



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 SEPTEMBER 29, 2020, ON PAGE 248]

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE  
5 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2020. OUR  
7 MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE CURRENT  
8 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW  
9 TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC  
10 AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

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

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
24 OFFICER?

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** HERE.

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

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5 **MARY WICKHAM:** PRESENT.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
8 BOARD?

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL  
13 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR  
14 AND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS  
15 DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD  
16 RECEIVED OVER 2100 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S  
17 MEETINGS, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF  
18 THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION,  
19 CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE  
20 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE  
21 TO THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT  
22 BE READING ALL THE NAMES; HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME  
23 PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
24 CALL THE AGENDA.

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
2   THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2 WITH A SET  
3   MATTER. ITEM S-1 IS A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF  
4   NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO  
5   C.O.V.I.D.-19. ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE  
6   AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM  
7   2-D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
8   ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING  
9   MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
10   EXCEED 28.5 MILLION, AND TAXABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE  
11   REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
12   11 MILLION, TO FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND  
13   DEVELOPMENT OF A 101-UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING  
14   DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE. ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC  
15   HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR HAHN  
16   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27, 2020, AS  
17   INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE  
18   HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF  
19   SUPERVISORS' ITEMS 6 THROUGH 24. ON ITEMS 7 AND 8, SUPERVISOR  
20   SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, THIS  
21   INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
22   ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
23   BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
24   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
25   REQUESTS THAT THIS   ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR KUEHL

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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, THIS INCLUDES A  
2 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18,  
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 20,  
4 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO AMEND DIRECTIVE ONE  
5 TO ADD "ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION," AND TO ADD A  
6 DIRECTIVE TO ALSO REVIEW AND ASSESS WAYS TO MAXIMIZE VALUE FOR  
7 EXISTING CONTRACTS TO DELIVER A SECURE AND CAPABLE WORK  
8 ENVIRONMENT FOR COUNTY STAFF, WHETHER TELEWORKING OR IN THE  
9 OFFICE. ON PAGE 25, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 25 THROUGH  
10 59. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
11 HELD. ON ITEM 30, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON  
12 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 38, THIS INCLUDES  
13 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
14 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE  
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 57-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS  
17 TO REFER BACK, THROUGH 57-F, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. MOVED  
20 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 39, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION.  
24 ITEM 60 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COMMON  
25 CARRIER PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CALNEV PIPE

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1 LINE, TO EXTENT THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE FOR 15 YEARS,  
2 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2035. ITEM 61 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR  
3 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COMMON CARRIER PETROLEUM PIPELINE  
4 FRANCHISE GRANTED TO S.F.P.P., TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE  
5 FRANCHISE FOR 15 YEARS THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2035. ON PAGE 40,  
6 SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEM 62 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT AN  
7 AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE  
8 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2020 GENERAL OBLIGATION  
9 BONDS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2  
10 BILLION. ON PAGE 41, FISCAL YEAR 2021, SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET  
11 RESOLUTIONS, ITEMS 63 THROUGH 68. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR  
12 THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ON PAGE 49, NOTICES OF  
13 CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,  
14 MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE  
17 WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCEPT FOR  
18 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
19 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON  
20 THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF  
21 THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE  
24 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-  
25 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:

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1 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-  
2 6503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE  
3 MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW  
4 THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN  
5 IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH  
6 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO  
7 SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR  
8 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
9 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED  
10 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO THREE  
11 MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL  
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC  
13 COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING  
14 BEFORE THE 60 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC  
15 COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT  
16 COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE  
17 RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON  
18 TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN.  
19 IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF  
20 YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING  
21 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR  
22 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU  
23 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO  
24 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO  
25 THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED

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1 TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE  
2 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,  
3 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MR. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST  
4 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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6 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU  
7 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.  
8 DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED  
9 FROM THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ.  
10 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
11 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
12 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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14 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN AND  
15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ,  
16 CODIRECTOR OF LA DEFENSA AND MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A.  
17 COALITION, AND A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE  
18 TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 18, 22, 57-A, AND 63, AND GENERAL  
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. JUST WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO  
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR TAKING THE FIRST CRITICAL STEP TO  
21 ESTABLISHING PATHWAYS FOR NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY  
22 RESPONSE. JUSTICE L.A. AND OTHERS HAVE HELD EVENTS OUTSIDE OF  
23 THE JAILS, AND WE'VE CONNECTED WITH SEVERAL FAMILIES WHO HAD  
24 LOVED ONES INSIDE OF TWIN TOWERS, IN LYNWOOD, AND WE ALSO GET  
25 MET WITH THE STORIES, REGULARLY, OF, "I CALLED 911 TO HELP MY

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1 LOVED ONE WHO WAS SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, AND  
2 THEY ENDED UP IN JAIL, AND HAVE BEEN THERE FOR YEARS." AND  
3 IT'S NOT JUST A ONE-OFF STORY. IT'S DOZENS OF STORIES ON THIS.  
4 SO I JUST APPRECIATE YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR AT LEAST TAKING  
5 THE CRITICAL STEP IN CREATING AN ALTERNATIVE TO LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO CRISIS. YOU KNOW, OUR COMMUNITY  
7 MEMBERS, FROM IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS, HOUSELESS PEOPLE, AND  
8 WOMEN OF COLOR OFTENTIMES REFUSE TO CALL 911 BECAUSE OF FEAR  
9 OF POLICE VIOLENCE AND FEAR OF THE CONNECTION OF LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT WITH IMMIGRATION. SO JUST THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALSO  
11 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 2, AND WANT TO COMMEND  
12 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND BARGER FOR TAKING THE STEPS TO ADDRESS  
13 THE DISPROPORTIONAL RATE OF VETERAN SUICIDE, BUT THIS PROPOSAL  
14 DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE UNDISPUTED FACT THAT  
15 VETERANS-- SPECIFICALLY BLACK, BROWN, AND HOUSELESS VETERANS--  
16 ARE TARGETS OF CRIMINALIZATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. AS  
17 SURVIVORS OF MULTIPLE INTERSECTING HARMS, IT'S CRITICAL THAT  
18 VETERANS, SPECIFICALLY THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, ARE NOT  
19 EXPOSED TO THE SAME INSTITUTIONS THAT INFLECT THOSE HARMS. THE  
20 COUNTY SHOULD NOT INCLUDE THE L.A.P.D., THE SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT, OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE  
22 PROGRAM. INSTEAD, THE COUNTY MUST INVEST IN OTHER METHODS TO  
23 ADDRESS SUICIDE PREVENTION, AND FIGURING OUT HOW THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER FOLKS CAN BE THE FOLKS  
25 WHO HOLD THESE INDIVIDUALS AND SUPPORT THEM IN THESE MOMENTS.

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1    THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE  
2    FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO HOUSING IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT. PRIOR TO  
3    THE PANDEMIC, ROUGHLY THREE HOUSELESS PEOPLE WERE DYING A DAY  
4    IN L.A. COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN AN EPICENTER OF  
5    HOUSELESSNESS FOR FAR TOO LONG, AND C.O.V.I.D. HAS ONLY  
6    EXACERBATED IT. IN ADDITION TO THE THREAT OF C.O.V.I.D., OUR  
7    HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES ARE ARRESTED AT 17 TIMES MORE THAN THE  
8    GENERAL POPULATION. AND OUR BLACK COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE 34  
9    PERCENT OF THE UNHOUSED POPULATION, DESPITE BEING ONLY 8  
10    PERCENT OF THE COUNTY POPULATION.

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12    **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC  
13    COMMENT.

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15    **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU. JUST ALSO WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
16    ITEM 63. WHILE WE COMMEND THE C.E.O. FOR THE BOARD'S DIRECTIVE  
17    TO ALLOCATE 30 MILLION TO O.D.R. THESE FUNDS ONLY ADDRESS A  
18    STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, AND DO NOT ACTUALLY EXPAND O.D.R., SO  
19    PLEASE EXPAND O.D.R. AND I'M ENCOURAGED THAT THE C.E.O.  
20    ALLOCATED 72 MILLION TO THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE, IN ORDER TO  
21    ENSURE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION, BUT WANT TO UPLIFT THAT THE  
22    REPORT WAS ONLY GOOD AS IT IS BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY  
23    INVOLVEMENT. SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION  
24    AND INVOLVEMENT IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
25    THOSE DOLLARS. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANN ENGLISH. PLEASE STATE THE  
5 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
6 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **ANN ENGLISH:** HI. I'M ANN ENGLISH. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER  
9 8 AND NUMBER 57-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,  
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANN ENGLISH. I'M A SENIOR PROGRAM  
11 MANAGER WITH C.S.H., THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I  
12 HAVE OVER 20 YEARS OF DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH VULNERABLE,  
13 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS, AND I'M CALLING TODAY TO SPEAK IN FAVOR  
14 OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED  
15 WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. BY DESIGNATING UNACCOMPANIED  
16 WOMEN AS AN OFFICIAL HOMELESS SUBPOPULATION, THIS MOTION  
17 OFFERS AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE L.A. COUNTY A NATIONAL  
18 LEADER IN THE FIGHT TO END WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS. UNACCOMPANIED  
19 WOMEN WHO ARE WITHOUT CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS ACCOUNT FOR  
20 NEARLY 1 IN 3 OF ALL SINGLE ADULT AMERICANS EXPERIENCING  
21 HOMELESSNESS TODAY. BY RECOGNIZING THE UNIQUE NEEDS AND  
22 CHALLENGES FACED BY UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN, AND THEN ALLOCATING  
23 SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND FUNDING TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS,  
24 L.A. COUNTY WILL BECOME A MODEL FOR OTHER CITIES, COUNTIES,  
25 AND STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. YOUR VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS

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1 MOTION WILL HAVE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE  
2 21,129 WOMEN WHO REMAIN UNHOUSED IN L.A. COUNTY TODAY. I ALSO  
3 WANT TO SPEAK TODAY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 57-A: INNOVATIVE AND  
4 RAPID REHOUSING TO ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. BY  
5 PASSING THIS MOTION TODAY, WE WILL BE UTILIZING A COUNTY-OWNED  
6 SITE, ONCE INTENDED AS A STAGING AREA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
7 A NEW MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND INSTEAD TRANSFORM IT TO 232  
8 UNITS OF HOUSING WITH WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR FORMERLY  
9 UNHOUSED PEOPLE. THE PROJECT WILL OVERWHELMINGLY BE PAID FOR  
10 THROUGH USE OF FEDERAL C.A.R.E.S. ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF  
11 DOLLARS. AS L.A. COUNTY WORKS TO IMPLEMENT ITS C.O.V.I.D.-19  
12 RELIEF PLAN, AND PERMANENTLY HOUSE 15,000 OF OUR MOST  
13 VULNERABLE UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, WE NEED MORE INNOVATIVE AND  
14 TIMELY PROJECTS LIKE THIS. LA VINYA'S HOUSING PROJECT IS AN  
15 IMPORTANT STEP THE COUNTY CAN TAKE TODAY TO HELP UPLIFT MORE  
16 ANGELENOS OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND ONTO A PATH OF--

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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21 **ANN ENGLISH:** THANK YOU. I CEDE MY TIME.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GABRIELLA VASQUEZ. PLEASE STATE  
2 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
3 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO  
6 SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 18, 22, 57-A, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
7 COMMENT. SO MY NAME IS GABRIELLA VASQUEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
8 DISTRICT 1. FIRST, I'M GOING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM  
9 18. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR TAKING THE FIRST CRITICAL  
10 STEPS TO ESTABLISH PATHWAYS FOR NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY  
11 RESPONSE. IT IS INTEGRAL THAT WE CREATE PROGRAMS LIKE THIS FOR  
12 OUR COMMUNITIES. L.A. NEEDS TO FULLY FUND ALTERNATIVES TO 911.  
13 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY IMMIGRANT PEOPLE,  
14 HOUSELESS PEOPLE, WOMEN OF COLOR, IMMIGRANT WOMEN OF COLOR,  
15 OFTEN REFUSE TO CALL 911 DURING MOMENTS OF CRISIS, FOR FEAR OF  
16 POLICE VIOLENCE. SO AN ALTERNATIVE NUMBER TO 911 DOES NOT  
17 TRIGGER LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT, AND INSTEAD IT DISPATCHES  
18 EXPERTS IN MENTAL HEALTH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DE-ESCALATION,  
19 AND PEACEKEEPING, AND THEY WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL CARE FOR OUR  
20 VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I'M ALSO IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM  
21 22. I COMMEND SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND BARGER FOR TAKING STEPS TO  
22 ADDRESS THE DISPROPORTIONATE RATE OF VETERAN SUICIDE, BUT THIS  
23 PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE UNDISPUTED FACT  
24 THAT VETERANS-- PARTICULARLY BLACK, BROWN, AND HOUSELESS  
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1 VIOLENCE. AS SURVIVORS OF MULTIPLE INTERSECTING HARMS, IT IS  
2 CRITICAL THAT VETERANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
3 NEEDS, ARE NOT EXPOSED TO THE SAME INSTITUTIONS THAT INFLICT  
4 THOSE HARMS. THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT INCLUDE L.A.P.D., THE  
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN  
6 THIS PROGRAM. INSTEAD, THE COUNTY MUST INVEST IN OTHER METHODS  
7 TO ADDRESS SUICIDE PREVENTION. AND ON AGENDA ITEM 57-A, I WANT  
8 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE  
9 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO HOUSING IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT. PRIOR TO  
10 THE PANDEMIC, ROUGHLY 3 HOUSELESS PEOPLE WERE DYING A DAY IN  
11 LOS ANGELES. L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN THE EPICENTER OF  
12 HOUSELESSNESS FOR FAR TOO LONG, AND C.O.V.I.D. HAS ONLY  
13 EXACERBATED THIS CRISIS. IN ADDITION TO THE THREAT OF  
14 C.O.V.I.D., OUR HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES ARE ARRESTED 17 TIMES  
15 MORE THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION. BLACK PEOPLE ARE 34 PERCENT  
16 OF THE UNHOUSED POPULATION, YET--

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'M ALSO GOING TO JUMP ON AGENDA  
22 ITEM 53. I COMMEND THE C.E.O. FOR FULFILLING THE BOARD  
23 DIRECTIVE TO ALLOCATE 30 MILLION TO O.D.R. THESE FUNDS ONLY  
24 ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, AND DO NOT EXPAND O.D.R.'S

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1 WORK. WE WANT EXPANSION OF THAT. AND PUBLIC COMMENT, WELL, I  
2 YIELD MY TIME. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE IRENE MURO.  
7 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
8 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
9 AND YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS AND  
12 STAFF. MY NAME IS IRENE MURO, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING AS A  
13 L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSIONER IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 17. ITEM  
14 NUMBER 17 WILL PROVIDE INTERIM HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
15 PATIENTS AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING  
16 HOMELESSNESS. THIS PROJECT WILL ADD MUCH-NEEDED INTERIM  
17 HOUSING BEDS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.  
18 ACCORDING TO THE 2020 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT,  
19 S.P.A. 7 REPORTED A TOTAL OF 4,586 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING  
20 HOMELESSNESS, OF WHICH ONLY 955 WERE SHELTERED. THIS STATISTIC  
21 DEMONSTRATES THE URGENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INTERIM HOUSING  
22 BEDS, AS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, APPROXIMATELY 4 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE  
23 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO  
24 A SHELTER BED. C.O.V.I.D. HAS ONLY FURTHER EXACERBATED THE  
25 SHELTER CRISIS IN OUR REGION. THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU WILL

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1 PROVIDE FUNDAMENTAL SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS,  
2 AND WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET FOR THE LOCAL DOWNEY COMMUNITY.  
3 THESE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY A SHELTER  
4 BED, BUT ALSO THE SERVICES TO ASSIST PATIENTS IN THE PROGRAM  
5 TO REACH AND SUSTAIN A HEALTHY WELLBEING, MOVING THEM TOWARD  
6 SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND ULTIMATELY PERMANENT HOUSING. I WOULD  
7 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER CONTINUED SUPPORT--

8

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AND OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MARK-  
15 ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS  
16 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON  
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK-  
20 ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON, FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK AND  
21 JUSTICE L.A., ITEMS 63, 57-A, AND 10. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE  
22 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND WHAT HAS GOTTEN US HERE TO  
23 THIS MOMENT. WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESOURCE THE  
24 VISION THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN FIGHTING FOR. AND I JUST WANT TO  
25 GROUND US IN THE REALITY THAT WE WANT TO MOVE AWAY FROM. LAST

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1 YEAR, WE SPENT \$4.3 MILLION BOOKING BLACK HOUSELESS PEOPLE  
2 INTO THE COUNTY JAILS ON PROBATION VIOLATIONS ALONE; \$10.1  
3 MILLION BOOKING BLACK HOUSELESS PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTY JAILS  
4 ON SIX CHARGES ALONE THAT RELATED MANY OF WHICH TO SUBSTANCE  
5 USE, WHERE WE COULD HAVE INVESTED IN HARM REDUCTION CENTERS.  
6 WE COULD HAVE INVESTED IN OVERDOSE PREVENTION SITES. LAST  
7 YEAR, WE SPENT \$46.4 MILLION BOOKING BLACK HOUSELESS PEOPLE  
8 INTO THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THAT IS AN ALARMING AMOUNT OF  
9 RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE SPENT, WHAT COULD HAVE GONE TO CLEARLY  
10 OTHER THINGS, OTHER THINGS THAT NOW YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
11 TO MOVE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. THINGS LIKE ITEM 57-A. AND WE  
12 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR REALLY PRIORITIZING RAPID  
13 HOUSING FOR OUR FOLKS AS PART OF A BROADER SYSTEM OF  
14 INTERRUPTING THE CYCLE OF CRIMINALIZING HOUSELESSNESS IN LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY. BEFORE YOU, YOU HAVE ITEM 63. WELL, WE  
16 ACTUALLY REQUIRE MORE INVESTMENTS INTO O.D.R. WE REQUIRE MORE  
17 INVESTMENTS INTO H.I. IF WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE PROMISE OF  
18 THESE EFFORTS SERIOUSLY, IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE CLOSURE OF  
19 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SERIOUSLY, IT REQUIRES US TO INVEST FULLY  
20 IN O.D.R. IT REQUIRES US TO INVEST FULLY IN HI. SO WE'RE NOT  
21 JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW DO WE DIVERT PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAILS,  
22 WHEN WE STOP THE FLOW OF PEOPLE GOING INTO THE JAILS. BETWEEN  
23 MARCH AND JULY OF THIS YEAR, WE SAW A DROP IN THE JAIL  
24 POPULATION. BUT WHAT WE ALSO KNOW IS WE SAW A SHARPENING OF

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1 RACIAL DISPARITY IN THE JAIL POPULATION. WE KNOW THAT BLACK  
2 FOLKS HISTORICALLY--

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE  
5 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** YOUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADRIENNA WONG. PLEASE STATE  
8 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
9 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **ADRIENNA WONG:** GOOD MORNING. ADRIENNA WONG, FROM THE A.C.L.U.  
12 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 18 AND 63. I WILL  
13 NOT BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, ON ITEM 18,  
14 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR THIS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS  
15 ESTABLISHING NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THANK YOU  
16 SPECIFICALLY FOR SAYING THE NAMES OF GEORGE FLOYD AND RAYSHARD  
17 BROOKS. WE MUST ALSO SAY THE NAMES OF DENNIS "TODD" ROGERS AND  
18 ERIC BRICENO AND JASMINE A., LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
19 KILLED BY L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RESPONDING TO MENTAL HEALTH  
20 CRISIS CALLS. L.A. COUNTY URGENTLY NEEDS TO RESTRUCTURE ITS  
21 CRISIS RESPONSE TO ENSURE THAT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EMERGENCY  
22 CALLS RECEIVED ARE ROUTED TO HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, RATHER THAN  
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND THE COUNTY NEEDS FULLY FUNDED  
24 ALTERNATIVES TO 911 THAT CAN DISPATCH PEERS AND COMMUNITY AND  
25 HEALTH-BASED EXPERTS TO PROVIDE CARE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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1 WITHOUT TRIGGERING A LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. THIS INVESTMENT  
2 IN 911 ALTERNATIVES IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN EFFICIENT  
3 SYSTEM THAT WILL PREVENT VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA TO COMMUNITY  
4 MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, AND TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE RECEIVE  
5 CARE IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE, NON-CARCERAL SETTING. IF THE  
6 COUNTY CONSIDERS INCREASING FUNDING FOR TARGETED DIVERSION  
7 EFFORTS, IT MUST ESTABLISH SYSTEMS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE IN  
8 MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISES FROM BEING ARRESTED AND  
9 BOOKED INTO COUNTY JAILS. SO WE STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM  
10 18. ON AGENDA ITEM 63, WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO PROVIDE  
11 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
12 ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT, DESPITE THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION. THE  
13 PUBLIC DEFENDER IS A CRITICAL INSTITUTION FOR IDENTIFYING LAW  
14 ENFORCEMENT'S CONDUCT, AND OCCUPIES A VITAL ROLE THAT CAN ONLY  
15 BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IF WE MAKE THE INVESTMENT IN THE LAW  
16 ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT. BECAUSE IT CLOSELY  
17 SCRUTINIZES THE WORK OF POLICE IN INDIVIDUAL PROSECUTIONS,  
18 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OCCUPY A UNIQUE POSITION THAT'S NOT  
19 REPLICATED BY OVERSIGHT ENTITIES OR OUTSIDE GROUPS. THEY CAN  
20 IDENTIFY POTENTIAL MISCONDUCT THAT IS UNLIKELY TO BE  
21 IDENTIFIED BY CIVILIANS, LIKE FALSIFICATION OF EVIDENCE AND  
22 WHAT'S DIFFICULT TO ROOT OUT THROUGH A SMALL NUMBER OF  
23 OFFICERS; ALSO, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HANDLES CASES  
24 COUNTYWIDE, ADDRESSES MISCONDUCT NOT ONLY IN L.A.S.D. BUT IN

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1 EVERY DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THOSE THAT HAVE NO MEANINGFUL  
2 OVERSIGHT. BUT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S UNIQUE POSITION IS--

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. CAN WE  
5 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAUREN NAKANO. PLEASE STATE THE  
8 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
9 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **LAUREN NAKANO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAUREN NAKANO. I'M  
12 WITH THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT, AND I'M SPEAKING ON  
13 ITEM 18. ON BEHALF OF THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT, WE  
14 OFFER OUR SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO DIRECT THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO PRIORITIZE THE ALTERNATIVE  
16 CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN. AS AN ORGANIZATION WORKING IN  
17 COMMUNITIES, WE SEE THE DIRE EFFECTS OF THE LACK OF MENTAL  
18 HEALTH SERVICES, CHALLENGES IN ACCESSING APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF  
19 CARE, AND THE SHORTCOMINGS OF CURRENT SYSTEMIC STRUCTURES. WE  
20 ALSO HAVE DECADES OF EXPERIENCE EMBEDDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
21 AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE,  
22 SPECIFIC TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS, AND KNOW IT WORKS.  
23 COMPELLING CROSS-SECTOR, CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION  
24 THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVES CRISIS RESPONSE STEERING COMMITTEE TO  
25 BRIDGE COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT

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1 DIRECTION. AS WE HEAD INTO THE THIRD PANDEMIC, A NATIONAL  
2 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, THIS MOTION BEGINS TO ADDRESS AREAS OF  
3 SIGNIFICANT NEED. THE CONNECTION TO THE SECOND A.T.I. CASE  
4 STRATEGY RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSES FOR  
5 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH--

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE  
8 GET THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE  
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND  
12 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS. I'M ALREADY MISSING COMING TO THE MEETING. I WILL  
17 SPEAK TO S-1, 20, 21, AND 63. ON S-1, I THINK WE SHOULD START  
18 TO HAVE A BOARD MEETING EVERY WEEK, INSTEAD OF EVERY OTHER  
19 WEEK. AND I THINK YOU NEED TO START LOOKING AT REOPENING THE  
20 IN-PERSON MEETING. AND ON ITEM 20, WE NEED TO REALLY IMPROVE  
21 OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT  
22 THAT FOREVER. ON ITEM 21, HAVING TO DO WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
23 I SHARE SOME INFORMATION WHICH I WAS REALLY SURPRISED, THAT  
24 THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN SO PROACTIVE IN DEVELOPING A SYSTEM WHERE  
25 THEY CAN KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF AN OFFENDER, WHETHER THEY ARE

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1 GOING TO AGAIN ATTACK A PERSON. SO I THINK THAT WILL BE GREAT.  
2 AND ON ITEM 63, ON THE BUDGET, I THINK ON ITEM 2, [INAUDIBLE]  
3 TRANSFORM A THREE-YEAR TO A ONE-YEAR, I THINK THAT'S GREAT,  
4 BECAUSE I THINK YOU CAN FIND ISSUES [INAUDIBLE]. ON NUMBER 5,  
5 WITH ONLY 65 AND OLDER, THAT'S GREAT. 8 IS ALSO VERY GOOD  
6 ABOUT YOUTH AND WORK PROGRAM. AND ON ITEM 17, PLEASE REMOVE  
7 THE TOUCH TO PUBLIC [INAUDIBLE], BECAUSE I THINK IT IS REALLY  
8 NEEDED. ANYWAY, HAVE A GOOD DAY. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON. TAKE  
9 CARE. BYE.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SARAH EGGERS. PLEASE STATE THE  
14 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
15 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SARAH EGGERS, AND I WILL BE  
18 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 22, AND I WILL SPEAK ON GENERAL  
19 COMMENT, AS WELL. SORRY, I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS. YES, I'M A  
20 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, AND I'VE SPENT PART OF MY CAREER  
21 WORKING IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH WITH FOLKS WHO HAD  
22 EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS QUITE OFTEN, AND MANY OF THEM WERE  
23 VETERANS WHO'D HAD UNTREATED P.T.S.D. IT WAS OFTEN DIAGNOSED  
24 AS SCHIZOPHRENIA OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. THESE FOLKS HAD  
25 BEEN TRAUMATIZED BY THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE MILITARY, AND THEN

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1 THEY WERE AGAIN TRAUMATIZED BY THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT AND OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. BUT I ALSO WANT  
3 TO ADDRESS THIS BECAUSE IT AFFECTS ME VERY PERSONALLY. IN JUNE  
4 OF THIS YEAR, MY COUSIN NICK, WHO WAS AN ARMY VETERAN-- HE  
5 SERVED 7 TOURS OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN-- WAS HAVING A MENTAL  
6 HEALTH CRISIS. HIS WIFE CALLED LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHO CAME WITH,  
7 YOU KNOW, WEAPONS AND TREATED THE INCIDENT AS IF HE WERE A  
8 CRIMINAL. AND MY COUSIN WENT INTO THE BACKYARD AND SHOT  
9 HIMSELF WHILE THE POLICE WERE THERE AT THE HOUSE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
12 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. YES, I WANT TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER  
15 63. WHILE I COMMEND THE C.E.O. FOR FULFILLING THE BOARD'S  
16 DECISION TO ALLOCATE 30 MILLION TO O.D.R., THE FUNDS ONLY  
17 ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND DO NOT EXPAND O.D.R.'S WORK  
18 IN THE MOMENT, WHEN DIVERSION IS LITERALLY FADING AWAY. SO  
19 DESPITE THE INITIAL DECREASES IN JAIL POPULATION BELOW 12,000,  
20 THE JAIL POPULATION'S CREPT BACK UP TO OVER 14,000 PEOPLE,  
21 WHICH IS EXTREMELY CONCERNING, CONSIDERING THE POPULATION OF  
22 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM. THE 2019  
23 R.A.N.D. REPORT CONCLUDED THAT 3,000 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
24 NEEDS WERE APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES FOR DIVERSION. YET, THE  
25 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR JAILS IS HIGHER

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1 THAN IT WAS MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. LAST JUNE, THE MENTAL HEALTH  
2 POPULATION WAS ABOUT 33 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL JAIL POPULATION.  
3 AND TODAY, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS COMPRISE ABOUT 41  
4 PERCENT OF OUR JAIL POPULATION. AND THE RACIAL DISPARITIES IN  
5 THIS GROUP CONTINUE TO SHARPEN, AS BLACK PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
6 HEALTH DISABILITIES ARE ONLY 17.6 PERCENT OF RELEASES FROM  
7 JAIL BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE  
10 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NIKKI HOIK. PLEASE STATE THE  
13 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
14 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS NIKKI HOIK. I AM A HOMEOWNER OF  
17 DISTRICT 5, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 18, 63,  
18 AND GIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I APPLAUD YOU, SUPERVISOR  
19 HAHN, FOR TAKING THIS CRITICAL STEP TO ESTABLISH PATHWAYS FOR  
20 NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE. I HAVE NEVER FELT SAFE  
21 CALLING THE POLICE, AS A BLACK WOMAN, AND NOW AS A MOTHER. I  
22 HAVE WATCHED TOO MANY MOMS SUFFER WITH THEIR CHILD'S MENTAL  
23 HEALTH, AND YET THEY WERE TOO AFRAID TO CALL THE POLICE;  
24 AFRAID THEY MIGHT PUT THEIR SICK CHILD IN JAIL, OR WORSE, KILL  
25 THEM. AS MENTAL HEALTH BECOMES A GROWING ISSUE DUE TO THE

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1 PANDEMIC, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EMERGENCY CALLS ARE ROUTED TO  
2 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, RATHER THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT  
3 WE NEED SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FUNDING TO MEET THE LEVEL OF NEED  
4 AND TO MAKE IT AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM. WHAT L.A. COUNTY NEEDS IS  
5 A FULLY FUNDED ALTERNATIVE TO 911. OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
6 BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE, IMMIGRANT PEOPLE, WHO OFTEN REFUSE TO  
7 CALL 911 DURING MOMENTS OF A CRISIS FOR FEAR OF POLICE  
8 VIOLENCE, AND AN ALTERNATIVE TO 911 THAT DOES NOT TRIGGER LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT CONTACT, AND INSTEAD DISPATCHES EXPERTS IN MENTAL  
10 HEALTH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DE-ESCALATION, AND PEACEKEEPING  
11 WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL CARE AND SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES THAT  
12 HAVE BEEN UNDER THE ATTACK OF SYSTEMIC RACISM. FOR AGENDA ITEM  
13 63, AS A TAXPAYER, I'VE BEEN EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT THE  
14 PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A.T.I.  
15 THIS IS A HUGE LEAP FORWARD TO BEGIN TO CORRECT THE HARM  
16 SYSTEMIC RACISM HAS DONE TO BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE IN OUR  
17 COMMUNITIES. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SAY WE SEE THE INJUSTICE. WE  
18 MUST FUND ALTERNATIVES AND WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO BUILD  
19 SOMETHING BETTER FOR EVERYONE. I WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN WHERE  
20 MY TAX DOLLARS ARE GOING, AND THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET DOES  
21 JUST THAT. I AM ENCOURAGED AND I'M EXCITED THAT THE C.E.O. HAS  
22 ALLOCATED \$72.3 MILLION TO THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE, BUT IN ORDER  
23 TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE, THE  
24 BOARD AND THE A.T.I. DIRECTOR MUST ESTABLISH A FORMAL  
25 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS. COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS HAD A

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1 VOTING POWER IN THE DRAFTING OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH IS  
2 WHY THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SO STRONG, AND WHY THERE'S  
3 OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY BUY-IN. THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT DILUTE  
4 THIS SUCCESSFUL MODEL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE DOLLARS.  
5 THOMAS JEFFERSON WARNED THAT THE ONLY SAFE REPOSITORY OF POWER  
6 IN THIS COUNTRY IS IN THE HANDS OF ITS PEOPLE-- OF THE PEOPLE,  
7 BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROCESS IS AN EXCITING STEP  
13 TO CREATE A MORAL BUDGET BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE.  
14 THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE TIME THAT YOU  
15 DEDICATE TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS WILLIAM SINKO. PLEASE STATE THE  
20 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
21 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **WILLIAM SINKO:** HELLO. I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 18 TODAY, AND NO  
24 GENERAL COMMENTS. IT'S MY HONOR TO SPEAK TO YOU, BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS, TODAY. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY

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1 FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER, A NONPROFIT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH  
2 AGENCY. I AM ALSO A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER. I COME TO YOU  
3 TODAY AND RECOMMEND THAT YOU MOTION TO APPROVE THE FURTHERANCE  
4 OF THIS PROGRAM. AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, I COULD TELL  
5 YOU THAT IT IS BADLY NEEDED TO HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS OUT IN THE  
6 FIELD TO BE PRESENT DURING THOSE CALLS THAT INVOLVE SOCIAL  
7 WORK, AND NOT SO MUCH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. IT ALSO WILL FREE UP  
8 OFFICERS TO GO OUT AND DO WHAT THEY DO BEST, AND THAT'S FIGHT  
9 CRIME. FROM A MENTAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, IT ALSO WILL HELP US  
10 GET INTO EARLY INTERVENTION, AND BE ABLE TO SEE THE CURRENT  
11 ENVIRONMENT DURING THE ASSESSMENT. SO I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT  
12 YOU APPROVE THE MOTION BEFORE YOU, BY THE A.C.R. STEERING  
13 COMMITTEE. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE IVETTE ALE. PLEASE STATE  
18 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
19 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **IVETTE ALE:** HI. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IVETTE ALE, WITH  
22 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE L.A. JUSTICE COALITION, AND  
23 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS  
24 18, 22, 57-A, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BACK IN JUNE,  
25 WHEN THE BUDGET WAS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN RIGHTLY NAMED

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1 THAT IT WAS A STATUS-QUO BUDGET. AND YET, AGAIN, THE C.E.O.  
2 HAS PRESENTED YOU WITH ANOTHER STATUS-QUO BUDGET. THE SHERIFF  
3 AND PROBATION BUDGETS CONTINUE TO MONOPOLIZE OUR TAX DOLLARS,  
4 WHILE CRITICAL DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, LIKE  
5 THE O.D.R., CONTINUE TO BE UNDERFUNDED. I DO WANT TO COMMEND  
6 THE C.E.O. FOR FINDING THE \$30 MILLION THAT THE BOARD DIRECTED  
7 HER TO FIND, BUT THAT \$30 MILLION IS NOTHING TO EXPAND O.D.R.  
8 TO ADDRESS THE NEED OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN THIS CRITICAL  
9 MOMENT, ESPECIALLY DURING C.O.V.I.D.-19. AND I WANT TO  
10 HIGHLIGHT THAT ALTHOUGH THE JAIL POPULATION HAD DECREASED  
11 INITIALLY, IT IS NOW OVER 14,000 PEOPLE AND COUNTING. THIS IS  
12 ESPECIALLY CONCERNING WHEN WE CONSIDER THE POPULATION OF  
13 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM. THE  
14 R.A.N.D. REPORT IDENTIFIED OVER 3,000 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
15 HEALTH NEEDS THAT WERE APPROPRIATE FOR CANDIDATES FOR  
16 DIVERSION, AND THE ONLY REASON THAT THEY STILL SIT IN OUR  
17 JAILS TODAY IS BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS REFUSED TO INVEST IN  
18 THEIR TREATMENT OUTSIDE OF INCARCERATION. THE RACIAL  
19 DISPARITIES IN OUR JAIL POPULATION CONTINUE TO SHARPEN, AS  
20 BLACK PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITIES WERE ONLY 17.6  
21 PERCENT OF RELEASES FROM JAIL BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY. THIS IS  
22 A MATTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE. THIS IS A MATTER OF ADDRESSING  
23 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN OUR COUNTY. AND AS LONG AS THE COUNTY  
24 REFUSES TO FULLY INVEST IN DIVERSION, WE WILL NOT SEE THE  
25 CLOSURE OF M.C.J. COME TO FRUITION. AND IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY

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1 WEEK, THE COUNTY IS FACED WITH YET ANOTHER CASE OF LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT, AND TAXPAYERS LIKE ME CONTINUE TO PAY  
3 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LIABILITY COSTS, OR PAY THE COST WITH  
4 THEIR LIVES. AND THIS IS WHY FULLY FUNDING THE PUBLIC  
5 DEFENDER'S LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AGENCY IS SO  
6 CRITICAL IN THIS MOMENT, AND WHY THE C.E.O.'S DECISION TO DENY  
7 THE REQUEST FOR \$2.5 MILLION IS NEGLIGENT AT BEST, AND DEADLY  
8 AT WORSE. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AGENCY IS  
9 UNIQUELY SITUATED ON THE FRONT LINES OF POLICE MISCONDUCT, TO  
10 PUBLICLY EXPOSE IT.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
13 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

14

15 **IVETTE ALE:** ON REDUCING POLICE VIOLENCE. IT'S CRITICAL THAT  
16 THOSE INVESTMENTS BE MADE. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE \$72.3  
17 MILLION FOR A.T.I., BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IF MEASURE J  
18 PASSES, IT WOULD SECURE AT LEAST HALF A BILLION DOLLARS FOR  
19 A.T.I. AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. 72.3 MILLION IS ONLY A DROP  
20 IN THE BUCKET, IN TERMS OF THE INVESTMENT OUR COMMUNITIES WANT  
21 TO SEE. AND I DO WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR PUTTING  
22 FORTH A MOTION TO CREATE MORE PATHWAYS TO DIVERT FOLKS AWAY  
23 FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT DURING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. BUT I DO  
24 WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THE D.M.H. ACCESS LINES ARE NOT  
25 UNDERUTILIZED; THEY ARE UNDERFUNDED AND INACCESSIBLE.

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1 CURRENTLY, THERE'S A 5 TO 7 HOUR WAIT TIME, AND REQUIRES THAT  
2 WHOEVER CALLS STAYS WITH A PERSON UNTIL SOMEONE IS DISPATCHED.  
3 WHAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IS A FULL ALTERNATIVE TO 911, NOT  
4 JUST TRIAGING WITH A 911. WE NEED PEACEKEEPERS. WE NEED FOLKS  
5 THAT ARE TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH, AND FOLKS THAT ARE TRAINED  
6 IN DE-ESCALATION, ESPECIALLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATIONS, AND  
7 SO FULLY FUNDING THOSE ALTERNATIVES--

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

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELLEN GEESY, AND I'M A  
21 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS  
22 18, 22, 57-A, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO  
23 START BY UPLIFTING ALL OF THE WONDERFUL COMMENTS THAT HAVE  
24 BEEN PUT FORTH BY EUNISSES, MARK-ANTHONY, IVETTE, AND NIKKI.  
25 THEY SPOKE SO WELL, AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL TAKE

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1 SPECIAL NOTE OF EVERYTHING THAT THEY HAVE SAID. ON AGENDA ITEM  
2 18, SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THIS ITEM, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
3 HAHN FOR TAKING THIS FIRST CRITICAL STEP TO ESTABLISH PATHWAYS  
4 FOR NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE. AS MENTAL HEALTH  
5 BECOMES A GROWING ISSUE DUE TO THE STRESSORS OF THE PANDEMIC,  
6 IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EMERGENCY CALLS ARE ROUTED TO MENTAL  
7 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, RATHER THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I WOULD  
8 LIKE TO SAY, AS THINGS CURRENTLY STAND, IF FACED WITH SOMEBODY  
9 WHO'S GOING THROUGH A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, I WOULD NOT CALL  
10 911 UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. I WOULD NOT DO SO EVEN IF  
11 I FELT MY LIFE WAS CURRENTLY IN DANGER. AND I DON'T THINK THAT  
12 THAT'S A CHOICE I SHOULD HAVE TO MAKE. BUT I WOULD WANT TO  
13 PROTECT THAT PERSON MORE, AND WOULD NOT CALL 911. WE NEED THE  
14 FUNDING, THE FULL FUNDING FOR THESE ALTERNATIVES TO 911, TO  
15 DE-ESCALATE, AND THIS PEACEKEEPING WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL CARE  
16 AND SUPPORT TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. ON ITEM  
17 22, SPEAKING IN FAVOR. I, AGAIN, CAN ONLY UPLIFT WHAT SARAH  
18 EGGERS SAID EARLIER. I KNOW MANY SUCH STORIES OF VETERANS WHO  
19 NEEDED HELP. SO I'M JUST GOING TO SAY, LISTEN TO HER, AND  
20 FOLLOW YOUR HEARTS ON THIS. ON ITEM 57-A, SPEAKING IN FAVOR.  
21 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE  
22 FUNDING-- I'M SORRY, SUPPORT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO HOUSING  
23 IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT. PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, ROUGHLY THREE  
24 HOUSELESS PEOPLE WERE DYING A DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

25

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
2   GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4   **SPEAKER:** L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN THE EPICENTER OF HOUSELESSNESS  
5   FOR FAR TOO LONG, AND C.O.V.I.D. HAS ONLY EXACERBATED THIS  
6   CRISIS. IN ADDITION TO THE THREAT OF C.O.V.I.D., OUR HOMELESS  
7   COMMUNITY IS ARRESTED 17 TIMES MORE THAN THE GENERAL  
8   POPULATION. BLACK PEOPLE ARE 34 PERCENT OF THE UNHOUSED  
9   POPULATION, DESPITE BEING ONLY 8 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S  
10   POPULATION. PROVIDING HOUSING IS A PUBLIC HEALTH, RACIAL  
11   JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE, AND THE COUNTY MUST  
12   CONTINUE TO INVEST, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THESE INTRINSIC--  
13   SORRY, INTERSECTING HARMS. THIS PROJECT SHOULD INCLUDE HOUSING  
14   FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED PEOPLE. APOLOGIES. IF PROPERLY  
15   IMPLEMENTED, THE MOTION WOULD ALIGN WITH A.T.I.  
16   RECOMMENDATION.

17

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

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21   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SARAH DUSSEAUT. PLEASE STATE  
22   THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
23   YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M TRYING TO ADDRESS 57-A, NUMBER 8,  
2 AND NUMBER 63. I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE SPEAKERS  
3 BEFORE ME AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE QUALITY OF  
4 MATERIAL YOU ARE DISCUSSING TODAY. THE COMMENTS THIS MORNING  
5 WERE QUITE ICONIC FOR SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE FACED  
6 AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR  
7 HER TENACITY IN ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS OF  
8 HOMELESSNESS. 57-A IS GOING TO MOVE FORWARD A PHENOMENAL  
9 PROJECT THAT IS A RAPID PACE OF CONSTRUCTION THAT HAS NOT BEEN  
10 TRIED BEFORE. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
11 WHO HAVE BROUGHT IT THIS FAR, AND WHO ARE GOING TO HAVE TO  
12 WORK EXTRA HARD TO MEET THIS INCREDIBLE DEADLINE, AND FOR  
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HER TEAM FOR THEIR BOLDNESS IN THIS  
14 VISION. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO MEET  
15 THE COST EFFICIENCIES THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THIS PROJECT, BUT  
16 THE HOUSING THAT'S GOING TO BE PROVIDED ON A SITE THAT WAS  
17 PREVIOUSLY MEANT TO BE USED FOR THE JAIL IS JUST A BEAUTIFUL  
18 THING, AND I AM EXTREMELY EXCITED TO BE SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL  
19 ON IT IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN. I ALSO WANT TO LIFT UP ITEM  
20 NUMBER 8. I SERVED ON THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WOMEN  
21 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
22 MOTION TO GATHER MORE DATA ON WOMEN, PARTICULARLY WOMEN OF  
23 COLOR WHO ARE UNSHELTERED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FACE THE  
24 UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF BOTH VIOLENCE AND ALL SORTS OF OTHER  
25 CHALLENGES TO FINDING HOUSING. THIS DATA WILL HELP US TAILOR

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1 OUR RESPONSES AND LIFT UP THOSE NEEDS. I ALSO WANT TO JUST  
2 TOUCH ON THE FACT THAT ALL OF THESE PROJECTS RELATE TO ONE  
3 ANOTHER, AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO CONTINUE TO INVEST  
4 IN AN ANTIRACIST AGENDA AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AND  
5 I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ELIZABETH THORN. PLEASE STATE  
10 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
11 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 18, 22, 57-A,  
14 AND GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH THORN. I'M A  
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. ITEM 18 IS A GREAT FIRST STEP TOWARD  
16 NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE, WHICH IS SOMETHING  
17 THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS HAD A  
18 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND HIS FAMILY ASKED ME  
19 AND SOME OTHER FRIENDS FOR HELP, AND WE ONLY KNEW ABOUT THE  
20 OPTION TO CALL 911. SO THE POLICE OFFICERS CAME, THEY ASKED  
21 HIM A FEW QUESTIONS, AND THEY LEFT WITHOUT ANY ACTION. THEY  
22 DIDN'T REFER US TO ANY SERVICES, AND THEIR MAIN CONCERN SEEMED  
23 TO BE GETTING US TO SIGN THE PAPERWORK TO REMOVE HIM FROM  
24 THEIR MISSING PERSONS LIST. SO I KNOW THERE'S A GROWING  
25 CRITICISM OF POLICE BRUTALITY AROUND THE COUNTRY, BUT THIS IS

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1 MY FIRST EXPERIENCE OF POLICE DOING TOO LITTLE INSTEAD OF TOO  
2 MUCH. THEY CLEARLY DID NOT HAVE THE TRAINING TO DO ANYTHING  
3 MEANINGFUL FOR MY FRIEND, WHO WAS LUCID ENOUGH, BUT OBVIOUSLY  
4 HAVING SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES. AFTER SCRAMBLING THROUGH  
5 EVERY GOOGLE SEARCH YOU COULD THINK OF, WE WERE FINALLY ABLE  
6 TO GET A PHONE NUMBER TO REQUEST A MENTAL HEALTH TEAM TO COME  
7 SEE HIM, AND FINALLY, 12 HOURS LATER, HE WAS ASSESSED AND  
8 TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL TO RECOVER. IT TOOK THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT  
9 OF 10 PEOPLE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS  
10 BEING POSSIBLE FOR ANYBODY WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT  
11 NETWORK. MY FRIEND WAS LUCKY, BUT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE. AN  
12 ALTERNATIVE TO 911 THAT DISPATCHES EXPERTS IN MENTAL HEALTH  
13 SHOULD EXIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IT SHOULD HAVE  
14 SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TO HELP IT OPERATE AT THE LEVEL IT'S  
15 NEEDED. I ALSO SUPPORT ITEM 22, AND I COMMEND SUPERVISORS  
16 KUEHL AND BARGER FOR TAKING STEPS TO ADDRESS THE  
17 DISPROPORTIONATE RATE OF VETERAN SUICIDE. BUT THIS REVIEW TEAM  
18 PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE UNDISPUTED FACT  
19 THAT VETERANS-- PARTICULARLY BLACK, BROWN, AND HOUSELESS  
20 VETERANS-- ARE TARGETS OF CRIMINALIZATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
21 VIOLENCE. AS SURVIVORS OF MULTIPLE INTERSECTING HARMS, IT IS  
22 CRITICAL THAT VETERANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
23 NEEDS, ARE NOT EXPOSED TO THE SAME INSTITUTIONS THAT INFLICT  
24 THOSE HARMS. I HAVE WORKED AS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR,

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1 AND I'VE HAD SEVERAL STUDENTS WHO WERE VETERANS WITH MENTAL  
2 HEALTH ISSUES.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
5 PUBLIC COMMENT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THESE STUDENTS WOULD USUALLY APPROACH ME  
8 ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS AND LET ME KNOW THAT THEY NEEDED A  
9 SEAT NEAR THE EXIT, SINCE THIS HELPED REASSURE THEM THAT IF  
10 THEIR P.T.S.D. WAS TRIGGERED, THEY COULD EASILY GET OUTSIDE TO  
11 SAFETY. I FEAR FOR THESE STUDENTS AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM  
12 WHEN THEY HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH EPISODE WHEN THEY'RE NOT IN A  
13 SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. ARMED POLICE MAY TRIGGER RATHER THAN  
14 CALM VETERANS IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, WHO EXPERIENCE  
15 HYPERVIGILANCE, FLASHBACKS, OR OTHER TRAUMA FROM MILITARY  
16 SERVICE. OUR VETERANS DESERVE RESPONSES WITHOUT LAW  
17 ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MONICA EMBREY. PLEASE STATE THE  
22 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
23 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **MONICA EMBREY:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER  
2 12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME'S MONICA EMBREY, AND I  
3 REPRESENT THE SIERRA CLUB AND OUR OVER 63,000 MEMBERS AND  
4 SUPPORTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHO ARE CONCERNED BOTH ABOUT  
5 WORKERS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM  
6 NUMBER 12, THE "JUST TRANSITION" MOTION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
7 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP TO HELP PUT  
8 FORWARD A PATHWAY TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY WITH INPUT FROM  
9 FRONTLINE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
10 LABOR UNIONS, SO THAT WE MAY ADDRESS AND ADVANCE A JUST  
11 TRANSITION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE  
12 HUNDREDS OF IDLE OIL AND GAS WELLS ACROSS OUR COUNTY THAT HAVE  
13 NOT BEEN PRODUCING OIL IN OVER TWO YEARS, AND INSTEAD ARE  
14 CURRENTLY POLLUTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, OUR HEALTH, AND  
15 NEEDLESSLY KEEPING WORKERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY LAID OFF WITHIN  
16 THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY. THERE'S AN INCREDIBLE PATHWAY FOR US  
17 TO MOVE FORWARD, TO BE ABLE TO BUILD ALLIANCES WITH LABOR,  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE  
19 ABLE TO PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK IN HIGH-ROAD, FAMILY-  
20 SUSTAINING JOBS, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CLEAN UP--

21  
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
23 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **MONICA EMBREY:** THANK YOU. WE ALL DESERVE A HEALTHY, CLEAN, AND  
2 SAFE WORKPLACE, NEIGHBORHOOD, AND ENVIRONMENT. THE SIERRA CLUB  
3 IS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY AGENCIES AND THE  
4 SUPERVISORS' OFFICE AND OTHERS, TO ENSURE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD  
5 A SUCCESSFUL JUST TRANSITION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE  
6 EXCITING ABOUT BUILDING THE NEW MOVEMENT AND NEW ECONOMY THAT  
7 WE ALL DESERVE. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING YOUR SUPPORT AND  
8 VOTING YES ON ITEM NUMBER 12, A JUST TRANSITION FOR LOS  
9 ANGELES. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KATHERINE HESSY. PLEASE STATE  
14 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
15 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATHERINE REMY  
18 HESSY. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
19 SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 18, 22, 57-A, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
20 COMMENT. THE COMMON THREAD IN ALL THESE AGENDA ITEMS IS THE  
21 DIRE NEED FOR A LOS ANGELES THAT BETTER CARES FOR ITS MOST  
22 VULNERABLE PEOPLE: THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, THOSE WITH  
23 SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES, THOSE EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS, AND  
24 OUR VETERANS, FOR WHOM THESE ARE OFTEN CONCOMITANT ISSUES. FOR  
25 TOO LONG, WE AS A COUNTY HAVE VACILLATED BETWEEN TREATING

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1 THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH NEGLECT, AND TREATING THEM WITH  
2 PUNITIVE DISDAIN. AFTER ALL, 70 PERCENT OF THOSE WE  
3 INCARCERATE HAVE SOME SORT OF MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE  
4 ISSUE. AND WHETHER WE ARE LEAVING SOMEONE WITHOUT LIFESAVING  
5 RESOURCES OR THROWING THEM IN JAIL, BOTH THESE M.O.S RUIN  
6 LIVES, AND IN MANY CASES COST LIVES. AND BECAUSE OF THE  
7 INHERENT RACISM OF OUR SYSTEM, MANY OF THOSE LIVES RUINED OR  
8 LOST WILL BE BLACK AND BROWN. AS A COMMON REFRAIN OF THE  
9 MOVEMENT FOR DECARCERATION REMINDS US, YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A  
10 CELL, NOR CAN YOU GET WELL SLEEPING IN THE STREET, WHERE THE  
11 MOST ROUTINE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR EXISTENCE WILL COME BY  
12 WAY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT COMING TO CLEAR YOU OUT, AND MAYBE EVEN  
13 ARREST YOU. THE TRUTH IS, YOU CAN'T REALLY GET WELL ANYWHERE  
14 WITHOUT THE RIGHT RESOURCES AND THE RIGHT KIND OF SUPPORT.  
15 SELDOM, IF EVER, IS LAW ENFORCEMENT THE RIGHT KIND OF SUPPORT  
16 FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS. FOR THIS REASON, I STRONGLY SUPPORT  
17 AGENDA ITEM 18. IN 2017, A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, WHO HAD  
18 BEEN TREATING ME FOR O.C.D., CALLED THE L.A.P.D. TO MY  
19 APARTMENT FOR A WELLNESS CHECK AFTER I FAILED TO SHOW UP FOR  
20 AN APPOINTMENT. DUE TO MY PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY, SHE WAS  
21 WORRIED I COULD HAVE HAD A HEART ATTACK DUE TO THE INTENSE  
22 STRESS I WAS UNDER AT THAT POINT IN MY LIFE. THE RESULTING  
23 INTERACTION WITH THREE L.A.P.D. OFFICERS WAS EXTREMELY  
24 UPSETTING. ONCE THEY ASCERTAINED THAT I WAS NOT IN FACT DEAD  
25 ON THE FLOOR, THEY TREATED ME LIKE FIRST A CRIMINAL, AND THEN

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1    LIKE A WASTE OF THEIR TIME. AS I SAID, THESE ARE THE TWO  
2    DOMINANT ATTITUDES TOWARDS PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE IN LOS ANGELES,  
3    AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED THAT NIGHT HAD  
4    I BEEN IN WORSE CONDITION, HAD I NOT BEEN LUCID, HAD I BEEN  
5    USING SUBSTANCES, AND ABOVE ALL, HAD I NOT BEEN A WHITE WOMAN;  
6    HAD THEY, FOR ANY ONE REASON, DEEMED ME MORE A THREAT THAN  
7    MERELY A NUISANCE. AS LONG AS YOU RELY ON A HISTORICALLY  
8    VIOLENT POLICE FORCE AS OUR EACH AND EVERY LEVEL OF EMERGENCY  
9    RESPONSE, MY EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST CASE SCENARIO.

10

11    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR GENERAL  
12    PUBLIC COMMENT.

13

14    **SPEAKER:** AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY AND WRONG TO IGNORE THE  
15    RACISM DEMONSTRATED BY OUR CHOICE TO TREAT THOSE WHO STRUGGLE  
16    IN THIS WAY, GIVEN THAT OUR SYSTEM ALL BUT GUARANTEES THAT SO  
17    MANY BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE WILL FALL INTO THAT GROUP. IS THIS  
18    HOW WE WANT TO TREAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE? NOW, MORE THAN EVER,  
19    AS MANY PEOPLE BATTLE THEIR LOWEST LOWS, WE NEED TO DO BETTER.  
20    THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

21

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK GALE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR  
2 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL  
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **MARK GALE:** MY NAME IS MARK GALE. I'M CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAIR  
6 FOR THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, N.A.M.I., GREATER  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK  
8 ON ITEM 18 AND GENERAL COMMENT. WE THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR  
9 THIS MOTION, AND WE ASK FOR THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF ALL OF  
10 OUR SUPERVISORS. THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE WORK THAT IS  
11 GOING ON IS ESSENTIAL TO DECRIMINALIZE PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS  
12 MENTAL ILLNESS. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR REGIONAL CRISIS CALL  
13 CENTER NETWORK WORK PROPERLY. AND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT WANTS  
14 TO CALL MENTAL HEALTH, THEY SHOULDN'T WAIT IN QUEUE. THEY  
15 SHOULD HAVE A DEDICATED LINE. WE NEED TO GET THAT FIXED. YOU  
16 CAN'T DIVERT PEOPLE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO DIVERT OR  
17 TREAT THEM. SO OUR CRISIS RECEIVING AND STABILIZATION  
18 FACILITIES, THE SECOND PART OF OUR CORE COMPONENTS, IS  
19 ESSENTIAL. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES. AND I WANT TO TALK FOR A  
20 SECOND ABOUT CRISIS MOBILE RESPONSE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMOVE  
21 LAW ENFORCEMENT AS THE DEFAULT FOR ALL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS  
22 CALLS. THERE'S MANY EPISODES OF CRISIS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A  
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. WE KNOW THIS. WE'VE LOOKED AT  
24 MODELS.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
2 PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **MARK GALE:** OKAY, AND WE WANT THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP NON-LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES FOR MANY CRISIS CALLS, AND TAKE THE  
6 PRESSURE OFF OF D.M.H. AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE ASK FOR  
7 UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. THERE IS ALSO A CONSTITUENCY IN THE JAIL  
8 THAT NO ONE EVER MENTIONS, EXCEPT N.A.M.I. THESE ARE OUR MOST  
9 ILL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WITH  
10 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS WHO REQUIRE AN L.P.S. ACUTE INPATIENT  
11 LEVEL OF CARE IN OUR JAIL, IN THE FORENSIC INPATIENT UNIT.  
12 THERE IS A TREMENDOUS LACK OF BEDS THERE. THEY ONLY HAVE 41.  
13 THEY PROBABLY NEED 150 TO 200. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE CAN BE  
14 TREATED IN THE COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO PUT A NEW ISSUE  
15 ON YOUR PLATE. LET'S GET AT LEAST THE MISDEMEANANTS OUT INTO  
16 COMMUNITY HOSPITALS, WHERE THEY CAN GET WELL AND GET TREATED.  
17 THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO BE IN JAIL, AND DEVELOP A LONG-  
18 TERM PLAN FOR FELONY INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED AN L.P.S. LEVEL OF  
19 CARE, SO WE CAN GET THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL AND INTO  
20 COMMUNITY HOSPITALS, AS WELL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

21

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

24

25 **MARK GALE:** THANK YOU.

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS VIKKI VICKERS. PLEASE STATE THE  
3 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
4 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **VIKKI:** MY NAME IS VIKKI VICKERS, AND I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS  
7 NUMBER 8 AND 57-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,  
8 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VIKKI VICKERS. I'M A PEER LEADER WITH  
9 PROJECT 100 AND THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, AND AN ADVOCATE  
10 FOR UNHOUSED WOMEN. I'M CALLING TODAY TO ASK YOU TO VOTE YES  
11 ON ITEM NUMBER 8, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN  
12 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, YOU WILL  
13 BE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OVER 21,000 WOMEN WHO  
14 ARE HOMELESS IN LOS ANGELES TODAY. I BECAME HOMELESS DUE TO  
15 SCHIZOPHRENIA, AND IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S  
16 CENTER, I WOULD NOT BE ALIVE, SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY. BY MAKING  
17 UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN AN OFFICIAL HOMELESS SUBPOPULATION IN L.A.  
18 COUNTY, YOU WILL BE POWERFULLY CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT  
19 THAT WOMEN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE UNIQUE NEEDS  
20 AND CHALLENGES THAT MUST BE CLEARLY ADDRESSED. WITH THIS  
21 RESEARCH, PROGRAMS, AND FUNDING THAT THIS MOTION CALLS FOR, WE  
22 CAN MAKE L.A. COUNTY A NATIONAL LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST  
23 HOMELESSNESS. I ALSO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM  
24 NUMBER 57-A, INNOVATIVE AND RAPID REHOUSING TO ALLEVIATE  
25 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS MOTION TAKES LAND THE

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1 COUNTY ALREADY OWNS, THAT WOULD HAVE HELPED WITH BUILDING A  
2 NEW MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND INSTEAD TURNS IT INTO 232 UNITS OF  
3 HOUSING FOR FORMERLY UNHOUSED PEOPLE, COMPLETE WITH WRAPAROUND  
4 SERVICES. AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS WITH WOMEN EXPERIENCING  
5 HOMELESSNESS AND WOMEN WHO ARE TRYING TO REGAIN STABLE  
6 HOUSING, I KNOW FIRSTHAND THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE  
7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND WE NEED IT NOW. THIS PROJECT IS  
8 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS  
9 LIKELY PUSHED EVEN MORE PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED MORE  
10 PROJECTS LIKE THIS TO BE BUILT QUICKLY ON LAND GOVERNMENT  
11 ALREADY CONTROLS. DOING THIS HOUSING PROJECT IS A CRITICAL  
12 STEP L.A. COUNTY CAN TAKE TODAY TO HELP MORE OF OUR UNHOUSED  
13 NEIGHBORS BEGIN TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY  
14 TIME.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JEFF FARBER. PLEASE STATE THE  
19 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
20 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **JEFF FARBER:** HI. MY NAME IS JEFF FARBER. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS  
23 ITEMS NUMBER 17 AND 57-D. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
24 HELPLINE YOUTH COUNSELING. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR  
25 HER LEADERSHIP IN CREATING INTERIM HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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1 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY SERVICE  
2 PLANNING AREA 7. AS ONE OF THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM CO-  
3 LEAD AGENCIES FOR SERVICE PLANNING AREA 7, WE KNOW THE  
4 CHALLENGES HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE  
5 WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT. THE BEDS BEING CREATED AT RANCHO LOS  
6 AMIGOS WILL DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE AVAILABLE STOCK OF  
7 INTERIM BEDS IN S.P.A. 7, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WITH MOBILITY  
8 IMPAIRMENTS. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR  
9 YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CREATING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MOST  
10 VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. FOR ITEM 57-D, AGAIN,  
11 MY NAME IS JEFF FARBER, AND I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HELPLINE  
12 YOUTH HOUSING. AS A COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM CO-LEAD AGENCY  
13 FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA 7, WE KNOW  
14 THAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE USE GENERAL RELIEF AS THEIR ONLY  
15 SOURCE OF INCOME. WE THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR  
16 KUEHL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ENSURING THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE  
17 MEMBERS OF L.A. COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO RETAIN BASIC FINANCIAL  
18 SUPPORTS BY YOUR MOTION TO DELAY GENERAL TERMINATIONS. THANK  
19 YOU, AND I YIELD THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME.

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

22  
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CLAUDIA MENJIVAR. PLEASE STATE  
24 WITH THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND

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1 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **CLAUDIA MENJIVAR:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM  
5 57-D AND NO FURTHER COMMENT. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA MENJIVAR. I'M  
6 A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES,  
7 AND WE ARE HERE TO FULLY EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION  
8 WHICH WOULD DELAY G.R. TERMINATIONS, AND WOULD PREVENT G.R.  
9 PARTICIPANTS FROM LOSING THIS CRITICAL SAFETY NET BENEFIT  
10 BECAUSE OF AN INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES  
11 AND REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS SUBMITTING AN ANNUAL AGREEMENT. WE'D  
12 LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL FOR  
13 RECOGNIZING THE PARTICULAR CHALLENGES THAT OUR HOMELESS G.R.  
14 PARTICIPANTS FACE WHEN TRYING TO KEEP THEIR BENEFITS, SUCH AS  
15 HAVING CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS,  
16 WHICH HAS BEEN ONLY AMPLIFIED AS A BARRIER DURING THIS  
17 PANDEMIC. THE CASELOAD G.R. PROGRAM IS AGAIN AT NUMBERS WE  
18 HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION, NOW AT OVER 100,000,  
19 WITH A CASELOAD THAT'S COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF BLACK MEN AND  
20 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS  
22 TO REDUCE, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, ANY HARM--

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** YOUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TOBIN DEMARCO. PLEASE STATE  
3 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
4 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4, AND I WOULD LIKE  
7 TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 18, 22, 57-A, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT. WHEN PEOPLE ARE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO CALL 911,  
9 THEY ARE LIKELY TO ASK THEMSELVES TWO QUESTIONS: WILL IT  
10 ADVANCE MY SENSE OF SAFETY, AND WILL IT ADVANCE MY SENSE OF  
11 JUSTICE? AND WHEN WE KNOW THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE SENT TO  
12 ANSWER OUR CALLS, THE ANSWER TO BOTH OF THESE QUESTIONS IS NO.  
13 I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 18, AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
14 HAHN FOR TAKING THE FIRST CRITICAL STEP TO ESTABLISH PATHWAYS  
15 FOR NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE. IT IS ESSENTIAL  
16 THAT EMERGENCY CALLS ARE ROUTED TO MENTAL HEALTH  
17 PROFESSIONALS, RATHER THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT WE WILL NEED  
18 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FUNDING TO MEET THE LEVEL OF NEED AND MAKE  
19 IT AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM. WHAT L.A. COUNTY NEEDS IS A FULLY  
20 FUNDED ALTERNATIVE TO 911. I'M GOING SAY THAT AGAIN, FULLY  
21 FUNDED, BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY IMMIGRANT  
22 PEOPLE, HOUSELESS PEOPLE, WOMEN, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR WILL  
23 OFTEN REFUSE TO CALL 911 DURING MOMENTS OF CRISIS, FOR FEAR OF  
24 POLICE VIOLENCE. AN ALTERNATIVE TO 911 THAT DOES NOT TRIGGER  
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT, AND INSTEAD DISPATCHES EXPERTS IN

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1 MENTAL HEALTH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DE-ESCALATION, AND  
2 PEACEKEEPING, WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL CARE AND SUPPORT TO OUR  
3 MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS. ON AGENDA ITEM 22, I COMMEND  
4 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND BARGER FOR TAKING STEPS TO ADDRESS THIS  
5 DISPROPORTIONATE RATE OF VETERAN SUICIDE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT  
6 AND NECESSARY STEP, BUT THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES PARTICIPATION  
7 AND INCLUSION OF L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND L.A.  
8 POLICE DEPARTMENT, TWO AGENCIES THAT ROUTINELY TARGET AND  
9 CRIMINALIZE BLACK, BROWN, AND UNHOUSED VETERANS. PLEASE MOVE  
10 FORWARD WITH THIS IMPORTANT WORK WITHOUT THE TIES TO LAW  
11 ENFORCEMENT. ON AGENDA 57-A, OUR HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES ARE  
12 ARRESTED AT A RATE OF 17 TIMES MORE THAN THE GENERAL  
13 POPULATION. BLACK PEOPLE ARE 34 PERCENT OF THE UNHOUSED  
14 POPULATION, BUT ONLY 8 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY POPULATION.  
15 PROVIDING HOUSING IS A PUBLIC HEALTH, RACIAL JUSTICE, AND  
16 SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE. THIS MOTION WOULD ALIGN WITH--

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THIS MOTION WOULD ALIGN WITH A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS  
22 2, 20, AND 31, AND CONTINUE TO ALIGN WITH THE CARE FIRST  
23 MOTION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BRING ATTENTION TO AGENDA ITEM  
24 63.12. I'M ENCOURAGED THAT THE C.E.O. ALLOCATED 72.3 MILLION  
25 TO THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL

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1 IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE INITIATIVE. THE BOARD AND THE A.T.I.  
2 DIRECTOR MUST ESTABLISH A FORMAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROCESS.  
3 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS HAD VOTING POWER IN THE DRAFTING OF THE  
4 RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS WHY THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SO  
5 STRONG, AND WHY THERE'S AN OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY BUY-IN. THE  
6 COUNTY SHOULD NOT DILUTE THE SUCCESSFUL MODEL IN THE  
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE DOLLARS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL  
8 ATTENTION TO ITEM 63.11. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY WEEK, THE COUNTY  
9 IS FACED WITH YET ANOTHER CASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT,  
10 AND TAXPAYERS LIKE ME CONTINUE PAYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN  
11 LIABILITY COSTS, OR PAY THE COST WITH THEIR LIVES. THIS IS WHY  
12 FULLY FUNDED--

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NOAH WHITMAN. PLEASE STATE THE  
18 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
19 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NOAH WHITMAN. I'M A RESIDENT  
22 OF DISTRICT 3, AND I'M CALLING TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT  
23 FOR AGENDA ITEMS 18, 22, AND 57-A, AS WELL AS BRING ATTENTION  
24 TO THE DEFERRED BUDGET ITEMS INCLUDED IN AGENDA ITEM 63, AND  
25 MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN ORDER TO CREATE A SAFER AND

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1 MORE JUST COMMUNITY, WE MUST PRIORITIZE CARE AND CRISIS  
2 RESPONSE BY INVESTING IN EFFECTIVE NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT  
3 ALTERNATIVES TO 911, AND FULLY FUNDING THE A.T.I. ROADMAP.  
4 THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO BEGIN MAKING THE NECESSARY  
5 INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO HELP THE  
6 PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW, AS WE SPEAK, FROM ISSUES  
7 SUCH AS HOUSELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION. THERE'S NO BETTER  
8 TIME THAN RIGHT NOW TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND  
9 REENTRY TO SUPPORT THE RELEASE AND DIVERSION OF THOUSANDS OF  
10 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. THERE'S  
11 NO BETTER TIME THAN RIGHT NOW TO FULLY FUND THE PUBLIC  
12 DEFENDER'S LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AGENCY, TO HOLD LAW  
13 ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR MISCONDUCT AND PROTECT COMMUNITY  
14 MEMBERS. THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN RIGHT NOW TO ESTABLISH A  
15 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
16 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION ROADMAP IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED THE  
17 WAY THAT THE COMMUNITY WISHES IT TO BE, IN ORDER TO PROTECT  
18 OUR PUBLIC SAFETY. AS A PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED IN THE PAST  
19 FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, I KNOW AND HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW,  
20 FIRST OF ALL, ILL-EQUIPPED LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TO HANDLE PEOPLE  
21 WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND SECONDLY, AS  
22 SOMEONE WHO HAS A DEGREE OF PRIVILEGE, AS AN AFFLUENT WHITE  
23 MAN, I WAS ABLE TO BE TREATED ONLY WITH DISDAIN BY THE LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT. BUT I'VE SEEN PEOPLE AROUND ME, WHO HAVE LESS  
25 PRIVILEGE THAN I DO, SUFFER GREATER CONSEQUENCES THAT I WOULD

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1 HATE TO SEE ANYONE HAVE TO GO THROUGH, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO  
2 ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, OR WHO ARE OTHERWISE  
3 INCAPACITATED.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO REITERATE MY SUPPORT  
9 FOR AGENDA ITEMS 18, 22, AND 57-A, AND REITERATE MY URGENCY  
10 WITH WHICH THE BUDGET ITEMS INCLUDED IN AGENDA ITEM 63 MUST BE  
11 IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIN RAIN. PLEASE STATE THE  
16 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU  
17 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME'S ERIN RAIN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1. I WILL  
20 BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 18 AND 57-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
21 COMMENT. ON 18, I FEEL SO ENERGIZED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF AN  
22 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE NUMBER, AND I STRONGLY, STRONGLY  
23 SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS THIS. GROWING UP, I  
24 THOUGHT, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, AND TO CALL 911  
25 IF SOMEONE NEEDED HELP, OR LOOKED LIKE THEY NEEDED HELP THAT I

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1 COULDN'T PROVIDE, OR IF I FELT SCARED. I'VE COME TO LEARN THAT  
2 THERE ARE SO MANY MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY WHO HAVE NEVER FELT  
3 SAFE CALLING 911. I'VE COME TO LEARN, AS HAS EVERYONE WHO'S  
4 PAYING ATTENTION, THAT INTERACTIONS WITH POLICE OVER ALL KINDS  
5 OF THINGS CAN TURN VIOLENT AND DEADLY FOR THE SUBJECT OF A 911  
6 CALL, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PERSON IS BLACK, INDIGENOUS, LATINX,  
7 AND/OR EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. EVEN IF NO ONE IS  
8 KILLED AND NO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IS INVOLVED, ARRESTS AND JAIL  
9 IS A MUCH TOO OFTEN RELIED ON TOOL, WHICH IS INAPPROPRIATE IN  
10 SO MANY SITUATIONS, AND ABSOLUTELY NOT THE INTENT OF THE  
11 PERSON SEEKING HELP. I CERTAINLY NO LONGER FEEL LIKE I HAVE A  
12 PLACE TO CALL, BECAUSE 911 IS DANGEROUS TO MY COMMUNITY. THE  
13 PURPOSE OF CENTRALIZED CRISIS RESPONSE IS TO SERVE THE  
14 COMMUNITY. BUT AS WE'VE SEEN TIME AND AGAIN, DISPATCHING  
15 POLICE TO CONFRONT SOMEONE IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, SUBSTANCE  
16 USE SCENARIO, OR DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE, ONLY INVITES VIOLENCE.  
17 AN ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM WILL SAVE LIVES, NOT ONLY BY PREVENTING  
18 THAT VIOLENCE, BUT BY ACTUALLY ROUTING CARE AND CRISIS  
19 INTERVENTION TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT IN THE MOMENT, WHO  
20 OTHERWISE WOULD NOT FEEL SAFE REACHING OUT. THE PROPOSAL  
21 BEFORE YOU TODAY IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AS A START, BUT THIS  
22 ALTERNATIVE TO 911 NEEDS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FUNDING TO PROVIDE  
23 THE FULLY FUNCTIONAL, ROBUST CRISIS RESPONSE TO SERVE OUR  
24 COMMUNITY. THIS HAS POTENTIAL TO BE TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE IN  
25 OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IT REQUIRES ABUNDANT SUPPORT AND ATTENTION

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1 IN ORDER TO WORK AS INTENDED, AND AS WE NEED IT TO. ON 57-A,  
2 WE HAVE SEEN THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC AND  
3 HISTORIC HEAT WAVES AND FIRE CONDITIONS ON OUR UNHOUSED  
4 NEIGHBORS IN L.A. LA VINYA'S HOUSING PROJECT IS SUCH AN  
5 IMPORTANT STEP THAT THE BOARD CAN TAKE TO RAPIDLY HOUSE SO  
6 MANY VULNERABLE PEOPLE. THE CRISIS OF HOUSELESSNESS VERY  
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS BLACK PEOPLE, WHO MAKE UP 8 PERCENT  
8 OF OUR POPULATION, BUT 34 PERCENT OF THE UNHOUSED POPULATION.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR  
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** UNHOUSED PEOPLE ARE 17 TIMES AS LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED  
14 AS HOUSED PEOPLE. THESE ARE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS AT ANY  
15 TIME. AND THE PANDEMIC, WHICH ALSO DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS  
16 BLACK PEOPLE AND INCARCERATED PEOPLE, MAKES THE RAPID RESPONSE  
17 ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL. THIS IS A SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE ISSUE  
18 THAT REQUIRES THE UTMOST URGENCY. I APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
19 FOR THIS ITEM, AND I URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT WE NEED MANY  
20 MORE PROJECTS LIKE THIS ONE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THE PUBLIC COMMENT  
23 PORTION FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS ENDED.

24

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1    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS  
2    HAS ENDED, AND THANK YOU, ALL WHO CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU  
3    WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN  
4    COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
5    ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,  
6    WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
7    PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

8

9    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING  
10    ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1-D, 2-D, 6, 9 THROUGH 11, 14, 16, 17,  
11    19, 20 AS AMENDED, 21 THROUGH 26, 28 THROUGH 56, 57-B THROUGH  
12    57-F, 60 THROUGH 62.

13

14    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
15    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
16    BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,  
17    THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT TITLES OF EACH  
18    PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. IN ADDITION, WE WILL HEAR THE  
19    DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT FOR ITEM NUMBER 4. FOR THE APPEAL  
20    HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 2, WE WILL HEAR FROM THE APPELLANT AFTER  
21    THE DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENTS. THEREAFTER, WE WILL TAKE THE  
22    REMAINING SPEAKERS WITH PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE HEARING ITEMS.

23

24    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I TAKE THE ROLL CALL ON  
25    THE ITEMS THAT WERE JUST BEFORE YOU?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, YOU MAY. I'M SORRY, YES. GO AHEAD.

3

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

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC  
5 HEARING ITEMS. GO AHEAD, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND SWEAR IN  
6 THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
9 BOARD IN THE PUBLIC HEARING, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. BY  
10 ADDRESSING THE BOARD TODAY, IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
11 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
12 THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?  
13 THANK YOU. ITEM 1 IS A HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF PETITION  
14 NUMBER 12-216 AND 34-515 IN UNINCORPORATED SOUTH WHITTIER; 78-  
15 718 IN UNINCORPORATED ROWLAND HEIGHTS; AND 22-316 IN  
16 UNINCORPORATED LA CRESCENTA/MONTROSE. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL  
17 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.  
18 ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON APPEAL OF A PROJECT NUMBER 2018-000464,  
19 TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFFSITE CONSUMPTION  
20 AT AN EXISTING CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 13019 IMPERIAL  
21 HIGHWAY, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH WHITTIER  
22 WITHIN THE NORWALK ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY 7-ELEVEN. A  
23 WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
24 RECEIVED.

25

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1    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** JENNIFER ODIN, APPELLANT'S COUNSEL  
2    REPRESENTATIVE, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK.  
3    GO AHEAD.

4

5    **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE  
6    BOARD. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

7

8    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD. THANK YOU.

9

10    **SPEAKER:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. JENNIFER ODIN, ON BEHALF OF  
11    APPELLANT 7-ELEVEN, AND THE FRANCHISEES, MR. AND MRS. DHAMI.  
12    AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MENTIONED, THIS IS AN APPEAL  
13    SPECIFICALLY FOR CONDITION NUMBER 33, WHICH IS THE HOURS  
14    RESTRICTION OF 10 A.M. TO 10 P.M. FOR THE OFFSITE SALE OF BEER  
15    AND WINE AT THIS EXISTING 7-ELEVEN LOCATION. CONDITION NUMBER  
16    33, WHICH LIMITS THE BEER AND WINE SALE THAT I JUST MENTION,  
17    IS PREEMPTED BY STATE LAW, IS UNSUPPORTED BY ANY EVIDENCE IN  
18    THIS RECORD, AND ULTIMATELY IS OVERLY BURDENSOME AND UNFAIR  
19    RESTRICTION TO THIS SMALL BUSINESS. AS I MENTIONED, IT IS  
20    PREEMPTED BY STATE LAW. THE HOURS LIMITATION IS PART OF A  
21    POLICY THAT IS UNFAIRLY TARGETING CONVENIENCE STORES WITHOUT  
22    JUSTIFICATION, AND IT'S PREEMPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
23    CONSTITUTION. SPECIFICALLY, ARTICLE 20, SECTION 22 OF THE  
24    CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION GRANTS THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
25    ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND POWER TO

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1 LICENSE AND REGULATE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. AND  
2 HERE, THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF CONDITION NUMBER 33 IS TO  
3 DIRECTLY REGULATE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO A WILLING  
4 PURCHASER, WHICH IS, AS I MENTIONED PREEMPTED. THEREFORE, THE  
5 APPELLANT'S CONTENTION THAT THIS CONDITION AND ITS IMPOSITION  
6 IN THE C.U.P. IS UNENFORCEABLE. ADDITIONALLY, THE IMPOSITION  
7 OF THIS CONDITION IS UNSUPPORTED BY ANY EVIDENCE. THE ORIGINAL  
8 GRANT OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT THIS LOCATION WAS  
9 APPROVED IN 2002/2003 TIME. AS PART OF THIS RENEWAL  
10 APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT AND NOW APPELLANT HAS SHOWN THAT  
11 THE A.B.C. LICENSE HAS NEVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY  
12 DISCIPLINE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN OPPOSED TO  
13 THE RENEWAL; IN FACT, RECOMMENDED THE APPROVAL. AND THERE'S  
14 BEEN NO COMMUNITY OPPOSITION TO THE RENEWAL. YET, THERE SEEMS  
15 TO BE THIS IMPOSITION OF AN HOURS RESTRICTION, WHICH WE  
16 BELIEVE IS IMPROPER, AS AN EXISTING BUSINESS THAT HAS A  
17 CONSTITUTIONAL, PROTECTED--

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON ITEM  
22 4.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 4 IS A  
25 HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2019-003288, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION

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1 TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
2 COMMUNITY OF WEST CARSON AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORICAL  
3 LANDMARK. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND  
4 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AMY BODEK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING,  
7 WILL PROVIDE A STATEMENT. AMY?

8

9 **AMY BODEK:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, GOOD  
10 MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS ITEM.  
11 THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE COUNTY'S LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
12 THAT THE BOARD DESIGNATE ALPINE VILLAGE AS A LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK, AND FIND THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY  
14 EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. THE APPROXIMATELY 14-ACRE PROPERTY IS  
15 LOCATED AT 833 WEST TORRANCE BOULEVARD IN THE COMMUNITY OF  
16 WEST CARSON, AND IS DEVELOPED WITH A BAVARIAN-STYLE RETAIL  
17 COMPLEX THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM 1968 TO 1974. THE PROPOSED  
18 LANDMARK CONSISTS OF SEVEN BUILDINGS AND THEIR ADDITIONS, A  
19 FREESTANDING BUSINESS POLE SIGN, AND A PORTION OF THE EXISTING  
20 PARKING LOT. AT THE PROPERTY OWNER'S REQUEST, THE PROPOSED  
21 LANDMARK BOUNDARIES EXCLUDED APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF THE  
22 EXISTING PARKING LOT, WHERE A SWAP MEET CURRENTLY OPERATES, AS  
23 WELL AS EXCLUDING THE BUILDING INTERIORS. ON JANUARY 24, 2020,  
24 THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE PROPERTY MEETS THE  
25 CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION, BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE HISTORICAL

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1 CONTEXT OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AUTOMOBILE, AND  
2 IS A RARE BUILDING TYPE, A THEMED SHOPPING COURT, AS WELL AS  
3 ITS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S EUROPEAN-  
4 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ALPINE VILLAGE  
5 INCORPORATED, WHICH DID NOT CONSENT TO THE DESIGNATION. OWNER  
6 CONSENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION. THE  
7 PROPERTY OWNER'S COUNSEL DID SUBMIT LETTERS STATING THAT SOME  
8 OF THE ALPINE VILLAGE SHAREHOLDERS OPPOSED THE DESIGNATION,  
9 BECAUSE THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RESTRICTION OF  
10 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE BUYERS OF THE PROPERTY.  
11 HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT CONTEST THE DESIGNATION, AND WE DID  
12 COMMIT TO WORKING WITH THEM AND FUTURE PROPERTY OWNERS TO  
13 SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE PROPERTY. MORE THAN  
14 2,000 PEOPLE SUBMITTED LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION,  
15 AND AS OF YESTERDAY, WE HAD 6 LETTERS IN OPPOSITION.  
16 ADDITIONALLY, LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY, THE LOCAL PRESERVATION  
17 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION, HAS GONE ON RECORD STATING THEIR  
18 SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ALPINE VILLAGE. THESE CONCLUDE  
19 MY REMARKS, AND I AM AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY  
20 HAVE.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM NUMBER 5,  
23 NOW.

24

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 5 IS A  
2   HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE, TITLE 21,  
3   SUBDIVISIONS, AND TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO INCLUDE  
4   THE BY-RIGHT HOUSING ORDINANCE. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL  
5   STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

6

7   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE  
8   PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, 4, AND 5. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
9   PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON  
10   THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF  
11   THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. IN  
12   ADDITION, UPON COMPLETION OF PUBLIC COMMENT, MY COLLEAGUES  
13   WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE ITEMS.

14

15   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON  
16   THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC  
17   COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 SHOULD CALL 844-767-5651, AND USE  
18   PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-3836. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 844-  
19   767-5651, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-3836. DO NOT  
20   CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO  
21   LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE  
22   INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT'S  
23   YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC  
24   HEARING ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE  
25   MINUTE FOR ALL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU  
20 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO AT THIS  
21 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE  
22 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS BEN ATKINSON. YOU  
23 HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS  
24 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **BEN ATKINSON:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

2

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

4

5 **BEN ATKINSON:** OKAY. I'M SPEAKING ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 2, IN  
6 SUPPORT OF BUSINESS, AND REMOVAL OF CONDITION NUMBER 33. MY  
7 NAME'S BEN ATKINSON. I'M THE MARKET MANAGER FOR 7-ELEVEN  
8 STORES IN ORANGE COUNTY, AND ALSO WHITTIER AND NORWALK. THE  
9 OWNERS OF THE 7-ELEVEN STORE ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH 7-  
10 ELEVEN. THEY HAVE HAD NO ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS, AND HAVE OWNED  
11 THIS STORE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED  
12 FOR THREE-PACKS AND SINGLES, AND WE DON'T SEE THE REASON FOR  
13 THE HOURS RESTRICTION. THIS IS A FIRST THAT WE HAVE HAD AN  
14 HOURS RESTRICTION ON ONE OF OUR GAS STATIONS, AND IT WILL  
15 PLACE THEM AT A SEVERE DISADVANTAGE AS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS  
16 IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. THEY STRICTLY ENFORCE NO  
17 LOITERING, AND COMPLY WITH NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON THE  
18 PREMISES. THEY'RE VERY STRICT WITH THAT, AND THEY'VE HAD NO  
19 ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS. THEY'RE A COMMUTER STORE SERVING THE LOCAL  
20 COMMUNITY GOING TO AND FROM WORK, AND THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD  
21 JOB. THEY'VE BEEN CAUSING TRAINING AND MONITORING OF THEIR  
22 STORE EMPLOYEES.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS AJAY SINGH. YOU WILL HAVE ONE  
3 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
4 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **AJAY SINGH:** HI. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 2. MY NAME IS AJAY  
7 SINGH. I'M A FRANCHISEE OF A 7-ELEVEN, AND I JUST WANT TO LET  
8 THE BOARD KNOW THAT HAVING THIS TIME LIMIT ON OUR BUSINESS, IT  
9 HURTS THE BUSINESS BOTTOM LINE. UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT IT DOESN'T  
10 DO IS IT DOES NOT... ALL IT DOES IS ASK THE CUSTOMER NOT TO  
11 SHOP IN THIS STORE. ALL THEY DO IS JUST GO ACROSS THE STREET.  
12 THEY SHOP AT THE OTHER LOCATIONS. BECAUSE THIS IS AN  
13 UNINCORPORATED AREA, THE LINES OF DEMARCATIONS ARE VERY  
14 NARROW. SO, JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET, IT IS A  
15 DIFFERENT CITY, AND THEY DON'T HAVE SUCH RESTRICTIONS. IF YOU  
16 PUT THESE RESTRICTIONS ON THIS LICENSE, IT'LL HURT THIS  
17 BUSINESS IN PARTICULAR.

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RANDEEP DHAMI. YOU HAVE ONE  
23 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
24 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **RANDEEP DHAMI:** HI. MY NAME IS RANDEEP DHAMI, AND I'M THE  
2 FRANCHISEE OWNER FOR THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION. THIS IS FOR  
3 AGENDA ITEM 2 AND CONDITION NUMBER 33. I ACTUALLY WANTED TO,  
4 YOU KNOW, TALK ABOUT THIS LOCATION SPECIFICALLY, JUST BECAUSE  
5 IT'S IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA. I WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO  
6 LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THIS SITE. I KNOW THIS  
7 CONDITION WAS DONE IN L.A. CITY ON THE NEW C.U.P., BUT THIS  
8 PARTICULAR LOCATION WILL HURT MY BUSINESS BOTTOM LINE WAY MORE  
9 AS COMPARED TO THE OTHER LOCATIONS IN L.A. CITY, JUST BECAUSE  
10 OF THE LOCATION OF THE SITE. IF COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE  
11 LOCATION OF THE SITE, I AM AT A PLACE IN A CORNER WHERE ONE  
12 SIDE IS NORWALK, AND THE OTHER SIDE IS [INAUDIBLE]. I AM THE  
13 ONLY ONE IN THE AREA, IN THREE-MILE, FOUR-MILE RADIUS, WHO  
14 WILL BE RESTRICTED ON TIMING, AND THIS WILL AFFECT MY BOTTOM  
15 LINE AS A BUSINESS. I'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS LOCATION VERY  
16 SUCCESSFULLY, BUT THIS WILL GIVE ME A HARDSHIP, AND I'VE BEEN  
17 HERE--

18

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

21

22 **RANDEEP DHAMI:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JOHN DOWITT. YOU HAVE ONE  
25 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

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1 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. JOHN DOWITT, YOUR LINE IS  
2 OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ALL PRAISES AND GLORY TO THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR. I AM  
5 ADRIAN "THE REDEEMER" MOON, AND I SHALL SPEAK ON ITEM 13, AND  
6 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE REPORT BY  
7 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND I REQUEST THAT IN SUPPORT--

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. WE'RE ON PUBLIC HEARING RIGHT  
10 NOW, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I'LL WAIT TILL 13.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THOSE ITEMS HAS ALREADY  
15 EXPIRED, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT SOMETHING IN WRITING, IT  
16 WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** [LAUGHING.]

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL PERLSON. YOU  
23 HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS  
24 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 4,  
2 ALPINE VILLAGE. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
3 DIRECTORS OF THE ALPINE VILLAGE CORPORATION. AND THE BOARD  
4 APPRECIATES THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO HELP ALPINE VILLAGE  
5 WITH ITS FINANCIAL ISSUES THAT WILL RESULT FROM THIS  
6 DESIGNATION, AND I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THE  
7 HISTORIC USES THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS A MEMORY OF ARE NO  
8 LONGER IN EFFECT. THE RESTAURANT IS CLOSED. THE OKTOBERFEST  
9 THAT USED TO BE IN A BIG TENT ON THE PROPERTY HAS ALSO CLOSED,  
10 ALL BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL LOSSES. IT'S NOT A DESTINATION FOR  
11 THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT IT WAS, AND THERE IS MINIMAL FOOT  
12 TRAFFIC. THE SWAP MEET PROVIDES THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF INCOME.

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RON MICHAELS. YOU HAVE ONE  
18 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
19 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. THIS IS RON MICHAELS, AND I'M  
22 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 5, THE BY-RIGHT ORDINANCE. IS THERE A  
23 NUMBER FOR THAT ORDINANCE? I DIDN'T SEE IT IN THE SMALL PRINT.  
24 I'M SORRY THAT I COULDN'T FIND THE SMALL PRINT. I'M THINKING  
25 THAT MAYBE YOU CAN MAKE LARGER-PRINT ITEMS FOR YOUR AGENDA. IT

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1 IS 2020, THE 19TH YEAR OF THE 21ST CENTURY. AND IT'S TIME TO  
2 MOVE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, AND THIS ONE-MINUTE STUFF FOR  
3 PUBLIC HEARING JUST DOESN'T GET IT ANYMORE. THIS BY-RIGHT. BY-  
4 RIGHT, BY-RIGHT, BY WHOSE RIGHT? CAN YOU PLEASE FURTHER  
5 CLARIFY THAT A LITTLE BIT? BECAUSE IT LEAVES A LOT TO THE  
6 IMAGINATION. AND AS FOR FUNDING SOME OF THESE ITEMS, MAYBE YOU  
7 CAN LOOK INTO THE MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX THAT HAS NEVER BEEN  
8 DISCUSSED BY THE COUNTY OR THE CITY.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC,  
11 PLEASE? THANK YOU.

12

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

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** TO HELP THE BOARD.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU HAVE ONE  
19 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
20 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND  
23 I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 4, THE ALPINE VILLAGE HISTORIC  
24 LANDMARK DESIGNATION. THIS IS IN WEST CARSON. AND, YOU KNOW, I  
25 SUPPORT GOING A LITTLE FURTHER AND CALLING THIS MONUMENT THE

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1 RICHARD BRUCKNER/MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HISTORICAL LANDMARK FOR  
2 L.A COUNTY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PART OF A STONE STATUE  
3 THAT'S MADE: A VERY SQUAT BUT STATELY LOOKING SHEILA KUEHL AS  
4 A PART OF THE TABLEAU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC, PLEASE?

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, THIS IS MY PROPOSAL FOR THE HISTORICAL COUNTY  
9 LANDMARK THAT'S IN ITEM 4. PLEASE DON'T INTERRUPT. NOW, YOU'RE  
10 GOING TO TAINT IT AS A FAIR PUBLIC HEARING IF YOU DO THAT,  
11 KATHRYN BARGER. YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE A GREAT JOB OF EXCLUDING  
12 THE PUBLIC FROM OTHER ITEMS, LIKE THE BUDGET. BUT LET ME JUST  
13 FINISH. AND THEN I WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE DESTROYING THE PART  
14 OF THE BUILDING AT L.A. COUNTY HALL WHERE THE PUBLIC USED TO  
15 SIT AND DELIVER TESTIMONY. HAVE THEM BE PULLING IT OUT IN  
16 WORKERS' OUTFITS, SORT OF DRESSED AS THE PROLETARIAT, IN A  
17 GOOD WAY.

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS SHERI BONSTELLE. YOU HAVE ONE  
23 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
24 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1     **SHERI BONSTELLE:** HELLO?

2

3     **MODERATOR:** HI, SHERI. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4

5     **SHERI BONSTELLE:** OKAY, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHERI  
6     BONSTELLE, FROM JEFFER MANGELS BUTLER & MITCHELL. I REPRESENT  
7     THE OWNERS OF THE ALPINE VILLAGE, AT THE DIRECTION OF THEIR  
8     BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE OWNERS DO NOT OPPOSE THE DESIGNATION  
9     WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE LANDMARKS  
10    COMMISSION. AS STATED IN THE PRESENTATION, THESE ARE, FIRST,  
11    THE DESIGNATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE SITE AREA ON THE MAP  
12    ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTION, WHICH IS JUST THE BUILDINGS ON THE  
13    SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE PROPERTY. THE REMAINDER OF THE PROPERTY  
14    IS A LARGE PARKING LOT THAT IS LOCATED IN THE TOP OF A FORMER  
15    LANDFILL THAT HAS NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. SINCE THE  
16    90S, THE PARKING LOT HAS BEEN USED AS A DAILY FLEA MARKET THAT  
17    SERVES THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. IT'S A PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME  
18    FOR ALPINE VILLAGE, AND SO IT REALLY NEEDS TO REMAIN. SECOND,  
19    THE DESIGNATION APPLIES ONLY TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING,  
20    AS IDENTIFIED IN THE RESOLUTION, BECAUSE THE INTERIORS HAVE  
21    BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED OVER TIME. AND FINALLY, IT'S  
22    IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT ALPINE IS NO LONGER IN THE SAME  
23    STATE THAT IT WAS IN THE FOND MEMORIES OF MOST OF THE  
24    SPEAKERS. THE OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION--

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NAVJOT DHAMI. YOU HAVE ONE  
5 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
6 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **NAVJOT DHAMI:** HI. THIS IS NAVJOT DHAMI. I'M THE OWNER OF 7-  
9 ELEVEN, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD TO  
10 MY HUSBAND'S TESTIMONY THAT WE ARE OPERATOR OF THIS BUSINESS  
11 MORE THAN 22 YEARS, AND WE HAVE BEEN DOWN ALMOST 40 PERCENT  
12 BECAUSE OF THE C.O.V.I.D., AND THIS CONDITION WILL REALLY HIT  
13 US REALLY HARD. AND WE ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING. WE HAVE NO  
14 PROFITS AT THIS CONDITION, AND WE'RE REALLY STRUGGLING,  
15 FINANCIALLY. AND WE WILL APPRECIATE IF YOU GUYS CONSIDER THE  
16 LOCATION OF THE STORE, AND FIGURE OUT THIS IS NOT FAIR ON THIS  
17 LOCATION, BECAUSE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET EVERYBODY IS ABLE TO  
18 SELL UP TILL 2 A.M. SO WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, AND  
19 PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS LOCATION OF THIS 7-ELEVEN. THANK YOU  
20 VERY MUCH.

21

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DEON WALKER. YOU HAVE ONE  
2 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
3 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DEON WALKER, AND I'M SPEAKING ON  
6 ITEM NUMBER 2. I'M SUPPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND REMOVAL OF  
7 CONDITION NUMBER 33. THIS LOCATION FOR 7-ELEVEN HAS BEEN IN  
8 GOOD PRACTICE WITH BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND WITH 7-ELEVEN.  
9 FACING THE BURDEN OF CONDITION NUMBER 33 ONTO THE STORE HAS  
10 CAUSED UNDUE HARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATOR AND THE FINANCIAL  
11 PROFITS OF THIS LOCATION. THIS LOCATION HAS BEEN IN FAIR  
12 PRACTICE OF BOTH SINGLES AND THEIR BEER LICENSE AND WINE  
13 LICENSE SINCE INCEPTION. THIS BURDEN PLACES AN UNNECESSARY  
14 NEED AND HARDSHIP ON THE OPERATORS, AND ALSO DRIVES AWAY  
15 BUSINESS COMMUNITY STANDING. WE WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO  
16 CONSIDER REMOVING THIS, AND ORDER TO RESTORE BALANCE AND A  
17 PROFITABILITY TOWARDS THE STORE. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS HARRIS ROSENBLUM. YOU HAVE ONE  
22 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
23 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE  
2 LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COUNCIL, IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5. THE  
3 L.A.B.C. WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED  
4 BY-RIGHT HOUSING ORDINANCE. AT A TIME WHEN HOUSING AT ALL  
5 INCOME LEVELS IS CRUCIALLY NEEDED, THIS ORDINANCE WILL HELP  
6 EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING, AND WOULD  
7 INCENTIVIZE INCREASED PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH  
8 MARKET MECHANISMS. THE 2019 MCKINSEY REPORT FOUND THAT MEETING  
9 OUR REGION'S 2021-TO-2029 ARENA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TARGET OF  
10 457,000 AFFORDABLE UNITS WOULD REQUIRE AROUND \$130 BILLION  
11 OVER THE EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD. WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19 SHIFTING  
12 PRIORITIES AND SLASHING BUDGETS, FINDING PUBLIC SUBSIDIES TO  
13 FULFILL THIS DIRE NEED WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. WE  
14 THINK THE BY-RIGHT HOUSING ORDINANCE WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT  
15 OF PUBLIC SUBSIDY NEEDED BY INCENTIVIZING MARKET-DRIVEN  
16 DEVELOPMENT WITH SET-ASIDES FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS. WE'RE ALSO  
17 GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE ORDINANCE'S EXTENSION OF BY-RIGHT  
18 REVIEW TO DENSITY BONUS PROJECTS, WHICH INCLUDE EXTREMELY LOW-  
19 INCOME AND MODERATE-INCOME--

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

# THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROSALIND SAGARA. YOU HAVE ONE  
2 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
3 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ROSALIND SAGARA:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROSALIND SAGARA, WITH THE L.A.  
7 CONSERVANCY, AND SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 4. THANK YOU TO THE  
8 COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION FOR RECOMMENDING LANDMARKS  
9 DESIGNATION FOR ALPINE VILLAGE, BRINGING RECOGNITION TO AN  
10 IMPORTANT LEGACY BUSINESS IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. AS A  
11 COMMERCIAL SHOPPING DESTINATION AND SOCIAL/CULTURAL GATHERING  
12 PLACE, ALPINE VILLAGE HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO  
13 THE HISTORY OF L.A. COUNTY, AND SERVED AS A SOCIAL AND  
14 CULTURAL CENTER FOR GERMANS, HUNGARIANS, CROATIANS, POLISH,  
15 AND SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS, WHICH HELD ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND  
16 EVENTS AT ALPINE VILLAGE SINCE 1968, OVER THE YEARS, AND  
17 SERVED AS A MEETING PLACE FOR MORE THAN 30 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
18 CLUBS. THE L.A. CONSERVANCY SUPPORTS THE DESIGNATION AT ALPINE  
19 VILLAGE AS A COUNTY LANDMARK, AND URGES THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

# THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL VELZAT. YOU HAVE ONE  
2 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
3 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. JUST OUT OF RESPECT, I KNOW I GAVE WHAT I WAS  
6 GOING SAY ON THE PHONE BEFORE I CALLED IN. IT WAS MOSTLY NOT  
7 SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING. IT WAS JUST MORE OF A  
8 QUESTION. IF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OPENS UP THE CHURCHES,  
9 WILL THE L.A. COUNTY BACK WHAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM SAYS?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE ON PUBLIC ITEMS NUMBER 1  
12 THROUGH 4.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS LATER  
17 IN THE BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SHOULD I HOLD?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE. YOU CAN HOLD AND LISTEN. THANK YOU.  
22 NEXT SPEAKER? THANK YOU.

23

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST AS A REMINDER TO ANYONE  
3 THAT WAS NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR REMARKS, WE WILL CONTINUE  
4 TO ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,  
5 WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WITH THAT, I KNOW,  
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY  
9 SUPPORT OF MAKING ALPINE VILLAGE A HISTORIC LANDMARK  
10 DESIGNATION. AND I KNOW IT'S IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT OF  
11 COURSE THAT'S THE DISTRICT THAT MY FATHER REPRESENTED FOR 40  
12 YEARS, AND I REALLY FEEL LIKE I SORT OF GREW UP AT ALPINE  
13 VILLAGE. AND I REMEMBER HANS AND TERRY RODDER, WHO WERE OF  
14 COURSE THE PROPRIETORS FOR SO MANY YEARS, AND DID SUCH A GREAT  
15 JOB WITH OKTOBERFEST EVERY YEAR. I CAN'T TELL YOU THE NUMBER  
16 OF NONPROFITS THAT BENEFITED FROM THE FIRST NIGHT OF  
17 OKTOBERFEST, WHERE ALL THE PROCEEDS WENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL  
18 COMMUNITY NONPROFITS IN AND AROUND OUR AREA. IT'S JUST SUCH AN  
19 ICONIC VISUAL, YOU KNOW, LANDMARK. WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING ON THE  
20 110 FREEWAY, IT'S SO VISIBLE. PEOPLE KIND OF MARK WHERE  
21 CERTAIN THINGS ARE IN THE HARBOR AREA, BASED ON THEIR DISTANCE  
22 FROM ALPINE VILLAGE. AND SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE SPENT SO MANY  
23 YEARS THERE, WHETHER IT WAS SHOPPING OR DINING, OR MANY PEOPLE  
24 TOOK DANCE LESSONS THERE. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT IN THESE  
25 TIMES THAT WE DO KEEP CERTAIN LANDMARKS IN OUR COMMUNITY, JUST

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1 TO REMIND US OF OUR PAST, BUT ALSO TO GIVE A SENSE OF  
2 COMMUNITY. AND IT'S JUST A GREAT LANDMARK, AND I JUST WANTED  
3 TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF IT. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
4 HAS REPRESENTED THEM FOR ALL OF HIS YEARS, AS WELL, AND I JUST  
5 WANTED TO JOIN IN, IN MY SUPPORT FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN.  
6 THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO BROUGHT THIS FORWARD. IT TAKES A LOT  
7 OF EFFORT TO CREATE AN HISTORIC LANDMARK, AND SO THANKS TO ALL  
8 OF YOU OUT THERE WHO DID THE HEAVY LIFTING TO BRING IT BEFORE  
9 US TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SPEAKING OF SUPERVISOR  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND  
15 MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SHOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE, I CAN  
16 OFFER AN AMENDMENT AND CAUSE THIS TO BE A FOURTH-DISTRICT  
17 ASSET. YOUR REMARKS WERE SO STELLAR UNTIL IT'S ALMOST AS IF MY  
18 LITTLE PALTRY REMARKS WON'T MEASURE UP.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** NOT AT ALL. NOT AT ALL.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
23 TO THANK THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY'S  
24 HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND RECORDS COMMISSION FOR THEIR WORK ON  
25 THIS. HONORING AND MAINTAINING OUR ARCHITECTURAL LANDMARKS IS

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1 A VITAL WAY, I THINK, FOR US TO CELEBRATE THE RICH DIVERSITY  
2 OF THIS REGION. AND I DO MEAN IT'S RICH, AND I DO MEAN THAT IT  
3 IS IMMENSELY DIVERSE. AND MANY WOULD ARGUE THAT ALPINE  
4 VILLAGE, WHICH IS QUITE A LANDMARK IN THE WEST CARSON  
5 COMMUNITY, IS INDISPUTABLY WORTHY OF THIS DESIGNATION, AS HAS  
6 BEEN INDICATED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR  
7 AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BOTH PAST AND  
8 PRESENT. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO WEIGHED IN ON THIS  
9 MATTER. IT'S NOT A SMALL THING. IT'S A SIGNIFICANT PIECE, IN  
10 TERMS OF THE HISTORIC PUSH THAT L.A. COUNTY LAYS CLAIM TO.  
11 MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I URGE THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD  
12 WITH AN AYE VOTE AND SALUTE HISTORY, AS WELL AS THE FUTURE, IN  
13 SO DOING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED,  
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO, WHAT WE'RE GOING DO NOW IS WE  
17 ARE GOING TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEMS 1, 2, 4, AND 5,  
18 AND WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO READ IT IN.  
19 AND THEN WE WILL TAKE A VOTE. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO ON ITEM 1, SUPERVISOR, IT'S APPROPRIATE  
22 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE  
23 BALLOTS, AND TABLE THE ITEM FOR LATER IN THE MEETING.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OKAY. ITEM 2, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO  
3 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 2 IS  
6 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
8 CALL THE ROLL.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

13

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

16

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

18

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST TO CLARIFY, THIS IS TO DENY THE APPEAL? IS  
23 THAT THE VOTE?

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE NEED CLARIFICATION FROM THE FOURTH  
5 DISTRICT. IS THIS TO DENY THE APPEAL?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. YES, IT'S TO DENY THE APPEAL, SO AN AYE VOTE  
10 WOULD DENY THE APPEAL.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 2, CORRECT?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT IS CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THIS IS NOT ALPINE VILLAGE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I WAS GETTING READY TO OPINE ON  
19 ALPINE. I WAS GETTING READY TO OPINE, OKAY? THANK YOU.

20 [LAUGHTER.]

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

25

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

2

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

4

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THAT IS TO  
9 DENY THE APPEAL. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 4. IT WOULD  
10 BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS  
11 ITEM, AND THIS IS ON ALPINE VILLAGE. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
12 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL. WE'LL HAVE IT MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

21

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

23

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

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1

2 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

3

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

5

6 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

7

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

9

10 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

11

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

13 0.

14

15 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: SO NOW WE ARE ON ITEM NUMBER 5. IT WOULD  
16 BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS  
17 ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
18 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
19 ROLL.

20

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

22

23 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

24

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

3

4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IMPORTANT PIECE. 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, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

16

17   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

18

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

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR?

23

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

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN I GIVE A PARTICULAR SHOUTOUT TO THE  
2    DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE ADVANCED PLANNING TEAM,  
3    AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS REALLY  
4    IMPORTANT PIECE, AS IT RELATES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN  
5    OUR COUNTY? THANK YOU.

6

7    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO ON  
8    ITEM NUMBER 1, WE'RE GOING TO BE TABULATING THE VOTE, AND SO  
9    WE WILL MOVE ON NOW, AND GO ON TO SET ITEM 1. AND THEN AFTER  
10   THAT, WE WILL VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 1, IF WE GET THE TALLY. AND  
11   THEN WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEMS 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 27, AND  
12   57-A. AND WE WOULD FINISH IT UP WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET  
13   ITEMS, NUMBER 63 THROUGH 68. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH  
14   S-1, OUR SET ITEM. AND, SUPERVISOR, I'M SORRY. DR. FERRER, IF  
15   YOU ARE ON AND YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT  
16   STATUS?

17

18   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SURE. AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. CAN YOU  
19   HEAR ME?

20

21   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

22

23   **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** PERFECT. YES. THANKS SO MUCH, CHAIRWOMAN  
24   BARGER AND ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. AND AS YOU KNOW, I'M  
25   GOING TO GIVE A VERY QUICK UPDATE ON OUR NUMBERS FOR

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19, WHAT WE'VE BEEN SEEING. I KNOW WE'VE ALL BEEN  
2 REALLY ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE WERE GOING  
3 TO SEE ANOTHER SURGE AFTER LABOR DAY. AS I REPORTED YESTERDAY,  
4 WE HAVE NOT SEEN A SURGE. WE'RE THREE WEEKS OUT AFTER MEMORIAL  
5 DAY, AND AFTER THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAYS AT THIS POINT, WE HAD IN  
6 FACT SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES. IN THE CASE OF  
7 MEMORIAL DAY, IT WAS A FEW HUNDRED CASES THAT WERE PART OF OUR  
8 INCREASE, AND THEN THE CASES, EVERYONE KNOWS, AFTER JULY 4TH,  
9 WE ACTUALLY STARTED INCREASING BY OVER A THOUSAND CASES.  
10 THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY HAPPENED FOR US. AT THE BEGINNING OF  
11 SEPTEMBER, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES IS 1,176. AS OF  
12 THE END OF THE WEEK, LAST WEEK, THE CURRENT NUMBER OF AVERAGE  
13 DAILY CASES WAS 1,074. WE ALSO SAW SMALL DECREASES IN DAILY  
14 HOSPITALIZATIONS WHEN COMPARED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.  
15 AND NOW, ON OUR TEST POSITIVITY RATE, IT DROPPED FROM 4.4  
16 PERCENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, TO 3.1 PERCENT. AND  
17 EVEN AVERAGE DEATHS IS DOWN FROM 36 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE  
18 MONTH, TO DAILY DEATHS ARE NOW AVERAGING ABOUT 29. THAT BEING  
19 SAID, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE WON'T STILL SEE SOME INCREASES  
20 IN CASES ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIONS PEOPLE TOOK OVER THE HOLIDAY  
21 WEEKEND, OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND. AS YOU KNOW,  
22 IT'S VERY HARD TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHEN AND HOW WE WILL SEE  
23 INCREASES IN CASES. VERY DEPENDENT ON WHAT INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE  
24 ARE DOING AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BUSINESSES. I CAN'T SAY  
25 WITH CERTAINTY THAT PEOPLE REALLY CHANGED THEIR INTERACTIONS

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1 OVER LABOR DAY COMPARED TO WHAT WAS GOING ON OVER JULY 4TH AND  
2 MEMORIAL DAY, AND I WOULD SAY THE SAME, THAT MANY MORE OF OUR  
3 BUSINESSES ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS,  
4 AND THAT'S WHAT ALLOWED US, I THINK, OVER THE MONTH OF  
5 SEPTEMBER, TO REALLY STABILIZE OUR NUMBERS AT ABOUT SLIGHTLY  
6 UNDER A THOUSAND CASES A DAY, AND HAVE A DECLINE IN BOTH THE  
7 POSITIVITY RATE-- THE AVERAGE ABOUT 3 PERCENT ON THE TEST  
8 POSITIVITY RATE-- AND HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE STAYED BELOW 800  
9 FOR WEEKS NOW. WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SURGE IN  
10 CASES, I DO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE WE  
11 ARE IN TIER 1, IN TERMS OF OUR REOPENING PLAN. WE WILL NOT BE  
12 MOVING TO TIER 2. WE STILL-- OUR METRICS, AS POSTED THIS WEEK  
13 BY THE STATE, CONTINUE TO PUT US SQUARELY IN TIER 1. OUR CASE  
14 RATE, THE NUMBER OF NEW DAILY CASES PER ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE,  
15 IS 7.3 NOW. IT NEEDS TO BE AT OR BELOW 7 FOR US TO MOVE TO  
16 TIER 2, AND IT NEEDS TO BE THERE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. SO  
17 WE WILL BE STAYING IN TIER 1. BUT AS YOU KNOW, IN TIER 1, WE  
18 HAVE SOME OPTIONS THAT THE STATE HAS OFFERED THE COUNTIES FOR  
19 REOPENINGS IN CERTAIN SECTORS. AND WE HAVE NOT YET REOPENED IN  
20 ALL THOSE SECTORS, I THINK, FOR VERY GOOD REASONS. WE'RE A  
21 VERY LARGE COUNTY, AND A CAUTIOUS APPROACH, I THINK, AT THIS  
22 POINT HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL. NONETHELESS, I AM ANXIOUS TO HEAR  
23 FROM THE BOARD TODAY AROUND THE SCHOOL WAIVER PROGRAM. I KNOW  
24 THAT ON MY CALLS WITH EDUCATORS AND WITH PARENTS THE PAST FEW  
25 WEEKS, THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT, IS THERE A

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1 POSSIBILITY FOR US TO RECONSIDER WHETHER WE CAN REOPEN, AS A  
2 PILOT, A WAIVER PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS IN THE  
3 YOUNGEST GRADES TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK INTO SCHOOL? I DO WANT  
4 TO REPORT THAT OVER 500 SCHOOLS ARE REOPENED NOW FOR SERVICES  
5 FOR STUDENTS OF HIGH NEED. ALL THOSE SCHOOLS ARE WORKING  
6 CLOSELY WITH OUR TEAM HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
7 TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S FIDELITY TO THE REOPENING PROTOCOLS,  
8 AND THAT STUDENTS ARE BEING COHORTED. WE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO  
9 WORK WITH SCHOOLS AS THEY EXPERIENCE ANY POSITIVE CASES AND  
10 ANY OUTBREAKS, SO THAT WE QUICKLY CONTAIN THOSE SITUATIONS, SO  
11 THAT THEY DON'T RESULT AGAIN IN THE WORRY, WHICH WOULD BE MORE  
12 INCREASED TRANSMISSION. BUT I'VE NOTED THAT WE ALSO HAVE NOT  
13 YET REOPENED THE INDOOR MALLS. THAT WOULD BE AT LIMITED  
14 CAPACITY. NO FOOD COURTS AND NO COMMON AREAS CAN BE OPEN FOR  
15 THE STATE. OUR NAIL SALONS, ALSO, ARE ALLOWED AND PERMITTED BY  
16 THE STATE TO BE ABLE TO START, AT VERY MINIMAL INDOOR  
17 CAPACITY, SOME SERVICES. AND AGAIN, AS WE NOTED BEFORE, THE  
18 STATE DOES PERMIT CARD ROOMS TO REOPEN FOR OUTDOOR OPERATIONS  
19 ONLY, AGAIN WITH MODIFICATIONS. WE HAVE AGREED THAT WE WERE  
20 GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE LABOR DAY  
21 HOLIDAY, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THESE POSSIBILITIES  
22 FOR REOPENINGS. BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT, WHILE WE'RE STILL  
23 IN TIER 1, I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF REQUESTS FOR REOPENINGS FOR  
24 OTHER SECTORS. THOSE ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THE STATE. THOSE ARE  
25 NOT COUNTY OPTIONS AT THIS POINT. WE ONLY HAVE A LIMITED

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1 NUMBER OF SECTORS THAT WE'RE ALLOWED TO REOPEN THAT HAVEN'T  
2 ALREADY REOPENED. MUCH OF OUR RETAIL ENVIRONMENT HAS ALREADY  
3 REOPENED. AND AS YOU KNOW, DINING IS OPEN FOR OUTSIDE SERVICE  
4 ONLY. THAT, AGAIN, IS PER THE STATE. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE  
5 HAVE ALSO BEEN TRACKING RECENT REPORTS AROUND WHAT ARE WE  
6 LEARNING ABOUT TRANSMISSION AMONGST CHILDREN. THIS IS  
7 OBVIOUSLY TOP OF MIND, AS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S AS  
8 MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE AT THE SCHOOLS FOR TEACHERS AND THE  
9 STAFF, STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. TWO RECENT STUDIES THAT  
10 JUST CAME OUT THIS WEEK, BOTH STUDIES CONCLUSIVELY, I THINK,  
11 ESTABLISHED THAT CHILDREN AT ALL AGES, IN FACT, ARE INFECTED,  
12 AND IN FACT CAN INFECT OTHERS. IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE FOR  
13 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF ZERO AND FOUR, WE'VE SEEN 4,246  
14 CASES; OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 TO 11, 9,205 CASES;  
15 AND FOR OLDER CHILDREN, THROUGH AGES OF 12 AND 17, WE HAVE  
16 11,381 CASES. THE LITERATURE NOW HAS AMPLE EXAMPLES OF  
17 TRANSMISSIONS THAT HAPPENS BOTH AT SCHOOLS AND AT DAYCARE  
18 SETTINGS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHEN THERE ARE VERY  
19 STRICT PROTOCOLS THAT ARE IN PLACE TO ADDRESS ISSUES AROUND  
20 INFECTION CONTROL-- MAKING SURE EVERYONE'S WEARING FACE  
21 COVERINGS, AND IN FACT THE DISTANCING-- THERE ARE NOTES NOW  
22 THAT SHOW THAT THAT IS HELPFUL IN REDUCING TRANSMISSION. BUT  
23 WE ARE STILL AT THE EARLY STAGES OF GATHERING INFORMATION  
24 AROUND TRANSMISSION AMONGST CHILDREN, AND IN FACT  
25 UNDERSTANDING WHAT THEIR RATE OF INFECTING OTHERS ARE. WE CAN

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1 ESTABLISH THEY GET SICK. IT IS THOUGHT TO BE STILL THAT THEY  
2 MAY INFECT OTHERS AT A LOWER RATE THAN ADULTS INFECT OTHERS,  
3 BUT THERE ARE CONTRADICTORY STUDIES ON THIS, AND SOME OF THE  
4 RECENT STUDIES INDICATE THAT, REALLY, AMONGST YOUNG CHILDREN,  
5 THEY HAVE A HIGHER VIRAL LOAD THAN MANY ADULTS. SO WE'RE GOING  
6 TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WATCH THE LITERATURE ON THIS, AND THANK  
7 THE RESEARCHERS FOR BEING VERY, VERY PROMPT ABOUT LETTING US  
8 KNOW WHAT THEY'RE FINDING, AS THEY DO BOTH THESE META-ANALYSES  
9 AND THESE INDEPENDENT STUDIES OF SITUATIONS AT CERTAIN SITES  
10 WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN OUTBREAKS. WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO JUST  
11 STOP. I THINK THAT'S THE UPDATE ABOUT WHERE WE ARE AND THE  
12 NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING, AND I WOULD WELCOME ANY  
13 QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AND I THINK, GIVEN  
16 THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF L.A. COUNTY, OUR RESIDENTS HAVE DONE AN  
17 ADMIRABLE JOB CONTAINING THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 IN OUR  
18 COMMUNITIES. AND YOU MENTIONED THE FACT THAT WE JUST CAME OFF  
19 A HOLIDAY, AND THE NUMBERS ARE LOOKING GOOD. THROUGH THIS  
20 TIME, WE AND OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATE HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT  
21 HOW TO PREVENT THE SPREAD AND TREAT THIS VIRUS. I LOOK AT THE  
22 STATE'S NEW REOPENING GUIDELINES, AND IT REFLEXES. THEY ARE  
23 STRUCTURED TO ALLOW FOR REOPENING, WHILE LIMITING COMMUNITY  
24 TRANSMISSION THROUGH PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AND MOVING THINGS  
25 ALONG. WE ARE ALSO TRACKING THE SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC IMPACT ON

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1 CHILDREN, WHICH YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT QUITE A BIT, DR.  
2 FERRER, AND ALSO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITIES, WHICH  
3 I KNOW ALL MY COLLEAGUES HAVE HEARD FROM. SO I WANT TO PUT  
4 SOMETHING ON THE TABLE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I ARE  
5 INTRODUCING, AND WE CAN DISCUSS IT. OVER THE PASS THREE  
6 MONTHS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS EMPLOYED A MULTIFACETED  
7 RESPONSE TO PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS, AND SPECIFICALLY OUR  
8 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN  
9 SUCCESSFUL, AND WE HAVE SEEN OUR CASE RATE DROP TO ITS LOWEST  
10 RATE SINCE THE SPRING, AND OUR POSITIVITY RATE REACHED THE  
11 LOWEST LEVELS YET. WHEN THE STATE INTRODUCED THE TIER SYSTEM  
12 LAST MONTH, THE COUNTY MADE THE DECISION TO DELAY ANY  
13 ADDITIONAL REOPENINGS TO ALLOW OUR RATES TO CONTINUE TO DROP,  
14 AND PROTECT AGAINST THE RISK OF ANY INCREASE FROM LABOR DAY.  
15 NOW, MORE THAN THREE WEEKS REMOVED FROM THE HOLIDAY, OUR RATES  
16 ARE LOWER THAN BEFORE. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE CLOSE TO  
17 PROGRESSING INTO TIER 2, ALTHOUGH I KNOW THAT THE STATE HAS  
18 SAID THAT WE ACTUALLY GOT A TWO-WEEK WINDOW, OR WAIT TIME, TO  
19 DO THAT. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE CLOSELY MONITORING THE  
20 IMPACT SCHOOL CLOSURES HAVE HAD ON OUR CHILDREN. WHILE WE'VE  
21 OPENED OUR SCHOOLS FOR INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, THIS HAS  
22 BEEN LIMITED IN SIZE TO THE SMALLEST SUBSET OF OUR STUDENTS.  
23 THE COUNTY CANNOT FULLY REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS UNTIL WE ADVANCE  
24 INTO THE STATE'S SECOND TIER, BUT WE CAN ALLOW WAIVERS FOR  
25 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO PROVIDE LIMITED IN-

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1 PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR THE AGES OF CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT MOST  
2 FROM IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION. THE STATE, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL  
3 DISTRICTS HAVE INVESTED HEAVILY IN DISTANCE-LEARNING  
4 TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, GAPS STILL EXIST THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY  
5 IMPACT MINORITY COMMUNITIES. JUST THIS PAST WEEK, A LAWSUIT  
6 WAS FILED ON BEHALF OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BLACK AND LATINO  
7 CHILDREN WHO CLAIM THEY HAVE BEEN LEFT WITHOUT A BASIC  
8 EDUCATION. ALL STUDENTS ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE AND APPROPRIATE  
9 EDUCATION. FOR MANY OF OUR STUDENTS MOST AT RISK, DISTANCE  
10 LEARNING IS NEITHER FREE NOR APPROPRIATE. FURTHERMORE, THE  
11 L.A. TIMES REPORTED THAT THE L.A.U.S.D. SUPERINTENDENT, AUSTIN  
12 BEUTNER, IDENTIFIED THAT THE LARGEST DROPS IN ATTENDANCE AMONG  
13 YOUNG STUDENTS IS FROM THE LOWEST INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. THESE  
14 ABSENCES WILL ONLY EXACERBATE THE LEARNING GAP BETWEEN WHITE  
15 STUDENTS AND MINORITY STUDENTS. KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IN  
16 L.A.U.S.D. IS DOWN 14 PERCENT, AND EARLY ATTENDANCE REPORTS  
17 WERE THAT ONLY 50 PERCENT TO 75 PERCENT OF STUDENTS LOGGED IN.  
18 THESE ATTENDANCE CHALLENGES BUILD ON THE REMOTE LEARNING  
19 LIMITATIONS OF THE SPRING SEMESTER, WHERE ONLY 60 PERCENT OF  
20 L.A.U.S.D. STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN ONLINE LEARNING. AS  
21 OCTOBER APPROACHES, IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF  
22 REOPENING OUR SCHOOLS AT A LIMITED CAPACITY. RECOGNIZING THE  
23 SCHOOL WAIVERS MUST GO THROUGH THE COUNTY, AND THEN APPROVED  
24 BY THE STATE, WE MUST ALLOW OUR SCHOOLS TIME TO SLOWLY BRING  
25 STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF BACK TO CAMPUS. WE THEREFORE

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1 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 PUBLIC HEALTH TO, ONE, IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL WAIVER PROGRAM FOR  
3 GRADES T.K. THROUGH 2, STARTING AT 30 SCHOOLS PER WEEK,  
4 PRIORITIZING ISSUANCE OF WAIVERS TO SCHOOLS WITH A HIGHER  
5 PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR FREE, REDUCED MEALS,  
6 EQUALLY DIVIDED AMONG THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, AND  
7 ANY UNCLAIMED WAIVERS FOR ANY GIVEN WEEK TO BE REDISTRIBUTED  
8 TO SCHOOLS WITH HIGHER PERCENTAGES OF STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR  
9 FREE AND REDUCED MEALS TO REACH THE CAP, 30 SCHOOLS PER WEEK,  
10 IRRESPECTIVE OF THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; TWO, REPORT BACK  
11 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BIWEEKLY WITH UPDATES ON THE  
12 WAIVER APPLICATION PROCESS AND COMPLIANCE AT REOPENED SCHOOLS,  
13 AS WELL AS ANY CHANGES THAT OUGHT TO BE MADE TO THE CONTACT  
14 TRACING WORKFLOW IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY  
15 OF DATA RECORDED, WITH REGARD TO SCHOOL EXPOSURES; AND THREE,  
16 WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL MEASURES  
17 SHOULD BE TAKEN, TO CERTIFY THAT ALL PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN  
18 PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO SCHOOL REOPENINGS, AND INCLUDE  
19 ANY COMPLIANCE UPDATES IN THE BIWEEKLY REPORT BACK. THIS IS  
20 THE MOTION SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MYSELF. AND I JUST  
21 HAVE TO SAY THAT WE WORKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH DR. FERRER, AND  
22 I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE  
23 BEEN INUNDATED, AS HAS DR. DUARDO, AS IT RELATES TO PARENTS  
24 VERY ANXIOUS TO GET THEIR CHILDREN BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM,  
25 FOR FEAR THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE LACKING EDUCATIONAL

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1 OPPORTUNITIES. SO WE SUBMIT THIS MOTION. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
2 AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR  
5 READING IN THIS MOTION. I SUPPORT THE MOTION. I DID WANT TO  
6 ASK A QUESTION, THOUGH, IF WE ARE ALSO MAKING CLEAR THAT  
7 EMPLOYEES OF EACH SCHOOL SITE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE  
8 INPUT IN DECIDING HOW THIS MOVES FORWARD. I THINK THAT WAS  
9 ORIGINALLY PART OF THE PROCESS, AND I WASN'T CLEAR IF THAT WAS  
10 STILL A PART OF WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS PARTICULAR MOTION.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. THAT IS THE INTENTION.  
13 BUT, DR. FERRER, IF YOU WANT TO CLARIFY THAT?

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SURE, YEAH. THANKS SO MUCH. ON OUR LAST  
16 VERSION OF A SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN TO ACTUALLY LAUNCH A PILOT  
17 WAIVER PROGRAM, WE DID RECOMMEND AND AGREE THAT LETTERS OF  
18 SUPPORT SHOULD BE REQUIRED FROM THE SECTORS THAT REALLY HELP  
19 MAKE UP A SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THAT WOULD INCLUDE, YOU KNOW,  
20 PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF, AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY  
21 REPRESENT THEM AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS. YOU KNOW, IT'S PRETTY  
22 HARD TO IMAGINE SUCCESSFUL REOPENINGS WITHOUT THE ENTIRE  
23 COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS, AND THAT WAS IN OUR LAST  
24 RECOMMENDATION.

25

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1    **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THAT REMAINS? THAT REMAINS, THEN?

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3    **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

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5    **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. BUT I DID WANT TO MAKE  
6    A STATEMENT, MADAM CHAIR.

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8    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE.

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10    **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND DR. GHALY, TOO, AND  
11    ALL THE INCREDIBLE STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS, DAY  
12    IN AND DAY OUT, TO HELP US ADDRESS THIS PANDEMIC. AND I'M GLAD  
13    TO HEAR THAT, BECAUSE OF OUR CARE AND CAUTION TO THE COMMUNITY  
14    AT LARGE, THAT WE DIDN'T SEE A SPIKE AFTER THE LABOR DAY  
15    WEEKEND. I THINK THAT WAS REALLY COMMENDABLE ON THE PART OF  
16    EVERYONE MOVING FORWARD. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE  
17    TAKING, YOU KNOW, WE ARE SEEING SOME ECONOMIC RESILIENCY  
18    COMING BACK. IT'S COMING BACK SLOWLY. AND I KNOW THAT THERE  
19    HAS TO BE MORE IMPROVEMENT. BUT I STILL KNOW THAT THIS IS  
20    REALLY IMPACTFUL TO MANY OF OUR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. AND SO  
21    I KNOW WE HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS IN WHAT WE OPEN. AGAIN, I WOULD  
22    LIKE TO REITERATE I'M SUPPORTIVE OF OPENING UP, SLOWLY, NAIL  
23    SALONS, CARD ROOMS, AND POSSIBLY MALLS, BUT DOING IT IN A  
24    MANNER THAT IS RESTRICTED, SO THAT WE DON'T OVERWHELM,  
25    OBVIOUSLY, OUR STAFF, AND INCREASE THE INFECTION RATE. A LOT

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1 HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT THIS HAS HAD,  
2 ALSO, IN OUR SCHOOLS, WITH RESPECT TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS. AND  
3 I HAPPEN TO REPRESENT ONE AREA OF THE COUNTY THAT HAS QUITE A  
4 NUMBER OF YOUTH THAT ARE CHALLENGED, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE  
5 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. THEY ARE IN THE QUARTILE WHERE THEY  
6 ARE A MAJORITY OF THOSE FREE-LUNCH STUDENTS, AND ALSO ENGLISH  
7 LANGUAGE LEARNERS. SO I DO WANT TO SEE THIS MOVE ALONG, AND DO  
8 WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AND EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS,  
9 AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR, POSSIBLY, FROM EITHER DR. GHALY OR  
10 FROM YOU, DR. FERRER, ABOUT THE STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE BY THE  
11 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY THAT ANTICIPATES AN 89-  
12 PERCENT INCREASE IN C.O.V.I.D.-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS OVER THE  
13 NEXT MONTH. THAT'S ONE QUESTION THAT I HAVE. AND THEN THE  
14 SECOND QUESTION WOULD BE REGARDING WHAT WE ARE DOING IN TERMS  
15 OF OUR COMPLIANCE, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM. AND WHAT ARE WE SEEING IN THOSE  
17 INSPECTIONS OF OUR BUSINESSES? THOSE ARE THE TWO QUESTIONS I  
18 HAVE, MADAM CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, DR. FERRER.

21  
22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
23 AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. I KNOW THAT DR. GHALY WAS  
24 TALKING THAT, ACROSS THE STATE, THEY ANTICIPATE IN THE MONTH  
25 OF OCTOBER SEEING INCREASES IN HOSPITALIZATIONS, BASED ON THE

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1 MODELING PREDICTIONS FOR THE WHOLE STATE. I DID HAVE AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK QUICKLY WITH DR. GHALY. AND, YOU KNOW,  
3 L.A. COUNTY IS STILL ONE OF THE COUNTIES THAT HAS NOT SEEN AN  
4 INCREASE IN CASES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE IN THE MINORITY  
5 NOW. MANY OTHER COUNTIES HAVE STARTED SEEING SOME INCREASES. I  
6 THINK THAT COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO SOME OF THE DECISIONS WE'VE  
7 MADE AS A COUNTY. IN PARTICULAR, THERE ARE SOME COUNTIES THAT  
8 STARTED SEEING INCREASES AS COLLEGE CAMPUSES OPENED UP. BACK  
9 DOWN IN SAN DIEGO, WE'VE ALL BEEN WATCHING WITH DISMAY ABOUT  
10 THE HUGE INCREASE IN CASES ASSOCIATED WITH JUST ONE OF THEIR  
11 STATE COLLEGES REOPENING. AND IN OTHER PLACES, COUNTIES ARE  
12 ALREADY IN TIER 2, AND IN SOME PLACES THERE ARE COUNTIES IN  
13 TIER 3, WHERE THEY'VE REOPENED LOTS OF OTHER SECTORS, AND, IN  
14 FACT, AS WE SAW WHEN WE DID A LOT OF REOPENINGS, THAT  
15 OFTENTIMES, IF NOT DONE CAREFULLY, RESULTS IN INCREASED CASES.  
16 SO I THINK, BASED ON INCREASED CASES-- AND IN SOME PLACES THEY  
17 HAVE NEVER REALLY SEEN THE LEVEL OF DECREASE IN  
18 HOSPITALIZATIONS WE SEE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY-- THERE IS THIS  
19 WORRY. AND I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE TO BE WORRIED, BECAUSE  
20 WITH THIS VIRUS, THERE ARE ALWAYS UNKNOWNNS. AND THERE ARE  
21 ALWAYS OPPORTUNITIES, IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, TO INCREASE OUR  
22 ABILITY TO TRANSMIT TO EACH OTHER. AND I KNOW DR. CHRISTINA  
23 GHALY REPORTED EARLIER LAST WEEK THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT RATE OF  
24 TRANSMISSION HAS SLIGHTLY INCREASED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WE  
25 HAVE TO BE SUPER CAREFUL AS WE MOVE FORWARD, PARTICULARLY AS

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1 SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE OPENING. EVERYBODY IN THAT SCHOOL  
2 BUILDING LIVES IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, HAS A FAMILY OR FRIENDS THAT  
3 THEY'RE GOING HOME TO, AND REALLY PROTECTING OURSELVES DEPENDS  
4 ON DOING WHAT WE KNOW WORKS, AT THIS POINT. AND IN TERMS OF  
5 WHAT'S OUR INVESTIGATION ARM, REALLY, THERE'S TWO PIECES TO  
6 THAT, AS YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR. WE STILL DO A LOT OF WORK TO  
7 HELP BUSINESSES COME INTO COMPLIANCE. AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO  
8 REPORT THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST EFFORTS THAT WE'VE HAD AROUND  
9 BUSINESSES COMING INTO COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN LAUNCHING A NEW  
10 PROGRAM, THE SAFETY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. AND TO DATE, WE'VE  
11 ACTUALLY HAD 2,753 BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES COMPLETE THAT  
12 PROGRAM, WHICH REALLY MEANS THEY UNDERSTAND HOW TO CREATE  
13 ENVIRONMENTS AT THEIR SITES THAT ARE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. SO I  
14 WANT TO CONGRATULATE EVERYBODY WHO'S WORKED SO HARD. THAT  
15 REALLY HAS ALSO BEEN PART OF THE EFFORT WITH OUR CITY MANAGERS  
16 AND CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO MAKE SURE BUSINESSES ARE COMING  
17 IN. THAT'S AN ONLINE PROGRAM. BUT IT DOES ALLOW BUSINESSES TO  
18 BE TRAINED, EMPLOYEES TO BE TRAINED, AND THEN THOSE BUSINESSES  
19 SELF-CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19  
20 PROTECTIONS. SO I THINK WE CONTINUE TO REALLY TRY TO DO A LOT  
21 OF EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND WE CONTINUE WEEKLY  
22 CALLS WITH MANY SECTORS. BUT WE ARE OUT THERE AT THIS POINT,  
23 AND WE ARE ASKING THAT BUSINESSES REALLY ADHERE TO THE  
24 PROTOCOLS. AND YOU'VE SEEN US ISSUE, NOW, CITATIONS AND FINES  
25 WHERE WE'VE JUST HAD FLAGRANT DISREGARD FOR COMMON SENSE AND

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1 LEGALLY REQUIRED SAFETY MODIFICATIONS. AND WE'VE EVEN CLOSED  
2 PLACES DOWN WHEN IT'S JUST A FLAGRANT VIOLATION THAT REALLY  
3 CAN HARM THE HEALTH OF BOTH THE WORKERS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS,  
4 BUT ALSO OUR COMMUNITY. WE DO SEE MUCH BETTER COMPLIANCE  
5 ACROSS MOST SECTORS. WE'RE OUT EVERY SINGLE WEEK IN THE  
6 RESTAURANTS AND THE FOOD INDUSTRY SECTORS. WE VISIT HOTELS.  
7 AND AGAIN, HUGE IMPROVEMENTS. I WILL SAY MAKING SURE THAT  
8 EMPLOYEES KNOW WHAT THE PROTECTIONS ARE IS STILL AN AREA WHERE  
9 SOME BUSINESSES ARE CHALLENGED, AND POSTING OF THOSE  
10 REQUIREMENTS AGAIN ARE AREAS WHERE BUSINESSES CAN STILL  
11 IMPROVE. I WILL SAY THE PLACES WHERE WE'VE STILL STRUGGLED,  
12 AND WE GET THE MOST COMPLAINTS TO DATE, ARE WITH THE FITNESS  
13 CENTERS THAT CONTINUE TO OPERATE INDOORS, AND A HANDFUL OF  
14 HOUSES OF WORSHIP THAT CONTINUE TO OPERATE INDOORS. WE JUST  
15 URGE EVERYONE, WE'RE OUTDOORS FOR A VERY IMPORTANT REASON,  
16 WHICH IS THAT THERE IS MOUNTING EVIDENCE ABOUT HOW MUCH EASIER  
17 IT IS FOR THIS VIRUS TO BE TRANSMITTED INDOORS. AND WHILE WE  
18 LEARN FROM THE SCIENCE AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS  
19 FOR THAT MAY BE FOR CREATING SAFER AIR CIRCULATION SYSTEMS, I  
20 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ADHERE TO THESE PROTOCOLS THAT CALL  
21 FOR FOLKS TO BE OUTDOORS. BUT WE DO, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE A LINE,  
22 AN ANONYMOUS LINE, WHERE PEOPLE CAN COMPLAIN IF THEY ARE  
23 WORKING IN A PLACE AND THEY FEEL LIKE IT'S NOT SAFE, OR IF  
24 THEY'RE A CUSTOMER AND THEY GO TO A PLACE AND THEY FEEL LIKE  
25 IT'S NOT SAFE. WE GET ABOUT 2,000 CALLS A WEEK, AND WE RESPOND

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1 TO ALL OF THE CALLS, AND TRY TO FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THAT  
2 WE'RE BRINGING BUSINESSES INTO COMPLIANCE.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THEN  
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER,  
10 FOR GIVING US THIS UPDATE. AND AGAIN, I'M GLAD WE'RE HAVING IT  
11 AS A SET ITEM, SO THE PUBLIC CAN ACTUALLY HEAR ALL OF US ASK  
12 QUESTIONS AND DEBATE THESE ISSUES. GOOD NEWS THAT WE HAVE NOT  
13 HAD A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OUR CASES, BASED ON LABOR DAY. I  
14 THINK WE WERE ALL HOLDING OUR BREATH A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT  
15 THOSE NUMBERS WOULD BE. WE KNOW IT'S ALL PRECARIOUS. AGAIN, WE  
16 ALL KNOW THAT UNTIL THERE'S A VACCINE, IT'S ALL A BIG RISK.  
17 EVERY TIME YOU WALK OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR, YOU ARE AT RISK,  
18 AND WE KNOW THAT. I WILL SAY THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M EVOLVING A  
19 LITTLE BIT IN HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE REOPENINGS. I LOVE IT THAT  
20 WE WERE FOCUSING ON SCHOOLS. I THINK THAT'S RIGHT, AND I WAS  
21 HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ABOUT  
22 BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR ACCEPTING WAIVERS. AND I AGREE. AND  
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL CALLED ME OVER THE WEEKEND AND MADE SURE THAT  
24 WE REMEMBERED WHAT WE ALL AGREED ON, THAT EVEN THOUGH IT WAS  
25 REMOVED FROM THE STATE'S CRITERIA FOR WAIVERS, WE FELT PRETTY

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1 STRONG ABOUT MAKING SURE THERE WAS A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM  
2 THE TEACHERS, FROM THE STAFF, FROM THE PARENTS. THAT IS REALLY  
3 PARAMOUNT, I THINK, AS WE LOOK TO REOPEN SOME SCHOOL SITES.  
4 BUT I WILL SAY I KNOW WE'RE STILL HAVING STICKER SHOCK FROM  
5 MAY. MANY HAVE CRITICIZED US FOR REOPENING TOO SOON, AND THEN  
6 HAVING TO CLOSE BACK UP AGAIN. BUT I DO KIND OF FEEL LIKE  
7 WE'RE AT A TIPPING POINT, IN TERMS OF BUSINESSES, JOBS,  
8 PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD OUT THERE. AND I DO KNOW THAT EVERY WEEK  
9 THAT GOES BY THAT WE DON'T ALLOW A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF  
10 DIFFERENT BUSINESSES TO SORT OF REOPEN AND GET BACK ON THEIR  
11 FEET, WE'RE CLOSER TO PUTTING THE LAST NAIL IN THEIR COFFIN,  
12 IN TERMS OF THEIR BUSINESSES, AND THEN THAT WOULD RESULT IN  
13 EMPLOYEES NOT EVEN HAVING A BUSINESS TO GO BACK TO. AND I DID  
14 GET A CALL FROM THE MAYOR OF LONG BEACH, ROBERT GARCIA, WHO  
15 FEELS LIKE HE IS COMPLETELY OKAY. AND I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD  
16 GET OUR NAIL SALONS, MAYBE, BACK UP FOR INDOOR OPERATIONS AT  
17 THE 25 PERCENT. SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN OPERATING OUTSIDE IN  
18 THE PARKING LOTS, ON THE CURBS. BUT THERE'S OTHERS THAT DID  
19 NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF PROPERTY AROUND THEIR STORE. AND I WILL  
20 SAY, THE LAST TIME I WENT TO MY NAIL SALON IN SAN PEDRO, THE  
21 AMOUNT OF PLEXIGLAS YOU FOUND, OF MASKS AND SHIELDS, I FELT  
22 MUCH SAFER SITTING THERE GETTING MY NAILS DONE THAN I DO--  
23 BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS WEARING A MASK, RIGHT? I FELT MUCH SAFER  
24 THERE THAN SITTING OUTSIDE AT A RESTAURANT AND EATING AND  
25 DINING WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT WEARING THEIR MASKS. SO IT FEELS

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1 ARBITRARY SOMETIMES. IT FEELS UNFAIR. BUT I'M ALSO READY, YOU  
2 KNOW, TO EVEN LOOK AT BREWERIES, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU  
3 LOOK AT THE MAKEUP OF BREWERIES, IT'S OUTDOORS. THERE'S NO  
4 INSIDE. THERE'S NO DANCE FLOORS. THERE'S NO GETTING CLOSE TO  
5 EACH OTHER INSIDE. MANY BREWERY OWNERS HAVE SAID THEY WILL  
6 LIMIT THE HOURS THAT SOMEBODY CAN SIT THERE ON A BENCH  
7 DRINKING A BEER. AND AGAIN, MANY OF THESE ARE SMALL  
8 BUSINESSES. THESE ARE ENTREPRENEURS WHO INVESTED THEIR ENTIRE  
9 LIFE SAVINGS INTO OPENING THE BUSINESS, UNFORTUNATELY, AND  
10 THEN THE PANDEMIC HIT. SO I AM MOVING TOWARD BEING MORE OPEN  
11 TO THE 70 BREWERIES IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M NOT READY TO GO TO THE  
12 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF BARS THAT ARE OUT THERE YET. I  
13 THINK IT'S AN INCREMENTAL OPENING FOR BREWERIES AND WINERIES.  
14 AND I KNOW CASINOS IS A BIG ISSUE. I'VE BEEN ON A LOT OF CALLS  
15 WITH THEM. I'M LESS INCLINED, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THEY ALSO  
16 HAVE SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, AND WONDERING KIND OF WHAT  
17 YOUR THINKING IS, DR. FERRER, ON THOSE ENTITIES, AS WELL AS  
18 FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS. ARE WE LOOKING FOR BETTER  
19 METRICS? BECAUSE THOSE ARE ALLOWED... ARE THEY ALLOWED, UNDER  
20 THE STATE? NO. OH, I KNOW. I KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY  
21 ABOUT BREWERIES: NOT ALLOWED UNDER THE STATE, BUT FOOD TRUCKS  
22 WITH A BREWERY ARE ALLOWED. SO I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S A  
23 POSSIBILITY TO CARVE OUT A SPECIAL CATEGORY FOR BREWERIES WITH  
24 A FOOD TRUCK, THAT WE COULD BEGIN TO LET THEM OPERATE A FEW  
25 HOURS AT A TIME TO SEE HOW THAT WORKS. I SAID A LOT, AND I'M

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1 NOT EVEN SURE IF THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS IN THERE. BUT I'M  
2 GLAD WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS PUBLICLY, BECAUSE I THINK THE  
3 PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO HEAR US DEBATE THESE ISSUES. SO, FEEL  
4 FREE TO ANSWER ANYTHING THAT EVEN SOUNDED REMOTELY LIKE A  
5 QUESTION.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THERE WERE A LOT OF QUESTIONS IN  
8 THERE. SO, DR. FERRER?

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10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR  
11 ALL YOUR SUPPORT. SO, YEAH, LET ME JUST SEE IF-- I CAN ANSWER  
12 A COUPLE PRETTY SIMPLY. CARD ROOMS ARE A PERMITTED ACTIVITY.  
13 THERE ARE 7 CARD ROOMS IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT THEY ONLY CAN  
14 OPERATE OUTDOORS. THEY CANNOT OPERATE INDOORS. AND THE  
15 RESTRICTION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IS THAT THERE'S NO FOOD OR  
16 BEVERAGE SERVICE AT THE TABLES, WHICH MEANS THAT EVERYONE WILL  
17 BE BOTH OUTDOORS AND HAVE THEIR FACE COVERINGS ON THE ENTIRE  
18 TIME THEY'RE AT ONE OF THE TABLES. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO NOTE  
19 THERE'S ONLY SEVEN CARD ROOMS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WE,  
20 TOO, OBVIOUSLY, HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEM. I WANT TO NOTE  
21 THAT THEY WERE ALLOWED TO REOPEN INDOORS, BUT JUST FOR A FEW  
22 WEEKS BEFORE, AGAIN, BASED ON THE STATE ORDER, THEY WERE  
23 CLOSED DOWN. AND WE DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO REOPEN OUTDOORS YET,  
24 ALTHOUGH THAT IS SOMETHING WE COULD DO WHILE WE'RE IN TIER 1,  
25 THE MOST RESTRICTIVE TIER THAT THE STATE HAS. IN TERMS OF THE

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1 FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS, THAT AGAIN, YES, THAT IS A  
2 PERMITTED ACTIVITY FOR TIER 1. WE HAVE NOT OPENED ANY FAMILY  
3 ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I THINK ONE OF THE  
4 ISSUES THERE, OBVIOUSLY, IS THAT INCLUDES THE ARCADES, WHERE  
5 THERE'S A TENDENCY FOR THERE TO BE A FAIR AMOUNT OF CROWDING.  
6 AND IT'S HARD FOR THAT TO BE EASILY, I THINK, MANAGED. AGAIN,  
7 YOU KNOW, WE ALWAYS ARE LOOKING FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE  
8 SURE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT BOTH HOW ESSENTIAL THE ACTIVITY IS,  
9 AND THE AMOUNT OF RISK IT MAY CREATE. BUT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY  
10 RIGHT TO NOTE, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED IT OURSELVES  
11 AT LENGTH, THAT THAT WOULD BE A PERMITTED ACTIVITY HERE IN  
12 L.A. COUNTY WHILE WE'RE IN TIER 1. THE BREWERIES, AS YOU  
13 NOTED, BREWERIES AND BARS, DISTILLERIES, ARE ALL CLOSED BY THE  
14 STATE. NOT A PERMITTED ACTIVITY IN TIER 1, UNLESS THEY LOOK  
15 MORE LIKE A RESTAURANT. AND THE WAY TO LOOK MORE LIKE A  
16 RESTAURANT WOULD BE TO MAKE SURE YOU HAD A MEAL PROGRAM. WE'VE  
17 INTERPRETED THAT HERE IN THE COUNTY, WITH OUR HEALTH OFFICER  
18 ORDER, TO ACTUALLY MEAN THAT YOU WERE PERMITTED BY THE HEALTH  
19 DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AND SERVE MEALS. BUT THERE ARE COUNTIES,  
20 OTHER COUNTIES, THAT HAVE USED THAT LANGUAGE TO ALLOW FOR,  
21 JUST LIKE YOU NOTED, A BREWERY TO HAVE A FOOD TRUCK AFFILIATED  
22 NOW WITH THE BREWERY, SO THAT THERE WAS THE SERVING OF A MEAL,  
23 EVEN THOUGH THE BREWERY ITSELF IS NOT PERMITTED TO PREPARE AND  
24 SERVE MEALS. THE BARS AND THE BREWERIES THAT DON'T HAVE THAT  
25 RESTAURANT LICENSE TO DO THAT ARE GENERALLY ONLY PERMITTED TO

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1 SERVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF PREPACKAGED FOOD, LIKE POTATO CHIPS  
2 OR PREPACKAGED NUTS, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T, OBVIOUSLY, CERTIFIED  
3 THEM AS BEING ABLE TO, IN A SAFE WAY, BE ABLE TO PREPARE AND  
4 SERVE FOOD. SO THAT'S A DIFFERENCE THERE. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT TO  
5 NOTE, IN OTHER COUNTIES, THEY HAVE IN TIER 1, IN FACT, BEEN  
6 CREATIVE AND ALLOWED BARS AND BREWERIES. I DON'T THINK THEY  
7 MADE A DISTINCTION. ANYBODY WHO WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR THE  
8 SERVING OF A MEAL WAS ABLE TO REOPEN. I THINK WE'D HAVE TO  
9 CHECK WITH COUNSEL ABOUT TRYING TO STAGGER THIS IN A WAY THAT  
10 ALLOWED FOR SOME OF THOSE ENTERPRISES LIKE THE BREWERIES TO  
11 OPEN, AND FOR THE BARS NOT TO. THEY WOULD, AGAIN, HAVE TO BE  
12 ABLE--

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** I AGREE. I AGREE. AND I THINK WE WOULD HEAR BLOODY  
15 HELL FROM BARS, EXCEPT FOR I DON'T WANT TO BE TRAPPED TO  
16 THINK, OH, JUST BECAUSE WE WANT TO INCREMENTALLY ALLOW  
17 BREWERIES, THAT WE HAVE TO. THERE'S ONLY 70 IN L.A. COUNTY,  
18 AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO OPEN THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF  
19 BARS. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE HELD TO THAT. SO IF YOU THINK  
20 THAT'S A COUNTY COUNSEL ISSUE, THEN LET'S BRING THAT UP. BUT I  
21 AM MUCH MORE-- AND I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I'M  
22 MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN DOING THESE LITTLE, INCREMENTAL  
23 OPENINGS; TO THROW SOME LIFELINES, WHETHER IT'S 25 PERCENT OF  
24 A HAIR SALON, 25 PERCENT OF A NAIL SALON, OUTDOOR DINING AT  
25 RESTAURANTS, BUT NOT INDOOR, 70 BREWERIES. I'M MUCH MORE

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1 INTERESTED IN THAT. I FEEL THAT'S MORE THOUGHTFUL AND MORE  
2 RESPONSIBLE, SO THAT, AGAIN, WE HAVE SOME TIME TO LOOK AT THE  
3 DATA. AND I DON'T WANT TO BE DRUG INTO HAVING TO OPEN ONE  
4 SECTOR JUST BECAUSE IT SEEMS THEY'RE TIED TOGETHER, OR IT  
5 SEEMS UNFAIR. BUT I WOULD REALLY LIKE YOU-- I DON'T KNOW IF  
6 THAT'S A COUNTY COUNSEL ISSUE-- TO DISCUSS THAT WITH US AT  
7 SOME POINT, BECAUSE THAT'S MY INCLINATION. I WANT TO GIVE SOME  
8 LITTLE, TINY BITS OF HELP OUT THERE TO SOME JOBS AND SOME  
9 BUSINESSES, WITHOUT OVERWHELMING OUR CASELOAD. AND AGAIN, I'M  
10 SAYING THIS TO MY COLLEAGUES. I'M SAYING THIS TO THE PUBLIC. I  
11 KNOW SOMEBODY'S GOING TO GET SICK, AND SOMEBODY COULD PROBABLY  
12 DIE FOR EVERY LITTLE BIT WE OPEN, BUT THAT'S A RESPONSIBILITY  
13 THAT WE'RE ALL TAKING TOGETHER. AND UNTIL WE GET A VACCINE,  
14 AGAIN, WALKING OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR, YOU ARE AT RISK FOR  
15 CATCHING THIS DEADLY, HORRIBLE, CONTAGIOUS VIRUS. BUT WE'RE  
16 THREADING THE NEEDLE BETWEEN PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD AND THEIR  
17 HEALTH, AND IT'S A SITUATION NONE OF US ENJOY BEING IN. NONE  
18 OF US REALLY WERE PREPARED TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS. AND WE  
19 RELY ON YOU, DR. FERRER. YOU'RE OUR HEALTH EXPERT, AS WELL AS  
20 YOUR TEAM. BUT MY COLLEAGUES ALSO KNOW THAT THE BUCK STOPS  
21 WITH US, AND WE'RE THE ONES THAT, YOU KNOW, ARE ON THE GROUND,  
22 SEEING THE LIVES AND THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED,  
23 AS WELL, BY THIS VIRUS. OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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2   **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK WHAT YOU AND  
3   SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, AND I ASSUME MY COLLEAGUE MARK  
4   RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHEN HE FOLLOWS ME, HAVE REALLY ALL BEEN  
5   TALKING ABOUT IS THE ISSUE OF COMPLIANCE. BECAUSE WHEN WE  
6   OPENED UP SEVERAL OF THE BUSINESSES, INCLUDING SOME INDOOR  
7   DINING IN THE SPRING, WE WERE BELIEVING THAT EVERYONE WAS  
8   GOING TO COMPLY AND WERE GOING TO DO THEIR BEST, BECAUSE THEY  
9   DIDN'T WANT THEIR CLIENTS TO BECOME ILL. AND WHAT WE QUICKLY  
10   FOUND, WHERE DR. FERRER AND HER TEAMS WERE CHECKING ON  
11   COMPLIANCE, WAS THAT IT WAS AT A VERY LOW LEVEL AT FIRST, AND  
12   THAT PEOPLE WERE HAVING TROUBLE TAKING IT SERIOUSLY. VERY MUCH  
13   THE SAME AS, NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO THESE DAYS, THERE ARE  
14   PEOPLE, IF YOU GO OUT TO EAT, SOMEBODY SAYING, "YOU CAN'T MAKE  
15   ME WEAR A MASK JUST TO WALK IN YOUR RESTAURANT." AND IT'S VERY  
16   HARD ON THE OWNERS AND ON THEIR EMPLOYEES TO BE VERY FIRM, BUT  
17   THEY HAVE TO BE. SOME PEOPLE ARE HAVING A DINNER PARTY, BUT  
18   YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE AT A TABLE.  
19   THEY HAVE TO BE DISTANT FROM THE OTHER TABLES. AND THEY'LL  
20   SAY, "OH, YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN'T JUST CROWD AROUND THE  
21   BIRTHDAY GIRL." SO, WHAT I WANT TO SAY ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING  
22   IS, THERE IS A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR RESIDENTS IN THE  
23   COUNTY. IF WE ARE GOING TO SAY WE WILL SUPPORT OPENING, IN A  
24   LIMITED MANNER, MORE OF THESE BUSINESSES, IT'S REALLY THE  
25   RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS TO TAKE THIS VERY

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1 SERIOUSLY, OR THEY WILL BE CLOSED DOWN AGAIN, BECAUSE THE  
2 CASES WILL GO UP. TWO NIGHTS AGO ON THE NEWS, THEY WERE  
3 SHOWING NAIL SALONS THAT WERE OPEN IN ANOTHER COUNTY. THEY HAD  
4 THE SAME RULES OF LIMITED ATTENDANCE OR INSIDE CLIENTS, AND  
5 THEY WERE NOT ADHERING TO IT. EVERY ONE OF THOSE BIG CHAIRS  
6 WHERE YOU GET A PEDICURE WAS FILLED. PEOPLE WERE, AT MOST, A  
7 FOOT AWAY FROM EACH OTHER. AND IT WAS LIKE, "OH, YEAH, BUT  
8 WE'RE ALL WEARING MASKS." WELL, THAT IS INSUFFICIENT, BECAUSE  
9 EVEN WITH MASKS, YOU NEED SOCIAL DISTANCING. AND THE RULES  
10 REQUIRE DISTANCING. AND UNLESS THE BUSINESSES TAKE THIS  
11 SERIOUSLY, I CAN'T SEE HOW WE'RE GOING TO OPEN MORE, AND KEEP  
12 THOSE PLACES OPEN THAT WE'VE ALREADY APPROVED. I SUPPORT THE  
13 MOTION FOR OPENING THE SCHOOLS IN A VERY LIMITED FASHION, T.K.  
14 THROUGH 2, LOW NUMBERS. AND I THINK, ALSO, MAYBE BUILDING IN A  
15 BIT OF A PAUSE MECHANISM AFTER FOUR TO SIX WEEKS, AND REALLY  
16 SEEING WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THEM. BECAUSE WE NOW, AS DR.  
17 FERRER INDICATED, HAVE A LOT OF EVIDENCE ABOUT THE FACT THAT  
18 CHILDREN DO CARRY THIS. AND I'M SURE YOU ALL ARE SURPRISED  
19 THAT YOU'RE NOT AS SICK AS YOU USUALLY ARE, YOU PARENTS, ABOUT  
20 THIS TIME OF YEAR, AND IT'S BECAUSE YOUR KIDS HAVEN'T BEEN IN  
21 SCHOOL, BECAUSE THEY BRING EVERYTHING HOME, AND YOUR WHOLE  
22 FAMILY WOULD BE SICK BY OCTOBER, BY NOW, WITH SOMETHING: WITH  
23 A COLD OR BRONCHITIS, ET CETERA. IT'S THE SAME WITH THIS, ONLY  
24 MORE SERIOUS. SO I KNOW THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO BE VERY, VERY  
25 CAREFUL, BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT THEIR CHARGES, THEY CARE

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1 ABOUT THEIR TEACHERS, WE HOPE, AND STAFF. AND I'M HOPING THAT  
2 THEY WILL BE VERY, VERY STRICT IN THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH EVERY  
3 RULE, TO TRY TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES SAFE, AND  
4 OUR WORKERS SAFE. AS TO THE OTHER BUSINESSES, I AGREE WITH  
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO OPEN FOR LIMITED  
6 INSIDE ATTENDANCE AT, SAY, A NAIL SALON. I ALSO AGREE-- AND  
7 THIS COULD BE MY OWN PREJUDICE-- I THINK THAT ANYTHING THAT IS  
8 OPEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING ALCOHOL IS SORT OF ASKING FOR  
9 IT A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR GETS A LITTLE  
10 LOOSER. MAYBE THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF IT. SO I AM NOT  
11 SUPPORTIVE YET ABOUT BREWERIES OR WINERIES. AND I AGREE, OF  
12 COURSE, ABOUT BARS AND, UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN FAMILY AMUSEMENT  
13 CENTERS, BECAUSE I'M A BIG MOVIEGOER, AND I REALLY HAVE MISSED  
14 IT. BUT I HOPE WE WILL TAKE A LOOK IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS AT HOW  
15 IT'S GOING, IN TERMS OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR WAIVERS, THE  
16 WAIVERS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN GRANTED, AND ANY OF OUR SCHOOLS  
17 THAT HAVE OPENED. AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THE  
18 EQUITY ISSUE IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. WHEN WE ALLOW PEOPLE  
19 TO START TO ATTEND SCHOOL, ONLY THOSE MOST VULNERABLE  
20 STUDENTS, THOSE WHO NEEDED ONE-ON-ONE ATTENTION, AND YOU LOOK  
21 AT THE LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT APPLIED, MORE THAN HALF OF THEM  
22 WERE PRIVATE, MANY OF THEM RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS. I HAVE NOTHING  
23 ABOUT PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, BUT THE EQUITY  
24 ISSUE IS VERY BIG HERE. AND I WANT US TO BE ABLE TO HELP OUR  
25 PUBLIC SCHOOLS GET AN ADVANTAGE HERE, BUT ALSO TO BE ABLE TO

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1 KEEP THEIR STUDENTS AND THEIR STAFF SAFE. SO I WILL SUPPORT  
2 THE MOTION. AND, DR. FERRER, I THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM SO MUCH  
3 FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE BEEN DOING, AND THE THOUGHTFUL WAY  
4 THAT YOU'VE APPROACHED TRYING TO KEEP US SAFE. THANK YOU,  
5 MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ON A  
8 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, BIWEEKLY, IN THE MOTION, I TAKE WHAT  
9 YOU'RE SAYING, AND I THINK WE DO NEED TO CLOSELY MONITOR, AND  
10 I THINK THAT WAS THE INTENT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I. WE WANT  
11 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CLOSELY MONITORING THIS, EVEN AS IT  
12 RELATES TO THE CONTACT TRACING, SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND  
19 COLLEAGUES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO BEGIN MY REMARKS BY  
20 INDICATING THAT ALL OF WHAT WE DO SHOULD BE INFORMED BY AN  
21 ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION. AND IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT SUCH  
22 BE THE CASE FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, GIVEN ALL THAT IS AT STAKE.  
23 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO DIRECT MY  
24 COMMENTS NARROWLY TO THOSE ISSUES RAISED BY THE BARGER-HAHN  
25 MOTION. AND I SIMPLY WISH TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING: OVER THE

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1 PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, I THINK WE REALIZED THAT THERE HAS BEEN  
2 AN UNIMAGINABLE STRAIN FOR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH  
3 YOUNG CHILDREN. AND I DARESAY OUR RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH NONE  
4 OF US TAKE LIGHTLY, IS TO BALANCE THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND  
5 INTELLECTUAL GROWTH OF OUR STUDENTS, AS WELL AS THE HEALTH OF  
6 OUR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS-- THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY,  
7 FOR THAT MATTER-- WITH THIS UNBELIEVABLY LARGE PUBLIC THREAT.  
8 I WANT TO STATE FOR THE RECORD I HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS  
9 WITH MAJOR REOPENINGS, BASED ON LESSONS WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE  
10 SUMMER. BUT I THINK THAT MOVING FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY,  
11 DELIBERATELY, AND PRIORITIZING OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS, FOR WHOM  
12 VIRTUAL LEARNING IS THE MOST CHALLENGING, IS THE APPROPRIATE  
13 APPROACH. I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. WE HAVE MULTIPLE  
14 OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT'S THE CASE,  
15 WE ARE SEEKING TO DO SO. BUT I HASTEN TO ADD, THERE'S A LOT ON  
16 THE LINE. THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY  
17 IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19 ARE SIGNIFICANTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
18 AND LATINX COMMUNITIES, AND THE PANDEMIC HAS JUST EXACERBATED  
19 PREEXISTENT DISPARITIES. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY AS CLEARLY AS  
20 I CAN, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND  
21 MOVE FORWARD WE MUST, EQUITY MUST BE A DRIVING OBJECTIVE; NOT  
22 SIMPLY PARITY, BUT EQUITY. WE MUST FOCUS ON DISMANTLING THE  
23 BARRIERS FOR THESE FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, WHETHER  
24 IT'S PURCHASING EQUIPMENT OR MASKS FOR THEIR STUDENTS, OR  
25 HELPING ACQUIRE TECHNOLOGY; THAT IS TO SAY, CONFRONTING THE

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1 DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES TO COMMUNITIES  
2 THAT HAVE YET TO FIND THEMSELVES ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD,  
3 FROM A TECHNOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW. THAT IS, WE NEED TO FIGURE  
4 OUT HOW TO ACQUIRE THE TECHNOLOGY OR THE RESOURCES FOR EITHER  
5 IN-PERSON OR OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING. THIS IS WHAT EQUITY  
6 REQUIRES. I RESTATE: EQUITY MUST BE ONE OF OUR PREMIER DRIVING  
7 PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES. AND EQUITY MUST GUIDE, I THINK, OUR  
8 OVERALL DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES AND OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,  
9 SO THAT STUDENTS MOST IN NEED OF THESE SERVICES ARE THE ONES  
10 THAT WE PRIORITIZE. MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION.  
11 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON THE ITEM. IT IS  
12 MY INTENT TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE SAME. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. DO I  
15 HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? ALL RIGHT. WITH  
16 THAT, ITEM S-1 IS BEFORE US, AND THERE IS A MOTION ON THE  
17 TABLE. I WILL APPROVE THE MOTION, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
18 HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL  
19 ON THE MOTION?

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM S-1 MOTION IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR  
22 SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

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4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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

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9    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

12

13   **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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17   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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22   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. NOW WE  
23   WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 1, AGAIN, WHICH IS THE ITEM ON THE  
24   PUBLIC HEARING. AND, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE REPORT ON  
25   THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
3 AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE  
4 THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE ANNEXATION AND  
5 LEVY OF AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR PETITION NUMBERS 12-216, 34-  
6 515, 78-718, AND 22-316, PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO COUNTY  
7 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
8 DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE.  
9 AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT  
10 THE RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENT  
11 AND THE JOINT RESOLUTION, ACCEPTING THE NEW NEGOTIATED  
12 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
13 ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US. IT WILL BE  
16 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO  
17 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
18 ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 1 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

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

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1

2 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

3

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

6

7 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

8

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

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11 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

12

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

14

15 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

16

17 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
18 0.

19

20 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEMS  
21 HELD BY THE BOARD. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 7,  
22 SUPPORTING THE I AM VANESSA GUILLEN ACT OF 2020. IT WAS HELD  
23 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

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1    **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ALSO  
2    WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION  
3    WITH ME. SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THIS STORY. 20-YEAR-OLD  
4    U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST VANESSA GUILLEN WAS REPORTED MISSING FOR  
5    MONTHS, UNTIL HER REMAINS WERE FINALLY FOUND ON JUNE THE 30TH  
6    OF THIS YEAR. THE TRAGIC AND VIOLENT DEATH OF SPECIALIST  
7    GUILLEN AT THE FORT HOOD ARMY BASE IN TEXAS COULD HAVE BEEN  
8    PREVENTED. MONTHS BEFORE HER DEATH, SHE SHARED WITH HER FAMILY  
9    THAT SHE WAS BEING SEXUALLY HARASSED BY ANOTHER SERVICE  
10   MEMBER. HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT MAKE AN OFFICIAL REPORT BECAUSE  
11   SHE FEARED RETALIATION, AND BELIEVED THAT HER COMPLAINT WOULD  
12   NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS MADE  
13   BY OTHERS HAD BEEN DISMISSED. HER DEATH HAS DRAWN ATTENTION TO  
14   THE SEXUAL ABUSE THAT MANY WOMEN AND MEN EXPERIENCE AND SUFFER  
15   THROUGH SILENTLY WHILE SERVING IN OUR U.S. ARMED FORCES. AND  
16   ACCORDING TO AN ANONYMOUS SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE SEXUAL  
17   ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
18   OF DEFENSE, APPROXIMATELY 20,500 SERVICE MEMBERS WERE SEXUALLY  
19   ASSAULTED OR RAPED OVER THE COURSE OF ONE YEAR. YET, NEARLY  
20   TWO-THIRDS OF THESE SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENTS IN THE MILITARY  
21   GO UNREPORTED. ALL INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL  
22   VIOLENCE ARE UNACCEPTABLE, AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED.  
23   AND THAT'S WHY I'M PLEASED THAT A BROAD, BIPARTISAN COALITION  
24   OF OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS HAVE TAKEN ACTION  
25   AND INTRODUCED THE I AM VANESSA GUILLEN ACT OF 2020 IN THE

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1 HOUSE AND SENATE. THIS LEGISLATION WILL REFORM THE WAY THAT  
2 THE U.S. MILITARY ADDRESSES AND INVESTIGATES THE DISAPPEARANCE  
3 OF SERVICE MEMBERS, AND IT WOULD CREATE NEW PROTOCOLS FOR  
4 REPORTING AND PROSECUTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL  
5 ASSAULT. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THESE PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE  
6 FOR THE BRAVE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHO SERVE AND PROTECT US  
7 AND OUR COUNTRY. WHAT HAPPENED TO SPECIALIST VANESSA GUILLEN  
8 MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN, AND WE MUST HONOR HER LIFE WITH  
9 DIGNITY AND RESPECT, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR SERVICE MEN  
10 AND WOMEN WHO ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED, BY SUPPORTING THIS  
11 LEGISLATION. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS MATTER. THANK  
12 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I SIMPLY WANT  
18 TO SAY IT'S PAINFUL ENOUGH TO LOSE A CHILD WHILE SHE IS  
19 HONORABLY SERVING HER COUNTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO AN ACCIDENT IN  
20 BATTLE OR A SURPRISE AMBUSH DURING ARMED CONFLICT. BUT TO LOSE  
21 A CHILD TO A COWARDLY ATTACK PERPETRATED ON HER BY A FELLOW  
22 SOLDIER WHO IS SWORN TO DEFEND AND PROTECT HIS FELLOW  
23 AMERICANS IS DOWNRIGHT DESPICABLE, AND OBVIOUSLY INTOLERABLE.  
24 I WANT TO SAY I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I SUPPORT  
25 CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER AND SENATOR HIRONO'S IMPORTANT

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1   BILLS, WHICH, IF PASSED, WILL MOVE INVESTIGATIONS OF SEXUAL  
2   ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASES OUT OF THE CHAIN OF  
3   COMMAND. IT SEEMS TO ME WE OUGHT TO END THIS FLAWED AND  
4   HARMFUL PRACTICE OF ENTITIES INVESTIGATING THEMSELVES, ONCE  
5   AND FOR ALL. LET'S START WITH THIS, BUT NOT END THERE. LOOK  
6   INWARD, IN TERMS OF OUR OWN COUNTY, IN TERMS OF THAT PRACTICE  
7   THAT DEMEANS AND REDUCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF JUSTICE BEING DONE.  
8   SO, TO THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, AND THE CO-AUTHOR, LET ME SAY  
9   THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. EVERY TIME WE CAN STRIKE  
10  A BLOW FOR JUSTICE IN THIS ARENA OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, IT'S THE  
11  RIGHT THING TO DO. MADAM CHAIR?

12

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

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16  **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS VERY MUCH TO  
17  SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING ME TO  
18  CO-AUTHOR. THE I AM VANESSA GUILLEN ACT OF 2020, AS MY  
19  COLLEAGUES HAVE INDICATED, IS SUPPORTED BY BILLS IN BOTH THE  
20  HOUSE AND THE SENATE, AND IT WOULD IMPLEMENT SOME PRETTY  
21  REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES, THOUGH WE WOULD FIND THEM TO BE  
22  SOMEWHAT SIMPLE, TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE ARMED FORCES DEAL  
23  WITH THEIR MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA ALLEGATIONS. YOU KNOW, THE  
24  FIRST WAVE OF MODERN CHANGES TO THAT POLICY CAME, ACTUALLY,  
25  AFTER THE 2012 DOCUMENTARY "THE INVISIBLE WAR" HIGHLIGHTED

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1 THAT OVER 108,000 VETERANS HAD BEEN SCREENED POSITIVE FOR  
2 MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
3 PROCESSED REPORTS OF NEARLY 4,000 NEW ASSAULTS. HOWEVER, THOSE  
4 RESULTED IN ONLY A LITTLE OVER 200 CONVICTIONS, AND THE LOW  
5 NUMBER WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE CASES WERE  
6 MANAGED WITHIN THE UNIT THEY TOOK PLACE IN, AND OFTEN WITH  
7 THOSE OVERSEEING THE CASE ACTUALLY BEING CONNECTED TO THE  
8 PERPETRATOR. THE ADVOCACY AROUND THE DOCUMENTARY ALLOWED THEN  
9 DEFENSE SECRETARY PANETTA TO ISSUE A DIRECTIVE THAT SAID  
10 SEXUAL ASSAULTS MUST BE MANAGED AT THE RANK OF COLONEL OR  
11 HIGHER. SO THAT ENDED THE PRACTICE OF COMMANDERS ADJUDICATING  
12 CASES WITHIN THEIR OWN UNITS, BUT IT SIMPLY WAS NOT ENOUGH. IN  
13 2019, JUST LAST YEAR, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF  
14 MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA CASES WENT UNREPORTED. AND OF THE  
15 20,500 SERVICE MEMBERS WHO WERE RAPED OR SEXUALLY ASSAULTED,  
16 13,000 WERE WOMEN, AND 7,500 WERE MEN. YOU KNOW, IT'S NO  
17 SURPRISE, THOUGH, THAT FEMALE SERVICE MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY  
18 FEMALE VETERANS, ARE GROSSLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN ALL AREAS OF  
19 SERVICE CARE AND AFTER CARE, ONCE SEPARATION OCCURS, BECAUSE  
20 THE V.A. MISSION STILL REMAINS, AND I QUOTE, "TO CARE FOR HIM  
21 WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE, AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS  
22 ORPHAN," CLOSE QUOTE. AND THAT'S HOW THEY SERVE AND HONOR THE  
23 MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE AMERICA'S VETERANS. SO IN L.A. COUNTY,  
24 WE'RE WORKING TO ELEVATE THE VOICE OF WOMEN VETERANS THROUGH  
25 OUR PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND

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1 VETERANS AFFAIRS, LED BY TWO WOMEN, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 MENTAL HEALTH, THROUGH THE VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK, WHICH  
3 WILL ENABLE VETERANS TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN ACCESSING BASIC  
4 HEALTHCARE AND LIFE NEEDS. SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS  
5 MOTION, FOR THE ABILITY TO JOIN IN ON IT, AND ASK FOR AN AYE  
6 VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I ALSO  
9 JUST WANT TO THANK BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING  
10 THIS MOTION FORWARD. THIS HOUSE RESOLUTION AND SENATE BILL ARE  
11 COMMON-SENSE LEGISLATION WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN CONGRESS  
12 TO ADDRESS SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE WITHIN THE MILITARY.  
13 THE LEGISLATION IS ALSO A TESTAMENT TO THE LOSS OF ARMY  
14 SPECIALIST VANESSA GUILLEN. OUR MILITARY MEMBERS MAKE IMMENSE  
15 PERSONAL SACRIFICES TO SERVE THIS GREAT COUNTRY, AND  
16 SUPPORTING EFFORTS THAT ADDRESS SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS REALLY A  
17 VERY SMALL TOKEN OF THANK-YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS. AND I  
18 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I HOPE THAT, AS WE SHOW OUR  
19 SUPPORT, WE ASK OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, BUT ALSO OUR  
20 REPRESENTATIVES BACK THERE, THAT ARE WORKING ON OUR BEHALF ON  
21 POLICIES THAT WE'RE SUPPORTING, TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL MEMBERS  
22 ARE AWARE OF THE COUNTY'S WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THIS MOVING  
23 FORWARD. SO WITH THAT, I SEE NO ONE ELSE WANTS TO TALK. ITEM 7  
24 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOVES, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
2 CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

12

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

23

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

25

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

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT, NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO  
5 ITEM NUMBER 8, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN  
6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ALSO  
9 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION TO RECOGNIZE  
10 UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN AS A HOMELESS SUBPOPULATION IN LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY, SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THEIR  
12 VERY UNIQUE NEEDS. WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AMONG THE WOMEN  
13 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHICH MAKE UP NEARLY 1/3 OF OUR  
14 HOMELESS POPULATION, THERE ARE WOMEN WHO DO NOT BENEFIT  
15 CURRENTLY FROM RESOURCES WE SET ASIDE FOR FAMILIES AND WOMEN  
16 LIVING WITH CHILDREN. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE  
17 MADE WHEN WE CREATE SPECIFIC STRATEGIES AND TARGET OUR FUNDS  
18 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AMONG CERTAIN SUBGROUPS, SUCH AS WE'VE  
19 DONE IN THE PAST FOR VETERANS, FOR FAMILIES, FOR YOUTH, AND  
20 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN  
21 REMAIN A MAJOR GROUP THAT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A  
22 SUBPOPULATION, LOCALLY OR FEDERALLY, AND THEREFORE THEY HAVE  
23 NOT BENEFITED FROM ADEQUATE RESEARCH OR ADEQUATE FUNDING. THE  
24 BOARD HAS, TIME AND AGAIN, SAID THAT THERE IS NO ONE-SIZE-  
25 FITS-ALL APPROACH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS. THAT'S

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1 WHY WE NEED TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT WOMEN EXPERIENCING  
2 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN  
3 LARGELY IGNORED IN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. AND WE CAN  
4 BEGIN BY CONDUCTING A COUNTYWIDE WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT,  
5 LIKE THE ONE THAT WAS DONE BY THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. AND  
6 THEY PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED THIS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
7 THIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT THEY DID SHOWED US THAT NEARLY HALF  
8 OF THE WOMEN SURVEYED, 48.9 PERCENT, ARE AGE 51 AND OLDER. AND  
9 A MAJORITY OF WOMEN, 64 PERCENT, HAVE CHILDREN, WITH ABOUT  
10 HALF, 48 PERCENT, HAVING CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 18. AND THE  
11 VAST MAJORITY OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS, 60.2 PERCENT, ALSO HAVE  
12 EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF VIOLENCE IN THE LAST YEAR. WE NEED TO  
13 DO MORE. WE NEED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW WOMEN FALL INTO  
14 HOMELESSNESS, AND HOW WE CAN HELP CREATE SUPPORT AND PROGRAMS  
15 THAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND ON THEIR PATH  
16 TOWARDS PERMANENT AND STABLE HOUSING. WITH THIS MOTION, MADAM  
17 CHAIR, WE ADVANCE THE WORK BEGUN IN 2016 BY L.A.H.S.A., THEIR  
18 AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS AND, IN 2017, BY  
19 THE BOARD'S ACTION TO ESTABLISH A WOMEN'S CRISIS HOUSING  
20 PROGRAM. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T EXPRESS MY GREAT  
21 CONCERN THAT THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC THREATENS TO PUSH MORE  
22 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND WOMEN INTO HOMELESSNESS, AS PEOPLE  
23 STRUGGLE TO PAY THEIR RENT INCREASES, AVOID EVICTION, AND FACE  
24 STAGNANT WAGES OR LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE DESIGNATION OF  
25 UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN AS A HOMELESS SUBPOPULATION WOULD MAKE LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY ONLY THE SECOND COUNTY AFTER SAN BERNARDINO TO  
2 RECOGNIZE THE UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN. WE CAN HELP SET THE EXAMPLE  
3 AND PROVIDE A TEMPLATE FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS ON HOW TO  
4 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AMONG WOMEN, AND PROVIDE THE RESOURCES  
5 AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE DIFFERENT  
6 WITNESSES THAT SPOKE ON BEHALF AND IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION  
7 EARLIER THIS MORNING. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, MADAM  
8 CHAIR, AND THE SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER HERE IN  
9 LOS ANGELES, FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND I HAVE TO  
12 SAY IT'S MY HONOR TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION TODAY WITH YOU, AND  
13 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF IT. I'M  
14 EXTREMELY PROUD TO BRING ATTENTION TO THIS PARTICULAR GROUP OF  
15 HIGHLY VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS  
16 BOARD HAS SEEN THE IMPACT THAT DESIGNATION, ENHANCED ADVOCACY,  
17 AND FOCUSED RESOURCES CAN HAVE ON SPECIFIC SUBPOPULATIONS. I  
18 TAKE VETERANS AS A PRIME EXAMPLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VETERANS  
19 HAVE UNIQUE EXPERIENCES, STRENGTHS, AND CHALLENGES. AS A  
20 RESULT, WE IDENTIFIED VETERANS AS A PARTICULAR SUBPOPULATION,  
21 FORMALIZED A DESIGNATION FOR THAT SUBPOPULATION, AND STARTED  
22 COLLECTING BETTER DATA ON THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS. THEN WE BEGAN  
23 TO TAILOR RESOURCES TO MEET THOSE SPECIFIC NEEDS. THIS MEANS  
24 THAT HOUSING, SERVICES, AND THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES LOOKS A  
25 LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR VETERANS. THAT KIND OF FOCUSED EFFORT CAN

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1 HAVE INCREDIBLE RESULTS. VETERANS HAVE BEEN THE FOCUS OF MOST  
2 OF THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL INVESTMENT OVER THE PAST  
3 DECADE. TODAY, MORE THAN 78 COMMUNITIES AND THE ENTIRE STATES  
4 OF CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, AND VIRGINIA HAVE EFFECTIVELY ENDED  
5 HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS. AND SINCE 2011, THE NUMBER OF  
6 VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, NATIONALLY, HAS DROPPED BY  
7 43.3 PERCENT. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN APPLY THE SAME KIND OF  
8 ENHANCED EFFORTS TO FOCUS ON UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN EXPERIENCING  
9 HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HIGHLY  
10 VULNERABLE WHEN EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS ALONE.  
11 THEY ARE AT HIGHER RISK TO BE VICTIMS OF CRIME, INCLUDING  
12 SEXUAL ASSAULT. THEY ARE OFTEN HIGHLY ACUTE, AND LACK THE  
13 ABILITY TO SEEK OUT SAFE HOUSING OR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ON  
14 THEIR OWN. AND THEY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE ENHANCED RESOURCES  
15 OF THE FAMILY SYSTEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE ON THEIR OWN, WITHOUT  
16 CHILDREN. IT IS A GROUP THAT REQUIRES SPECIAL ATTENTION AND  
17 FOCUSED RESOURCES. I'M EXCITED TO BEGIN THAT PROCESS TODAY  
18 WITH MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I TRULY, AS YOU SAID,  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BELIEVE THIS IS GOING TO BE A MODEL FOR MANY  
20 TO REPLICATE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE DOWNTOWN  
21 WOMEN'S CENTER AND THOSE WHO LIVED EXPERIENCE AS WE BUILD A  
22 ROADMAP TO BETTER SUPPORTING VULNERABLE WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE  
23 COUNTY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1    **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A GREAT  
2    MOTION. THANK YOU BOTH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MADAM CHAIR. IT'S  
3    SO IMPORTANT TO BRING THIS MOTION TO BETTER CAPTURE DATA ON  
4    THESE UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. IT'S  
5    INTERESTING, AND I THINK WE PUT APPROPRIATE EMPHASIS ON  
6    FAMILIES, ON TRYING TO RAPIDLY REHOUSE FAMILIES. ESPECIALLY  
7    WITH CHILDREN, YOUNGER CHILDREN, THEY'RE VERY VULNERABLE. BUT  
8    WE HAVE NOT FOCUSED ENOUGH, I THINK, ON THE INDIVIDUAL: MEN  
9    AND WOMEN. I MEAN, EVEN LOOKING LATER IN THE AGENDA ABOUT  
10   GENERAL RELIEF, A LOT OF THOSE ARE INDIVIDUAL MEN, SOME WOMEN.  
11   AND THIS FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUAL, I THINK, IS REALLY TIMELY  
12   AND IMPORTANT. THREE YEARS AGO, L.A.H.S.A. RELEASED A REPORT  
13   ABOUT THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND  
14   EVERY THREE YEARS, THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER FURTHERS THAT  
15   WORK BY DEVELOPING THE L.A. WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT. AND WHAT  
16   IT DOES IS IT HIGHLIGHTS THE DISPROPORTIONATE RATES OF  
17   PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY THESE WOMEN, HUMAN  
18   TRAFFICKING, POVERTY, POOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND  
19   THEY ENDURE DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY. THE MOST RECENT L.A.  
20   NEEDS ASSESSMENT ALSO FOUND THAT L.G.B.T.Q. WOMEN WERE EVEN  
21   MORE LIKELY TO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL ASSAULT OR VIOLENCE.  
22   AND WE'VE HEARD A LOT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ABOUT THE  
23   IMPORTANCE OF DELIVERING SERVICES TO WOMEN THROUGH A GENDER-  
24   SPECIFIC, BUT ALSO TRAUMA-INFORMED, LENS. AND WE'VE MADE SOME  
25   PRETTY GOOD PROGRESS IN THE CREATION OF INTERIM AND PERMANENT

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1 HOUSING DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF WOMEN  
2 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. BUT WE KNOW THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF  
3 WOMEN STILL LIVING IN THEIR CARS OR ON THE STREET, MANY, MANY,  
4 MANY OF THEM UNACCOMPANIED. THIS YEAR'S HOMELESS COUNT SHOWED  
5 A 17-PERCENT INCREASE IN WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OVER  
6 THE YEAR BEFORE, ESPECIALLY OLDER WOMEN. SO I APPRECIATE THE  
7 LEADERSHIP THAT L.A.H.S.A. AND THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER  
8 HAVE GIVEN ON THIS ISSUE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MOTION, AND THE  
9 COLLECTION OF DATA IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF IT. SO THANK  
10 YOU BOTH VERY MUCH, AND I FEEL VERY SUPPORTIVE. THANK YOU,  
11 MADAM CHAIR.

12

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

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU MAY RECALL A  
17 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, I SHARED WITH THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD A  
18 TEXT ENTITLED "EVICTED," BY MATTHEW DESMOND. THE DATA SHOWS  
19 THAT WOMEN, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN, ARE  
20 SINGULARLY OVERREPRESENTED NATIONWIDE IN THE RANKS OF THOSE  
21 WHO ARE AT RISK OF EVICTION, AND WHO DO GET EVICTED. AND WHEN  
22 THEY BECOME HOMELESS, SINGLE, UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN EXPERIENCING  
23 HOMELESSNESS ARE IN DANGER OF BEING TARGETS OF VIOLENCE AND  
24 UNDERGOING HIGH LEVELS OF TRAUMA. AND THAT'S WHY, IN 2016, IT  
25 WAS A GOOD THING THAT WE WERE CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN

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1 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE W.I.S.H.  
2 INITIATIVE, LED BY DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, D.W.C., AND THAT  
3 WAS IN COLLABORATION, I WANT IT TO BE NOTED, WITH L.A.  
4 COUNTY'S HOUSING FOR HEALTH, WHO DESERVES A SHOUTOUT IN THIS  
5 REGARD. AND SO THIS W.I.S.H. INITIATIVE DEDICATED STREET  
6 OUTREACH, HOUSING, AND INTENSIVE SERVICES TO HUNDREDS OF WOMEN  
7 WHO DESERVED AND WERE ULTIMATELY HOUSED. AND THIS MOTION WILL  
8 ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE SPOTLIGHT ON THIS POPULATION, WITH  
9 REQUISITE DATA, ANALYSIS, COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH, AND  
10 ADVOCACY FOR TARGETED STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES. I THINK IT  
11 SHOULD BE SAID THAT OUR ANTIRACIST WORK IS INTERSECTIONAL IN  
12 THIS REGARD, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, AND UNACCOMPANIED  
13 WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES, AND IN SKID  
14 ROW, IN PARTICULAR, ARE PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN  
15 IN THEIR 50S AND 60S. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO  
16 THIS WITH GREAT CARE. SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE  
17 VOICES OF THESE WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS UNACCOMPANIED WILL BE  
18 REPRESENTED, WILL BE HEARD AND ACTED UPON, AND THAT A RACIAL  
19 AND GENDER EQUITY LENS WILL BE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN A CREATIVE,  
20 IMAGINATIVE, AND FORCEFUL MANNER TO GET TO SOLUTIONS. AND I  
21 THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN  
22 ENDING HOMELESSNESS, AND IF WE WANT TO DO THAT, WE NEED TO  
23 LOOK TO THIS VERY ISSUE OF THOSE WHO ARE UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN.  
24 THANKS TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS  
25 FORWARD. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE

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1 D.W.C. AND THE WORK THAT LOOKS THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS, BOTH  
2 RACE AND GENDER, AS WE TACKLE THE ISSUE IN FRONT OF US. ONCE  
3 AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, MADAM  
4 CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I DO REMEMBER YOU PROVIDING  
7 THAT BOOK, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND I THINK IT WAS THE  
8 SECOND WEEK THAT I WAS SUPERVISOR. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE  
9 EVERYONE TO PULL IT OUT AGAIN.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. WITH THAT, ITEM NUMBER 8 IS BEFORE  
14 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M HONORED TO SECOND IT. MADAM  
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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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:** FANTASTIC. NOW WE'RE MOVING ON TO ITEM  
18 NUMBER 12, FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUST TRANSITION  
19 AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MARK  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, THE UNPRECEDENTED  
23 HEAT WAVES AND FIRES THAT CALIFORNIANS HAVE CONTENTED WITH  
24 OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE  
25 UNDISPUTABLE, URGENT, AND UNRELENTING IMPACTS OF CLIMATE

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1 CHANGE. AND WHILE OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY BE TAKING STEPS  
2 BACKWARDS, OUR STATE IS LEADING BY EXAMPLE, AND TO GIVE  
3 APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM, WHO LAST WEEK  
4 SIGNED LEGISLATION THAT WILL PHASE OUT GAS POWERED CARS BY  
5 2035. THIS IS A BOLD AND CRITICAL MOVE TO HELP TRANSITION OUR  
6 STATE TO A CLEANER, GREENER SET OF SOURCES OF ENERGY. BUT AS  
7 WE TRANSITION, WE MUST MAKE SURE IT IS A REASONED, A BALANCED,  
8 AND JUST TRANSITION. AND WE KNOW THAT MANY PARTS OF OUR STATE,  
9 AND CERTAINLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HAVE BEEN HOME TO OIL  
10 EXTRACTIONS FOR MANY DECADES. THE LEGACY OF THIS IS PERVASIVE,  
11 AND THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY IDLE AND ABANDONED WELLS THAT HAVE  
12 NOT BEEN APPROPRIATELY CAPPED, AND IF NOT ADDRESSED, CAN  
13 CREATE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS. WE KNOW  
14 THAT FROM OUR VERY OWN EXPERTS. AND SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
15 HERE TO WED OUR ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS WITH OUR MEANINGFUL  
16 WORKFORCE GOALS. THAT AGENDA, THOSE AGENDAS, CAN BE MARRIED.  
17 AND WE NEED HIGHLY SKILLED, WELL-PAID WORKERS TO HELP PROPERLY  
18 ABANDON THESE WELLS IN A TIMELY MANNER. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS  
19 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO COORDINATE OUR VARIOUS POLICY,  
20 FINANCIAL, AND LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS TO DRIVE THIS EFFORT. AND  
21 SO THIS MOTION, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, REQUESTS OUR  
22 COUNTY OIL AND GAS TEAM TO WORK WITH A TASK FORCE COMPRISED OF  
23 THE SIERRA CLUB, OF THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS LOCAL 675, THE  
24 BUILDING AND TRADES COUNCIL, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP  
25 A STRATEGY TO PROMOTE JUST TRANSITION THAT IS INFORMED BY THE

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1 ENERGY RESILIENCE POLICY REPORT JUST REQUESTED BY THE BOARD AT  
2 OUR VERY LAST MEETING. WE HAVE A SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA THAT IS  
3 IMPORTANT, AND A DEPARTMENT IN OUR COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN GIVING  
4 INSIGHT AND GUIDANCE, A LOT OF STAKEHOLDERS ON POINT HERE. AND  
5 SO I WANT TO THANK THE SIERRA CLUB AND UNITED STEEL WORKERS  
6 FOR THEIR WORK TO ADVANCE THIS VISION, PARTICULARLY SUSANA  
7 REYES, A LONGTIME SIERRA CLUB LEADER, BOTH LOCALLY AND  
8 NATIONALLY, FOR PAVING THE WAY FOR THIS COLLABORATION. I ALSO  
9 WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING OUR CO-AUTHOR HERE OF  
10 SUPERVISOR JANICE K. HAHN, WHO LED THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A  
11 CENTRALIZED OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 PUBLIC WORKS. ONE YOUNG ACTIVIST MADE IT PLAIN AT THE GLOBAL  
13 CLIMATE STRIKE IN NEW YORK LAST YEAR. GRETA THUNBERG SAID, AND  
14 I QUOTE, "WE DESERVE A SAFE FUTURE. WE DEMAND A SAFE FUTURE.  
15 IS THAT REALLY TOO MUCH TO ASK?" AND THE ANSWER I THINK WE'RE  
16 TRYING TO GIVE TO GRETA TODAY IS NO, THAT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO  
17 ASK, AND IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO DELIVER. THEREFORE, I THINK  
18 THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS A BIG ROLE TO PLAY IN  
19 HELPING TO DRIVE THAT CHANGE, HELPING TO LEAD THE WAY,  
20 CHANGING THE NAME OF SAFETY, AND THE NAME OF ECONOMIC  
21 STABILITY, AND THE NAME OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NAME  
22 OF SUSTAINABILITY. SO, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I  
23 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION. AND, SUPERVISOR  
24 HAHN, I THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING.

25

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1    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
2    KUEHL. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WILL YOU TAKE OVER THE BOARD  
3    MEETING FOR FIVE MINUTES? THANK YOU.

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5    **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE.

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

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9    **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
10    RIDLEY-THOMAS,    FOR ASKING ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS EXTREMELY  
11    IMPORTANT MOTION. AS WE TRANSITION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS AND  
12    CREATE A SAFER AND MORE CLIMATE RESILIENT REGION, WE MUST BE  
13    STRATEGIC IN THE WAY WE SHIFT TOWARDS THESE CHANGES. WE DON'T  
14    HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN CLEAN AIR AND GOOD JOBS. WE CAN, AND WE  
15    SHOULD, HAVE BOTH. BUT WE NEED TO BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT  
16    CREATING THESE JOBS. IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE  
17    EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO THE SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND TRAINING  
18    THEY MAY NEED IN ORDER TO TRANSITION INTO THOSE GREEN JOBS OF  
19    THE FUTURE. THIS MOTION BEFORE US IS THAT FIRST STEP IN  
20    ENSURING THAT WE DO THAT. AND ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS MOTION, AS  
21    YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IS THE WORK OF OUR OFFICE  
22    OF OIL AND GAS, SPECIFICALLY WITH IDENTIFYING PRIORITY WELLS  
23    IN THE COUNTY THAT SHOULD BE ABANDONED. AND YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU  
24    AND I CO-AUTHORED A MOTION IN 2018 TO ESTABLISH THIS OFFICE.  
25    AND WE HAD THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD SERVE AS A CENTRAL POINT OF

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1 CONTACT FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE INDUSTRY, AND ALL OF OUR  
2 DEPARTMENTS. THIS OFFICE WILL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE AS WE BEGIN  
3 TO TRANSITION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS. I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE  
4 INCLUDING THEM IN THIS CONVERSATION NOW. WE MUST ALWAYS  
5 REMEMBER THAT OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE L.A. COUNTY IS A PLACE  
6 PEOPLE CAN CONTINUE WORKING, BREATHING, AND LIVING IN FOR  
7 GENERATIONS TO COME. I URGE ALL MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS  
8 MOTION. AND THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT  
13 STEP, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE INDICATED; ACTUALLY, THE START OF  
14 A CRITICAL CONVERSATION THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUOUSLY HAVE, AS  
15 WE PUSH TO MOVE FROM AN EXTRACTIVE ECONOMY TO A REGENERATIVE  
16 ECONOMY IN THE COUNTY. AND SO A JUST TRANSITION STRATEGY, AS  
17 HAS BEEN MENTIONED, WILL HELP ENSURE THAT OUR SHIFT AWAY FROM  
18 FOSSIL FUELS DOESN'T COME AT THE EXPENSE OF PEOPLE'S JOBS, OR  
19 HEALTH, OR SAFETY, OR DIGNITY. THE ISSUE OF THE IDLE WELLS IN  
20 THE COUNTY, LEFT TO SPEW HARMFUL POLLUTANTS FOR YEARS,  
21 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTING LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR,  
22 IS ALARMING, TO SAY THE LEAST, AND I'M IN FULL OF SUPPORT OF  
23 HAVING THESE IDLE WELLS PROPERLY PLUGGED AND ABANDONED. BUT  
24 IT'S ALSO CRUCIAL TO TRAIN AND PREPARE A SKILLED WORKFORCE TO  
25 FACILITATE THE CLOSURE. SO I'M HOPING THAT, IN THE REPORT

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1 BACK, THE STRATEGY WILL TOUCH ON OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND JUST  
2 CLEANING UP FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND LOOK INTO HOW WE  
3 MIGHT ALSO CREATE INTENTIONAL PATHWAYS FOR THOSE EMPLOYED AND  
4 MOST IMPACTED BY THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY TO GOOD-PAYING JOBS  
5 IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FIELD. A HEALTHY ECONOMY AND HEALTHY  
6 COMMUNITIES, NOT REALLY AT ODDS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS  
7 MOTION, AND I'M STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK  
10 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION  
11 BEFORE US. THE BOARD'S DEDICATION TO SUSTAINABILITY HAS BEEN  
12 DEMONSTRATED BY ITS COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE PARIS CLIMATE  
13 AGREEMENT, AND THE ADOPTION OF A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN. WHEN WE  
14 ADOPTED OUR OWN COUNTY'S SUSTAINABILITY PLAN LAST YEAR, WE  
15 RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT. CLEANER AIR,  
16 MORE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION, AND HEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS  
17 WERE REALIZED AS IMPORTANT DESIRES BY MANY OF OUR COUNTY  
18 RESIDENTS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY, FOR SURE, FOR L.A. COUNTY  
19 TO BECOME THE EPICENTER OF THE SUSTAINABLE REVOLUTION: A  
20 GREENER WORLD IN WHICH WE IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, FOSTER  
21 ECONOMIC VITALITY THROUGH CLEAN-ENERGY JOBS, AND PUT A STOP TO  
22 THE EVOLVING CLIMATE CRISIS. CLIMATE RESILIENCY IS AN  
23 ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OUR EFFORTS TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY, AND  
24 THIS MOTION WILL STEER US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO A JUST  
25 TRANSITION. WHILE THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF OIL WELLS IN MY

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1 OWN DISTRICT, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AND  
2 PREPARING A WORKFORCE TO SUPPORT AND ENSURE THAT IDLE WELLS  
3 ARE PROPERTY PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO  
4 ELIMINATE DANGEROUS EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE POLLUTION. ALL  
5 ASPECTS OF ANY JUST TRANSITION MUST TREAT BOTH THE ENVIRONMENT  
6 AND THE WORKFORCE AS CO-EQUAL GOALS. THIS TRANSITION MAY  
7 NECESSARILY REQUIRE A MORE IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF OTHER  
8 COUNTY POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT THE UTILIZATION OF HIGHLY  
9 SKILLED AND QUALIFIED WORKERS IS MAXIMIZED ACROSS OTHER AREAS  
10 OF CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE TO TRAIN AND PREPARE OUR LOCAL  
11 WORKFORCE TO FACILITATE THE ABANDONMENT, OR RE-ABANDONMENT, OF  
12 IDLE OIL WELLS. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR THAT. ARE  
13 THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? I DON'T KNOW IF CHAIRWOMAN BARGER IS  
14 BACK.

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M BACK. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I  
17 DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE REQUESTING TO SPEAK ON THIS, SO ITEM 12  
18 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
20 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

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

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FANTASTIC. NOW WE ARE ON TO ITEM 13,  
23 PRESENTING THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT ON  
24 ESTABLISHING AN ANTIRACIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICY AGENDA.  
25 THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. FIRST, WE NEED TO

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1 VOTE TO CONVENE A PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD ON THE ACTING  
2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT ON PROPOSED ANTIRACISM  
3 POLICIES AT TODAY'S BOARD MEETING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
4 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.  
5 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

13

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

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-  
2 0.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, PLEASE UNMUTE  
5 YOUR MIC, AND YOU CAN MAKE YOUR REMARKS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND  
8 COLLEAGUES. THIS IS A MOTION BROUGHT IN FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
9 SETTING FORTH AN AGENDA. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THE ACTING  
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IN ADVANCE, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK  
11 YOU FOR THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY MS. DAVENPORT AND HER  
12 TEAM IN JUST A SHORT TIMEFRAME. IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE, JUST  
13 IN JULY. AND IN JUST THESE PAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE COME TO  
14 GRIPS WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND ALL WHAT IT HAS CLAIMED, IN TERMS  
15 OF THE NUMBER OF LIVES. NEARLY A MILLION OR MORE ANGELENOS  
16 HAVE FILED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. THE CIVIL UNREST HAS NOT  
17 ABATED. AND MORE IS CONTINUING TO HAPPEN AS WE INVOKE THE  
18 NAMES OF GEORGE FLOYD, AND JACOB BLAKE, AND DIJON KIZZEE, AND  
19 BREONNA TAYLOR, AND ANDRES GUARDADO, AND MORE. PEOPLE CONTINUE  
20 TO BE CONCERNED AT ALARMING RATES, SO THAT THERE IS NO TIME TO  
21 WASTE IN GETTING TO THE ROOT OF SERVING OUR CONSTITUENCIES  
22 FAIRLY, THAT IS TO SAY EQUITABLY, BY ENSURING THAT OUR  
23 PRACTICES ARE ROOTED IN AN ANTIRACIST SENSIBILITY, AS IS  
24 INDICATED IN THE TEXT BY IBRAM KENDI, "HOW TO BE AN  
25 ANTIRACIST." AND SO, MADAM CHAIR, WITH YOUR CONSENT, I WOULD

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1 POSE A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF I  
2 WERE TO DO SO AFTER HEARING FROM OUR ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
3 OFFICER, AND THEN I WILL RESUME AT THAT POINT. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS  
6 REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU KNOW, THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR  
10 US HERE ON THE BOARD, BECAUSE A DISCUSSION CENTERING AROUND  
11 RACISM AND EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTY SERVICES ARE  
12 DELIVERED IN A MANNER THAT REALLY CONSIDERS RACE, AND STRIVES  
13 FOR EQUITY FOR ALL. ACHIEVING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND RACIAL  
14 EQUITY MEANS TAKING A REALLY HARD LOOK AT THE DEFICIENCIES IN  
15 ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS: JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, MENTAL  
16 HEALTH, HEALTHCARE, HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, ECONOMIC WORKFORCE  
17 DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE. THIS BOARD  
18 MUST BE AT THE FOREFRONT IN THE CALLS TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMS  
19 THAT HAVE PERPETUATED SUCH INEQUITIES. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR  
20 CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, AND  
21 OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE LIVED WITH THE SYSTEMATIC AND STRUCTURAL  
22 INEQUALITY FOR FAR TOO LONG. THERE ARE MANY INDICATORS WE CAN  
23 ANALYZE TO PROVE, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, HOW RACIAL INEQUITY IS  
24 RAMPANT IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME,  
25 FOOD INSECURITY, WHO LIVES IN A CROWDED HOUSEHOLD, WHO IS MORE

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1 LIKELY TO FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS, WHAT GROUPS RELY ON PUBLIC  
2 TRANSPORTATION, WHO HAS HEALTH INSURANCE AND WHO DOESN'T, THE  
3 DIGITAL DIVIDE IN ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET,  
4 THE ABILITY OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO WORK FROM HOME, AND  
5 OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO CAN'T WORK FROM HOME AND RISK  
6 EXPOSURE, AND MANY OTHER INDICATORS THAT SHOW US WE HAVE MUCH  
7 WORK TO DO TO CLOSE THESE GAPS. THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY WAS  
8 BUILT ON AND CONTINUES TO THRIVE ON THE EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE  
9 OF COLOR AND THEIR HARD LABOR. PEOPLE OF COLOR FIND THEMSELVES  
10 WITH THE LOWEST RATES OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, LOWEST  
11 RATES OF COLLEGE DEGREES ATTAINED, AND THEY EARN LOWER WAGES  
12 AND FEWER BENEFITS THAN OTHER RACES AND ETHNICITIES. AND THE  
13 LIST OF EXAMPLES OF RACIAL AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES GOES ON.  
14 MOREOVER, THE WAVE OF CIVIL UNREST CONTINUES TO GRIP OUR  
15 COUNTY AND THE NATION, AS WE WITNESS THE PREVENTABLE CLASHES  
16 AND SOMETIMES VIOLENT AND FATAL CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN LAW  
17 ENFORCEMENT AND OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. OUR RESIDENTS WILL  
18 NO LONGER PUT UP WITH THE STATUS QUO, AND THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE  
19 TO. MY OFFICE AND THAT OF SUPERVISOR BARGER JOINED  
20 REPRESENTATIVES FROM PHILANTHROPY, ACADEMIA, BUSINESS,  
21 EDUCATION, THE HEALTH FIELD, AND COMMUNITY, ON THE COMMITTEE  
22 FOR GREATER L.A. THE GROUP MET CONSISTENTLY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS  
23 TO PRODUCE A "NO GOING BACK L.A.," A THOROUGH REPORT THAT NOT  
24 ONLY ILLUSTRATES THE ECONOMIC AND RACIAL INEQUITIES IN L.A.  
25 COUNTY WITH OVERWHELMING DATA, BUT ALSO MAKES BOLD AND

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1 FEASIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOW LEADERS AND THE COMMUNITY MAY  
2 BEGIN TO ADDRESS THEM. AS THE COUNTY BEGINS TO ADVANCE OUR  
3 ANTIRACISM STRATEGIC PLAN, I ASK THAT WE ALSO LOOK OUTSIDE THE  
4 COUNTY, SUCH AS THE "NO GOING BACK L.A." REPORT, FOR WAYS WE  
5 CAN SET OUT TO ELIMINATE RACISM AND BIAS IN L.A. COUNTY. I  
6 BELIEVE WE CAN ROOT OUT RACISM IN THE COUNTY. IF WE'RE GOING  
7 TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED THE IMAGINATION, COMMITMENT, AND  
8 ACTION OF EVERY SINGLE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRINGING THIS TO US, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT  
15 WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT  
16 WHAT TO DO, AND FEELING THAT IT IS A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY, NOT  
17 ONLY FOR THE COUNTY, BUT ACROSS ALL OF OUR GEOGRAPHIES, BUT  
18 PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY WITH EACH OF US, INDIVIDUALLY. AS YOU  
19 KNOW, A PART OF MATURITY HAS TO DO WITH THINKING ABOUT OUR OWN  
20 FAILINGS, BEING HONEST WITH OURSELVES, TELLING FAMILY SECRETS,  
21 AND TAKING THEM IN OURSELVES; REALLY LOOKING HONESTLY AT THE  
22 HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY, AND NOT JUST IDENTIFYING THE USUAL,  
23 BUT ALSO OTHER KINDS OF EFFECTS THAT CENTURIES OF RACISM AND  
24 RACIST BEHAVIOR HAVE WROUGHT, ESSENTIALLY, ON OUR COUNTRY, AND  
25 THEREFORE ON US, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON OUR COUNTY. I'M REALLY

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1 PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS BOARD. THIS BOARD IS NOT AFRAID TO  
2 FACE ISSUES THAT ARE DIFFICULT, AND THIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF  
3 THE MORE DIFFICULT FOR OUR TIME. WE SEE IT THROUGH DIFFERENT  
4 LENSES NOW, IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL LENSES. WE LOOK AT THE  
5 CRIES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE  
6 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF  
7 COLOR. WE LOOK AT POVERTY, WE LOOK AT SICKNESS, WE LOOK AT THE  
8 DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES, AND FRANKLY, I THINK, TAKING INTO  
9 ACCOUNT EVEN THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS. AND I DON'T MEAN JUST MY  
10 JOB IS PAUSED, BUT CENTURIES OF NOT ALLOWING, FOR INSTANCE,  
11 AFRICAN AMERICANS TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT, TO BUY A PARTICULAR  
12 PIECE OF PROPERTY; AND HOW, OVER THE COURSE OF FIVE AND SIX  
13 GENERATIONS, THIS MANAGES TO PERPETUATE POVERTY. SO WHEN WE  
14 LOOK AT OUR REPORT BACK AND WHAT IT'S PROPOSING TO US, I THINK  
15 THAT IT'S INCUMBENT ON US TO LOOK DEEPLY AT THE WAYS IN WHICH  
16 WE, AS A COUNTY, ARE COMPLICIT IN THE INJUSTICES, AND HOW WE  
17 HAVE NOT JUST A DUTY, BUT A MORAL IMPERATIVE, TO ACTIVELY WORK  
18 TO TRANSFORM THEM. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. I  
19 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LIFELONG WORK, REALLY, ON THESE  
20 ISSUES, AND WILL SUPPORT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS TO  
21 INTEGRATE AN ANTIRACIST LENS INTO EVERYTHING WE DO. THANK YOU,  
22 MADAM CHAIR.

23  
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR  
25 HAHN?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST WANTED TO AGAIN  
3 THANK OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR, AS  
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, YOUR LIFELONG EFFORTS AT THESE ISSUES  
5 AND THESE CAUSES, AND FOR LEADING THIS PARTICULAR EFFORT. AND  
6 THANK YOU TO OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO HAVE EMBRACED  
7 THIS ANTIRACIST AGENDA. THIS IS A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PROPOSAL.  
8 I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT L.A. COUNTY IS THE FIRST COUNTY IN THE  
9 NATION TO ADOPT AN ANTIRACIST POLICY AGENDA. AND WE HAVE SPENT  
10 OUR LIVES TALKING ABOUT RIDDING OUR COMMUNITIES OF SYSTEMIC  
11 RACISM, BUT BEFORE WE POINT FINGERS, WE HAVE TO START BY  
12 RIDDING IT FROM OUR OWN SYSTEMS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I KNOW  
13 THAT THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DO SO MUCH GOOD HERE IN L.A.  
14 COUNTY, BUT I ALSO THINK IT WILL BE A MODEL FOR LOCAL  
15 GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE NATION. THIS IS HOW CHANGE HAPPENS. AND  
16 I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
17 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS MOTION, AND I ECHO ALL THE  
21 SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT THIS BOARD  
22 HAS COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A WAYS TO GO, AND I  
23 THINK THIS IS A STEP TOWARD ALLOWING US TO IMPLEMENT A VISION  
24 OF CREATING AN ANTIRACIST COUNTY, AND CREATING AN ANTIRACIST  
25 COUNTY POLICY AGENDA. I APPRECIATE, ALSO, THAT WITH EVERYTHING

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1 GOING ON AS A RESULT OF C.O.V.I.D., THE MASSIVE FIRES  
2 IMPACTING OUR RESIDENTS, AND A HOST OF OTHER CHALLENGES, OUR  
3 COUNTY STAFF HAVE WORKED HARD TO IDENTIFY SHORT-TERM, MID-  
4 TERM, AND LONG-TERM STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO ACHIEVE THIS  
5 VISION. THESE PLANS ARE IMPRESSIVE, AS IS THE NEW COUNTY  
6 WEBSITE ON THIS ISSUE, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY INVOLVED  
7 FOR THEIR GOOD WORK. I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO GET THE  
8 UPDATES ON THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT OVER THIS NEXT YEAR. AND,  
9 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR PASSION,  
10 THAT YOU NOT ONLY WALK IT AND TALK IT, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN. SO  
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WITH THAT, ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US.  
12 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 KUEHL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO  
14 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. BUT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
15 THOMAS, I THINK YOU HAD SOME QUESTIONS, NOW THAT I'M SAYING  
16 THAT. I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ACTING C.E.O., MS. DAVENPORT, HAD A  
19 FEW REMARKS THAT SHE WANTED TO OFFER FOR OUR BENEFIT.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I APOLOGIZE. YOU HAD MENTIONED THAT.  
22 SO, FESIA, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD AFTERNOON,  
25 SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND TIMELY MATTER,  
2 AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.  
3 SO, AS WE PREVIOUSLY HEARD, ON JULY 21ST, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED A  
4 GROUNDBREAKING MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN ANTIRACIST COUNTY POLICY  
5 AGENDA HERE IN THE COUNTY. AND IN THAT MOTION, YOUR BOARD  
6 AFFIRMED AND DECLARED THAT RACISM AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR IS A  
7 MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN L.A. COUNTY, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT  
8 RACISM AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE HAVE REACHED CRISIS PROPORTIONS  
9 THAT RESULT IN LARGE DISPARITIES. YOUR BOARD THEN DIRECTED OUR  
10 OFFICE TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS, AND TODAY I'M HAPPY TO  
11 SUMMARIZE FOR YOU THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE HAVE MANAGED TO  
12 DEVELOP FOR A STRATEGIC PLAN AND A POLICY PLATFORM. I'M HAPPY  
13 TO REPORT THAT UNDER YOUR BOARD'S LEADERSHIP, THE COUNTY IS  
14 NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH. IN FACT, THE COUNTY HAS ESTABLISHED  
15 SEVERAL INNOVATIVE EFFORTS BUILT ON AN EQUITY FOUNDATION, AND  
16 WHICH SEEK TO ELIMINATE SYSTEMIC RACISM, WHICH WE DEFINE AS  
17 THOSE IDEAS AND NOTIONS THAT, ALTHOUGH ARE BENIGN ON THEIR  
18 FACE, THEY'RE EMBEDDED IN POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT DRIVE  
19 NEGATIVE, RACE-BASED OUTCOMES. THE TWO INITIATIVES THAT THE  
20 BOARD HAS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED ARE, ONE, THE CENTER FOR HEALTH  
21 EQUITY THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
22 SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AS WELL AS A.T.I., ALTERNATIVES TO  
23 INCARCERATION. SO AN ANTIRACISM STRATEGIC PLAN WOULD BUILD  
24 UPON THESE EFFORTS. THE JULY 21ST MOTION ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED  
25 THAT NOTIONS OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES

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1 ARE VERY HELPFUL, AND IN FACT THEY ARE NECESSARY, BUT THAT IN  
2 AND OF THEMSELVES, THEY ARE INSUFFICIENT TO DO THE JOB. AND  
3 THAT IS BECAUSE SOMETIMES SYSTEMIC RACISM HIDES IN PLAIN  
4 SIGHT. IT BECOMES PART OF OUR CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, AND ITS  
5 IMPACTS ARE THEN EASILY DISREGARDED. THUS, WE KNOW IT'S  
6 IMPORTANT FOR AN ANTIRACISM STRATEGIC PLAN TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
7 THE COUNTY MUST GO DEEPER TO PROACTIVELY CHANGE POLICIES AND  
8 BEHAVIORS THAT PERPETUATE THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN  
9 QUESTION. WE HAVE THEREFORE CREATED AND SUBMITTED TO YOUR  
10 BOARD A FRAMEWORK TO IMPLEMENT THE MOTION'S DIRECTIVES THAT  
11 WILL CULMINATE IN A STRATEGIC PLAN. IN FACT, IT WILL SERVE AS  
12 THE COUNTY'S NORTH STAR, AND IT CONSISTS OF FOUR PHASES. YOUR  
13 MOTION RECOGNIZED THAT THE WORK OF ERADICATING RACISM CANNOT  
14 WAIT, AND SO I'D LIKE TO JUST LAY OUT FOR YOU SOME OF OUR  
15 STEPS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY. FIRST, WE LAUNCHED A  
16 NATIONAL SEARCH FOR AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NEW  
17 ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE FOR THE COUNTY  
18 THAT WILL BE HOUSED IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. WE ALSO CREATED A  
19 PLATFORM FOR ENGAGEMENT IN OUTREACH VIA AN ANTIRACISM,  
20 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION WEBSITE, WHERE MORE CONTENT WILL BE  
21 ADDED AS THE INITIATIVE TAKES SHAPE. IT ALSO ALLOWS MEMBERS OF  
22 THE PUBLIC TO REACH OUT TO THE INITIATIVE, AND TO KEEP ABREAST  
23 OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS. IN FACT, TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED  
24 SEVERAL PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE INITIATIVE  
25 THROUGH THE WEBSITE. WE'VE SEEN LOTS OF POSITIVE COMMUNITY

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1 FEEDBACK, AND MANY HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT IN ANTICIPATION FOR  
2 WITNESSING SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT, IN PUBLIC  
3 SERVICE, AND ELSEWHERE, AS THE COUNTY TAKES ON THIS MEANINGFUL  
4 WORK. IN FACT, SEVERAL HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN BEING  
5 PART OF THE INITIATIVE, AND PLAYING A ROLE IN MOVING IT  
6 FORWARD, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS FROM ACADEMIA, FROM RETIRED  
7 COUNTY STAFF, FROM COUNCILMEMBERS FROM OUR LOCAL CITIES, FROM  
8 PHILANTHROPY, AND FROM COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT  
9 ORGANIZATIONS. NEXT, WE ARE ESTABLISHING AN INITIATIVE  
10 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE THAT WILL BE COMPRISED OF COUNTY  
11 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ALREADY VESTED IN THIS WORK, BUT WE WILL  
12 ALSO PARTNER WITH OUR PHILANTHROPIC AND ACADEMIC PARTNERS TO  
13 INFORM OUR WORK. WE'RE ALSO COLLABORATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
14 ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUITY FOR TRAINING, COACHING, AND  
15 STRATEGIC COUNSEL. FINALLY, WE HAVE BEGUN STRATEGIZING WITH  
16 OUR COLLEAGUES IN OUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UNIT TO  
17 IDENTIFY LEGISLATIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS  
18 TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN. WE WILL ALSO  
19 LIKEWISE CONVENE EQUITY SUMMITS AND FORUMS IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
20 TO FURTHER INFORM THAT STRATEGIC PLAN. IN SUM, THE REPORT FOR  
21 TODAY IS THAT THE WORK IS UNDERWAY, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE  
22 A PART OF THE INITIATIVE. WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD WITH  
23 FURTHER REPORTS AFTER WE HAVE HIRED AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO  
24 FURTHER GUIDE AND MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD. THANK YOU, BOARD OF

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1 SUPERVISORS, AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY  
2 HAVE.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE FLOOR IS  
5 YOURS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THE REPORT  
8 WAS SUFFICIENTLY INFORMATIVE, TO THE POINT OF HAVING EXHAUSTED  
9 THE QUESTIONS THAT I MIGHT HAVE POSED, AND I'M PERFECTLY GOOD  
10 WITH THAT. I THANK MS. DAVENPORT FOR HER THOROUGH  
11 PRESENTATION. I JUST WISH TO ADD THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
12 HAS ADVANCED A CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER WHO I EXPECT WILL BE IN  
13 COLLABORATION WITH US, AS WELL. SHE'S BRENDA SHOCKLEY,  
14 ESQUIRE. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE MORE PARTNERS WE  
15 HAVE ACROSS THE COUNTY FROM OUR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES, THE  
16 BETTER FOR THE WHOLE REGION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO  
19 NOW THAT ITEM WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WITHOUT OBJECTION TO RECEIVE AND  
21 FILE THIS ITEM. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE  
22 ORDER. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 15,  
23 IMPLEMENTING REENTRY EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FOR A.B. 109 FIRE CAMP  
24 PARTICIPANTS. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THIS IS AN  
25 EXCELLENT MOTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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2   **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALWAYS LIKE TO HAVE THE  
3   WORD "EXCELLENT" APPENDED TO ANY WORK, THOUGH I OWE THE  
4   EXCELLENCE OF THIS MOTION TO SHELBY KING ON MY STAFF, WHO HAS  
5   DONE ALL OF THE WORK ON THIS ISSUE THE WHOLE TIME SHE'S BEEN  
6   WITH US. AS YOU KNOW, CALIFORNIA'S EXPERIENCING, I GUESS, TO  
7   CALL IT A RECORD-BREAKING FIRE SEASON WOULD BE SO MUCH OF AN  
8   UNDERSTATEMENT. OVER 8,000 WILDFIRES HAVE BURNED OVER 3.7  
9   MILLION ACRES IN CALIFORNIA, AND THAT IS IN THIS YEAR, 2020.  
10   SO FAR THIS YEAR, FIVE OF THE SIX LARGEST WILDFIRES EVER TO  
11   HAPPEN IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS YEAR, IN  
12   2020. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE BOBCAT FIRE, THE LAKE FIRE,  
13   HAVE COLLECTIVELY BURNED OVER 145,000 ACRES, AND NOW I THINK  
14   IT'S MORE BY TODAY. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN NEARBY FIRES IN  
15   RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES; SO MANY FIRES THAT THEY  
16   EVEN COLLECT TOGETHER, AND THEY'RE LIKE A CLUSTER OF FIRES, OR  
17   COMPLEX FIRES. SO THIS YEAR, WE WERE FORCED TO RECKON WITH OUR  
18   SOMEWHAT UNHEALTHY RELIANCE ON INMATE LABOR TO FIGHT THE  
19   FIRES. THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN OUR FIRE CAMPS WAS  
20   DRASTICALLY REDUCED THIS YEAR BECAUSE, FORTUNATELY, MANY OF  
21   THEM WERE RELEASED EARLY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-  
22   19 IN THE JAILS. AND IN L.A. COUNTY, OUR INMATE CREWS WILL  
23   LIKELY BE REDUCED FROM 24 TO MAYBE 8, BECAUSE OF THE REDUCED  
24   CUSTODY POPULATION. SO THESE EARLY RELEASES, WHICH I THINK ARE  
25   GOOD, ARE COMING AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE COUNTY'S CONTENDING

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1 WITH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND THESE FIRES. SO  
2 WE HAVE TO USE THE CURRENT SITUATION, I THINK, AS AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON INMATE LABOR TO FIGHT  
4 OUR FIRES, AND RECOGNIZE THE HARD WORK OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO  
5 PARTICIPATE IN OUR FIRE CAMPS, BY CREATING MEANINGFUL JOB  
6 OPPORTUNITIES IF THEY MIGHT WISH TO CONTINUE FIGHTING FIRES,  
7 WHICH THEY'VE BEEN TRAINED TO DO, ON THEIR RELEASE FROM  
8 CUSTODY. EVERY FIRE SEASON, CALIFORNIA'S USE OF INCARCERATED  
9 PEOPLE TO FIGHT WILDFIRES IS KIND OF A SHAME ON US, BECAUSE  
10 THEY'RE FORCED TO WORK IN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS,  
11 RECEIVE WHAT CAN ONLY BE CALLED MINIMAL COMPENSATION, AND THEN  
12 FACE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT AFTER THEY'RE RELEASED. THEY  
13 EARNED GOOD-TIME CREDITS. THEY GET ABOUT, OH, MAYBE \$2.90  
14 TIMES FIVE, FOR FIVE TO 12 DAYS, PLUS A DOLLAR AN HOUR WHEN  
15 THEY'RE ON ASSIGNMENT. BUT, IN FACT, THE HISTORY OF INMATE  
16 WORKER PROGRAMS IS ROOTED IN THE USE OF INMATE LABOR. AFTER  
17 THE ABOLISHMENT OF SLAVERY, LEGALLY, IT WAS STILL A WAY TO  
18 EXTRACT FREE LABOR, PRIMARILY, AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IN OTHER  
19 MOTIONS, FROM BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. SO AS L.A. COUNTY  
20 FURTHERS ITS ANTIRACIST POLICY AGENDA AND ITS ALTERNATIVES TO  
21 INCARCERATION AGENDA, THIS IS HOW WE CAN DO MORE TO HELP THOSE  
22 WHO ARE WILLING TO RISK THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT OUR WILDFIRES  
23 WHILE THEY'RE IN JAIL. LAST YEAR, I BROUGHT A MOTION WITH  
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO EXPLORE REENTRY EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FOR THE  
25 POPULATION, AND NOW IT'S TIME TO ACT AND IMPLEMENT THOSE

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1 SUPPORTS TO ENSURE THAT THESE FIRE CAMP PARTICIPANTS CAN FIND  
2 QUALITY EMPLOYMENT. THIS MOTION PRESENTS A SHORT AND A LONG-  
3 TERM VISION FOR IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT LINKAGES; IN THE SHORT-  
4 TERM, TO LINK FIRE CAMP PARTICIPANTS TO EXISTING COUNTY JOBS,  
5 AND CREATE A JOB CLASSIFICATION IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR  
6 WHICH FIRE CAMP PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE, PROVIDE MORE  
7 PROGRAMMING WHILE PEOPLE ARE IN THE FIRE CAMPS, AND CREATE A  
8 PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A.B. 2147, WHICH CAN HELP ELIGIBLE FIRE CAMP  
9 PARTICIPANTS EXPUNGE THEIR RECORDS. IN THE LONG TERM, WE ARE  
10 EXPLORING THE CREATION OF A REENTRY JOB TRAINING PROGRAM WHERE  
11 FIRE CAMP PARTICIPANTS CAN RECEIVE A PAYING JOB, TRAINING,  
12 HOUSING, EDUCATION, OTHER SERVICES AND HELP, WITH JOB  
13 APPLICATIONS AFTER RELEASE FROM JAIL. SO, THROUGH THIS MOTION,  
14 WE WILL SUPPORT OUR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE BY OFFERING  
15 WHAT THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED BY L.A. COUNTY AND  
16 THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM  
17 CUSTODY. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO PUT THIS IN  
18 FRONT OF THE BOARD, AND CERTAINLY THANK MY CO-AUTHOR,  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO'S BEEN A PARTNER IN THESE ISSUES ALL  
20 ALONG. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,  
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS VERY

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1    IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT MOTION. YOU'VE SAID SO MUCH ALREADY. I  
2    DON'T WANT TO REPEAT EVERYTHING, BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT THIS  
3    IS SOMETHING I KNOW, EARLY ON, WHEN YOU AND I CAME TO THE  
4    BOARD, WE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT  
5    BROUGHT THIS IDEA TO US, AND IT JUST WASN'T GETTING THROUGH.  
6    AND NOW, FINALLY, BECAUSE THE STATE HAS TAKEN ACTION, AND IT  
7    LOOKS LIKE THE STARS ARE ALIGNED, THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT  
8    INGREDIENTS TO MOVE FORWARD. SO I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT THIS  
9    WILL DO ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED: CREATE PATHWAYS, A  
10    GOOD PIPELINE FOR GOOD-PAYING UNION JOBS AND BENEFITS, REDUCED  
11    RECIDIVISM, AND HELP TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE POOL OF  
12    QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED PEOPLE WHO CAN FIGHT OUR FIRES. IT'S  
13    FUNDAMENTAL THAT WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, EMPLOYMENT  
14    OPPORTUNITIES TO REENTRY, AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE COME  
15    OUT OF INCARCERATION, AND BY HELPING THEM GET ON THEIR FEET  
16    AND FIND A GOOD WAY AND A PATH TOWARD FULL EMPLOYMENT, AND  
17    HELPING US MEET OUR GOALS WITH MITIGATING THESE FIRES. IT IS  
18    UNCONSCIONABLE THAT AS INMATES, WHILE THEY'RE OUT THERE  
19    WORKING FOR \$2 A DAY, THEY HAVE NO WAY OF UTILIZING THEIR  
20    SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE, DESPITE UNDERGOING THE SAME TYPE OF  
21    FIREFIGHTING TRAINING UPON RELEASE. SO, WHAT BETTER CAN WE DO  
22    THAN TO MAKE IT AN OPEN PATH FOR THEM, AND TO HELP PROVIDE  
23    STABILITY FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES? SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY  
24    SUPPORT THIS, AND THANK ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE BEEN  
25    ENGAGED IN THIS. AND THAT INCLUDES THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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1 AND AGING COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION  
2 OFFICER, THE SHERIFF, THE I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1014, AND ALL OF OUR  
3 GOOD FRIENDS, AND ESPECIALLY OUR FRIENDS IN THE LEGISLATURE.  
4 SO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE CO-AUTHOR. THANK YOU, MADAM  
5 CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO-- I MEAN, AS I SAID,  
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHEN YOU WERE BEGINNING TO TALK, THIS IS AN  
9 EXCELLENT MOTION. AND I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO SCOTT BUDNICK,  
10 WHO, REALLY, THIS HAS BEEN A PASSION OF HIS FOR YEARS, AS WELL  
11 AS DAVE GILLOTTE, THE PRESIDENT OF 1014, WHO HAS WORKED  
12 COLLABORATIVELY WITH SCOTT TO REALLY LOOK AT HOW THIS CAN  
13 BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE FIRE, BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG  
14 PEOPLE THAT, UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, MIGHT NOT HAVE THE  
15 ABILITY OR OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF AN AMAZING GROUP OF  
16 FIREFIGHTERS. AND SO I THINK THAT THIS TRULY IS AN  
17 OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE GREAT CANDIDATES FOR EARLY RELEASE FROM  
18 STATE PRISONS WHO, HISTORICALLY, SERVED OUR COMMUNITIES WELL  
19 THROUGH THEIR COLLABORATION AND BRAVERY, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN  
20 ABLE TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF THEIR TRAINING UPON RELEASE. AND  
21 A.B. 2147 RECONCILES THAT ISSUE ON ALLOWING FOR OUR BRAVE MEN  
22 AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR FIRE CREWS TO  
23 NOW PETITION FOR DISMISSAL OF THEIR CONVICTION, REMOVING  
24 BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT UPON REENTRY. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT  
25 ONLY SERVED THEIR TIME, BUT ALSO SERVED THEIR COMMUNITIES IN

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1 TIMES OF CRISIS, THEY DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS AS  
2 THEY RETURN HOME. SO I AM REALLY EXCITED, BUT I WANT TO  
3 PUBLICLY THANK YOUR STAFF, BUT ALSO SCOTT BUDNICK AND DAVE  
4 GILLOTTE AND CHIEF OSBY, BECAUSE THIS IS ABOUT COLLABORATING  
5 AND REALLY RECOGNIZING AN OPPORTUNITY. AND WE'RE SEEING IT  
6 NOW, WITH THESE FIRES, THAT WE HAVE A REAL NEED, AND WE HAVE  
7 PEOPLE THAT ARE WILLING TO RISK THEIR LIVES TO SAVE PEOPLE'S  
8 LIVES AND PROPERTY. SO I'M EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. SO  
9 WITH THAT, ITEM 15 IS BEFORE US, AND IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
10 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 15 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

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

19

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

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

7 I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR BARGER? SORRY.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PEOPLE OFTEN CONFUSE US. [LAUGHTER.] AYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MOTION CARRIES, 5-0, TWICE.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, YOU HAVE

14 SOMETHING?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS

17 RELEASES HER HOLD ON ITEM 57-A, AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD FOR A

18 VOTE NOW, IF YOU LIKE.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS REMOVED HER

21 HOLD ON THAT ITEM, SO IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,

22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, WILL YOU

23 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 57-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

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7 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

8

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

11

12 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

13

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

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16 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

17

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

19

20 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

24

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1   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FANTASTIC. THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE GOING TO  
2   MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 18, THE L.A. COUNTY ALTERNATIVE CRISIS  
3   RESPONSE. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

4

5   **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I KNOW, ALSO, DR.  
6   SHERIN IS ON THE LINE TO SPEAK. BUT I WAS GOING TO MAKE SOME  
7   OPENING REMARKS, AND THEN I WAS GOING TO INVITE DR. SHERIN TO  
8   SAY A FEW WORDS, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH THE CHAIR. JUST LAST  
9   WEEK, COLLEAGUES, THE L.A. TIMES PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ABOUT  
10   ERIC BRICENO, A MAN WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED BY SHERIFF'S  
11   DEPUTIES WHEN HE WAS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.  
12   ERIC'S PARENTS HAD CALLED 911 FOR HELP, BUT THEY DIDN'T GET  
13   THE HELP THEY NEEDED. THE M.E.T. TEAM HAS PAIRS OF MENTAL  
14   HEALTH CLINICIANS AND SPECIALLY TRAINED SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES,  
15   BUT THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP. THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM  
16   IS ANOTHER OPTION THAT CONSISTS OF UNARMED MENTAL HEALTH  
17   CLINICIANS. BUT THEY ALSO DIDN'T SHOW UP. EVEN THOUGH L.A.  
18   COUNTY HAS CREATED THE M.E.T. TEAMS AND THE P.M.R.T. TEAMS TO  
19   RESPOND TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS EXACTLY LIKE THIS, NEITHER OF  
20   THEM WERE DISPATCHED WHEN ERIC'S PARENTS CALLED 911. THIS IS A  
21   PROBLEM. IT WAS A TRAGIC FAILURE OF COORDINATION IN THE  
22   COUNTY'S CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, AND WE NEED TO FIX IT. IT'S  
23   NOT ENOUGH SIMPLY TO HAVE M.E.T. TEAMS AND P.M.R.T. TEAMS;  
24   THEY NEED TO ACTUALLY BE ACCESSIBLE DURING A MENTAL HEALTH  
25   CRISIS. AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE PROBLEM THAT THIS MOTION IS

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1 TRYING TO SOLVE. THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STEERING  
2 COMMITTEE BRINGS TOGETHER ALL THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN OUR  
3 COUNTY'S FIRST RESPONSE SYSTEM, LIKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE  
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND MANY MORE. THIS REALLY IS THE  
6 FIRST TIME THAT ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS FROM DIFFERENT  
7 JURISDICTIONS HAVE COLLABORATED TOGETHER TO TACKLE THE  
8 FRAGMENTED NATURE OF THE COUNTY'S CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.  
9 THESE ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW WHERE THE GAPS ARE, AND  
10 WHAT IS NEEDED TO FIX THEM. IN FACT, THIS MOTION TODAY  
11 ADDRESSES ONE OF THOSE GAPS THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY  
12 IDENTIFIED. UP UNTIL NOW, THERE WAS NO WAY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
13 TO TRIAGE 911 CALLS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. SO  
14 WE'RE NOW DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO  
15 ESTABLISH A DIRECT LINE BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE D.M.H.  
16 ACCESS LINE. THIS WILL ALLOW 911 CALLS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A  
17 LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO BE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TRIAGED  
18 TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST  
19 STEP IN CREATING A COORDINATED ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE  
20 SYSTEM, BUT WE KNOW IT'S NOT THE LAST STEP. AND THAT'S WHY  
21 WE'RE ALSO CREATING SUBCOMMITTEES WITHIN THE LARGER A.C.R.  
22 STEERING COMMITTEE: TO DELVE DEEPER INTO HOW TO STREAMLINE AND  
23 COORDINATE THE SYSTEM. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK, PARTICULARLY,  
24 DR. SHERIN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND HIS VISION, SPECIFICALLY, IN  
25 THIS AREA. AND I'D LIKE FOR HIM TO EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THE WORK

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1 OF A.C.R. STEERING COMMITTEE, AND ALREADY WHAT'S BEEN DONE,  
2 AND WHAT OUR NEXT STEPS SHOULD BE. DR. SHERIN?

3

4 **DR. SHERIN:** HELLO, BOARD. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD, DR. SHERIN.

7

8 **DR. SHERIN:** OKAY. JON SHERIN, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
9 SUPERVISORS, IT'S GREAT TO BE PRESENTING TO YOU. OF COURSE, I  
10 ALWAYS PREFER TO DO IT IN PERSON. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, AND I  
11 WANT TO SALUTE YOU ALL FOR YOUR COURAGE BY GOING AFTER REFORM,  
12 AND IN PARTICULAR SUPERVISOR HAHN AND HER STEADFAST NATURE  
13 REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT CRISIS  
14 RESPONSE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MANY, MANY LEADERS FROM ACROSS  
15 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS CITIES THAT PARTICIPATED  
16 AND BEYOND, ALL OF WHOM WORKED WITH ME REALLY AGGRESSIVELY ON  
17 THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE STEERING COMMITTEE TO PUT  
18 FORTH OUR INITIAL RESPONSE, AND ALSO TO RECOGNIZE PRECURSORS,  
19 BECAUSE THE DIALOGUE AROUND THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME  
20 TIME. I'D ALSO LIKE THE THANK BOB ROSS, WHO IS MY CO-CHAIR  
21 AND, AS WE ALL KNOW, CHAIRED THE A.T.I.; AND I THINK, MOST  
22 IMPORTANTLY, THE COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER TO DEMAND  
23 REFORM, AND DONE IT AS A COLLECTIVE. IN TERMS OF THE CONTEXT,  
24 I WOULD SAY THAT HEALTH AND SAFETY REFORM IS IN THE SPOTLIGHT  
25 RIGHT NOW FOR VERY, VERY GOOD REASONS, AND WE'VE BEEN TALKING

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1 ABOUT IT ALL DAY. AND THE TIME IS NOW. THE INSTITUTIONAL  
2 INEQUITY THAT WE DEAL WITH, THAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIX, IS AT  
3 PLAY IN A BIG FASHION WHEN IT COMES TO THE WAY THAT WE RESPOND  
4 TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THE SYSTEM, AS IT IS, IS NOT CURRENTLY  
5 DESIGNED TO MATCH THE SUPPLY OF RESOURCES THAT WE DELIVER WITH  
6 THE DEMAND IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE  
7 SPOKEN TO YOU ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME. WE NEED TO MEET THE  
8 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITIES WITH HEALTH  
9 AND HUMAN SERVICE RESPONSE. WHILE IT'S NOT A NEW IDEA, THERE  
10 IS A NEW INTENTIONALITY WITH THIS BOARD, WITH OUR PARTNERS,  
11 CERTAINLY FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND THERE'S A NEW LEVEL OF  
12 COMMITMENT. WE HAVE TO LEAD WITH AND DOUBLE DOWN ON OUR  
13 INVESTMENT IN CARE FIRST APPROACHES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. THIS IS  
14 A CLASSIC EXAMPLE. THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM BEING ILL NEED  
15 TO BE TRIAGED TO RESOURCES FOR BEING WELL. WE HAVE TO BE ABLE  
16 TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING, AND GET THEM TREATMENT,  
17 NOT PUNISHMENT. IN MANY WAYS, WE WILL BE RELIEVING LAW  
18 ENFORCEMENT FROM SCENARIOS THAT REQUIRE A PRIMARY BEHAVIORAL  
19 HEALTH RESPONSE, NOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. WITH RESPECT  
20 TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MANY OF THESE PRINCIPLES ARE  
21 ESTABLISHED. THERE'S BEEN PRIOR WORK HERE, AND THERE'S ALSO  
22 BEEN PRIOR WORK NATIONWIDE. BUT THERE'S THIS NEW INFUSION OF  
23 ENERGY AND EXPERTISE, BUY-IN AND COORDINATION. AND AS WE'RE  
24 HEARING-- AND I'VE BEEN ON SINCE 9:00-- THERE WILL BE A  
25 SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE REQUIREMENT FOR US TO DO THIS THAT WILL

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1 BE ONGOING. AND OUR PHASE 1 EFFORT WAS VERY FAST-PACED. WE DID  
2 A LOT OF RESEARCH, WE HAD DIALOGUE WITH EXPERTS, AND A SERIES  
3 OF ROBUST MEETINGS WITH ALL THE PRINCIPALS. WE HAD SIGNIFICANT  
4 CONSENSUS, IN TERMS OF OUR NEED FOR A MASSIVE OVERHAUL AND A  
5 REBUILD OF OUR CURRENT SYSTEMS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT  
6 ABOUT THE THREE OPERATIONAL DOMAINS THAT REALLY CAN BE  
7 SUMMARIZED BY HAVING IN PLACE SOMEONE TO TALK TO, SOMEONE TO  
8 RESPOND, AND SOMEWHERE TO GO WHEN THERE IS A CRISIS. THE FIRST  
9 OF THESE, SOMEONE TO TALK TO: WE NEED A REGIONAL CALL CENTER  
10 THAT CONNECTS OUR CURRENT CENTERS AS A LIVE NETWORK, AND THEY  
11 CAN BE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH 911, AS WELL AS OTHER NUMBERS, IN AN  
12 AUTOMATED FASHION. AND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE F.C.C., AT THE  
13 FEDERAL LEVEL, HAS NOW MANDATED 988 AS A CRISIS RESPONSE  
14 NUMBER THAT WILL BE FIELDDED HERE, AND WILL BE VERY CRITICAL TO  
15 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL CALL CENTER. THIS EFFORT WILL  
16 REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT ONE-TIME INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS ONGOING  
17 INVESTMENTS. THE IDEA IS REALLY THAT THERE'S A TEAM APPROACH  
18 WHEN CALLS COME IN, WITH MULTIPLE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FROM  
19 DIFFERENT AGENCIES, AND IT GETS FILTERED FROM THEM FOR AN  
20 ASSESSMENT, A TRIAGE, AND A DISPATCH. IN ADDITION, A REGIONAL  
21 CALL CENTER HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.  
22 THE SECOND PIECE, THE SECOND OPERATIONAL DOMAIN, IS RESPONSE  
23 TEAMS THAT GET DISPATCHED. THEY NEED TO BE RIGHTSIZED IN  
24 NUMBER AND TYPE TO DELIVER UPON DISPATCH. THIS WILL REQUIRE  
25 SIGNIFICANT ONGOING INVESTMENT. THEY HAVE TO BE EQUIPPED FOR

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1 HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM, AND THEY HAVE TO  
2 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS EXPERTS AS FIRST RESPONDERS.  
3 AND A BIG PIECE OF THE RESPONSE WILL NEED TO BE INDIVIDUALS  
4 WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, WHAT WE CALL PEERS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
5 RECOGNIZE ON THIS NOTE THAT ON FRIDAY, OUR GOVERNOR SIGNED  
6 SENATE BILL 803, WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO GET ACCESS TO FEDERAL  
7 FUNDING FOR PEERS. AND THIS BOARD AND THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN A  
8 BIG MOVER IN THAT EFFORT. WE SPONSORED THAT BILL. IN ADDITION,  
9 WE HAVE TO ALWAYS MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE CO-RESPONSES WHEN  
10 NECESSARY, BECAUSE SOME OF THE THINGS IN THE FIELD ARE UNKNOWN  
11 AND CANNOT BE PREDICTED BY A CALL AND BY A SOPHISTICATED  
12 TRIAGE. THE THIRD PIECE, THE THIRD OPERATIONAL DOMAIN, IS  
13 RECEIVING FACILITIES. THIS IS GOING TO BE A MASSIVE ONE-TIME  
14 INVESTMENT UP FRONT. WE NEED MANY MORE URGENT CARES. WE NEED  
15 MORE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT BEDS. WE ALSO NEED TO BE ABLE TO  
16 CONNECT PEOPLE TO CARE WHENEVER WE MEET WITH THEM, AND THAT  
17 REQUIRES A PLACE TO GO, A RECEIVING FACILITY IN REAL TIME. IN  
18 TERMS OF THE MOTION AND THE DIRECTIVES, I REALLY, REALLY WANT  
19 TO REITERATE THE CONNECTION TO THE A.T.I. PROCESS AND, AS I  
20 SAID, MANY OTHER PROCESSES THAT ARE ONGOING AND PRE-DATE  
21 A.T.I. THE A.T.I. HAD 26 FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS, AND IN  
22 MY READING, THIS EFFORT ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT FIVE OF THEM. SO  
23 THIS IS SIGNIFICANT, AND IT'S ENTIRELY IN KEEPING WITH OUR  
24 POLICIES AND OUR APPROACH. IN TERMS OF QUICK WINS, AS  
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN MENTIONED, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS

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1 ABOUT TWO MONTHS INTO GETTING A-- AND I'M SORRY IT TAKES THAT  
2 LONG-- DEDICATED LINE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I WANT TO  
3 RECOGNIZE AND THANK JOHN GANNON, FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT, FOR PUSHING REALLY HARD ON ME FROM DAY ONE TO GET  
5 THIS ESTABLISHED. I SIGNED THE CONTRACT TODAY. I WILL BE LIVE  
6 IN MID-OCTOBER. WE ALSO, AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, DEPLOYING  
7 THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORT VANS, AND WE'RE DOING THIS IN  
8 COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING L.A. CITY, TO MAKE A 24/7  
9 RESPONSE CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE  
10 SHOULD BE ANNOUNCING THAT PARTNERSHIP FORMALLY SOMETIME IN THE  
11 NEAR FUTURE. OTHERWISE, IN TERMS OF PHASE 2, WHICH IS REALLY  
12 WHAT THIS MOTION IS ALL ABOUT, WE HAVE TO HAVE SUBCOMMITTEES  
13 TO DIG IN ON EACH OF THOSE THREE OPERATIONAL DOMAINS, AND EACH  
14 HAS TO HAVE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FROM ACROSS THE CONTINUUM,  
15 INCLUDING THOSE WITH FISCAL EXPERTISE. AND IN KEEPING WITH THE  
16 A.T.I. TRADITION, WE HAVE TO HAVE A FORUM TO VET, REGULARLY,  
17 WITH THE COMMUNITY WHAT WE'RE IDENTIFYING AS OPPORTUNITIES,  
18 AND WHAT WE'RE IDENTIFYING AS PRIORITIES. WE ALSO ARE GOING TO  
19 REQUIRE EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHO HAVE  
20 DONE PARTS OF THIS WORK, ALTHOUGH WHEN I SPEAK TO FOLKS  
21 NATIONALLY, THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY, AND I HOPE THAT WE, AS THIS MASSIVE JURISDICTION, CAN  
23 PULL ALL OF THESE PIECES TOGETHER, WHICH HAS REALLY NEVER  
24 HAPPENED IN A FULLY CONSOLIDATED WAY, TO DATE. ANOTHER VERY  
25 IMPORTANT THING IS ASSET MAPPING AND A GAP ANALYSIS. THESE ARE

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1 CRITICAL ASPECTS BECAUSE, WHILE WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE  
2 QUANTITY AND TYPE OF RESOURCES REQUIRED, NOT ALL OF THAT WILL  
3 BE BUILT ANEW. WE HAVE TO INTEGRATE A LOT OF OUR EXISTING  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITIES INTO OUR PLAN, AND THAT WOULD  
5 INCLUDE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF URGENT CARES,  
6 AS WELL AS RECOGNITION OF A BED NUMBER THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
7 BEEN MOVING WITH THE BOARD'S SUPPORT SINCE BEFORE C.O.V.I.D.  
8 THE OTHER THING HERE THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL, IN TERMS OF  
9 ASSET MAPPING, IS THE FUNDING STREAMS: THE FUNDING STREAMS  
10 ACROSS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, LOCALLY, AT THE COUNTY, STATE  
11 FUNDING, FEDERAL FUNDING, INCLUDING THE MATCH, AS WELL AS  
12 PRIVATE INVESTMENT. AND I WOULD SAY, NOT JUST PHILANTHROPIC,  
13 BUT ANOTHER BILL THAT WE SUPPORTED, S.B. 855, WAS SIGNED ON  
14 FRIDAY, WHICH DEALS WITH PARITY. SO PRIVATE INSURERS HAVE TO  
15 MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE PLAYING IN THIS SOLUTION, BECAUSE  
16 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE IN REAL TIME, REQUIRE  
17 TRANSPORTATION, AND REQUIRE URGENT ATTENTION AND EMERGENT  
18 ATTENTION. THAT CAN'T FALL ON THE SAFETY NET. THAT HAS TO BE A  
19 SHARED COST. AND VERY LASTLY-- AND I APPRECIATE THE TIME HERE--  
20 - DATA COLLECTION. WE NEED TO BE COLLECTING CRITICAL DATA. WE  
21 NEED TO BE DOING VERY SOPHISTICATED ANALYSES SO THAT WE CANNOT  
22 ONLY OPTIMIZE OUR USE OF THIS SYSTEM AND THE FIDELITY OF THIS  
23 SYSTEM, BUT ALSO GET A REALLY STRONG SENSE OF THE HUMAN  
24 OUTCOMES, AS WELL AS THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT THAT WE ACHIEVE

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1 THROUGH SIGNIFICANT SYSTEM REFORM. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY  
2 QUESTIONS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** CAN I JUST SAY SOMETHING? THANK YOU AGAIN, DR.  
7 SHERIN. THIS IS SO VISIONARY AND DEEP. I HEARD YOU MENTION  
8 SEVERAL TIMES THE BUDGET AND MONEY. SO I'M GUESSING, AT SOME  
9 POINT, AFTER YOU HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON WHAT THIS IS EXACTLY  
10 GOING TO LOOK LIKE, YOU'RE GOING TO ATTACH A BUDGET, BUT I AM  
11 HOPEFUL THAT THE BUDGET WE PASS IN THE NEXT... WITHIN TODAY'S  
12 AGENDA, AS IT RELATES TO A.T.I. COULD ALSO, OBVIOUSLY, BE  
13 APPROPRIATED TOWARDS AN EFFORT LIKE THIS.

14

15 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, IF I JUST COULD MAKE A QUICK STATEMENT, WHAT  
16 I SUGGEST IS THAT THERE ARE ROUGHLY FIVE FOUNDATIONAL  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I BELIEVE ARE COVERED BY THE A.C.R.  
18 STEERING COMMITTEE, SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THOSE WOULD BE  
19 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE A.T.I.; MONEY, AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT WAS REALLY QUICK, DR. SHERIN.

22

23 **DR. SHERIN:** WHY, THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. ANYTHING ELSE, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** NO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN I WAS A CONTRACTS  
7 PROFESSOR, WE USED TO SAY YOU DON'T GAIN ANYTHING BY ADDING  
8 "AND I REALLY MEAN IT" INTO THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT, BUT THAT  
9 IS NOT THE CASE WHERE THE COUNTY IS MOVING FROM AN IDEA TO AN  
10 ACTION, FROM TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING TO IMPLEMENTING IT. AND I  
11 REALLY LIKE THIS MOTION. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR  
12 BRINGING IT. AND THANK DR. SHERIN AND DR. ROSS, THE CHAIRS OF  
13 THE A.C.R. STEERING COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS EVERYBODY THAT  
14 PARTICIPATED, BECAUSE THE CRISIS SYSTEM THAT'S ENVISIONED BY  
15 THE STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF A NUMBER  
16 OF OTHER STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN TO KIND OF UNDERSCORE THE REALITY  
17 THAT NOT EVERY CALL FOR HELP SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY LAW  
18 ENFORCEMENT. IN THIS SPACE, THE COUNTY CREATED THE PSYCHIATRIC  
19 MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS, AND OTHER  
20 PROGRAMS. BUT IT'S CLEAR NOW THAT WE'VE REALLY GOT TO GO  
21 BEYOND THESE EFFORTS, AND BEYOND THE LIMITS OF OUR INTERNAL  
22 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, TO ENSURE THAT THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES  
23 OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH DISTRESS ARE NOT  
24 FRIGHTENED TO CALL FOR HELP, DON'T HOLD BACK, BECAUSE THE  
25 CALLS WILL BE MET BY PEOPLE WITH THE EXPERTISE, AS DR. SHERIN

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1 INDICATED, TO RESPOND. AND WE CAN MAKE THIS A REALITY. THE  
2 ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE UNDER THIS PLAN WOULD BEGIN THE MINUTE A  
3 CALL WAS MADE INTO A STATE-OF-THE-ART CALL CENTER, WHERE THE  
4 CALLS ARE TRIAGED, AND THEN ACCOUNT FOR EVERY DECISION THAT  
5 HAS TO BE MADE ALONG THE WAY, SO THAT PEOPLE IN CRISIS HAVE  
6 THE RIGHT PLACE TO GO, BASED ON THEIR LEVEL OF NEED. SO WE SEE  
7 THE VISION, AND WE'RE READY TO MOVE FORWARD AND SUPPORT THE  
8 WORK. I ALSO APPRECIATE TWO MORE THINGS: THE ABILITY TO BRING  
9 A RACIAL EQUITY LENS TO THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT, AS WE'VE  
10 DISCUSSED EARLIER TODAY, AND I THINK IT IS REALLY FORTUNATE IN  
11 TERMS OF TIMING BECAUSE OF OUR NEWLY ACQUIRED A.T.I. DIRECTOR,  
12 JUDGE ARMSTEAD, WHO IS REALLY TALENTED AND READY TO WORK WITH  
13 YOU, I KNOW, AS THE WORK TIES INTO THE FOUNDATIONAL  
14 RECOMMENDATIONS OF A.T.I. SO IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD TEAM, LOOKS  
15 LIKE A GOOD PLAN, AND I'M VERY EXCITED AND SUPPORTIVE. THANK  
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOU KNOW, I  
19 WAS TALKING WITH STAFF WHEN WE SAW THIS MOTION, AND WHEN YOU  
20 CALL 911, YOU CAN SAY YOU'VE GOT A MENTAL EMERGENCY OR A  
21 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WE PUT PUBLIC HEALTH INTO THAT CATEGORY.  
22 AND WAY BACK WHEN WE HAD VISIONS FOR THE MENTAL EVALUATION  
23 TEAM, THE GOAL WAS TO HAVE TRIAGE DONE TO DISPATCH THE  
24 APPROPRIATE TEAM OUT TO A SITUATION THAT DIDN'T REQUIRE,  
25 NECESSARILY, SAFETY, BECAUSE THEY TRULY ARE NOT TRAINED IN IT,

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1 BUT A MEDICAL EVALUATION TEAM THAT COULD GO OUT AND DE-  
2 ESCALATE AND ADDRESS, AND ACTUALLY PREVENT PEOPLE FROM  
3 ULTIMATELY BEING ARRESTED IN AN IDEAL SITUATION. I THINK THE  
4 TIME IS WELL OVERDUE, AND I WOULD MAKE THIS CHALLENGE TO YOU,  
5 DR. SHERIN, IN THAT THERE ARE GAPS. I KNOW, EVEN WHEN WE CALL  
6 OUT THE P.M.R. TEAMS, THEY'RE LIMITED. AND WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN  
7 CRISIS OUT ON THE STREET, WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE CALLING  
8 IN, ASKING FOR SUPPORT AND HELP, BUT THE TEAMS ARE LIMITED. SO  
9 I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS ACROSS THE BOARD. I  
10 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS. BUT I DO THINK THAT WITH 911,  
11 THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO TRIAGE AND PUT TOGETHER  
12 SOMETHING, BECAUSE I THINK THAT HAVING A PHONE NUMBER IS GOOD.  
13 BUT I THINK THE THING THAT WORKS WITH 911 IS PEOPLE KNOW IF  
14 THERE'S A NEED, YOU CAN CALL 911, AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
15 LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAIN AND ANALYZE AND PROVIDE THE  
16 TRIAGE ON THE FRONT END TO GET THE RIGHT TEAMS TO GO OUT  
17 THERE. I THINK, AGAIN, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY, AND I BELIEVE  
18 IT'S GOING TO BE VERY FLUID. BUT IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME, BASED ON  
19 THE SITUATION THAT WE'VE HEARD, AND YOU OUTLINED, SUPERVISOR  
20 HAHN, FAMILY MEMBERS, WHEN THEY CALL, WHEN THE LOVED ONE'S IN  
21 CRISIS, THEY DON'T WANT THEM TO COME OUT AND END UP, YOU KNOW,  
22 KILLING OR TASING OR TAKING THEM INTO CUSTODY. THEY WANT THEM  
23 TO DE-ESCALATE AND GET THEM THE HELP THAT THEY NEED, AND THAT  
24 THEY DESERVE. AND SO I THINK THAT THIS MOTION IS INCREDIBLE.  
25 BUT, DR. SHERIN, MY CHALLENGE TO YOU IS TO LOOK HOLISTICALLY

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1 ACROSS THE BOARD; NOT JUST AT THOSE CALLING 911, BUT FOR THE  
2 PUBLIC THAT CALLS IN AND CALLS 211, AND IDENTIFIES SOMEBODY IN  
3 NEED, AND TALKS TO SOMEONE ON THE OTHER END, THAT THEY ARE  
4 ENSURED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET SOMEONE OUT TO  
5 AT LEAST HELP A PERSON IN CRISIS, SO THAT THEY DON'T END UP  
6 GETTING CALLED ON A 911 CALL. THAT'S MY TWO CENTS.

7

8 **DR. SHERIN:** ACCEPTED. AND I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE IDEA OF A  
9 REGIONAL CALL CENTER IS TO CREATE A PORTAL WHERE WE CAN BRING  
10 IN REQUESTS FROM A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND SCENARIOS,  
11 AND HAVE THEM ANALYZED AND NEED TO TRIAGE. AND WE'LL GAIN  
12 CAPACITY JUST BY DOING THAT EFFICIENTLY, BUT WE ARE GOING TO  
13 HAVE TO INVEST SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE NUMBER OF TEAMS. I MEAN,  
14 MY TEAMS ARE GOING NONSTOP.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU JUST MADE MY POINT. I THINK THAT  
17 THAT'S ALSO WHERE WE NEED TO INVEST. I'M NOT BEING CRITICAL OF  
18 YOUR TEAMS, BECAUSE YOU CAN ONLY BE IN ONE PLACE AT ONE TIME,  
19 BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK, HOLISTICALLY, ACROSS THE  
20 BOARD. AND, YOU KNOW, I WOULD ALSO CHALLENGE ALL OF US TO CALL  
21 211 AND TEST IT, BECAUSE I KNOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU GOT AN  
22 EXPERIENCE WITH 211 ON A HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL. I THINK WE NEED  
23 TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE THROW OUT THE 211 LINE THAT WE ARE  
24 ENSURING THAT THEY'RE GETTING THE PROPER TRAINING AND  
25 RESOURCES TO ACTIVATE WHEN THEY GET THE CALLS.

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2 **DR. SHERIN:** AGREED.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT, AND I KNOW,  
5 DR. SHERIN. ALL RIGHT, DO I HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? AND I  
6 REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT, DR. SHERIN.  
7 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD.  
8 I THINK IT'S FANTASTIC. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN MOVES  
9 THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
10 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

6

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

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

10 0.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW ON TO ITEM NUMBER

13 27, VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

14 SERVICES FACILITIES. THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WILL SAY THAT

17 THERE ARE MANY PROJECTS THAT ARE LISTED ON ITEM 27, BUT I

18 WANTED TO PULL OUT IN PARTICULAR THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL

19 CENTER, CHILDCARE CENTER IN PARTICULAR, AND THE RECUPERATIVE

20 CARE CENTER. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE

21 TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO SPEAK ON THIS. I WANT TO THANK

22 ALL THE DEPARTMENTS FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH THE FUNDING FOR

23 PHASE 1 OF THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE AND THE CHILDCARE

24 CENTER AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL HOSPITAL. YOU KNOW, THESE

25 PROJECTS WILL BRING MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES TO PATIENTS, STAFF,

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1 AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES, AND THEY WILL SIT AMONG THE RICH  
2 HISTORY OF SERVICE THAT THE MEDICAL CENTER HAS PROVIDED TO THE  
3 DOWNTOWN AND EASTSIDE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY FOR WELL OVER 100  
4 YEARS. THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE HAS VARIOUS PHASES, BUT  
5 PHASE ONE CONSISTS OF 96 RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS, AND 64 CRISIS  
6 TREATMENT RESIDENTIAL BEDS. AND AS I SAID BEFORE, THESE  
7 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES ARE A MODEL FOR THE COUNTRY.  
8 PATIENTS RECEIVE EXCELLENT CARE FROM L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL  
9 CENTER. BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, ONCE THEY LEAVE, THEIR RECOVERY  
10 CAN BE JEOPARDIZED, BECAUSE THEY LACK A SAFE AND STABLE HOME  
11 TO REST AND COMPLETE THEIR HEALING PROCESS. AND WITHOUT A SAFE  
12 HOME AND A CARE NETWORK TO ASSIST THEM, THEIR CHANCES FOR A  
13 SUCCESSFUL AND COMPLETE RECOVERY DIMINISH SIGNIFICANTLY. THESE  
14 VILLAGES WILL PROVIDE INTERIM HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE,  
15 SO THEY CAN HEAL IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. THE RESTORATIVE CARE  
16 VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SERVICES TO  
17 ENSURE DISCHARGED PATIENTS CAN HAVE SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY AND A  
18 CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEIR ONGOING HEALTHCARE  
19 NEEDS. THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE-- OR, AS IT IS KNOWN,  
20 R.C.V.-- REPRESENTS A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN HOW WE APPROACH  
21 WHAT WE CALL WHOLE PERSON CARE. PARTICULARLY, COLLEAGUES, THIS  
22 BOARD HAS TAKEN A STRONG POSITION THAT OUR MENTALLY ILL SHOULD  
23 BE TREATED WITH COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES IN MENTAL HEALTH  
24 FACILITIES, AS OPPOSED TO BEING INCARCERATED IN JAILS. THE  
25 IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT HAS FAR-REACHING BENEFITS BEYOND

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1 JUST HEALTHCARE. THE NEW CHILDCARE CENTER AT L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
2 MEDICAL CAMPUS WILL BRING A NEWLY BUILT CARE CENTER FOR USE BY  
3 BOTH STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY, WHERE PARENTS CAN FEEL CONFIDENT  
4 THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IN A SAFE AND NURTURING FACILITY. THE  
5 CHILDCARE CENTER WILL ACCOMMODATE 72 CHILDREN, AND WILL HAVE  
6 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES FOR THE CHILDREN TO LEARN AND PLAY.  
7 THESE PROJECTS ARE CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE, NO DOUBT, AT  
8 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS FOR THE BETTER. AND THESE  
9 ARE CONTINUED INVESTMENTS THAT WILL HELP TO IMPROVE UPON OUR  
10 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND OUR SERVICES TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.  
11 BUT WHAT IS AN IMPORTANT POINT, ALSO, TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT  
12 WE'RE INVESTING IN LOCAL LABOR RESOURCES TO CONSTRUCT THE  
13 PROJECT. THE PROJECT IS ONE OF MANY THAT WILL BE BUILT ON THIS  
14 CAMPUS THROUGH THE HELP OF LOCAL AND TARGETED WORKER HIRE  
15 POLICIES, AND EACH OF THESE PROJECTS HAS INCLUDED AN INCREASED  
16 LOCAL WORKER HIRE GOAL OF 50 PERCENT. AND THAT MEANS THIS  
17 PROJECT WILL NOT ONLY SERVICE THE COMMUNITY, BUT THEY WILL BE  
18 BUILT BY THE HANDS AND SWEAT OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY SERVE.  
19 THE COUNTY IS EXCITED TO WORK WITH OUR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
20 PARTNERS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO CONTINUE TO  
21 ENHANCE THEM FURTHER. I'M SO PROUD OF THE HARD WORK THAT SO  
22 MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE GIVEN TO THE PROCESS, AND I  
23 HONOR THEM FOR SACRIFICING THEIR PERSONAL TIME TO HELP BRING  
24 THESE PROJECTS TO THE COUNTY. THROUGH THE HEALTH INNOVATION  
25 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE

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1 PARTNER IN DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROJECTS FROM THE GROUND UP.  
2 GOOD HEALTH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A PROSPEROUS LIFE, AND THESE  
3 FACILITIES WILL HELP US MEET TODAY AND TOMORROW'S GROWING  
4 NEEDS. AGAIN, I WANT TO UNDERSCORE, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE  
5 DEPARTMENTS, IN PARTICULAR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,  
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, OUR C.E.O., D.P.W., AND ALL OF  
7 THE AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN HELPING TO MAKE THIS  
8 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ASK FOR AN  
9 AYE VOTE.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ECHO EVERYTHING YOU SAID.  
12 I THINK THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE LIST OF PROJECTS, FROM HARBOR  
13 TO L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., TO OLIVE VIEW, TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, WE  
14 ARE LOOKING COUNTYWIDE. AND I THINK THIS REALLY IS A GOOD  
15 BOARD LETTER MOVING FORWARD, AND I'M EXCITED FOR THE LIVES  
16 IT'S GOING TO TRANSFORM. SO WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
18 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 27 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

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

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

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

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11 **SUP. HAHN:** I WAS GOING TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO TWO OF MY  
12 PROJECTS AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. AND I APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE I  
15 DIDN'T SEE THAT YOU WANTED TO SPEAK.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, I JUST WANTED TO BRING THOSE TO THE ATTENTION  
18 THAT THESE ARE GOING TO BE TWO GREAT PROJECTS ON THE CAMPUS OF  
19 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. ONE WILL BE A RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE, AND  
20 THIS IS A 50-BED RECUPERATIVE CARE THAT WILL PROVIDE SERVICES  
21 FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS RECOVERING HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND  
22 ANOTHER ONE WILL BE TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE RECENTLY RELEASED  
23 FROM JAIL AND PSYCHIATRIC UNITS. JUST ANOTHER REALLY GOOD  
24 THING WE'RE DOING WITH BUILDINGS THAT WERE ABANDONED AT RANCHO  
25 LOS AMIGOS. WE'RE GOING TO TURN THEM INTO HOPE AND HEALTH FOR

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1 PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CAST MY AYE  
2 VOTE.

3

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

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

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
10 0.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE,  
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE  
14 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL  
15 PRESENT EACH OF THE BUDGET ITEMS IN NUMERICAL ORDER. MEMBERS  
16 OF THE BOARD WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AFTER THE  
17 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS PRESENTED THE ITEM, BEFORE  
18 TAKING A VOTE ON THE ITEM. IF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE GENERAL  
19 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, I ASK THAT YOU HOLD THEM UNTIL WE GET  
20 TO ITEM 67, AND AT THAT POINT, EACH BOARD MEMBER WILL HAVE AN  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS. WITH THAT, WE'RE GOING TO  
22 BEGIN WITH ITEM 63, ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS  
23 DEFERRED TO SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION. WE WILL NOW HEAR  
24 FROM OUR ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, ON  
25 ITEM 63.

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1

2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, A.C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD  
3 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. TODAY I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S \$37.6 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.  
5 DESPITE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PRESSURES, THE LARGE AND GROWING  
6 NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, AND THE  
7 ENSUING ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, THIS IS A BALANCED BUDGET THAT  
8 PROTECTS THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF COUNTY RESIDENTS, IT EMBRACES  
9 RACIAL EQUITY, IT SUPPORTS JUSTICE REFORM THROUGH  
10 ACCOUNTABILITY AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND  
11 MAINTAINS SERVICE LEVELS AND VITAL PROGRAMS THROUGH  
12 PRESERVATION OF JOBS WHICH WERE TARGETED FOR CUTS IN OUR  
13 BUDGET IN JUNE. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
14 AND THE SWIFT ACTION YOU TOOK WHEN THE CRISIS HIT, AND ALSO  
15 RECOGNIZE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
16 FOR THEIR TRULY HEROIC PUBLIC SERVICE DURING THESE CHALLENGING  
17 TIMES. YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN JUNE, WE WERE ANTICIPATING A  
18 NEARLY \$1 BILLION LOSS IN REVENUE, SPECIFICALLY \$935.3  
19 MILLION. WE HAVE NOW REVISED THAT FIGURE DOWNWARD TO \$661.8  
20 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTS A \$273 MILLION DECREASE FROM JUNE.  
21 THIS REDUCED BUDGET DEFICIT PROJECTION IS A RESULT OF STATE  
22 ACTION AND BETTER-THAN-ANTICIPATED PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX  
23 REVENUE, ALSO KNOWN AS PROP 172 REVENUE. SPECIFICALLY, WE  
24 RECEIVED AN UNANTICIPATED \$239 MILLION FROM THE STATE, TO  
25 BACKFILL SALES TAX REVENUE LOSSES IN CHILD WELFARE, IN SOCIAL

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1 SERVICES, IN HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND JUSTICE  
2 SYSTEM PROGRAMS FUNDED UNDER REALIGNMENT. IN ADDITION,  
3 REVENUES FOR PROP 172 WERE STRONGER THAN EXPECTED, PROVIDING  
4 AN ADDITIONAL \$58.9 MILLION. IT WAS THROUGH BELT-TIGHTENING  
5 AND EFFICIENCIES, INCLUDING A FREEZE ON ALL NONESSENTIAL  
6 HIRING AND PURCHASES, AND THE ELIMINATION OF 2,556 VACANT  
7 POSITIONS FROM THE BUDGET, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP A  
8 SPENDING PLAN TO COVER THE \$661.8 MILLION DEFICIT. THROUGH  
9 STRATEGIC MITIGATION EFFORTS, WE WERE ABLE TO AVOID THE 655  
10 LAYOFFS THAT WE PROPOSED IN JUNE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REVISED  
11 DEFICIT AMOUNT AND THE ABILITY TO MITIGATE LAYOFFS, WE ARE NOT  
12 QUITE OUT OF THE WOODS YET. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO  
13 MITIGATE LAYOFFS, WE REMAINED VIGILANT, CONTINUING TO WORK  
14 WITH OUR ECONOMIC FORECASTERS, AND WATCHING THE RELEVANT  
15 ECONOMIC INDICATORS. WE KNOW THAT COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
16 ARE HIGHER THAN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. SOME OF THE  
17 HARDEST-HIT LOCAL SECTORS INCLUDE TOURISM, RETAIL, DINING, AND  
18 ENTERTAINMENT. THE COUNTY'S INTEREST EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS  
19 ARE PROJECTED TO DECLINE BY APPROXIMATELY \$35.8 MILLION, AND  
20 WE ARE ALSO WATCHING FOR POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO  
21 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE CONTINUE,  
22 HOWEVER, TO ADVOCATE FOR CRUCIAL FEDERAL RELIEF TO ENABLE US  
23 TO SUSTAIN OUR WORK, PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES TO OUR 10  
24 MILLION RESIDENTS AS THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS CONTINUES.  
25 PRIORITIES ARE SHIFTING IN THIS MOMENT. DESPITE THE LESS-THAN-

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1 IDEAL ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE, THE BUDGETARY PRESSURES AND  
2 CONSTRAINTS, AND THESE TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY AND PROTESTS, THIS  
3 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SEEKS TO MEET THE MOMENT. SPECIFICALLY,  
4 THIS BUDGET SEEKS TO BUILD UPON ACTIONS THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN  
5 IN RECENT MONTHS, USING OUR C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING AND OTHER  
6 COUNTY DOLLARS. WITHIN RECENT MONTHS, YOUR BOARD HAS NOT ONLY  
7 PRIORITIZED THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH BY INVESTING IN CONTACT  
8 TRACING AND TESTING, BUT YOU HAVE ALSO PRIORITIZED THOSE REAL-  
9 WORLD CONSEQUENCES AND COLLATERAL FALLOUT FROM THE PANDEMIC.  
10 TO HIGHLIGHT JUST A FEW EXAMPLES, THIS BOARD'S RECENT  
11 INVESTMENTS INCLUDE A \$100 MILLION RENT RELIEF PROGRAM TO  
12 ADDRESS HOUSING INSECURITY; A \$160 MILLION PROGRAM FOR GRANTS  
13 TO SMALL BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED  
14 ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH DRIVE OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND SERVE AS OUR  
15 PARTNERS IN OUR SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL; \$150 MILLION TO  
16 PROVIDE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE  
17 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; \$5.5 MILLION FOR FORECLOSURE  
18 ASSISTANCE TO HOMEOWNERS; \$8.7 MILLION FOR EVICTION DEFENSE  
19 AND EMERGENCY EVICTION DEFENSE SERVICES TO PROVIDE DEFENSE IN  
20 EVICTION PROCEEDINGS TO ADDRESS THE MOUNTING BACKLOG OF  
21 EVICTION CASES FILED WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT; AND FINALLY,  
22 \$12.8 MILLION TO HELP ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, BY FUNDING  
23 L.A.C.O.E.'S PURCHASE OF 28,000 LAPTOP DEVICES AND HOTSPOTS  
24 FOR THOSE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE ILL EQUIPPED  
25 FOR DISTANCE LEARNING. THESE INVESTMENTS STRENGTHEN OUR SAFETY

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1 NET, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS SEEK TO BUILD  
2 UPON AND DEEPEN THESE INVESTMENTS BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:  
3 FIRST, WE WANT TO SUPPORT RACIAL EQUITY THROUGH THE LENS OF  
4 ANTIRACISM. THIS MEANS THAT WE ARE INVESTING IN APPROACHES  
5 THAT SEEK TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMIC RACISM BY STANDING UP THE AND  
6 ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY,  
7 THAT WE DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. SECOND, WE WANT TO INVEST IN THE  
8 CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST MODEL. THIS BUDGET PROPOSES AN  
9 ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$104 MILLION TO FUND TWO SPECIFIC  
10 COMPONENTS OF THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST MODEL ADOPTED BY THIS  
11 BOARD. THEY ARE THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND THE  
12 OFFICE OF DIVERSE AND REENTRY. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE FUNDING  
13 THE NEW ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE WITH \$72.3  
14 MILLION IN SUPPLEMENTAL, WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION THAT  
15 WILL BE ALLOCATED IN A FUTURE BUDGET ACTION. AS OUR NEW A.T.I.  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO STARTED YESTERDAY, COMES ON BOARD, WE  
17 WILL WORK WITH HER TO OPERATIONALIZE THE CARE FIRST  
18 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, WHILE ALSO IDENTIFYING NEW AND EXISTING  
19 REVENUE SOURCES TO SUSTAIN AND EXPAND THIS ESSENTIAL WORK.  
20 THEN THERE'S O.D.R. WE'RE ALSO PUTTING \$30 MILLION INTO THE  
21 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO SUPPORT ITS WORK IN  
22 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH  
23 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO  
24 ENCOUNTER THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. PURSUANT TO THE BOARD DIRECTION  
25 AND CONSISTENT WITH THE JULY 7TH MOTION, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED

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1 THE \$30 MILLION. WE'RE MINDFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A NEED  
2 TO FIX THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, AS WELL AS TO ENABLE O.D.R. TO  
3 EXPAND SERVICES. OUR \$661 MILLION DEFICIT HAS MADE THIS  
4 DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY AND  
5 RESOLVE THE DEFICIT AND EXPAND SERVICES, AND WE WILL RETURN TO  
6 YOUR BOARD 45 DAYS AFTER WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW  
7 MEASURE J, A.B. 109, S.B. 678, PROP 47, AND OTHER RELEVANT AND  
8 POTENTIAL FUNDING RESOURCES. THIS BUDGET PROPOSES ADDITIONAL  
9 INVESTMENTS IN THE CARE FIRST MODEL, WITH THE PROPOSED  
10 ALLOCATION OF \$16 MILLION FOR TWO PROGRAMS-- THE MEDICATION  
11 ASSISTANCE TREATMENT PROGRAM, AND THE SUBSTANCE TREATMENT AND  
12 REENTRY TRANSITION PROGRAM-- BOTH WHICH PROVIDE CLINICAL CARE  
13 AND SERVICES TO THOSE IN CUSTODY DEALING WITH ALCOHOL AND/OR  
14 SUBSTANCE USE DEPENDENCIES AND WITHDRAWAL. CLEARLY, THE NEEDS  
15 ARE FAR GREATER THAN THESE ALLOCATIONS; AND GIVEN OUR TIGHT  
16 BUDGETARY SITUATION, THIS REPRESENTS THE INITIAL STEP IN A  
17 CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO FILLING THE BOARD'S VISION FOR CARE  
18 FIRST, JAIL LAST. THE THIRD AREA THAT WE'D LIKE TO USE TO  
19 CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON THE BOARD'S PRIOR INVESTMENTS INCLUDES  
20 ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES THAT SUPPORT JUSTICE REFORM. AS  
21 DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, THIS BUDGET SEEKS TO ENHANCE THE  
22 COUNTY'S ABILITY TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE DEPARTMENTS SERVING OUR  
23 COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS. THREE PROGRAMS  
24 COME TO MIND AND ARE RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING, AND THEY  
25 INCLUDE, ONE, THE EXPANSION OF THE DISCOVERY UNIT IN THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO TIMELY RESPOND TO PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
2 REQUESTS; TWO, FUNDING TO ESTABLISH THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT  
3 COMMISSION, AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ESTABLISH THE  
4 INVESTIGATIVE ARM OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN THE  
5 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL; AND THREE, FUNDING FOR BODY-  
6 WORN CAMERAS. THE LAST AREA WHERE THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET  
7 SEEKS TO SUSTAIN INVESTMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY THIS BOARD IS  
8 MAINTAINING SERVICES FOR OTHER PRIORITY POPULATIONS. THESE  
9 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO SEEK TO ADDRESS JOBS,  
10 THE RIGHTS OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
11 SUPPORT FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, AND THE NEEDS OF OUR  
12 SENIORS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE MORE NEEDS THAN EVER DURING THIS  
13 PANDEMIC. EXAMPLES OF THESE INVESTMENTS INCLUDE \$12.7 MILLION  
14 TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, SO  
15 THAT THEY CAN ACQUIRE WORK EXPERIENCE AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING;  
16 \$1 MILLION TO EXPAND THE PILOT FOR THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND FOR  
17 ONE YEAR, TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO IMMIGRANTS AT  
18 IMMINENT RISK OF REMOVAL; \$71.2 MILLION FOR HOUSING FOR HEALTH  
19 FOR PERMANENT HOUSING SERVICES AND EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS FOR  
20 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; \$23 MILLION FOR HOME-  
21 DELIVERED MEALS FOR SENIORS AND OTHER OLDER ADULTS AT HIGH  
22 RISK OF C.O.V.I.D.-19; AND FINALLY, \$9.4 MILLION TO SUPPORT  
23 THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION.  
24 THESE REPRESENT BUT A FEW OF THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
25 ARE CONTAINED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND THAT CONTINUES

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1 TO BUILD UPON THE PRIOR INVESTMENTS THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE  
2 IN THE CITIES, RESIDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COUNTIES FOR LOS  
3 ANGELES. AND SO I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
4 PRESENT TO YOU SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL  
5 BUDGET AT THIS TIME. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BUDGET ITEMS ON THE  
6 AGENDA ITEMS, STARTING WITH AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 63.

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8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 63 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO  
10 RECEIVE AND FILES THESE REPORTS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,  
11 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE WILL TAKE UP BUDGET ITEM NUMBER  
12 64. FESIA?

13

14 **FESIA DAVENPORT, A.C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ITEM 64.  
15 ITEM 64 IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT  
16 FOR FISCAL YEAR '19/'20. THIS IS A LARGELY ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
17 TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO CLOSE OUT THE FISCAL YEAR FOR  
18 2019/'20'S BUDGET. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S AVAILABLE TO  
19 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS MATTER. IF THERE ARE  
20 NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND  
21 APPROVE THIS ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR  
24 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER? HEARING NONE, ITEM 64 IS BEFORE US.  
25 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO

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1 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
2 ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 64 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

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP BUDGET ITEM  
5 NUMBER 65. FESIA, YOU WILL PRESENT ON BUDGET ITEM 65, SECTIONS  
6 1 THROUGH 4.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT, A.C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM  
9 65 IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' FINAL BUDGET  
10 ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/'20. THESE FOUR BUDGET  
11 ADJUSTMENT AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE  
12 AND TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO CLOSE OUT THE FISCAL YEAR '19/'20  
13 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THERE ARE FOUR  
14 ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED. FIRST, THE FIRST ITEM IS THE YEAR-  
15 END BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.  
16 THE SECOND ITEM IS A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO REALLOCATE FUNDS  
17 WITHIN THE MEASURE B SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AMONG THREE D.H.S.  
18 HOSPITALS. NEXT IS AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO ADJUST THE  
19 LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES FOR THE COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT CLINICS  
20 AT VARIOUS D.H.S. FACILITIES. AND FINALLY, FOUR IS AN  
21 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO ADJUST THE LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES  
22 OF THE ENHANCED PAYMENT PROGRAM AND THE QUALITY INCENTIVE  
23 PROGRAM AT VARIOUS D.H.S. FACILITIES. THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
24 SERVICES IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. IF THERE ARE NO

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1 QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE  
2 THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HEARING NONE, ITEM 65, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH  
5 4, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I WILL SECOND  
6 IT TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL  
7 THE ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 65, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 4, IS BEFORE  
10 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

13

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

16

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

18

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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5    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

8    0.

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10   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE UP BUDGET ITEM 66. FESIA,

11   THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

12

13   **FESIA DAVENPORT, A.C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM

14   66 IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLERS BUDGET RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING

15   THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/'21 BUDGET, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON JUNE

16   29TH, 2020. THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHED THE ACTUAL FUND

17   BALANCE FOR ALL BUDGETARY FUNDS, SINCE THE ADOPTED BUDGET

18   INCLUDED AN ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S

19   AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS. IF YOU HAVE NO

20   QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE

21   THIS ITEM.

22

23   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HEARING NO QUESTIONS, ITEM 66 IS BEFORE

24   US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE

2 CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 66 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

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO ITEM 67. WE WILL TAKE THAT  
5 UP, FESIA.

6

7 **FESIA DAVENPORT, A.C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM  
8 67 CONTAINS THE C.E.O.'S FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET  
9 REQUESTS THAT REFLECT VARIOUS BUDGET CHANGES, AND PROVIDES  
10 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENTS. THERE ARE FOUR  
11 ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED BY YOUR OFFICE. THE FIRST ITEM IS TO  
12 ADOPT THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL  
13 YEAR '20/'21 ADOPTED BUDGET. THE SECOND ITEM IS TO AUTHORIZE  
14 THE C.E.O. TO EXECUTE A VARIETY OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH  
15 VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. THE THIRD ITEM IS TO  
16 AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O. TO AMEND THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE  
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. AND THE LAST ITEM IS TO  
18 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
19 AMEND OR TERMINATE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. I'M AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS ANY  
21 QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET  
22 REQUEST. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT  
23 YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE THIS ITEM.

24

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1    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, IT'S APPROPRIATE  
2    FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO PROVIDE REMARKS, AND I WILL BEGIN, AND  
3    WE'LL GO IN ORDER: FIFTH, FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOLLOWED BY  
4    THE FOURTH. AND I'D FIRST LIKE TO THANK OUR ACTING C.E.O.,  
5    FESIA DAVENPORT, MATT MCGLOIN, AND OUR C.E.O. BUDGET ANALYST,  
6    ALONG WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS, FOR THEIR WORK IN  
7    PREPARING TODAY'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. WE DEFINITELY LIVE IN  
8    UNCERTAIN TIMES. C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS PUT THE BRAKES ON OUR LOCAL  
9    ECONOMY. ALTHOUGH OUR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IS 37.6 BILLION, WE  
10   HAVE A PROJECTED DEFICIT OF 661 MILLION. THIS BOARD HAS WORKED  
11   TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC AND HELP  
12   SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS,  
13   RENTAL ASSISTANCE, EVICTION RELIEF, ACCESS TO WI-FI FOR THOSE  
14   WITHOUT INTERNET, SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS, AND SO ON. THIS IS IN  
15   ADDITION TO THE ROBUST TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND HEALTH  
16   PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE TO SUPPORT THE SAFETY AND  
17   THE WELLBEING OF OUR RESIDENTS AS WE ADDRESS THE SPREAD OF  
18   C.O.V.I.D. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR  
19   COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR CONTINUING TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES  
20   TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND  
21   ORGANIZATIONS DURING THIS TIME. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.  
22   AND WITH THAT, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND  
23   PARTNERS FOR WORKING SO HARD TO MAINTAIN VITAL SERVICES TO THE  
24   COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. WE, AS A GROUP, HAVE WORKED  
25   DILIGENTLY TO ADDRESS LAST YEAR'S BUDGET DEFICIT, AND WE WILL

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1 DO SO AGAIN DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THIS WILL BE AN  
2 ONGOING PROCESS, AND WE WILL WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH  
3 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, ALONG WITH OUR LABOR  
4 PARTNERS. THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HAS MITIGATED ANY LAYOFFS,  
5 SO THAT OUR WORKFORCE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL  
6 SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALTHOUGH NOT  
7 PAIN-FREE, WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IN  
8 THE MOST COST-EFFICIENT MANNER POSSIBLE. I REALLY DO LOOK  
9 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF AND ADDRESSING THE  
10 DEFICITS WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT. PUBLIC SAFETY REMAINS ONE OF  
11 THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES, AND I AM COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE  
12 SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS ALSO  
13 INCLUDES OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
14 CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING WITHIN OUR BUDGET FOR THIS CRUCIAL  
15 DEPARTMENT. DURING THE LAST ELECTION, VOTERS REJECTED A BALLOT  
16 INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AT THE SAME TIME,  
17 COSTS CONTINUE TO EXCEED THE RATE OF PROPERTY TAX GROWTH. THIS  
18 WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED, AND I KNOW THAT BOTH OUR FIRE  
19 CHIEF, DARYL OSBY, AND OUR ACTING C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, ARE  
20 WORKING HARD TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE FIRE PROTECTION.  
21 GIVEN THE CURRENT FIRE SITUATION AND THE POTENTIAL FOR MORE,  
22 WE MUST BE PREPARED, AND WE MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING.  
23 PUBLIC SAFETY ALLOCATIONS ALSO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN OUR  
24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO RESTORE THE PARKS BUREAU, AND TO  
25 REVERSE PROPOSED CUTS TO OUR MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM. BOTH OF

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1 THESE PROGRAMS SERVE THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDE A HIGHER LEVEL OF  
2 SAFETY FOR BOTH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
3 ADDITIONALLY, FUNDING FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS INCLUDED WITHIN  
4 THE ALLOCATION OF 33.6 MILLION. THIS INCLUDES FUNDING FOR BOTH  
5 INFRASTRUCTURE AND POSITIONS TO MANAGE THIS NEW PROGRAM.  
6 ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT I WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO IS FUNDING  
7 FOR OUR YOUTH. MORE THAN 20 MILLION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO  
8 W.D.A.C.S. FOR OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. EMPLOYMENT IS VITAL  
9 FOR YOUTH TO SUCCEED IN LIFE, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME.  
10 PARKS AND RECREATION IS RECEIVING AN ADDITIONAL 4.5 MILLION IN  
11 FUNDING TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AT OUR PARKS. THIS IS ALSO A  
12 VITAL SERVICE DURING C.O.V.I.D., TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN COUNTY  
13 FACILITIES FOR OUR PUBLIC TO USE AND TO FEEL SAFE. IN THE AREA  
14 OF HEALTH, WE ARE PROVIDING 95.6 MILLION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH TO FUND ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONTACT TRACING, AND  
16 AN ADDITIONAL 279 MILLION TO EXPAND TESTING AND SHELTERING.  
17 BOTH ARE ALSO VITAL TO REDUCING C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES IN LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, WE ARE ALLOCATING 19  
19 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR HOME-DELIVERED MEALS FOR OUR MOST  
20 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES: OUR SENIORS. ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS  
21 ALSO FORTHCOMING FOR OUR ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM AND OUR  
22 GREAT PLATES PROGRAM, TO HELP THOSE AT THE HIGHEST RISK TO  
23 STAY HOME AND HEALTHY BY DELIVERING FOOD TO THEIR DOOR.  
24 FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCLUSION OF AN  
25 ADDITIONAL 53.5 MILLION FOR OUR RAINY DAY FUND. WE HAVE

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1 LEARNED HOW IMPORTANT OUR RAINY DAY FUND IS-- AND WILL BE IN  
2 THE FUTURE-- WHEN THERE IS A CRISIS, SHOULD THE COUNTY'S  
3 BUDGET FALL SHORT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR THIS  
4 ALLOCATION, WHICH IS BOTH FISCALLY PRUDENT AND NECESSARY TO  
5 MAINTAIN ADEQUATE RESERVES IN OUR BUDGET. AGAIN, MY THANKS TO  
6 FESIA DAVENPORT AND HER TEAM, AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND TO  
7 MY COLLEAGUES. BUT I WOULD ALSO BE REMISS IF I DID NOT MENTION  
8 SACHI HAMAI, WHO BEGAN THIS PROCESS. AND, FESIA, YOU PICKED UP  
9 WHERE SHE LEFT OFF, AND YOU DID IT IN A SEAMLESS FASHION. AND  
10 IT'S A CREDIT TO YOU AND THE TEAM THAT'S BEEN PUT TOGETHER  
11 DOWN IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING  
12 TOGETHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS  
13 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO  
16 THANK FESIA DAVENPORT, OUR ACTING C.E.O., AND HER ENTIRE TEAM  
17 FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THIS AUSPICIOUS BUDGET, AS WELL AS OUR  
18 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR STAFF. AND TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY  
19 EMPLOYEES, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE  
20 DURING THESE VERY CHALLENGING TIMES. IN MARCH, IN RESPONSE TO  
21 THE WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER ISSUED  
22 THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER, AND OUR LIVES WERE FOREVER CHANGED.  
23 MANY PEOPLE SAID C.O.V.I.D.-19 WAS A GREAT EQUALIZER, BUT THIS  
24 BOARD KNOWS THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS ONLY MADE CLEAR, AND IN SOME  
25 INSTANCES WORSENERED, THE DISPARITIES FACED BY SO MANY IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES. IN OUR COUNTY, WE HAVE ENDURED ALMOST 270,000  
2 CASES, AND OVER 6,500 DEATHS. THESE CASES AND DEATHS ARE MOST  
3 FELT IN MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENT. IN THE FIRST  
4 DISTRICT, THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 72,000 CASES, AND THE RATE OF  
5 POSITIVITY AMONG THE FIRST DISTRICT RESIDENTS IS VERY HIGH. IT  
6 IS INDISPUTABLE THAT LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE MOST  
7 IMPACTED BY THIS VIRUS. COMMUNITIES WITH A HIGHER PERCENTAGE  
8 OF RESIDENTS UNDER THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL HAD 2.6 TIMES AS  
9 MANY CASES AS COMMUNITY WITH THE LOWER PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS  
10 IN POVERTY. AND THE STAGGERING INCOME AND RACIAL DISPARITIES  
11 EXTEND INTO THE WORKPLACE. THE DATA IS CLEAR. WHILE THE VIRUS  
12 DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE, THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC  
13 EFFECTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 ARE, IN FACT, RACIALIZED. AS SUCH,  
14 GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS MUST BE TAILORED TO  
15 THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. OUR  
16 APPROACH TO THE PANDEMIC MUST BE ONE THAT COMBATS THESE  
17 INEQUALITIES IN OUR LONG-TERM SITUATION. OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE  
18 RELIEF THAT ISN'T TEMPORARY, BUT INSTEAD RESULTS IN LASTING  
19 CHANGE. THAT REQUIRES US TO BE CREATIVE, AND GO BEYOND THE  
20 SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT HAVE TYPICALLY BEEN THE BREAD AND  
21 BUTTER OF WHAT WE PROVIDE. AND IN RESPONSE, THE BOARD TOOK  
22 IMMEDIATE ACTION TO APPROVE A MOTION I AUTHORED FOR THE  
23 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL THE PENALTY OF LATE  
24 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FOR HOMEOWNERS IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-  
25 19; AND A MOTION TO IMPLEMENT TO FURTHER EXTEND THE COUNTY'S

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1 EVICTION MORATORIUM TO OCTOBER 21ST, 2020, WHICH WILL SUPPORT  
2 RENTERS AND LANDLORDS ALIKE. THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED A MOTION  
3 I CO-AUTHORED WITH CHAIR BARGER TO FREEZE THE COUNTY'S  
4 NONESSENTIAL HIRING AND SPENDING. AND WHEN THE COUNTY RECEIVED  
5 \$1.22 BILLION IN FEDERAL C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING TO RESPOND TO  
6 THE IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, THE COUNTY CHOSE NOT TO BACKFILL  
7 ITS DEPARTMENT'S BUDGETS, BUT RATHER TO GET AS MUCH OF THE  
8 FUNDING OUT TO THE PUBLIC AS POSSIBLE. AND I ADVOCATED ALONG  
9 WITH THIS BOARD, AND WE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING FUNDING THROUGH  
10 THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT: 100 MILLION IN SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS; 60  
11 MILLION TO HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLY WITH WORKER PROTECTION  
12 REQUIREMENTS; 100 MILLION FOR EVICTION DEFENSE AND RENT  
13 RELIEF; 15 MILLION FOR CHILDCARE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS; 85  
14 MILLION FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES AND OUR  
15 SENIORS, AND AN ADDITIONAL 50 MILLION FOR FOOD GIFT CARDS; 30  
16 MILLION TO EXPAND OUR PROMOTORAS PROGRAM, THAT WILL HIRE AND  
17 TRAIN RESIDENTS FROM OUR MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, PRIMARILY  
18 OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES; AND TO SERVE AS A CULTURAL  
19 BRIDGE TO HEALTHCARE AGENCIES AND COUNTY RESOURCES. AND I  
20 STRONGLY SUPPORTED SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S PROPOSAL FOR 12.8  
21 MILLION TO PROVIDE COMPUTER DEVICES AND 12 MONTHS OF INTERNET  
22 SERVICE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO LACK THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR  
23 DISTANCE LEARNING. BY JUNE, THE COUNTY ESTIMATED A DEFICIT OF  
24 \$935.5 MILLION, DUE TO A LOSS OF REVENUE AND AN INCREASE IN  
25 SPENDING THAT WAS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE PANDEMIC. AND AS

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1 A RESULT, 655 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE IDENTIFIED FOR LAYOFFS.  
2 SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE REDUCED OUR  
3 DEFICIT TO \$661.8 MILLION, AND I AM PLEASED WE WERE ABLE TO  
4 AVERT ALL ANTICIPATED LAYOFFS. THE IMPROVEMENT IS DUE  
5 PRIMARILY TO 239 MILLION WE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE TO  
6 BACKFILL SOME OF THE LOST STATE REVENUE. AND FOR THAT, I WANT  
7 TO THANK GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, FOR HIS CONTINUED AND  
8 UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THERE WAS  
9 ALSO AN IMPROVEMENT IN PROPOSITION 172, THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
10 SALES TAX, WHICH HELPED TO BACKFILL SOME OF THE CUTS MADE  
11 EARLIER TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS. THE REMAINING  
12 DEFICIT WAS ADDRESSED BY NO SMALL FEAT: THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION  
13 OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES, AS WELL AS CURTAILMENTS IN EACH  
14 COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND SEVERAL ONE-TIME FUNDING SOLUTIONS, SUCH  
15 AS USING SET-ASIDE FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTAL RESERVES. TOGETHER,  
16 THESE IMPROVEMENTS HELP TO PRESERVE THE SAFETY NET SERVICES  
17 THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS RELY ON. TODAY, THE 2021  
18 BUDGET IS 37.6 BILLION, WITH 110,204 POSITIONS. AND AS WE MAKE  
19 THESE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO THE BUDGET, I'M PLEASED TO SEE  
20 THAT MANY OF THE CURTAILMENTS THAT WE ADOPTED IN JUNE ARE  
21 BEING RESTORED AS MOTIONS I AUTHORED OR CO-AUTHORED AS SUCH:  
22 20.7 MILLION FOR THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM, THROUGH THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY  
24 SERVICES, WHICH PROVIDES WORK EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
25 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE FACING A DEVASTATED JOB MARKET DUE TO

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE NORMALLY FUND THE PROGRAM WITH ONE-TIME  
2 FUNDING EACH YEAR, SO I DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THAT THE C.E.O.  
3 IS INCLUDING 5 MILLION IN ONGOING FUNDING, WHICH SIGNALS THE  
4 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THIS VERY VALUABLE PROGRAM. NOW IT'S  
5 TIME TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH, AND NOT CUT BACK OUR COMMITMENT  
6 TO THEM. THIS FUNDING IS A SIGNAL OF THAT INVESTMENT. THE  
7 BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES A RESTORATION OF \$310,000 FOR THE ARTS  
8 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM; 1 MILLION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE L.A.  
9 JUSTICE FUND, WHICH PROVIDES UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS WITH  
10 LEGAL DEFENSE BY A NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDER; AND 5.5  
11 MILLION TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO AVOID 34 LAYOFFS,  
12 AND PROVIDE 736,000 THAT HAD BEEN CUT IN THE FINAL CHANGES  
13 BUDGET; AND 2.5 MILLION TO PREVENT 14 LAYOFFS IN THE ALTERNATE  
14 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I'M  
15 PLEASED TO SEE FULL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT  
16 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THAT WE HEARD FROM SO MANY OF OUR  
17 RESIDENTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES, SUCH AS THE  
18 PARKS, A SPECIAL VICTIMS AND MAJOR CRIME BUREAUS. AND I'M ALSO  
19 PLEASED TO SEE THAT WE'RE MAKING INVESTMENTS THAT ARE INTENDED  
20 TO GET ONE STEP CLOSER TO REDUCING OUR RELIANCE ON JAILS  
21 WHICH, FOR FAR TOO LONG, WE HAVE USED TO RESPOND TO OUR MENTAL  
22 HEALTH AND OUR HOMELESS CRISES. SIMPLY PUT, JAILS ARE NOT THE  
23 ANSWER FOR THESE CRISES. THE BUDGET REDIRECTS FUNDING WITHIN  
24 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO OUR HOST PROGRAM THAT DISPATCHES  
25 DEPUTIES SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO RESPOND TO CALLS INVOLVING

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1 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND OUR M.E.T. TEAMS, WHICH  
2 PARTNER WITH THE DEPUTIES, A MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN, TO CALLS  
3 INVOLVING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. THIS IS DEFINITELY  
4 A BETTER APPROACH AND A BETTER USE OF OUR FUNDING: TO PAIR A  
5 DEPUTY WITH A TRAINED CLINICIAN, SO THEY CAN DE-ESCALATE THE  
6 SITUATION AND CONNECT THE PERSON STRUGGLING WITH ACTUAL  
7 RESOURCES. AND MOST NOTABLY, THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SETS  
8 ASIDE 72.3 MILLION FOR THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION  
9 RESERVE. AND JUST LAST WEEK, THE C.E.O. IDENTIFIED 15 MILLION  
10 IN SAVINGS FROM THE CANCELLATION OF THE MCCARTHY CONTRACT FOR  
11 THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL PLAN, WHICH WAS CANCELED BY A MOTION  
12 THAT I HAD LAST AUGUST. AND I AM PLEASED THAT 2 MILLION OF THE  
13 SAVINGS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION  
14 RESERVE. AND 13 MILLION OF THE SAVINGS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE  
15 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, WHICH BRINGS O.D.R.'S AMOUNT  
16 IN THIS BUDGET TO 30 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING. WE KNOW THAT  
17 THIS IS JUST A STARTING POINT, AND IT'S NOT THE END POINT, AND  
18 MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED. AND I'LL CONTINUE TO STRONGLY URGE THE  
19 FULL FUNDING OF THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
20 AND EACH OF THE COUNTY HOSPITAL CAMPUSES, WHICH WILL BUILD OUR  
21 CAPACITY OF CLINICAL SERVICES AS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE  
22 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION EFFORTS. ALL OF THESE  
23 INVESTMENTS GET US CLOSER TO REALIZING A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST  
24 MODEL, AND THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 CRISIS HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THESE  
25 ARE EXACTLY THE PROGRAMS WE NEED TO FUND. LET'S ENSURE THE

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1 LESSONS FROM THIS HEALTH PANDEMIC CARRY FORWARD IN ALL THAT WE  
2 DO. INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH MUST NOT ONLY OCCUR IN TIMES OF  
3 HEALTH CRISIS, BECAUSE THAT WILL BE TOO LATE. COLLEAGUES, WE  
4 MUST USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE AND TRANSFORM LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY AND HOW WE INVEST IN CARE. THERE IS NO GOING  
6 BACK. FESIA, YOU AND YOUR TEAMS SUCCESSFULLY COBBLED TOGETHER  
7 FUNDING, MUCH OF IT ONE-TIME, TO AVOID LAYOFFS THIS YEAR. THAT  
8 IS KEY TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WHILE YOU'RE BUDGETING,  
9 WE'LL WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE CURRENT CONSTRAINTS. I  
10 WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM FOR ADVOCATING ON  
11 BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS FOR ADDITIONAL  
12 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
13 ADMINISTRATION. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES. AND TO  
14 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM VERY HAPPY  
19 TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN PRAISING MANY, MANY ASPECTS OF  
20 THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, BECAUSE AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, THESE  
21 HAVE BEEN REALLY UNUSUAL, VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. AND IT'S BEEN  
22 VERY INTERESTING TO ME, HOW THE COUNTY IS BEING CALLED UPON  
23 MORE INTENSELY THAN EVER TO STEP UP IN A TIME WHEN IT MEANS  
24 PROVIDING EVEN MORE, WHEN WE HAVE LESS. AS YOU KNOW, OVER THE  
25 PAST, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE 30, 35 YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN A

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1    CONSTANT DRUMBEAT BY THOSE WHO WANT TO DESTABILIZE ANY KIND OF  
2    SERVICES FOR, I'D SAY, 99 PERCENT OF US, BY SAYING GOVERNMENT  
3    SHOULD BE DEFUNDED, TAXES SHOULD BE CUT. AND THEN, WHEN  
4    SOMETHING LIKE C.O.V.I.D. HAPPENS, WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THE  
5    REVOLUTION IN JUSTICE REFORM HAPPENS, IT'S ACTUALLY GOVERNMENT  
6    THAT IS CALLED UPON TO REALLY EQUALIZE HOW THINGS GO OUT. AND  
7    IN THIS COUNTY, IT'S DEDICATED WORKERS AND THE COUNTY ITSELF  
8    HAVE REALLY ANSWERED THE CALL AND STEPPED UP. AS THE OLD  
9    SAYING GOES, WE'RE PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTHS ARE, AND  
10    I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING. WE'RE ALSO KEEPING  
11    FISCALLY HEALTHY, THANKS TO YEARS OF PREPARATION. IN LARGE  
12    PART, I HAVE TO SAY, THANKS TO OUR FORMER C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI,  
13    WE HAVE A HEALTHY RAINY DAY FUND RESERVE UPON WHICH WE ARE,  
14    OF COURSE, DRAWING. AND THIS HAS CONTINUED TO BE PRIORITIZED  
15    BY OUR NEW ACTING C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT. SO, IN ADDITION TO  
16    RESTORING CRITICAL PROGRAMS, THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PUTS  
17    \$53.5 MILLION INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND, BRINGING THE BALANCE TO  
18    ALMOST \$700 MILLION, AND THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF  
19    WHAT WE'RE DOING. BUT IN ADDITION TO BEING FISCALLY PRUDENT,  
20    THE COUNTY IS ALSO PAYING ATTENTION TO THE BIGGEST NEEDS. THE  
21    TRUTH IS, OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE ALSO STEPPING UP. WE WERE  
22    SURPRISED AT HOW MANY PEOPLE PAID THEIR PROPERTY TAXES, EVEN  
23    THOUGH IT WAS HARD FOR MANY PEOPLE TO DO IT. BUT THEY REALLY  
24    STEPPED UP. AND WITH OUR REVENUE FROM ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT  
25    RESOURCES, THE COUNTY IS INVESTING AND SUPPORTING OUR

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1 NONPROFITS, OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, OUR SCHOOLS, OUR HOMELESS,  
2 OUR SENIORS, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND MORE. IT'S NOT ALWAYS  
3 PERFECT, BUT OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES, HONESTLY, HAS  
4 NEVER BEEN STRONGER. SO THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR TAKING ON THE  
5 POSITION DURING SUCH A CHALLENGING TIME, KEEPING THE COUNTY  
6 MOVING FORWARD IN A PROGRESSIVE, HUMAN, AND RESPONSIBLE WAY.  
7 YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB, ENSURING THAT WE  
8 BALANCE THE BUDGET AND RESTORE A NUMBER OF DESPERATELY NEEDED  
9 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING THE RESTORATION OF ALL THE  
10 PROPOSED LAYOFFS. THIS IS NO TIME TO BE LOSING YOUR JOB. AND  
11 WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO SAY, ALTHOUGH FROM WHAT I'M SEEING, MANY,  
12 MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, EVERYONE THAT I SEE, IS DOING  
13 THREE AND FOUR TIMES AS MUCH WORK AS THEY USED TO DO: THEIR  
14 OWN JOBS, PLUS BEING DISASTER SERVICES WORKERS, PLUS THEY'RE  
15 GOING TO BE ELECTION WORKERS. I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT THAT  
16 PEOPLE ARE DOING AND STEPPING UP TO DO. MY COLLEAGUES HAVE  
17 SPOKEN ABOUT C.A.R.E.S. ACT MONEY, THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS THAT  
18 WE'RE MEETING BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK  
19 YOU FOR OUR COMMITMENT TO ALL ASPECTS OF JUSTICE. JUSTICE IS  
20 SOMETIMES NOT A COMMITMENT MADE IN TIMES OF FISCAL STRESS,  
21 PROTECTING EQUITY, PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM BEING SORT OF  
22 UNDERMINED IN WAYS THAT DAMN THEM TO MORE POVERTY, MORE FEAR,  
23 MORE STRESS. IN THIS CASE, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, ESPECIALLY,  
24 FOR THE INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AS HAS  
25 BEEN MENTIONED, 72 MILLION NOW, ANOTHER 2 MILLION IN THE NEXT

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1 BUDGET PHASE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF LONG-TERM CHANGE:  
2 TO MOVE FROM JAILS AND INCARCERATION TO HELP, TREATMENT,  
3 AVOIDING RECIDIVISM. AND WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW  
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO HAS BEEN WITH US FOR, WHAT? 24 HOURS?  
5 JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD. I KNOW THAT THE WORK THAT DEVELOPS  
6 FROM THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE A STRONG EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF  
7 THE COUNTRY. ALSO, I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE COMMITMENT TO THE  
8 OFFICE OF REENTRY: 17 MILLION NOW, ANOTHER 13 MILLION IN A  
9 PRECEDING BUDGET PHASE. THIS IS NOT A NEW PROGRAM, BUT WE'VE  
10 SEEN TREMENDOUS SUCCESS COME OUT OF IT, AND WE HAVE TO ENSURE  
11 THAT IT CONTINUES TO GROW. SO, THE \$100 MILLION INVESTMENT IN  
12 A.T.I. AND O.D.R. COMBINED IS A GREAT START. BUT WE MADE HAVE  
13 CLEAR WE'VE MADE A COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST  
14 SYSTEM. SO WE HAVE TO REVIEW AND RETHINK ALL OF THE POSSIBLE  
15 FUNDING SOURCES. AND MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, HAS  
16 TALKED ABOUT THESE VARIOUS AREAS WHERE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND  
17 SAFETY CAN BE IMPROVED THROUGH NEW PROGRAMS LAUNCHED BY  
18 O.D.R., AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO EXPAND AS A.T.I. EXPANDS ITS  
19 REACH AND ITS IDEAS. I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT  
20 TO HOUSING. NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
21 ESPECIALLY DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES. SO, IN THE MIDST OF  
22 THE CRISIS, WE'RE CONTINUING OUR INVESTMENT IN THE  
23 PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN SPITE  
24 OF THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES, C.E.O. MADE THE GOAL THAT WE  
25 STARTED FIVE YEARS AGO, OF AN INVESTMENT OF \$100 MILLION IN

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1 THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. NOW, THIS YEAR, 50 PERCENT  
2 OF THE FUNDS ARE ONE-TIME. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I HOPE WE  
3 CAN FIND A WAY TO GET TO OUR ASPIRATIONAL GOAL OF \$100 MILLION  
4 EVERY YEAR IN ONGOING FUNDING. WE REALLY NEED IT.  
5 ADDITIONALLY, OUR INVESTMENT IN THE INTERIM HOUSING CAPITAL  
6 FUNDING POOL HAS BEEN A CRITICAL TOOL TO DEVELOP INTERIM  
7 HOUSING. WE HAVE DEVELOPED MORE INTERIM HOUSING IN THE LAST  
8 FEW YEAR'S WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS FUND THAN EVER, EVER  
9 BEFORE. AND I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW THIS FUND FROM THE  
10 INITIAL INVESTMENT OF 15 MILLION. FINALLY, THANK YOU, AS MY  
11 COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED, FOR THE RESTORATION OF  
12 THE POSITIONS FOR THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE. THE DOLLAR  
13 AMOUNT IS RELATIVELY SMALL, BUT THE WORK THEY'RE DOING, THE  
14 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES THEY'RE DEVELOPING, ARE VERY IMPORTANT  
15 ACROSS EVERY COMMUNITY IN THIS COUNTY, AND WILL TRULY IMPROVE  
16 OUR COUNTY WORKPLACE, OUR COUNTY AS A LARGER WORKPLACE, AND  
17 ALL OF THE ISSUES FACED BY WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THIS COUNTY.  
18 OKAY, WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS. I KNOW IT. BUT FISCAL YEAR  
19 2021 LOOKS A LOT BETTER TODAY THAN IT DID IN JUNE, AND I AM  
20 GRATEFUL, FESIA. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING US A COUNTY  
21 BUDGET THAT'S BALANCED DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME, AND BEING  
22 A FINE, CRITICAL PARTNER AS WE ANSWER ALL OF THESE CALLS TO  
23 STEP UP AND CARE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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

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2     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. A  
3     SHOUTOUT TO OUR ACTING C.E.O. FOR REPRESENTING IN SUCH AN  
4     IMPRESSIVE WAY. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS A MAIDEN  
5     VOYAGE, AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY  
6     IN WHICH IT'S GOING AT THIS POINT. WE ARE COLLECTIVELY AND  
7     ACTIVELY COMMITTED TO THE WORK OF ADVANCING EQUITY. YOU'LL  
8     HEAR THAT WORD WITH FREQUENCY BECAUSE WE MEAN IT, AND WE'RE  
9     LEARNING FROM IT, AND WE WILL LEVERAGE IT FOR THE BETTERMENT  
10    OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THAT'S IN ORDER TO  
11    MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. AND  
12    AMID THE FIGHT TO COMBAT C.O.V.I.D.-19, WE ARE MAKING BIG  
13    STEPS HERE AND BRINGING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
14    INDOORS, NOT ACCEPTING ANYTHING THAT WOULD MIRROR A NEW  
15    NORMAL. WE ARE MAKING CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST THE NEW NORMAL,  
16    AND WE ARE MAKING ANTIRACISM, AGAIN, A STANDARD, NOT AN  
17    EXCEPTION; NOT THAT WHICH IS ANOMALOUS, BUT THAT WHICH IS  
18    NORMATIVE IN THE WAY THAT WE DO OUR ANALYSIS, AND THE WAY IN  
19    WHICH WE DELIVER SERVICES. C.O.V.I.D.-19, THIS PANDEMIC, HAS  
20    BEEN MIND-BLOWING, TO PUT IT MILDLY. AND YET, THE C.A.R.E.S.  
21    ACT, CORONA'S RELIEF FUND, WE PUT IT TO GOOD USE FOR THE  
22    COUNTY'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE, FOR RENT RELIEF, FOR EVICTION  
23    DEFENSE, FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION, AND FOR SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS  
24    AND LOANS TO HELP FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES STAY AFLOAT. THAT'S  
25    WHAT WE SHOULD DO, AND WE HAVE DONE THAT. IN THE AREA OF

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1 HOMELESSNESS, DESPITE THE UNPRECEDENTED LOSS AND ANTICIPATED  
2 REVENUES, THIS BUDGET IS UNWAVERING AND UNRELENTING IN  
3 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND ASSISTING OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS:  
4 BROTHERS, SISTERS, FAMILY. THEY ARE PART OF WHO WE ARE. AND IF  
5 WE ARE TO BE BETTER, WE MUST WORK UNFLINCHINGLY TO MAKE THEM  
6 BETTER, AND THAT BEGINS WITH A ROOF, A DOOR, SHELTER, HOUSING.  
7 WE LAUNCHED THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE TEAMS, INSTITUTED  
8 PHYSICAL DISTANCING TO DECOMPRESS CONGREGATE SITES, AND  
9 RETROFITTED SHELTERS WITH SAFETY MEASURES AND INFECTION-  
10 CONTROL EQUIPMENT. AND FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE PANDEMIC, OUR  
11 FOCUS WAS CLEAR. WE BROUGHT INDOORS OVER 4,000 PEOPLE-- THOSE  
12 MOST VULNERABLE-- PROTECTING THEIR LIVES AND SAFEGUARDING THE  
13 PUBLIC HEALTH. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'VE LEANED IN MORE THAN EVER  
14 BEFORE ON THE MATTER OF HOMELESSNESS, AND THAT WHICH WE HAVE  
15 DONE IN RECORD TIME IS UNPRECEDENTED. AND WE'RE TAKING  
16 CONCRETE STEPS TO PLACE THEM ON A PATH TO SAFE AND STABLE  
17 LONG-TERM HOUSING. THE BOARD IS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR ITS  
18 COMMITMENT IN THAT REGARD. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT CRIMINAL  
19 JUSTICE REFORM, THE BUDGET FURTHER DEEMPHASIZES THE PUNITIVE,  
20 AND REEMPHASIZES HEALTH, REHABILITATION, PREVENTION, RECOVERY,  
21 REENTRY. THOSE ARE THE NORMS. THOSE ARE THE VIRTUES. THOSE ARE  
22 THE VALUES THAT WE SEEK TO ARTICULATE AND CELEBRATE. AND IT'S  
23 ADDING THE 30 MILLION TO O.D.R., AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF  
24 CONSEQUENCE BRINGING THAT FORWARD, TAKING NOTE OF THE  
25 COMMITMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. TO EXHAUSTIVELY LOOK AT

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1 PLACES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN LOOKED BEFORE FOR, FOR FUNDING TO  
2 SUPPORT O.D.R., BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS STRUCTURAL, AND WE WANT  
3 TO MATCH THAT STRUCTURAL ISSUE WITH THAT WHICH IS SUSTAINABLE.  
4 WE CAN DO THIS, WE KNOW IT, AND I'M PLEASED THAT THE OFFICE OF  
5 THE C.E.O. HAS MADE THAT COMMITMENT KNOWN TO THE BOARD TODAY.  
6 THIS IS PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM. WE'RE NOT  
7 SIMPLY EXPERIMENTING. WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT PROMISING  
8 PRACTICE. WE ARE ESSENTIALLY TALKING ABOUT BEST PRACTICES. WE  
9 ARE INTERRUPTING THE CYCLE BETWEEN JAIL AND HOMELESSNESS, AS  
10 WE SHOULD DO. IT IS FISCALLY PRUDENT TO DO SO. THE BUDGET ALSO  
11 INCLUDES 72 MILLION TO LAUNCH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,  
12 AND TO MAKE A COHESIVE VISION OF A SYSTEM THAT CARES, THAT  
13 PROMOTES, AND THAT CELEBRATES AND ADVANCES HEALTH, SAFETY, AND  
14 ALL OF THAT WHICH CAN BE OUR NEW REALITY. AND WE OUGHT TO BE  
15 ASPIRATIONAL IN THIS REGARD, AND UNAPOLOGETIC. THE BUDGET WILL  
16 FURTHER ESTABLISH THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, ALONG  
17 WITH A DEDICATED INVESTIGATIVE UNIT WITHIN THE INSPECTOR  
18 GENERAL'S OFFICE, TO SHINE MORE LIGHT THROUGH A ROBUST  
19 OVERSIGHT AND GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY. ACCOUNTABILITY HAS TO BE  
20 THE ORDER OF THE DAY. AND TOWARD THAT END, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT  
21 THE HARM THAT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE CRISIS OF OUR TIME--  
22 NAMELY C.O.V.I.D.-19, HOMELESSNESS, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
23 SYSTEMS REFORM-- HAVE VISIBLY, AND IT COULD BE ARGUED  
24 PREDICTABLY, PLACED THE HEAVIEST BURDEN ON THOSE WHO ARE  
25 UNDERSERVED, THOSE WHO POPULATE, INHABIT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

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1 TO FULLY ADDRESS THESE CRISES, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
2 FOCUS ON SYSTEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL-- NAMELY, STRUCTURAL,  
3 RACIAL, AND ECONOMIC-- INEQUITIES. THERE IS NO GETTING AROUND  
4 IT. WE HAVE TO FACE IT TO ERASE IT. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT  
5 THAT IS THE CASE, THIS BUDGET BEGINS THAT PROCESS IN EARNEST.  
6 THEREFORE, THE COUNTY WILL UNAMBIGUOUSLY IDENTIFY, MONITOR,  
7 AND FORMULATE AN ANTIRACISM POLICY AGENDA FOR THE COUNTY OF  
8 LOS ANGELES. AND I'M PLEASED THAT THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY  
9 EMBRACED THAT, AND THE INITIAL INVESTMENTS FOR THAT EFFORT ARE  
10 LOCATED IN THIS BUDGET. NOW, THERE REMAINS MUCH UNCERTAINTY  
11 ABOUT ECONOMIC RECOVERY, BUT WE ARE TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY  
12 AFFORDED BY THE SLIGHTLY HIGHER SALES TAX REVENUES AND ONE-  
13 TIME STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE REIMAGINING THE  
14 COMPOSITION OF L.A. COUNTY'S SAFETY NET, TO ADVANCE GREATER  
15 EQUITY IN THE DESIGN OF POLICY, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES TO THIS  
16 EXTENSIVE, DIVERSE, AND IN MANY WAYS EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY  
17 THAT WE CALL LOS ANGELES. IT'S AN HONOR TO SERVE IN THIS  
18 CAPACITY. IT HAS BEEN MY CHALLENGE, MY HOPE, AND MY  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. AND WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU  
20 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
2    RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. THIS WILL BE  
3    YOUR LAST BUDGET, AND YOUR WORDS WERE VERY PROFOUND AND  
4    IMPORTANT. I JUST WANT TO SAY, OF COURSE, AT THE START, TO  
5    THANK FESIA AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS  
6    SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THIS IS CERTAINLY A STATEMENT OF OUR  
7    VALUES. IT'S A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR PRIORITIES. IN JUNE, JUST  
8    TO TAKE EVERYBODY BACK, THE C.E.O. REPORTED A DEFICIT OF \$1  
9    BILLION. AND WE HAD OUR DEPARTMENTS SUBMIT THEIR BUDGET  
10   CURTAILMENT OF 387 MILLION, INCLUDING A POTENTIAL LAYING OFF  
11   OF 655 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THESE WERE CUTS THAT WOULD HAVE  
12   SEVERELY HINDERED OUR ABILITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES DURING  
13   A TIME WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES NEEDED US MOST. AND AT THAT TIME,  
14   WE HADN'T SPENT A PENNY OF THE \$1 BILLION THAT WE HAD RECEIVED  
15   FROM THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT, EVEN AS OUR RESIDENTS WERE STRUGGLING  
16   TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THE JUNE BUDGET ALSO DID NOT INCLUDE ANY  
17   REAL INVESTMENT INTO SHIFTING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO A  
18   CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST MODEL THAT THIS BOARD ADOPTED EARLIER  
19   THIS YEAR. I ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THAT BUDGET BECAUSE I  
20   THOUGHT THAT THAT BUDGET IN FRONT OF US AT THAT POINT DID NOT  
21   MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE MOMENT. IT DIDN'T MEET THE NEEDS OF  
22   OUR RESIDENTS, AND IT DIDN'T MEET THE VISION THAT THIS BOARD  
23   HAS FOR OUR FUTURE. AND I CHALLENGED OUR C.E.O. TO GET  
24   CREATIVE, BRING BACK A FORWARD-THINKING BUDGET THAT I COULD  
25   SUPPORT. AND I'M GLAD TO SAY THAT THIS BUDGET BEFORE US TODAY

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1 IS VERY DIFFERENT. FOR ONE THING, IT IS \$2.7 BILLION BIGGER  
2 BECAUSE OF BETTER FORECASTING, BELT-TIGHTENING INITIATIVES,  
3 AND ONE-TIME MONEY FROM OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS, AND  
4 THE USE OF OUR COUNTY TRUST FUNDS. WE'VE ALSO ALLOCATED OUR  
5 C.A.R.E.S. ACT DOLLARS TO FUND A MASSIVE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM,  
6 FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES, INVESTMENT IN TESTING AND  
7 CONTACT TRACING, AND GRANTS FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. I ALSO  
8 APPRECIATE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS DID ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
9 I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR AND TOOK A HARD LOOK AT THEIR LEASES, AND  
10 CUT THE ONES THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE ANYMORE. LIKE SO MANY OTHER  
11 WORKERS, OUR COUNTY WORKERS HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO WORK  
12 SAFELY FROM HOME, AND ARE DOING IT EFFECTIVELY. AND THIS  
13 BUDGET INCLUDES A SAVINGS OF \$9.5 MILLION FROM CANCELING  
14 LEASES. AND I HOPE THIS IS JUST THE START, AND THAT WE CAN  
15 CONTINUE TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY ENDING LEASES OF OFFICE  
16 SPACE THAT WE REALLY DON'T NEED. THIS BUDGET RESTORES A LOT OF  
17 THE CUTS AND THE LAYOFFS THAT WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT IN JUNE.  
18 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN RESTORED TO CHILD SUPPORT, TO OUR PUBLIC  
19 DEFENDERS, TO OUR ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER. O.I.G. AND THE  
20 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAVE BEEN FUNDED, AND THE NEW  
21 YOUTH COUNCIL IS NOW FULLY FUNDED. YOUTH JOBS ARE FUNDED SO  
22 THAT OUR KIDS CAN GET SOME WORK EXPERIENCE AND GET PAID. THE  
23 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION RESERVE IS NOW ESTABLISHED WITH  
24 THE \$73 MILLION BALANCE. I'VE CONTRIBUTED 250,000 OF MY  
25 OFFICE'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THESE

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1 INVESTMENTS ARE SO VITAL. NOW, THE ADVOCATES HAD WANTED US TO  
2 TRY TO GET UP TO 100 MILLION IN OUR A.T.I., BUT THIS BUDGET  
3 INCLUDES 30 MILLION FOR OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY.  
4 SO, BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM, THAT'S OVER \$100 MILLION IN OUR  
5 VISION OF CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST FUTURE. WE'VE TALKED A LOT  
6 ABOUT JUSTICE REFORM, AND TO ME, THIS IS PUTTING OUR MONEY  
7 WHERE OUR MOUTHS ARE. I'M CONFIDENT THAT THIS IS ONLY THE  
8 BEGINNING, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO MAKE THESE IMPORTANT  
9 INVESTMENTS IN BUDGETS TO COME. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE WE  
10 LAST SAW THIS BUDGET IN JUNE. I KNOW WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO  
11 TOWARDS CREATING A TRULY TRANSFORMATIONAL BUDGET FOR L.A.  
12 COUNTY RESIDENTS. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, FESIA, I AM PROUD TO  
13 SUPPORT THIS BUDGET. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. YOU'VE HEARD FROM ALL BOARD  
16 MEMBERS. AND SO WITH THAT, ITEM 67, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 5, IS  
17 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY  
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN. IF WE'VE DECIDED, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
19 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 67, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 5, IS BEFORE  
22 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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

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9    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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13    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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17    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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22    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE NOW ON THE LAST ITEM, 68. WE WILL  
23    TAKE THAT UP, FESIA.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM 68, THIS  
2 FINAL ITEM OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND IS  
3 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION, WHICH  
4 CONFIRMS THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR  
5 FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOR ALL ITEMS THAT WERE APPROVED TODAY. IF  
6 THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE  
7 AND APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HEARING NONE, ITEM 68 IS BEFORE US. MOVED  
10 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO ADOPT THIS  
11 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 68 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

11 0.

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13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. AGAIN, THANK YOU, FESIA, AND  
14 ALL THE C.E.O. STAFF, AND ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE THIS  
15 BUDGET IS BUILT AROUND THE WORK THAT THEY'RE DOING FOR THE  
16 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS  
17 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON  
18 ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO  
19 STAFF, OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. WE'LL BEGIN IN ORDER.  
20 DOES THE FIRST DISTRICT HAVE ANY SPECIALS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** NOT AT THIS TIME.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SECOND DISTRICT?

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK  
2    SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. IT'S THE  
3    COUNTY'S PARK SYSTEM THAT WE KNOW PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN  
4    OUR COMMUNITIES, ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF MILLIONS OF  
5    COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND DESPITE THE NECESSITY OF PARK SECURITY  
6    SERVICES, WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
7    DEPARTMENT RECENTLY DECIDED TO CURTAIL THE PARKS SERVICES  
8    BUREAU ENTIRELY. THIS LEAVES A GAP IN PARK SECURITY SERVICES.  
9    THIS BOARD HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETHINK ITS PUBLIC SAFETY  
10   MODELS, AND CONSIDER INCORPORATION OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS  
11   RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY INPUT. REIMAGINING OUR APPROACH TO  
12   MAKING OUR PARKS SAFER ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
13   MAXIMIZE THE COUNTY'S FISCAL RESOURCES, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE  
14   THE LONG-TERM SAFETY OF OUR PARKS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY  
15   SERVE. THE COUNTY'S APPROACH TO THIS WORK SHOULD BE ALIGNED  
16   WITH THE BOARD'S VISION. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON A  
17   VARIETY OF ISSUES FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND CONTINUE TO  
18   DO SO. AND SO LET ME JUST SIMPLY SUMMARIZE THE DIRECTIVES TO  
19   BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, MADAM CHAIR AND  
20   COLLEAGUES. I RESTATE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN IS CO-AUTHORING. WE  
21   INSTRUCT THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE DIRECTOR  
22   OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO REPORT BACK ON  
23   OPTIONS TO IMMEDIATELY SATISFY THE GAP IN PUBLIC SAFETY  
24   SERVICES IN COUNTY PARKS, INCLUDING THE FEASIBILITY OF  
25   EMPLOYING A THIRD-PARTY SERVICES ENTITY ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS,

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1 AND THE POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF \$23.9 MILLION FROM THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET;  
3 INSTRUCT THE ACTING C.E.O. AND THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND  
4 RECREATION TO REPORT BACK ON POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO  
5 ENHANCE AND REIMAGINE COMMUNITY POLICING IN COUNTY PARKS,  
6 INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC SAFETY  
7 DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND  
8 INCORPORATION OF ALTERNATIVE STAFFING MODELS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY  
9 AND COMMUNITY POLICING SERVICES AT COUNTY PARKS, INCLUDING THE  
10 USE OF UNARMED CRISIS RESPONSE PROFESSIONALS, WHERE DEEMED  
11 APPROPRIATE. AND FINALLY, IN ADDITION, THIS MOTION INSTRUCTS  
12 COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK WITH ORDINANCE DRAFTS THAT MAY  
13 BE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RECOMMENDATIONS.  
14 THAT'S MY READ-IN FOR TODAY, MADAM CHAIR. THANKS AGAIN TO  
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING  
16 THIS MATTER UP IN TWO WEEKS.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THIS IS GOING TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR  
19 TWO WEEKS. I KNOW, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SAY  
20 SOMETHING. IT'S NOT AGENDIZED, SO I THINK YOU CAN SAY  
21 SOMETHING.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I WASN'T GOING TO SAY A DISCUSSION OF THE  
24 CONTENT, BUT WONDERED IF THERE WAS AN ABILITY IN THE REPORT  
25 BACK TO UNDERSCORE THAT THE SHERIFF CAN ACTUALLY NOT TAKE

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1 MONEY AWAY FROM-- AS IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING-- THE PARKS SYSTEM  
2 AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, BECAUSE WITHOUT OUR APPROVAL, THERE  
3 CAN'T BE A TRANSFER BETWEEN BUDGET UNITS. AND I THINK IT'S  
4 GOOD FOR US TO KNOW THAT, EVEN AS WE LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, I THINK, AS A MATTER OF  
7 CLARIFICATION, THAT MAYBE COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD WEIGH IN ON  
8 THIS, IN TERMS OF WHETHER THE SHERIFF HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DO  
9 SO OR NOT, AND PUT THAT TO BED IMMEDIATELY, WITH YOUR  
10 PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENT ON THAT, FOR  
17 PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION?

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM:** ABSOLUTELY. AND YES, SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR  
20 KUEHL IS CORRECT. GENERALLY, AT A HIGH LEVEL, THE LAW DOES NOT  
21 SUPPORT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET UNITS, ABSENT  
22 BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THEREFORE, MADAM CHAIR, THE DIRECTIVE THAT  
25 SPEAKS TO INSTRUCTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK WITH THE

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1 APPROPRIATE DRAFTS THAT NECESSARILY VET THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
2 HERE SHOULD INCLUDE THAT AND OTHER ISSUES THAT MAY NOT HAVE  
3 BEEN ANTICIPATED OTHERWISE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AGREED. OKAY, SO THAT IS FOR OCTOBER 13TH.  
6 ANY OTHER SPECIALS?

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE.

9

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A MOTION WHICH YOU  
13 HAVE AGREED TO CO-AUTHOR, THAT RELATES TO ITEM S-1, AND I'M  
14 GOING TO READ IT IN FOR A VOTE TODAY. SINCE THE SAFER AT HOME  
15 ORDER WAS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY, MANY INDUSTRIES AND SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY  
17 HAVE BEEN DETRIMENTALLY IMPACTED. IN ORDER TO BALANCE PEOPLE'S  
18 HEALTH AND SAFETY WITH THEIR ECONOMIC WELFARE, D.P.H. HAS HAD  
19 TO HOLD BACK THE REOPENINGS WHEN IT DEEMED THE COUNTY WAS NOT  
20 READY TO SAFELY ADVANCE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDUSTRIES THAT  
21 ARE CURRENTLY ALLOWED IN TIER 1 THAT THE COUNTY HAS YET TO  
22 ADVANCE. AS SUCH, THE COUNTY HAS PERIODICALLY HAD STRICTER  
23 LIMITATIONS THAN THE STATE, INCLUDING FOR BREWERIES AND  
24 WINERIES. D.P.H. HAS STRIVEN TO ROOT ALL THESE DECISIONS IN  
25 SCIENTIFIC DATA, AND WE MUST CAREFULLY BALANCE PUBLIC HEALTH

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1 AND SAFETY WITH ENSURING THAT BUSINESSES ARE NOT FORCED TO  
2 PERMANENTLY CLOSE. MANY SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS THE COUNTY,  
3 INCLUDING BREWERIES AND WINERIES, HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO MAKE  
4 ENDS MEET AS THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO OPERATE IN A MORE  
5 RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS MODEL. GIVEN THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
6 ALLOWS BREWERIES TO PARTNER WITH A THIRD-PARTY PERMITTED FOOD  
7 VENDOR TO OPERATE AT A LIMITED CAPACITY OUTDOORS, IT WOULD BE  
8 PRUDENT FOR THE COUNTY TO REALIGN WITH THE STATE AND ADVANCE  
9 TO THIS STEP. WHILE THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD INTO THIS NEXT  
10 STEP, IT WILL BE CRITICAL FOR THE BREWERIES AND WINERIES TO  
11 ADHERE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
12 LIMITED TO, MASKS, SOCIAL PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AND REGULAR  
13 CLEANINGS. TO START, D.P.H. SHOULD ESTABLISH OUTSIDE  
14 OPERATIONS FOR RESERVATIONS ONLY, AND ASSESS THE IMPACT, IF  
15 ANY, OF THESE REOPENINGS. D.P.H. SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A STEP-UP  
16 PLAN FOR EXPANDING THE CAPACITY HOURS OF OPERATION. WE  
17 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WORKING IN CONCERT WITH COUNTY  
19 COUNSEL, TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE STATE PROTOCOLS TO  
20 SAFELY REOPEN BREWERIES AND WINERIES IN ONE WEEK. THE  
21 REOPENING SHALL ABIDE BY STRICT SAFETY GUIDELINES, INCLUDING  
22 BUT NOT LIMITED TO OUTSIDE OPERATIONS, LIMITED HOURS OF  
23 OPERATION, REQUIRED RESERVATIONS, APPROPRIATE SOCIAL  
24 DISTANCING, AND ALL APPROPRIATE SAFETY MEASURES. THANK YOU,  
25 MADAM CHAIR.

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1

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

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

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. I ALSO WANT TO PRESENT AN AMENDMENT TO THE

9 MOTION. DO WE NEED A SECOND ON HER MOTION?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I WAS A SECOND, BECAUSE I CO-AUTHORED,

12 YEAH.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. SO, MADAM CHAIR, EXCUSE ME. I WOULD LIKE TO

15 ENTER IN THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT: I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE

16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S

17 RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW CARD ROOMS TO OPERATE OUTDOORS WITH

18 SAFETY MEASURES PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

19 INCLUDING APPROPRIATE PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MANDATED MASKS, AND

20 NO PROVISION OF FOOD OR DRINK.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT TO OUR MOTION,

23 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

24

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1   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SAY  
2   SOMETHING?

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4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING, AS  
5   WELL. YES.

6

7   **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO, THANK YOU. I WAS REVIEWING  
8   THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DR. FERRER PRESENTED TO US AS AN  
9   ASPECT OF S-1, AND SHE DID NOT RECOMMEND THAT BREWERIES OR  
10   DISTILLERIES OR WINERIES BE ALLOWED TO OPEN. AND I REALLY  
11   THINK THAT, RATHER THAN MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS-- BECAUSE THERE  
12   ARE BUSINESSES THAT REALLY WANT TO REOPEN, AND I CAN'T BLAME  
13   THEM-- THAT IN MY OWN HUMBLE OPINION, IT'S NOT A GREAT IDEA TO  
14   SAY, "THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO  
15   YOUR ADVICE." SO I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION.  
16   THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS IS A  
21   READ-IN MOTION, AND THE RULES OF THE BOARD TYPICALLY SUGGEST  
22   THAT WE READ IN OR POST IT ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION,  
23   AND TAKE IT UP AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, AND  
24   RATHER THAN INDICATE WITH MY VOTE WOULD BE YEA OR NAY IN THIS  
25   REGARD, I CERTAINLY WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE FOLLOW OUR

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1 ESTABLISHED PROTOCOL, PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA, HAVE THE  
2 APPROPRIATE DISCUSSION, TAKE IT UP IN CLOSED SESSION IF IT BE  
3 DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THE BOARD, AND HAVE  
4 IT HEARD FOR DISPOSITION AT OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
5 MEETING. THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE MORE PRUDENT WAY TO  
6 PROCEED WITH ALL THE AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED TO THE  
7 MAIN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR  
8 SOLIS, THE COMMENTS THAT YOU'VE MADE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT  
9 IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY DEFENSIBLE AND CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE TO  
10 PROCEED IN THAT MANNER. AND I WOULD SO MOVE, IF DEEMED  
11 APPROPRIATE MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO I'D LIKE COUNTY COUNSEL TO WEIGH IN ON  
14 THIS, BECAUSE S-1 WAS AN ITEM, AND IT CAN BE RECONSIDERED. AND  
15 IT IS RELATED. THESE ITEMS ARE RELATED, SO I'D LIKE COUNTY  
16 COUNSEL TO OFFER AN OPINION ON THAT.

17

18 **LAWRENCE HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, HI. IT'S LARRY HAFETZ.  
19 YES, S-1 COULD BE RECONSIDERED, AND THIS COULD CERTAINLY BE A  
20 MOTION WITHIN THAT. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. IT ALSO WOULD BE  
21 APPROPRIATE IF THE BOARD WANTED TO READ IT IN FOR NEXT TIME.  
22 BUT, CERTAINLY, S-1 WOULD ALLOW IT TO BE ACTED ON TODAY.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WHAT I WOULD SAY-- AND I  
25 HEAR YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BUT I KNOW THAT EVEN ON SCHOOLS,

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1 WEEKS AGO, BARBARA FERRER RECOMMENDED WAIVERS, AND THIS BOARD  
2 WANTED TO TAKE A PAUSE TO SEE WHAT OUR NUMBERS COME BACK AT.  
3 AND I THINK THAT'S HEALTHY, AND I THINK IT'S HEALTHY TO HAVE  
4 THESE DISCUSSIONS. AND THE REASON WHY I WAS WILLING TO CO-  
5 AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN IS BECAUSE WE'RE  
6 ASKING FOR A WEEK. SO WE'RE PROVIDING A WEEK TO PREPARE AND  
7 PUT THE GUIDELINES TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S DONE IN A  
8 THOUGHTFUL AND A DELIBERATE WAY, IN WHICH I THINK SUPERVISOR  
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS EARLIER SAID, WHEN WE DO THINGS, WE SHOULD DO IT  
10 IN A VERY DELIBERATE AND THOUGHTFUL WAY. AND I BELIEVE THIS  
11 MOTION, RATHER THAN JUST SAYING WE'RE GOING TO LET THEM OPEN  
12 TOMORROW, PROVIDING A WEEK TO PUT TOGETHER THE GUIDELINES IS  
13 PROVIDING THAT TIME NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT IT'S DONE IN JUST  
14 THAT WAY.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** DUE RESPECT, I GUESS. I MEAN, YOUR MOTION ABOUT  
17 THE SCHOOLS CLOSED AT LEAST CAME OUT YESTERDAY. THERE MAY HAVE  
18 BEEN SOME AWARENESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT THERE'S BEEN NO  
19 AWARENESS OF THIS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT UNDER S-1. AND IT WASN'T  
20 EVEN RECOMMENDED. SO I JUST WORRY ABOUT JUST DOING THIS UNDER  
21 S-1 WITH NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND KIND OF NO DELIBERATION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY?

24

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

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2     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TWO THINGS. I'VE ALREADY SAID THAT I WOULD  
3     RESERVE JUDGMENT AS TO WHERE I'D LAND ON THIS, BUT I DO WANT  
4     TO SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE TWO ISSUES HERE. WE HAVE A PROCESS  
5     ISSUE AND A SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE. AND I WOULD THINK THAT WE WOULD  
6     BE IN A BETTER PLACE SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO DISPOSE OF THIS  
7     AFTER HAVING HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THIS WITHIN OUR OWN  
8     INTERNAL OFFICES. IT CONCERNS ME THAT THIS COMES BEFORE US  
9     WITH INSUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION, AND WE'VE DONE WELL IN TERMS  
10    OF HANGING TOGETHER, AND I WOULD LIKE FOR THAT TO CONTINUE TO  
11    BE THE CASE. BUT THAT'S TYPICALLY THE CASE, BECAUSE EACH OF US  
12    HAS SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION OF WHAT IS COMING, THEREFORE BEING  
13    ABLE TO EITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE, OR HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
14    MOVE OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AS A RESULT OF DIALOGUE AND  
15    CONVERSATION AND, FURTHERMORE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON  
16    WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE. I THINK TO MOVE THIS QUICKLY, AGAINST  
17    DATA THAT IS EMANATING FROM THE STATE THAT PREDICTS A SURGE,  
18    AND NOT HAVE ALL OF US HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT  
19    THIS, TO TALK ABOUT IT, TO, AS I SAY, DELIBERATE AND SO FORTH,  
20    STRIKES ME AS BEING PROBLEMATIC. AND I WOULD TRUST THAT WE  
21    WOULD RESPECT OUR PROCESSES, RESPECT THE FACT THAT WE CAN  
22    DIFFER ON THE SUBSTANCE, BUT ALLOW US THE CHANCE TO BUILD  
23    CONSENSUS, RATHER THAN MOVING IT WITH INSUFFICIENT  
24    NOTIFICATION. I DO MAKE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE MATTER  
25    INVOLVING THE SCHOOLS, WHERE RESERVATION WAS EXPRESSED, AND

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1 YET WE ENDED UP WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE. AND SO I DO NOT WISH  
2 TO SUGGEST THAT NOT TAKING IT UP TODAY MEANS THAT WE WON'T GET  
3 TO CONSENSUS. BUT I FEEL LIKE CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED, AND  
4 IT OUGHT TO BE, IF WE MOVE IT THIS QUICKLY WITHOUT SUFFICIENT  
5 OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THE PARAMETERS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY I DO APPRECIATE MY  
8 COLLEAGUES. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE A BOARD THAT HAS REALLY  
9 TRIED TO MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC IN THE BEST WAY  
10 POSSIBLE. I WOULD SAY THAT, AGAIN, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME  
11 THAT WE START HAVING THESE DISCUSSIONS IN OPEN SESSION, AND  
12 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS. I THINK WE'VE HAD  
13 SPECIFIC PUBLIC COMMENT MANY TIMES ON THE CASINOS, THE CARD  
14 ROOMS, ON BREWERIES AND THE WINERIES. AND I JUST FEEL LIKE, AT  
15 THIS POINT, AGAIN, WE ONLY MEET EVERY TWO WEEKS, SO I FEEL  
16 LIKE THIS IS THE WAY WE NEED TO MOVE. AND, MADAM CHAIR, I'M  
17 GOING TO CALL FOR THE VOTE.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AS AMENDED, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AS AMENDED, YEAH.

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1    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION BEFORE YOU IS REOPENING THE  
2    BREWERIES AND WINERIES AND, AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
3    FOR THE CARD ROOMS, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5    **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

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12   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, NO. SUPERVISOR  
13   KUEHL?

14

15   **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

16

17   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

18

19   **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

22

23   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

24

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

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO AT THIS TIME, IT'S APPROPRIATE TO  
5 HEAR ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A FEW HERE. YES, I'D LIKE  
8 TO BEGIN THIS AFTERNOON. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE  
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FERNANDO MORENO FLORES, JR. MR. FLORES  
10 WAS BORN ON AUGUST 3RD, 1933, AND PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER  
11 20TH OF THIS YEAR, AT THE AGE OF 87. HE WAS A THIRD-GENERATION  
12 PLUMBER AND LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. FERNANDO WAS A  
13 LIFETIME MEMBER AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE U.A. LOCAL  
14 78 PLUMBERS UNION, AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LABOR COUNCIL OF  
15 LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT FOR 10 YEARS. HE SERVED ON THE  
16 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF U.A. LOCAL 78, AND WORKED AT GENERAL  
17 HOSPITAL, PROVIDING PLUMBING SERVICES FOR 16 YEARS. I KNEW  
18 FERNANDO FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, AND HE WAS A GOOD, DECENT  
19 MAN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GUADALUPE, TWO CHILDREN, THREE  
20 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT-GRANDCHILD, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED  
21 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAY HE  
22 REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN  
23 IN MEMORY OF JESSE SALAZAR. MR. SALAZAR WAS THE EXECUTIVE  
24 DIRECTOR OF PATHWAYS L.A., A GREAT ORGANIZATION WHICH SERVES  
25 LOW-INCOME CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. JESSE MADE IMPACTFUL

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND SPENT HIS CAREER  
2 ADVOCATING FOR THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE  
3 DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO ENSURING THAT ALL CHILDREN, FROM ALL  
4 WALKS OF LIFE, CAN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. HE WAS A  
5 FEARLESS LEADER WHO WILL BE MISSED BY MANY PEOPLE IN HIS  
6 COMMUNITY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
7 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TERESA HERRERA MARIZ. TERESA  
8 HERRERA MARIZ WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 28TH, 1938, AND PASSED AWAY  
9 ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2020, AT THE AGE OF 82. DONA TERESITA, AS  
10 SHE WAS KNOWN TO HER FELLOW NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS, WAS BORN IN  
11 PUEBLA, MEXICO, AND IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES, WHERE SHE  
12 BECAME A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF HUNTINGTON PARK. SHE WAS ALWAYS  
13 KNOWN FOR HER UNCONDITIONAL WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS.  
14 UNFORTUNATELY, SHE WAS ONE MORE VICTIM OF THE HORRIFIC  
15 PANDEMIC. DONA TERESITA WAS WELL KNOWN BY THE COMMUNITY FOR  
16 BEING VERY ACTIVE AND KIND TO OTHERS. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
17 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP FOR OVER 3  
18 YEARS. MRS. HERRERA MARIZ ENJOYED TAKING CARE OF HER  
19 NEIGHBORHOOD AND DISCUSSING WAYS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF HER  
20 NEIGHBORS. DONA TERESITA WAS AN AMAZING INDIVIDUAL, AND SHE'LL  
21 BE MISSED. SHE LEAVES BEHIND A SON, TWO DAUGHTERS, AND SEVEN  
22 GRANDCHILDREN. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.  
23

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

2    SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? WE'LL  
3    GO ON TO SUPERVISOR--

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WAS JUST TRYING TO PICK MYSELF UP FROM  
10    THE FLOOR, MADAM CHAIR. [LAUGHTER.]

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12    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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14    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY  
15    OF THE REVEREND ROBERT SYLVESTER GRAETZ JR., BORN MAY 16,  
16    1928, IN CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER  
17    THE 20TH IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AFTER A BATTLE WITH  
18    PARKINSON'S DISEASE, AT THE AGE OF 92. HE WAS A WHITE LUTHERAN  
19    MINISTER ASSIGNED TO LEAD A PREDOMINANTLY BLACK CONGREGATION  
20    IN ALABAMA DURING THE 1950S. REVEREND GRAETZ, COMING FROM A  
21    LONG LINEAGE OF LUTHERAN CLERGYMEN, CONSIDERED A CAREER IN  
22    MEDICINE BEFORE COMMITTING TO HIS FAMILY'S HISTORY AS A  
23    LUTHERAN CLERGYMAN. HE ENROLLED IN CAPITOL UNIVERSITY AT  
24    BEXLEY, OHIO, TO STUDY THEOLOGY, AND GRADUATED IN 1950. DURING  
25    HIS TIME IN COLLEGE, HE BECAME INVOLVED IN CIVIL RIGHTS

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1 ACTIVISM BY STARTING A CLUB ON CAMPUS TO DISCUSS RACIAL  
2 RELATIONS, AND JOINED THE COLUMBUS CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P.  
3 HE LATER MARRIED JEANNIE ELLIS, AND THEY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES,  
4 WHERE HE SERVED THE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION AS  
5 A STUDENT PASTOR. AFTER RECEIVING HIS DIVINITY DEGREE IN 1955,  
6 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE TRINITY LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL  
7 CONGREGATION, AND THERE LEARNED WHAT IT MEANT TO ENGAGE IN  
8 STRUGGLE IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. AFTER LEARNING OF THE PLAN  
9 FOR THE NOW CELEBRATED BUS BOYCOTT FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF  
10 ROSA PARKS, HE SUPPORTED AND CALLED FOR HIS PARISHIONERS TO  
11 PARTICIPATE IN WHAT WE ALL KNOW NOW TO BE THE MONTGOMERY BUS  
12 BOYCOTT. HIS ACTIVISM DURING THE BOYCOTT MADE HIM A TARGET OF  
13 HATE AND SUPREMACIST GROUPS. HIS HOME WAS BOMBED TWICE, AND  
14 AFTER THE SECOND ATTEMPT, HE RELOCATED TO OHIO WITH HIS  
15 FAMILY. HE SERVED ON THE MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, A  
16 GROUP FORMED TO OVERSEE AND SUPPORT THE PROTESTS FOLLOWING THE  
17 ARREST OF MRS. PARKS. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OTHER  
18 ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORTED THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT: THE  
19 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, AND ONE MONTGOMERY. HE WILL BE  
20 REMEMBERED AS A DEDICATED ADVOCATE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND GAY  
21 RIGHTS. HE HAD A BROAD VISION OF THE HUMANITY CREATED IN THE  
22 IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, AS HE WOULD SAY IT. AS YOU ALL  
23 KNOW, HE WAS A CONTEMPORARY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
24 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 69 YEARS, 7 CHILDREN, 27  
25 GRANDCHILDREN, 13 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY AND

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1 FRIENDS, AND INDEED A CIVIL RIGHTS COMMUNITY WHO WILL NEVER,  
2 EVER FORGET HIM. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WISHES TO JOIN IN MEMORY OF  
3 V.C. POWE, AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY HE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER THE  
4 FIFTH, 1959, IN LOS ANGELES, AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER THE 16TH  
5 IN CULVER CITY. AT THE AGE OF 66. SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S  
6 DEGREE IN ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
7 CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, IN 1975, AND HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
8 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TWO YEARS LATER. IT WAS IN 1990 THAT  
9 SHE ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH THE U.C.L.A. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
10 AS THE DIRECTOR FOR PROFESSIONAL, ACADEMIC, AND STUDENT  
11 RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS, THUS BEGINNING HER 30-YEAR CAREER WITH  
12 U.C.L.A., WHERE SHE FOCUSED HER OUTREACH EFFORTS TOWARDS  
13 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ALUMNI. HER WORK AND DEDICATION HELPED BRING  
14 BACK ENGAGED AND SUPPORTIVE ALUMNI TO THE UNIVERSITY. HER  
15 SUCCESS WAS RECOGNIZED AND REWARDED, AS SHE WAS APPOINTED AS  
16 THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL  
17 OF PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH IN BOTH 1998 AND 2006,  
18 RESPECTIVELY; AND BECAME THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL  
19 PROGRAMS AT THE U.C.L.A. LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. SHE  
20 NURTURED THE PROGRAM FOR SCORES OF FELLOWS AND HUNDREDS OF  
21 STUDENTS, A CENTERPIECE OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE LUSKIN SCHOOL  
22 AND IN THE WORLD OF PUBLIC LEADERSHIP. SHE ALSO OVERSAW THE  
23 DAVID BOHNETT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, A PROGRAM FROM WHICH THE  
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BENEFITS, IN TERMS OF THOSE FELLOWS IN  
25 OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF THE CHAIR, AND A PROGRAM THAT PLACES

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1 SCHOLAR LUSKIN GRADUATE STUDENTS IN A RANGE OF ELECTED  
2 OFFICIAL OFFICES. IN ADDITION TO HER TIRELESS WORK ON BEHALF  
3 OF U.C.L.A., SHE ALSO TAUGHT MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT AT LOS  
4 ANGELES CITY COLLEGE AS AN ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBER. SHE WILL BE  
5 REMEMBERED FOR POSITIVELY IMPACTING AN UNTOLD NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
6 THROUGH HER WARM, VIBRANT, AND CANDID DEMEANOR THAT BROUGHT  
7 TOGETHER STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND FACULTY IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY  
8 THAT EMBODIED THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
9 HUSBAND KEITH, HER FATHER BOLDEN, HER SISTERS BRENDA, ROBERTA,  
10 AND LA LITA, EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND STUDENTS, ALL WHO  
11 WILL MISS HER. SHEILA?

12  
13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MARK. I KNEW V.C. BACK BEFORE THE  
14 LUSKIN SCHOOL HAD BEEN NAMED FOR LUSKIN. SHE WAS SO INCREDIBLY  
15 COMPETENT AND CALM AND KIND. ALWAYS, ALWAYS AN ADVOCATE FOR  
16 STUDENTS. AND AFTER I LEFT THE SENATE, BEFORE I RAN FOR THIS  
17 SEAT, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A REGENT'S PROFESSOR AT  
18 LUSKIN. AND I HAVE TO SAY, NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE LOST WANDERING  
19 INTO A CLASSROOM THAN ME, THINKING I CAN TEACH AT LAW SCHOOL,  
20 BUT WHAT THE HECK IS PUBLIC POLICY? AND SHE WAS AN AMAZING  
21 HELP TO ME, A REAL PARTNER IN HELPING ME SHAPE MY CLASS AND  
22 UNDERSTAND THE STUDENTS. AND I'LL ALWAYS, ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL  
23 FOR HER KINDNESS THROUGH ALL THE YEARS. SHE'S REALLY GOING TO  
24 BE MISSED. THANK YOU, MARK.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY, KURT A.  
2    REINHOLD, A FORMER RESIDENT OF LADERA HEIGHTS, HERE IN THE  
3    SECOND DISTRICT, WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED ON SEPTEMBER THE 23RD  
4    IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, AT THE AGE OF 42. HE ATTENDED  
5    MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN BALTIMORE, WHERE HE FOCUSED HIS  
6    STUDIES ON PSYCHOLOGY AND ENGINEERING, AND COMPLETED HIS  
7    STUDIES AT CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, AND RECEIVED A DEGREE IN  
8    ENGLISH LITERATURE IN 2001. UPON RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES, MR.  
9    REINHOLD SECURED A POSITION IN BURBANK AS AN AUDIO/VISUAL  
10    TECHNICIAN. HE ACCEPTED A SALES AND LEASING CONSULTANT  
11    POSITION IN SANTA MONICA WITH NISSAN, AND TRANSITIONED TO  
12    POWER NISSAN OF SOUTH BAY IN HAWTHORNE FOR A SALES ASSOCIATE  
13    POSITION. HE WAS A FORMER BODYBUILDER AND A YOUTH SOCCER  
14    COACH. HE WILL BE MISSED MOST ASSUREDLY, AS HE BATTLED WITH  
15    MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND, AFTER RELOCATING TO SAN CLEMENTE,  
16    STRUGGLED WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. A LOVING FATHER, A  
17    PROUD FATHER, DEEP IN HIS FAITH, GENTLE IN HIS SPIRIT, STOUT-  
18    HEARTED, AND ADD TO THAT A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE'S SURVIVED  
19    BY HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND  
20    COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MISS HIM. THIS, I MUST SAY, IS ANOTHER  
21    EXAMPLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT USE OF FORCE, AND IT WARRANTS THE  
22    KIND OF INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN  
23    CALLING FOR. THIS IS NOT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT I THINK THE  
24    ISSUE OF PAIN, SUFFERING, AND ANGST AROUND THESE KINDS OF  
25    SHOOTINGS KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. MADAM CHAIR, MAY I CONTINUE

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1 WITH THE BALANCE OF MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS? SUSAN WARSCHAW  
2 ROBERTSON, BORN ON JANUARY THE 16TH, 1941, IN LOS ANGELES, AND  
3 PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 12 AFTER A BATTLE WITH OVARIAN CANCER, AT  
4 THE AGE OF 79. AFTER GRADUATING FROM U.S.C. WITH A BACHELOR'S  
5 DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, SHE RELOCATED TO WASHINGTON,  
6 D.C., TO ACCEPT A POSITION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. SHE THEN  
7 RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES AND MARRIED CARL ROBERTSON. MS.  
8 ROBERTSON WAS A FOUNDER OF THE WESTMARK SCHOOL, AND WITH HER  
9 HUSBAND ESTABLISHED THE SUSAN W. AND CARL W. ROBERTSON PROGRAM  
10 FOR TUMOR ABLATION AT THE U.S.C. KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. SHE  
11 WAS A PASSIONATE SUPPORTER OF CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, AND  
12 SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. SHE ALSO SERVED  
13 ON THE BOARD OF THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT  
14 OF THE JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES, AND A LONGTIME MEMBER OF  
15 THE BLUE RIBBON SOCIETY OF THE MUSIC CENTER. SHE WILL BE  
16 REMEMBERED AS A DEDICATED SUPPORTER AND PATRON OF SEVERAL  
17 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AN AVID AMERICANA COLLECTOR, HER  
18 LOVE AND PATRONAGE OF THE ARTS, AND FOR HER UNWAVERING LOVE  
19 FOR HER FAMILY AND THEIR DOGS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND  
20 35 YEARS; TWO CHILDREN, CARA AND CHIP; HER SISTER HOPE; THREE  
21 GRANDCHILDREN, LILA, LOUIS, AND ROSE; A HOST OF FAMILY MEMBERS  
22 AND FRIENDS, AND THOSE WHO BENEFITED FROM HER WORK AND HER  
23 WITNESS AMONG US. SUSAN WARSCHAW ROBERTSON, MADAM CHAIR. AND  
24 FINALLY, LEONARD VASQUEZ PASSED ON AUGUST THE 18TH, DUE TO  
25 COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS. MR. VASQUEZ WAS IN

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1 HIS 80S. HE GREW UP IN FORT MADISON, IOWA, WITH HIS PARENTS  
2 AND SEVEN SIBLINGS. HE JOINED THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IN  
3 1956, AND MARRIED A YEAR LATER TO SABINA GOMEZ. DURING HIS 20  
4 YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE, MR. VASQUEZ SERVED ON FIVE MILITARY  
5 BASES, WAS ACTIVE DURING VIETNAM, AND LIVED AROUND THE WORLD  
6 WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. HE RETIRED WITH THE RANK OF  
7 TECHNICAL SERGEANT, AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
8 MISSOURI COLUMBIA'S R.O.T.C. PROGRAM. AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM  
9 THE MILITARY, HE WORKED AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
10 HOSPITAL AND A RESTAURANT IN MISSOURI. HE ALSO OPERATED HIS  
11 OWN CARPET CLEANING BUSINESS, AND OPENED A MONTESSORI  
12 PRESCHOOL WITH HIS WIFE. HE ATTENDED COLUMBIA COLLEGE IN  
13 MISSOURI, AND EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS. IN 1994,  
14 HE AND HIS WIFE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES TO BECOME CLOSER TO  
15 THEIR FAMILY, AND SETTLED ULTIMATELY IN SAN DIEGO. HE WAS  
16 PASSIONATE ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENJOYED TENDING TO THE  
17 GARDENS OF HIS CATHOLIC CHURCH. MR. VASQUEZ WAS ALSO A  
18 DEDICATED 30-YEAR VOLUNTEER WITH THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS,  
19 FEEDING THE COMMUNITIES OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, LOS ANGELES,  
20 AND SAN DIEGO. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A MILITARY VETERAN,  
21 FOR HIS GENEROUS NATURE, CARING FOR THE FAMILY DOGS, AND FOR  
22 HIS DEDICATION TO HIS FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 62  
23 YEARS, SABINA; FOUR CHILDREN, JAMES, LEONARD, STEVEN, AND  
24 SYDNEY; THREE SIBLINGS, CHARLIE, MARY, AND LUPE; SIX  
25 GRANDCHILDREN, ANTHONY, BRYAN, GABRIELLA, ISABELLA, STEVE

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1 JR., AND VICTORIA. A LIFE WELL LIVED, A VETERAN WELL  
2 CELEBRATED, AND A FAMILY WHO IS PROFOUNDLY GRIEVING, WHO WILL  
3 MISS HIM DEARLY. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING  
4 MOTIONS.

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

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S WITH PROFOUND  
10 SADNESS THAT I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
11 MEMORY OF A LONGTIME FRIEND, DOLORES PRESS. SHE WAS A SANTA  
12 MONICA PROGRESSIVE STALWART, PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK, AND THOUGH  
13 SHE WAS OF AN AGE, IT SEEMED SUDDEN AND TOO SOON. SHE WAS A  
14 MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN SANTA MONICA FROM 1981 TO 1984,  
15 AND THE FIRST FULL-TIME CHAIR OF THE SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL  
16 BOARD. SHE WAS A CHAMPION FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, FOR RENTERS'  
17 RIGHTS, AND FOR A LIVING WAGE FOR HOTEL WORKERS. SHE  
18 ESTABLISHED THE CITY'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, AND  
19 THE SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET. A FORMER SANTA MONICA  
20 DEMOCRATIC CLUB PRESIDENT, SHE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE CLUB  
21 UNTIL 2014, AND WAS A MAJOR FIGURE IN THEIR LEADERSHIP OVER  
22 DECADES. SHE CHAIRED THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT DELEGATION TO  
23 L.A.C.D.P., FIRST APPOINTED BY TOM HAYDEN, AND THEN ELECTED IN  
24 HER OWN RIGHT, WHERE SHE SERVED ON THE LABOR CAUCUS AND THE  
25 ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE, AND WAS TWICE NAMED DEMOCRAT OF THE

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1 YEAR. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN. AND I MOVE THAT  
2 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDRA MOSS,  
3 WHOSE COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND TO HELPING OTHERS WAS JUST A  
4 DEEP PART OF HER D.N.A. IN 1972, SHE JOINED S.H.A.R.E., AN  
5 ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN DEDICATED TO RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT  
6 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
7 DISABILITIES. IN THE MID-70S, SHE ANSWERED A CALL TO HELP THE  
8 RAPE TREATMENT CENTER AT SANTA MONICA U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER.  
9 IN THE EARLY 80S, SHE BECAME A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
10 THE RAPE FOUNDATION. AND IN THE LATE 80S, WHEN THE RAPE  
11 TREATMENT CENTER NEEDED TO EXTEND ITS REACH TO CHILD VICTIMS,  
12 SHE PLAYED A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CREATING STUART HOUSE, WHICH  
13 IS NOW AN INTERNATIONAL MODEL FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY  
14 ABUSED CHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, RON,  
15 JENNIFER, AND HARRISON, AND HER SISTER JEANNIE. AND I MOVE  
16 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID  
17 BINDER, WHO WAS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW EMERITUS AT  
18 U.C.L.A., WHERE HE SERVED ON THE FACULTY FOR MORE THAN 50  
19 YEARS. HE WAS A PIONEER IN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION, CO-  
20 AUTHORED EIGHT BOOKS ON THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS AND  
21 PRACTICAL SKILLS OF LAWYERING. HE RECEIVED ALL THREE OF THE  
22 UNIVERSITY'S MAJOR TEACHING AWARDS, INCLUDING THE  
23 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD, THE SCHOOL OF LAW'S RUTTER AWARD  
24 FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, AND PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR IN 1972.  
25 PRIOR TO JOINING THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW, HE WAS A PARTNER

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1 IN THE LAW FIRM OF BROWN & BROWN IN LOS ANGELES, AND SERVED AS  
2 THE DIRECTOR OF LITIGATION FOR THE WESTERN CENTER ON LAW AND  
3 POVERTY BETWEEN 1969 AND 1970. COMBINING THEIR PASSIONS FOR  
4 EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, DAVID AND HIS LATE WIFE MELINDA  
5 VOLUNTEERED TEACHING LITERACY TO UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN  
6 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE NEPHEWS, WHOM  
7 HE RAISED: MICHAEL, CHARLES, AND JEFFREY. AND FINALLY, MADAM  
8 CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
9 OF JOHN WASSON, A U.C.L.A. PROFESSOR AND COSMOCHEMIST, WHO  
10 DIED ON SEPTEMBER 8TH. A COSMOCHEMIST AND PASSIONATE PROMOTER  
11 OF CALIFORNIA SCIENCE, WASSON CHASED AFTER METEORITES ALL  
12 AROUND THE WORLD, HELPING TO FORM THE U.C.L.A. METEORITE  
13 COLLECTION, THE LARGEST SUCH DISPLAY IN THE WEST. DURING HIS  
14 CAREER, HE WROTE TWO BOOKS AND MORE THAN 300 PAPERS ON THE  
15 CHEMICAL AND PETROLOGIC PROPERTIES OF METEORITES AND LUNAR  
16 ROCKS. HE EVEN HAD A CHEMICAL NAMED IN HIS HONOR-- WASSONITE--  
17 WHICH IS A FORM OF TITANIUM SULFIDE. HE'S IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
18 WIFE GUDRUN, AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, CHRISTINA AND KERSTIN.  
19 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG.  
25 CERTAINLY, THERE IS SO MUCH TO BE SAID ABOUT HER, AND MAYBE

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1 OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD WANT TO SAY SOMETHING. I'M JUST  
2 GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT HER. SHE WAS THE SUPREME  
3 COURT'S FEMINIST ICON. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 87. AND I  
4 KNOW SHE WAS HANGING ON FOR SO LONG, AND WAS SO STRONG, EVEN  
5 IN THE MIDST OF HER HEALTH CHALLENGES. SHE WAS NOT JUST A  
6 CHAMPION FOR EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON THE BENCH; SHE WAS  
7 AN INSPIRATION AND A ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN IN HOW SHE CARRIED  
8 HERSELF IN HER PROFESSIONAL CAREER. THIS WAS A WOMAN WHO WAS  
9 ASKED BY THE DEAN OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL TO JUSTIFY WHY SHE WAS  
10 TAKING THE PLACE OF A MAN IN HER CLASS. AND THEN SHE WENT ON  
11 TO GRADUATE FIRST IN HER CLASS. THIS WAS A WOMAN WHO ARGUED  
12 SIX WOMEN'S RIGHTS CASES IN FRONT OF THE SUPREME COURT, WON  
13 FIVE, AND THEN WENT ON TO BE NOMINATED TO SIT ON THAT VERY  
14 COURT. SHE WAS ASKED, "HOW MANY WOMEN ON THE SUPREME COURT IS  
15 ENOUGH?" AND SHE FAMOUSLY SAID, "NINE." I THINK ABOUT THAT A  
16 LOT WHEN I'M ASKED ABOUT THE FEMALE SUPER MAJORITY WE HAVE  
17 HERE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. RUTH IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO  
18 CHILDREN, JANE AND JAMES, ALONG WITH HER FOUR GRANDCHILDREN.  
19 SHE WILL HAVE FOREVER CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF WOMEN IN THIS  
20 COUNTRY.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN WE DO ALL BOARD MEMBERS ON THAT,  
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN  
7 IN THE MEMORY OF SAMUEL MAGANA. AND I KNOW HILDA WOULD ALSO  
8 LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HIM. HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF DIANA'S  
9 MEXICAN FOOD PRODUCTS, AND HE JUST PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
10 88. SAM AND HIS FAMILY WERE LONGTIME RESIDENTS OF DOWNEY. AND  
11 AT THE AGE OF 14, HE DECIDED TO LEAVE HIS HOMETOWN IN THE  
12 MEXICAN STATE OF DURANGO TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES. HE HUNG  
13 FROM A RAILCAR IN ORDER TO EVADE THE BORDER PATROL AGENTS, AND  
14 CROSSED THE BORDER. HE PICKED FRUIT AND COTTON IN THE CENTRAL  
15 VALLEY, AND TOOK CLASSES TO LEARN ENGLISH AND WRITE IN  
16 SPANISH, SINCE HIS EDUCATION IN MEXICO ENDED IN THE THIRD  
17 GRADE. IN 1969, HE AND HIS WIFE, HORTENCIA, OPENED A SMALL  
18 GROCERY STORE NAMED AFTER THEIR FIRSTBORN DAUGHTER, DIANA.  
19 THEY CONVERTED A BACK ROOM OF THE GROCERY STORE INTO THEIR  
20 LIVING QUARTERS. TORTILLAS WERE AMONG THE BEST-SELLING  
21 PRODUCTS IN THE STORE, AND SOON DIANA'S FIRST TORTILLA  
22 MANUFACTURING PLANT OPENED IN MAYWOOD IN 1973. SAM NEVER  
23 FORGOT HIS ROOTS. EMPLOYEES WOULD STOP HIM IN THE PARKING LOT,  
24 AND HE WOULD TALK TO THEM FOR AS LONG AS THEY WANTED. HE ALSO  
25 BOUGHT APARTMENT COMPLEXES AROUND HIS FACTORY, SO HE COULD

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1 RENT THEM TO HIS EMPLOYEES. FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS, THE MAGANA  
2 FAMILY HAS TURNED DIANA'S MEXICAN FOOD PRODUCTS INTO A \$35  
3 MILLION WORLDWIDE-BASED COMPANY THAT NOW INCLUDES FIVE  
4 RESTAURANTS, TWO TORTILLA PLANTS, A TAMALES FACTORY, AND AN  
5 INDUSTRIAL BAKERY. SAM IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE  
6 HORTENCIA, AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, DIANA, SAM JR.,  
7 TENSHA, AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR  
14 ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU IN THE ADJOURNMENT OF SAMUEL MAGANA'S  
15 MEMORY. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND, AN INSPIRATION TO MANY  
16 IMMIGRANTS IN THE SOUTHEAST L.A. AREA. I MET HIM MANY YEARS  
17 AGO. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS AN ICON FIGURE IN THE FAMOUS  
18 PATRIAS PARADE THAT WE HAVE EVERY YEAR, ANNUALLY, IN EAST L.A.  
19 THAT WAS PART OF WHAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN, HELPING TO BRING  
20 THAT TOGETHER. BUT AS YOU KNOW, HE LEFT HIS HOME AT AN EARLY  
21 AGE, 14, FROM MEXICO, TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WENT  
22 ON TO BUILD A MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR COMPANY, WHICH NOW INCLUDES  
23 FIVE RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING ONE IN EL MONTE. AND I VISITED HIS  
24 TORTILLA PLANT THERE IN EL MONTE, AND WAS REALLY AMAZED HOW  
25 INSPIRING HIS STORY IS, AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY. SO I JUST WANTED

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1 TO JOIN IN, AND ALSO GIVE MY CONDOLENCES AND THANKS TO HIM AND  
2 HIS FAMILY, AND MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL MISS HIM. THANK YOU,  
3 MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY,  
6 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, I READ THE OBITUARY, AND HE LIVED  
7 AN AMAZING LIFE, AND LEAVES AN AMAZING LEGACY WITH HIS FAMILY.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, HE REALLY DID. A TRUE STORY OF THE AMERICAN  
10 DREAM.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I KNOW. IT WAS AMAZING. SO WITH  
13 THAT, I'M GOING TO--

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** I HAVE A FEW MORE.

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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU ONLY HAD TWO.  
18 SORRY.

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** IT ONLY SAYS TWO. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT ONLY SAYS  
21 TWO, BUT I HAVE A FEW MORE.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR HAHN? SUPERVISOR HAHN, INDICATE  
24 THAT MR. MAGANA'S FIRST STORE WAS IN THE CITY OF GARDENA,  
25 WHICH YOU REPRESENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT SAM?

3 CERTAINLY, EACH OF US HAVE A PIECE OF OUR DISTRICTS THAT

4 CLEARLY IS TIED TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY, WHICH MAKES THIS REALLY

5 SPECIAL FOR ALL OF US. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY

6 OF MARIA CARBAJAL, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF HARBOR CITY, WHO

7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. SHE WAS A MOTHER OF TWO MEMBERS

8 OF OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY, RAFAEL CARBAJAL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF

9 OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AND PATRICIA

10 CARBAJAL-SAMSING, MANAGER IN OUR C.E.O. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

11 AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS. SHE IMMIGRATED FROM MEXICO TO

12 LOS ANGELES IN 1974 WITH HER HUSBAND RAFAEL, IN SEARCH OF AN

13 AMERICAN DREAM FOR THEIR FUTURE FAMILY. SHE RAISED HER

14 CHILDREN IN WILMINGTON. MARIA WAS AN ACCOUNTANT BY TRADE, AND

15 USED THOSE SKILLS TO HELP HER HUSBAND BUILD AND MANAGE A

16 LANDSCAPING AND GENERAL CONTRACTING BUSINESS, TWO MEAT MARKETS

17 IN TORRANCE AND SOUTH GATE, AND A RESTAURANT IN TORRANCE.

18 MARIA WAS A DEEPLY SPIRITUAL AND DEVOUT WOMAN THAT LEANED ON

19 HER FAITH, AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HER PARISH, ST.

20 MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOMITA. MARIA HELPED SO MANY

21 BY BRINGING LOVE AND COMPASSION TO THOSE IN NEED, VOLUNTEERING

22 THROUGH HER CHURCH, AND OFTEN SIMPLY BY BEFRIENDING THOSE WHO

23 NEEDED UNDERSTANDING, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND FRIENDSHIP. MARIA IS

24 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, PAOLA, GUADALUPE, ALEJANDRO, RAFAEL

25 JR., AND PATRICIA, AND HER THREE GRANDSONS. I ALSO MOVE THAT

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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FATHER  
2 ADRIAN SAN JUAN, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY AT THE AGE OF 43. HE  
3 SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK WHILE OFFICIATING AT A WEDDING MASS ON  
4 SEPTEMBER 19TH AT ST. LINUS CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NORWALK, WHERE  
5 HE WAS THE PASTOR. IN 2002, WHILE IN SEMINARY, HE WAS  
6 DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. HE VOWED TO CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY TO THE  
7 PRIESTHOOD WHILE UNDERGOING CHEMOTHERAPY. AND IN 2003, THE  
8 CANCER WENT INTO REMISSION, AND HE WAS ORDAINED AS A PRIEST IN  
9 2004. FATHER ADRIAN ENSURED HIS PARISH WAS ABLE TO ADAPT TO  
10 RECENT HEALTH ORDER CHANGES REGARDING INDOOR CHURCH SERVICES.  
11 HE ORGANIZED A TEAM OF PARISHIONERS TO LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS,  
12 AND BUILT AN OUTDOOR CHURCH, COMPLETE WITH A STAGE AND CANOPY,  
13 TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE COULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A SPACE TO  
14 WORSHIP. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE OLDER SIBLINGS. AND MY  
15 LAST ONE, MADAM CHAIR, IS THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
16 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LEW BODELL, WHO WAS A LONGTIME  
17 FOUNDER AND OWNER OF BODELL'S SHOES. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
18 OF 92. BORN AND RAISED IN UTAH, LEW HEADED TO LONG BEACH IN  
19 THE LATE 1940S TO MANAGE LEED'S SHOE STORE. REMEMBER LEED'S,  
20 IN DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH? LEW OPENED HIS OWN SHOE STORE IN 1959,  
21 AND QUICKLY EARNED LOYAL CLIENTELE. LEW EVENTUALLY RELOCATED  
22 HIS SHOE STORE TO ANOTHER LOCATION DOWN THE STREET FROM THE  
23 ORIGINAL, WHERE IT REMAINS TODAY. LEW'S SON RICHARD STARTED  
24 WORKING WITH HIM IN THE STORE IN 1975, AND BOUGHT IT FROM HIS  
25 FATHER 20 YEARS LATER. ALTHOUGH HE SOLD HIS BUSINESS, LEW

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1   WORKED AT BODELL'S SHOE STORE UNTIL HE WAS 80 YEARS OLD,  
2   HELPING CUSTOMERS, EVEN CLIMBING LADDERS. LEW IS SURVIVED BY  
3   HIS SON RICHARD, AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER BY THE HALF-  
4   BLOCK STREET NEAR HIS STORE THAT WAS RENAMED LEW BODELL LANE.  
5   THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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7   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
8   TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOANN HAYMAN-BOWERS, A RESIDENT  
9   OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
10   88. JOANN WAS ACTIVE IN THE SOUTH ANTELOPE VALLEY COORDINATING  
11   COUNCIL, THE MARCH OF DIMES ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE PALMDALE  
12   LILAC FESTIVAL, AND THE ANA VERDE HILLS COMMUNITY  
13   ORGANIZATION. SHE RECEIVED THE LULU AWARD FOR HER COMMUNITY  
14   SERVICE TO PALMDALE IN 1971. JOANN IS SURVIVED BY THREE  
15   CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, 15 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO  
16   GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
17   TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF CHIEF GARY LOCKHART, A RESIDENT  
18   OF LA VERNE, AND RETIRED CHIEF DEPUTY WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
19   COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AT  
20   THE AGE OF 69. CHIEF LOCKHART BEGAN HIS COUNTY CAREER AS A  
21   FIREFIGHTER ON MAY 1ST, 1975. DURING HIS COUNTY CAREER, HE  
22   HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS, INCLUDING FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST,  
23   FIRE CAPTAIN, BATTALION CHIEF, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, AND  
24   ULTIMATELY CHIEF DEPUTY. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PURCHASING  
25   AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FIREHAWK HELICOPTERS, AND THE

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1 DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES.  
2 HE RETIRED IN 2008 AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE HAD OTHER  
3 PASSIONS, INCLUDING HIS HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE,  
4 WOODWORKING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY. BUT MOST IMPORTANT TO HIM WAS  
5 HIS FAMILY. CHIEF LOCKHART IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANITA, AND  
6 THEIR CHILDREN ANDREA, SARAH, AND RYAN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN  
7 WE ADJOURN, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF WARREN ROBERT SMITH, A  
8 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
9 OF 83. HE WAS BORN IN HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK, AND PROUDLY SERVED  
10 IN THE U.S. ARMY. AFTER DISCHARGE, HE VISITED SOUTHERN  
11 CALIFORNIA AND MET HIS FUTURE WIFE. HE OWNED RED AND BOB'S  
12 TEXACO IN HOLLYWOOD, AND WAS AN OWNER OF THE SAME-DAY COURIER  
13 BUSINESS SUPER DELIVERY SERVICE. HE FINISHED HIS WORKING  
14 CAREER AT H&B AIRCRAFT PARTS IN NEWHALL. WARREN IS SURVIVED BY  
15 HIS SON ROBERT, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, VINCENT "VINCE"  
16 STEFANO, JR., A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF BURBANK AND FORMER MAYOR  
17 OF BURBANK, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 24TH AT THE AGE OF 81.  
18 VINCE GRADUATED FROM JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL IN 1957, AND  
19 ATTENDED U.S.C., WHERE HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE THETA XI  
20 FRATERNITY, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT OF THE TROJAN KNIGHTS AND  
21 TROJAN SQUARES. AFTER GRADUATION, HE ATTENDED LOYOLA LAW  
22 SCHOOL. PRIOR TO STARTING A PRIVATE PRACTICE, VINCE WAS A  
23 DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPUTY  
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND CITY PROSECUTOR  
25 FOR THE CITY OF BURBANK. HE SERVED ON THE BURBANK CITY COUNCIL

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1 FROM 1973 TO 1977, AND AS THE MAYOR OF BURBANK FROM 1974 TO  
2 1975. HE ALSO SERVED ON NUMEROUS OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
3 FOR BURBANK, AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PROVIDENCE SAINT  
4 JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER, AND PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.  
5 VINCE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 45 YEARS, MARY LOU, AND THEIR  
6 FIVE CHILDREN VINCENT, ROBERT, DANIEL, ANN, AND PAIGE, AND 12  
7 GRANDCHILDREN. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
8 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE  
9 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10 MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY  
11 AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY THIS PAST MONTH:  
12 CHARLES LEE ALEXANDER, ARMY; RONALD GENE BAKER, ARMY; ANDREW  
13 BRAUN, AIR FORCE; THOMAS ALEXANDER CALTABIANO, ARMY; BOB COX,  
14 NAVY; WILLIAM ROLAND DEMASTUS, ARMY; VINCENT JOHNSON, ARMY;  
15 JOHN HOWARD MILLS, NAVY; KYLE ELLIOT MITCHELL, NAVY; EDWARD  
16 MURRAY, ARMY; LAWRENCE JULIUS POLYNIAK, ARMY; ALBERT QUINN,  
17 ARMY; RUEBEN HENSLEY SCOTT, ARMY; HOWARD ALLAN SEIDNER, ARMY;  
18 JEFFREY MATTHEW SMITH, AIR FORCE. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
19 SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY AND COUNTRY NEVER BE  
20 FORGOTTEN. THOSE ARE OUR ADJOURNMENTS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
21 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO  
22 OBJECTION, IF IT'S A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION.  
23 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
2   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
3   CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE  
4   WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; ITEM CS-  
5   2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM CS-3,  
6   CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED  
7   LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
8   AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS  
FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED  
LITIGATION

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

Significant exposure to litigation (two cases). (20-2580)

**No reportable action was taken.**

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

**The Board sadly accepted the resignation of Mary C. Wickham, County Counsel, effective November 1, 2020. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all five Supervisors present.**

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED  
LITIGATION

(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

**No reportable action was taken.**

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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 29, 2020,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7<sup>th</sup>  
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.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR