND OTHERS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE A PART OF THAT
16 BECAUSE IT REALLY CHALLENGES US IN VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
17 INITIATIVES HOW WE CAN MAKE YOUR COUNTY BETTER TO REALLY
18 UPLIFT AND ELIMINATE THOSE HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES THAT EXIST,
19 AND I WANT TO URGE THIS BOARD AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 HEALTH TO VIEW THE REPORT AS WELL AS TO LOOK AT THOSE SPECIFIC
21 OUTBREAKS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN OUR INDUSTRY AND USE AN EQUITY
22 LENS WHEN WE DO THAT BECAUSE NOT ALL BUSINESSES ARE EQUAL AS
23 WELL IN TERMS OF WHO THEY EMPLOY, THE TYPE OF SERVICES THEY
24 PROVIDE, WHAT POTENTIAL HARM MAY COME FROM PEOPLE CONTINUING
25 TO BE EXPOSED TO HAZARDOUS OR UNSAFE CONDITIONS BECAUSE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 EMPLOYERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE P.P.E. OR APPROPRIATE
2 TESTING AND SCREENING. AND THOSE ARE ALL THINGS I KNOW ARE ON
3 EVERYBODY'S MIND RIGHT NOW. I AM ALSO EQUALLY CONCERNED THE
4 NUMBERS OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED, AND
5 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, BY AND LARGE, WE'RE SEEING ARE THOSE PEOPLE
6 THAT MAKE THE LOWEST WAGES IN MANY CASES, DON'T HAVE
7 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE, AND LIVE IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HEAVILY
8 IMPACTED BY CROWDING, LACK OF HOUSING, HIGH DENSITY, POVERTY,
9 CHILDREN THAT ARE LACKING INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY THAT ARE HOME
10 RIGHT NOW, AND MANY PARENTS THAT ARE STRUGGLING BECAUSE THEY
11 CAN'T LEAVE TO GO TO WORK BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE CHILDCARE. I
12 THINK THESE ARE ALL ISSUES THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO REALLY
13 TAKE A DEEPER LOOK AT, AND I DEFINITELY WANT TO DRAW OUR
14 ATTENTION TO THOSE OUTBREAKS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE FOOD
15 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS WELL AS IN THE BEVERAGE STORES AND
16 THE OUTBREAKS THAT HAVE OCCURRED AS WELL AS IN FOOD PACKING. I
17 WANT TO POINT OUT, WE HEARD EARLY ON IN THIS PANDEMIC ABOUT
18 THE OUTBREAK AT VERNON WITH FARMER JOHN. I KNOW THAT THE
19 REPORTS THAT CAME TO US WERE PRETTY LATE. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT
20 WE WOULD HAVE A MORE ROBUST REPORTING SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE TO
21 REPORT THINGS ANONYMOUSLY. I THINK WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING
22 MORE OF THAT. I WOULD HOPE PEOPLE WOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND NOT
23 FEEL THAT THEY WOULD BE INTIMIDATED OR COULD POSSIBLY LOSE
24 THEIR JOBS. THAT IS WHY I THINK ALSO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
25 COUNCILS THAT ARE GOING TO BE SET UP REALLY NEED TO HELP

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THAT, AS WELL AS WORKING WITH OUR SECTORS
2 THAT WE -- THAT WE HEARD FROM REGARDING LABOR AND TRYING TO
3 WORK WITH THEM AND WORK WITH THE INDUSTRIES BECAUSE I THINK
4 THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE DO WANT TO GET BACK TO AN ECONOMY THAT
5 HELPS PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS
6 THAT I WANTED TO RAISE. BUT TO THAT END, DR. FERRER, I WANTED
7 TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU COULD
8 HELP GIVE US A DESCRIPTION OF THE INDUSTRY OUTBREAKS AND MAKE
9 SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS REALLY AWARE ON A REGULAR BASIS WHEN
10 THE OUTBREAKS OCCUR, SO THAT WE ARE NOT REPORTING TWO WEEKS
11 LATER, BUT WHEN THEY ARE HAPPENING, REAL-TIME, AND IF THERE IS
12 A WAY TO EVEN KEEP THAT UP ON THE WEBSITE, IF IT IS THERE
13 AVAILABLE, THAT IT'S EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND TO REALLY CONTINUE
14 TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THAT. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND
15 AGAIN, JUST INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL
16 COMFORTABLE WHERE TO MAKE THESE CALLS AND HOW QUICKLY YOUR
17 STAFF GOES OUT TO INVESTIGATE THESE TYPES OF CONCERNS THAT ARE
18 RAISED BY EITHER CUSTOMERS, CONSUMERS, OR THE PUBLIC. THOSE
19 ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO ASK. AND I WANTED TO
20 NOTE, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB IN TERMS OF
21 TESTING. BUT NOW, WITH THE AIR QUALITY BEING WHAT IT IS, HOW
22 QUICKLY ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TRANSITION, AND WHAT IF WE
23 CAN'T, IF WE KNOW THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BOBCAT FIRE IS GOING
24 TO GO ON FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE BIG TESTING
25 CENTERS THAT WE HAVE IN AREAS THAT ARE HEAVILY IMPACTED RIGHT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 NOW? AND THEN ALSO, JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP OUR
2 EMPLOYERS WHO ARE ASKING HOW CAN WE HELP TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
3 FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES TO BE TESTED, ESPECIALLY IN INDUSTRY
4 DRIVEN BUSINESSES. IN MANUFACTURING, I KNOW I HAVE HAD SEVERAL
5 CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF OUR FOLKS IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY,
6 AND PEOPLE ARE JUST KIND OF GRASPING AT WHAT IS IT THAT THE
7 COUNTY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM DO. I THINK THAT IS
8 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 WORK AND BOTH DR. GHALY'S FOR HELPING US MEET THE CHALLENGE,
10 BUT I REALLY THINK IT IS REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO
11 POINT OUT WHERE WE MADE SOME PROGRESS AND WHERE WE STILL HAVE
12 ROOM TO GROW AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
13 SOUTHEAST L.A. COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF
14 COVID, AND AMONGST THE LATINX COMMUNITY THAT HAS A
15 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT WITH RESPECT TO THE VIRUS. AND HOW CAN
16 WE GET THAT MESSAGE THROUGH UTILIZING FUNDING THAT WE ARE
17 GOING TO BE APPROVING LATER TODAY BY DOING MORE COMMUNITY
18 ENGAGEMENT USING OUR MEDIA AND WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 HEALTH SERVICES AND WITH THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT THAT IS GOING
20 TO BE CARRYING OUT, I BELIEVE, SOME OF THESE FUNCTIONS? SO IN
21 A NUTSHELL, THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS AND MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU
22 VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO DR. FERRER, DO YOU WANT TO TACKLE THE
25 QUESTION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS POSED?

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I WILL TACKLE THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE
3 RELEVANT TO THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN LEADING, BUT I WILL ASK DR.
4 GHALY IF SHE IS STILL ON THE LINE, I THINK SHE CAN BE MOST
5 HELPFUL ON TALKING ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATED TO TESTING WHEN
6 THERE IS SUCH POOR AIR QUALITY IN SO MANY PARTS OF THIS
7 COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BOTH
8 FOR RAISING ISSUES AROUND THE DISPROPORTIONALITY THAT WE'RE
9 SEEING PLAY OUT WITH COVID-19, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL
10 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS FOR INSISTING THAT WE APPROACH THIS WORK
11 WITH AN EQUITY LENS. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE
12 REALLY UNDERSTAND THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE DISPROPORTIONALITY,
13 SO THAT WE COME UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS. I DO WANT
14 TO NOTE WE HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
15 FACT THAT SOME OF THE DISPROPORTIONALITY STEMS FROM THAT MANY
16 OF OUR BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS AND OUR NATIVE RESIDENTS ARE,
17 IN FACT, ESSENTIAL WORKERS. THEY HAVE BEEN BACK AT WORK BEFORE
18 WE EVEN KNEW ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR PROTECTIONS AGAINST
19 ASYMPTOMATIC SPREAD, AND I THINK THAT REALLY STARTED A SPIRAL
20 THAT WE NOW NEED TO MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO MITIGATE AGAINST,
21 WHICH IS BY MAKING SURE THAT ALL WORKERS ARE PROTECTED. I WANT
22 TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS ON PROTECTING
23 WORKERS, AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE
24 WORKER PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS. THAT, ALONG WITH THE
25 PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR LABOR UNIONS, I THINK REALLY HELPS US

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 MAKE SURE THAT ALL WORKERS HAVE A WAY TO ACTUALLY LET US KNOW
2 AND FEEL SAFE IN LETTING US KNOW WHEN THEY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT
3 THE CONDITIONS AT THEIR WORK SITES BECAUSE THERE ARE HUNDREDS
4 OF THOUSANDS OF WORK SITES ACROSS THIS COUNTY, AND WE ARE
5 OPERATING NOW, ALTHOUGH WE DO COMPLIANCE CHECKS ON A REGULAR
6 BASIS, WE RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS, AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
7 THAT ALL WORKERS FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE A VOICE HERE IN NOT ONLY
8 NOTIFYING US ABOUT A CONCERN, BUT HELPING AT THEIR WORK SITE
9 COME UP WITH EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS. SO WE DO NOT IN THIS COUNTY
10 HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW BUSINESSES CAN OPEN WITH SAFETY.
11 WE HAVE REQUIREMENTS, BUT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE
12 REQUIREMENTS REQUIRE WE ARE COOPERATING TOGETHER, BUSINESSES,
13 MANAGERS, OPERATORS, AND WORKERS SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE
14 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHEN APPROPRIATE, AND AS YOU ALL NOTED,
15 WHEN THERE ARE REALLY UNSAFE CONDITIONS, WE WILL CLOSE DOWN
16 PLACES OF BUSINESS TO PROTECT THE WORKERS. SO I THINK ONE
17 STRATEGY FOR US HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN TO MAKE SURE THAT WORKERS
18 HAVE ALL OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE AS MUCH
19 SAFETY AS POSSIBLE AT THEIR WORK SITES. AND I THANK EVERYBODY
20 FOR HELPING US WITH THAT, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
21 FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SETTING UP AND ESTABLISHING THESE
22 WORKER PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR
23 LABOR UNIONS FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP ON MAKING SURE WE ARE
24 HEARING ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WORKERS WHO ARE UNIONIZED ARE
25 FACING AT SOME OF THEIR SITES. IT IS REALLY HELPFUL FOR US

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 BECAUSE YOU ARE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR, WE CAN REPORT THE THE
2 OUTBREAKS, BUT WHAT WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO DO HERE IS GET IN
3 FRONT OF THE OUTBREAKS. AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS TO BE
4 ABLE TO KNOW WHEN THERE ARE CONDITIONS AT WORK SITES THAT MAY
5 MAKE IT EASIER FOR THERE TO BE TRANSMISSION. AND WITH THAT,
6 I'LL TURN IT OVER TO DR. GHALY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT
7 TESTING.

8

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

10

11 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
12 FOR THE COMMENTS AND THE QUESTIONS. TO TOUCH ON A FEW OF THE
13 THINGS WE RAISED, WITH RESPECT TO THE TESTING SITES THAT HAVE
14 BEEN TEMPORARILY HAD A COUPLE DAYS OF CLOSURE DUE TO AIR
15 QUALITY, WE ARE EVALUATING THOSE SITES ON A DAY BY DAY BASIS,
16 AND WHEN THE AIR QUALITY IS LISTED AS VERY UNHEALTHFUL, THEN
17 THE SITES ARE BEING PROACTIVELY CLOSED OUT OF SAFETY
18 CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE STAFF. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL STAFF RAISE
19 CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISK TO THEIR OWN HEALTH OF STAFFING THE
20 TESTING SITES, WHICH ARE, FOR SAFETY REASONS THEMSELVES, ALSO
21 LOCATED OUTSIDE. IN SOME REGIONS OF THE COUNTY, WE HAVE BEEN
22 ABLE TO REOPEN THE TESTING SITES BECAUSE THE AIR QUALITY HAS
23 IMPROVED SLIGHTLY OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS. REGARDLESS,
24 THERE CONTINUE TO BE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF UNFILLED
25 APPOINTMENTS EVERY DAY IN THE COUNTY. THEY ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 DISTRIBUTED, SO RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE MUCH TROUBLE AND
2 SHOULD NOT NEED TO TRAVEL FAR IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AN
3 APPOINTMENT IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN ONE THROUGH THEIR
4 ESTABLISHED PROVIDER NETWORK OR THROUGH THEIR HEALTH PLAN. WE
5 WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THAT TESTING VOLUME. AND AS I MENTIONED
6 EARLIER ALSO, AND I KNOW DR. FERRER MENTIONED THIS ALSO, WE
7 ARE CONCERNED BY THE OVERALL DECLINE IN NUMBER SEEKING TESTING
8 ACROSS THE COUNTY, THAT'S BOTH PEOPLE I THINK SEEKING FEWER
9 TESTS BOTH WITHIN THEIR PROVIDER SYSTEM AS WELL AS AT THE
10 COUNTY OR CITY OPERATED TEST SITES. WE REALLY DO WANT PEOPLE
11 TO GO GET TESTED IF THEY FEEL THEY NEED A TEST OR MEET ANY OF
12 THE CRITERIA FOR TESTING. AND PLEASE KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE
13 APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE. IF THERE ARE CONCERNS POTENTIALLY
14 ABOUT THE AIR QUALITY OF VENTURING OUTSIDE, THEY CAN CERTAINLY
15 WEAR A MASK AND, FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME OUTSIDE, IT CAN BE
16 SAFE. AND WE'D LIKE PEOPLE TO GO THROUGH IF THEY NEED IT. IN
17 REFERENCE TO THE OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT EMPLOYERS WHO ARE
18 SEEKING ACCESS TO TESTING, BOTH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
19 D.H.S., PUT TOGETHER A LABORATORY REFERENCE GUIDE, THE STATE
20 OF CALIFORNIA ALSO HAS A LABORATORY REFERENCE GUIDE FOR ANY
21 EMPLOYERS OR OTHER ENTITIES THAT WANT TO LAUNCH THEIR OWN
22 TESTING PROGRAMS. IT INCLUDES LABS THAT ARE LICENSED IN
23 CALIFORNIA, THE REQUIREMENTS, LABS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND
24 WHETHER THEY OFFER FULL SERVICE LABORATORY SERVICES OR LIMITED
25 SERVICE LABORATORY SERVICES SINCE MANY LABS ARE OPEN AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES AND HAVE ADEQUATE
2 SUPPLY CHAIN RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO DO SO. AND I WOULD
3 SPECIFY, THOUGH, THAT RETURNING TO WORK TESTING IS NOT
4 RECOMMENDED BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR
5 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE C.D.C.
6 INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT BE REQUESTED BY THEIR EMPLOYER TO PROVE
7 A NEGATIVE COVID TEST AFTER BEING OUT OF WORK EITHER BECAUSE
8 THEY HAD COVID OR THEY HAD AN EXPOSURE TO COVID. THAT IS NOT
9 RECOMMENDED BY PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES, AND OTHER CRITERIA
10 FOR SETTING UP AN EMPLOYER WORKPLACE-BASED SURVEILLANCE
11 TESTING PROGRAM SHOULD BE DONE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH
12 OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS. AND SUPERVISOR, YOU HAD
13 ALSO TOUCHED ON THE ISSUE OF -- THE FUNDING THAT IS REALLY
14 NEEDED ACROSS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND MULTI-ETHNIC
15 MEDIA OUTLETS, SO THAT WE CAN DO MORE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
16 AND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST AT RISK IF
17 BOTH BEING EXPOSED TO COVID AS WELL AS SERIOUS OUTCOMES FROM
18 COVID. AND THAT'S COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, LOW-INCOME
19 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE REALLY DEMONSTRATED SO
20 SADLY AND CLEARLY IN THE DATA THE HIGHER RATES OF CASE RATES
21 AND THE HIGHER MORTALITY FROM THIS VIRUS. D.H.S. HAS COMPLETED
22 THE NECESSARY MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE -- VENDOR. AND WE ARE
23 FINALIZING THE WORK ORDER WITH FISCAL INTERMEDIARY. THAT
24 WORK ORDER WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETED BY NEXT
25 WEEK. ONCE FINALIZED, THIS WORK ORDER WITH THE FISCAL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INTERMEDIARY WILL ALLOW THE FUNDING THAT THE C.E.O., D.H.S,
2 AS WELL AS D.P.H. HAVE DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND
3 ENGAGEMENT TO START FLOWING TO THE COMMUNITY BASED
4 ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN DO THE ON THE GROUNDWORK TO RAISE
5 AWARENESS ABOUT COVID, GET PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH RESOURCES AND
6 SERVICES AS NEEDED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, AND IT WILL ALSO FUND
7 THE MULTI-ETHNIC MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES THAT ARE SO
8 CRITICAL FOR GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT TO DIFFERENT VULNERABLE
9 COMMUNITIES. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE
10 HAPPY TO ADDRESS THEM.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, AND THANK YOU, DR.
13 FERRER. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING US
16 BACK TO THIS ACTUAL ITEM, WHICH IS ABOUT THE HEALTH OFFICER
17 ORDER. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR
18 BRINGING THIS INTO OPEN SESSION BECAUSE I THINK IT IS
19 IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HEAR OUR HEALTH OFFICER TALK ABOUT
20 THE DECISIONS THAT ARE IN FRONT OF US AND HEAR US AS THE
21 SUPERVISORS ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE MOVE FORWARD,
22 JUGGLING THE ECONOMY, YOU KNOW, PAYING ATTENTION TO PEOPLE WHO
23 ARE OUT OF WORK, AND BUSINESSES THAT ARE REALLY HAVING A TOUGH
24 TIME RIGHT NOW VERSUS THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, AND EACH AND EVERY
25 TIME WE TALK ABOUT REOPENING A PARTICULAR PART OF OUR SECTOR,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IT COMES WITH, YOU KNOW, PROS AND CONS. AND I THOUGHT IT WAS
2 IMPORTANT THAT, YOU KNOW, THE PUBLIC COULD LISTEN TO US AND
3 LISTEN TO DR. FERRER IN THE SCIENCE AND THE METRICS BEHIND,
4 THE DATA BEHIND HOW WE MAKE OUR -- . AND SO I JUST WANTED TO
5 ASK THREE QUESTIONS, DR. FERRER, THAT HAVE COME INTO MY OFFICE
6 A LOT. ONE IS ABOUT OUR BREWERIES AND HOW THERE IS A
7 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BREWERIES AND OUTDOOR DINING AT
8 RESTAURANTS. AND COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO US THE IDEA OF IF YOU
9 DON'T HAVE A KITCHEN, YOU ARE IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY, AND
10 SOME OF THEM HAVE SAID, WELL, WHAT ABOUT A FOOD TRUCK, IF WE
11 PARTNER CAN A FOOD TRUCK, CAN WE HAVE PEOPLE SITTING OUTSIDE
12 DRINKING BEER AND EATING FOOD? THAT IS THE FIRST ONE. AND
13 MAYBE TALK A LITTLE BIT, YOU TOUCHED ON IT, ON WHY THIS SECTOR
14 IS A HIGH RISK. SO THAT IS ONE IS ABOUT THE BREWERIES, THE
15 FOOD TRUCK, THE KITCHENS. SECOND, COULD YOU TALK ABOUT WHY THE
16 COUNTY IS NOT EXPLORING A WAIVER FOR SCHOOLS AT THIS TIME? WE
17 KNOW WE STARTED WITH A SMALL, SELECT GROUP OF STUDENTS THAT
18 HAD SPECIAL NEEDS AND ALLOWING A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THEM TO
19 GET IN PERSON INSTRUCTION, BUT WHY ARE WE MAKING THE DECISION
20 NOT TO EXPLORE WAIVERS? AND THEN THE THIRD ONE IS THE CARD
21 ROOMS, AND WE KNOW THAT THAT IS ALSO A BIG ISSUE. I KNOW
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS CARD ROOMS IN HER DISTRICT. WE HEARD A
23 LOT OF PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THAT TODAY. THERE WAS A PRESS
24 CONFERENCE YESTERDAY WITH A BUNCH OF CARD ROOMS ADVOCATING FOR
25 US TO REOPEN. CAN YOU TELL US THE REASONING, RIGHT NOW, FOR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 KEEPING THE CARD ROOMS CLOSED, FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES? MAYBE
2 EXPLAIN THE RISKS OF CARD ROOMS. THOSE THREE THINGS, I HAVE A
3 LOT, BUT I THINK THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE COME INTO MY
4 OFFICE THE MOST. NUMBER ONE, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH BREWERIES,
5 THE SCHOOL WAIVERS, AND THEN WHAT'S THE THINKING BEHIND THE
6 RISK OF OUTDOOR CARD ROOM ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I
9 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER IN MORE DETAIL SOME OF
10 THE SCIENCE THAT WE HAVE USED TO HELP DETERMINE HOW TO BEST
11 SEQUENCE THE REOPENINGS. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE ARE
12 STARTING WITH THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THERE IS INHERENT RISK
13 IN LOTS OF ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER AND
14 THAT, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, THE
15 PRIORITIZATION HAS BEEN FOR WHAT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL
16 ACTIVITIES VERSUS NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES. I KNOW THAT IS
17 HARD BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES THAT PEOPLE
18 ARE DOING HAVE A LOT OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. AND SOME
19 NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES THAT WE STILL DON'T PERMIT, IT MAY
20 FEEL LIKE THOSE HAVE LESS RISK, BUT IT'S ALSO IT IS NOT JUST
21 RISK. IT'S RISK. IT'S HOW YOU CAN MODIFY THE RISK, AND IT'S
22 WHAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE TO DO IN ORDER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE
23 ABLE TO FUNCTION AT A MINIMUM SET THOSE ESSENTIAL WORK. SO I
24 WANT TO JUST NOTE SINCE THE BEGINNING, THAT HAS BEEN A
25 FRAMEWORK WE ARE ALL LIVING WITH, AND I THINK IT IS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR SOME SECTORS THAT ARE STILL
2 CLOSED, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT OPENED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME,
3 AND THEN WITH THE REALLY SERIOUS SPIKE IN CASES THAT WE SAW,
4 STARTING IN JULY, WE HAD TO CLOSE BACK DOWN SOME OF THOSE
5 SECTORS. I WANT TO THANK AND APPRECIATE ALL OF THE PEOPLE
6 WORKING IN THOSE SECTORS AND ALL OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND
7 OPERATORS OF THOSE SECTORS FOR THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE ADHERED
8 TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. AND I KNOW IT HAS BEEN
9 EXTRAORDINARILY FRUSTRATING, AND IT HAS HAD DEVASTATING
10 ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. BUT IF I GO BACK TO THE RESTRICTIONS
11 THAT ARE STILL IN PLACE ON BREWERIES, I WANT TO NOTE THAT AT
12 THE STATE LEVEL AS WELL, BREWERIES AND BARS ARE CONSIDERED
13 SOME OF THE HIGHEST RISK ACTIVITIES AND, AS SUCH, ARE NOT
14 PERMITTED. I THINK THE PLACE WHERE THERE IS CONFUSION IS
15 AROUND, SO IF YOU ARE RESTAURANT, AND YOU ARE SERVING A MEAL,
16 AND YOU ARE SERVING ALCOHOL, ARE YOU ALLOWED TO STATE OPEN.
17 BUT IF YOU ARE A BREWERY, THAT IS NOT PERMITTED BY US BECAUSE
18 WE DO THE PERMITS, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PREPARE AND SERVE
19 FOOD, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE OPEN AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
20 AND I THINK THE RATIONALE FOR THIS IS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT THOSE CASES THAT PRIMARILY ARE SEEN AT PLACES
22 THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DRINK REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL COMMUNITY
23 TRANSMISSION RATES ARE REDUCED IN L.A. COUNTY. THE PLACES
24 WHERE PEOPLE GENERALLY GO TO DRINK ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST
25 RISK PLACES. AS I NOTED, PEOPLE ARE NOT WEARING THEIR FACE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 COVERINGS BECAUSE THEY ARE DRINKING, AND THERE'S OFTEN A LOT
2 OF MINGLING THAT GOES ON AS WELL. SO WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT
3 BREWERIES WHO ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD
4 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOOD TRUCKS COME SO THEY CAN REMAIN OPEN,
5 THE INTENTION HERE IS ACTUALLY NOT TO HAVE BARS AND BREWERIES,
6 PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN DO A LOT OF COMMINGLING, BE OPEN UNTIL
7 OUR COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RATES GO LOWER. AND AS I NOTED
8 BEFORE, WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD TO LOOK AT ALL
9 OF OUR DATA AND, PARTICULARLY, TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE
10 GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER SURGE AFTER LABOR DAY BEFORE WE, AGAIN,
11 REVISIT WHAT ELSE WE SHOULD WE SEQUENCE REOPENING, BUT I DO
12 UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION, AND I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IT SEEMS
13 AS IF BREWERIES COULD BE OPEN THE SAME WAY RESTAURANTS ARE
14 OPEN IF THEY HAVE A FOOD TRUCK BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE, IN FACT,
15 SERVING MEALS, BUT THAT WAS NOT REALLY THE INTENT HERE. THE
16 INTENT WAS TO OPEN RESTAURANTS AND NOT TO OPEN BARS. AND I
17 ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT BREWERIES ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH
18 BEING ABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE COME AND DO PICK UP AND TAKE OUT AND
19 ALSO WITH THEIR RETAIL OPERATIONS. YOUR SECOND QUESTION IS WHY
20 THE COUNTY IS NOT MOVING FORWARD WITH A WAIVER APPLICATION
21 PROCESS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT QUESTION BECAUSE I KNOW YOU
22 WORKED SO HARD WITH SO MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS AND
23 EDUCATORS TO ACTUALLY DESIGN A WAIVER PROGRAM FOR L.A. COUNTY,
24 ASSUMING THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A WAIVER
25 PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN IN GRADES PREK-6 TO COME BACK FOR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION. AT THE TIME THAT WE WERE DESIGNING THE
2 WAIVER PROGRAM, WE DID NOT KNOW THE STATE WOULD BE CHANGING THE
3 GUIDANCE FOR WHAT ARE PERMITTED ACTIVITIES ARE FOR ALL
4 COUNTIES, AND INCLUDED IN THAT, THE ABILITY OF EVERY SINGLE
5 SCHOOL IN OUR COUNTY TO REOPEN FOR SERVICES FOR HIGH-RISK,
6 HIGH-NEEDS STUDENTS. AND IT APPEARS, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE,
7 THAT IN THAT REOPENING WE WILL HAVE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 140,000
8 AND 300,000 STUDENTS THAT WILL BE RETURNING TO OUR SCHOOLS FOR
9 IN-PERSON SUPPORT AND SERVICES OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. WE
10 THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO REALLY CONCENTRATE ON
11 SUPPORTING EVERY SCHOOL NOW TO DO THESE REOPENINGS WITH AS
12 MUCH FIDELITY TO THE DIRECTIVES AROUND SCHOOL REOPENINGS, SO
13 THESE CAN HAPPEN WITH AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN
14 RECONSIDER, AGAIN, IN EARLY NOVEMBER, AFTER WE HAVE SEEN HOW
15 WELL WE ARE DOING REOPENING AT EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL, BE ABLE TO
16 RECONSIDER A WAIVER PROGRAM AT THAT POINT IN TIME. I
17 APPRECIATE THE FRUSTRATION, AND I ALSO KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE
18 PUT A LOT OF EFFORT IN HELPING US THINK THROUGH WHAT A WAIVER
19 PROGRAM COULD LOOK LIKE. IT'S NOT THAT IT'S OFF THE TABLE,
20 IT'S JUST WE HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY THAT EVERY SCHOOL IS, IN
21 FACT, ENTITLED TO PURSUE, AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT
22 THEM AND CREATE AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE ACROSS THE ENTIRE
23 COUNTY FOR EVERYBODY WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO SCHOOLS, WHO
24 ARE, AGAIN, A LIMITED SET OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR HIGH-
25 NEEDS, HIGH-RISK STUDENTS. AND THEN THE LAST QUESTION I THINK

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THAT YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT THE CARD ROOMS IS THAT WE HAVE
2 KEPT THE CARD ROOMS CLOSED SINCE THE MIDDLE OF JULY AND INTEND
3 TO REVISIT OPENING CARD ROOMS FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ONCE WE
4 HAVE A FEW WEEKS' WORTH OF DATA AFTER THE LABOR DAY WEEK END.
5 AGAIN, WE HAVE MADE A DECISION THAT WE WILL LOOK AT THE
6 REOPENING FOR CARD ROOMS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. I WANT TO
7 NOTE THAT, AGAIN, WE DO LOOK AT WHAT IS MOST ESSENTIAL. I KNOW
8 THAT MOST OF YOU SHARED WITH US THE DESIRE TO GET OUR KIDS
9 BACK TO SCHOOL AND TO GET -- AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REALLY
10 DO A LOT OF WORK TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. AND THAT MEANS DRIVING
11 DOWN COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RATES. SO WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT
12 EVERYBODY HELP US GET THE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RATES DOWN
13 REALLY LOW. IT MAKES IT A LOT EASIER TO REOPEN SCHOOLS AND
14 OTHER SECTORS IF WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION
15 GOING ON. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I HOPE I ANSWERED THOSE
16 QUESTIONS, BUT I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER, AGAIN IF I HAVE MISSED
17 SOMETHING.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, THE ONLY THING I WAS THINKING OF, WERE
20 THERE ANY SPECIAL RISKS ABOUT OUTDOOR CARD ROOM ACTIVITY? WE
21 HAVE BEEN TOLD IT IS SAFE. IT IS OUTDOORS. THEY ARE NOT EATING
22 OR DRINKING AT THE TABLE. IS IT MORE ABOUT MINGLING WITH
23 PEOPLE NOT IN YOUR FAMILY WITH OUTDOOR CARD TABLES. WHAT IS
24 THE INHERENT RISK OF CARD ROOMS?

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT,
2 SUPERVISOR. AND THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOW UP. THERE IS MUCH
3 MORE RISK IN THE INTERMINGLING AND THE FACT THAT PEOPLE OFTEN
4 ARE CARD TABLES FOR QUITE A LONG -- PROLONGED A PERIOD OF
5 TIME. AND THERE CAN BE MANY PEOPLE COMING FROM DIFFERENT AREAS
6 THAT WOULD BE MIXING AT THE CARD ROOMS, AT THE CARD ROOM
7 FACILITIES. AND I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE
8 INDUSTRY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BOTH MADE A LOT OF MODIFICATIONS
9 ALREADY FOR THEIR INDOOR OPERATIONS INCLUDING NOT ALLOWING ANY
10 DRINKING OR EATING AT THE TABLES, AND ALSO HAVE AGREED THAT
11 WHEN THE COUNTY DOES ALLOW THEM TO OPEN FOR OUTDOOR SERVICES,
12 WHICH HAS BEEN PERMITTED BY THE STATE AT THIS POINT, THAT THEY
13 WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO ALL OF THE INFECTION CONTROL
14 MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED AND THE DISTANCING
15 REQUIRED. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, IT IS ANOTHER AREA WHERE
16 PEOPLE WOULD BE INTERMINGLING, AND WE ARE TRYING TO REDUCE
17 THAT INTERMINGLING UNTIL OUR COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RATES ARE
18 LOWER.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND I ALSO JUST WANTED TO
21 SAY THANK YOU BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN SO ACCESSIBLE, AND
22 ANYTIME WHETHER IT'S INDOOR SHOPPING MALLS, OR THE CARD ROOM
23 ASSOCIATION, OR HOTELS, OR RESTAURANTS, OR SCHOOLS, YOU HAVE
24 BEEN MORE THAN ACCESSIBLE TO ACTUALLY BE ON REGULAR, EVEN
25 WEEKLY, PHONE CALLS WITH MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 REALLY LOOKING FOR SOME RELIEF IN TERMS OF REOPENING THAT. SO
2 I REALLY APPRECIATE IT, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR BECAUSE I
3 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT WE DON'T
4 JUST, YOU KNOW, MAKE THESE DECISIONS WITHOUT A LOT OF INPUT
5 FROM OUR HEALTH DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS. I THINK, SOMETIMES, WE
6 HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF CREATING WINNERS AND LOSERS BY WHO WE ARE
7 ALLOWING TO REOPEN AND WHO UNFORTUNATELY HAVE HAD TO REMAIN
8 CLOSED. SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS
9 THAT WE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY. WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
10 THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, BUT WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT
11 OUR ECONOMY. SOME OF OUR CITIES RELY ON THE REVENUE FROM THESE
12 CARD CLUBS. SOME OF OUR CITIES RELY ON THE REVENUE FROM THE
13 SHOPPING MALLS. SO THESE ARE TOUGH DECISIONS, BUT I THINK THIS
14 IS A GOOD DISCUSSION SO THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS WHAT GOES INTO
15 US EVENTUALLY MAKING A DECISION. SO THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. I
16 HOPE WE CAN HAVE THESE REGULARLY, IN OPEN SESSION, SO THAT WE
17 CAN CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THIS EVER-EVOLVING HEALTH ORDERS
18 AND HOW THEY CHANGE WEEKLY. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND FOR THE
21 RECORD, THIS IS A SET ITEM EVERY BOARD MEETING MOVING FORWARD.
22 SO IT WILL BE OPEN DISCUSSIONS --

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** EXCELLENT.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN, FOR REQUESTING WE DO THIS IN OPEN SESSION. AND THANKS,
5 ESPECIALLY, TO DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, WHO, YOU KNOW, WHEN
6 YOU GET TEXTS FROM PEOPLE AT 3:00 IN THE MORNING, YOU KNOW WE
7 ARE ALL AWAKE JUST TRYING TO ANSWER EVERYTHING COMING IN AND
8 MAKE INQUIRIES. NATURALLY, LIKE THE REST OF YOU, MY DISTRICT
9 OFFICES ARE GETTING CONSTANT CALLS ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT
10 CAN BE DONE. AND IT OCCURRED TO ME, AS THE CONVERSATION WAS
11 GOING ON, THAT IT RELATES TO SOME DIFFERENCES THAT I THINK WE
12 HAVE AMONG OUR GENERAL POPULATION THAT RELATE TO THE WAYS IN
13 WHICH WE COMPARE ONE THING TO ANOTHER AND ALSO HOW RISK AVERSE
14 WE ARE. PEOPLE WHO WANT THE SCHOOLS TO OPEN POINT OUT A LOT OF
15 PROBLEMS THAT STUDENTS ARE FACING BY NOT BEING IN SCHOOL AND
16 THEN SAY, "I KNOW WE CAN SAFELY DO IT." ALTHOUGH, WHEN YOU GET
17 DOWN TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT IS SAFE AND HOW DO WE KEEP PEOPLE
18 SAFE, THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION THAT STILL MUST GO ON. AS
19 YOU REMEMBER IN THE SCHOOLS, WE DECIDED, THE TEACHERS'
20 ORGANIZATIONS NEEDED TO AGREE TO OPEN EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL
21 THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE BROUGHT IN TO TEACH. THE SAME WITH
22 THE STAFF. THE SAME WITH THE PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND IT WILL
23 BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THEY WEIGH WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN 3
24 OR 4 TEACHERS SAY, "I JUST CAN'T, I CAN'T GO IN, I WILL BE
25 BRINGING IT BACK TO MY FAMILY," ETC. SO THE QUESTION OF

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 COMPARISONS IS ONE THAT I THINK IS VERY INTERESTING WHEN YOU
2 WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BREWERIES AND THE RESTAURANTS. MY
3 UNDERSTANDING IS, WHEN WE FIRST FIRST STARTED TALKING, DR.
4 FERRER, WHAT MIGHT BE PERMISSIBLE EVEN IN RESTAURANTS, THERE
5 WAS A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF WHO COULD SIT AT EACH TABLE, AND
6 MORE THAN THAT, THERE WAS A VERY STRONG RECOMMENDATION, WHICH
7 WAS -- I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU MADE IT A HEALTH ORDER, OR IF
8 IT COULD BE ENFORCED, THAT YOU REALLY ONLY MINGLE WITH THE,
9 SORT OF, POD THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING THIS ENTIRE TIME WITH,
10 YOUR FAMILY ONLY, OR YOU AND ANOTHER FAMILY ONLY. SO THAT WHEN
11 YOU GO OUT TO EAT, THERE WILL NOT BE MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE AT
12 YOUR TABLE BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO BE REMOVING YOUR MASKS TO
13 EAT, BUT THIS NOTION THAT THESE ARE NOT STRANGERS WITH WHOM
14 YOU ARE EATING, YOU WALK IN WITH A GROUP, YOU SIT AT A TABLE,
15 YOU ARE ONLY WITH THAT GROUP. I THINK THAT IS ONE AREA OF
16 DIFFERENCE IN A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT WE HAD WITH THE BARS AND
17 ALSO EVEN WITH THE BREWERIES AND THE WINERIES. THE OTHER
18 THING, IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT THE CHILD CARE AND THE ISSUES OF
19 SOME PLACES THAT ARE ALLOWING CAMPS AT SCHOOLS, PEOPLE ARE
20 SAYING, "WELL IF THEY CAN HAVE A GROUP MEETING, WHY CAN'T WE
21 OPEN THE SCHOOL?" I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE,
22 AND I WONDER IF YOU MIGHT TELL US AGAIN, WHAT WE HAD SAID
23 ABOUT A COHORT AND WHAT A COHORT IS. THE IDEA IS YOU ARE NOT
24 IN CONTACT WITH LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AND WE ARE WORRIED
25 ABOUT TRANSPORTATION. WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT RECESS, IF THERE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IS SUCH AT THING. WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE BATHROOMS. IT IS
2 DIFFERENT FROM A SMALL GROUP OF 12 OR 10 CHILDREN. THE FINAL
3 THING I WANT TO POINT OUT IS WE HAVE NOT SEEN A LOT OF
4 REFERENCE TO THE STUDY THAT WAS RELEASED LAST WEEK THAT
5 500,000 CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE TESTED POSITIVE.
6 AND SINCE THERE IS NOT A LOT OF TESTING OF YOUNG CHILDREN, I
7 AM THINKING IT IS PROBABLY A LOT MORE. SO I HAVE ALWAYS
8 SUPPORTED REMAINING CAUTIOUS, FOLLOWING STATE GUIDELINES, OR
9 BEING MORE PRESCRIPTIVE, IF WE CAN, BUT I WONDER IF YOU MIGHT
10 SPEAK TO THE COMPARISONS THAT PEOPLE ARE MAKING. I THINK YOU
11 ALREADY TALKED ABOUT RESTAURANTS AND THE WINERIES, BUT IN THE
12 CARD ROOMS, FOR INSTANCE, EVEN IF IT IS OUTSIDE, ARE YOU NOT
13 SITTING AT A TABLE WITH OTHER PEOPLE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW? HOW
14 DO YOU KEEP A 6 FOOT DISTANCE? I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW
15 THIS CAN BE COMPARED TO A RESTAURANT WHERE YOU COME AND SIT
16 WITH YOUR OWN FAMILY OR POD.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
19 HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR SUPPORT AND APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS
20 TODAY ABOUT REALLY EMPHASIZING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO
21 UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT RISKS WE ARE TAKING WITH ALL OF THESE
22 DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT WE END UP EITHER CHOOSING TO DO OR
23 CHOOSING NOT TO DO. AND THAT IS -- THE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 DEPARTMENT, WHAT WE TRY TO DO IS CREATE A SENSIBLE ROAD MAP
25 THAT SAYS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, TRY TO ENCOURAGE AS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 MUCH AS POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HAPPEN AND BE LIMITED TO
2 THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE, AGAIN, WHAT
3 WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO REDUCE THIS CUMULATIVE RISK. WE KNOW
4 PEOPLE HAVE TO GO TO WORK, AND WE KNOW SOME CHILDREN HAVE TO
5 GO TO DAY CARE, AND WE KNOW SOME CHILDREN WENT TO DAY CAMPS.
6 AND THOSE SEEM LIKE VERY ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS. BUT ALL OF THE
7 REST OF IT THEN BECOMES, WHICH ARE THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE
8 GOING TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE, OR ALLOW PEOPLE, TO JUST STAY WITH
9 THEIR HOUSEHOLD AND TO REALLY REDUCE WHAT I CALL THAT
10 INTERMINGLING. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP AGAIN. AND
11 ALSO THANK YOU FOR REFERENCING THE FACT THAT THERE IS AMPLE
12 EVIDENCE, AT THIS POINT, THAT CHILDREN DO GET INFECTED AND, IN
13 FACT, SPREAD INFECTION TO OTHER PEOPLE BECAUSE I THINK AT THE
14 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF GOOD
15 INFORMATION. I WANTED TO SAY THAT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE
16 OVER 25,000 CONFIRMED CASES OF CHILDREN WHO ARE POSITIVE FOR
17 COVID-19. AND, AS YOU SAID, BECAUSE MANY CHILDREN, EVEN
18 THOUGH THEY ARE INFECTED, MAY NOT DEVELOP SERIOUS SYMPTOMS.
19 THEIR PROBLEM HAS BEEN, PARTICULARLY FROM MARCH TO JUNE OR
20 JULY, A LOT LESS TESTING THAT WAS HAPPENING FOR CHILDREN
21 BECAUSE THE ASSUMPTION WAS, AT THAT POINT, THAT THEY WERE LESS
22 LIKELY TO BE INFECTED. AND THEY CERTAINLY WEREN'T SHOWING UP
23 WITH VERY MANY SERIOUS SYMPTOMS AND SERIOUS ILLNESS, BUT ALSO
24 WANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE HAD HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS, THOUSANDS
25 OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 19. SO WHILE, FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF CHILDREN, THEY, IN
2 FACT, DON'T GET SERIOUSLY ILL, THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER
3 OF CHILDREN WHO DO GET SERIOUSLY ILL AND REQUIRE
4 HOSPITALIZATION. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ALL HAVE REALLY
5 GOOD INFORMATION ON, AS OUR RESEARCHERS AND SCIENTISTS HAVE
6 BEEN GATHERING MORE INFORMATION, WE ARE COMING TO UNDERSTAND,
7 IN FACT, THAT THERE IS A RISK WHEN CHILDREN ARE WITH OTHER
8 CHILDREN, AND WHEN CHILDREN ARE WITH OTHER CHILDREN AND ADULTS
9 FOR THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. AND, IN FACT, THERE HAS BEEN STUDY
10 AFTER STUDY NOW DEMONSTRATING THAT CHILDREN WHO ARE
11 ASYMPTOMATIC ARE, IN FACT, RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING BACK TO
12 THEIR HOMES COVID-19. THAT IS WAY IT DOES MAKE SENSE FOR US
13 WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE SCHOOL REOPENINGS TO UNDERSTAND THAT
14 THE EMERGING SCIENCE SAYS THAT, YES, CHILDREN DO NEED
15 OPPORTUNITIES TO BE WITH OTHER CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN DO NEED
16 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME CONNECTIONS, BUT CHILDREN ALSO NEED TO
17 BE IN ENVIRONMENTS WHERE THEY ARE SAFE, AND THE PEOPLE AROUND
18 THEM ARE GOING TO BE SAFE. AND WE ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO GO
19 SLOW ON THE REOPENINGS OF SCHOOLS, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE,
20 IN A COUNTY AS LARGE AS OURS, THAT WE REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT
21 THOSE SAFETY PROTOCOLS LOOK LIKE IN SCHOOLS AND HOW EFFECTIVE
22 THEY ARE AT REDUCING TRANSMISSION. I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT TO
23 NOTE THAT THE COHORTING STRATEGY IS ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL
24 STRATEGIES THAT WE ARE NOW USING FOR ALL PLACES WHERE CHILDREN
25 ARE GATHERING. WHETHER IT IS DAYCARE, OR CAMP, OR SCHOOLS,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE COHORTED IN WHAT WE CALL STABLE
2 GROUPS THAT DO NOT INTERMINGLE WITH OTHER GROUPS ON THEIR
3 CAMPUSES. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION
4 FROM REALLY MOVING QUICKLY THROUGH AN ENTIRE BUILDING BECAUSE,
5 AS WE KNOW, CHILDREN SHARE A LOT, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
6 THEY CAN SHARE AT THIS POINT IS THIS VIRUS. KEEPING CHILDREN
7 IN THESE STABLE SMALL GROUPS REALLY REDUCES THE CHANCES YOU
8 WOULD HAVE HUGE OUTBREAKS IN FACILITIES BECAUSE WE ARE
9 ADHERING TO COHORTING, BUT IN ORDER TO DO COHORTING WELL, WE
10 ALL ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN WHAT THAT MEANS AROUND
11 SCHEDULING, AROUND ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES, AS YOU NOTED,
12 AROUND RECESS AND MEALS, USING RESTROOMS. ALL OF THAT HAS TO
13 BE FIGURED, AND FIGURED OUT WELL, TO CREATE AS MUCH SAFETY AS
14 POSSIBLE. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IS THAT IT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL? OKAY. SO I
17 AM GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON A COUPLE QUESTIONS, DR. FERRER. FIRST
18 OF ALL, I DO ECHO, ONE OF THE FRUSTRATIONS I HAVE HEARD IN MY
19 DISTRICT, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I DO HAVE WINERIES UP IN THE
20 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE INCONSISTENCY IN THE WAY THAT WE HAVE
21 APPLIED THE DECISIONS ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS HAS BEEN A
22 FRUSTRATING PROCESS, AND I KNOW THAT EARLY ON THIS BOARD
23 AGREED TO ALIGN OURSELVES WITH THE STATE. AND SOMEWHERE ALONG
24 THE LINE, I THINK WHEN WE HAD THE LAST SPIKE, WE DEVIATED FROM
25 THAT. SO NOW WE ARE NOT IN LINE WITH THE STATE. WE, IN FACT,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ARE -- THERE ARE AREAS WHERE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE GREEN
2 LIGHT, SUCH AS THE INDOOR MALLS, BUT WE HAVE DECIDED -- AND I
3 AM NOT BEING CRITICAL, BUT WE HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE A STAND
4 BACK TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE. I DO BELIEVE, AT
5 SOME POINT, AND I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE FACT THAT,
6 WHILE I APPRECIATE CARD ROOMS AND THE NEED THAT SOME VIEW TO
7 REOPEN THEM FROM THE STANDPOINT OF RESOURCES FOR CITIES, I
8 ALSO LOOK AT THE NEED FOR BUSINESSES TO BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE,
9 PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND THOSE THAT WORK
10 THERE. SO I AM TRYING TO BALANCE BOTH SIDES OF THE DEBATE AND
11 ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PUBLIC HEALTH
12 RECOMMENDATIONS, DR. FERRER, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE AT
13 PROVIDING FOR THIS BOARD FROM DAY ONE. SO ON THAT SIDE, WITH
14 BREWERIES, AND WINERIES, AND CARD ROOMS, I THINK THAT WE NEED
15 TO LOOK AT THE SCIENCE, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS GOING
16 TO BE RISKS WITH ANYTHING THAT WE REOPEN, AS LONG AS THE
17 PUBLIC THINKS THAT, BY REOPENING, THAT MEANS THE VIRUS IS NO
18 LONGER IN THE COMMUNITY. THE VIRUS IS STILL OUT THERE, AND IT
19 IS VERY MUCH ALIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SO ANY OPENINGS THAT
20 ARE DONE, WE NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THIS DOES
21 NOT MEAN YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. I THINK YOU SAID IF BEFORE,
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT IF YOU ARE IN AN AGE GROUP, THEN YOU
23 SHOULD STAY HOME. JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING IS OPENING DOESN'T
24 MEAN EVERYONE HAS TO RUN OUT AND GO THERE. IT MEANS THAT WE
25 ARE ALLOWING CERTAIN THINGS TO REOPEN WITH GUIDELINES BUT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 RECOGNIZING THAT THE VIRUS IS STILL THERE, THEREFORE, IF YOU
2 FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY OF PREEXISTING CONDITION OR HIGH RISK
3 THAT YOU PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE PARTAKING IN SOME OF THE
4 THINGS WE ARE ALLOWING TO REOPEN. HAVING SAID THAT, ON THE
5 SCHOOLS, I AM GLAD WE ARE HAVING THIS DEBATE BECAUSE I KNOW
6 EARLY ON, DR. FERRER, YOU ACTUALLY PUT TOGETHER A WAIVER
7 PROGRAM, RECOGNIZING THAT BEFORE WE ALLOW SCHOOLS TO OPEN,
8 THEY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN CERTAIN GUIDELINES THAT THE
9 STATE'S REQUIRED, BUT ALSO THINGS FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH
10 STANDPOINT. AND IN TALKING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF L.A.
11 UNIFIED, AUSTIN BEUTNER, I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT
12 THAT THEY BUILT IN A TESTING COMPONENT AS THEY LOOK TOWARD
13 REOPENING. AND I WANTED YOU TO TOUCH ON THAT TESTING
14 COMPONENT, AND I WANT TO ASK YOU, WHEN WE GET TO POINT WHERE
15 WAIVERS ARE ALLOWED, HOW WOULD THAT ROLL OUT THROUGHOUT THE
16 COUNTY BECAUSE I KNOW THEY ARE DOING IT JUST WITHIN L.A.
17 UNIFIED? DO YOU FEEL TESTING IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THAT
18 BECAUSE SUPERVISOR KUEHL TALKED ABOUT HOW KIDS ARE NOT GETTING
19 TESTED? THAT IS BECAUSE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ACCESS FOR THEM.
20 AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THAT BUILDS INTO THE WAIVER.

21

22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND
23 ALSO FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. I THINK THE TESTING ISSUE IS A
24 REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, AGAIN,
25 LEARNING A LOT MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT TESTING CAN

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PLAY AS PART OF A MITIGATION STRATEGY. I WANT TO NOTE THAT
2 THERE IS LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF TESTS, AND AGAIN, THIS IS
3 AN AREA WHERE THERE IS AN EVOLVING SCIENCE THAT I THINK IS
4 GOING TO BE HELPFUL TO US AS THEY INCLUDE THE TESTING OPTIONS
5 THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND HOPEFULLY QUICKLY IN THE MONTHS
6 TO COME. RIGHT NOW, THE MOST RELIABLE TESTS THAT IS USED,
7 CERTAINLY FOR OUR CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS, IS WHAT WE CALL A
8 MOLECULAR TEST, OR A P.P.I. TEST. AND IT ALLOWS YOU TO SEE
9 WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S THE PRESENCE OF THE VIRUS IN YOUR BODY
10 AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME. THERE ARE OTHER TESTS. THERE ARE
11 ANTIBODY TESTS THAT ALLOWS YOU TO SEE WHETHER, AT SOME POINT,
12 YOUR BODY DEVELOPED ANTIBODIES TO THE VIRUS, WHICH MEANS YOUR
13 BODY SAW THE VIRUS AT SOME POINT, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHEN THE
14 BODY SAW THE VIRUS AND WHAT KINDS OF PROTECTIONS THOSE
15 ANTIBODIES ACTUALLY ARE GIVING YOU. AND THEN THERE'S THIS NEW
16 KIND OF TEST CALLED AN ANAGEN TEST, WHICH TENDS TO NOT BE --
17 TO HAVE MORE FALSE NEGATIVES. SO SOME PEOPLE GET A GET A
18 NEGATIVE TEST RESULT WHEN THEY ARE ACTUALLY POSITIVE IN THE
19 MOLECULAR TEST, BUT IT CAN GIVE YOU A FASTER RESULT, AND
20 SOMETIMES IT CAN BE EASIER TO ADMINISTER. THE PROBLEM WITH
21 TESTING, IN GENERAL, IS IT IS GOOD FOR FINDING PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 POSITIVE, WHO ARE POSITIVE, BUT IT IS NOT SO GREAT ABOUT YOU
23 HELPING DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE
24 WHO ARE GETTING TESTED ARE GOING TO BE NEGATIVE. SO WE SAY THE
25 POSITIVITY RATE IS 3 PERCENT, THAT MEANS THAT MOST PEOPLE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 GETTING TESTED, 97 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE GETTING TESTED, ARE,
2 IN FACT, NEGATIVE, BUT YOU ARE ONLY NEGATIVE THE DAY YOU GOT
3 TESTED. BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, YOU
4 COULD, IN FACT, HAVE AN EXPOSURE THAT THE VERY NEXT DAY, AFTER
5 YOU TESTED NEGATIVE, WOULD RESULT, IF YOU TOOK THE TEST AGAIN,
6 IN YOUR BEING POSITIVE. SO THIS IS WHY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE A LOT
7 OF TESTING AVAILABLE, YOU STILL HAVE TO DO ALL OF THE
8 INFECTION CONTROLS AND ALL OF THE DISTANCING AND ALL OF THE
9 FACE MASKING BECAUSE THE REALITY IS MOST PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
10 TEST NEGATIVE. AND MOST PEOPLE WHO TESTED NEGATIVE COULD
11 BECOME POSITIVE AT ANY POINT IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING WITHIN
12 HOURS OF HAVING THAT NEGATIVE TEST RESULT. SO WHERE TESTING
13 HAS WORKED BEST FOR LETTING YOU KNOW HOW SAFE YOU ARE ON A
14 GAVE GIVEN DAY HAS BEEN IN SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE ARE GETTING
15 TESTED EVERY SINGLE DAY BECAUSE THAT WAY, YOU GET A RESULT FOR
16 THAT DAY, AND YOU'RE NEGATIVE, AND THE VERY NEXT DAY, YOU TEST
17 AGAIN, AND IF YOU'RE STILL NEGATIVE, YOU'RE NEGATIVE AGAIN,
18 AND THE VERY NEXT DAY, IF YOU WERE POSITIVE, YOU WOULD KNOW
19 YOU WERE POSITIVE AND THEN GO AND ISOLATE, BUT IF THERE'S
20 LONG INTERVALS BETWEEN TESTING TIMES, SO I TEST TODAY, I AM
21 NEGATIVE, AND I AM GOING TO TEST AGAIN A MONTH FROM NOW, YOU
22 HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT DURING THAT MONTH, YOU TAKE EVERYTHING
23 IN PRECAUTION AS IF YOU COULD STILL BE POSITIVE AT ANY POINT
24 IN THE MONTH BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW, THESE NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS
25 ONLY HOLD FOR THE MINUTE AT WHICH YOU WERE TESTED. SO I WANT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TO SAY IT'S A GOOD TOOL BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US TO KNOW WHO IS
2 POSITIVE, AND ABSOLUTELY THE MORE WE KNOW WHO IS POSITIVE, AND
3 THE MORE THOSE PEOPLE THEN GO AND ISOLATE AT HOME AND WE
4 FOLLOW UP WITH THEIR CLOSE CONTACTS SO THEY QUARANTINE, THE
5 LESS TRANSMISSION THERE WILL BE FROM THE PEOPLE WE'VE
6 IDENTIFIED AS POSITIVE, BUT UNLESS YOU ARE TESTING VERY, VERY
7 REGULARLY, WE STILL HAVE TO RELY MORE HEAVILY ON ALL OF THE
8 OTHER TOOLS THAT WE HAVE AROUND INFECTION CONTROL, DISTANCING,
9 AND WEARING YOUR FACE MASK. I HOPE THAT MAKES SENSE.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, CAN YOU TOUCH BASE ON THE HOOPLA
12 AROUND ELECTION, NOVEMBER BEING THE DATE. I TALKED TO YOU
13 ABOUT THAT. AND I THINK THAT ONE SIDE OF THE STORY GOT OUT,
14 AND I JUST WANT YOU TO CLARIFY YOUR COMMENT.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, THANKS A LOT. AND I'M SO SORRY. I
17 FORGET HOW CAREFUL I SOMETIMES NEED TO BE ABOUT USING
18 REFERENCES. SO WE WERE ON A CALL. HONESTLY, THIS WAS AN OFF-
19 THE-RECORD CALL THAT I HAVE WITH BOTH THE SUPERINTENDENTS AND
20 THEN WITH EDUCATORS ONCE A WEEK TO REALLY BE ABLE TO HEAR FROM
21 THEM AND FOR THEM TO ASK QUESTIONS OF ME. WE WERE ASKED A
22 QUESTION ABOUT WHAT WAS THE TIMING ON WHEN WE THOUGHT WE WOULD
23 BE DOING MORE REOPENINGS. I SAID THE EARLIEST WOULD BE IN
24 EARLY NOVEMBER WITH A REFERENCE TO THE -- I SAID, "EARLY
25 NOVEMBER, THAT PUTS US AFTER THE ELECTION," BUT IT HAD NOTHING

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TO DO WITH THE ELECTIONS, PER SE, AS MUCH AS IT HAD TO DO WITH
2 WE NEED ABOUT 6 WEEKS OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE SCHOOL
3 REOPENINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HAPPENING, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE
4 A LOT OF ASSESSMENT DATA TO HELP GUIDE AND INFORM ANY
5 DECISIONS WE MAKE, AND MY SENSE IS THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO
6 MAKE SOME DECISIONS IN EARLY NOVEMBER. SO I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY
7 CONFUSION THAT I MAY HAVE CAUSED BY REFERENCING THE ELECTIONS
8 IN EARLY NOVEMBER. IT REALLY WAS JUST SO THAT PEOPLE
9 UNDERSTOOD -- HAD A SORT OF POINT OF REFERENCE ABOUT HOW LONG
10 IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOR US TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE REOPENING
11 PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW ACROSS THE COUNTY AND
12 BEING ABLE TO DO A GOOD ASSESSMENT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, AND I THINK YOU ANSWERED THIS WHEN YOU
15 WERE TALKING -- ANSWERING SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT I AM TRYING TO
16 UNDERSTAND THIS BECAUSE IT GETS A LITTLE CONFUSING IN TERMS OF
17 THE STATE AND THE TIERS AND HOW WE GET FROM ONE TIER TO THE
18 OTHER, AND OUR 7 DAY POSITIVITY RATE HAS DROPPED TO A LEVEL,
19 IF I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, THAT WOULD PLACE US IN THE STATE'S
20 MODERATE TIER, AND NEARLY IN THE MINIMAL TIER. SO THAT LOOKS
21 GOOD, HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL IN THE WIDE SPREAD TIER BECAUSE
22 OF THE STATE'S CASE RATE CALCULATION. CAN YOU EXPLAIN, IN
23 SIMPLE TERMS, HOW ONE OF OUR DATA POINTS CAN PUT US IN THE
24 LOWEST TIER, AND ANOTHER DATA POINT IN THE HIGHEST TIER, AND A
25 FOLLOW UP TO THAT, BECAUSE WE ARE DOING SUCH AGGRESSIVE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TESTING, I THINK WE ARE UP TO 2.5 MILLION TESTS ADMINISTERED,
2 IS THAT STILL A NEGATIVE ON THE RECORD, OR AT WE NOW AT A
3 LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WITH COUNTIES AROUND US?

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WELCOME THESE
6 QUESTIONS BECAUSE THIS IS A NEW TIERED FRAMEWORK THE STATE
7 CREATED, AND IT DOES HAVE A LOT OF PLACES WHERE WE CAN ALL BE
8 CONFUSED, INCLUDING US, AND IT HAS TAKEN A WHILE FOR EVERYONE
9 TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS TIERED FRAMEWORK REALLY SAYS AND HOW
10 COUNTIES MOVE THROUGH THESE TIERS. SO THE FIRST THING TO NOTE
11 IS THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO MEASURES THAT THE STATE NEEDED TO
12 MAKE ASSIGNMENTS FOR EACH COUNTY TO THE TIERS. ONE IS, AS YOU
13 NOTED, THIS MEASURE OF TEST POSITIVITY, AND THE OUR MEASURE IS
14 VERY LOW THERE AND HAS BEEN LOW FOR A WHILE. IT'S BEEN ABOUT 3
15 PERCENT, BETWEEN 3 AND 4 PERCENT. AND THE OTHER IS THIS
16 MEASURE OF, WHAT I CALL, THE NEW CASE RATES. AND THAT IS THE
17 NUMBER OF NEW CASES WE HAVE EACH DAY, PER 100,000 PEOPLE. AND
18 SO THERE ARE TWO METRICS, AND FOR EACH METRIC, YOU GET
19 ASSIGNED TO A TIER. SO YOU ARE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE ARE
20 IN THE ORANGE TIER, WHICH IS TIER THREE, FOR OUR TEST
21 POSITIVITY RATES BECAUSE IT IS RELATIVELY LOW. BUT WE ARE IN
22 TIER ONE, WHICH IS THE PURPLE TIER, AND THAT IS THE TIER THAT
23 SAYS YOU HAVE WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION FOR OUR NEW CASE RATE,
24 THE NUMBER OF NEW CASES WE HAVE PER 100,000 PEOPLE ON A DAILY
25 BASIS. THE STATE, IF YOU ARE IN DIFFERENT TIERS FOR EACH

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 METRIC, THE STATE ASSIGNS YOU TO THE MOST RESTRICTIVE TIER. SO
2 WE ARE ASSIGNED TO PURPLE, TIER ONE, BECAUSE OUR CASE RATE IS
3 STILL MUCH HIGHER THAN IT WOULD NEED TO BE TO MOVE INTO TIER
4 TWO. BUT THE STATE, IN CALCULATING THAT CASE RATE, DOES IN
5 FACT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT SOME COUNTIES DO A LOT
6 MORE TESTING, LIKE OUR COUNTY, THAN OTHER COUNTIES. AND WE
7 SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED BECAUSE WE DO MORE TESTING. SO THEY
8 ACTUALLY HAVE AN ADJUSTMENT THAT THEY MAKE TO OUR DAILY CASE
9 RATE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT THAT WE DO MORE TESTS ON A
10 REGULAR BASIS THAN THE MEDIAN NUMBER OF TESTS THAT ARE
11 PERFORMED FOR THE STATE AS A WHOLE. SO WE GET A RATE OF ABOUT
12 .8. THAT'S MULTIPLIED BY OUR ACTUAL NEW CASE RATE TO GIVE US
13 THE ADJUSTED CASE RATE. IT DOES IN FACT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
14 FACT THAT WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE A PENALTY BECAUSE WE DO LOT OF
15 TESTING IN HERE THE COUNTY. SO THE STATE HAS MADE THAT
16 ADJUSTMENT, AND THAT LOWERS OUR CASE RATE. OUR CASE RATE, IN
17 FACT, WOULD BE UP TO ABOUT 10 LAST WEEK, 10.6 I THINK, IF THEY
18 HAD NOT MADE THE ADJUSTMENT BECAUSE WE DO A LOT OF TESTING
19 WHICH LOWERED OUR CASE RATE TO AN ADJUSTED RATE OF 9.4.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO DR. FERRER, IS THIS MY LAST QUESTION. I
22 GUESS I GET CONFUSED IN THE SENSE THAT IT SEEMS LIKE, ON ONE
23 HAND, THE STATE IS VERY STRICT. ON THE ISSUE OF THE POSITIVITY
24 RATE, WE ARE DOING WELL. BUT WE HAVE TO BRING IT DOWN TO 6 PER
25 100,000 IN ORDER TO GO INTO THE NEXT TIER, FOR 14 DAYS?

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, IT HAS TO BE UNDER 7, SO IT COULD BE
3 AT 6.9.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WHICH, EVEN ON A GOOD WEEK, I THINK --
6 THAT IS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE, BUT HAVING SAID THAT, THE
7 STATE HAS CREATED THAT CRITERIA. BUT YET, THEY HAVE GIVEN US
8 THE GREEN LIGHT TO OPEN CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE REMAINING
9 CLOSED. I AM ASKING THIS QUESTION BECAUSE THAT'S THE CALL I AM
10 GETTING FROM CONSTITUENTS. HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THOSE
11 CONSTITUENTS THAT ARE SAYING THE STATE'S GIVEN THE GREEN
12 LIGHT, AND THEY HAVE BEEN VERY STRINGENT AND VERY STRICT IN
13 TERMS OF WHAT CAN AND CANNOT OPEN, AND, IN FACT, EVEN NAIL
14 SALONS ARE STILL CLOSED UNDER THE STATE GUIDELINES, WHY IS THE
15 COUNTY NOT ADOPTING THE STATE'S GREEN LIGHT AS IT RELATES TO
16 NEEDS INDUSTRIES, WHETHER IT BE CARD ROOMS, BREWERIES,
17 WINERIES, INDOOR MALLS? HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THEM WITH
18 THAT QUESTION?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I THINK IT
21 IS A REALLY GREAT QUESTION, AND AGAIN, I THINK ONE ISSUE THAT
22 CERTAINLY COMES UP A LOT IN THE COUNTY IS THE FACT WE ARE SO
23 BIG. SO WHEN THE STATE DECIDES THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, RESTAURANTS
24 CAN REOPEN WITH INDOOR DINING, AND WE HAVE 44,000 RESTAURANTS,
25 OUR JOB BECOMES TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE RESTAURANTS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO TO ADHERE TO OUR HEALTH OFFICER
2 DIRECTIVES AND BECAUSE IF FOLKS ARE REOPENING WITHOUT
3 ADHERING TO THE DIRECTIVES, THEN WE CREATE A LOT OF RISK FOR
4 MORE TRANSMISSION. SO I THINK SOME OF THE DECISIONS GET MADE
5 HERE DIFFERENTLY THAN THEY MAY GET MADE IN SOME OF THE SMALLER
6 JURISDICTIONS BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE, AS WE ARE DOING
7 THE REOPENING, WE ARE PROVIDING THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
8 THE ABILITY TO HELP WITH THE COMPLIANCE SO WE ARE NOT CREATING
9 UNNECESSARY RISK FOR OURSELVES AS A COUNTY. THE OVERALL GOAL
10 FOR EVERYONE, I THINK IT'S A SHARED GOAL, AND THAT IS TO
11 REDUCE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSIONS TO AS LOW A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE
12 BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT CREATES THE MOST SAFETY. THAT'S WHAT
13 GETS THE MOST PEOPLE BACK TO WORK, BUT WE HAVE TO BE STRATEGIC
14 ABOUT DOING THAT, AND PART OF BEING STRATEGIC IS MAKING SURE,
15 AS WE ARE HAVING THE REOPENINGS, ALL OF THE PLACES THAT ARE
16 REOPENING ARE, IN FACT, ABLE TO REALLY ADHERE COMPLETELY TO
17 THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. I KNOW ALL OF THE BOARD OFFICES
18 KNOW, I SHARE INFORMATION ON A FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS, THAT
19 WHILE COMPLIANCE HAS GONE UP EVEN IN RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE
20 BEEN OPEN FOR A VERY LONG TIME, IT IS NOT AT 100 PERCENT. AND
21 OUR COMPLIANCE TEAM IS OUT DOING RANDOM CHECKS. WE STILL HAVE
22 ABOUT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 15 AND 20 PERCENT OF RESTAURANTS THAT
23 ARE FAILING TO MEET THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, AND IF YOU HAVE
24 44,000 RESTAURANTS AND THAT HOLES THAT YOU HAVE 15 TO 20
25 PERCENT THAT MAY NOT BE ADHERING TO OUR DIRECTIVE THAT ARE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THERE TO KEEP PEOPLE AND WORKERS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, YOU ARE
2 CREATING WHAT I WOULD SAY IS ADDED RISK, SOMETHING WE WANT TO
3 AVOID. SO I WOULD SAY THAT IS THE MAIN REASON WHY WE MAY GO
4 SLOWER THAN SOME OF THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN DOING THE
5 REOPENING BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO
6 PROVIDE ENOUGH SUPPORT AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET ENOUGH
7 COMPLIANCE SO THAT WE ARE NOT CREATING UNNECESSARY RISK. BUT
8 I DO APPRECIATE THAT I AM ABLE TO REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS WITH
9 THE BOARD, AND SO WE CAN HAVE GOOD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHEN IT
10 DOES MAKE SENSE, AT THIS POINT, TO REOPEN THOSE HANDFUL OF
11 PLACES THAT ARE STILL NOT OPEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, ALTHOUGH
12 THE STATE GUIDANCE WOULD ALLOW US TO REOPEN THOSE SECTORS. AND
13 AGAIN, IT IS A HANDFUL THAT DON'T -- MENTIONED ALL OF THOSE
14 SECTORS, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO TRACK ALL OF OUR
15 DATA, MAKING SURE WE ARE NOT HAVING ANOTHER SURGE LIKE WE SAY
16 JULY BECAUSE OF LABOR DAY, AND THEN DISCUSSING, AS A BOARD,
17 WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AND I WILL
20 HAVE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS OFFLINE. BUT I THINK THIS HAS BEEN
21 GOOD DIALOGUE. DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL
22 QUESTIONS FOR DR. FERRER OR DR. GHALY?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR? I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE QUESTIONS
25 THE MEMBERS HAVE ASKED, AND I WANTED TO JUST KIND OF GO BACK

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ON SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID ABOUT THE CARD CLUBS
2 BECAUSE ONE THING I DON'T WANT US TO LOSE SIGHT OF IS THAT,
3 FOR SOME OF OUR CITIES, THEIR REVENUE, PERHAPS LIKE
4 BUSINESSES, HAVE HAVE BEEN CUT IN HALF, BUT WE ARE TALKING
5 ALSO TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THAT ARE PROVIDING VITAL
6 SERVICES IN CITY OF COMMERCE AND BELL GARDENS. ABOUT 244 PART-
7 TIME WORKERS HAVE BEEN LET GO. AND THAT IS THE CITY BECAUSE
8 THEY RELY ON THE REVENUE THERE. AND I KNOW THAT THE GOVERNOR
9 ALSO HAS STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR GAMING AND ALL OF THAT, BUT
10 THIS IS NOT -- THEY ARE PROPOSING THE GROUP, PROPOSING TO DO
11 THIS OUTDOORS WITH SPACE, WITH PLEXIGLASS, NO DRINKS, NO FOOD,
12 AND MASKS, AS WELL AS TEMPERATURE, ALL OF THAT. AND LIMITING
13 THE PEOPLE WHO COULD EVEN COME IN TO 20 PERCENT, NOT EVEN 25
14 PERCENT WHERE WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHER BUSINESSES. SO I REALLY
15 WANT TO ENCOURAGE US TO LOOK DEEPER BECAUSE IT IS A SMALLER
16 GROUP, AND THE WHOLE NOTION THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM
17 OUT OF TOWN IS INCORRECT. 70 TO 80 PERCENT COME FROM THE
18 SURROUNDING AREA, WITHIN A RATIO OF MAYBE 5 TO 10 MILES. SO
19 THEY ARE LOCALS, AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR HEALTH OFFICER IS
20 SAYING AND WHERE SHE IS GOING ON ALL OF THIS. AND I WOULD JUST
21 SAY LET'S TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT. AND WE WILL HAVE THOSE
22 DISCUSSIONS OFFLINE, BUT I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION, MADAM
23 CHAIR, AND THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND OUR HEALTH DIRECTORS. I HAVE
24 THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR THEM AND CONTINUE TO, BUT WE ARE ALSO
25 LOOKING AT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING THAT --

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 APPROPRIATELY, PLACES ARE OPENING, AND PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, THEY
2 ARE -- THEY ARE GOING ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, WHETHER IT IS IN
3 OUR COUNTY OR NOT. AND MANY OF THEM, FRUSTRATED, GO TO ORANGE
4 COUNTY OR THE SURROUNDING AREAS, AND THEY COME BACK HERE. AND
5 THAT IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE WE GET PENALIZED BY THAT.
6 SO THAT IS JUST -- THAT IS JUST A COMMENT I HAVE. AND IF
7 BARBARA WANTS TO RESPOND TO THAT, YOU KNOW, TO THE CARD CLUB
8 COMMENT, THAT IS FINE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I THINK THAT -- OKAY. SO
11 DR. FERRER, WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING ON, AND I HEAR WHAT YOU
12 ARE SAYING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I THINK THAT IT'S AN ISSUE THAT
13 WE ARE GOING TO REVISIT AS IT RELATES TO, NOT ONLY THAT, BUT
14 ALSO THE ISSUE SURROUNDING BREWERIES, WINERIES, INDOOR MALLS,
15 AS WELL AS EVEN THE WAIVERS FOR SCHOOLS. SO THAT IS WHY IT IS
16 IMPORTANT FOR ME TO HAVE THIS AS A SET ITEM, EVERY TWO WEEKS,
17 TO GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLESH THIS OUT AND HAVE
18 MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE. I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S DISCUSSION.
19 HEARING NO ONE ELSE WANTING TO TALK ON THIS, WE ARE GOING TO
20 MOVE ON NOW TO ITEMS 3D AND 17, WHICH ARE RELATED ITEMS. THIS
21 IS FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE. IT WAS HELD
22 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

23

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

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I AM SORRY. YOU KNOW WHAT, I HAVE TO -- I
2 DIDN'T REALIZE. I THOUGHT IT WAS A SET ITEM. I HAVE TO MOVE --
3 ITEM S1 IS BEFORE US, I MOVE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS
4 TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK
5 YOU. NOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I APOLOGIZE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS, FOR COAUTHORING THIS FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND
9 MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE MOTION. AND I AM REALLY PROUD OF THIS
10 BOARD BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE GOOD PROGRESS IN
11 KEEPING OUR RENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY IN THEIR HOMES DURING THIS
12 CRISIS. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED AN EVICTION MORATORIUM. WE PUT
13 \$100 MILLION TOWARDS RENT RELIEF FOR FAMILIES STRUGGLING TO
14 PAY RENT, BUT OUR HOMEOWNERS ARE STRUGGLING, TOO. AND WITHOUT
15 A CONCERTED EFFORT ON PART, WE MAY BE FACING A WAVE OF
16 ONCOMING FORECLOSURES. THIS VIRUS OUTBREAK HAS LEFT MANY OF
17 OUR L.A. COUNTY HOME OWNERS DEALING WITH REDUCED INCOME OR
18 UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WE NOW NEED TO MAKE IT OUR PRIORITY TO KEEP
19 THEM IN THEIR HOMES. THIS PROGRAM WILL ALLOCATE \$5.5 MILLION
20 FOR COMPREHENSIVE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND MORTGAGE
21 ASSISTANCE. IT WILL USE A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH. FIRST, WE WILL
22 BE CONNECTING HOMEOWNERS FACING POSSIBLE FORECLOSURES TO
23 COUNSELORS WHO CAN WORK WITH THEM TO ASSESS A MORTGAGE
24 FORBEARANCE OR LOAN MODIFICATION. IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, THE
25 SECOND APPROACH WILL BE CREATING A MORTGAGE RELIEF FINANCIAL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 RELIEF PROGRAM, WHICH WILL PROVIDE DEFERRED AND FORGIVABLE
2 LOANS TO HOMEOWNERS TO HELP STABILIZE THEIR MORTGAGE WITH
3 THEIR SERVICER. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE TARGETED TO ASSIST AREAS
4 OF THE COUNTY WHICH HAVE EXPERIENCED HIGH LEVELS OF
5 FORECLOSURES. I REALLY BELIEVE IT IS OUR TIME TO ACT AND HELP
6 THEM, AND I HOPE I HAVE THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES TODAY.
7 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. AND A BIG THANK YOU TO
12 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING
13 ME TO COAUTHOR. YOU KNOW, COLLEAGUES, AS A BOARD, WE HAVE BEEN
14 HEARING THE OUT CRY FROM OUR TENANTS, SMALL BUSINESSES,
15 LANDLORDS AND MORTGAGE HOLDERS, AND UNDERSTANDING THE URGENCY
16 TO ACT, I KNOW I SPEARHEADED THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AND
17 RECENTLY ALSO EXTENDED AND ESTABLISHED THE COUNTY'S EVICTION
18 MORATORIUM AS A BASELINE IN INCORPORATED CITIES TO ENSURE
19 MINIMUM OF PROTECTIONS COUNTY-WIDE FOR OUR IMPACTED TENANTS
20 AND STRUGGLING SMALL BUSINESSES. COLLABORATING WITH YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE ESTABLISHED AN EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
22 PROGRAM, ALLOCATING \$100 MILLION IN C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING AS
23 A PRIORITY, AND ALSO IN COLLABORATION WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN, WE ESTABLISHED LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
25 RENT AND MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 OF ESTABLISHING HOME SECURITY FOR ALL, FOR TENANTS AND
2 HOMEOWNERS. AND WITH THAT SAID, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT,
3 DURING THE PANDEMIC, HOMEOWNERS ALSO HAVE BEEN SUFFERING
4 ALONGSIDE SO MANY IMPACTED. MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF HOMEOWNERS
5 IN THE COUNTY RECEIVE NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT. THIS
6 FUNDING PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE
7 HOMEOWNERS WHO MAY HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, STRUGGLED WITH MAKING
8 PAYMENTS TO THE LENDER, OR ONLY RECEIVED A FORBEARANCE FOR A
9 SHORT PERIOD. WITH THE HELP OF H.U.D. APPROVED HOUSING
10 COUNSELORS, WE CAN PROVIDE THE PROPER FINANCIAL COUNSELING FOR
11 FREE TO HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS HOW ARE STRUGGLING. THE
12 COUNSELORS WILL HELP EVERY FAMILY TO FIGURE OUT THE NEXT STEPS
13 FOR THEIR LIVES AND HOW TO BETTER MANAGE THEIR FINANCIAL
14 FUTURE. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO PARTNER WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY-
15 BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP PROVIDE BOTH FINANCIAL COUNSELING
16 AND MORTGAGE RELIEF TO THESE FAMILIES. TODAY'S ITEMS
17 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE AN ALLOCATION OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR
18 FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING AND \$4 MILLION FOR MORTGAGE
19 RELIEF, WORKING WITH H.U.D. APPROVED HOUSING COUNSELING
20 AGENCIES. ADDITIONALLY, RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE FOR A REPORT
21 BACK TO INCLUDE A PLAN TO TARGET HOUSEHOLDS IN AREAS THAT
22 HAVE EXPERIENCES HIGH LEVELS OF FORECLOSURES THAT MAY NEED
23 FURTHER ASSISTANCE. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU, AND I
24 THANK THE BOARD, AND I ALSO APPROVE THE MOTION AND HOPE WE DO
25 GET THE SECURED NUMBER OF VOTES, THANK YOU.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD
5 LIKE TO THANK THE AUTHOR AND THE COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, RESPECTIVELY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE REGIONAL
8 HOUSING COUNSELOR'S NETWORK FOR WHAT I THINK WE WILL ALL AGREE
9 WAS EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS TO ASSIST SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS ACROSS
10 THE COUNTY. AND JUST YESTERDAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I
11 PARTICIPATED IN AN EFFORT TO LAUNCH WHAT IS BEING CALLED STAY
12 HOUSED L.A. AND THAT WILL PROVIDE EDUCATION, OUTREACH, LEGAL
13 SERVICES, AND AID WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PREVENTING EVICTIONS.
14 SHALL I SAY IT IN THESE TERMS? WE ARE TRYING TO BE
15 COMPREHENSIVE IN TERMS OF HOW WE ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. AND
16 OBVIOUSLY, IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY ACCELERATED IN THE CONTEXT OF A
17 PANDEMIC AND THE DISCUSSION THAT WE JUST ENTERTAINED, MADAM
18 CHAIR, RELATED TO THE HEALTH ORDERS AND THE LIKE ALL CONNECTS
19 HERE. WE NEED TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THIS CONNECTION AS WE MOVE
20 THIS AGENDA FORWARD. AND THE PROGRAM, THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR,
21 COUPLED WITH OVER \$100 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED IN RENT
22 RELIEF PROGRAMS, ALL OF THIS IS DESIGNED TO HELP STABILIZE THE
23 HOUSING MARKET AND PREVENT AN ONSLAUGHT OF HOMELESSNESS. AND I
24 DO MEAN AN ONSLAUGHT. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE WORSE OF IT, AND WE
25 SHOULD BRACED FOR IT. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SUGGESTS THAT ACROSS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THE NATION, OWING TO UNEMPLOYMENT, WE WILL SEE AS MUCH AS A
2 40 TO 45 PERCENT UP TICK IN HOMELESSNESS. IMAGINE THAT. IN THE
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IT WILL UP TICK TO 20 PERCENT BECAUSE WE
4 ARE ALREADY THE EPICENTER OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE NATION, AND
5 LOS ANGELES THE EPICENTER OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO THIS
6 IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HOW
7 IMPORTANT THIS WORK IS THAT IS BEING ADVANCED TODAY. AND WE
8 KNOW THAT PROPERTY OWNERS, ESPECIALLY MOM AND POP PROPERTY
9 OWNERS, HAVE BORNE A SIGNIFICANT BURDEN DURING THIS CRISIS.
10 AND WE HAVE TRIED TO COME FORWARD WITH PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY
11 TAILORED TO THAT SET OF INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE
12 CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THEY FIND THEMSELVES. I THINK IT IS
13 PRACTICALLY UNIMAGINABLE FOR A NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO
14 AT ONE POINT SAW HOME OWNERSHIP AS A STEP INTO A NEW LIFE, ARE
15 NOW STRUGGLING TO PAY THE BILLS, WHETHER IT IS A MORTGAGE, A
16 UTILITY PAYMENT, OR INSURANCE, FOR THAT MATTER. THE LAST
17 THINGS FAMILIES SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT FEAR OF
18 FORECLOSURE BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC. I WANT TO SAY THAT WE
19 ARE DOING A LOT, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, AND WE WILL BE
20 REQUIRED TO DO MORE. THIS INVESTMENT IS AN INITIAL ONE, AND IT
21 IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR GOING EVEN
22 DEEPER BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE NO LESS. MAY I REMIND
23 EVERYONE THAT THEY SHOULD GO TO STAYHOUSEDLA.ORG TO GET A FULL
24 SENSE OF THE EVICTION DEFENSE RENTER PROTECTION. IT IS A
25 MATTER OF EMPOWERMENT COUPLED WITH THE SERVICES AND THE RELIEF

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THAT WE SEEK TO ADVANCE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND
2 COLLEAGUES, AND TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR THEIR
3 LEADERSHIP IN THIS.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I
6 ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING
7 THIS MOTION FORWARD. WE ALL KNOW SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE
8 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFER AT HOME
9 ORDERS, THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN LASER FOCUSED ON FINDING WAYS TO
10 SUPPORT RENTERS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED FINANCIALLY BY THE
11 ENSUING ECONOMIC DOWN TURN. WE FACE RISING UNEMPLOYMENT AND
12 MANY INDUSTRIES FORCED TO REMAIN CLOSED. OUR MOST VULNERABLE
13 COMMUNITIES AND CONSTITUENTS WERE FACING AN INABILITY TO PAY
14 THEIR BILLS. I WILL CONTINUE TO REMIND EVERYONE THE BRUNT OF
15 THE ECONOMIC IMPACT FELT DURING COVID-19 HAS BEEN BORNE BY
16 THOSE MAKING LESS THAN \$50,000 PER YEAR. OUR MOST VULNERABLE
17 POPULATIONS ARE EITHER FACING JOBLESSNESS OR ARE WORKING ON
18 THE FRONTLINES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF WORKING
19 REMOTELY. THE COUNTY REACTED QUICKLY TO PROVIDE SOME IMMEDIATE
20 RELIEF FOR THOSE FAMILIES FACING HARDSHIPS AND ENACTED AN
21 EVICTION MORATORIUM. A SIDE EFFECT OF THE MORATORIUM, THOUGH,
22 WAS THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON LANDLORDS. HOUSING, AFTER ALL, IS
23 A CHAIN WITH A TENANT, A LANDLORD, AND A MORTGAGE SERVICER. MY
24 OFFICE HAS RECEIVED DOZENS AND DOZENS OF CALLS FROM LANDLORDS
25 WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEY WILL PAY THEIR MORTGAGE, THEIR PROPERTY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TAXES, AND, QUITE FRANKLY, THEIR OWN BILLS. THE COUNTY,
2 ACCORDINGLY, ROLLED OUT A \$100 MILLION EMERGENCY RENTAL
3 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO OFFSET THE
4 RENT BURDEN FOR THOSE MOST AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING
5 HOMELESSNESS WHEN THE EVICTION MORATORIUM IS LIFTED AND ALSO
6 PROVIDES SOME RELIEF TO THE LANDLORDS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE
7 REMISS IF WE ASSUME THAT THE IMPACTS FROM COVID WERE SO
8 LIMITED. THERE IS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR WORKFORCE
9 THAT IS MADE UP OF HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE ALSO FACING THE SAME
10 HARDSHIPS. THESE FOLKS ARE NOT CAPTURED BY OUR PREVIOUS
11 EFFORTS. SO I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO TRY
12 TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THIS GROUP. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A --
13 THIS IS GOING TO BE A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO THE TOTAL
14 NEED, BUT WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE. THESE ACTIONS NOT ONLY
15 PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF, BUT ALSO EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
16 RELIEF. THE STRESS OF BEING UNABLE TO PAY ONE'S BILLS AMIDST
17 SUCH CHAOTIC TIMES CAN WEIGH HEAVILY ON THOSE WHO FIND
18 THEMSELVES OUT OF WORK THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. ALL OF
19 THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO HELP RENTERS, HOMEOWNERS, AND LANDLORDS
20 ARE BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND TO ENSURE
21 STABILITY IN THE COUNTY'S HOUSING MARKET. WE CANNOT RISK MORE
22 OF OUR NEIGHBORS FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY DURING
23 A GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT
24 OUR CONSTITUENTS CAN REMAIN SAFER AT HOME. SO, WITH THAT, I
25 APPRECIATE THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEMS 3D AND 17 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

6

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

9

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

11

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

13

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE WILL MOVE TO ITEM S1, I'M
5 SORRY, ON TO ITEM 4D. DO WE HAVE TO VOTE ON 28 AS WELL, OR ARE
6 THEY TOGETHER?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THEY ARE TOGETHER.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 6 --

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, YOU ARE ON 4D.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** 4D AND 28, ALL RIGHT, HOUSING REVENUE
15 BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE SENIOR AND
16 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I REALLY WANT TO ASK
19 FOR THE BOARD TO INDULGE ME. THIS IS A REALLY CRITICAL
20 IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES IN THE
21 FIRST DISTRICT, AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO UNDERSCORE HOW
22 IMPORTANT HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IS CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY IN OUR
23 INCORPORATED AREAS, WHERE RESIDENTS THERE ARE
24 DISPROPORTIONATELY HAVING TO SPEND OVER 30 PERCENT OF THEIR
25 INCOME ON HOUSING AND OVER HALF SPEND MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INCOME ON HOUSING. AND CURRENTLY IN EAST L.A., THERE ARE ABOUT
2 2,400 SENIOR CITIZENS AND OVER 3,900 DISABLED WHO LIVE IN
3 POVERTY. ABOUT 604 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE
4 2019 GREATER L.A. HOMELESS COUNT AND 369 HOMELESS STUDENTS FOR
5 THE 2018-'19 L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF ED COUNT OF STUDENTS
6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. OVERCROWDING HAPPENS TO BE ANOTHER
7 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT IN THIS COMMUNITY. OVERCROWDEDNESS IS
8 CONTRIBUTING TO THE ONGOING RISE OF HOMELESSNESS AND A GROWING
9 PERCENTAGE OF THESE FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS SUDDENLY
10 BECOMING HOMELESS. PER THE 2017 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY,
11 EAST L.A. HAS 6,586 OUT OF 25,785 TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS WHO LIVE IN
12 OVERCROWDED, DENSELY POPULATED CONDITIONS. THIS IS ALMOST
13 DOUBLE THE PERCENTAGE COMPARED TO THE COUNTY'S OVERALL
14 AVERAGE. THIS PROJECT, THE 3RD AND DANGLER AFFORDABLE HOUSING
15 DEVELOPMENT, WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED 78 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE
16 RENTAL HOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EARNING BELOW 60
17 PERCENT OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME AND 39 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
18 HOUSING UNITS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS WITHOUT HOMES. THE DEVELOPMENT
19 IS LOCATED ALONGSIDE THE 3RD STREET METRO GOLD LINE QUARTER,
20 WHICH WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC BENEFIT, INCLUDING A
21 POCKET PARK, ARTS, SERVICES, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, AND MUCH
22 MORE. WITH THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION,
23 THE PROJECT'S PUBLIC BENEFIT WAS ACCOMPLISHED. AND I AM SO
24 PROUD THAT THE PROJECT WAS RECENTLY AWARDED FUNDING BY THE
25 STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL FROM THE AFFORDABLE SUSTAINABLE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HOUSING COMMUNITIES. THEY RECEIVED \$13.9 MILLION AWARDED FOR
2 THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND \$9.9 MILLION AWARDED FOR THE
3 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TOTALING \$23.8 MILLION. I WOULD LIKE TO
4 COMMEND THE NATIONAL CORPS, THE DEVELOPER, AND OUR VARIOUS
5 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TO MAKE THIS A
6 REALITY, AND THE DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE SUPPORT FROM
7 DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS, OVER 1,590 PETITION SIGNATURES, 341 HIGH
8 SCHOOL STUDENT VOTES, 90 LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL
9 INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, FOR A TOTAL
10 OF 1,095 SUPPORTIVE SUBMISSIONS. SOME OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS
11 WERE AMONGST THOSE THAT HELP US COMPILE THE SUPPORT NEEDED FOR
12 THE PROJECT. THE ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL, ALLIANCE
13 COLLEGE, READY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ALMA FAMILY SERVICES, ALTAMED,
14 BARRIO PLANNERS, INNER CITY STRUGGLE, HOVENIS INC., EAST L.A.
15 RISING, IMMERSION WORKFORCE L.A., EVERYONE IN, AND MANY, MANY
16 MORE. TODAY'S ITEM WILL FACILITATE GETTING THE LAST FUNDING
17 NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT. MADAM CHAIR, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE
18 AYE VOTES OF MY COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. ITEM
21 4D AND 28 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED
22 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE,
23 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEMS 4D AND 28 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

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

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

20

21

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

23

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

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2

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

5

6 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
7 NUMBER 6, SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 17 VOTING
8 RIGHTS RESTORATION FOR PERSONS ON PAROLE AMENDMENT. AND IT IS
9 WITH ITEM NUMBER 12, WHICH IS ALSO TO RESTORE THE RIGHT TO
10 VOTE AFTER COMPLETION OF A PRISON TERM. IT WAS HELD BY
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND ITEM 12 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU GO FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14

15 SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T KNOW
16 WHETHER THE ACTUAL AUTHOR OF ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WISHES
17 TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE I DO. I WANT TO THANK HER SO MUCH FOR
18 ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS ITEM, AND ALSO, SUPERVISORS
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAD THE SAME THOUGHT. SO
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I DON'T KNOW, MADAM CHAIR, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
21 ASK HER IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST?

22

23 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: YES, I CALLED ON YOU BECAUSE YOU HELD IT,
24 BUT IF YOU'D LIKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE AUTHOR, WE'LL DO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOLLOWED BY
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
5 YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HOLDING THE ITEM. I REALIZE
6 THIS IS A VERY TIMELY MEASURE, AND ALSO THE COMPANION MEASURE,
7 WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN
8 INTRODUCED AS WELL THAT WE ARE TAKING UP, BUT IT DOESN'T
9 MATTER. WE ARE ALL STRONGLY BEHIND THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID
10 OF A DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE THAT DISQUALIFIES PEOPLE WHO ARE
11 CONVICTED OF FELONIES TO COMPLETE BOTH THEIR PRISON AND PAROLE
12 SENTENCES BEFORE THEY CAN REGAIN THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE IN
13 CALIFORNIA. THE MOTION THAT IS IN FRONT OF THE BOARD TODAY
14 ASKS THAT WE TAKE A COLLECTIVE POSITION TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION
15 15 --

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** 17.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** I AM SORRY, WHY AM I SAYING 17. I'M SORRY. MY
20 STAFF MADE A TYPO HERE. PARDON ME, PROP 17, WHICH WOULD
21 RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALMOST 50,000 PEOPLE ON PAROLE. THE
22 UNITED STATES, AS YOU KNOW, HAS A LONG HISTORY OF USING
23 OPPRESSIVE AND SUPPRESSIVE TACTICS TO REMOVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE
24 FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. AND TODAY IS NO DIFFERENT. WE HAVE SEEN
25 IMPOSITIONS OF A POLL TAX TO DISSUADE PEOPLE FROM VOTING AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SOMEONE'S RECORD OF LEGAL INVOLVEMENT USED TO TAKE AWAY THEIR
2 RIGHT TO VOTE OUTRIGHT. PROPOSITION 17 IS ABOUT RESTORING
3 VOTING RIGHTS, DECREASING RECIDIVISM RATES THROUGH CIVIC
4 ENGAGEMENT, AND CALIFORNIA BEING INCLUSIVE OF AS MANY PEOPLE
5 WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A SAY IN SHAPING
6 WHAT THEIR STATE, THE COUNTY, AND THE CITY WOULD LOOK LIKE AND
7 HOW THEY CAN BE GOVERNED AND BY WHOM. TODAY, IT IS ABOUT THE
8 BOARD'S POSITION ON PROPOSITION 17 AND ON THE NOVEMBER 3RD
9 BALLOT. THE VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA WILL DECIDE IF WE WILL BE A
10 STATE THAT FOLLOWS AND ALLOWS MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE OR LESS.
11 ADDITIONALLY, EVERY YEAR WE RECOGNIZE THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN
12 SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DATE. WHAT A PERFECT
13 TIME TO NOT ONLY REMIND PEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING
14 TO VOTE BUT ALSO COUPLED WITH THESE MOTIONS. L.A. COUNTY
15 SUPPORTS INCLUSIVITY. IT WILL ONLY MEAN FOR A BETTER DEMOCRACY
16 FOR ALL OF US WHEN MORE PEOPLE ARE PARTICIPATING. MADAM CHAIR,
17 I THANK YOU, AND I THANK THE COAUTHORS, AND I THANK SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
21 THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. BOTH OF THESE
24 MOTIONS CHALLENGE THE FLAWED MENTALITY THAT SOME PEOPLE IN OUR
25 SOCIETY, EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE SERVED THE SENTENCE THE COURT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 REQUIRED OF THEM FOR A CRIME, ARE SOMEHOW UNWORTHY OF
2 THEREFORE EXERCISING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE. THAT
3 REALLY IS THE SAME MENTALITY THAT JUSTIFIED DECADES OF
4 DISENFRANCHISEMENT FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR, FOR WOMEN, FOR POOR
5 PEOPLE, FOR OTHER GROUPS WHOSE, FRANKLY, WHOSE GROWING
6 INFLUENCE CHALLENGED THE STATUS QUO, WHO SOUGHT, I GUESS IN
7 THEIR OWN INTEREST, TO OPPRESS THOSE VOICES. BY PASSING THESE
8 MOTIONS TODAY, WE SEND A REALLY STRONG MESSAGE TO THE
9 CONTRARY. WE NEED THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED
10 EXPERIENCE IN ARREST, DETENTION, BEING PUSHED THROUGH THE
11 JUSTICE SYSTEM BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A PERSPECTIVE
12 ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE GOING TO BE CRITICAL OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM
13 AND OUR SYSTEMS OF INCARCERATION. THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO
14 WEIGH IN ON ISSUES AND ON THEIR REPRESENTATIVES BECAUSE THEY
15 HAVE DIRECT, LIVED EXPERIENCE IN ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT SHAPE
16 THEIR COMMUNITIES. TO PROCEED AS THOUGH PEOPLE ON PAROLE ON NO
17 VALUE IN A DEMOCRACY IS TRULY REPUGNANT. I AM THRILLED TO SEE
18 THAT WE, AS A BOARD, FELT SO STRONGLY ON THE ISSUE THAT WE HAD
19 NOT ONE BUT TWO MOTIONS, SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, BUT THEY COME TO
20 THE SAME CONCLUSION. IT IS TIME TO MODIFY OUR STATE
21 CONSTITUTION TO GET RID OF THE ARCHAIC PROPOSALS THAT ONLY
22 SERVE TO DISENFRANCHISE THOSE WHO ABSOLUTELY HAVE A RIGHT TO
23 BE HEARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER STEPPED OUT. WOULD
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS LIKE CONTINUE?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I AM GLAD TO DEFER TO THE MAKER OF THE
5 MOTION, AND I WILL FOLLOW HER. SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU ARE SO
6 INCLINED.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. DOES THAT MEAN I AM SPEAKING NOW. IS
9 THAT WHAT JUST HAPPENED? OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS. I LOVE IT THAT THERE
11 IS TWO MOTIONS HERE TODAY THAT REALLY ALMOST SAY THE SAME
12 THINGS, WHICH REALLY MEANS THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S
13 IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. AND FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS ARE
14 CERTAINLY THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR DEMOCRACY, AND AS ELECTED
15 OFFICIALS, IT IS OUR JOB TO MAKE VOTING AS EASY AND ACCESSIBLE
16 AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. THAT MEANS MANY THINGS.
17 IT MEANS SENDING OUT MAIL IN BALLOTS SO EVERYONE CAN VOTE
18 SAFELY FROM HOME DURING THIS PANDEMIC. IT MEANS ESTABLISHING A
19 TASK FORCE TO REGISTER VOTERS, AND IT MEANS REVISTING AND
20 CHALLENGING THE BARRIERS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY
21 DISENFRANCHISED VOTERS. AND THAT IS WHAT PROPOSITION 17 SEEKS
22 TO DO. AND THAT IS REMOVING ONE OF THE BARRIERS THAT, FOR TOO
23 LONG, HAS DISENFRANCHISED VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA. IT IS
24 COMMONSENSE REFORM THAT WILL RETURN THE RIGHT TO VOTE BACK TO
25 JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ALREADY SERVED THEIR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TIME. IF WE EXPECT PEOPLE TO REENTER SOCIETY, THEN WE NEED TO
2 GIVE THEM ALL THE RIGHT TOOLS, AND THAT INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO
3 VOTE, ONE OF OUR MOST FUNDAMENTAL TOOLS OF DEMOCRACY. USUALLY,
4 WE CAN SAY CALIFORNIA IS AHEAD OF THE CURVE WHEN IT COMES TO
5 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, WE ARE ACTUALLY
6 NOT LEADING THE WAY. THERE ARE ALREADY 19 STATES THAT ALLOW
7 PEOPLE ON PAROLE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. SO IT IS TIME THAT WE GET
8 BACK IN THE GAME ON THIS ONE. AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AM
9 SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 17, WHICH WILL DO THAT FOR THE STATE OF
10 CALIFORNIA. AND WE ARE -- WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT,
11 NOVEMBER 3RD IS COMING UP VERY QUICKLY. I THINK IT IS 55 -- 49
12 DAYS AWAY. AND WE ARE DECLARING SEPTEMBER 22ND AS NATIONAL
13 VOTER REGISTRATION DAY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO LET'S MAKE SURE
14 THAT EVERYBODY IS REGISTERED TO VOTE THAT CURRENTLY IS
15 ELIGIBLE TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE, AND I WANTED TO THANK L.A.
16 VOICE AND OUR FREE THE VOTE TASK FORCE AND TO ALL OF THE
17 VOLUNTEERS OUT THERE WHO ARE WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE SURE
18 EVERYONE IS REGISTERED TO VOTE. AND THIS REALLY DOES ALSO BEG
19 THE COMMENT, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW DIFFICULT IT HAS BEEN
20 FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO VOTE, WHETHER IT'S
21 WOMEN WHO DIDN'T GET TO VOTE THAT LONG AGO, OR AFRICAN-
22 AMERICANS WHO STRUGGLED NOT ONLY TO GET THE VOTE, BUT THEN GET
23 THE RIGHT TO ACTUALLY JUST REGISTER TO VOTE, AS WE SAW IN MANY
24 OF JOHN LEWIS'S PROTESTS. SO IF PEOPLE REALIZE HOW DIFFICULT
25 IT IS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY TO ACTUALLY VOTE,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THIS POPULATION BEING ONE OF THEM THAT WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY,
2 EVERYBODY WHO CAN VOTE, SHOULD VOTE. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR
3 PEOPLE TO LET THIS ELECTION GO BY WITHOUT CASTING THEIR HARD-
4 EARNED RIGHT TO VOTE. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
9 COLLEAGUES ALL. IT SEEMS WE STAND IN THE GAP AT A MOMENT IN
10 TIME WHEN EVERY MANNER OF VOTER SUPPRESSION TACTICS ARE BEING
11 HOISTED UPON RESPECTIVE POPULATIONS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH
12 ARE THOSE WHO JUST SIMPLY WANT TO GET OUR MAIL ON TIME. AND
13 HERE WE ARE TRYING TO FULFILL THE PROMISES OF DEMOCRACY AND
14 SAYING THE FREEDOMS THAT MAKE IT WORTH FIGHTING FOR DEPENDS ON
15 UNWAIVERING OF DEVOTION OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE TO THE SOLEMN WORK
16 OF CITIZENSHIP. FOR INDIVIDUALS REJOINING OUR SOCIETY AFTER
17 COMPLETING A PRISON SENTENCE, EXERCISING THE BASIC RIGHTS AND
18 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP IS VITAL TO SUCCESSFUL
19 REENTRY. AND MIGHT I SAY IT IN THESE TERMS. AT THE HEART OF
20 AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IS THE RIGHT TO VOTE. CONGRESSMAN JOHN
21 LEWIS OFTEN CALLED IT THE MOST POWERFUL NONVIOLENT TOOL THAT
22 WE HAVE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND ONE OF THE BEST FORMS OF
23 GOOD TROUBLE. THE RESEARCH THAT WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH MAKES IT
24 PLAIN THAT VOTER ENGAGEMENT CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO CRIME
25 PREVENTION. HOWEVER, IN CALIFORNIA, OVER 55,000 PAROLEES, MANY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 OF WHOM ARE WORKING, PAYING TAXES, AND OTHERWISE CONTRIBUTING
2 TO SOCIETY ARE LEGALLY BARRED FROM VOTING. SO HERE WE ARE WITH
3 PROPOSITION 17, AND IT GIVES CALIFORNIA A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
4 TO RESTORE THE BASIC RIGHT TO THOSE WHO HAVE FINISHED SERVING
5 THEIR TIME. AND I BELIEVE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY
6 FOR US TO, YET AGAIN, EXPRESS OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING
7 EXPANSIVE, AND INCLUSIVE, DEEP CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, RAISE THE
8 CIVIC I.Q. OF OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES BY HONORING THESE WHO
9 HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME BY AFFORDING THEM THE RIGHT TO VOTE.
10 AND AS WE GET READY TO CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER 22ND AS NATIONAL
11 VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, IT IS MY HOPE THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE
12 WE DEFINE A VOTER AS ONE WHO WILL INCLUDE THOSE THOUSANDS AND
13 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO FULFILL THE PROMISES OF
14 DEMOCRACY AND SEEK FULL CITIZENSHIP BY EXERCISING THE
15 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE. THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OUGHT TO BE
16 APPLIED IN THIS REGARD, AND IF IT WERE TO BE SO, I THINK WE
17 WOULD FIND THE ENLIVENING OF DEMOCRACY IN WAYS THAT WE WOULD
18 CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE. SO MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I URGE A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE
20 MATTER BEFORE US.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST IN CLOSING, I AM PROUD OF
23 THIS BOARD, AS THE MAJORITY OF OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM
24 MEASURES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS WE STRIVE TO FIND COMMON
25 GROUND. UNFORTUNATELY, ON PROPOSITION 17, I HAVE TO REGISTER

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 MY OPPOSITION. LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR. THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED
2 THEIR SENTENCE. PAROLE IS AN EXTENSION OF THE SENTENCE PENDING
3 THEM FULFILLING WHAT THE COURTS HAVE ORDERED THEM TO DO
4 OUTSIDE THE PRISON SYSTEM. AS YOU MENTION IN THE MOTIONS,
5 VOTING CERTAINLY IS A SACRED RIGHT, AND THAT RIGHT IS A LOSS
6 GIVEN ONE IF THEY ARE FOUND GUILTY OF A FELONY. WHEN ONE IS ON
7 PAROLE, THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR DEBT TO SOCIETY. PAROLE
8 IS AN EXTENSION OF THE SENTENCE. AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT
9 BECAUSE ONCE THE SENTENCE IS COMPLETED, THEY HAVE PAID THEIR
10 DEBT TO SOCIETY. I THINK THIS UNDERMINES EXACTLY WHAT THE
11 INTENT WAS FOR SETTING UP THE INABILITY FOR THEM TO REGISTER
12 TO VOTE PENDING THEM COMPLETING THEIR SENTENCE, AND IT DOES
13 UNDERMINE THE VERY SYSTEM IN PLACE, AND, BY THE WAY, MANY DO
14 FULFILL PAROLE AND THEN NEVER GET CAUGHT UP IN THE SYSTEM
15 AGAIN. SO, I AM GOING TO HAVE TO RECORD A NO VOTE ON THIS, BUT
16 I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT, BUT I BELIEVE IT DOES UNDERMINE THE
17 CURRENT SYSTEM. SO, WITH THAT, THIS MOTION ARE BEFORE US. THEY
18 WILL BE MOVED BY -- ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US, IT WILL BE MOVED BY
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MADAM
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

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

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2 1.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THIS ITEM.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

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

14

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

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

3

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

5

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

7 1.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST A POINT OF PERSONAL

10 PRIVILEGE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY. THE VERY ESSENCE OF

15 THE NOTION OF GOOD TROUBLE IS TO UNDERMINE THE STATUS QUO. I

16 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THOSE REMARKS.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A LOT BETTER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO. THAT IS WHY I RESPECT YOU.

23 ITEM 18 IS BEFORE US NOW, WHICH IS ESTABLISHING THE JAIL

24 POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

25 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY
3 IS FACING SO MANY CHALLENGES RIGHT NOW. AND WHILE THESE
4 CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN DEVASTATING ON SO MANY LEVELS, THEY HAVE
5 ALSO BROUGHT PEOPLE AND ENTITIES TOGETHER TO COLLABORATE IN
6 NEW WAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PANDEMIC
7 BEGAN, INFORMAL COLLABORATION BEGAN AMONG OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS
8 THAT BROUGHT ALL HANDS ON DECK TOWARDS THE COMMON GOAL OF
9 DECREASING THE DAILY JAIL POPULATION, AND WITHIN JUST A FEW
10 WEEKS, THEY ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOLD
11 COULD NOT BE DONE. WITH THE SHERIFF'S HELP, WE BROUGHT OUR
12 AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION DOWN FROM MORE THAN 17,000 TO
13 LESS THAN 12,000. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, OUR JAIL
14 POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY WAS BENEATH OUR STATE'S RATED
15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 12,404. THIS INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS
16 SHOWN US THAT, PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF
17 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS THAT DID NOT NEED TO BE THERE. AND NOW
18 THAT WE KNOW THIS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD
19 AND NOT BACKWARD. WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT REVERT TO THE
20 OVERCROWDING THAT HAS PLAGUED OUR JAILS FOR TOO LONG. SO IN
21 JUNE, I AUTHORED THE MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
22 ASKING THE SAME JUSTICE PARTNERS TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO
23 PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO MAINTAIN THE REDUCED
24 POPULATION EVEN AFTER THE THREAT OF THIS PANDEMIC SUBSIDES.
25 AND ONCE AGAIN, I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE COLLABORATION THAT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FOLLOWED RESULTING IN A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WITH DETAILED
2 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND NOW IT IS TIME TO IMPLEMENT THOSE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS. WE NEED TO CODIFY THE INFORMAL COLLABORATION
4 THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THIS PANDEMIC, SO WE CAN
5 MAINTAIN THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE. THAT IS WHY TODAY, WE ARE
6 VOTING TO ESTABLISH THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, AND
7 THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL WILL BE LED BY OUR OFFICE
8 OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND IT WILL CONSIST OF ALL OF OUR
9 JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS AND HEALTH PARTNERS, INCLUDING OUR
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, OUR A.T.I.
11 INITIATIVE, OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND MANY MORE.
12 THIS COUNCIL WILL BE TASKED WITH KEEPING THE JAIL POPULATION
13 BELOW THE STATE'S RATED MAXIMUM CAPACITY, USING THE REPORT AS
14 GUIDELINES. BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, WE WERE STUCK IN A STATUS QUO
15 OF OVER INCARCERATION. THIS DEVASTATED COMMUNITIES, BROKE
16 APART FAMILIES, LED TO OVERCROWDED JAILS, ENDANGERED EVERYONE
17 INSIDE. AND THIS PANDEMIC HAS SHOWN US THAT IT DOESN'T NEED TO
18 BE THIS WAY. WE CAN REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION, AND WE CAN DO
19 IT SAFELY. THIS NEEDS TO BECOME THE NEW NORMAL, AND I HOPE
20 ALL MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT ME TODAY IN CREATING THE JAIL
21 POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL. I WANT TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO
22 ADDRESS THE COMMENTS THE SHERIFF MADE EARLIER, AND I DO WANT
23 TO CLARIFY THAT WE HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. AND, IN FACT, THE WORKING
25 GROUP THAT DRAFTED THE REPORT THAT SUGGESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 OF THIS COUNCIL WAS LED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND O.D.R.
2 IN PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER. I KNOW THAT IT IS WITHIN THE
3 SHERIFF'S PURVIEW TO, YOU KNOW, OVERSEE AND MAINTAIN AND MAKE
4 DECISIONS ABOUT OUR JAIL POPULATION, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE
5 THAT OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS NEW
6 REVIEW COUNCIL. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CALLED IN TODAY TO
7 VOICE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS COUNCIL. I AM GOING TO READ IN AN
8 AMENDMENT THAT ADDRESSES ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT SOME OF YOU
9 BROUGHT UP DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT. DIRECTIVE 5 WILL READ
10 THAT THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL BE TASKED WITH
11 REFERRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATION
12 AFTER THE EVALUATION PROCESS DESCRIBED IN NUMBER 4, AS WELL AS
13 THE LEGISLATIVE REFORMS STRATEGIES AND FUNDING NEEDS AND
14 OPTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE JAIL POPULATION REDUCTION REPORT,
15 INCLUDING -- HERE IS THE NEW PART -- INCLUDING REALLOCATING
16 ANY COST SAVINGS FROM REDUCTIONS IN THE JAIL POPULATION TO THE
17 A.T.I. INITIATIVE, O.D.R., OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES. I
18 ASKED JUDGE ESPINOSA FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY
19 TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW THIS NEW COUNCIL. JUDGE
20 ESPINOSA, ARE YOU HERE? AND IT IS UP TO MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY
21 WANT TO SPEAK FIRST, THAT'S OKAY, TOO, BUT I DO KNOW THE JUDGE
22 IS READY TO ADDRESS US. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION?

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISORS, WE WILL LET THE AUTHORS
2 FIRST, AND THEN, YES -- SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER
5 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR. I
6 ALSO WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO JUDGE ESPINOSA AND HIS TEAM
7 AT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY ALONG WITH THE OTHER
8 INVOLVED HEALTH AND JUSTICE PARTNERS FOR ORGANIZING WHAT I
9 THINK IS A COORDINATED EFFORT TO MAINTAIN DECREASED JAIL
10 POPULATION. MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE COVID-19, THE COUNTY
11 DEMONSTRATED ITS COMMITMENT TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY
12 INCARCERATION, AND CURRENT PANDEMIC HAS EXPEDITED THESE
13 EFFORTS TO SAFELY DE-INCARCERATE OR DECARCERATE. IN MANY
14 WAYS, WE COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OR
15 WHAT WAS REALLY POSSIBLE. SO THE SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN THE JAIL
16 POPULATION, WHICH IN MAY WAS PRACTICALLY LESS THAN 12,000,
17 COMPARED TO THE 17,000 BEFORE THE PANDEMIC SHOWED THAT IT IS
18 POSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH STATE RATED CAPACITY. AND MOST DIDN'T
19 EVEN KNOW THAT WE ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW WHEN
20 HAVING A JAIL OVER POPULATION AS IT PRESENTED ITSELF. SO THE
21 COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD TO BACKSLIDE ON THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE.
22 IT CANNOT AFFORD TO BACKSLIDE. IT CANNOT. WE HAVE TO KEEP
23 GOING FORWARD, AND MAKE THIS REAL. KEEPING THE JAIL POPULATION
24 DOWN IS FUNDAMENTALLY ABOUT EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION. IT IS
25 ABOUT BREAKING THE CYCLE BETWEEN JAIL AND HOMELESSNESS. IT IS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ABOUT ADDRESSING RACIAL INEQUITIES. IT IS ABOUT REDUCING HARM
2 TO OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IT IS ALSO ABOUT BEING FISCALLY
3 RESPONSIBLE. IT'S ABOUT BEING FISCALLY PRUDENT. WE ARE
4 FIDUCIARIES, AND IT SEEMS TO ME WE OUGHT TO BE ABOUT THE
5 BUSINESS OF PROTECTING TAXPAYER INTEREST BY NOT INVESTING IN A
6 FAILED SYSTEM. SO THIS NEW JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL
7 ENABLES THE COUNTY TO BUILD ON THIS PROGRESS IN A MORE
8 COORDINATED AND STRATEGIC WAY. AND MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,
9 MAY I SAY TO YOU, THE BOARD IS COMPLETELY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
10 ITS AUTHORITY TO ADVANCE THIS EFFORT. THERE IS NOT AN
11 EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF ANY SINGLE PERSON WHO HEADS THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT TO PRECLUDE OUR INTERVENING IN THIS MANNER, AND IT
13 IS OBVIOUSLY THE CASE THAT IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, I WOULD
14 URGE FULL EMBRACE OF THAT WHICH IS BEFORE US. THANK YOU, MADAM
15 CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TO THE AUTHORS, WHAT IS YOUR
18 PLEASURE? SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO
19 SPEAK. HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAD REQUESTED THAT JUDGE
20 ESPINOSA BE ALLOWED TO TALK. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE RIGHT NOW?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE JUDGE ESPINOSA SPEAK.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO JUDGE ESPINOSA, AND THEN SUPERVISOR
25 KUEHL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **JUDGE ESPINOSA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU
3 CAN ME.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU.

6

7 **JUDGE ESPINOSA:** WONDERFUL. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
8 RIDLEY FOR THIS MOTION TODAY, AND I THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR
9 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, THE
10 BOARD ADOPTED STRATEGIES PROPOSED BY THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP TO
11 USE A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH FOCUSED ON RACIAL EQUITY TO
12 REIMAGINE WHAT SAFETY AND JUSTICE WOULD LOOK LIKE IN LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY BY PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND SERVICES
14 WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED MOST, WHILE STRENGTHENING AND EMPOWERING
15 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER
16 THAT MOTION PASSED, OR WAS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD, THE IMPACTS
17 OF COVID-19 CLOSED DOWN MOST OF THE NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE
18 COUNTY. IN RESPONSE TO THIS PANDEMIC, THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, THE SUPERIOR COURT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
20 OFFICE, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, THE PUBLIC
21 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND
22 OTHER JUSTICE PARTNERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY CAME TOGETHER TO
23 TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CONSIDERABLY REDUCE THE COUNTY JAIL
24 POPULATION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO
25 REMEMBER THAT THAT REDUCTION WAS FOCUSED ON PEOPLE WHO WERE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 VULNERABLE TO THE VIRUS, AND IT WAS ALSO DONE IN VERY
2 COLLABORATIVE FASHION WITH AN EYE TOWARDS MAINTAINING PUBLIC
3 SAFETY. IN MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR, AFTER THIS UNPRECEDENTED
4 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY THE VARIOUS JUSTICE PARTNERS, AS HAS
5 BEEN MENTIONED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, THIS POPULATION DROP WAS
6 ABOUT A 1/3 OF THE DAILY CENSUS FROM OVER 17,000 TO UNDER
7 12,000. IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT RACIAL DISPARITIES
8 THAT ARE DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS OF MASS INCARCERATION IN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY PERSIST DESPITE RECENT POPULATION INCREASES,
10 INCLUDING DISPARITIES IN WHO ENTERS, WHO REMAINS IN JAIL, AND
11 ESPECIALLY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS,
12 AND SERIOUS MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE
13 DISORDERS. THE DATA REGARDING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION
14 IN THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING IS ALARMING. ON JUNE 9TH, THE
15 BOARD DIRECTED O.D.R. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE
16 A RANGE OF JUSTICE AND HEALTH AGENCIES, ALONG WITH FORMERLY
17 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COURTS TO
18 DEVELOP A PLAN BASED ON THESE IMPRESSIVE REDUCTIONS, AND
19 A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS WERE TO FOCUS ON MAINTAINING AND
20 FURTHER REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION. THE JAIL POPULATION
21 WORKGROUP WAS ABLE TO TAKE A STEP BACK, REVIEW THE MEASURES
22 WERE IMPLEMENTED, ANALYZE, LEARN, AND DETERMINE WHAT MEASURES
23 SHOULD BE KEPT IN PLACE AND EXPANDED AND THE IDENTIFY THE GAPS
24 THAT REMAIN. WE CREATED DIFFERENT SUBCOMMITTEES. THE FIRST
25 WAS THE REDUCE BOOKINGS INTO THE JAIL SUB COMMITTEE. SECOND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WAS COURT-RELATED PROCEDURES AFFECTING BOOKINGS AND RELEASES,
2 3, RELEASE AND REENTRY PROTOCOLS, 4, EXPANSION NEEDED TO THE
3 COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM OF CARE, AND 5, POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE
4 REFORMS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW, IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL
5 COUNTY AGENCIES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVE IN A COLLABORATION OF
6 THIS SORT, WE ALSO INCLUDED REPRESENTATION FROM COUNTY-WIDE
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE L.A. POLICE CHIEFS'
8 ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF L.A. PROSECUTORS. WHILE
9 DOING THIS WORK, WE MAINTAINED A CONSISTENT FOCUS ON RACIAL
10 EQUITY THROUGHOUT EACH SUBCOMMITTEE. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN
11 MOVING TOWARDS A CARE FIRST APPROACH FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
12 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 2015 BEGINNING WITH JACKIE
13 LACEY'S REPORT ON THE BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE, THE DEVELOPMENT
14 AND EXPANSION OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, L.A.
15 CITY AND COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP ON MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION, AND
16 THE PILOT PROGRAMS AND MOVEMENT TO STOP JAIL EXPANSION, AND
17 LAST YEAR'S ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP'S STUDY.
18 THE NEWLY CREATED A.T.I. INITIATIVE WITHIN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
19 WILL COORDINATE AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROAD
20 ARC OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MARCH 2020 REPORT. TODAY'S
21 MOTION WILL BUILD UPON THAT TRAJECTORY OF OUR JAIL
22 DEPOPULATION EFFORT THUS FAR AND CREATE THE JAIL POPULATION
23 REDUCTION COUNCIL, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO CONVENE THE
24 AGENCIES, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND OTHER ACTORS ARE
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM CHANGES ON THE GROUND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THAT DIRECTLY IMPACTING OUR JAIL AND IMPROVE OUTCOMES BY
2 DIVERTING AND RELEASING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. DESPITE
3 THESE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THE
4 POPULATION HAS BEGUN TO CREEP UP. AND I THINK THERE ARE AT
5 LEAST A COUPLE OF EXPLANATIONS FOR THAT, BUT THEY CONTINUE TO
6 INCREASE WITH URGENT FOCUSED ATTENTION ON RESOURCES. WE SEE
7 THAT SOME PANDEMIC PRACTICES THAT CONTRIBUTED TO HIGH NUMBERS,
8 PRE-PANDEMIC PRACTICES, ARE RETURNING, AND AS THE COURTS
9 REOPEN AND OTHER AGENCIES SLOWLY ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO SOME
10 MEASURE OF BUSINESS AS USUAL, WE NEED TO WORK WITH THOSE
11 AGENCIES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE IN OUR ATTEMPT TO KEEP
12 THE POPULATION LOW. I AM ALMOST FINISHED, AND THEN I WILL TAKE
13 QUESTIONS. IN THE FACE OF THESE PRESSURES, WE HOPE THE COUNTY
14 WILL CONTINUE ITS COMMITMENT TO THE CARE FIRST APPROACH
15 INVESTING SCARCE RESOURCES WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED MOST AND
16 ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL
17 LEVELS TO -- RETURNING TO BUSINESS AS USUAL. WE HOPE TO SET OF
18 GOAL OF NOT MAINTAINING BUT CONTINUING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF
19 PEOPLE WE HOLD IN JAIL WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY BUILDING UP AND
20 DECENTRALIZING COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS THERE. AGAIN, I WANT TO
21 THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. I
22 REMAIN HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU SAID I MIGHT BE NEXT?

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THIS IS SUPERVISOR SOLIS. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES
5 VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THE MOTION, CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK THE
6 JUDGE FOR THAT REPORT, REALLY THANK THE WORKGROUP WHO ISSUED
7 THE REPORT ON MAINTAINING REDUCED POPULATIONS IN THE JAILS.
8 IT'S MORE OF A CHALLENGE A LITTLE BIT MORE TODAY, AS PETER
9 INDICATED, PARTLY BECAUSE THE STATE PRISONS HAVE NOT TAKEN THE
10 PRISONERS THAT HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO THEM. SO WE ARE SEEING
11 THE POPULATION CREEP UP A LITTLE BIT MORE AGAIN. IT DOESN'T
12 MEAN THAT WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO REDUCE, BUT IT IS REALLY
13 IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT HOW WE ARE AND WE MAKE SURE
14 WE DO. IT'S A COMPLEX ANALYSIS THAT THE WORKGROUP TOOK ON, AND
15 IT WAS A VERY THOUGHTFUL REPORT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC, DID NOT
17 WAIT ACTUALLY FOR FORMAL INSTRUCTION OR INVITATIONS, PEOPLE
18 FROM SHERIFF, P.D., A.P.D., DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF HEALTH, O.D.R., AND OTHERS WHO SAW HOW URGENT IT WAS THAT
20 WE WOULD NEED TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION, AND ON THEIR OWN
21 INITIATIVE, REALLY, ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES TO WORK WITH THE
22 COURT AND EACH OTHER TO SAFELY GET AS MANY PEOPLE OUT OF
23 CUSTODY AS POSSIBLE. AND THAT WAS A BIG DROP OF 5,000 PEOPLE.
24 AND FROM THAT WORK, WE LEARNED THAT IT TAKES A TEAM OF PEOPLE,
25 ACTUALLY WITH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION. AND WE CAN SAFELY SAY WHAT WE
2 ALREADY SUSPECTED WAS TRUE, WHICH IS NO -- DROP IN AUDIO --
3 PIECE OF THE SYSTEM HAS TO BE LEVERAGED TO IDENTIFY
4 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND
5 PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY IN OUR JAILS. SO, THE JAIL POPULATION
6 REVIEW COUNCIL WILL FORMALIZE THIS KIND OF ORGANIC COMING
7 TOGETHER THAT HAPPENED IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC SO THAT, IN
8 THIS COUNTY, JAIL POPULATION REVIEW WILL BE AN ONGOING AND A
9 TEAM EFFORT, RATHER THAN JUST A TEMPORARY RESPONSE. AND THAT
10 IS AN EXCITING THING, AND IT IS A GOOD TIME FOR THE COUNCIL TO
11 BE COMING ONLINE, BECAUSE, IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE COUNTY'S
12 FIRST EVER DIRECTOR OF THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE WILL BEGIN THE
13 WORK OF HELPING US TO RE-ENVISION THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM OF CARE
14 AND, MOVING FORWARD, THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST VISION.
15 AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S A WORKGROUP DEVELOPING A PLAN TO
16 CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND, AS SET FORTH IN DIRECTIVE 7 OF
17 THIS MOTION, WE HAVE A HOST OF OTHER IMPORTANT INITIATIVES
18 THAT ARE DRIVING JUSTICE REFORM FORWARD. SO, TO ME, THE REALLY
19 CRITICAL THING IS HOW THESE EFFORTS CAN WORK TOGETHER AND
20 UNITE. THEY HAVE TO SHARE INFORMATION. THEY HAVE TO SHARE DATA
21 AND THE RESPECTIVE ANALYSES OF DATA. THEY HAVE TO EVALUATE
22 THEIR OUTCOMES AND PUT THEIR COLLECTIVE WISDOM BEHIND
23 INITIATIVES THAT YIELD THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITY.
24 AND I HOPE THE REALITY WILL BE THAT WE SUCCESSFULLY ALIGN ALL
25 OF THE EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES, AND IF SO, I BELIEVE WE CAN

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 MOVE MOUNTAINS IN THIS COUNTY. I'M REALLY PROUD OF US. THANK
2 YOU VERY MUCH.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THE MOTION TO US TODAY. THE BOARD,
9 AS YOU KNOW, IS COMMITTED TO TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THAT OUR
10 COUNTY PRIORITIZES CARE FIRST, AS WE HAVE LONG REALIZED THAT
11 INCARCERATING SOMEONE IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST RESPONSE AND, IN
12 MANY CASES, NOT THE BEST PATH FOR PEOPLE WITH NEEDS THAT THEY
13 HAVE. WE HAVE ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT JAIL SHOULD BE THE VERY
14 LAST RECOURSE, AS WE ARE SEEING THAT IT DOES MORE HARM THAN
15 GOOD AND COSTS THE COUNTY AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT OF MONEY WITH
16 POOR OUTCOMES. WITH THE ONSET OF COVID-19, WE HAVE SEEN THAT
17 THE SYSTEM IS CAPABLE OF MASSIVELY DECREASING THE JAIL
18 POPULATION WHILE KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE. WITH THE BOARD'S
19 COMMITMENT TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, OUR INSTITUTING
20 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND OTHER TOOLS, WE
21 RECOGNIZE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE POPULATION IN THE
22 JAILS, BUT ALSO CONTINUE TO DECREASE IT WHILE INVESTING IN OUR
23 COMMUNITY SO THAT PEOPLE'S NEEDS ARE MET AND THAT COMMUNITY,
24 RATHER, IS PROVIDING THE NEEDS INSTEAD OF BEING MET BEHIND
25 BARS. THIS MOTION ASKS THAT A COUNCIL BE COMPRISED OF ALL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO OVERSEE THE VARIOUS STRATEGIES TO
2 REDUCE INCARCERATION RATES IN THE COUNTY, WITH THE BOARD'S
3 PRIORITY ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AS A GUIDE TO
4 ANOTHER VITAL COMPONENT TO KEEPING L.A. COUNTY SAFER AND
5 HEALTHIER. AND ADDITIONALLY, BY USING DATA, ANALYSIS, AND
6 EVALUATION, WE CAN FURTHER UNCOVER NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP
7 US ON THE CARE FIRST TRACK AND RID OURSELVES OF BEING THE
8 LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. I ALSO APPRECIATE THAT THIS
9 MOTION WILL PROVIDE A SPACE FOR COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION
10 BY INCLUDING THE EFFORTS OF THIS COUNCIL ON MOTIONS THAT I
11 AND OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE AUTHORED TO ADDRESS JAIL LAST, LIKE
12 MY CLOSURE OF THE M.C.J. MOTION. IT ALIGNS WITH WHAT I AND THE
13 BOARD HAVE COMMITTED TO, AND I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE AND VERY,
14 VERY PLEASED WITH THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AFTER FURTHER REVIEW, I AM
19 GOING TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT BECAUSE IT WILL BE MORE ORGANIC
20 AND MORE EMPOWERING IF THIS COUNCIL DECIDED ON THEIR OWN HOW
21 TO REALLOCATE IF THERE ANY SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF THE LOWER
22 JAIL POPULATIONS. SO I AM GOING TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT,
23 MADAM CHAIR.

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, IN CLOSING, I
2 WILL SAY, DURING THIS PANDEMIC WE SAW THAT WORKING TOGETHER,
3 AS IT RELATES TO BRINGING DOWN THE POPULATION OF THE JAIL, CAN
4 WORK. WHEN YOU HAVE ALL STAKEHOLDERS AT THE TABLE REVIEWING
5 AND ALLOWING THE COURTS TO MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION, IT
6 WORKED. THE SHERIFF WAS ALLOWED AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLAG THOSE
7 THAT HE FELT WERE NOT READY TO BE RELEASED OR COULD BE
8 RELEASED, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALSO
9 REVIEWED AND RECOGNIZED THERE THOSE THAT COULD BE RELEASED AND
10 WERE NOT GOING TO BE AT RISK FOR PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE
11 COMMUNITY. SO IT CAN WORK. AND I AM HOPING THAT THIS IS A MORE
12 UNIFORMED APPROACH TO DOING IT, MOVING FORWARD, POST-COVID.
13 AND SO, WITH THAT, I CAN SUPPORT THIS MOTION. SO, WITH THAT,
14 WE WILL MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS MOTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
16 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 18 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

21

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

24

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

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER
19 19, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** OH MY GOD, YOU JUST KEEP CALLING ON ME, MADAM
22 CHAIR. IT IS HARD TO CATCH MY BREATH. SO, COLLEAGUES, THIS IS
23 THE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN MOTION. AND I THINK, JUST IN
24 LIGHT OF OUR -- THE TIME THAT IT ALREADY IS, I HAVE DECIDED
25 NOT TO CALL ON THE THREE DOCTORS TO ADDRESS THIS BECAUSE THIS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IS JUST REALLY ASKING THEM TO WORK ON A PLAN, AND WE KNOW THAT
2 C.D.C. HAS ISSUED GUIDANCE TO ALL STATE PUBLIC HEALTH
3 OFFICIALS, MAKING SURE THAT WE WILL BY PREPARED FOR THE
4 ARRIVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF A LONG-AWAITED VACCINE FOR COVID-
5 19, AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE IN CHARGE OF
6 ENSURING THAT WE HAVE A GOOD LOCAL DISTRIBUTION PLAN TO ALL
7 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO THIS MOTION INSTRUCTS OUR DEPARTMENT
8 OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK WITH ALL THE OTHER COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENTS, CITIES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, STAKEHOLDERS, TO
10 DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. OUR -- WHILE OUR GOAL WILL BE TO
11 VACCINATE ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ONCE A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE
12 VACCINE ARRIVES, WE KNOW THAT PRIORITIZATION MUST BE GIVEN TO
13 THE MOST HIGH RISK, HIGH NEED GROUPS, SUCH AS OUR HEALTHCARE
14 PROFESSIONALS, THOSE LIVING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, LIKE
15 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND BOARD AND CARES, AND OUR
16 MINORITY RESIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED
17 BY THIS DEADLY VIRUS. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ORGANIZE
18 VACCINATION CLINICS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS MORE VACCINE
19 BECOMES AVAILABLE. I KNOW I HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASKED BY A
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHITTIER IF THEY COULD BE PART OF AN
21 IMMUNIZATION SITE, AND I THINK THAT IS A GOOD IDEA. I HOPE
22 THIS PLAN WILL INCORPORATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS WELL, BUT OUR
23 PLAN NOT ONLY NEEDS TO PREPARE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
24 VACCINE, BUT IT NEEDS TO INCLUDE A ROBUST OUTREACH TO OUR
25 COMMUNITIES IN ALL LANGUAGES, SO THAT OUR RESIDENTS WILL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 UNDERSTAND AND BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE IT AS WE ARE TO GIVE IT.
2 WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHEN THIS VACCINE COMES. WE'VE HEARD WE
3 MIGHT EVEN KNOW BY THE END OF OCTOBER IF THERE IS A SAFE
4 VACCINE AVAILABLE, BUT IT'S PRETTY SURE, EVEN IF THAT IS TRUE,
5 THAT IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE UNTIL 2021 THAT WE GET A ROBUST
6 VACCINATION PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OUT THERE, BUT WE WANT TO BE
7 READY. THIS ONE IS OF THOSE THINGS, EVEN IF IT DOESN'T COME
8 UNTIL NEXT YEAR, WE WANT TO BE READY, ON THE GROUND, TO BEGIN
9 DISTRIBUTING THIS VACCINE AS SOON AS IT IS SAFELY AVAILABLE
10 AND READY TO GO. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THIS PLAN BACK.
11 AGAIN, I JUST FELT IT WAS PREMATURE TO HAVE OUR DOCTORS EVEN
12 TALK TO US ABOUT IT BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO BE THE ONES WHO
13 WILL PUT THE PLAN TOGETHER, AND THEN CAN TALK TO US WHEN THAT
14 PLAN COMES. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT AS SOON AS
15 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN, FOR DOING THIS. THIS IS GREAT. THIS KIND OF PREPARATION
22 THAT WE NEED, A LOT OF LOGISTICAL DETAILS WILL NEED TO BE
23 IRONED OUT, A LOT OF IDEAS TRIED IN DISTRIBUTING AND
24 ADMINISTERING IT, BUT, AS YOU INDICATED WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT
25 OUTREACH, I THINK WE HAVE TO BE JUST AS INTERESTED, AND MAYBE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WE WANT TO EXPAND WHO IS PLANNING THIS WAY, IN ADDRESSING THE
2 KIND OF UNEASE THAT PEOPLE ARE ALREADY KIND OF EXPRESSING
3 ABOUT A VACCINE. IT BECAME SORT OF POLITICAL. IT BECAME
4 CONFLICTING INFORMATION. SO WE KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS
5 ARE WEARY OF VACCINES IN GENERAL, AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE TROUBLE
6 GETTING MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS TO EVEN
7 GET THEIR ANNUAL FLU SHOT. THE COVID-19 VACCINE MIGHT FACE
8 SOME SKEPTICISM AND SCRUTINY BECAUSE IT IS NEW, AND I THINK
9 THAT MEANS IT IS REALLY AS IMPORTANT, IN FIGURING OUT THE
10 DETAILS, NOT ONLY HOW WE GET THE VACCINE TO EVERY RESIDENT,
11 BUT HOW WE MAKE IT UNDERSTANDABLE TO PEOPLE THAT THIS IS SAFE,
12 NECESSARY, AND REALLY A PART OF WHAT MUST BE DONE IN ORDER TO
13 END THIS PANDEMIC IN OUR STATE. SO I HOPE THAT THE REPORT BACK
14 THAT IS REQUESTED IN THIS MOTION MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE A PLAN FOR
15 A CAMPAIGN OF SOME KIND THAT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE VACCINE
16 UPTAKE RATES. I THINK THAT WILL HELP US A LOT AND ALSO HELP TO
17 MAKE US PREPARED AS YOU WANT US TO BE. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND ACTUALLY
21 YOU ECHO JUST WHAT I WAS GOING TO BRING UP, AND I THINK THAT
22 WE DO NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT, EVEN PRE-COMING UP WITH A COVID
23 VACCINE, I THINK THERE ARE 37 VACCINES IN CLINICAL TRIALS
24 RIGHT NOW, AND THREE OF THOSE ARE IN THE THIRD PHASE OF
25 TRIALS. EVEN PRIOR TO THIS, THERE HAS SKEPTICISM AND FEAR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 AMONGST MANY PEOPLE ABOUT IT. THE FACT THAT COVID HAS BEEN AN
2 UNKNOWN, REALLY, QUANTITY AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT IT HAS
3 HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY EARLY ON, I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A
4 LOT OF PEOPLE MORE IN FEAR. ADD THAT TO THOSE THAT DON'T
5 BELIEVE THAT THE FLU SHOT IS EVEN SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO
6 DO, I THINK WE DO NEED TO HAVE A ROBUST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
7 OUT THERE TO LET PEOPLE KNOW AND BE AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE
8 ON THE EDUCATION SIDE. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I
9 THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED, BUT WE ALSO
10 NEED TO BE PREPARED TO EDUCATE OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT EXACTLY
11 WHAT THE VACCINES ARE, AND WHAT THE FLU SHOT IS, QUITE
12 FRANKLY, AND WHY THE FLU SHOT IS IMPORTANT. SO I
13 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION BEING BROUGHT FORWARD
14 TODAY. AND I SEE NO OTHER SUPERVISORS REQUESTING TO SPEAK ON
15 THIS. SO WE ARE GOING TO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
17 ROLL.

18
19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

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

15

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
20 ITEM 22, WHICH IS A REPORT ON THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
21 SERVICES AUTHORITY REHOUSING SERVICES SYSTEM. THAT WAS HELD BY
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** NONE OTHER THAN -- THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AND, YOU
25 KNOW, ARE WE GOING TO GET THE PRESENTATION FIRST, OR ARE WE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 JUST GOING OFF OF -- WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE PRESENTATION. SO
2 WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOVERY PLAN. I DO HAVE SOME
3 CONCERNS, AND, IN THIS PLAN, YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED 15,000
4 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO MOVE INTO SOME TYPE OF HOUSING USING
5 SUBSIDIES. I AM A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT L.A.H.S.A.'S ABILITY TO
6 EXECUTE THIS. AS YOU KNOW, EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE HAD A SIMILAR
7 GOAL OF HOUSING THE SAME 15,000 PEOPLE INTO PROJECT ROOM KEY
8 DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND IN THAT SITUATION, WE ONLY MANAGED
9 TO HOUSE A LITTLE OVER 4,000 PEOPLE. WE HAVE MANY STILL ON THE
10 WAITING LIST. AND IN ADDITION, IN SPEAKING TO MY L.A.H.S.A.
11 COMMISSIONER, FUNDING CONTRACTS WERE JUST SENT OUT TWO WEEKS
12 AGO WITH MANY HOMELESS PROVIDERS STILL NOT RECEIVING THEIR
13 RECOVERY CONTRACTS, AND THIS HAS CAUSED A DELAY IN OUR
14 PROVIDERS' ABILITY TO HIRE STAFF AND ENGAGE LANDLORDS SO THAT
15 WE CAN GET THE UNITS NEEDED TO MAKE THAT PLAN SUCCESSFUL. THE
16 YEAR ALONE, WE ARE SPENDING MORE MONEY IN THE HOMELESS SYSTEM
17 THAN ANY OTHER TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, NEARLY A
18 BILLION DOLLARS WHEN YOU ACCOUNT FOR C.A.R.E.S. ACT, MEASURE
19 H, ONE-TIME STATE FUNDING, AND OUR COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS. I
20 KNOW I SPEAK FOR EVERYBODY THAT THE TAX PAYERS HERE REALLY DO
21 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR DOLLARS ARE BEING INVESTED IN A
22 TRANSPARENT AND EFFICIENT WAY TO ULTIMATELY GET SO MANY PEOPLE
23 OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING. I HAVE A CONCERN THAT OUR
24 HOMELESS PROVIDERS ARE NOT GETTING THEIR FUNDS IMMEDIATELY. I
25 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO, SO THEY CAN HIRE UP, AND WE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 CAN GET THE LANDLORDS ENGAGED TODAY. MADAM CHAIR, I AM GETTING
2 A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATED, AS YOU HEARD ME BEFORE, ABOUT UPDATES
3 AND STATUS REPORTS. I AM COUNTING ON PHIL AND HEIDI AND
4 EVERYONE TO REALLY TAKE BOLD, IMMEDIATE ACTION BECAUSE I FEAR
5 THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE EVEN MORE PEOPLE FALL INTO
6 HOMELESSNESS DUE TO THIS PANDEMIC AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IT
7 HAS BROUGHT. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNANCE
8 OF L.A.H.S.A. AND WHETHER ITS SIZE HAS GROWN TOO BIG, OR MAYBE
9 IT JUST HASN'T GROWN IN THE CORRECT WAY AS WE -- THIS ISSUE
10 HAS GOTTEN EVEN BIGGER. SO I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT A
11 GOVERNANCE MODEL CHANGE, PERHAPS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE ALL
12 WANT THE SAME THING, AND I DON'T EVER SECOND GUESS ANYBODY'S
13 MOTIVE OR DESIRE TO, YOU KNOW, TRANSFORM LIVES OUT THERE. BUT
14 WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS RECOVERY PLAN REALLY DOES
15 WORK LIKE WE ENVISION IT TO. SO THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK JUDGE CARTER IS
18 ALSO VERY MUCH FOCUSED ON COMPLIANCE AND WHAT WE'RE DOING. SO
19 I THINK YOU ARE IN GOOD COMPANY, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, DITTO, MADAM CHAIR. I AGREE WITH THAT, BUT I
23 ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MANY HOMELESS
24 PROVIDERS THAT HAVE BEEN PARTNERING PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES AND
25 PARTNERING WITH D.H.S. AND D.M.H. TO PROVIDE COVID OUTREACH

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 AND TESTING DURING THE PANDEMIC. THERE HAVE BEEN SUCH
2 TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES THAT HAVE TESTED THE LIMITS OF
3 L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR HOMELESS SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM, BUT NOW
4 COMES THE BIG CHALLENGE, FINDING PLACEMENT FOR A LONG-TERM
5 PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT FOR THE 15,000 COVID PEOPLE
6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO I KNOW, AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN
7 OUR RECOVERY PLAN, THAT WE NEED TO EMPHASIZE ACCOUNTABILITY,
8 EQUITY, AND ACCESS TO HOUSING AND A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR
9 OUR HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE ALSO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT
10 WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR SMALL CITIES TO ENGAGE LANDLORDS AND
11 ADD MORE UNITS TO OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY. THE COUNTY
12 AND CITY OF L.A. CANNOT DO IT ALONE, AND THERE ARE 87 OTHER
13 CITIES WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OUT ON THEIR
14 STREETS AS WELL. I AM VERY PROUD FOR SOME OF THE CITIES WHO
15 ARE SUPPORTIVE OF PROJECT ROOM KEY IN MY DISTRICT,
16 PARTICULARLY EL MONTE, POMONA, MONTEREY PARK, AND ROSEMEAD.
17 AND I'M ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT SOME OF OUR CITIES HAVE
18 RECEIVED THEIR OWN ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS
19 GRANT FUNDING. THOSE CITIES WERE POMONA AND EL MONTE, AND THEY
20 HAVE COME TO THE TABLE AND WORKED WITH THE COUNTY TO FIGURE
21 OUT HOW TO KEEP THESE CERTAIN PROGRAMS WHOLE AS WE FACE
22 SHORTFALLS IN MEASURE H. FUNDING. BUT WE NEED MORE TYPES OF
23 THIS COLLABORATION BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS IS A REGIONAL PROBLEM,
24 AND WE NEED TO FIND REAL SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING OTHER CITIES.
25 SO, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE FOR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 STAFF ARE OF THE INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN PROJECT
2 ROOM KEY SITES, HOW MANY WILL BE ABLE TO BE PLACED INTO
3 PERMANENT HOUSING, HOW LONG WILL THAT PLACEMENT PROCESS TAKE,
4 AND ARE WE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE THE PLACEMENT PROCESS
5 MORE EFFICIENT, AND BEYOND HAVING ENOUGH UNITS AVAILABLE, HAVE
6 WE ASSESSED WHETHER OUR SYSTEM HAS THE CAPACITY TO HANDLE AN
7 INFLUX OF INDIVIDUALS NEEDING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH,
8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND OTHER SPECIALIZED HEALTH
9 SERVICES. AND THEN THE COUNTY, I KNOW, HAS PARTNERED WITH
10 CITIES IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. WE PROVIDED \$8.2 MILLION
11 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY HOMELESSNESS PLANS AND \$6
12 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDING, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD
13 MUCH ABOUT THE CITY'S ROLE DURING THE PANDEMIC IN REHOUSING.
14 SO HOW CAN WE BETTER PARTNER WITH OUR CITIES TO INCREASE THE
15 NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND INTERIM HOUSING BEDS?
16 AND THEN LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ENSURE RACE
17 EQUITY AND ACCESS TO THE REHOUSING SYSTEM, AND I WANT TO NOTE
18 THAT, OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION, ABOUT 75 PERCENT ARE PEOPLE
19 OF COLOR, WITH 36 PERCENT LATINX AND 34 PERCENT BLACK, AND I
20 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING IN TERMS OF PLACEMENT IN
21 THE PROGRAMS WE ARE RUNNING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE
22 MY QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THOSE QUESTIONS, I MEAN, I
25 DON'T KNOW THAT HAVE -- SO CAN WE GET ANSWERS TO THOSE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 QUESTIONS BACK TO THE BOARD, OR DO YOU WANT THEM ANSWERED
2 RIGHT NOW?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** NOW, BUT IF THEY COULD GIVE US MORE
5 COMPREHENSIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING BACK FOR US, BUT
6 I MEAN I THINK I'M -- I THINK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I ARE ASKING
7 SIMILAR QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I ACTUALLY -- MY QUESTIONS MIRROR WHAT
10 YOU ARE ASKING, ESPECIALLY IT RELATES TO READINESS MOVING
11 FORWARD ON THE PROJECT ROOM KEY.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MAYBE THEY CAN RESPOND AS BEST THEY CAN AND THEN
14 FOLLOW UP WITH ANY WRITTEN MATERIAL.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IS HEIDI ON THE PHONE?

17

18 **HEIDI MARSTON:** HI, YES, I AM ON.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER THAT, AND THEN
21 ONCE THE QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WILL BE
22 NEXT. GO AHEAD, HEIDI.

23

24 **HEIDI MARSTON:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK
25 YOU FOR HAVING ME. AND ALL OF THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RAISED,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ARE SUCH IMPORTANT
2 QUESTIONS THAT I CAN ASSURE ARE ON THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS
3 EVERY DAY. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN THE PANDEMIC HIT, WE ACTIVELY SET
4 A GOAL AS A COUNTY, L.A.H.S.A., EVEN THE CITY OF L.A., THAT
5 15,000 PEOPLE SHOULD BE THE TARGET BECAUSE THAT WAS THE NEED
6 THAT WE ESTIMATED IN THE POPULATION, RECOGNIZING IT WAS
7 COMPLETELY -- IT WAS A VERY LARGE GOAL, AND WE ARE CONTINUING
8 TO PUSH TO DO THAT. PROJECT ROOM KEY HAS BROUGHT US FURTHER
9 ALONG, BUT THERE IS ARE STILL A LONG WAY TO GO TO MAKE SURE
10 THAT WE ARE SERVING EVERYBODY. IN TERMS OF THE QUESTIONS THAT
11 CAME THROUGH, I REALLY APPRECIATE THEM BECAUSE THEY HIGHLIGHT
12 SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TRIED TO BUILD IN OUR SYSTEM. I
13 THINK PRIOR TO COVID, WE KNEW THERE WERE -- DROP IN AUDIO --
14 WE WANTED TO MAKE BOTH AS L.A.H.S.A. BUT ALSO HOW WE WERE
15 ADMINISTERING FUNDING AND PROVIDING DATA AND TRANSPARENCY, AND
16 WE REALLY BUILT THAT AND HONED THOSE SKILLS THROUGH PROJECT
17 ROOM KEY AND COVID-19. AND SO, TO GET MORE SPECIFIC ON THE
18 RACE AND ETHNICITY, WE RECOGNIZED PRETTY EARLY ON THROUGH OUR
19 DATA THAT WHO WE WERE PLACING IN PROJECT ROOM KEY WAS NOT A
20 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, RECOGNIZING TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, WE HAVE AN OVER REPRESENTATION OF BLACK AFRICAN-
22 AMERICANS IN THIS POPULATION. SO WE LOOKED AT OUR PROCESS. WE
23 LOOKED AT WHO WE WERE TARGETING AND HOW. AND I AM PLEASED TO
24 REPORT TODAY THAT, AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE 34 PERCENT OF OUR
25 PROJECT ROOM KEY PARTICIPANTS ARE BLACK AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 36

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PERCENT ARE HISPANIC LATINO, 25 PERCENT WHITE. SO WE ARE DOING
2 A MUCH BETTER JOB AT ENSURING WE ARE PROVIDING ACCESS TO
3 SERVICES. AND, OF COURSE, THESE PLACEMENTS IN THE PROJECT ROOM
4 KEY, OUR PRIORITY IS TO MAINTAIN THOSE FOLKS NOT ONLY IN
5 PROJECT ROOM KEY AND MOVE THE HOUSING AND CONNECTING THEM TO
6 THOSE RESOURCES. I AM REALLY ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAT PROGRESS
7 AND GETTING THAT DIVERSITY AND ETHNICITY THE BREAK OUT THAT
8 WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO SEE. BUT YOU RAISE A REALLY IMPORTANT
9 POINT AS IT RELATES TO BEING PREPARED FOR WHAT POTENTIALLY
10 COULD COME AND ALSO ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL SERVICES. WHAT WE ARE
11 SEEING IN ROOM KEY, AS WELL, A LOT OF FOLKS WILL DO REALLY
12 WELL WITH THINGS LIKE A RAPID REHOUSING, OR JUST MOVING INTO
13 AN APARTMENT AND NEEDING A RENTAL SUBSIDY. WE HAVE A GOOD
14 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE VERY CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS AND
15 NEED A LEVEL OF CARE THAT IS EVEN MORE THAN PERMANENT
16 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CAN PROVIDE, WHETHER IT'S FROM A PHYSICAL
17 HEALTH PERSPECTIVE OR A MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE
18 PERSPECTIVE. WE ARE WORKING INCREDIBLY CLOSELY WITH PARTNERS
19 AT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, D.M.H., D.H.S.. EVEN D.P.S.S. AND
20 D.P.H. HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC IN STEPPING UP TO HELP US HOWEVER
21 WE CAN. BUT BOTH THE LACK OF SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY OF THOSE
22 RESOURCES IS A CHALLENGE, AS IS THE LACK OF AVAILABLE
23 RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY FOR HOUSING. THAT SAID, WE HAVE
24 SEEN A LOOSENING OF OUR HOUSING MARKET TO HELP MOVE FOLKS
25 FASTER. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF ROOM KEY, 200 FOLKS HAVE MOVED

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INTO HOUSING. THAT'S NOT LOOKING AT ANY OF THE SITES THAT HAVE
2 COME OFFLINE. THOSE ARE JUST PEOPLE WHO ARE EXITING. AND A LOT
3 OF THAT IS BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE EFFICIENCIES WE HAVE BEEN
4 ABLE TO BUILD THROUGH HOUSING CENTRAL COMMAND. I WANT TO
5 COMMEND OUR HOUSING AUTHORITY WHO HAVE -- THE TABLE WITH US,
6 LOOKING AT OUR REHOUSING PROCESS AND JUST GETTING RID OF
7 BARRIERS, WHETHER IT IS SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS THAT WERE
8 HOLDING THINGS UP AND SAYING, YOU KNOW WHAT, NOW WE CAN -- IF
9 A CASE MANAGER SAYS THEY ARE TRYING TO GET A SOCIAL SECURITY
10 CARD VALIDATED, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE THAT APPLICATION FORWARD.
11 THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THAT. TO ELECTRONIC
12 DOCUMENTATION, THE LEVEL OF INNOVATION HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE AND
13 REALLY PROPELLED BY PROBLEM ROOM KEY AND RECOVERY PLAN, SO WE
14 ARE EXCITED TO KEEP THAT GOING. AND I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT WE
15 ARE REALLY EAGER AND OPEN TO PARTNERING WITH THE BOARD AND
16 OTHERS ON THIS LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY. I THINK,
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU MENTIONED THAT JUST CANNOT BE OVER
18 EMPHASIZED. WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS THAT ARE ONGOING -- COMMUNITY
19 PARTNERS BUT WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE THOSE DISCUSSIONS ON HOW
20 WE REALLY TAP INTO THE MARKET IN A WAY THAT IS DIFFERENT AND
21 IN A WAY THAT REALLY SATURATES EVERYTHING THAT IS AVAILABLE
22 AND OPTIMIZES THIS MOMENT IN TIME THAT WE HAVE, NOT ONLY WITH
23 FOLKS BEING WILLING TO ACCEPT AND WORK WITH OUR FOLKS, BUT
24 ALSO FUNDING THAT WE HAVE SO WE PUT IT TO ITS HIGHEST AND BEST
25 USE. SO WE ARE BUILDING THESE EFFICIENCIES. WE RECEIVED

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY, SO THANK YOU FOR THE CORONA RELIEF
2 FUNDING. WE ARE PUTTING IT OUT THE DOOR TO PROVIDERS AS FAST
3 AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. THAT'S OUR FIRST PRIORITY, AND IT WILL BE
4 FOLLOWED BY OTHER FUNDING THAT COMES IN THAT HAS A LONGER TIME
5 AND EXPENDITURE WINDOW. SO WE ARE SPENDING THAT MONEY FIRST
6 AND WE ARE PUTTING IT TO ITS HIGHEST AND BEST USE. AND I HAVE
7 A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS I AM HAPPY TO TALK THROUGH, BUT I
8 DON'T WANT TO MONOPOLIZE TIME. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
9 GET TO CONVICTIONS, MADAM CHAIR. SO I AM HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR
10 LEAD ON WHAT YOU THINK IS THE BEST APPROACH.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL --

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE IT. I WANTED
15 TO THANK L.A.H.S.A. AND HEIDI BECAUSE, WHEN YOU BACK AT THE
16 LAST SIX MONTHS, NONE OF US HAD THE VAGUEST IDEA OF WHAT WAS
17 GOING TO IN STORE FOR US. AND WE WERE ALREADY ENGAGED, AND I'M
18 JUST GOING TO SAY THIS FROM MY OPINION, IN A KIND OF MAGICAL
19 THINKING, WHICH WAS WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO
20 WITH OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS GROWING
21 FASTER THAN WE COULD PUT IT IN HOUSING EVEN BEFORE THE
22 PANDEMIC. BUT THE PANDEMIC HIT. L.A.H.S.A. PRETTY MUCH STEPPED
23 RIGHT UP TO THE PLATE AND LAUNCHED PROJECT ROOM KEY. AND THAT
24 ACTUALLY PROBABLY SAVED A LOT OF LIVES. AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR
25 THAT BECAUSE WE IMAGINED THAT THERE HAD TO BE SOME WAY TO DO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THIS. BUT AS YOU KNOW, EVERY HOTEL HAD TO BE FOUND. EVERY
2 CONTRACT HAD TO BE NEGOTIATED. THE C.E.O. REALLY TRIED, BUT IT
3 WAS HARD FOR THEM TO EVEN GET HOTELS AND MOTELS TO AGREE. AND
4 THEN THE COMMUNITY WOULD RISE UP AND SAY WE DON'T WANT ANY OF
5 THOSE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, HERE. SO THE GRATITUDE GOES NOT ONLY
6 TO THE LEADERSHIP OF L.A.H.S.A. BUT THE OUTREACH WORKERS THAT
7 GO OUT EVERY DAY AND TRY TO GET PEOPLE IN ONE AT A TIME. EVEN
8 THE IDEA OF FORMING A HOMELESS COVID RECOVERY PLAN SO THAT
9 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I COULD DO WHAT WE DO BEST, WHICH
10 IS TO BRING A MOTION ASKING YOU TO DEVELOP THE PLAN. SO, OF
11 COURSE, WE'VE GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US. WE NEVER MADE THE
12 KIND OF DENT IN THE 15,000 PEOPLE THAT WE THOUGHT WE WOULD. SO
13 MY QUESTION REALLY TO HEIDI AND TO PHIL, I GUESS, BUT MOSTLY
14 TO HEIDI, IS WHAT DOES L.A.H.S.A. NEED? IN A LOT OF WAYS, WE
15 TELL L.A.H.S.A. WHAT WE NEED FROM THEM, BUT WE HAVE TO RELY ON
16 YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL FOR US. I KNOW THE COUNTY OFTEN DOES ITS
17 BEST AS WELL, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY EVEN GAVE YOU THE C.R.F.
18 FOR REHOUSING UNTIL LATE AUGUST, AND SOMETIMES THINGS JUST
19 TAKE A LONG TIME. SO WHAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, THIS IS ALWAYS
20 A HEAVY QUESTION BUT, NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOVERY PLAN?
21 WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS? I AM VERY
22 GRATEFUL TO D.P.S.S. FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING HELPING
23 PEOPLE ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS AT PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES, BUT I
24 AM NOT SURE ABOUT HEALTH SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH, YOU
25 KNOW, FOR THE SPECIALIZED CARE THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WHAT MIGHT WE DO TO ENCOURAGE LANDLORDS TO MAKE MORE
2 APARTMENTS AVAILABLE. WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS LOOKED LIKE AN ALLY
3 TO L.A.H.S.A., BUT I THINK WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ALLY.
4 AND NOT TO BE, FOR YOU NOT TO BE SHY, TO TELL US WHAT WE CAN
5 DO IN OUR OWN AREAS AND AS A COUNTY TO HELP US REACH THAT
6 15,000-PERSON GOAL BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE OFF THE
7 STREETS AS WELL, AND WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY, TO SOME
8 EXTENT, BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC AND SOME OF THE MONEY THAT
9 WE'RE GETTING IN AND SOME OF THE WAYS THAT WE SAID NO, WE HAVE
10 TO GET THESE PEOPLE OFF THE STREET. SO THOSE WOULD SORT OF MY
11 GENERAL QUESTIONS. THEY DO NOT NEED TO ALL BE ANSWERED TODAY,
12 BUT I THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT DIALOGUE THAT WE HAVE TO
13 CONTINUE HAVING. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HEIDI, DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND
16 TO THAT?

17

18 **HEIDI MARSTON:** SURE, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
19 AND YOU DID, YOU HIT ON A NUMBER OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE
20 REALLY HELPFUL, AND, AS I SAID, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE
21 BEEN PHENOMENAL PARTNERS IN THIS WORK. WE HAVE REALLY ALL BEEN
22 IN THIS ARM IN ARM SINCE DAY ONE. AND IN A LOT OF WAYS, IT
23 ENHANCED OUR -- I WOULD SAY THAT, FROM A NEEDS PERSPECTIVE, TO
24 MAKE -- TO GET THE SUCCESS WE ARE LOCKING FOR, WE REALLY DO
25 NEED TO THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW DO WE CREATE ACCESS TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THESE HIGHER LEVELS OF CARE, SO THAT WE HAVE SAFE PLACES FOR
2 PEOPLE TO EXIT TO THAT ARE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS. WE NEED
3 ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
4 TO MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS ARE GETTING THE TREATMENT THEY NEED TO
5 BE SUCCESSFUL. AND FRANKLY, I THINK TIME, I KNOW THAT IS NOT
6 ALWAYS SOMETHING WE CAN CONTROL, BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT ALL OF
7 THESE COMPOUNDING ISSUES, WE HAVE THE PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES
8 ARE SLOWLY RAMPING DOWN. SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED JUDGE
9 CARTER. WE ALSO HAVE THIS LOOMING UNKNOWN OF HOW MANY GOING
10 ARE GOING TO FALL IN THAT, FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT
11 LOOKS LIKE. I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYBODY DOES, AND I DON'T KNOW
12 IF THE SYSTEM IS PREPARED FOR IT. SO I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING
13 THAT WE CAN, RIGHT NOW, TO MOVE AS MANY PEOPLE INSIDE AND AS
14 MUCH AS WE CAN HAVE TO DO THAT AND REHOUSE PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT
15 WAY, THE BETTER. AND THE LAST THING I WOULD SAY IS SORT OF TWO
16 SIDES. ONE IS ON THE LANDLORD SIDE. WE WOULD LOVE TO PARTNER
17 ON THINKING CREATIVELY ON ENGAGING LANDLORDS AND CONTINUE
18 THESE INCENTIVES THAT WE'VE BUILT UP. I THINK THERE'S SOME
19 REALLY GREAT THINGS IN THE WORKS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO
20 ACCELERATE, AND WE ARE REALLY WORKING WITH OUR PROVIDERS
21 CLOSELY, TOO, BECAUSE EVEN GETTING MONEY TO THE PROVIDERS,
22 THAT IS KIND OF A STEP ONE. AND AS YOU ALLUDED, IT IS HIRING
23 UP AND BUILDING THEIR CAPACITY TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT THIS IN A
24 RAPID WAY. SO WE ARE WORKING DAY IN AND DAY OUT WITH PROVIDERS
25 TO BRING THEM SUPPORT FOR HIRING STAFF, TRAINING STAFF. WE'RE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 JUST INFUSING RESOURCES -- AT PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES, BUT THE
2 MORE TIME THAT WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO ALLOW THAT -- SO THAT
3 PROVIDERS HAVE THE CASE MANAGERS NEEDED TO DO THIS WORK, THE
4 BETTER. SO WE ARE EAGER TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU, THE
5 BOARD, AND OUR COUNTY PARTNERS IN MOVING THIS.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WANTED TO ADD ONE MORE THING, AND THAT IS THAT,
8 MADAM CHAIR, I HEARD FROM UNITE HERE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WERE
9 PLACED IN PROJECT ROOM KEY IN THE HOTELS WERE SOME OF THE
10 NICEST GUESTS THAT THEY EVER WORKED WITH.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I AM NOT SURPRISED. THEY WERE
13 GRATEFUL TO HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** GRATEFUL TO HAVE A ROOM, YOU KNOW.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YESTERDAY, I WENT TO A PROJECT ROOM KEY
18 SITE, AND FOR ANYONE OUT THERE WHO THINKS THESE INDIVIDUALS
19 DON'T WANT TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, THEY ARE WRONG. ONE
20 WOMAN APPROACHED ME CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT SHE WAS
21 GOING ABLE TO STAY, IF NOT HERE, WHERE WOULD SHE GO. AND I
22 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT WHAT WE HAVE
23 SAID ALL ALONG, AS A BOARD, IS THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. WE
24 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREET, TO GET THEM
25 INTO A SITUATION THAT IS MORE STABLE AND ACTUALLY PREVENTS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THEM FROM ENDING BACK UP ON THE STREET. AND I DON'T WANT THAT
2 TO BE A LOST OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE
3 DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE -- BACK ON TO THE STREET. THIS BOARD
4 IS UNITED ON DOING THAT. AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
5 THE PEOPLE THAT I MET YESTERDAY, NOT ONLY ARE THEY GRATEFUL
6 AND GRACIOUS, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN GOOD PARTNERS WITH US IN
7 ENSURING THAT PROJECT ROOM KEY SUCCEEDS AND PROVES MANY IN
8 THE COMMUNITY WRONG. MANY OF US HAD COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT
9 PUSHED BACK HARD IN NOT WANTING, QUOTE UNQUOTE, THESE PEOPLE
10 IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THESE PEOPLE HAVE
11 BEEN GOOD NEIGHBORS BECAUSE THEY APPRECIATE WHAT SOME OF US
12 TAKE ALL FOR GRANTED, AND THAT IS A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS AND
13 MEALS EACH DAY. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE GOT TO MOVE FORWARD.
14 JUDGE CARTER IS LOOKING, BUT IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT L.A. CITY,
15 BUT IT'S ABOUT, TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S POINT, ALL 87 CITIES AND
16 ENSURING THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN,
17 BEYOND PROJECT ROOM KEY, BUT TO ADDRESS THIS HOMELESS CRISIS,
18 MOVING FORWARD, AS WE MOVE WITH THIS PANDEMIC. SO WITH THAT, I
19 DON'T SEE ANY OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK. SO ITEM 22 IS BEFORE
20 US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WILL SECOND IT TO
21 RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW,
22 WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 23, WHICH A FISCAL YEAR 2020-'21
23 MEASURE H AND HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION
24 FUNDING. I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO COME AS A SHOCK TO EVERYONE,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2 [LAUGHTER].

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE, TRYING TO MAKE MYSELF
5 RELEVANT HERE.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ANOTHER MOTION THAT
8 WILL HELP MANAGE THE NUMBER OF, UH, TIMES ANY PARTICULAR
9 MEMBER OF THE BOARD CAN SPEAK IN A GIVEN BOARD MEETING.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S FUNNY. I SECOND THAT MOTION.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THEN I AM GOING TO HOLD IT, SO THEN I CAN TALK
16 ABOUT IT.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE ON.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, I JUST THOUGHT THIS WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE TALK
21 ABOUT OUR MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WE DO EVERY
22 YEAR. AND THE PUBLIC, OF COURSE, NEEDS TO HEAR US TALK ABOUT
23 OUR PRIORITIES. AND IT IS PRETTY AMAZING THAT THIS YEAR WE ARE
24 GOING TO BE SPENDING \$465 MILLION, WHICH IS ACTUALLY MORE THAN
25 LAST YEAR. BUT AGAIN, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SAY I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE DIRECTION WE ARE GOING IN. A
2 FEW YEARS AGO, WE APPROVED A SPENDING PLAN OF \$360 MILLION,
3 AND TODAY WE ARE DOING \$465 MILLION OF MEASURE H, AND THIS IS
4 ONE TIME STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING AS WELL. AND NOT ONLY HAVE
5 WE NOT SEEN THE DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN OUR HOMELESS COUNT THAT
6 I THINK WE ALL WANT, BUT WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE. AND I KNOW
7 THIS YEAR, WE ARE USING A MIX OF FUNDING TO TRY TO SUSTAIN ALL
8 THE PROGRAMS WE STARTED, BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST CONCERNED
9 THAT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO
10 US CONTINUE TO STICK TO THE STATUS QUO. I KNOW THAT WE TRIED
11 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAINTAINED OUR FUNDING LEVEL BECAUSE WE
12 DIDN'T WANT TO GET RID OF SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE
13 STARTED, BUT I AM WONDERING IN RETROSPECT IF WE, YOU KNOW,
14 REALLY DO NEED TO TIGHTEN OUR BELT A LITTLE BIT AND
15 REEVALUATE ALL THE PROGRAMS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY ALL STILL
16 REMAIN RELEVANT. WE ARE HALFWAY TOWARDS THE END OF MEASURE H
17 THAT THE VOTERS APPROVED. AND WE STILL HAVE 66,000 PEOPLE ON
18 THE STREETS, AND I KNOW THAT ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
19 IMPACT THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD AND WHETHER OR NOT OUR JANUARY
20 COUNT WILL BE EVEN MORE. I JUST FEEL LIKE THE TAXPAYERS OF
21 L.A. COUNTY ARE NOT GETTING THE RESULTS THAT THEY HOPE FOR,
22 AND, OF COURSE, IT IS OUR CARE AND LOVE FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ON
23 THE STREETS THAT MOTIVATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. I JUST
24 WANT TO KEEP RE-EVALUATING AND REPRIORITIZING OUR MEASURE H
25 FUNDS TOWARDS MORE FOCUSING ON WHAT WILL SOLVE HOMELESSNESS,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WHICH OF COURSE IS HOUSING AND A ROOF OVER EVERYONE'S HEAD.
2 AND I THINK THE ONE-TIME PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES, SUCH AS C4,
3 5, 6, 7, D2, AND THE L.A.H.S.A. E6 OUTREACH TO INVEST IN THESE
4 HOUSING SUBSIDIES. I FEEL LIKE WE JUST HAVEN'T RISEN TO THE
5 MOMENT YET, AND WE JUST HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT MARSHAL PLAN, THAT
6 HUGE EFFORT, THAT JUST IS GOING TO REALLY LET US SEE THE
7 DIFFERENCE OUT ON OUR STREETS. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS, YOU AND I BROUGHT FORTH THE MOTION ABOUT JUST LOOKING
9 AT THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF L.A.H.S.A., AND I JUST WANT TO
10 MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THAT, AND LISTENING TO
11 HEIDI AND, YOU KNOW, I'M GLAD SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANT TO
12 MAKE SURE THAT L.A.H.S.A. HAS WHAT THEY NEED. BUT IT IS
13 OVERWHELMING. THIS WHOLE PROBLEM IS ABSOLUTELY OVERWHELMING,
14 AND I DON'T WANT L.A.H.S.A. TO GET OVERWHELMED. I DON'T WANT
15 OUR OUTREACH PEOPLE TO FEEL OVERWHELMED, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE
16 SURE THAT THIS MONEY IS FLEXIBLE. IT IS GETTING OUT THE DOOR.
17 IT IS GETTING TO OUR HOMELESS PROVIDERS DIRECTLY BECAUSE, BY
18 THE WAY, THAT IS HOW WE SOLD MEASURE H. IN 2017. WE SAID WE
19 ARE NOT GOING TO CREATE A NEW BUREAUCRACY. WE ARE NOT GOING TO
20 REALLY CREATE NEW PROGRAMS. WE ARE GOING TO GET THIS MONEY
21 DIRECTLY TO THE NONPROFITS AND THE PROVIDERS WHO ARE ALREADY
22 DOING THE WORK OUT THERE BUT JUST COULD USE AN INFLUX OF
23 FUNDING. THAT WAS WHAT WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT ABOUT WHEN WE
24 ASKED VOTERS TO SUPPORT THIS. NOW, IT SEEMS LIKE MAYBE SOME
25 PROGRAMS HAVE CROPPED UP THAT WEREN'T PART OF THE ORIGINAL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PLAN TO JUST GET THIS MONEY OUT THE DOOR TO THE PROVIDERS. SO
2 I LOOK FORWARD TO US BEING BOLD AND COURAGEOUS, AND I KNOW,
3 AGAIN, I WOULD NEVER SECOND GUESS ANYBODY'S MOTIVE, NONE OF MY
4 COLLEAGUES, NOBODY IN L.A.H.S.A. IT' S JUST THAT I JUST AM
5 WORRIED THAT WE ARE ALREADY HALFWAY TO THE END OF THIS, AND WE
6 HAVEN'T SEEN THE RESULTS THAT I KNOW THAT EVERYONE WAS HOPING
7 TO SEE. SO THAT IS MY REMARK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THEN I WILL SAY A FEW REMARKS.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WAS THINKING
13 WHILE MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS SPEAKING, WE -- WE ALL
14 ARE A LITTLE BIT -- I'M GOING TO USE THE TERM DESPERATE. I
15 DON'T MEAN IT IN ANY WAY EXCEPT THAT IT IS TOTALLY
16 UNDERSTANDABLE ABOUT THE SITUATION WHICH BEGAN LONG BEFORE
17 COVID HIT US, BUT HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY IT. AND I WAS
18 THINKING, I AM SURE OUR FAMILIES ALL HAVE SOMEWHAT THE SAME
19 AND SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES, BUT WHEN MY FAMILY MOVED
20 OUT HERE FROM ST. LOUIS IN 1943, MY DAD CAME OUT TO WORK IN AN
21 AIRCRAFT PLANT, MCDONNELL, AND THE WAR WAS ON. THE FEDERAL
22 GOVERNMENT, RECOGNIZING THERE WAS A CRISIS, IMPOSED RENT
23 CONTROL EVERYWHERE AND EVEN HELD DOWN THE PRICE OF BUYING
24 HOMES BECAUSE WE NEEDED PEOPLE TO MOVE HERE. WE NEEDED PEOPLE
25 TO BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE, AND WE NEEDED PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WORK. THE HELP OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND I'M SURE
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU KNOW VERY WELL,
3 A COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS LIKE TRYING TO BAIL OUT A LEAKY BOAT
4 WITH A THIMBLE. WE LOOK AT OUR BUDGET. IT IS A LOT OF MONEY.
5 IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT YOU LOOK AT JUST THE MONEY
6 WE ARE PUTTING INTO RENT RELIEF AND THE MONEY WE ARE TALKING
7 ABOUT TODAY PUTTING INTO MORTGAGE RELIEF, IT IS ENORMOUS TO
8 TRY TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES AND
9 LOSING THEIR APARTMENTS IN DROVES, IN DROVES. AND WITHOUT ANY
10 RENT CONTROL REALLY REALISTICALLY BEING ABLE TO BE APPLIED
11 BECAUSE OF COSTA-HAWKINS IN CALIFORNIA AND NO HELP FROM THE
12 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, NONE, AND THAT IS, IN MY OPINION, THE BULK
13 OF WHAT IS NEEDED. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE BAILING AWAY WITH A
14 THIMBLE AND DOING, I THINK, OUR VERY BEST. I TOTALLY AGREE
15 WITH YOU THAT I THINK MORE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE GIVEN ON
16 PREVENTION BECAUSE WE ARE FRIGHTENED EVERY DAY OF THIS WAVE OF
17 EVICTIONS THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE, AND WE DON'T KNOW, AND
18 NEITHER DO OUR CONSTITUENTS KNOW, WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. I
19 THINK THE MEASURE H FUNDING LOOKS LIKE A LOT, BUT IT IS KIND
20 OF LITERALLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET. SO I'M SO GRATEFUL TO THE
21 VOTERS IN THE COUNTY FOR TAXING THEMSELVES SAYING NOBODY ELSE
22 IS DOING ANYTHING, WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH MORE TO HELP THE
23 HOMELESS. THE OTHER THING I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD IGNORE IS
24 HOW MANY WE HAVE HELPED. IT'S KIND OF LIKE TRYING TO CATCH
25 PEOPLE IN A NET, BUT THERE ARE JUST SO MANY FALLING OFF THE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 BRIDGE, BUT WE CATCH SOME. AND THOSE THAT WE CAUGHT, IT IS
2 IMPORTANT TO THEM. BUT EVERY TIME WE PUT SOMEBODY IN AN
3 APARTMENT, WE TURN AROUND, AND THERE ARE TWO MORE PEOPLE OUT
4 ON THE STREET OR UNDER THE BRIDGE OR WHATEVER. SO I ACTUALLY,
5 I LOVE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING, BUT IT WILL NEVER REALLY BE
7 ENOUGH. SO THIS BUDGET IS THE NEXT NECESSARY STEP TO GET US
8 THROUGH THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. I HONESTLY HOPE THAT MORE
9 RESOURCES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW TO DO IT.
10 WE JUST REALLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO IT. SO THANK YOU, PHIL,
11 VERY MUCH AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WORKING ON THE MEASURE H
12 BUDGET. IT IS CHALLENGING, BUT I KNOW WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS.
13 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANT TO
19 RENEW THE CALL THAT MANY OF US MADE A FEW YEARS BACK AND TO
20 RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF HOMELESSNESS AS A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
21 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. UNTIL WE DEVELOP THAT KIND OF
22 CONSCIOUSNESS, I DOUBT WE WILL MUSTER THE POLITICAL WILL TO
23 REALLY GO IN ON THIS AS WE SHOULD. IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN A
24 PANDEMIC FOR US TO APPRECIATE WHAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
25 MIGHT HAVE REQUIRED. HOMELESSNESS, THE PREEXISTING CONDITION

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 OF A CRISIS OF AN EPIDEMIC PROPORTION WAS SUFFICIENT FOR US TO
2 DO SO. THIS BOARD SOUGHT TO DO SO. IT WAS NOT SALUTED AT THE
3 STATE LEVEL, AND YET I WOULD ARGUE WE SHOULD STILL PERSIST
4 WITH THAT SET OF RESOURCES BECAUSE IT BRINGS ABOUT US OF AN
5 URGENCY, THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, A REGULATORY RELIEF THAT
6 IS DEFENSIBLE, AND IT WILL REQUIRE ALL OF THAT IN ORDER FOR US
7 TO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. AN ABUNDANCE OF RESEARCH HAS BEEN
8 DONE BY COUNTY COUNSEL ON HOW TO PURSUE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
9 ISSUED FROM ANYWHERE FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE
10 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THAT IS, TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
11 DEPARTMENT. A RANGE OF OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO US, AND I
12 SIMPLY WANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE THAT ON THE
13 TABLE. THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION, MADAM CHAIR, WITH RESPECT TO
14 THE ITEM ON L.A.H.S.A. IS ONE IN WHICH IF WE THINK ABOUT
15 GOVERNANCE, WE DO HAVE TO THINK IN TERMS OF REIMAGINING
16 L.A.H.S.A. THEY HAVE AN INTERNAL WORKING GROUP. MADAM CHAIR,
17 YOU BROUGHT FORTH THE MOTION THAT SOUGHT TO DIRECT THIS ISSUE
18 IN A PARTICULAR WAY. THAT WORK IS GOING ON. THE MOTION THAT
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I MOST RECENTLY INTRODUCED, ALL OF THAT
20 SHOULD CONTINUE BECAUSE WE DO HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE DYNAMISM
21 THAT DEFINES HOMELESSNESS. IT IS NOT A STATIC PHENOMENON. IT
22 IS A DYNAMIC PHENOMENON, AND IT IS MULTIFACTORIAL, AND WE
23 WOULD DO WELL TO STEP UP AND TRY TO NOT BE DEFENSIVE ABOUT THE
24 CHANGES WE NEED TO MAKE IN THE CONTEXT OF L.A.H.S.A., BUT IN
25 FACT RECOGNIZE THAT WE CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER, AND THE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SITUATION BEFORE US REQUIRES NO LESS. MAY I SUGGEST THE COVID-
2 19 PANDEMIC HAS OBVIOUSLY HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON OUR
3 COUNTY'S BUDGET, BUT DESPITE AN UNPRECEDENTED LOSS IN THAT
4 WHICH WAS ANTICIPATED REVENUE, THE BUDGET REFLECTS A
5 SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND ASSIST
6 THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED. AND I THINK THAT IS APPROPRIATE. IT IS
7 COMMENDABLE. WE MOVE TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY. WE WILL FIND
8 THAT WE CAN EVEN DO MORE. SHOUT OUT TO THE C.E.O. FOR
9 FACILITATING A DELIBERATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE PROCESS THAT
10 ULTIMATELY HAS ENSURED OUR FRONTLINE NONPROFIT PARTNERS WILL
11 HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. AND THEY WORK
12 HARD. WE KNOW WHAT THE MEANS, AND IF YOU WANT TO USE THE
13 LANGUAGE OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS, IT IS APPLICABLE TO THEM. THEY
14 HAVE DONE A WORK THAT IS TO BE CELEBRATED. IT IS UNPRECEDENTED
15 IN THE MIDST OF MULTIPLE CRISES, AND WE HAVE HAD AN
16 UNPRECEDENTED PUSH TO BRING INDOORS OVER 4,000 PEOPLE IN 38
17 HOTELS IN A MATTER OF THREE AND LESS MONTH. MEASURE H. IS ONLY
18 THREE YEARS IN. THE FIRST ALLOCATION CAME IN OCTOBER OF 2017,
19 BUT IT PROVIDED THE BACKBONE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNICAL
20 KNOW-HOW TO SCALE PROJECT ROOM KEY AT A SPEED THAT WOULD HAVE
21 OTHERWISE BEEN PRACTICALLY INCONCEIVABLE. AND THIS IS BUT
22 ONE ELEMENT OF THE WORK. THE COUNTY HAS ALSO CREATED A
23 CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE TEAM, SEVERAL TEAMS, THAT CARRY OUT DAILY
24 WELLNESS CHECKS THAT TEST PEOPLE IN ENCAMPMENTS, SHELTERS, AND
25 TRIAGE THEM AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, AND FROM THE BEGINNING OF

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THE PANDEMIC, WE ENSURED OUR FRONTLINE STAFF HAD P.P.E. AND
2 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENTS, AND WE
3 INSTITUTED PHYSICAL DISTANCING TO DECOMPRESS THE HOMELESS
4 SYSTEMS CONGREGATE SITES. ALL OF THAT WAS CRITICALLY
5 IMPORTANT, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS SHOULDER TO
6 SHOULDER IN PUSHING THAT FORWARD. I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY WE
7 PURCHASED INFECTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND FUNDED LAYOUT
8 MODIFICATIONS SO THAT OUR SHELTERS REMAIN AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE
9 AS THIS PANDEMIC RAGES ON, AND IT DOES RAGE ON, AND IT GOES
10 BACK TO THE CONVERSATION IN TERMS OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
11 ORDERS WE NEED TO BE GUIDED BY THE LACK OF INFORMATION THAT WE
12 CURRENTLY POSSES, AND NOT TO BE BULLISH, BUT PRUDENT AND
13 EXERCISE CAUTION WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND IN THIS INSTANCE THIS
14 IS APPLICABLE AS WELL. MADAM CHAIR, WE ARE ALSO, AS PREVIOUSLY
15 DISCUSSED, TAKING CONCRETE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE THAT
16 HAS BEEN BROUGHT INDOORS WILL BE PUT ON A PATH TO SAFE AND
17 STABLE, LONG-TERM HOUSING. WE ARE NOT HOUSING PEOPLE FOR THE
18 PURPOSES OF HAVING THEM BECOME HOMELESS AGAIN. THIS IS THE
19 KIND OF RECIDIVISM THAT WE SEEK TO AVOID. SO A BIG THANK YOU
20 TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT DURING THIS
21 UNPRECEDENTED SET OF TIMES AND CHALLENGES, AND WE CAN DO THIS.
22 IT'S UNPRECEDENTED TRIFECTA OF BUDGET, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
23 ECONOMIC CRISES, BUT THIS BOARD IS UP TO IT. WE HAVE
24 DEMONSTRATED HOW FORWARD-LOOKING WE CAN BE. TO THE EXTENT
25 THAT IS THE CASE, MADAM CHAIR, LET'S DO WHAT WE DO AND MAKE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY PROUD AND SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE
2 ENTIRE NATION. I THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I
5 APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR HAHN HOLDING THIS ITEM TODAY. AND I DO
6 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
7 HARD WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE BY OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS, BY OUR
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND BY L.A.H.S.A. TO EXECUTE OUR
9 STRATEGIES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THERE IS NO QUESTION, I
10 THINK WE'VE ALL SAID IT, THIS HAS NO EASY TASK. FALLING INTO
11 HOMELESSNESS IS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL
12 AND FAMILY WHO FINDS THEMSELVES IN THAT POSITION. CREATING
13 SOLUTIONS TO END THOSE PERIODS OF HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY FOR
14 HIGHLY ACUTE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES
15 OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER IS HIGHLY COMPLEX. TO SEE THE
16 NUMBERS IN OUR ANNUAL POINT IN TIME COUNT GO UP, ESPECIALLY
17 CONSIDERING THE UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT IN SOLVING THIS
18 CRISIS, AT LEAST FOR ME PERSONALLY, WAS DEVASTATING. HOWEVER,
19 I AM ENCOURAGED BY MANY OF THE DATA POINTS THAT I HAVE SEEN
20 ABOUT THE MANY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WE ARE HOUSING AND
21 HELPING THROUGH OUR FUNDED STRATEGIES. A TOTAL OF 23,692
22 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY HOUSED
23 BECAUSE OF MEASURE H STRATEGIES SINCE JULY 2017. SINCE JULY
24 2019, OVER 8500 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN
25 PERMANENTLY HOUSED THROUGH STRATEGIES FUNDED BY MEASURE H.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 12,539 INDIVIDUALS ENTERED INTERIM HOUSING FUNDED, IN WHOLE OR
2 IN PART, BY MEASURE H. DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME, OVER
3 3600 INDIVIDUALS EXITED INTERIM HOUSING TO PERMANENT HOUSING,
4 AMOUNTING TO A 33 PERCENT OF ALL EXITS FROM INTERIM HOUSING.
5 IF THE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE EXPERIENCING
6 HOMELESSNESS REMAINED STAGNANT SINCE THE ONSET OF MEASURE H,
7 WE WOULD BE WELL ON OUR WAY TO HOUSING THE MAJORITY OF THIS
8 POPULATION. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALL KNOW THAT IS NOT THE
9 CASE. EVERY DAY, AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS YOU'VE SAID THIS
10 TIME AND TIME AGAIN, EVERY DAY, OUR MEASURE H FUNDED SYSTEM
11 HOUSES 207 INDIVIDUALS, AND EVERY DAY, 227 PEOPLE FALL NEWLY
12 INTO HOMELESSNESS. IF IT WERE NOT FOR OUR EXISTING SYSTEM, WE
13 WOULD SEE THE SAME LEVEL OF INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS WITH A
14 MUCH SMALLER MEASURE OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES. OUR REGION WOULD BE
15 OVERWHELMED WITH UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. WHILE THERE ARE
16 ALWAYS WAYS TO LEARN AND PERFORM BETTER ON THE COUNTY SIDE AND
17 ON L.A.H.S.A.'S SIDE, WE ALL NEED IMPROVEMENT. WE SHOULD BE
18 INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE STRIDES WE HAVE TAKEN TO SAVE SO MANY
19 LIVES. AND WE SHOULD HONOR THE TAXPAYERS WHOSE DOLLARS FUNDED
20 THIS SYSTEM THAT IS INVALUABLE PART OF THE EFFORT. WE ARE
21 CONSTANTLY MAKING PIVOTS OUR APPLICATION OF THESE STRATEGIES.
22 WE HAVE PROVIDED FUNDING DIRECTLY TO CITIES TO CREATE LOCAL
23 PROGRAMS TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS BASED ON CITY INPUT. WE HAVE
24 FUNDED EMPLOYMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO HELP PEOPLE GET
25 BACK ON THEIR FEET. WE HAVE CREATED TECH, HOUSING, AND SERVICE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INNOVATION CHALLENGES TO INCUBATE NEW IDEAS TO AID IN THESE
2 EFFORTS. WE HAVE MOUNTED INCREDIBLE EFFORTS TO HOUSE PEOPLE OF
3 THE FACE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC, AND I HOW WE WILL
4 LEARN THROUGH THESE EFFORTS THAT HOUSING IS THE KEY INGREDIENT
5 TO SOLVING HOMELESSNESS. ALL OF THE INITIATIVES WILL PAY OFF
6 IN THE LONG TERM, BUT THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM THAT GOES AND GETS
7 SOLVED OVER NIGHT. I AM ALWAYS OPEN TO CONSIDERING NEW
8 ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO COMBAT THE CRISIS, AND I THINK OUR
9 SYSTEM SHOULD BE OPEN TO THAT SAME INPUT. I AM RELIEVED WE
10 FIND OURSELVES IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE TODAY IN REGARDS TO OUR
11 MEASURE H. REVENUE THAN WE DID SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. I AM
12 GRATEFUL TO OUR CITIES, WHO AGREED TO HELP PITCH IN E.S.G.
13 FUNDING TO HELP MAKE OUR SYSTEM WHOLE. I SUPPORT ADDING
14 ACCOUNTABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY TO OUR EXISTING SYSTEM TO
15 ENSURE THAT WE ARE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE IN THE PURSUIT OF
16 OUR GOALS. WHILE I DO NOT BELIEVE WE FIGURED OUT THE FORMULA
17 TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I DO BELIEVE THAT
18 OUR SYSTEM IS WORKING, AND I AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS
19 THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US TODAY. THANK YOU AGAIN TO
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS.
21 I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO CHECK IN ON OUR L.A. COUNTY
22 HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND L.A.H.S.A. TO MAKE SURE WE ARE
23 ADDRESSING AND WILLING TO MAKE PIVOTS AS THEY BECOME
24 NECESSARY. SO WITH THAT, SEEING NO ONE ELSE HAS SIGNED UP,
25 ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 23 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

10

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

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE ARE NOT ONTO ITEM 70C,
5 SIDEWALK VENDING PILOT PROGRAM AND FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION.
6 THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND TO THE
9 MEMBERS. AS YOU KNOW, ON JANUARY 1ST OF 2019, S.B.946, OR THE
10 SAFE SIDEWALK VENDING ACT, BECAME LAW, WHICH FULLY
11 DECRIMINALIZED AND LEGALIZED SIDEWALK VENDING ACROSS THE STATE
12 OF CALIFORNIA. THE LAW ALSO ALLOWED FOR REGULATIONS NECESSARY
13 TO ENSURE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE AS IT RELATES TO
14 SIDEWALK VENDING. THE PASSAGE OF S.B.496 HAS IMPACTED THE
15 LIVELIHOODS FOR MANY IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING VENDORS, BRICK
16 AND MORTAR BUSINESSES, MICROENTREPRENEURS AND COMMUNITY
17 RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS LIKE EAST L.A. OVER THE PAST
18 TWO YEARS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, IN PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT OF
19 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 HEALTH HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS ISSUE. D.C.B.A. HAS
21 TAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT
22 PROGRAM THAT TACKLES PUBLIC HEALTH, FOOD SAFETY, AND THE OVER-
23 CONCENTRATION OF VENDOR BUSINESSES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND
24 COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS. THE GOAL OF THIS 4-6 MONTH PILOT PROGRAM
25 IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. ADDITIONALLY,
2 THE COVID PANDEMIC BROUGHT ON ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES, BARRIERS,
3 AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS THAT SIDEWALK VENDORS FACE IN
4 FORMALIZING THEIR BUSINESS. THIS PROPOSED PILOT PROGRAM AND
5 MOTION ADDRESSES THESE CHALLENGES FACED BY STREET VENDORS BY
6 THE COUNTY INVESTING IN 1) COMMUNITY OUTREACH, 2) EDUCATION,
7 AND 3) THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND DESIGN OF AFFORDABLE CARTS, AND
8 5TH) COMMISSARY SPACE TO ENSURE THAT THESE MICROENTREPRENEURS
9 CAN SUCCESSFULLY ENTER AND THRIVE IN OUR ECONOMY THROUGH AN
10 EQUITABLE AND ACCESSIBLE PROCESS. LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED
11 ORGANIZATIONS WILL PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY AND PROVIDE
12 ACCESSIBLE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION TO
13 THE VENDOR COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS NEW
14 PROGRAM. WITH THIS PARTNERSHIP, VENDING BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS
15 WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO EMPOWER LOCAL VENDOR LEADERS,
16 ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY HIGH-DENSITY VENDING AREAS
17 WHERE SPECIALIZED RULES CAN BE ADOPTED FOR BETTER
18 ACCOUNTABILITY PRACTICES AND TO CREATE CONFLICT RESOLUTION
19 MECHANISMS WITHOUT THE NEED TO HAND OUT CITATIONS OR FINES. WE
20 HAVE TO DO BETTER. WE MUST DO BETTER TO HELP PROTECT THOSE
21 WORKING AND LIVING IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. THE
22 COUNTY UNDERSTANDS THAT LIVELIHOODS FOR VENDORS AND FOR
23 BUSINESSES ARE ALL AT STAKE. THE MOTION CONTINUES A PROCESS TO
24 HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE AND INTENTIONAL WAY FORWARD TO ESTABLISH
25 A PERMANENT SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM. THE COUNTY REMAINS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 COMMITTED TO DO MORE FOR OUR RESIDENTS, OUR WORKFORCE, OUR
2 VENDORS, AND BUSINESS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK
3 ON THE ISSUE. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANKS AND APPLAUD TO
4 THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT
5 OF THIS PROCESS, INCLUDING INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY, THE
6 L.A. STREET VENDOR CAMPAIGN, PUBLIC COUNSEL, COMMUNITY POWER
7 COLLECTIVE, THE HEALTHY L.A. COALITION, AND STAFF FROM OUR
8 VERY OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I THANK THEM ALL. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO ONE ELSE HAS SIGNED
12 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
13 MYSELF TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
14 CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 70C IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

22

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

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GREAT. WE ARE NOW ON TO ITEM 70G. AND THAT
18 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. WILL
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR
20 MICS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND FIRST OF
23 ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO THANK FESIA
24 DAVENPORT AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE REST OF THE TEAM FOR
25 BRINGING FORTH A SPENDING PLAN FOR THE REMAINING UNALLOCATED

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FEDERAL C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT
2 IN THE SECOND ROUND, 30 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED FOR THE
3 PROMOTORAS PROGRAM, WHICH WILL HIRE AND TRAIN RESIDENTS FROM
4 OUR MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN
5 HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED AND OFTEN VERY HARD TO REACH TO SERVE
6 AS A CULTURAL BRIDGE TO HEALTH CARE AGENCIES AND COUNTY
7 RESOURCES AND SERVICES. THE BEAUTY OF THE PROGRAM IS THAT IT
8 ALSO PROVIDES JOBS TO OUR RESIDENTS, ALTHOUGH TEMPORARILY, AND
9 PROVIDES JOB TRAINING FOR FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. THE
10 DATA IS VERY CLEAR THAT OUR LATINX COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO
11 HAVE THE HIGHEST COVID CASE RATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND
12 THE HIGHEST DEATH RATES. AND AS OF SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020, THE
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS THAT IN L.A.
14 COUNTY, EXCLUDING LONG BEACH AND PASADENA, THERE WERE WELL
15 OVER 240,000 COVID-19 CASES. OF THOSE CASES THAT REPORTED
16 RACIAL DATA, LATINOS MAKE UP APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT. THE
17 NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE COUNTY, AGAIN EXCLUDING LONG BEACH AND
18 PASADENA, IS 5,854. THERE ARE ALMOST 3,000 LATINOS WHO LOST
19 THEIR LIVES. THAT'S ALMOST 51 PERCENT. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT THE
20 COUNTY HAS TO DO MORE TO REACH THE POPULATION AND URGE THEM TO
21 BE TESTED AND RECEIVE NECESSARY TREATMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
22 NON-NATIVE BORN LATINX POPULATION AS WELL AS OTHER NON-ENGLISH
23 SPEAKING COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN UNDER ASSAULT BY THE CURRENT
24 FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS CREATED FEAR AND DISTRUST
25 AMONG OUR RESIDENTS. THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IT'S CRITICAL WE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 INVEST IN THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM NOT ONLY TO REACH THESE
2 COMMUNITIES BUT ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND DEVELOP TRUSTED
3 COMMUNITY MESSENGERS, OR PROMOTORAS, BECAUSE NO ONE IS EXEMPT
4 FROM THE PANDEMIC. I WAS ALSO PLEASE TO SEE \$1 MILLION I
5 REQUESTED FOR ETHNIC MEDIA TO HELP ENSURE THAT WE'RE REACHING
6 OUT TO PEOPLE AT THE SOURCE WHERE THEY GET THEIR NEWS.
7 ADDITIONALLY, THE PLAN INCLUDES 50 MILLION FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE
8 FOR OUR ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM AND GIFT CARDS THAT I
9 ADVOCATED FOR SO THAT FAMILIES CAN BUY FOOD STAPLES, BABY
10 FORMULA, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC,
11 FAMILIES WERE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. FOOD INSECURITY
12 WILL ONLY WORSEN. I WAS ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THE PLAN INCLUDES
13 AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE
14 IMPACTED DUE TO MORE STRINGENT HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS THAT
15 EXCEED STATE REQUIREMENTS. I'VE ADVOCATED FOR FUNDING FOR
16 SMALL BUSINESSES. IN THE FIRST ALLOCATION OF THE C.A.R.E.S.
17 ACT FUNDING, 160 MILLION WAS APPROVED TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR
18 SMALL BUSINESSES AND HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLY WITH WORKER
19 PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS STEMMING FROM THE MOTION THAT WAS
20 BROUGHT TO US ON JUNE 9TH. WE MUST DEDICATE OUR LIMITED AND
21 PRECIOUS C.A.R.E. RESOURCES IN COMMUNITIES BASED ON DATA. AND
22 I AM PLEASED THAT MANY OF THE PRIORITIES THAT I'VE REQUESTED
23 WERE FUNDED, BUT MANY WERE NOT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT IF
24 FUNDING DOES BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE, THAT THESE
25 REQUESTS OR SOMETHING SIMILAR BE RECONSIDERED. I ADVOCATED TO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FUND COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS, TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
2 STABILIZE HOME OWNERSHIP, AND HYGIENE STATIONS SO THAT PEOPLE
3 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS COULD HAVE ACCESS TO HAND WASHING
4 STATIONS AND SHOWERS, WHICH CAN HELP STAVE OFF INFECTION. AND,
5 LASTLY, I ADVOCATED TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF COOLING CENTERS,
6 SINCE PLACES WHERE RESIDENTS WOULD NORMALLY SEEK RELIEF FROM
7 THE HEAT, SUCH AS MALLS AND MOVIE THEATERS, ARE CLOSED IN
8 RESPONSE TO THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDERS. THIS ALL MUST
9 BE A PART OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE AS OUR SUMMERS GET
10 LONGER AND HOTTER, ESPECIALLY IN LANDLOCKED AREAS LIKE THE SAN
11 GABRIEL VALLEY THAT I REPRESENT. I ASK THAT ALL THESE
12 INITIATIVES BE RECONSIDERED AND THAT WE TAKE ANOTHER LOOK INTO
13 THE GUIDELINES OF ELIGIBLE COVID-RELATED EXPENSES SET FORWARD
14 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND I ESPECIALLY AGAIN WANT TO
15 THANK FESIA AND HER LEGISLATIVE TEAM FOR CONTINUING TO
16 ADVOCATE TO THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR MORE
17 FUNDING TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE REIMBURSABLE F.E.M.A.
18 COSTS AND TO SEEK AN EXTENSION BEYOND DECEMBER 30TH, 2020 THAT
19 THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING MUST BE SPENT. AND I THANK YOU,
20 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS FOR INDULGING ME. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND BY THE WAY, SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS, OUR COLLEAGUES WERE HAPPY TO INDULGE YOU. THEY WERE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 JUST GLAD IT WASN'T ME, BUT NOW THAT I'M BEING CALLED ON TO
2 SPEAK, I WILL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND. SECOND. [LAUGHTER.]

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** SERIOUSLY. THIS IS GREAT WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND I'M
7 REALLY GLAD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU DID HOLD IT BECAUSE, AGAIN,
8 I THINK THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND TODAY,
9 WE'RE GOING PUT ALMOST \$130 MILLION TO WORK IN OUR COMMUNITIES
10 ACROSS THE COUNTY TO JUST KEEP HANGING ON THROUGH THIS
11 PANDEMIC. THIS INVESTMENT WILL PROVIDE GRANTS TO SMALL
12 BUSINESSES, LAPTOPS FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES TO BRIDGE THAT
13 DIGITAL DIVIDE, MORE PROMOTORAS TO WORK IN THOSE BLACK AND
14 BROWN COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THIS CRISIS,
15 MORE INTERIM HOUSING, EXTENDED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAMS, FOOD.
16 THIS IS IMPORTANT. I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT PARTICULARLY
17 THIS 10 MILLION THAT WE'RE GOING TO SET ASIDE FOR THOSE SMALL
18 BUSINESSES THAT WE'VE BEEN A LITTLE STRICTER ON, THE ONES THAT
19 WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO BE OPEN UNDER THE STATE BUT,
20 BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE'RE STILL
21 CONCERNED ABOUT OUR CASES, THEY'VE REMAINED CLOSED. AND THESE
22 ARE OUR BREWERIES, OUR WINERIES, OUR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
23 CENTERS, OUR CARD ROOMS. AND I KNOW MANY OF US HAVE BEEN
24 HEARING, I KNOW I HAVE, PARTICULARLY FROM OUR LOCAL BREWERIES
25 THAT ARE REALLY STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET RIGHT NOW. AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THE STATE HAS ALLOWED THEM TO REOPEN IF THEY CAN PARTNER WITH
2 A FOOD TRUCK. OUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS NOT MADE THAT
3 EXCEPTION. SO, I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR A LOT OF THESE
4 BUSINESSES, NUMBER ONE, WE HEAR YOU. WE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE
5 GOING THROUGH. WE'VE PAID ATTENTION TO YOUR ARGUMENTS ON WHY
6 THIS SEEMS UNFAIR, AND THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS
7 TO MITIGATE AND COMPENSATE YOU FOR YOUR LOSS. SO THIS 10
8 MILLION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS TO DO JUST THAT. AND,
9 AGAIN, I THINK YOU HEARD ON OUR SET ITEM THAT WE'RE MAKING
10 TOUGH DECISIONS WITH THE BEST INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE TO SLOW
11 THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS AND SAVE LIVES. AND I SUPPORT OUR
12 HEALTH EXPERTS, BUT I'M ALSO AS EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
13 BUSINESSES, WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT
14 THROUGH THIS CRISIS. I HEAR EVERY DAY OF MORE BUSINESSES
15 CLOSING, RESTAURANTS WHO ARE JUST THROWING IN THE TOWEL, AND
16 WE JUST WANT YOU TO HANG IN THERE. AND WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL
17 HELP YOU DO THAT. SO I CONSIDER THIS A LIFELINE FOR THESE
18 BUSINESSES SO THAT THEY CAN REOPEN SOME DAY SOON. AND I HOPE
19 THAT DAY DOES COME SOON. OUR CASE NUMBERS ARE GOING IN THE
20 RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I KNOW THAT OUR BREWERIES AND THEIR
21 CUSTOMERS AND THE CITIES WHERE THEY RESIDE ARE REALLY LOOKING
22 FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT THEY CAN REOPEN, AT LEAST FOR OUTDOOR
23 SERVICES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, WANT TO THANK
3 FESIA DAVENPORT AND HER TEAM. SHE'S BEEN ACTING C.E.O. FOR
4 ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AND CAME UP WITH THIS FABULOUS PLAN. IT'S A
5 PRETTY CHALLENGING TIME, AND PUTTING THESE EXPENDITURES WHERE
6 THEY'RE MOST NEEDED IS ONE OF THE FEW BRIGHT SPOTS, ACTUALLY,
7 I THINK, IN WHAT WE'RE SEEING GOING ON. I PARTICULARLY AM
8 GRATEFUL FOR TWO THINGS, 500,000 BEING ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT
9 THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM BECAUSE, AS WE HEARD
10 TODAY, WORKPLACE TRANSMISSION IS ONE OF THE LEADING FACTORS IN
11 THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. AND SO THIS IS A WAY THAT WE'RE
12 EXPANDING THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER COMPLIANCE AT WORKPLACES IN
13 COMMUNITIES AND ACROSS THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY IN THE
14 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT. ADDITIONALLY, WE TALK
15 A LOT ABOUT WHAT WE WISH COULD HAPPEN OR WHAT WE WANT TO PLAN
16 FOR, A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT REOPENING SCHOOLS, BUT, IN THE
17 MEANTIME, THEY ARE NOT OPEN. AND OUR STUDENTS ARE STRUGGLING,
18 MANY OF THEM, TO ACCOMPLISH THE STUDIES THEY ARE BEING CALLED
19 UPON TO DO ONLINE. SO I LOVE THE ALLOCATION IN THIS C.A.R.E.S.
20 ACT FUNDING OF \$12.8 MILLION BEING ALLOCATED, AFTER THE L.A.
21 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION DID A SURVEY OF 79 OF THE 80 SCHOOL
22 DISTRICTS TO FIND OUT HOW MANY STUDENTS NEED DEVICES AND
23 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, AND THIS MONEY WAS WHAT THEY
24 IDENTIFIED. WE'RE NOT SURE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE TOTALLY
25 EVERYTHING THAT'S NEEDED, BUT THIS IS WHAT WAS IDENTIFIED, AND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WE ARE STEPPING UP BECAUSE THIS IS ABOUT A FREE PUBLIC
2 EDUCATION. AND, YOU KNOW, COVID HAS REALLY JEOPARDIZED THAT IN
3 WAYS THAT I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER SEEN. SO IT'S AN EXPRESSION
4 OF OUR COMMITMENT TO FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION TO SAY HERE ARE THE
5 TOOLS YOU NEED AT THE MOMENT IN REAL-TIME TO ACCESS YOUR
6 EDUCATION. SO THE MONEY WILL PURCHASE COMPUTER DEVICES, BUY
7 INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR STUDENTS THAT DON'T HAVE THE
8 TECHNOLOGY OR THE SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTANCE LEARNING,
9 AND MAYBE EVENTUALLY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HYBRID, SOMETIMES IN
10 SCHOOL, SOMETIMES AT HOME. I WANT TO THANK L.A.C.O. FOR
11 DEVELOPING THE PROPOSAL. I REALLY WANT TO THANK I.S.D. FOR THE
12 WORK THEY'VE PUT INTO IT AND THE SUPPORT THEY'RE GIVING.
13 L.A.C.O. HAS ALREADY SECURED 15,000 COMPUTER DEVICES THROUGH
14 I.S.D., AND THEY'RE GOING DISTRIBUTE DEVICES AND HOT SPOTS TO
15 EACH DISTRICT BASED ON THEIR IDENTIFIED STUDENT NEED THAT
16 CAN'T BE MET BY THE DISTRICT. SO, I THINK THIS IS REALLY
17 IMPORTANT. IT'S IMPORTANT IN A BIGGER SENSE, TOO, FINALLY, I
18 WANT TO SAY, BECAUSE, FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN
19 TALKING ABOUT , THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, WHETHER BROADBAND ACCESS
20 IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYBODY. AND WE KNOW IT'S NOT. SO HOW CAN IT
21 BE MADE UNIVERSAL? I'M HOPING, ACTUALLY, THAT THIS WILL LEAD
22 TO A MUCH BIGGER CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
23 DEVELOP ACCESS TO THE INTERNET FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE COUNTY,
24 WHETHER IT'S A PASTICHE OF OUR PROVIDERS OR, WHO KNOWS, A
25 BRAND NEW UTILITY, BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, THIS C.A.R.E.S. ACT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 MONEY IS GOING A LONG WAY TO HELPING OUR STUDENTS STAY

2 CONNECTED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I LEND MY VOICE TO THOSE
7 WHO ARE THANKING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE TEAM
8 THERE IN THE C.E.O. IN ADDRESSING THE TREMENDOUS NEED IN OUR
9 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE MOST
10 VULNERABLE WHO HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. I THINK
11 IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE RACIAL ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN
12 COVID-19 REFLECT MANY PREPANDEMIC REALITIES. AND OUR UNANIMOUS
13 ADOPTION OF THE ANTI-RACIST POLICY FRAMEWORK WILL UNDERSCORE
14 AND HIGHLIGHT THIS AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT
15 FOCUSING ON THESE DISPARITIES IS CRUCIAL IN HELPING
16 COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO THE VIRUS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A MORE
17 EFFECTIVE WAY AS WE MOVE TOWARD RECOVERY. JUST A WORD ABOUT
18 HOMELESSNESS, IN ADDITION TO THE EARLIER REMARKS, THIS
19 PANDEMIC, WE KNOW THERE HAS BEEN A RENEWED SENSE OF URGENCY
20 DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THE UNDENIABLE RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH
21 PROJECT ROOM KEY BE AND TO COMBAT COMMUNITY SPREAD AMONG
22 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED TO STILL BEAR DOWN
23 ON IT, DOUBLE DOWN, AND DO WHAT NEED TO DO. IN LESS THAN THREE
24 MONTHS, WE KNOW THAT WE'VE DONE THAT WHICH IS UNPRECEDENTED
25 FOR FRAIL AND ELDERLY PEOPLE MOST AT RISK. AND WE OUGHT TO BE

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 PROUD OF THAT. WE NEEDN'T LET ANYBODY DENY THE FACT THAT THAT
2 IS EXTRAORDINARY WORK. THOSE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE ILL,
3 MORE SICK, OR EVEN DEAD. AND WE INTERVENED IN AN IMPORTANT WAY
4 IN COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. AND I
5 THINK FUNDING FOR POST-PANDEMIC HOUSING PLANS WILL ENSURE THAT
6 THESE INDIVIDUALS REMAIN INDOORS AND ARE PUT ON A PATH TO
7 STABLE HOUSING. THAT'S THE MEDICINE THAT THEY NEED. IT'S
8 CALLED STABLE HOUSING. WE'LL ALSO ENSURE OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH
9 WORKERS ON THE FRONTLINE, THOSE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, CALL THEM
10 NURSES, CALL THEM MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, CALL THEM CASE
11 MANAGERS, AND PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, THAT THEY ARE
12 PROPERLY RESOURCED AND SUPPORTED IN DOING THIS CRITICALLY
13 IMPORTANT WORK. A WORD HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID ABOUT SMALL
14 BUSINESSES, AND THE ALLOCATION HERE IS HUGE IMPORTANT. WE
15 HEAR FROM THEM WITH REGULARITY. AND I THINK DISPROPORTIONATE
16 IMPACTS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IS ALSO EVIDENT IN THIS
17 SECTOR. 93 PERCENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE, AS WE KNOW, FEWER
18 THAN 20 EMPLOYEES. THEY'RE THE WORKHORSE OF OUR ECONOMY. AND
19 55 PERCENT OF THESE SMALL BUSINESSES ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY
20 WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT AND DO
21 RIGHT BY THEM IN OUR ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. AND I'M PROUD OF
22 THE FACT THAT WE ARE STEPPING UP ACCORDINGLY. THE DIGITAL
23 DIVIDE, THROUGH THIS PLAN, WE'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
24 ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS, HOT SPOTS AND PUBLIC WIFI TO SUPPORT
25 STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE LACKED ACCESS TO LEARNING

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 AND PUBLIC SERVICE RESOURCES. ONLINE, THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IS
2 STILL REAL, AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO HELP KNOCK THAT BACK,
3 KNOCK THAT DOWN, AND CREATE MORE EQUITY AND A MORE EQUAL PLAY
4 FIELD. FINALLY, THIS WORD ABOUT -- LOCAL MEDIA, JUST
5 IMPORTANT, NOT EVERYONE IS DEPENDENT ON OR SUBSCRIBED TO
6 MAINSTREAM MEDIA. A LOT OF INFORMATION IS COMMUNICATED TO OUR
7 DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THROUGH THOSE THAT ARE INDIGENOUS NEWS
8 OUTLETS. AND WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO LIFT THEM UP IN THE
9 INTEREST OF PROMOTING LITERACY, PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT,
10 AND ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR PEOPLE TO BETTER DO WHAT THEY
11 NEED TO DO TO FIGHT COVID-19 AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TESTINGS
12 AND MASS DISTRIBUTION AND THE LIKE. SO I THINK THE COUNTY'S
13 RESPONSE TO COVID-19 MUST CONTINUE TO LEVERAGE FUNDING IN THIS
14 WAY TO ADVANCE BROAD RANGE SERVICES AND THOSE THINGS THAT
15 REALLY DO EXTEND AND EXPAND HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR ALL OF OUR
16 COMMUNITIES DURING THIS PANDEMIC AND WELL BEYOND. I THANK YOU,
17 MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I
20 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK FESIA AND YOUR ENTIRE BUDGET STAFF
21 FOR WORKING WITH OUR OFFICES TO COME UP WITH A SPENDING PLAN.
22 YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS RANGED FROM PROVIDING COMPUTERS AND
23 INTERNET ACCESS TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE, THE CHILDREN AND
24 FAMILIES WHO LACK ACCESS AND ARE SUFFERING IN THE DIGITAL
25 DIVIDE, TO THE GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE BEEN SO

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HEAVILY IMPACTED BY THE CLOSURES CAUSED COVID-19. MY
2 COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, HIGHLIGHTED REALLY, HOW IMPORTANT THIS
3 IS, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT MORE CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE BY
4 PROVIDING WIFI AT OUR PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COUNTY FACILITIES
5 TO ALLOW THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS TO SAFELY IN THEIR
6 LOCAL -- TO ACCESS IT IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES SAFELY. WE
7 HAVE SEEN CHALLENGES IN ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY OF WIFI, NOT
8 ONLY IN OUR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES BUT ALSO IN AREAS LIKE
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH POSES SOME GEOGRAPHY DIVIDE. AND I
10 TALKED TO THE MAYOR LAST NIGHT, MAYOR PARIS, WHO EXPRESSED
11 CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT BECAUSE IT'S SO GEOGRAPHICALLY
12 ISOLATED IN CERTAIN AREAS, THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO COUNTY
13 BUILDINGS WHERE THEY CAN ACCESS IT. AND UNTIL WE COME UP WITH
14 A DECISION, AS IT RELATES TO SCHOOLS, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
15 FOR US TO ENSURE THAT ESPECIALLY THOSE IN LOWER ECONOMIC
16 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT LEFT BEHIND. SO I THINK WE HAVE TO ACT
17 WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. WE ALSO
18 CONTINUE TO SEE A HIGH DEMAND FOR FOOD. SO I'M GLAD TO SEE 50
19 MILLION BEING ALLOCATED FOR FOOD-RELATED PROGRAMS FOR OUR
20 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. SERVICES ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR
21 THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND YOUR
22 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THIS POPULATION IS NOT
23 ONLY NECESSARY, I BELIEVE IT'S THE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE THING
24 TO DO. SO I THANK YOU. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL
25 OF MY COLLEAGUES TO ALLOCATE THESE VITAL RESOURCES. SO SEEING

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 70 IS BEFORE
2 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
4 CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 70G IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
7 HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT POSTED ON THE
8 AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A
9 FUTURE AGENDA. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING GO FIRST. I'M GOING TO
10 BEGIN BY READING A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I. AND IT
11 READS AS FOLLOWING. BEGINNING ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER
12 6TH, 2020, THE BOBCAT FIRE IGNITED IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL
13 FOREST NORTH OF THE COMMUNITIES OF SIERRA MADRE, ARCADIA,
14 MONROVIA, BRADBURY, DUARTE, AND AZUSA, AND CONDITIONS OF
15 DISASTER OR OF EXTREME PERIL TO THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND
16 PROPERTY AROSE AS A RESULT OF THE BOBCAT FIRE THAT RAPIDLY
17 SPREAD TO SURROUNDING AREAS, WHICH HAVE CREDITED CONDITIONS
18 THAT ARE OR ARE LIKELY TO BE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF LOCAL
19 RESOURCES AND REQUIRE THE COMBINED RESOURCES AND FORCES OF
20 OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO COMBAT. THE BOBCAT FIRE HAS
21 TURNED OVER -- HAS BURNED OVER 30,000 ACRES, LEADING TO
22 EVACUATIONS OF RESIDENTS NECESSITATING MULTIPLE HUMAN AND PET
23 SHELTERING OPERATIONS. THE BOBCAT FIRE POSES A THREAT TO
24 RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES IN THE
25 AREA. IN ORDER TO COMBAT THE BOBCAT FIRE, THERE IS ALSO A NEED

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FOR MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE. ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020, PURSUANT
2 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8558 (B) AND 8630 IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY SECTION 2.6810, THE THE SHERIFF AND THE LOS ANGELES
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMED THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
5 EMERGENCY FOR THE BOBCAT FIRE, PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL
6 EMERGENCY. THE PROCLAMATION ENABLES THE COUNTY TO MORE
7 EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO THE BOBCAT FIRE, ACCELERATE THE
8 PROCUREMENT OF VITAL SUPPLIES, SEEK AND UTILIZE MUTUAL AID,
9 AND POTENTIALLY OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE
10 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
11 SECTION 8630 (B) AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.68.110,
12 THE LOCAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY SHALL NOT REMAIN IN EFFECT
13 FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF SEVEN DAYS UNLESS IT HAS BEEN
14 RATIFIED BY THE BOARD. WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, NUMBER ONE, RATIFY THE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION OF
16 LOCAL EMERGENCY MADE ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020 FOR THE BOBCAT
17 FIRE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL
18 EMERGENCY SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL ITS TERMINATION IS
19 PROCLAIMED BY THIS BOARD AND, NUMBER TWO, FORWARD A COPY OF
20 THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH THE
22 REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR FIND IT ACCEPTABLE IN ACCORDANCE
23 WITH STATE LAW AND REQUESTS THAT A GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION BE
24 PROVIDED UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT AND,
25 THREE, DIRECT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT ALL ASSESSMENT,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 ASSISTANCE, AND MONITORING EFFORTS AS APPLICABLE. THIS ITEM IS
2 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, AND IT WILL BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
4 THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 71S IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND MY SECOND IS A MOTION
7 COAUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. ON SATURDAY,
8 SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 AT APPROXIMATELY 6:58 P.M., LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO THE M.L.K. TRANSIT
10 CENTER IN THE CITY OF COMPTON AFTER RECEIVING A DISTRESS CALL
11 FROM TWO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. IT WAS LEARNED A LONE GUNMAN
12 AMBUSHED TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHILE THEY
13 WERE SITTING IN THEIR PATROL VEHICLE AT THE M.L.K. TRANSIT
14 CENTER. THE SUSPECT APPROACHED THE VEHICLE FROM BEHIND AND
15 FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS FROM HIS FIREARM AT THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPUTIES, STRIKING THEM AND CRITICALLY INJURING BOTH SHERIFF'S
17 DEPUTIES. THE SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS A MALE, BLACK, 28 TO 30
18 YEARS OF AGE, WEARING BLACK CLOTHING AT THE TIME OF THE
19 SHOOTING. THE SUSPECT WAS LAST SEEN DRIVING NORTHBOUND ON
20 WILLOWBROOK AVENUE IN A BLACK FOUR-DOOR SEDAN. AS THIS
21 INVESTIGATION IS ON GOING, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
22 INVESTIGATORS ARE SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING
23 WITNESSES THAT MAY HAVE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE
24 APPREHENSION OF THE PERPETRATOR AND/OR PERPETRATORS. THIS
25 UNPROVOKED, HEINOUS ACT IS DISTURBING AND HAS NO PLACE IN OUR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 COMMUNITIES. WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 ESTABLISH A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR
3 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION AND/OR CONVICTION OF
4 THE PERPETRATOR OR PERPETRATORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HEINOUS
5 AMBUSH SHOOTING OF TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.
6 WITH THAT, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
8 THE ROLL.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU'LL PERMIT A WORD?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** IF I COULD SAY A FEW WORDS, TOO, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THEN
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING FORTH
20 THIS MOTION AND INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR WITH YOU. AND WHILE I
21 REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE DEPUTIES, I'M
22 GRATEFUL THAT THEY MADE IT THROUGH SURGERY AND ARE CONTINUING
23 TO RECOVER. MY THOUGHTS AND MY PRAYERS CONTINUE TO GO OUT TO
24 THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE SIMPLY CANNOT TOLERATE THIS SORT
25 OF LAWLESSNESS. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CITIES THAT HAVE ADDED

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TO THIS REWARD, INCLUDING PALMDALE, LAKEWOOD, CERRITOS, AS
2 WELL AS INDUSTRY, ALONG WITH OTHER CONTRIBUTION FROM METRO
3 ITSELF. AND I URGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION
4 ABOUT THIS INCIDENT, THIS HEINOUS INCIDENT, AND THE
5 WHEREABOUTS OF THE PERSON OR POTENTIALLY THE PERSONS AND ANY
6 ACCOMPLICES TO CONTACT THE HOMICIDE BUREAU OR TO THE CRIME
7 STOPPERS HOTLINE TO HELP BRING THESE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE,
8 AND I TRUST THAT IT WILL BE SWIFTLY DONE AND THAT IT WILL BE
9 PROPERLY DONE SO THAT WE CAN DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND TO
10 THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU FOR
11 THE OPPORTUNITY YET AGAIN.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO THANK BOTH OF YOU
17 FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS REWARD MOTION SO QUICKLY. I THINK
18 ALL OF -- EVERYONE, THE PUBLIC, YOU KNOW, THAT VIDEO'S BEEN
19 VIEWED PROBABLY WORLDWIDE OF WATCHING THIS PERSON JUST WALK UP
20 SO BRAZENLY AND SHOOT POINT BLANK INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES'
21 VEHICLE. IT WAS JUST SHOCKING FOR ANYBODY TO WATCH THAT. AND,
22 REALLY, GRATEFUL TO GOD AND THE NURSES AND SURGEONS AT ST.
23 FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER THAT CERTAINLY GOT BOTH OF THESE
24 DEPUTIES THROUGH THE NIGHT. THEIR BRAVERY, EVEN THE SUBSEQUENT
25 VIDEO OF WATCHING THE WOMAN DEPUTY ACTUALLY, EVEN AS SHE IS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SEVERELY INJURED, TRYING TO HELP HER PARTNER RECOVER WAS JUST
2 INCREDIBLE. SO I THINK THIS REWARD TELLS EVERYONE THAT WE'RE
3 SERIOUS ABOUT THIS AND THAT WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BRING
4 INFORMATION FORWARD, BUT I DO KNOW -- I HOPE ALL THE DEPUTIES
5 IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT KNOW THAT WE'RE STANDING WITH
6 THEM, AND WE SUPPORT THEM. AND I, TOO, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS SAID, I WANT TO THANK METRO AND THEN ALL THE CITIES
8 THAT ALSO CONTRIBUTED. AND I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE
9 CITIES IN MY DISTRICT, CERRITOS AND LAKEWOOD, WHO ALSO
10 CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REWARD. SOMEBODY KNOWS WHO THIS PERSON IS.
11 THEY KNOW THEIR NAME. AND WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BRING
12 THAT INFORMATION FORWARD SO WE CAN BRING THIS PERPETRATOR TO
13 JUSTICE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND I ALSO
16 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY CITIES BECAUSE PALMDALE IS THE ONE THAT
17 STARTED THIS WHEN THEY SAID THEY WANTED TO PUT \$10,000 TOWARD
18 THE REWARD. AND WE THOUGHT THAT IT IF IT'S HAPPENING IN
19 PALMDALE, THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER CONTRACT CITIES THAT WOULD
20 WANT TO. AND TO YOUR POINT, CERRITOS STEPPED UP. SO I WANT TO
21 PUBLICLY THANK EVERYONE. AND I HAVE TO SAY I WENT DOWN TO THE
22 HOSPITAL. AND I HAVE TO DO A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE PEOPLE THAT
23 WORK AT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL BECAUSE THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLY,
24 INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIME FOR THEM, AS WELL. AND THERE IS NO
25 QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE BRAVE, BUT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 SO ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN OUR HOSPITALS DAY IN AND
2 DAY OUT, AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK THEM. AND I ALSO WANT TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THE FAMILIES BECAUSE, DURING THIS DIFFICULT
4 PERIOD, WHAT I'VE HEARD, AND I DID NOT PERSONALLY MEET WITH
5 THE DEPUTIES, BUT I'VE HEARD THAT THEIR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN
6 STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE NOT ONLY OF THEIR LOVED ONES BUT OF ALSO
7 THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'LL LEAVE
8 YOU WITH THIS. I WENT AND SAW THE DEPUTIES THAT WERE WAITING
9 IN THE WAITING ROOM. AND WHAT I SAW WAS A GROUP OF PEOPLE
10 DEFLATED BUT NOT DETERRED. THEY ARE READY TO CONTINUE TO GO
11 BACK OUT AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES. AND I AM SO PROUD OF
12 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. AND WHEN I WENT OUT TO THE COMMAND
13 POST, AND I LOOKED AROUND, THERE WERE ABOUT 80 DEPUTIES WHO
14 MIRRORED THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY ARE WORKING IN. THESE ARE
15 PEOPLE THAT, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE FROM THESE COMMUNITIES,
16 WHO WANT TO PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND SO WHILE THIS
17 AMBUSH TRULY WAS HEINOUS, WHAT IT'S SHOWN ME IS THAT WE HAVE
18 PEOPLE THAT TAKE AN OATH TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES EVEN UNDER
19 THE THREAT OF MAYBE NOT COMING HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES. AND SO,
20 I HOPE WE WILL ALL REMEMBER THAT AND HOLD THEM AND THEIR
21 FAMILIES AND EACH AND EVERY SINGLE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, EACH AND
22 EVERY SINGLE LAW ENFORCEMENT, EACH AND EVERY SINGLE FIREMAN --
23 FIREPERSON THAT IS FIGHTING THESE FIRES RIGHT NOW, IN OUR
24 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. SUPERVISOR
25 KUEHL.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I JUST WANTED TO ADD ONE THING. OF COURSE,
3 I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL KNOW THAT THE
4 WOMAN DEPUTY, CLAUDIA APOLINAR, USED TO BE A PAGE AT THE EAST
5 L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY. AND SO, SHE WAS PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY
6 EVEN BEFORE SHE BECAME A DEPUTY. I JUST FOUND THAT
7 INTERESTING. AND I THINK THAT PROBABLY MAY BE PART OF THE
8 HISTORY OF MANY OF OUR DEPUTIES. SO WE CERTAINLY DO HOLD THEM
9 BOTH IN OUR, AS THEY SAY, THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, I HAVE NO MORE
12 SPECIALS, AND I AGAIN APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES. THIS IS A TIME
13 WHEN WE ARE UNITED AS ONE. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE
14 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 72A, ESTABLISH 100,000 REWARD IS
18 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE AND HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE \$20,000 FROM MY
21 DISCRETIONARY FUND. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANYMORE SPECIALS? SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE
22 TWO ITEMS THAT I WANT TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION
23 PERTAINING TO MATTERS THAT ARE OF PUBLIC CONCERN, AND IT'S
24 DIFFICULT, YET NECESSARY, TO RECOGNIZE THAT DAILY HUNDREDS OF
25 COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE WITHIN THEIR

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HOMES AND ON THE STREETS AND ACROSS COMMUNITIES, AND,
2 REGRETTABLY AND DISTURBINGLY, INSTANCES OF VIOLENCE HAPPEN IN
3 TERMS OF INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE CHOOSE NOT TO
4 PRE-JUDGE THAT. WE JUST MAKE THE OBSERVATION THAT IT IS
5 REGRETTABLE WITH RESPECT TO THE FREQUENCY THAT THIS IS
6 OCCURRING. WE CANNOT HELP BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CIRCUMSTANCES
7 THAT SURROUND AND ANDRES GUARDARDO AND DIJON KIZZEE. AND WE
8 ALSO CANNOT ACCEPT TO IGNORE THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING K.P.C.C.
9 REPORTER JOSIE WONG. WE ASSERT THE RIGHT TO A FREE PRESS AND
10 THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND SHOULD NOT BE
11 ABRIDGED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. WE DON'T ELEVATE TO THE
12 LEVEL OF IMPENETRABILITY, BUT WE DO RECOGNIZE IT TO BE A
13 CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIM THAT WE NEED TO GUARD APPROPRIATELY. THE
14 EPIDEMIC OF SHOOTINGS AND VIOLENCE THAT OFTEN AFFECT PERSONS
15 OF COLOR CANNOT BE IGNORED AS UNCOMFORTABLE AS IT MAY BE. AND
16 PEOPLE OF EVERY HUE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE CONCERNED. THEY HAVE
17 THE RIGHT TO BE ANGRY. AND THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL THE
18 PAIN THAT MANY OF US FEEL SO DEEPLY AT THIS MOMENT. AND WE ARE
19 TORN IN TOO MANY DIRECTIONS BECAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE IN OUR
20 COMMUNITY, VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL,
21 VIOLENCE AGAINST CITIZENS. IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT MOMENT AND
22 COMPOUNDED BY AND PANDEMIC AND MORE. THE PAIN OF OUR
23 COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS THE COMMUNITY OF WESTMONT, MADAM CHAIR
24 AND COLLEAGUES, THAT MUST REPEATEDLY BEAR WITNESS TO THIS
25 VIOLENCE IS TRULY PRACTICALLY UNMEASURABLE. AND THE IMPACT IS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FAR-REACHING AND LONG LASTING FOR NOT ONLY THE INDIVIDUAL
2 VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE BUT THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR NEIGHBORS, AND
3 EVEN STRANGERS WHO MAY WATCH THESE ACTS ON THEIR SCREENS. AND
4 THIS IS BOTH ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE LEVEL THAT WE
5 SPEAK TO THE ISSUE OF TRAUMA. THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO
6 PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE SERVICES TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE THE
7 GREAT MISFORTUNE OF LOSING A LOVED ONE TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE.
8 AND WE HAVE SET THAT FORWARD. AND I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT WE
9 NEED TO BETTER COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT WITH FAMILIES WITH
10 TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE BENEFITS
11 THEY NEED TO HEAL AND GET THROUGH THIS MOST DIFFICULT SET OF
12 CIRCUMSTANCES. AND PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THAT WHICH WE HAVE
13 ESTABLISHED, THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE M.L.K.
14 HEALING CENTER, WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE TO RESPOND TO
15 CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF CONCERN, THE LACK OF COMPASSION IN
16 THE WAY OF THESE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND HOW THEY FEEL
17 THEY ARE TREATED IN THE WAKE OF TRAUMATIZING LOSS. IT IS THIS
18 TIME THAT WE HAVE TO ELEVATE THESE CONCERNS AND PUSH FORWARD
19 FOR THE GOOD OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WE CANNOT ACCEPT
20 ANYTHING LESS. I ASSERT, AS A DEVOTEE OF NON-VIOLENCE, THAT
21 VIOLENCE IS PREVENTABLE. AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. IT IS
22 PREVENTABLE. WE SAID IT WHEN CHIEF MOORE AND DR. FERRER AND
23 COMMUNITY MEMBERS STOOD AT THE FIRST OPENING OF THE VIOLENCE
24 PREVENTION AND TRAUMA TREATMENT CENTER AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH
25 CENTER AT M.L.K. AND JUST AS THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE IS COMPLEX

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 AND INTERWOVEN THROUGH OUR HEALTH, ECONOMIC, JUSTICE, AND
2 SOCIAL SYSTEMS, SO ARE THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE. AND
3 INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE BORNE OUT AND PERPETUATED
4 HISTORICALLY AND SYSTEMICALLY, BUT WE MUST DO MORE TO
5 INTERVENE AND STOP THIS CYCLE. AND TO THAT END, I WOULD LIKE
6 TO OFFER FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING A MOTION
7 THAT ADDRESSES PRECISELY THESE CONCERNS IN TERMS OF
8 IMPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE SUPPORT FAMILIES
9 NEED. AND IT IS BEFORE YOU FOR CONSIDERATION AT OUR NEXT
10 MEETING. I WANT TO SAY THAT THE INSTANCE OF 2018 AND 2019, THE
11 BOARD APPROVED MOTIONS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
12 PREVENTION. IT'S A VERY INNOVATIVE AND SUBSTANTIAL PIECE OF
13 WORK. WE OWNED IT. WE SHOULD MAKE SURE IT IS DOING WHAT IT
14 NEEDS TO DO. IT IS A PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STRATEGIC
15 PLAN, WHICH IS OVERDUE. WE NEED COORDINATED AND COMMUNITY-LED
16 RESPONSES TO INSTANCES. AND THIS IS IN PART IN RESPONSE TO THE
17 CONCERN ABOUT TRAUMA CENTERS. IN A TRADITIONAL SENSE, THEY
18 HAPPEN IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS. IN THIS INSTANCE, IT MOVES FROM
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 HEALTH. IT MOVES FROM AN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS
21 OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, TRAUMA INTERVENTION WORK. WE WANT TO
22 PREVENT IT BEFORE IT HAPPENS. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO MORE
23 OF AND HOLD COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS
24 ACCOUNTABLE FOR BEING VESTED IN THOSE OUTCOMES. THAT MOTION
25 WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD NEXT WEEK. IT IS CRITICALLY

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IMPORTANT THAT SUCH IS THE CASE. MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANT TO
2 CONCLUDE BY SAYING THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE MOTION THAT I MADE
3 REFERENCE TO BOTH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I HAVE COLLABORATED ON
4 THAT REGARD FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, IT'S ANOTHER SALIENT
5 COMPONENT OF THIS BROADER CRISIS RESPONSE STRATEGY. IT WOULD
6 HELP FAMILIES. AND IN 2019, THE 14 INDIVIDUALS I MADE
7 REFERENCES TO, ANDRES GUARDADO AND DIJON KIZZEE, AS BEING JUST
8 TWO INDIVIDUALS. WE'VE CALLED FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS
9 IN BOTH OF THOSE INSTANCES. AND WE DON'T RUSH TO CONCLUSIONS.
10 WE SIMPLY SAY THAT THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. AND WE'D
11 HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND CONFIDENCE
12 SHOULD THOSE INVESTIGATIONS BE DONE BY INDEPENDENT ENTITIES,
13 NAMELY, THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. MADAM CHAIR AND
14 COLLEAGUES, THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS AN EXPRESSION OF
15 HOW WE CHOOSE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A COMPASSIONATE AND A
16 HUMANE AND AN APPROPRIATE WAY, MODELING FOR THE COMMUNITIES IN
17 QUESTION, FOR OURSELVES, AND FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS AS TO HOW
18 WE MOVE THROUGH VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES IN A TIME OF CRISIS. I
19 THANK YOU. THOSE TWO MOTIONS WILL COME AT OUR NEXT REGULARLY
20 SCHEDULED MEETING. AND IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT THEM TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
23 HEARING THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS ANY SPECIALS, AT THIS TIME, IT
24 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH
25 MY ADJOURNMENTS FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST DISTRICT, SECOND

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 DISTRICT, THIRD DISTRICT, AND ENDING WITH THE FOURTH DISTRICT.
2 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF
3 LILLIAN CESENA, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO
4 PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 91. SHE WORKED FOR THE NEWHALL
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 25 YEARS AS A SUPERVISOR TO THE DISTRICT
6 NUTRITIONIST. AFTER RETIREMENT, SHE VOLUNTEERED AT THE SENIOR
7 CENTER IN NEWHALL, AND THERE WASN'T A LOCAL, STATE, OR
8 NATIONAL ELECTION FOR WHICH SHE DIDN'T WORK THE POLLS. LILLIAN
9 IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS AND TWO SONS. ALSO I MOVE
10 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEAN ANN SISSON, LONG TIME
11 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. SHE GRADUATED FROM NEW HAMPTON HIGH
12 SCHOOL IN IOWA IN 1957 AND EARNED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE FROM
13 COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS IN 1977 WHILE WORKING FULL-TIME AND
14 RAISING THREE CHILDREN. SHE BEGAN HER 26-YEAR CAREER WITH THE
15 WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKING AT HART
16 HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN TRANSFERRING TO CANYON HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE
17 SHE STARTED OUT TAKING ATTENDANCE AND EVENTUALLY BECOMING THE
18 DEAN'S SECRETARY. WITH HER KIND WAYS AND HER SENSE OF HUMOR,
19 SHE HAD AN IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MANY STUDENTS. SHE RETIRED
20 IN 1996 BUT RETURNED TO WORK FOR A FEW YEARS AT THE SAUGUS
21 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER HER HUSBAND PASSED AWAY. JEAN IS
22 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN AND TWO BROTHERS. THOSE ARE MY
23 ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAN HOLLOWAY. MR.
3 HOLLOWAY PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT THE AGE OF 72. HE
4 ATTENDED HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL AND, AFTER GRADUATION, JOINED
5 THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN 1967. AFTER HIS SERVICE IN THE
6 UNITED STATES NAVY, HE WENT ON TO WORK AT HUGHES AIRCRAFT
7 COMPANY, WHICH IS NOW CALLED RAYTHEON, FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS,
8 RETIRING IN 2006. HE AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO LA PUENTE IN 1983
9 AND BEGAN HIS CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE MID 1990S. HE
10 SERVED ON THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S PUENTE PRIDE COMMITTEE AND
11 THE LA PUENTE PLANNING COMMISSION. THERE HE SERVED FOR SIX
12 YEARS, INCLUDING TWO TERMS AS CHAIRMAN. AND IN 2007, HE WAS
13 ELECTED TO THE LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND WOULD GO ON TO BE
14 REELECTED IN 2012 AND 2016. HE SERVED AS MAYOR THREE TIMES AND
15 AS MAYOR PRO TEM FOUR TIMES. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE LA
16 PUENTE AMERICAN LEGION, THE LIFE EXPERIENCES ABOUT DEMOCRACY
17 PROGRAM AT FOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND SERVED AS A LITTLE LEAGUE
18 BOARD MEMBER, REFEREE, UMPIRE, AND SPONSOR. HE'LL BE
19 REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY. HE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HILDA, THREE CHILDREN, JENNIFER,
21 CHRISTOPHER, AND SHANNON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ANNIE,
22 GRANDDAUGHTER, LANA, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND
23 FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. DAN WAS A DEAR FRIEND, AND
24 THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WILL MISS HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.
25 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR
3 ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I BEGIN
6 WITH NELSON LAWRENCE ATKINS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AFTER
7 PROVIDING MANY YEARS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION
8 SERVICES TO OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE
9 CALIFORNIA STATE BAR IN 1965 AFTER GRADUATING FROM LOYOLA LAW
10 SCHOOL. MR. ATKINS OPERATED THE ATKINS MEDIATION AND
11 ARBITRATION LAW FIRM LOCATED ON WILSHIRE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY
12 OF LOS ANGELES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO
13 MEDIATING ISSUES SO THAT ALL PARTIES COULD ACHIEVE AN
14 EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THEIR DISPUTES AND FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF
15 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES. HE IS SURVIVED HIS EXTENDED FAMILY
16 AND FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. ADDITIONALLY,
17 MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
18 PHELNON MERRILL FERRETTE, BORN AS SOON JA LEE ON MARCH THE
19 19TH IN 1956 IN SEOUL, KOREA AND PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST THE
20 15TH HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 74. SHE WAS ADOPTED IN
21 1957 AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE ATTENDED SCHOOLS
22 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, INCLUDING 42ND STREET ELEMENTARY
23 SCHOOL, AUDUBON THEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND CRENSHAW HIGH
24 SCHOOL. SHE WORKED AT VARIOUS JOBS, INCLUDING A FEW IN THE
25 MEDICAL FIELD BEFORE FINDING AND SETTLING INTO HER PASSION AS

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 A CHILDCARE PROVIDER. IT WAS IN 2000 THAT MISS FERRETTE
2 ESTABLISHED HER OWN BUSINESS BY OPENING ANGELS WAY CHILDCARE
3 TO CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS PLACED IN A HIGH REGARD
4 WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION. AND SHE PURSUED HER EDUCATION AND
5 STUDIED CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND DID THAT WITH GOOD CHEER. SHE
6 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE OF HER FAMILY, HER CHILDREN,
7 COOKING, DANCING, SWIMMING, AND SINGING. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
8 HUSBAND, MARCUS, HER SIX SONS, BRANDON, DAMION, DAVID, MARCUS,
9 JR., LOREN, AND STEVEN, DAUGHTERS ASHLEY, CHANEL, MARQUELLE,
10 AND MISTY, HER MOTHER, THERESA, WHO'S A MATRON THAT IS A
11 MATRIARCH OF OUR COMMUNITY, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO
12 WILL ALL MISS HER DEARLY. AND THEN FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I'D
13 LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A CONSTITUENT AND A TRUE GIFT TO
14 LOS ANGELES, GENERALLY, SOUTH LOS ANGELES IN PARTICULAR,
15 GRANDMA MAMIE. MANY KNEW HER AS SUCH. SHE HAPPENS TO BE
16 ANTHONY ANDERSON'S GRANDMOTHER, BUT SHE IS SO MUCH MORE IN THE
17 SENSE THAT SHE IS DESCRIBED BY HIM AS A REGAL QUEEN AND
18 SURVIVOR. SHE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE IMPORTANCE OF A FAMILY TO
19 MANY SECOND DISTRICT CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITIES HAVING
20 TAUGHT THE STRENGTH, THE COURAGE, THE WISDOM, THE HUMILITY,
21 AND THE PATIENCE THAT SHE POSSESSED TO AND THROUGH HER FAMILY
22 FOR GENERATIONS. AND CERTAINLY HER MEMORY WILL CARRY ON IN OUR
23 COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND. THE RECORD WILL REFLECT THAT WE WERE
24 LUCKY TO SHARE HER AND BE GRACED BY HER LIGHT AND LOVE FOR
25 SOME 93 YEARS. THOUGH SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR LIFE ETERNAL

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 IN OUR HEARTS, AND IT'S WITH SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ANTHONY
2 AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY THAT WE SAY MAY GRANDMA MAMIE REST IN
3 PEACE AT THIS DIFFICULT HOUR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
8 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOHN HALDANE
9 WESTON. AFTER GRADUATING FROM U.C.L.A. LAW SCHOOL IN 1969, HE
10 HELPED ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS,
11 NO MATTER HOW DISTASTEFUL, MUST BE TREATED FAIRLY. HE SPENT
12 FIVE DECADES FIGHTING FOR THE IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL
13 PRINCIPLE THAT SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE PROHIBITED BASED UPON THE
14 MESSAGE. IN HIS LONG AND STORIED CAREER, HE ARGUED SEVEN CASES
15 BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, SCORES OF OTHER
16 APPELLATE CASES IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS NATIONWIDE, AND
17 ESTABLISHED MUCH OF THE CURRENT CASE LAW REGARDING ADULT
18 MEDIA. HE TESTIFIED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE CONGRESS, BEFORE THE
19 MEESE COMMISSION. HE SUCCESSFULLY LEFT HIS MARK ON LOS ANGELES
20 AFTER DEFENDING THE OWNERS OF THE FAMOUS GAY ADULT BOOKSTORE,
21 CIRCUS OF BOOKS. HE WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FIRST
22 AMENDMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF
23 K.P.C.C., SERVED AS SEVERAL YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL
24 ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RADIO. HE'S
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CONNIE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY WILF, A GRADUATE OF THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. AFTER
3 GRADUATING, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A STOCKBROKER, WHICH LED TO
4 A CAREER IN INVESTMENT BANKING. HE WAS THE COFOUNDER WITH BUD
5 SPOUND OF THE CEDARS-SINAI SPORTS SPECTACULAR, A MEMBER OF THE
6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT CEDARS-SINAI, AND ON THE BOARD OF
7 DIRECTORS OF THE STARLIGHT FOUNDATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
8 WIFE, LEILA, HIS DAUGHTERS ROBIN AND WENDY, HIS SON RICHARD
9 WILF, AND HIS STEPDAUGHTER HALEY. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT
10 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL
11 MAN, MICHAEL ROSE, WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER 6TH. HE WAS A
12 DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER, WHO PRODUCED FILMS ON EVERYTHING FROM
13 THE WORLD'S GREATEST CARS TO THE REAL STORY OF ELVIS PRESLEY.
14 HE HAD PASSIONATELY HELD POLITICAL OPINIONS AND USED HIS
15 RESEARCH AND FILM-MAKING SKILLS TO HELP BREAK THE STORY OF A
16 LEAKING NUCLEAR REACTOR ON THE CAMPUS OF U.C.L.A., THE 1959
17 PARTIAL MELTDOWN OF THE SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY, AND THE
18 OCEAN DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
19 WIFE OF MORE THAN 40 YEARS, CAROL KING. THOSE ARE MY
20 ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT
23 LEAST, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
2 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BERTHA
3 POOLE, WHO WAS 68 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. FOR NEARLY EIGHT
4 YEARS, BERTHA WORKED AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESOURCE
5 SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN DOWNEY WHERE SHE HELPED
6 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES LEARN OF THEIR RESOURCES TO HELP
7 THEM MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE AND CONTROL THEIR OWN LIVES. BERTHA
8 HELPED FELLOW IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CONSUMERS UNDERSTAND
9 THE PROGRAM, HOW TO NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM, AND COMPLY WITH THE
10 PROGRAM'S RULES AND REGULATIONS. BERTHA SERVED WITH GREAT
11 COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION IN THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES
12 COUNCIL. FOR HER, IT WAS AN IMMENSE HONOR TO SERVE ON THE
13 BOARD. SHE WAS ALWAYS VERY ORGANIZED, PROUD TO BE AN ADVOCATE
14 FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES LONG BEFORE THE BOARD EVEN
15 EXISTED. THIS WAS HER LIFE GOAL AND MISSION, AND IT GIVES ME
16 GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO APPOINT HER FOR SUCH A
17 POSITION. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, CYNTHIA POOLE. I
18 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
19 OF DRAKE ELIJAH WALKER, WHO WAS ONLY NINE YEARS OLD WHEN HE
20 PASSED AWAY. THE YOUNGEST SON OF TORRANCE POLICE SERGEANT
21 JAMES WALKER, DRAKE'S DREAM WAS TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER
22 JUST LIKE HIS FATHER. ON OCTOBER 16TH IN 2018, DRAKE WAS SWORN
23 IN AS AN HONORARY TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER. IN JANUARY 2019,
24 DRAKE RECEIVED THE CHIEF'S AWARD FOR HIS KINDNESS, COURAGE,
25 AND COMPASSION. DRAKE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS FAMILY,

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 FRIENDS IN HIS HOMETOWN EL SEGUNDO, AND THE ENTIRE TORRANCE
2 POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS JAMES AND
3 LESLIE, BROTHER, JAMES, AND SISTERS, TARYN AND GIGI. I ALSO
4 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
5 GUILLERMO NAJAR, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 53 DUE TO THE
6 COMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19. HE BEGAN HIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 CAREER AT PARKS AND REC IN 2006 AND MOST RECENTLY AS
8 FACILITIES MANAGER II IN THE REGIONAL AGENCY CRAFTS DIVISION.
9 HE WAS A PARKS DEPARTMENT SENIOR CRAFT EXPERT AND OVERSAW
10 VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAMS TO KEEP PARKS SAFE AND
11 ACCESSIBLE. GUILLERMO WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.C. SAN CRUZ
12 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, VOLUNTEERED AT ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
13 PARISH. HE ESTABLISHED A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR -- TO
14 CREATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HIGH
15 SCHOOL WHITTIER FOOTBALL TEAM. HE WAS A PASSIONATE FAMILY MAN,
16 WHO ENJOYED HIKING AND CAMPING AND BIKING WITH HIS FAMILY.
17 GUILLERMO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HIS THREE CHILDREN, HIS ONE
18 SON-IN-LAW, HIS TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE BROTHERS. WOULD
19 IT BE APPROPRIATE WE DO ALL MEMBERS FOR ONE OF OUR COUNTY
20 EMPLOYEES? AND THEN I MOVE --

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OF COURSE.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
25 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RALPH GALANTE, SR., WHO WAS 81 WHEN

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 HE PASSED AWAY IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES. RALPH WAS BORN IN SAN
2 PEDRO, OPERATED A CUSTOM CABINET AND CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS FOR
3 55 YEARS. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, COACHING
4 MANY YEARS OF GIRLS SOFTBALL, LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, AND WAS
5 A MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO WEDNESDAY CLUB. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
6 WIFE, YVONNE, FIVE CHILDREN, 12 GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT
7 GRANDCHILDREN. HIS SON, RALPH, IS A FRIEND OF MINE, AND MANY
8 OF US IN SAN PEDRO KNOW HIM, AS WELL. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
9 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF VICTORIA ACOSTA, WHO WAS
10 94 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF DOWNEY.
11 VICTORIA WAS STRONG AND INDEPENDENT MOTHER OF TWO, WHO
12 IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA FROM CUBA. SHE WAS A WOMAN OF STRONG
13 MORALS AND PRINCIPLES, INSTILLING IN HER CHILDREN THE
14 IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK AND COMPASSION FOR OTHERS. ASIDE FROM
15 HER UNENDING LOVE OF FAMILY, SHE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF
16 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES AND THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY.
17 VICTORIA IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, OLGA, WHOM I HAVE KNOWN
18 FOR MANY YEARS AND IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE HARBOR AREA
19 COMMUNITY. AND SHE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY HER GRANDCHILDREN, ALEX
20 AND VICTORIA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'VE HEARD ALL THE
23 ADJOURNMENTS. SO AT THIS TIME, WE'LL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS
24 SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 WILL BE THE ACTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US
2 INTO CLOSED SESSION.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
5 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
6 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
7 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AND ITEM
8 CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AS INDICATED ON
9 THE POSTED AGENDA, THANK YOU.

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors September 15, 2020,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th
16 day of October 2020, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

19

20 JENNIFER A. HINES
21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30