



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
2 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020, ON PAGE 185]
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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. WELCOME TO THE
8 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2020. OUR MEETING
10 TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH
11 CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL
12 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN
13 YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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15 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.
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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL BE JOINING
18 WITH US AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.
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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?
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24 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.
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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER?

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4 **CELIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** HERE.

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

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8 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
16 TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 2,100 WRITTEN
18 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
19 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
20 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
21 ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
22 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN
23 PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE READING ALL THE
24 NAMES. HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART OF THE

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

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO,
6 SET MATTER AT 10:30 AM. ITEM S1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC
7 HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF
8 THE BOARD. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, THIS IS
9 THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
10 ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING
11 AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 6, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK
12 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-28. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SORRY,
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
15 ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER AMEND THE ITEM TO READ IN OPPOSE NEW
18 PROPOSAL THAT WOULD INCREASE HOUSING DENSITY IN VERY HIGH FIRE
19 HAZARDOUS SEVERITY ZONES. ITEM 16, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 18 AND 19,
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 21
22 AND 22, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
23 PAGE 29, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 29-61. ON ITEM 29, THE
24 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
25 TO DECEMBER 8TH, 2020 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON

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1 ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
2 ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD. ON ITEM 48 IS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING
4 COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING TO EASE DEVELOPMENT
5 RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOW FOR DISASTER RECOVERY INCLUDING
6 TEMPORARY HOUSING, RECONSTRUCTION, AND PERMANENT -- PERMITTING
7 FOR PROPERTIES THAT SUFFERED IRREPARABLE DAMAGES OR
8 DESTRUCTIONS IN THE LAKE FIRE OR BOBCAT FIRE. ON PAGE 44, THIS
9 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE
10 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 59D AND 59E,
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM
13 59I, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
14 REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES AND ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK
15 THROUGH 59I ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 45, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 62 IS A
21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE
23 BONDS 2020 SERIES A ON A TAX EXEMPT BASIS WITH AN AGGREGATE
24 PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$425 MILLION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
25 THE NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ARTS FACILITY PROJECT. ON

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1 PAGE 47, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS3 IS AN ADDITION AS
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE
3 READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
13 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,
14 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
15 1336503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
16 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8016 AND
17 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
18 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
19 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
20 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
21 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
22 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL PROVIDE ONE
23 ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES PER
24 PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
25 WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
19 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0. AS STATED
20 EARLIER, DO NOT PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL
21 BE REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS ROBERT NOTAS.
22 PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING
23 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ROBERT NOTAS:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD. MY NAME IS ROBERT NOTAS, POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE L.A.
3 COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 21 AS
4 WELL AS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **ROBERT NOTAS:** THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR WOULD
9 LIKE TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORTH THE
10 RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 22. PROP 22 WOULD DESTROY
11 LIFE AS WE KNOW IT AND CREATE A PERMANENT UNDERCLASS OF
12 WORKERS WHO ARE DENIED MINIMUM WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS. IF
13 PASSED, THERE ARE STUDIES THAT SHOW DRIVERS WILL BE PAID AS
14 LITTLE AS \$5.64 AN HOUR, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SURVIVE ON. IT
15 DENIES DRIVERS ACCESS TO PAID SICK LEAVE IF THEY ARE FEEING
16 ILL. AND I DON'T THINK WE CAN UNDERScore THAT ENOUGH WHILE WE
17 ARE IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC. PROP 22 WOULD WEAKEN
18 RACIAL AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS, AND PROP
19 22 WOULD PASS THE COST OF BASIC WORKER PROTECTIONS, LIKE
20 UNEMPLOYMENT, ON TO US, JAN AND JOE TAXPAYER, WHILE THESE
21 COMPANIES RAKE IN RECORD PROFITS. THAT IS NOT THE KIND OF
22 BUSINESS MODEL THAT WE NEED IN OUR STATE, AND IT'S CERTAINLY
23 ONE WE LITERALLY CANNOT AFFORD, AND THAT'S WHY WE MUST VOTE NO
24 ON PROP 22. AS FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THE L.A. FED
25 WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR

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1 PURSUING PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS AS IT'S A PROACTIVE COMMON
2 SENSE PROPOSAL THAT UTILIZES THAT UNIQUE POSITION WORKERS ARE
3 IN AS THE EYES AND EARS WITHIN A WORKPLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT
4 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ARE, IN FACT, BEING FOLLOWED. THE
5 WORKPLACE IS A KEY SOURCE OF OUTBREAKS, AND CUSTOMERS, THE
6 COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE WORKPLACE IS LOCATED, AND THE
7 COMMUNITIES THAT WORKERS RETURN TO AT THE END OF THEIR SHIFT
8 ARE ALL PUT AT RISK WHEN THERE IS AN OUTBREAK IN THE
9 WORKPLACE. PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AT THE
10 SOURCE BY ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR WORKERS TO FLAG ANY
11 POTENTIAL VIOLATION AND NOTIFY D.P.H. BEFORE IT TURNS INTO AN
12 OUTBREAK AND HELPS TO ENSURE WE CAN REOPEN OUR ECONOMY SAFELY
13 AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, KEEP IT OPEN. TO DATE, NEARLY 6800
14 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. AND THE VIRUS HAS
15 DISPROPORTIONATELY WREAKING HAVOC ON LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OF
16 COLOR. SO IF WE TRULY WANT TO FLATTEN THE CURVE OF INFECTION
17 AS WELL AS THE CURVE OF INEQUITY, WE MUST PRIORITIZE PUBLIC
18 HEALTH COUNCILS AND AGENDIZE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK
19 YOU.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JAY STEVEN BRANTLEE. PLEASE
24 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **JAY STEVEN BRANTLEE:** MY NAME IS JAY STEVEN BRANTLEE, AND I'M A
3 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO ITEMS 46, 6,
4 AND MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT
5 REPORT ON A.B.109, I'M CALLING ON THE BOARD TO APPROPRIATELY
6 FUND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND COMMUNITY BASED
7 TREATMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. THE O.D.R. WAS
8 CREATED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH
9 ISSUES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN
10 MADE, THERE IS GREATER DEMAND FOR EXISTING SERVICES THAN THERE
11 IS CAPACITY. MEANWHILE, EVERY YEAR, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
12 DOLLARS THAT COULD BE USED TO FULFILL THE INTENT OF A.B.109 GO
13 INSTEAD TO THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION FOR THINGS LIKE PAYING
14 STAFF OVER TIME. ROUGHLY 30 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE INCARCERATED
15 IN L.A. COUNTY REQUIRE MENTAL HEALTH CARE. A RECENT RAND STUDY
16 FOUND THAT MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE
17 APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES FOR DIVERSION INTO COMMUNITY BASED
18 CLINICAL SERVICES. AS A FORMER NON-VIOLENT DRUG OFFENDER, WHO
19 WAS DESIGNATED A MENTALLY ILL CHEMICAL ABUSER, I KNOW THAT
20 WELL-FUNDED REENTRY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REDUCE
21 RECIDIVISM AND SAVE LIVES, AND THESE REPORTS ONLY SERVE TO
22 UNDERScore IT. WHEN REDUCING INCARCERATION AND REHABILITATING
23 OUR COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY BASED DIVERSION IS HIGHLY
24 EFFECTIVE, FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, AND ABSOLUTELY IMPLEMENTABLE.
25 I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR CONTINUING TO PRIORITIZE

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1 ACCESS TO HOUSING AND VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 6,
2 WHICH ADDRESSES HOUSING INSECURITY IN LOS ANGELES. LOW INCOME
3 ANGELENOS FACE HOUSING INSECURITY BECAUSE OF DIVESTMENT,
4 UNEMPLOYMENT, AND CRIMINALIZATION. MAKING SURE THAT THEY
5 RECEIVE SUPPORT IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN A TIME OF
6 PANDEMIC AS WELL AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IT IS NOT
7 UNRELATED TO THE ISSUES ADDRESSED IN ITEM 46. SAFE AFFORDABLE
8 HOUSING IS CRUCIAL TO THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR COUNTY'S
9 RESIDENTS. UNHOUSED ANGELENOS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE ARE
10 FAR LESS LIKELY TO RECEIVE IT THAN SHELTERED CITIZENS AND FAR
11 MORE LIKELY TO FACE ARREST, WHICH IS WHY WE NEED TO CONTINUE
12 THE MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS AND IMPLEMENT RENT FORGIVENESS AS
13 WELL. AGAIN, WE ARE SEEING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS PUMPED INTO LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT INSTEAD OF KEEPING PEOPLE SAFELY HOUSED AND OUT OF
15 THE JAIL.

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

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20 **JAY STEVEN BRANTLEE:** THANK YOU, JUST TO WRAP UP, INDEED
21 PRIORITIZING INCARCERATION OVER CARE ACTUALLY LEADS TO
22 INCREASED HOUSELESSNESS IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES WHERE THE
23 RIGHT REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COULD QUICKLY END IT ALL
24 TOGETHER. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE PEOPLE OVER PRISONS BY
25 FUNDING THE O.D.R. AND EXPANDING EVICTION DEFENSE, THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ELLEN GESEY. PLEASE STATE YOUR
5 AGENDA ITEMS AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **ELLEN GESEY:** HELLO, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ON AGENDA ITEMS 6,
9 AND 16, AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
10 YOU, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR PRIORITIZING
11 ACCESS TO HOUSING DURING THIS LIFE THREATENING PANDEMIC. LOS
12 ANGELES RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY BLACK, BROWN, AND LOW INCOME
13 RESIDENTS, HAVE BEEN LONG PLAGUED BY HOUSING INSECURITY DUE
14 THE EFFECT OF GENTRIFICATION, ECONOMIC DIVESTMENT,
15 UNEMPLOYMENT, AND CRIMINALIZATION. ENSURING THAT OUR MOST
16 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS RECEIVE HOUSING SUPPORT IS A PROVEN
17 PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY THAT WILL SAVE LIVES. FURTHERMORE, I
18 URGE THE COUNTY TO BE MORE PROACTIVE BY CONTINUING TO EXPAND
19 THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AND IMPLEMENTING A RENT FORGIVENESS
20 PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE. I AM SO FORTUNATE TO BE IN A
21 STABLE LIVING SITUATION AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO CALL INTO THIS
22 MEETING AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS. I WANT MY VOICE TO
23 UPLIFT THOSE THAT CAN'T CALL IN, WHO DON'T HAVE STABLE ENOUGH
24 HOUSING TO TAKE TIME ON A TUESDAY MORNING TO CALL IN, OR DON'T
25 HAVE A PHONE TO MAKE THIS CALL, WHICH BRINGS ME TO ITEM 16.

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1 THIS MOTION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR L.A. COUNTY TO ESTABLISH
2 EQUITABLE INTERNET ACCESS TO ALL ITS RESIDENTS. WITH ALL OF
3 THE SWITCHING TO DIGITAL IN OUR SCHOOLS, IN OUR HEALTHCARE
4 SYSTEMS, MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS ONLINE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
5 ONLINE, WE ARE SEEING MUCH BETTER RATES OF PATIENTS GOING TO
6 THESE APPOINTMENTS WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH
7 TRANSPORTATION, BUT THIS ONLY WORKS IF THEY HAVE RELIABLE,
8 STABLE INTERNET ACCESS. AND WITH THESE THINGS THAT WE CONSIDER
9 TO BE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, SCHOOL AND MEDICAL CARE, BEING MOVED
10 ONLINE, IT MAKES INTERNET ACCESS, IN AND OF ITSELF, A
11 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT, AND WE NEED TO HAVE AN EQUITABLE INTERNET -

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

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17 **ELLEN GESEY:** FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST
18 UPLIFT ONE MORE TIME THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS TO COME OUT IN OPPOSITION FOR PROP 25. WE KNOW HOW
20 DANGEROUS PROP 25 WILL BE IF PASSED, AND WE KNOW HOW
21 FREQUENTLY L.A. COUNTY SETS PRECEDENCES ACROSS THE ENTIRETY
22 OF THE COUNTRY. PLEASE LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THE STATE OF
23 CALIFORNIA AND L.A. COUNTY ARE SETTING A GOOD PRECEDENT BY NOT
24 ALLOWING THIS EPICALLY RACIST ALGORITHM TO GO INTO EFFECT.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ELIZABETH THORN. PLEASE STATE
5 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **ELIZABETH THORN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR STANDING UP
9 FOR THE RIGHTS -- I AM ELIZABETH THORN, AND I'M SPEAKING ON
10 MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO
11 VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 3, 6, 16, 21, AND 46. I WANT TO
12 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR STANDING UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF
13 WORKERS WITH AGENDA ITEM 21 AND VOICING OPPOSITION TO
14 PROPOSITION 22. THE PANDEMIC HAS DEMONSTRATED THE CRITICAL
15 NEED TO ENHANCE WORKER PROTECTIONS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND
16 SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS. OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO PROVIDE
17 TRANSPORTATION, DELIVER FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS ARE
18 PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY WITH FEW
19 PROTECTIONS. THESE WORKERS ARE PRIMARILY BLACK AND BROWN AND
20 FROM COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY
21 COVID-19. MEANWHILE, LARGE CORPORATIONS ARE SEEING
22 EXTRAORDINARY PROFITS IN ADDITION TO MASSIVE TAX BREAKS. I
23 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO PUT THE RIGHTS OF
24 WORKERS FIRST TODAY AND REJECT PROPOSITION 22. IN THE 1930S,
25 IT TOOK A WORLDWIDE DEPRESSION TO EXPAND WORKERS PROTECTIONS

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1 AND RIGHTS. IT TOOK HUNGER STRIKES AND BOYCOTTS IN THE '60S TO
2 BRING ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF OUR FARMWORKERS. TODAY, THIS
3 PANDEMIC HAS LAID BARE THESE LONG STANDING INEQUITIES AND OUR
4 CONTINUED FAILURE TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE WORKERS.
5 THEIR WAGES, HEALTHCARE, SICK LEAVE, OVER TIME PAY,
6 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND THE RIGHT TO UNIONIZE SHOULD NO
7 LONGER BE UP FOR DEBATE. THEY SHOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. IT
8 IS THE DUTY OF OUR LEADERS TO PROTECT OUR WORKERS FROM THE
9 EXPLOITIVE PRACTICES OF MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR COMPANIES, AND I
10 HOPE EACH SUPERVISOR DOES THAT BY REJECTING PROP 22. ON AGENDA
11 ITEM 16, THIS MOTION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR L.A. COUNTY TO
12 ESTABLISH EQUITABLE INTERNET ACCESS TO ALL ITS RESIDENTS. I,
13 MYSELF, WAS TEACHING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS IN THE PAST
14 SPRING SEMESTER AND HAD TO DO THE FRANTIC SWITCH MID-SEMESTER
15 FROM TEACHING IN PERSON TO ONLINE, AND I SAW FIRSTHAND HOW
16 MANY OF MY STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION DROPPED OFF BECAUSE THEY NO
17 LONGER HAD ACCESS --

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

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22 **ELLEN GESEY:** THANK YOU. SO I WAS -- SORRY. I HAVE BEEN
23 HEARTENED BY HOW THE EDUCATION GAP HAS BEEN STARTING TO CLOSE
24 IN RECENT YEARS FOR STUDENTS FROM RECENT BACKGROUNDS, BUT NOW
25 THE PANDEMIC IS RIPPING IT WIDE OPEN. EQUITABLE HIGH SPEED

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1 INTERNET ACCESS SHOULD REALLY JUST BE A BASIC RIGHT IN TODAY'S
2 TIME, NOT TO MENTION HOW IT IS NEEDED FOR TELEHEALTH. THAT IS
3 ANOTHER POINT THAT MEDI-CAL CURRENTLY ONLY REIMBURSES
4 TELEHEALTHCARE SERVICES UNTIL JANUARY 2021 OF NEXT YEAR, SINCE
5 IT IS TIED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S STATE OF EMERGENCY
6 DECLARATION, AND TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE NOT CURRENTLY
7 REIMBURSED BY THE COUNTY. IF INDIVIDUALS ON PRIVATE INSURANCE
8 CAN RECEIVE TELEHEALTH SERVICES, WE SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL
9 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES. THANK
10 YOU.

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JONATHAN WILLIAMS. PLEASE
15 STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WOULD WISH TO COMMENT ON
16 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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18 **JONATHAN WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU, I'M -- THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. I
19 AM CALLING ON AGENDA ITEM 11. MY NAME IS JONATHAN WILLIAMS. I
20 AM PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE
21 NAVY AT BATTLESHIP IOWA, AS WELL AS LOS ANGELES FLEET WEEK. MY
22 CONNECTION TO THE SURFACE NAVY AND WHAT I DO IS REALLY MY
23 GRANDFATHER'S SERVICE, WHO WAS A LOS ANGELES RESIDENT AND
24 SERVED ABOARD HIS SHIP, HIS SURFACE NAVY SHIP, PRIOR TO WORLD
25 WAR II AND DURING WORLD WAR II AND SETTLED IN GARDENA. I GOT

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1 TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT HIS SHIP DID TO HIM AS A VETERAN
2 AND REALLY SPRUNG HIM TO LIFE AND MADE HIM YOUNGER. SO THAT IS
3 WHAT I DEDICATED MY LIFE TOWARDS. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT MAY
4 NOT KNOW WHAT THE SURFACE NAVY IS, IT BASICALLY ENCOMPASSES
5 THOUSANDS OF SAILORS IN EVERY VESSEL THAT FLOATS ACROSS THE
6 OCEAN, NOT SUBMARINES, AND NOT AIRCRAFT, BUT THOSE THAT FLOAT
7 ACROSS THE OCEAN. RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NO MUSEUM BUILT FOR THAT
8 ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, AND THE UNITED STATES NAVY
9 LICENSED THE RIGHTS TO THAT MUSEUM TO OUR ORGANIZATION TO BE
10 ABLE TO BUILD HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND IT REALLY GIVES US AN
11 OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON WHY THE SURFACE NAVY IS IMPORTANT,
12 WHILE RECOGNIZING --

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
18 STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WISH TO SHARE ON GENERAL
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, THIS IS GENEVIEVE
22 CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK ON S1, 12, 22, AND CS2. ON CS1, I THINK
23 WE NEED TO REOPEN MUCH MORE THAN WE ARE REOPENING, AND
24 SPECIFICALLY, I THINK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE
25 REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND MEETING ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO ADDRESS

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1 ISSUES ON THE BOARD IN WHICH -- ON ITEM 12, I THINK IT IS
2 ABOUT TIME TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH OF ASIAN-PACIFIC
3 INDIVIDUALS. THAT IS A BIG ISSUE. AND ON ITEM 22, THE LONG
4 TERM EFFECT OF COVID-19 IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE SOME OF
5 THE PEOPLE ARE LONG HAULERS, THAT MEANS THEY ARE VERY SEVERE
6 SEQUELAE FROM COVID-19 FOR A LONG LONG TIME, BUT ALSO THE
7 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CLOSING SO MANY BUSINESSES AND SO ON HAVING
8 A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS. ALSO
9 ON CS2, I HOPE THAT TODAY YOU ARE REVIEWING DR. CHRISTINA
10 GHALY'S PERFORMANCE. I SEE THE ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES
11 OUTLINING, AND WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY MORE INDIVIDUALS TO DIE
12 BECAUSE OF UNPROVIDED CARE. IT'S A DISGRACE THAT'S HAPPENING
13 AND HAS BEEN HAPPENING FOR A LONG LONG TIME. SO I HOPE THAT
14 TODAY, CS2, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD IS CHRISTINA GHALY AND YOU ARE
15 GOING TO DO DUE DILIGENCE AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THANK YOU
16 FOR LISTENING. HAVE A GOOD DAY, BYE.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, YOU MAY PRESS
21 1 THEN 0. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE
22 REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JANICE BOMAN. PLEASE
23 STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **JANICE BOMAN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM
2 NUMBER 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, TO CHAIR
3 BARGER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS. MY
4 NAME IS JANICE BOMAN, AND I SERVE MY COMMUNITY AS THE MANAGER
5 FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE THE SURFACE NAVY AT BATTLESHIP
6 IOWA. I DO WANT TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN, SUPERVISOR FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT, FOR YOUR CONTINUED
8 SUPPORT ON -- IN HELPING TO SPEARHEAD THIS ITEM AND PROVIDE US
9 THE SUPPORT TO BRING THIS TO CONGRESS. AND I AM SERVING AS THE
10 MANAGER OF THE NEW MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AT
11 BATTLESHIP IOWA. I AM SPEARHEADING THIS DEPARTMENT TO SERVE
12 ALL VETERANS OF EVERY ERA AND EVERY BRANCH. AND WE ARE REALLY
13 TRULY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS TRANSITION INTO THE SURFACE NAVY
14 MUSEUM TO ALLOW US TO PROVIDE A MUCH LARGER SUPPORT FOR OUR
15 VETERANS IN THE AREA. WE ARE NOW --

16

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

19

20 **JANICE BOMAN:** THANK YOU. WE WILL BE CALLING OUR DEPARTMENT
21 VETERAN'S WEST, AND THIS IS A -- AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR US
22 TO BE ABLE TO NOT ONLY SERVE OUR LOCAL -- OUR LOCAL LOS
23 ANGELES, AS WELL AS THE REGIONAL AREA, BUT ALSO TO EXTEND THIS
24 TO A NATIONAL LEVEL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I AM IN

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1 SUPPORT OF THIS, AND I URGE ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT THIS AS
2 WELL. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE TOGETHER.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOLEEN DEATHERAGE. PLEASE STATE
7 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **JOLEEN DEATHERAGE:** GOOD MORNING, I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
11 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, REGARDING DESIGNATING THE
12 U.S.S. IOWA IN SAN PEDRO AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE
13 NAVY. I AM A THIRD GENERATION ANGELENO, BORN IN L.A., RAISED
14 IN REDONDO, AND I'VE LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO FOR
15 MORE THAN A DECADE. I AM CURRENTLY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
16 DEVELOPMENT FOR BATTLESHIP IOWA MUSEUM AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM
17 OF THE SURFACE NAVY. TODAY MY COMMENTS ARE PERSONAL CONCERNING
18 THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU. TODAY IT IS ABOUT MY FATHER, JOE BURKE
19 DEATHERAGE. A FARM BOY FROM MISSISSIPPI, MY DAD RAN AWAY FROM
20 HOME AT THE AGE OF 16 TO ESCAPE AN ABUSIVE STEPFATHER. IN
21 AUGUST 1945, AT THE AGE OF 17 AND JUST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE
22 END OF WORLD WAR II, MY DAD ENLISTED IN THE U.S. NAVY. MY DAD
23 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE U.S.S. FALL RIVER, A BALTIMORE-CLASS HEAVY
24 CRUISER. THE CRUISER WAS ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT ATOMIC WEAPONS
25 TESTS IN THE MARSHAL ISLANDS IN THE SUMMER OF 1946. THESE

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1 EXPERIMENTAL OPERATIONS WERE REFERRED TO AS OPERATION
2 CROSSROADS. A PAIR OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS CONDUCTED BY THE
3 UNITED STATES --

4

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

7

8 **JOLEEN DEATHERAGE:** BIKINI ATOLL IN MID-1946. THE PURPOSE OF
9 THIS TEST WAS TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON
10 WARSHIPS. MY DAD WAS THERE, AND HE NEVER FORGOT WHAT HE
11 WITNESSED. HE PASSED AWAY IN 2002. IT'S SUSPECTED THE CAUSE
12 OF THE DEATH COULD HAVE A DIRECT LINK TO THE ATOMIC BOMB TEST.
13 IT WOULD BE A GREAT JOY TO MY AND MY FAMILY TO BE ABLE TO
14 HONOR MY DAD'S SERVICE AND LEGACY AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
15 THE THE SURFACE NAVY, ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES LIKE
16 MINE. MY DAD GREW UP DURING HIS TIME ABOARD THE FALL RIVER AND
17 LEARNED THE HARD LESSONS OF DEMOCRACY, THAT DEMOCRACY IS BORN
18 OF STRUGGLE. MY DAD WAS PART OF THAT STRUGGLE AND CONTINUED TO
19 DEFEND DEMOCRACY IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT WHEN HE ENLISTED IN
20 THE AIR FORCE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY, AND THANK
21 YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD.

22

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KEVIN SABLE. PLEASE STATE YOUR
2 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WISH TO MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
3 YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

4

5 **KEVIN SABLE:** ITEM NUMBER 12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
6 MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEVIN SABLE, A MEMBER OF THE L.A.
8 COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION AND AND APPOINTEE OF
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I AM TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 12
10 AND HAVE A BRIEF GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. STATE LAW, WELFARE
11 INSTITUTIONS CODE, SECTIONS 5812.5D, 5868B, 5878.1A, AND THE
12 NINE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTIONS 3200.100
13 REQUIRES A COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT THREE YEAR PLAN
14 TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY, BY
15 INCORPORATING AND WORKING TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC GOALS INTO ALL
16 ASPECTS OF POLICYMAKING, PROGRAM DESIGN, ADMINISTRATION, AND
17 SERVICE DELIVERY. EACH SYSTEM AND PROGRAM IS ADDRESSED FOR THE
18 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF ITS PROFICIENCY TO RECEIVE THESE
19 GOALS. THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE, PROGRAM, OR SYSTEM
20 IS TRANSFORMED --

21

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

24

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1 **KEVIN SABLE:** ARE DEVELOPED AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THESE
2 GOALS. THE DATA I THINK IS PRETTY CLEAR THAT THERE DISPARITY
3 EXISTS. IN 2017, WE SAW IN A DOCUMENT THAT EVEN THOUGH THE
4 POPULATION OF A.P.I. WAS 14.6, THE A.P.I. POPULATION
5 REPRESENTED 5.35 PERCENT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SUPPORT AND
6 2.64 PERCENT OF THE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FOR
7 CLIENTS SERVED. I THINK THAT IF WE WERE ACTUALLY LOOKING AT
8 HOW TO DEAL WITH DISPARITIES IN A MOTION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY
9 DEVELOPED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN IN 2017 AND PASSED BY THE BOARD,
10 I WILL POINT OUT ON PAGE 152 OF THE M.H.S.A. THREE-YEAR PLAN
11 BUDGET THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION, THE ESTIMATED
12 UNSPENT FUNDS PRIOR TO FISCAL YEARS F.Y.2021 AMOUNTS TO \$808.1
13 MILLION, AND F.Y.2022 THE UNSPENT FUND IS \$445.1 MILLION.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MANJU KOLKAMI. PLEASE STATE
19 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WISH TO MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

21

22 **MANJU KOLKAMI:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT REGARDING
23 ITEM NUMBER 12. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MANJU KOLKAMI, AND I
24 AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.3P.C.O.N., THE ASIAN PACIFIC
25 POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL. WE'RE A COALITION OF OVER 40

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1 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE AND REPRESENT THE 1.5
2 MILLION ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. I AM CALLING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
4 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12. ASIAN AMERICANS MAKE UP 16 PERCENT OF
5 THE POPULATION, AND YET ONLY MAKE UP 4 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO
6 UTILIZE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS
7 CRITICAL THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH THREE-YEAR PLAN DEVELOP
8 OUTREACH, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE
9 NEEDS OF THE A.A.P.I.S. A.3P.C.O.N. ALONG WITH THE CHINESE
10 FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
11 ESTABLISHED STOP A.P.I. HATE IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR AS THE
12 LEADING AGGREGATOR OF DATA ON COVID-19 RELATED HATE AGAINST
13 A.A.P.I.S. SINCE MARCH 19TH, WE HAVE FOUND THAT OVER 200
14 INDIVIDUALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE EXPERIENCED RACISM.

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FRANCIS RUIZ. PLEASE STATE YOUR
20 AGENDA ITEM AND ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT YOU MAY HAVE. YOU
21 MAY NOW BEGIN.

22

23 **FRANCIS RUIZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS FRANCIS RUIZ. THANK YOU
24 FOR HAVING ME ON BEHALF OF THE SAN PEDRO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
25 DISTRICT AND OUR BOARD PRESIDENT, TIMOTHY MCOSKER, OTHERWISE

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1 KNOWN AS THE B.I.D. I AM CALLING IN TODAY FOR AGENDA ITEM 11
2 IN SUPPORT TO DESIGNATE THE BATTLESHIP U.S.S. IOWA MUSEUM AS
3 THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY, WHICH IS INTENDED TO
4 SUPPORT THE SURFACE NAVY COMMUNITY, BE A PLATFORM FOR
5 EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, AND VETERAN PROGRAMS, AND TO PRESERVE
6 ARTIFACTS, DOCUMENTS, AND HISTORY COLLECTED BY THE MUSEUM.
7 THE B.I.D.'S MISSION AND PURPOSE ALIGNS WITH THIS DESIGNATION
8 OF THE BATTLESHIP U.S.S. IOWA MUSEUM AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
9 THE SURFACE NAVY. THE DESIGNATION WOULD ADVANCE THE B.I.D.'S
10 INTEREST WITH ITS STAKEHOLDERS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND BUSINESS
11 OWNERS, WHICH DOES INCLUDE THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
12 L.A. WATERFRONT AREA. THE BATTLESHIP IOWA IS WITHIN OUR
13 B.I.D.'S BOUNDARY AND IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DOWNTOWN SAN
14 PEDRO COMMUNITY. THIS DESIGNATION WOULD BENEFIT US ALL BY
15 INCREASING COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AND BRING EVEN MORE VISITOR
16 TRAFFIC TO OUR AREA. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM WILL HELP CREATE A
17 COHESIVE AND UNIFIED WATERFRONT, WHICH CAN CONNECT THE
18 DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO AREA TO THE L.A. WATER FRONT, ALL OF WHICH
19 WILL IMPROVE THE SAN PEDRO SHOPPING, DINING --

20

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
25 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND

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1 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR NEXT
2 SPEAKER IS SHERRY WEAVER. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
3 ALSO YOU ARE ADDRESSING ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
4 MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SHERRY WEAVER:** I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 59D AND
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS SHERRY WEAVER. I'M FROM HARBOR
8 INTERFAITH SERVICES IN SAN PEDRO. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF
9 PROGRAMS THAT OVERSEES THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR S.P.A.
10 8 AS WELL AS OVERSIGHT OF THE TWO INTERIM HOUSING FACILITIES
11 THAT OPENED THIS YEAR, ONE OF WHICH WAS NOT WITHOUT SUPERVISOR
12 HAHN'S VISION, INVESTMENT, AND SUPPORT. I AM CALLING IN TODAY
13 IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION. DUE TO THE
14 CORONAVIRUS, REFUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE EMERGENCY PALLET SHELTER
15 PROJECT IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
16 MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS
17 MOTION. BASED ON THE 2020 HOMELESS COUNT, THERE WERE 174
18 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF REDONDO
19 BEACH. SIMPLY PUT, WE NEED 170 HOUSING RESOURCES TO END
20 HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COMMUNITY. WITH THIS MOTION, WE CAN MOVE
21 CLOSER TO ACHIEVING THIS GOAL. THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH HAS
22 BEEN A VALUED PARTNER IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR
23 COMMUNITY. DUE TO FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS, PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY
24 COUNCIL, AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS --

25

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

3

4 **SHERRY WEAVER:** AND A COLLABORATION WITH HOMELESS SURVIVORS. I
5 APPLAUD THIS EFFORT AND THE PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN ADDRESSING
6 THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS'
7 CONTINUED COMMITMENT IN ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN L.A.
8 COUNTY. THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE
9 ADDED CHALLENGES OF ADDRESSING THIS CRISIS FOR OUR MOST
10 VULNERABLE DURING A PANDEMIC. WE NEED YOUR VOTE TODAY IN FAVOR
11 OF THIS MOTION, AND WE ARE READY TO MAKE CHALLENGES OF ENDING
12 HOMELESSNESS, AND TODAY WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR CONTINUED
13 PARTNERSHIP IN THE EFFORT.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DON BURROWS. PLEASE STATE YOUR
18 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ALSO ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
19 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. MADAM CHAIR, ONE MOMENT PLEASE.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** DON BURROWS, YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **DON BURROWS:** THANK YOU. SO IT IS 59B, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
2 MAKE A QUICK PUBLIC COMMENT AFTERWARDS, BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
3 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER SUPPORT OF JUST THE GENERAL
4 ISSUES ON THE HOMELESS, AND WE JUST APPRECIATE HER HELP IN
5 THOSE AREAS. MY WIFE AND I SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS OF SHARED
6 BREAD, A 100 PERCENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OUT OF THE FIRST UNITED
7 METHODIST CHURCH IN REDONDO BEACH. WE HAVE CHANGED OUR PROGRAM
8 OVER THE CORONAVIRUS ERA, AND WE ARE PROVIDING MANY ITEMS THAT
9 THE HOMELESS NEED, INCLUDING A HOT MEAL EVERY SINGLE WEDNESDAY
10 NIGHT. WE BELIEVE THIS PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE 15 UNITS IN 13
11 MONTHS WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE LIVES OF MANY OF OUR FRIENDS
12 WHO ARE LIVING ON THE STREET. WE HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP
13 PEOPLE IN NEED AND TO PUT THEM ON A PATH OF PERMANENT HOUSING
14 AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. MY HOPE AND THEIR HOPE IS THAT YOU VOTE
15 YES ON THIS PROPOSAL.

16

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

19

20 **DON BURROWS:** THANK YOU. AS I WAS REFLECTING ON THESE COMMENTS,
21 IT CAME TO MIND SOME PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE DEFINITELY HELPED IN
22 THIS PROCESS. IT COULD BE RYAN, DANA, RUTH, JASON, SERGIO,
23 MARK, AND PAT. AND YOU CAN ACTUALLY SAVE THEIR LIVES, SOME OF
24 THEM, IF YOU CAN GET THEM INTO THIS PROGRAM AND MOVE THEM

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1 FORWARD INTO A PERMANENT HOUSING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TIME. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR
7 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I WILL SPEAK ON ALL OF THE ITEMS, IF I CAN,
11 AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY?

12

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

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. FIRST OF ALL, THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 FOR LARRY DULAY ITLIONG DAY, WHICH IS IN HONOR OF SEVEN
17 FINGERS, WHO IS A FILIPINO AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZER WHO
18 ORGANIZED WITH (INAUDIBLE) CULTURAL WORKERS IN THE '30S AND
19 ROSE TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE IN 1965. I THINK IT'S VERY NICE TO
20 UNDERSCORE THAT PIECE OF HISTORY. UNDER THE REGISTRAR RECORDER
21 COUNTY CLERK SECTION, NEVER A FAN OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS
22 BECAUSE IT UNDERCUTS THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A REALLY GOOD
23 DEAL. OBVIOUSLY, A GOOD DEAL IS ONE COMPONENT. WE WANT IT TO
24 WORK. SO MAYBE THAT MAKES SENSE. NOW HERE IS WEIRD ONE, \$8.2
25 MILLION TO THE COUNTY REGISTRAR RECORDER, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE

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1 IT, A LITTLE DONATION MADE TO HIM, A GRANT. AND WHEN YOU DIG
2 INTO WHO THE GRANT COMES FROM, IT IS TECH, BIG TECH. SO THAT
3 IS INTERESTING. YOU KNOW, GOOGLE, FACEBOOK, ETC., I KNOW
4 SHEILA ALWAYS LIKES TO RECUSE HERSELF WHEN GOOGLE'S AROUND, OR
5 MICROSOFT. I CAN'T KEEP IT STRAIGHT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT
6 STANDARD AND CONSISTENT WITH THAT STUFF. HEY, 59A, I GET THAT
7 IT IS LATE, BUT WHY IS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS GETTING THE 5 BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS TO WEIGH IN ON A CULTURAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
9 DESIGNATION, AND WHY IS HE INVOLVING MITCH OFERRELL, HASHTAG
10 MAXOBORSKILLC. THIS IS A GUY WHO HAS BEEN FINED BY THE ETHICS
11 COMMISSION FOR -- WHAT THEY DO IS THEY GIVE TOO MUCH BECAUSE
12 THEY ARE SO EAGER TO GET MR. OFERRELL ON BOARD. C.A.R.E.S. ACT
13 FUNDING SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING IS IN, AND THESE NUMBERS ARE
14 HUGE FOR THE DIGITAL SERVICES TO THE KIDS IN PROBATION. \$25
15 MILLION MORE? I GUESS, BUT HOW DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE? WHO
16 IS GETTING THAT MONEY? UNDER THE CATEGORY OF FIRE, IT IS NICE
17 TO SEE MADELINE MOORE --

18

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

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, WELL SINCE I ONLY MADE IT THROUGH A
23 FRACTION OF MY ITEMS, I GUESS MY PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE, AS
24 ALWAYS, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT? IT USED TO BE
25 THAT YOU COULD REALLY SPEAK ON THE ITEMS AND GIVE SOME

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1 INFORMATION. 6 MINUTES IN GENERAL IT USED TO BE. HERE YOU HAVE
2 GOT HALF OF THAT, BUT, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING HALF THE TIME
3 THAT YOU WOULD ORDINARILY PROVIDE AT A BIG 11 MILLION
4 JURISDICTION PUBLIC MEETING, YOU'VE REDUCED THE MEETINGS BY
5 HALF, AND THESE CLOSED SESSIONS, WHICH ARE SPECIAL MEETINGS,
6 AND I HOPE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR WHOEVER PAYS ATTENTION,
7 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR YOKELSON, DARE I SAY, IS PAYING
8 ATTENTION, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING, IT MEANS YOU
9 DON'T TAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE CLOSED SESSIONS
10 THEY HAVE. SO TODAY, YOU HAVE JUST GOT A COUPLE MILLION
11 WASHING THROUGH FOR A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NOT HARASSMENT, RACE
12 DISCRIMINATION ISSUE AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE, HARD TO BELIEVE,
13 AND THEN ALSO WE'VE GOT SOME JAIL CIVIL RIGHTS ABUSES WE
14 ALWAYS HAVE. AND WE ASK SHEILA, ONCE AND FOR ALL, PLEASE --

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERICA GARA. PLEASE STATE YOUR
20 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ANY GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

22

23 **ERICA GARA:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ACTION ITEM
25 59B, THE PALLET SHELTER PROPOSAL IN REDONDO BEACH AND OFFER

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1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FIRST OF
2 ALL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS.
3 MY NAME IS REVEREND ERICA GARA. I AM THE PASTOR OF FIRST
4 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF REDONDO BEACH. FIRST UNITED
5 METHODIST CHURCH OF REDONDO BEACH IS HOME TO SHARED BREAD, A
6 FEEDING PROGRAM THAT'S FED THE HUNGRY IN THE SOUTH BAY FOR
7 OVER 27 YEARS. EVEN DURING THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC, WE'VE
8 CONTINUED TO SERVE OUR GUESTS A NUTRITIOUS TO-GO MEAL, CLEAN
9 MASKS, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO ABOUT 100 PEOPLE PER WEEK.
10 I'VE SERVED AS A PASTOR AND CALLED THE SOUTH BAY MY HOME SINCE
11 2002. OFFERING SHELTER BEDS OR TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR THE
12 UNHOUSED IN OUR AREA HAS BEEN AN ISSUE AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN
13 BLESSED TO LIVE AND SERVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. WHEN I'VE PUSHED,
14 I WAS TOLD THERE IS NO SPACE OR FUNDING FOR SHELTER FOR THE
15 UNHOUSED IN THE SOUTH BAY, END OF STORY. ONE OF THE HARDEST
16 THING I HAVE WITNESSED IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS DURING THIS
17 PANDEMIC WAS WATCHING --

18

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

21

22 **ERICA GARA:** THANK YOU. ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS I HAVE
23 WATCHED DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS DURING THIS PANDEMIC WAS
24 WATCHING SHARED BREAD GUESTS TRY AND FIGURE OUT WAYS TO
25 SURVIVE WHEN EVERYTHING WAS SHUT DOWN. THERE WAS NOWHERE OPEN

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1 TO USE THE RESTROOMS LET ALONE A BED FOR THEM IN THEIR OWN
2 COMMUNITY ON WHICH TO SLEEP. WHILE WE SHELTERED IN PLACE, THEY
3 HAVE HAD TO FIND SOMEWHERE, ANYWHERE, TO SURVIVE. MANY OF OUR
4 SHARED BREAD GUESTS GREW UP IN THE SOUTH BAY AND, FOR WHATEVER
5 REASON, ENDED UP ON THE STREETS. TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM A
6 BED IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND OUR COMMUNITY WOULD ALLOW THEM TO
7 REMAIN PART OF THE SOUTH BAY AND WOULD BENEFIT THEIR WELL
8 BEING. I HOPE IT WOULD BE A STEP FORWARD TOWARDS SELF
9 SUFFICIENCY, TRANSFORMATION, AND HOPE. I ASK THE SUPERVISORS
10 TO VOTE YES AND FUND THIS PROPOSAL. IT IS TIME FOR OUR
11 COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE BEDS FOR UNHOUSED WHO CALL SOUTH BAY
12 HOME. I AM GRATEFUL TO MAYOR BRAND, THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY
13 AND STAFF, WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS PROPOSAL, AND THANK YOU
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO ALL OF YOUR
15 CONSTITUENTS, ESPECIALLY THE UNHOUSED. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD
16 FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP DURING THIS TIME.

17

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
22 NOT DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME, DO NOT PRESS
23 1, 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR
24 NEXT SPEAKER IS MIKE SHATINSKI. PLEASE STATE YOUR ITEMS AND IF

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1 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **MIKE SHATINSKI:** HI, I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 11 AND GENERAL
5 PUBLIC COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MIKE SHATINSKI. I'M
6 A RETIRED NAVY TWO STAR ADMIRAL, AND I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
7 OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY AT THE BATTLESHIP
8 IOWA AND COFOUNDER AND A DIRECTOR/BOARD MEMBER FOR L.A. FLEET
9 WEEK. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL
10 DESIGNATION FOR THE BATTLESHIP IOWA TO BECOME MORE THAN IT IS
11 TODAY. I'M AN L.A. KID. I WENT TO LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, LOYOLA
12 UNIVERSITY. I WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION
13 DISTRICT. MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE NAVY WERE A RESERVIST. I'M
14 NOW RETIRED IN OCEANSIDE, BUT MY HEART AND SOUL ARE IN LOS
15 ANGELES. WHY DID I JOIN THE NAVY? WHEN I WAS A KID, I WALKED
16 ONBOARD THE U.S.S. TEXAS, A MUSEUM SHIP IN TEXAS, AND I WAS IN
17 AWE. AND BY THE TIME I WAS IN 5TH GRADE, I'D READ BOOKS AND
18 DECIDED THE NAVY WAS WHERE I WANTED TO BE, AND SPECIFICALLY
19 THE SURFACE NAVY, DRIVING SHIPS AND SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS.
20 AND HERE I AM TODAY BECAUSE OF MY PASSION FOR OUR SURFACE
21 NAVY, HELPING CREATE A SPECIAL MUSEUM IN LOS ANGELES. WHY LOS
22 ANGELES? LOS ANGELES IS A MARITIME CITY. 90 PERCENT OF OUR
23 TRAFFIC TRAVELS BY THE SEA --

24

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

3

4 **MIKE STATINSKI:** THANK YOU. ONE IN TWELVE JOBS IN L.A. ARE
5 DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY, AND THE PORT OF
6 L.A. LONG BEACH IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST IN THE WORLD. AND ALL
7 THAT IS ENSURED BY OUR SURFACE NAVY. WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT OUR
8 SURFACE NAVY, TO ME, IT IS DIVERSITY. IT IS THE FACE OF OUR
9 NATION WHEN YOU WALK ONBOARD THOSE SHIPS, BLACK, HISPANIC,
10 CREEDS. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, CREED
11 YOU ARE. IT IS AN INCREDIBLY DIVERSE FORCE, AND IT TRULY IS
12 STATISTICALLY THE FACE OF OUR NATION. AND DIVERSITY IS THE
13 FUTURE OF OUR NATION, SO THIS MUSEUM IS FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR
14 COUNTRY SO THEY CAN STEP UP AND SERVE IF IT IS THE RIGHT THING
15 FOR THEM TO DO, AND FOR THE MOMS AND DADS, SO THEY CAN ENABLE
16 THEM TO DO THE SAME THING AND SUPPORT THIS MUSEUM IN THE
17 FUTURE. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY AT THE
18 BATTLESHIP IOWA IS THE 5TH MOST POPULAR MUSEUM IN LOS ANGELES,
19 OUT OF ABOUT 150, AND THE SECOND MOST POPULAR TOURIST
20 ATTRACTION, OF ABOUT 650, BUT, TO ME, IT IS AN INCREDIBLY
21 POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE GREAT THINGS MAN CAN DO FOR MAN. IT
22 IS A COUNTER BALANCE TO THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE, WHICH REMINDS
23 US OF THE TERRIBLE THINGS MAN CAN DO FOR MAN. SO THANK YOU
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN. THANK YOU OUR SUPERVISORS, IN GENERAL, OUR
25 PILLARS OF VETERANS --

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HAILEY FUSILIER. PLEASE STATE
6 THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING ON ANY GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **HAILEY FUSILIER:** HI, I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 59D AND PUBLIC
10 COMMENT. MY NAME IS HAILEY FUSILIER. I AM A SENIOR DIRECTOR AT
11 P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR PUTTING FORTH THE REDONDO BEACH PALLET
13 SHELTER PROPOSAL. WE, AT P.A.T.H., ARE IN SUPPORT OF ANY MODEL
14 OF HOUSING THAT SAFELY HOUSES THE MOST VULNERABLE WITH WRAP
15 AROUND SERVICES NEEDED TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AS
16 THEY IDENTIFY PERMANENT HOUSING OPTIONS. WE ARE ALSO VERY
17 GRATEFUL THAT CITIES ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR AVAILABLE LAND
18 TO BE A PART OF ANY SOLUTION, AND WE ARE ONCE AGAIN VERY
19 GRATEFUL FOR THE PROGRESSIVE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THEIR
20 MOVEMENT TOWARDS ENDING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND
21 STAY SAFE.

22

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

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

4

5 **NANCY WILCOX:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS NANCY WILCOX, AND I AM
6 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 59D. AS THE CO-CHAIR FOR FOR SOUTH BAY
7 HOMELESS COALITION, I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
8 HAHN'S MOTION, THE SHELTER PALLET PROJECT MOTION. FOR THE
9 PAST 8 YEARS, I HAVE WITNESSED REDONDO'S TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP
10 IN BEING THE FIRST INDEPENDENT SOUTH BAY CITY TO FOCUS ON
11 HOUSELESSNESS SOLUTIONS. IN 2014, THE CITY CONVENED THE
12 HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE. SINCE THEN, 8 OTHER CITIES AND
13 NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE FORMED SIMILAR GROUPS. IT WAS THE FIRST
14 CITY TO HAVE A DEDICATED HOMELESSNESS CASE MANAGER. TODAY, 5
15 CITIES HAVE FOLLOWED REDONDO'S LEAD. WITH THIS FUNDING, IT
16 WILL BECOME THE FIRST SOUTH BAY MUNICIPALITY OUTSIDE THE CITY
17 OF LOS ANGELES TO PROVIDE SORELY NEEDED SHELTER BEDS, YET
18 AGAIN SETTING THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHER S.P.A. 8 CITIES TO FOLLOW.
19 IN CLOSING I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER CONTINUED
20 AND VERY GENEROUS SUPPORT OF INNOVATIVE HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS
21 ACROSS THE SOUTH BAY. THANK YOU.

22

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. JENNIFER SIMON IS OUR NEXT SPEAKER.
2 PLEASE STATE IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING THE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4
5 **JENNIFER SIMON:** HI, I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 59D, AS WELL AS
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JENNIFER SIMON. I AM AN ARMY
7 VETERAN, AND I'M THE CO-FOUNDER OF A LOCAL ORGANIZATION,
8 NEIGHBORS NOT (INAUDIBLE). I'M ALSO A STAY AT HOME MOM OF
9 THREE KIDDOS IN NORTH REDONDO BEACH, AND I AM REALLY SADDENED
10 BY THE BEHAVIOR I'VE SEEN BY MY NEIGHBOR'S CHILDREN, TEENS,
11 ADULTS, AND HOW THEY INTERACT WITH THEIR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS
12 BETWEEN SPITTING, KICKING, THROWING TRASH ON THESE HUMAN
13 BEINGS. IT HURTS MY HEART THAT MY UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS DO NOT
14 HAVE A PLACE OF SAFETY TO GO TO, A PLACE OF SECURITY TO SLEEP,
15 TO STORE VALUABLES AND RECEIVE HELP THAT THEY DESERVE. I CAN
16 ONLY HOPE THAT IF MY FAMILY FELL ON HARD TIMES THAT MY
17 NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP US AND TREAT US
18 WITH THE SAME AS WE WERE BEFORE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT
19 TEMPORARY HOUSING COULD CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE BETTER
20 AND HELP BRIDGE A GAP BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR MARGINALIZED
21 UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. I AM PROUD OF MY CITY FOR TAKING THE
22 INITIATIVE TO REALLY HELP OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS OUT DURING
23 THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
24 TAKING THIS STEP TOWARD SAVING THE LIVES OF UNHOUSED
25 NEIGHBORS, THANK YOU.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRISTIAN HORVATH. PLEASE STATE
5 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN BEGIN.

7

8 **CHRISTIAN HORVATH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR BARGER AND SUPERVISORS.
9 I AM COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTIAN HORVATH IN THE CITY OF REDONDO
10 BEACH. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE AND SUPPORT FOR
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION ON ITEM 59D ON YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA. REDONDO BEACH HAS BEEN YOUR PROACTIVE PARTNER IN
13 FINDING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR HELPING OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS
14 FIND A WAY BACK HOME. OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, WE HAVE EMPLOYED
15 VARIETY OF STRATEGIES, INCLUDING OUR MORE RECENT ENHANCED
16 RESPONSE PILOT PROJECT AND HOMELESS CORPS, BUT WITH MANY OF
17 THOSE RESIDENTS RELEASED FROM PROJECT ROOM KEY AND MANY MORE
18 NEEDING SAFE SAFE TEMPORARY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AS THEY WORK
19 WITH THE OUTREACH PROVIDERS TOWARD PERMANENT HOUSING, THIS
20 POTENTIAL PROPOSED PALLET SHELTER STRATEGY WILL HELP US
21 ACCOMPLISH MORE FOR THOSE RESIDENTS IN AN EFFICIENT AND
22 EFFECTIVE MANNER. I REQUEST PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION AND THANK
23 YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JANELLE SCALES. PLEASE STATE
3 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **JANELLE SCALES:** HI, AGENDA ITEM 59D. MY NAME IS JANELLE
7 SCALES. I AM THE COFOUNDER OF NEIGHBORS -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM
8 MIC) -- A LOCAL ORGANIZATION IN NORTH REDONDO BEACH. I'M ALSO
9 A RESIDENT OF NORTH REDONDO BEACH FOR MANY YEARS. I AM
10 GRATEFUL FOR SUPERVISOR HAHN'S INITIATIVE FOR TEMPORARY PALLET
11 HOUSING IN NORTH REDONDO, AND IN A PRACTICAL WAY, I AM HOPING
12 THAT IT WILL BE AT AVIATION PARK, A PLACE THAT I WORK OUT AT
13 AND TAKE MY KIDS TO, AND I HOPE I CAN SHOW THEM THAT OUR CITY
14 IS AN INNOVATOR IN HELPING UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. OCTOBER IS
15 COMING TO A CLOSE. THERE IS SOME TRANSITION HAPPENING WITH OUR
16 UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, AND WE NEED TO GET OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS
17 TEMPORARY HOUSING SOON. THE WEATHER IS GOING TO CHANGE, AND
18 THESE HOUSES ARE GOING TO SAVE LIVES. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE
19 SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN HOVARTH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I
20 BELIEVE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LIFE SAVING MEASURE, AND I AM IN
21 GREAT SUPPORT OF THE PALETTE SHELTERS, AND I HOPE OUR CITY
22 CONTINUES TO BE AN --

23

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BRONSON CHU. PLEASE STATE YOUR
3 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **BRONSON CHU:** AGENDA ITEM 59D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY
7 NAME IS BRONSON CHU. I AM A RESIDENT OF NORTH REDONDO BEACH.
8 MY KIDS GO TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THERE, AND I JUST WANT TO
9 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING FORWARD THE PALLET SHELTER
10 MOTION. I AM IN SUPPORT OF IT. I ALSO RUN THE HOMELESS COUNT
11 IN REDONDO BEACH, AS WELL AS I AM THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE
12 WEEKENDS TO END HOMELESSNESS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE
13 RESIDENTS OF REDONDO BEACH ARE A CAN-DO COMMUNITY WHEN IT
14 COMES TO HELPING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS. WE HAVE RECEIVED
15 HUNDREDS OF HYGIENE KIT DONATIONS THIS PAST WEEKEND FROM THE
16 WEEKENDS TO END HOMELESSNESS FROM OUR REDONDO BEACH NEIGHBORS,
17 AND AS WELL, WHENEVER WE DO THE HOMELESS COUNT, WE ARE
18 CONSTANTLY OVERSUBSCRIBED. SO, TO ME, AND I AM SURE THAT MY
19 NEIGHBORS WOULD AGREE THAT HELPING HOUSING OUR P.R.K.
20 NEIGHBORS IS A NO-BRAINER. THANK YOU. I YIELD THE REST OF MY
21 TIME.

22

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BRUCE MCCREE, PLEASE STATE YOUR
2 ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE SHARING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **BRUCE MCCREE:** YOU BET. ITEM NUMBER 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE BOARD AND MY SUPERVISOR,
7 JANICE HAHN. MY NAME IS BRUCE DOUBLE D MCCREE. I AM THE VICE
8 PRESIDENT OF THE U.P.S. AND I AM A PART OF THE U.S.S. IOWA. I
9 SERVE ON THEIR BOARD. I CAN GO ON AND STATE WHAT EVERYONE ELSE
10 STATED, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW, WHAT BETTER WAY TO SUPPORT
11 THIS MOTION THAN ON OCTOBER 13TH TODAY, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE
12 U.S. NAVY. THAT JUST MAKES ME SMILE. I INVITE YOU ALL TO COME
13 OUT AND VISIT US. YOU CAN HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT IT, BUT COME
14 OUT AND VISIT US. SEE WHAT WE MEAN WHEN I GO OUT THERE AND I
15 SIT WITH VETERANS, AND THEY MAKE ME CRY BECAUSE THEY COME
16 HOME. WHEN YOU COME HOME TO THE IOWA AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM
17 OF THE SURFACE NAVY, IT IS LIKE COMING HOME FOR THEM. SO I ASK
18 THE MOTION, THAT YOU PASS THIS BECAUSE IT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO
19 MY HEART AND TO THE HEART OF U.P.S. WE ARE IN BIG SUPPORT OF
20 THIS. ON THE PUBLIC SIDE, I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT
21 THERE THAT ARE LOOKING FOR WORK. U.P.S. JOBS AND A NUMBER OF
22 THE OTHER CARRIERS ARE ALL HIRING RIGHT NOW. SO IF YOU KNOW
23 PEOPLE THAT ARE LOOKING FOR WORK, THEY ARE HIRING.

24

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

3

4 **BRUCE MCCREE:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS.
5 THANK YOU FOR ALL WE DO KEEPING US ALL SAFE DURING COVID-19. I
6 KNOW THE PRESSURE IS HARD ON YOU, AND THERE'S A LOT OF ANGER
7 OUT THERE, BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. I APPRECIATE
8 YOU. MY COMPANY APPRECIATES YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND THANKS
9 FOR YOUR TIME.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON.
14 PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING
15 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK
18 ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON FROM HOMELESS NETWORK AND JUSTICE
19 L.A., AGENDA ITEMS 3, 46, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO
20 SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN FOR
21 CONSISTENTLY DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITIES AND PROTECTING OUR
22 COMMUNITIES FROM SHARED VIOLENCE. YOU KNOW, PARKS SHOULD BE
23 PLACES AND SPACES OF SAFETY AND RECREATION, INSTEAD, THEY ARE
24 OFTEN PLACES WHERE FOLKS ARE ON EDGE BECAUSE OF LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY

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1 WHEN YOU HAVE A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT SCOFFS
2 ACCOUNTABILITY, THAT REJECTS INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS AND
3 MONITORING, THAT LIES TO THE PUBLIC, AND A SHERIFF WHOSE
4 INADEQUATE LEADERSHIP HAS GIVEN LICENSE TO DEPUTY GANGS WHO
5 HARM OUR COMMUNITIES AS AN INITIATION RITUAL. AND SO, THIS IS
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT IS PATROLLING OUR PARKS BUT
7 OTHER SPACES OF CARE LIKE OUR HOSPITALS. AND SO, WE SUPPORT
8 MOVING \$29 MILLION OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTO THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION FOR COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE
10 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION. I THINK FOLKS KNOW, BUT PEOPLE
11 WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITIES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ALMOST
12 HALF OF THOSE SHOT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE BRUTAL AND
13 TRAGIC INCIDENT OF THE SHERIFF'S SHOOTING OF A PATIENT AT
14 HARBOR U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL LAST WEEK DEMONSTRATES THAT OUR CARE
15 FACILITIES ARE PART OF THAT PATTERN. AND SO, YOU HAVE RECEIVED
16 NUMEROUS LETTERS FROM HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE
17 ON THE LINE RIGHT NOW TO GIVE YOU PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE THEY
18 HAVE SEEN THE WAY SHERIFFS INTIMIDATE THEIR PATIENTS, THREATEN
19 DOCTORS AND NURSES INTO PROVIDING THEM WITH PATIENT
20 INFORMATION THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO. THEY'VE SEEN THE
21 WAY THAT EVEN WHEN SHERIFFS ARE DESIGNATED FOR INTERVENTION,
22 THEY OFTEN DISPLAY A LACK OF SKILL AND EMPATHY THAT AGGRAVATES
23 CRISIS WITHIN THE HOSPITAL SETTING AND UNDERMINES THE HIGHLY
24 TRAINED AND HIGHLY PRACTICED PROVIDERS WHO, ABOVE ANYTHING,
25 ARE FOCUSED ON SAVING LIVES. AND THE SHOOTING, AGAIN, AT

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1 HARBOR U.C.L.A. DEMONSTRATES THE SHERIFF HAS A DIFFERENT SET
2 OF PRIORITIES. AND SO, THE PRESENCE OF SHERIFF AND LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT IN OUR CARE FACILITIES, NOT ONLY UNDERMINES THE
4 PRACTICE OF CARE, BUT IT BETRAYS THE TRUST WE, AS COMMUNITY
5 MEMBERS, SHOULD HAVE TO PURSUE LIFE SAVING SERVICES.

6

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

9

10 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** AND SO, AS LONG AS SHERIFFS ARE
11 PRESENT, AND THEY SHAPE THE PRACTICES AND POLICIES OF CARE
12 TOWARDS AN AGENDA OF CRIMINALIZATION AND JAIL RATHER THAN
13 HEALTH IN OUR FACILITIES, IN OUR COMMUNITIES COMMUNITY, WE ARE
14 GOING TO FAIL. SO WE URGE YOU TO BUILD ON A.T.I AS YOU ARE
15 DOING, EXPAND THE CONVERSATION TO INCLUDE HOSPITALS INSTEAD OF
16 SHERIFF SUBSTATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, REALLOCATE THOSE
17 DOLLARS AND INVEST IN LIVE SAVING PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS THAT
18 WERE IN PLACE AT HARBOR BEFORE THIS HAPPENED BUT WERE
19 UNDERMINED BY SHERIFF PRESENCE. INVEST IN SYSTEMIC CHANGE. IT
20 LOOKS LIKE BUDGET REALLOCATION, POLICY CHANGE IN THE HOSPITAL
21 LEVEL, TO ENSURE THAT OUR PLACES OF CARE REMAIN SAFE SPACES
22 FOR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
23 LEADERSHIP.

24

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BILL BRAND. PLEASE STATE YOUR
3 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **BILL BRAND:** YEAH. MY NAME IS MAYOR BILL BRAND OF REDONDO
7 BEACH, SPEAKING ON ITEM 59D. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN
8 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. WE HAVE GOT A GROUNDBREAKING
9 PROGRAM HERE IN REDONDO BEACH. WE ARE HOPING IT IS SUCCESSFUL.
10 WE ARE HOPING TO BE A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY. WE
11 HAVE HAD GREAT TEAM, TEAM COOPERATION FROM ALL OUR AGENCIES,
12 FROM OUR CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE POLICE, THE VARIOUS
13 PUBLIC SERVICES PARTNERING WITH P.A.T.H. AND HARBOR INTERFAITH
14 AND WITH WITH COUNTY ON VARIOUS HOMELESS APPROACHES TO DEALING
15 WITH OUR HOMELESS PROBLEMS. SO JUST IN SUPPORT OF 59D. I WANT
16 TO THANK EVERYONE AND HOPE THIS BECOMES A MODEL FOR THE SOUTH
17 BAY AND OTHER CITIES LIKE REDONDO BEACH WHO ARE STRUGGLING
18 WITH HELPING THE HOMELESS AND KEEPING THEIR COMMUNITIES SAFE.
19 THANKS VERY MUCH.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANDREW DELMAN. PLEASE STATE
24 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **ANDREW DELMAN:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR THE TIME TO SPEAK
3 TODAY. I WILL ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS S1 AND 5 AND GIVE A GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A RESIDENT OF GLENDALE AND A DATA ANALYST
5 WHO HAS BEEN TRACKING CORONAVIRUS CASE NUMBERS IN THE COUNTY,
6 I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COUNTY'S PREPAREDNESS TO HELP
7 ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES AS VIRUS CASES RISE
8 AGAIN. AS CASE NUMBERS SPIKED IN THE LATE SPRING AND SUMMER
9 THIS YEAR, NUMEROUS COVID-19 OUTBREAKS WERE LINKED TO
10 WAREHOUSES, FOOD PREPARATION FACILITIES, AND OTHER LOW-WAGE
11 WORKING ENVIRONMENTS. THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES
12 IN THE COUNTY ALSO BEARS WITNESS TO THE INEQUITIES OF THE
13 PANDEMIC. THE WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH AND EAST
14 L.A. AND THE SAN GABRIEL AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEYS HAVE BEEN
15 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED, IN NO SMALL PART, BECAUSE MOST
16 RESIDENTS NEVER HAD THE LUXURY OF STAYING HOME. UNFORTUNATELY,
17 NO ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID IS LIKELY DURING THE REMAINDER OF
18 2020. SO I STRONGLY URGE THE COUNTY TO SET ASIDE FUNDS TO
19 SUPPORT WORKERS AND RESIDENTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE CASE
20 RATES ARE HIGHEST. VIRUS CASES ARE VERY LIKELY TO RISE AGAIN
21 IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. THEY ARE ALREADY REACHING VERY
22 CONCERNING LEVELS IN THE NORTHERN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, FOR
23 EXAMPLE. NEW YORK CITY HAS RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED A
24 GEOGRAPHICALLY TARGETED APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC HEALTH
25 MEASURES, SHUTTING DOWN BUSINESSES WHERE WORKERS ARE IN DANGER

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1 IN HARD-HIT NEIGHBORHOODS. WHILE IMPERFECT, THIS TARGETED
2 APPROACH MAY BE OUR BEST CHANCE TO CONTAIN FUTURE OUTBREAKS.
3 IN ADDITION TO ENFORCING PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES AND CLOSING
4 DOWN CROWDED WORKPLACES IN HIGH CASE RATE AREAS, THE COUNTY
5 HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO USE C.A.R.E.S ACT FUNDS TO HELP
6 WORKERS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY CLOSURES. THE
7 NEED IS ENORMOUS, AND THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IS NOT ENOUGH TO
8 MEET IT, BUT THE MORE WE CAN TARGET BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH
9 PROTECTION MEASURES AND AID FUNDING TO AREAS AT THE EPICENTER
10 OF OUTBREAKS, THE MORE WE CAN SAVE LIVES AND REBUILD
11 LIVELIHOODS. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME, THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TOBIN DEMARCO. PLEASE STATE
16 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **TOBIN DEMARCO:** HI, MY NAME IS -- AND I AM A RESIDENT OF
20 DISTRICT 4. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 3,
21 6, 21, 46, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SIMPLY PUT, THE
22 SHERIFFS ARE FUNDED FOR JOBS THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY OR
23 CARE TO TEND TO. THIS BOARD HAS RECOGNIZED THAT AND TAKEN A
24 FIRST STEP TO REMEDY THIS, BUT I WANT TO IMPLORE YOU TO GO
25 FURTHER. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT ONLY CORRUPT BUT

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1 INEFFECTIVE. THEIR TACTICS AND TRAINING DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES
2 TO SOLUTIONS-BASED OUTCOMES. SHOOTING PEOPLE IS NOT A
3 SOLUTION. THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE
4 CURBED IN ALL AREAS IF WE ARE EVER TO START THE JOURNEY OF
5 HEALING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE HARM OVER-POLICING HAS DONE.
6 THEREFORE, I SUPPORT SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS IN
7 REIMAGINING THE SAFETY OF THE PARK SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY WITH AGENDA ITEM 3 BY ADVOCATING FOR ALTERNATIVES TO
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT SUCH AS THE USE OF UNARMED STAFF TRAINED IN
10 CRISIS RESPONSE AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES. I WOULD
11 ALSO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO TAKE THIS APPROACH WHEN DEALING
12 WITH OUR COUNTY'S HOSPITALS. THE SHERIFFS INVOLVED SHOOTING
13 AT U.C.L.A. HARBOR PROVES, YET AGAIN, THE SHERIFFS CANNOT BE
14 TRUSTED TO DEAL WITH CRISIS. THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES
15 TO MISMANAGE FUNDS, UNDERMINES PUBLIC TRUST, AND ACTS WITH
16 DISREGARD FOR THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES. THE
17 COUNTY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY END ALL POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT
18 CRIMINALIZE PATIENTS AND REPLACE THEM WITH PUBLIC HEALTH
19 APPROACHES THAT PROTECT THOSE SEEKING CARE FROM LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT INTERVENTION. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD
21 BUILD ON THIS MOTION AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT EFFORTS TO
22 IMPLEMENT THE CARE FIRST ROAD MAP BY REMOVING SHERIFFS AND
23 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES FROM HOSPITALS AND REINVESTING
24 FUNDS INTO EFFORTS TO EXPAND COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL-BASED LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT CRISIS RESPONSE AND INTERVENTION. THE COUNTY WORKS

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1 TO ENSURE PARKS REMAIN PLACES OF HEALTH AND RECREATION FOR OUR
2 COMMUNITIES, THE COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRUST
3 FACILITIES MEANT FOR CARE ARE, IN FACT, SANCTUARIES FROM LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT VIOLENT ABUSE. AGENDA ITEM 46 ALSO POINTS TO
5 ANOTHER DISTURBING TREND OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDED OVER CARE
6 IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE COUNTY RECEIVES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS
7 OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR FROM A.B.109, YET THOSE DOLLARS CONTINUE
8 TO BE WASTED ON THE SHERIFF --

9

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

12

13 **TOBIN DEMARCO:** I AM JUST GOING TO CONTINUE. THIS REPORT
14 CONCLUDED THAT MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC
15 SAFETY MEASURE, AND NO DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL
16 THAN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. O.D.R. HAS AN 84
17 PERCENT NON RECIDIVISM RATE AND ONLY RECEIVED A MERE 5 PERCENT
18 OF LAST YEAR'S A.B.109 BUDGET. DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, INVESTING IN
19 COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION IS VASTLY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN
20 SPENDING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT. A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE CHOICE FOR
21 LOS ANGELES IS TO PUT PRECIOUS RESOURCES INTO THE PROGRAMS
22 THAT ARE SUCCESSFULLY REDUCING INCARCERATION AND
23 REHABILITATING OUR COMMUNITIES. SO AGAIN, I WANT TO IMPORE
24 YOU TO REALLY LOOK AT THE DEPTH OF THE SHERIFF FUNDING AND ALL
25 OF THE AREAS THAT THEY ARE DOING THE COMMUNITY A DISSERVICE

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1 AND REALLY REIMAGINE THE WAY IN WHICH WE DEAL IN OUR
2 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. AND MY FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS THERE
3 NEEDS TO BE A BETTER WAY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO WRAP UP THE TIME
4 THAN INTERRUPTING TO LET US KNOW WE HAVE A MINUTE LEFT FOR
5 PUBLIC COMMENT.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
11 NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0. DO NOT PRESS
12 1, 0 A SECOND TIME, AS IT WILL REMOVE FROM QUEUE. OUR NEXT
13 SPEAKER IS YVETTE ALE. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL
14 BE ADDRESSING AND IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
15 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **YVETTE ALE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, YVETTE ALE FROM
18 DISTRICT FIVE WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND JUSTICE L.A. I'D
19 LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 6, 16, 21, 46, AND GENERAL
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS
21 FOR REALLY BUILDING ON ALL OF THE MOTIONS PASSED BY THIS BOARD
22 TO REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY. HAVING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
23 REMOVED FROM OUR PARKS AND ALLOCATING THOSE \$29 MILLION AWAY
24 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS A GREAT FIRST STEP, AND LIKE
25 MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON STATED, WE ALSO SHOULD BE

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1 REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR HOSPITALS. I WAS DISTURBED BY
2 THE RECENT SHOOTING AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL BY SHERIFF'S
3 DEPUTIES, AND OUR FOLKS THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE RIGHT NOW
4 WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS THAT ARE GOING THROUGH COVID THAT ARE
5 GOING TO THESE HOSPITALS FOR SAFETY AND CARE SHOULD NOT BE
6 EXPOSED TO MORE VIOLENCE. SO PLEASE CONSIDER REIMAGINING HOW
7 THE HOSPITALS ARE IMPOSING PUBLIC SAFETY RIGHT NOW. IN TERMS
8 OF AGENDA ITEM 6, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR PRIORITIZING ACCESS TO HOUSING DURING THIS
10 TIME. LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY BLACK AND BROWN
11 RESIDENTS AND LOW INCOME RESIDENTS, HAVE BEEN PLAGUED BY
12 HOUSING INSECURITY FOR FAR TOO LONG, AND NOW WITH COVID, THESE
13 HARMS ARE BEING COMPOUNDED, BUT I ALSO URGE YOU TO GO A STEP
14 FURTHER AND BE PROACTIVE BY CONTINUING TO EXTEND THE EVICTION
15 MORATORIUM AND IMPLEMENTING A RENT FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR LOW
16 INCOME PEOPLE. WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF FOLKS THAT ARE ON THE
17 VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING, THAT ARE JUST ONE PAYCHECK
18 AWAY, AND WE REALLY NEED TO BE PROACTIVE AND NOT ALLOW FOLKS
19 TO CONTINUE BEING ON THE VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING. FOR
20 AGENDA ITEM 16, I ALSO REITERATE PREVIOUS COMMENTS THAT ACCESS
21 TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET IS A RIGHT AND WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE
22 PUBLIC SOFTY MEASURE. FOR AGENDA ITEM 21, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS FOR STANDING FOR WORKERS RIGHTS. THE TECH INDUSTRY HAS
24 BEEN EXPLOITING OUR FOLKS FOR FAR TOO LONG.

25

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

3

4 **YVETTE ALE:** OPPOSING PROPOSITION 22 IS CRITICAL IN THIS
5 MOMENT, AND IN THAT VEIN, I ALSO ASK THE BOARD TO TAKE AN
6 OPPOSITION POSITION TO PROPOSITION 25. AGAIN, IT IS ANOTHER
7 EXAMPLE OF HOW TECH COMPANIES ARE TRYING TO EXPLOIT AND PROFIT
8 OFF OF WORKING BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. PROPOSITION 25 WOULD
9 IMPLEMENT ALGORITHMIC-BASED RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS, WHICH
10 HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO BE RACIALLY BIASED AND WOULD EXPAND
11 FUNDING FOR PROBATION, A FAILED COUNTY DEPARTMENT, AND
12 INCREASE INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY. PLEASE TAKE A NO
13 POSITION ON PROP 25. AND LASTLY, THE REPORT ON A.B. 109
14 DEMONSTRATED HOW MENTAL HEALTH DIVERGENCE IS EFFECTIVE, WHICH
15 IS WHY WE SHOULD BE INVESTING IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
16 REENTRY. THEY HAVE AN OVER 86 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE. COMPARED
17 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S HIGH FAILURE RATE, IT IS A NO-
18 BRAINER. DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, INVESTING IN O.D.R. IS THE RIGHT
19 MOVE. YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT BY INVESTING IN DIVERSION AND
20 CARE WILL REAP MUCH MORE BENEFITS IN THE LONG TERM FOR L.A.
21 COUNTY --

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAM
24 CHAIR, THAT NOW CONCLUDES THE ONE HOUR OF PUBLIC COMMENT
25 TESTIMONY.

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1

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

11

12 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** GOOD MORNING, ALL, AND THANK YOU FOR THE
13 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS. I WANT TO SPEAK ON TWO ITEMS, ITEMS
14 NUMBER 55 AND ITEMS NUMBER 33. ITEM 55 IS ABOUT A SETTLEMENT
15 FOR A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT, AND IT IS A \$14 MILLION SETTLEMENT
16 THAT IS GOING TO BE PAID OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
17 FUNDS. HOWEVER, THE ACTIONS THAT AROSE THE SETTLEMENT CAME
18 FROM DURING SHERIFF VACA'S TENURE AND SHERIFF MCDONALD'S. AND
19 THE POINT IS THAT IN 1999, THE FORMER BOARD AUTHORIZED AND
20 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT
21 S.C.A.A.P. FUNDS, AND ALSO BOTH SHERIFFS VACA AND MCDONALD,
22 THEY COOPERATED WITH I.C.E. I.C.E. WAS IN THE FACILITIES. THEY
23 FACILITATED A TRANSFER OF INMATES TO I.C.E.'S CUSTODY AND
24 ACCEPTED THE S.C.A.A.P. MONEY, A TOTAL OF \$122 MILLION FROM
25 2005 TO 2018. I REJECTED THE S.C.A.A.P. GRANT FUNDS, AND I WAS

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1 CHASTISED BECAUSE IT WAS UNREALIZED REVENUE. I KICKED I.C.E.
2 OUT OF THE JAILS, AND I BANNED ALL TRANSFERS OF INMATES TO
3 CUSTODY OF I.C.E. AND THE BOARD CALL MADE THAT BAN PERMANENT.
4 SO, I THANK YOU FOR THAT. HOWEVER, THE POINT IS, I THINK IT IS
5 MORALLY INDEFENSIBLE TO SLAP THE CURRENT SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
6 2020 WITH THE MISTAKES OF PREVIOUS SHERIFFS AND PREVIOUS
7 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS. SO THAT \$14 MILLION SHOULD BE PAID OUT
8 OF THE GENERAL FUND NOT OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FUNDS
9 BECAUSE NOW WE ARE DOWN TO BRASS TACKS. YOU'VE DEFUNDED THE
10 DEPARTMENT BY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE CURRENT
11 BUDGET IS, \$105 MILLION. IT'S ACTUALLY A \$145 MILLION YOU'VE
12 DEFUNDED UNDER THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AND THAT WAS BECAUSE
13 YOU GAVE US BACK \$40 MILLION OF FROM THE \$61 MILLION YOU HAS
14 STILL FROZEN FROM THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR. SO IN REALITY, IT
15 IS \$145 MILLION. AND ON TOP OF THAT NOW WE ARE GOING TO ITEM
16 NUMBER 3, BUT THE POINT IS, WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS HERE, AND
17 WE ARE IN TRIAGE MODE. AND WHILE YOU ARE DEFUNDING THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, YOU HAVE INCREASED THE COUNTY BUDGET
19 OVERALL TO \$36.7 BILLION. SO THIS IS KIND OF A REAL WEIRD
20 MOMENT WHERE THE COUNTY BUDGET OVERALL IS INCREASING WHILE THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IS DECREASING. AND THERE IS NO FAT
22 LEFT TO TRIM EVERYWHERE. EVERYTHING WE DO WE ARE GOING TO BE
23 CONSOLIDATING. WE ARE GOING TO BE SHIFTING FUNDS WHERE WE CAN
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE AFFORDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND
25 WE'RE PROVIDING THOSE TO THE COMMUNITIES. SO GOING TO ITEM

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1 NUMBER 3 NOW, SHIFTING TO ITEM NUMBER 3, WE NOW HAVE TO CLOSE
2 SOUTH FACILITY, WHICH SEEMS TO BE WHAT THE PUSH IS FOR THE
3 BOARD WHERE THE C.E.O. HAS FROZEN ALL OF THESE HUNDREDS, IF
4 NOT OVER A THOUSAND, POSITIONS THAT ARE IN CUSTODY FACILITIES.
5 SO WE CLOSE SOUTH FACILITY. THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO MOVE 700
6 INMATES FROM SOUTH, AND WE HAVE TO PUSH THEM INTO OTHER
7 FACILITIES, WHICH IS GOING TO INCREASE THE COVID-19 INFECTION
8 RATE. IT'S GOING TO CREATE OBVIOUSLY MORE CRAMPED QUARTERS AND
9 A LOT LESS OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THIS COVID-19
10 PANDEMIC. SO WE ARE HARMING PUBLIC SAFETY BY ITEM NUMBER 3.
11 AND SO OUR RESPONSE TO THAT IS NOW WE ARE PICKING BETWEEN
12 LESSER EVILS. SO PARKS BUREAU, UNFORTUNATELY, IS THE LESSER
13 EVIL THAN THE OTHER ALTERNATIVES. SO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHEN
14 YOU ARE SAYING YOU WANT TO ENSURE RELIABLE AND CONSISTENT
15 PUBLIC SAFETY, YOU CAN DO THAT BY NOT DEFUNDING PUBLIC SAFETY
16 FIRST AND FOREMOST. AND YOU WANT TO IMMEDIATELY SATISFY THE
17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING GAP, YOU HAVE CREATED
18 THAT GAP BY DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND NOW, AND
19 I'M GOING BACK TO 2009, YOU WERE PART OF THE BOARD THAT
20 APPROVED GETTING RID OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
21 CREATING THE PARKS BUREAU AND THEN COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU WITH
22 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND IT WAS A COST-SAVING MEASURE.
23 WE REDUCED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SWORN PERSONNEL, AND IT WAS A
24 WIN-WIN ACROSS THE BOARD IN 2009. NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN 2020
25 EXCEPT YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO MR. RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS, I THINK YOU NEED TO HEED YOUR OWN ADVICE FROM 2009 ON
2 THAT. NOW AND I KNOW ANOTHER PART DOWN HERE IS THIS MEASURE
3 CALLS FOR THE USE OF UNARMED STAFF TRAINED IN CRISIS RESPONSE
4 AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGY. WOW, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT
5 WITH AN ARMED GANG MEMBER WHO WANTS TO SHOOT PEOPLE IN THE
6 PARK.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SHERIFF, CAN YOU CONCLUDE YOUR REMARKS,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YOU GAVE 3 MINUTES TO AVERAGE JOHN Q.
12 CITIZEN. I THINK THAT IF YOU COULD GIVE ME 5 MINUTES, THAT
13 WOULD BE ENOUGH.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'VE HAD 5 MINUTES. I'M ASKING YOU TO --

16

17 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** I'M AT FOUR AND HALF, BUT YOU ARE
18 INTERRUPTING ME. NOW, LET'S GO TO THE LAST BUT NOT LEAST ON
19 ITEM NUMBER 3, AND I'M HEARING THE COMMENTS ABOUT GETTING
20 DEPUTIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AS WELL.
21 WELL, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THAT TOMORROW
22 ABOUT THE SHOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE IN HARBOR GENERAL, AND IT
23 WAS A SCENE OUT OF THE SHINING WITH JACK NICKELSON. SO WE ARE
24 GOING TO GIVE ALL THE DETAILS TOMORROW SO YOU CAN MAKE A

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1 DECISION FOR YOURSELF ON THE WISDOM OF HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT
2 IN HOSPITALS. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE
5 THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT WE WILL BE VOTING ON.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM
8 1D, 2D, 1F, 1P, 1-2, 4-7, 8 AS AMENDED, 9-17, 20, 23-28, 30-
9 35, 37-44, 46-58, 59A, 59B, 59C, 59F, 59G, 59H, AND 62.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
13 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 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: THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU THE
16 ORDER FOR TODAY. AND WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH A SET MATTER,
17 ITEM S1, THEN ITEMS 3, 18, 19, 21, 22, 36, 45, 59D, 59E, AND
18 FINISHING WITH ITEM 59I. AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE SET MATTER
19 ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY
20 TO HEAR THE DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD REGARDING CLOSURES AND
21 PANDEMIC TRENDS. WITH THAT, WE HAVE DR. FERRER AND DR. DAVIS,
22 OUR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, AND DR. FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
23 HEALTH, WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. DR. FERRER, WOULD
24 YOU LIKE TO OPEN UP WITH A BRIEF UPDATE?

25

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1 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS. I WILL
3 PROVIDE AN UPDATE IN SORT OF 4 DIFFERENT AREAS. FIRST, I'LL
4 JUST START WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TIER STATUS. AS EVERYONE
5 KNOWS, TODAY AT NOON, THE STATE WILL ANNOUNCE, AS THEY DO
6 EVERY WEEK, THE NEW COUNTY METRICS THAT REALLY SORT OF GOVERN
7 OUR ABILITY TO HAVE OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF REOPENINGS
8 IN DIFFERENT SECTORS. WE ARE IN THE PURPLE TIER. THAT IS TIER
9 ONE, THE MOST RESTRICTED TIER. WE ARE PRIMARILY IN TIER ONE
10 BECAUSE OUR CASE RATE IS STILL HIGHER THAN THE STATE WOULD
11 LIKE IT TO BE, AND IT IS AT A RATE THAT INDICATES WE STILL
12 HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. THEY CALCULATE THE RATE
13 YOU NEED TO BE AT AT ABOUT 7 NEW CASES A DAY PER 100,000
14 RESIDENTS. THAT, FOR US, WOULD BE ABOUT 700 CASES A DAY. WE
15 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HIT THAT MARK YET. SINCE THE STATE IS
16 ALWAYS DELAYED BY TEN DAYS WHAT THEY ARE REPORTING, WE HAVE
17 ALREADY SEEN OUR CASE DATA FOR THE WEEK THAT THEY WILL BE
18 REPORTING ON THIS WEEK. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT OUR CASE RATE
19 WILL HAVE DROPPED TO CLOSE TO 700 NEW CASES A DAY. SO WE
20 ANTICIPATE WE WILL REMAIN IN PURPLE TODAY, AND, AGAIN, THAT
21 REALLY MEANS THAT OUR OPTIONS FOR REOPENING WILL REMAIN
22 LIMITED TO THOSE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN TIER ONE. THAT
23 IS A GOOD SEGUE TO WHERE ARE WE ON THE REOPENINGS. AS EVERYONE
24 KNOWS, WE HAD A FAIR NUMBER OF REOPENINGS THAT HAPPENED LAST
25 WEEK. THAT INCLUDED OUR HAIR SALONS AND BARBER SHOPS, INDOOR

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1 MALLS, NAIL SALONS, CARD ROOMS. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT
2 OUR INSPECTORS WERE OUT. THEY VISITED OVER 326 HAIR SALONS.
3 THEY VISITED 20 OF THE INDOOR MALLS ALREADY, 233 NAIL SALONS,
4 AND ALL OF THE CARD ROOMS, AND THERE WAS RELATIVELY HIGH
5 COMPLIANCE ACROSS THE BOARD. OUT OF 7 CARD ROOMS, THERE ARE
6 TWO CARD ROOMS THAT SOME ISSUES WERE NOTED, AND THEY WILL BE
7 REVISITED THIS WEEK, BUT WE ANTICIPATE THEY WILL COME INTO
8 FULL COMPLIANCE. ALL OF THE OTHER SITES, REALLY, REMARKABLY
9 HIGH COMPLIANCE WITH THE DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, THE MASKING
10 REQUIREMENTS, AND MAKING SURE THERE WAS PLENTY OF INFECTION
11 CONTROL AS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OF THOSE SETTINGS. SO WE WANT
12 TO THANK THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE DOING SUCH A GREAT JOBS AS
13 THEY ARE REOPENING AND COMING INTO COMPLIANCE. WE WILL, OF
14 COURSE, CONTINUE OUR INSPECTIONS, AND WE ARE, OF COURSE,
15 AVAILABLE TO ALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE OPEN OR THINKING ABOUT
16 REOPENING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED
17 FROM US TO BE ABLE TO ADHERE TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. IN
18 TERMS OF SCHOOLS, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THE WAIVER PROGRAM OPENED
19 LAST WEEK. AS OF THE END OF THE DAY FRIDAY, WE HAD RECEIVED, I
20 BELIEVE, 59 WAIVER APPLICATIONS. OF THOSE WAIVER APPLICATIONS,
21 ONLY THREE WERE COMPLETE AND COULD GET FULLY PROCESSED, BUT,
22 OF COURSE, WE ARE HELPING ALL OF THE REMAINING SCHOOLS
23 COMPLETE THE APPLICATIONS SO WE CAN MOVE THAT PROCESS FORWARD.
24 WE WILL BE CONFERRING WITH THE STATE AROUND THE COMPLETED
25 APPLICATIONS FOR, AGAIN, TRYING TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

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1 TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS THAT ARE COMPLETE AND THAT THE STATE
2 AGREES WITH US MEET THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS FOR REOPENING. SO
3 THAT IS, IN FACT, MOVING ALONG, AND WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING
4 ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS THIS WEEK AS WELL. WE ALSO HAVE
5 OPENED, UNDER THE STATE'S ALLOWANCE IN TIER ONE, FOR ALL
6 SCHOOLS TO REOPEN FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED BY
7 HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS. WE NOW HAVE 837 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE
8 REOPENED ACROSS THE COUNTY. THERE IS ALMOST 18,000 STUDENTS
9 THAT ARE BACK TO IN PERSON SUPPORT AT THEIR SCHOOL BUILDINGS
10 AND ALMOST 11,000 STAFF THAT ARE SERVING THOSE STUDENTS. 72
11 PERCENT OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE REOPENED FOR HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS
12 ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. 15 PERCENT ARE CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND 13
13 PERCENT ARE PAROCHIAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS. WE HAVE CURRENTLY
14 ALREADY CONDUCTED 336 SITE VISITS AND HAVE SCHEDULED AN
15 ADDITIONAL 227 SITE VISITS. AS I NOTED EARLIER, EVERY SCHOOL
16 THAT HAS REOPENED, AND THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE SCHOOLS THAT ARE
17 REOPENING UNDER THE WAIVERS, WILL BE VISITED BY THE TECHNICAL
18 ASSISTANCE TEAM, AND WE WILL BE ALSO MAKING PHONE CONTACT WITH
19 FOLKS, SO THEY HAVE AN EASY WAY OF CONFERRING WITH US. 88
20 PERCENT OF THE SCHOOLS THAT WERE VISITED ALREADY SCORED HIGH
21 IN TERMS OF COMPLIANCE. SO AGAIN, HUGE THANKS TO ALL THE
22 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, AND TEACHERS, STAFF, FAMILIES, STUDENTS
23 FOR SUCH HIGH COMPLIANCE. IT'S QUITE REMARKABLE FOR JUST AT
24 THE VERY BEGINNING OF REOPENINGS. 11 PERCENT OF THE SCHOOLS
25 SCORED SORT OF IN THE MEDIAN RANGE, AND ONLY 1 PERCENT OF

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1 SCHOOLS SCORED VERY LOW ON COMPLIANCE. THE MOST COMMON ISSUES
2 THAT SCHOOLS ARE HAVING AROUND COMPLIANCE IS THEY ARE
3 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT PLANS. THERE
4 ARE SOME PLACES WHERE PHYSICAL DISTANCING WAS NOT OPTIMAL,
5 AND THERE ARE SOME PLACES THAT NEEDED ASSISTANCE ON SETTING UP
6 A BETTER SCREENING PROCESS ON ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING. BUT ALL
7 IN ALL, I THINK OUR SCHOOLS ARE ALL TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR
8 DOING A SUPERB JOB ON MAKING SURE THAT, AS THEY ARE BRINGING
9 BACK STUDENTS AND STAFF, THAT THEY ARE CREATING AS MUCH SAFETY
10 AS POSSIBLE. AND THE LAST THING I WANTED TO JUST MENTION, WE
11 HAD A LOT TO CELEBRATE THIS PAST WEEKEND, AND WE CONTINUE TO
12 HAVE OTHER ISSUES, I MEAN, OTHER SUPPORT SPORTING EVENTS THAT
13 MAY REQUIRE CELEBRATIONS GOING INTO THIS WEEK. I WANT TO
14 REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE TEAMS HAVE WORKED REALLY HARD TO
15 CREATE A LOT OF SAFETY AROUND THEIR BEING ABLE TO PLAY GAMES
16 AND TO BE COMPETITIVE. WE ASK THAT ALL OF YOU CELEBRATE SAFELY
17 AS WELL. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE CELEBRATING IN
18 CONDITIONS THAT WERE NOT REALLY SAFE, WHERE YOU WERE NOT
19 WEARING A FACE COVERING AND YOU WERE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE WHO
20 WERE NOT WEARING THEIR FACE COVERING AND/OR YOU ARE IN CLOSE
21 QUARTERS AND CROWDS WITH PEOPLE, THIS WOULD BE THE TIME FOR
22 YOU TO STAY OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR 14 DAYS AND GO AND GET
23 TESTED. THOSE ARE THE SITUATIONS WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF
24 EXPOSURES. REMEMBER, UP TO 50 PERCENT OF PEOPLE MAY HAVE NO
25 SYMPTOMS AND STILL BE ABLE TO INFECT OTHERS. SO WE'RE GOING TO

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1 ASK THAT IF YOU WERE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE CELEBRATIONS
2 WHERE SAFETY WAS NOT BEING OBSERVED, THIS IS A TIME FOR YOU TO
3 QUARANTINE YOURSELF FOR THE 14 DAYS AND FOR SURE TO AND GET
4 TESTED. THERE WERE ALSO SOME PROTESTS THE LAST WEEK, AND WE
5 WANT TO SAY THE SAME THING. THESE FACE COVERINGS AND THESE
6 DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, WE ALL NEED TO JUST ADOPT THEM IN
7 WHATEVER ACTIVITIES WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING BECAUSE IT IS
8 WHAT KEEPS OTHER PEOPLE SAFE AND REDUCES COMMUNITY
9 TRANSMISSION TRANSMISSION. SO, I AGAIN WANT TO REALLY
10 CONGRATULATE THE BUSINESSES AND THE SCHOOLS FOR SUCH HIGH
11 LEVELS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR REOPENINGS. WE ARE HERE TO BE
12 SUPPORTIVE. WITH THAT, SUPERVISORS, DR. DAVIS AND I ARE
13 PREPARED TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. I APPRECIATE THE
16 WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE DONE TO HELP GUIDE THE COUNTY
17 THROUGH SAFE REOPENING. THE COUNTY NEVER REALLY SAW THE
18 SERIOUS SPIKES WITHIN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND I EVEN WOULD
19 NOTE THAT I SAW SOMETHING OVER THE WEEKEND THAT SAID
20 HOSPITALIZATION IS ACTUALLY DOWN, WHICH WE WERE ALWAYS
21 CONCERNED WAS GOING TO OVERWHELM THIS COUNTY AND ALL THE
22 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I JUST HAVE A QUESTION,
23 ACTUALLY TWO QUESTIONS. AS A WHOLE, WE ARE PROUD OF HOW
24 DILIGENTLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS TAKEN THE SAFETY GUIDANCE
25 THAT WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE. WE HAVE BEEN VERY STRICTLY LOCKED

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1 DOWN SINCE MIDSUMMER AND HAVE SEEN THE METRICS DROP. AND ONE
2 OF THE CALLS I CONSTANTLY GET, AND I AM SURE MY COLLEAGUES GET
3 THEM FROM CONSTITUENTS AS WELL, IS EVEN WITH THE STRICT SHUT
4 DOWN, WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE COUNTY QUALIFY FOR TIER TWO AND
5 HAVE SEEN, ACTUALLY, OUR METRICS PLATEAU WITHOUT ANY MAJOR
6 REOPENINGS, WHICH IS UNDER THE STATE GUIDELINES. CAN YOU HELP
7 THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND WHY, EVEN WITH THESE LOCK DOWNS, WE HAVE
8 NOT QUALIFIED FOR TIER TWO AND IF YOU THINK THE GOVERNOR'S
9 METRICS IS REALISTIC ENOUGH THAT WE WILL REALLY EVER QUALIFY
10 FOR TIER TWO.

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** WELL, THAT IS SUCH A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR
13 BARGER. AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT, IN
14 THESE LARGER JURISDICTIONS, WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TO DRIVE DOWN
15 THE CASE RATE. I MEAN I WILL SAY THERE'S STILL A FAIR AMOUNT
16 OF CONTROL THAT WE EACH HAVE AS INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE
17 HELPFUL IN A PANDEMIC FOR US TO TAKE SOME STEPS THAT COULD, IN
18 FACT, CONTINUE TO DRIVE DOWN THE RATE. WE'VE PLATEAUED, BUT
19 WE'VE PLATEAUED AT A RATE THAT IS TOO HIGH. WE DO NEED TO COME
20 DOWN. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT, WHILE IT SEEMS SUPER HARD TO
21 COME DOWN BECAUSE I KNOW OUR BUSINESSES ARE BEING MORE
22 COMPLIANT, EACH OF US IN OUR OWN DAILY LIVES IS TAKING RISKS.
23 THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN ACTUALLY GET ABOUT DURING A
24 PANDEMIC, AND WE CAN EACH PROBABLY DO A BETTER JOB MANAGING
25 OUR OWN EXPOSURES. BY THAT I MEAN THIS IS BEYOND JUST SORT OF

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1 WEARING YOUR FACE COVERING AND KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE. THIS
2 MEANS IF I AM GOING TO WORK AND I HAVE TO GO SHOPPING, I
3 PROBABLY DON'T NEED THE DINNER EVENT WITH FRIENDS, OR IF I AM,
4 YOU KNOW, IF I AM A MEMBER OF A SINGING GROUP, I REALLY NEED
5 TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT HOW WE ARE PRACTICING. WE'VE TOLD PEOPLE,
6 YOU KNOW, SINGING INDOORS, NOT A GREAT IDEA AT ALL DURING A
7 PANDEMIC, BUT I THINK THESE SMALLER DECISIONS THAT WE'RE
8 MAKING, OUR CHILDREN, OUR CHILD CARE, DO THEY REALLY NEED
9 THEIR PLAY DATES? YOU KNOW, HOW MANY EXPOSURES DO YOU WANT TO
10 HAVE EACH DAY, DO YOU WANT YOUR FAMILY TO HAVE EACH DAY, AND
11 HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE DO YOU NEED TO EXPOSE? WE JUST ARE STILL
12 IN THAT SPACE WHERE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE SUPER CAREFUL
13 ABOUT HOW MUCH RISK WE ARE ASSUMING, AND HOW MUCH RISK,
14 THEREFORE, OTHERS AROUND US MIGHT BE EXPOSED TO. BUT I ALSO DO
15 WANT TO SAY THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT EVEN WITHIN OUR
16 BUSINESSES. WHILE THE PLACES WE ARE INSPECTING ARE IN HIGH
17 COMPLIANCE, WE STILL HAVE, AS YOU ALL KNOW, OUTBREAKS AT SOME
18 OF OUR LARGER MANUFACTURING PLANTS, AND WE'VE HAD OUTBREAKS AT
19 SOME OF OUR SMALLER TEXTILE PLANTS. WE'VE HAD OUTBREAKS AT
20 SOME OF OUR CONGREGATE LIVING SITES. SO THERE IS STILL WORK
21 THAT WE NEED TO DO EVEN WITHIN OUR BUSINESSES ABOUT MAKING
22 SURE THAT, AS WE ARE IDENTIFY CASES OF PEOPLE THAT MAY BE
23 POSITIVE, WE ARE QUICKLY NOTIFYING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND
24 WE ARE ABLE TO GET THERE AND FINDS OUT WHO ELSE MAY HAVE BEEN
25 EXPOSED. QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION, AS ANNOYING AS IT IS FOR

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1 PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IF THEY DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS, IS AT THE
2 HEART AND SOUL OF WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO. AND I DO WANT TO
3 HOLD OUT HOPE. SO I AM GOING TO USE NEW YORK CITY AS AN
4 EXAMPLE. THEY HAD CASE RATES WAY HIGHER THAN WHAT WE'VE EVER
5 SEEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THEIR CASE RATES ARE VERY LOW
6 RIGHT NOW. SO I DO THINK THAT IT IS POSSIBLE, EVEN IF YOU ARE
7 A VERY LARGE JURISDICTION, TO GET YOUR CASE RATES DOWN, BUT I
8 KNOW HOW FRUSTRATING IT IS BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE DOING
9 THEIR VERY BEST TO REDUCE THEIR EXPOSURES AND TO REDUCE
10 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, AND WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN THERE YET. I DO
11 THINK WE CAN GET THERE, BUT WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO DOUBLE
12 DOWN IN TERMS OF OUR OWN PERSONAL CHOICES AND, FOR THOSE
13 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE NOT YET COME INTO COMPLIANCE, WE REALLY
14 NEED THEM TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. I DON'T KNOW, DR. DAVIS IF
15 WANTED TO --

16

17 **DR. DAVIS:** NO, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD TO THAT. I
18 THINK YOU SAID IT BEST.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, I GUESS THE SHORT ANSWER IN TERMS OF
21 THE GOVERNOR'S METRICS AND WHETHER IT'S REALISTIC ENOUGH THAT
22 WE WILL EVER QUALIFY FOR TIER TWO, YOU ARE SAYING YES IF WE
23 CONTINUE TO WITHHOLD GOING TO EVENTS AND REALLY FOCUS ON SAFER
24 AT HOME.

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1 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT,
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I LOVE THE WAY YOU SAID IT. WE ARE
3 STILL SAFER AT HOME. I AM SO SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT THAT IS OUR
4 REALITY. WE ARE SAFER WITH JUST PEOPLE FROM OUR HOUSEHOLD AND
5 JUST DOING THOSE THINGS THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. AND,
6 YOU KNOW, FOR EVERYONE WHO IS TIRED OF THIS, YOU KNOW, WE
7 SHARE THE FRUSTRATION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THIS VIRUS IS HERE
8 TO STAY FOR A WHILE, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GET USED TO,
9 YOU KNOW, LIVING OUR LIVES WITH A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES. AND
10 THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE GET TO TIER TWO. I MEAN, IT JUST
11 REALLY IS, AT THIS POINT. THE ONLY WAY WE GET TO TIER TWO IS
12 TO REALLY DOUBLE DOWN. WE KNOW IT WORKS. WE HAVE SEEN IT. WE
13 HAVE SEEN THESE SAFER REOPENINGS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK, DR. FERRER. I'M SORRY TO
16 INTERRUPT YOU,, BUT I THINK THE FRUSTRATION THEN IS, IF WE GET
17 TO TIER TWO, THAT MEANS MORE THINGS OPEN, BUT WHAT WE ARE
18 TELLING PEOPLE IS THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME. SO IT IS ALMOST
19 LIKE WE CONTRADICT BECAUSE, ON ONE HAND, WE WANT TO GET TO
20 TIER TWO SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO BEGIN TO REOPEN THE ECONOMY,
21 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE SAYING THE ONLY WAY WE ARE GOING
22 TO GET TO TIER TWO IS BY NOT GOING OUT AND DOING THINGS THAT
23 OTHERWISE MIGHT SEEM NORMAL, EVEN --

24

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1 **DR. FERRER:** I AM NOT SURE THAT IS THE EXACT MESSAGE BECAUSE
2 ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT IS REALLY DRIVING THE OUTBREAKS FOR US,
3 THE SMALLER OUTBREAKS ARE THESE PERSONAL GATHERINGS THAT
4 PEOPLE ARE HAVING. THEY DON'T REALLY STIMULATE THE ECONOMY,
5 PARTIES WITH 50 PEOPLE WHERE NO ONE IS WEARING A FACE COVERING
6 AND PEOPLE ARE EATING AND DRINKING FOR HOURS ON END, SOME OF
7 THAT HAPPENED INDOORS, THAT IS NOT REALLY STIMULATING THE
8 ECONOMY. WHEN YOU GO TO A SCORE, YOU WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING,
9 YOU USE YOUR HAND SANITIZER, YOU RESPECT THE WORKERS THERE HOW
10 ARE DIRECTING YOU TO NOT CONGREGATE AND NOT CROWD, YOU GO IN
11 AND OUT AND YOU DO YOUR ERRAND, THAT ALLOWS YOU TO, IN FACT,
12 SUPPORT WORKERS AT THEIR JOBS, BUT YOU ARE DOING IT IN A WAY
13 THAT IS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO
14 COMPLIMENT ALL PLACES THAT HAVE REOPENED BECAUSE, UNLIKE WHAT
15 WE SAW EARLY ON, BACK IN JUNE AND JULY WHERE WHEN WE DID OUR
16 COMPLIANCE CHECKS, WE HAD LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF BUSINESSES
17 COMPLIANT, WE HAVE 90 PERCENT PLUS BUSINESSES COMPLIANT, AND
18 THEN IT MAKES IT SAFER FOR PEOPLE TO, IN FACT, ENGAGE IN THESE
19 LIMITED ACTIVITIES BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE DOING IT AS SAFELY AS
20 POSSIBLE. I THINK THERE ARE SOME ACTIVITIES WE MAY BE ENGAGING
21 THAT ARE NOT ESSENTIAL, AND THEY ARE CREATING A LOT OF RISK
22 AND A LOT OF SPREAD.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. SO GIVEN THAT WE ARE MORE THAN A
25 MONTH BEHIND IN REOPENING AROUND OTHER CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

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1 SURROUNDING US, GIVE OR TAKE A MONTH, HAVE WE BEEN ABLE TO
2 ANALYZE THE IMPACT OF REOPENINGS ON THE COUNTY'S DATA? OUR
3 ANALYSIS HAS SHOWN LIMITED INCREASES IN OTHER URBAN COUNTIES
4 THAT HAVE REOPENED. WHAT HAS PUBLIC HEALTH OBSERVED AS FAR AS
5 SPIKES IN CASES RELATED TO THOSE REOPENING IN THE SECTORS IN
6 OUR SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, SO THE SET OF REOPENINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED
9 ON THE SECOND OF SEPTEMBER WHEN HAIR SALONS WENT IN, AND THEN
10 WE HAD A COUPLE OF OTHER REOPENINGS SORT OF AT THE END OF
11 SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE SEEN A LITTLE BIT OF AN INCREASE IN THE
12 WORK SITE OUTBREAKS FROM THE END OF -- AT THE BEGINNING OF
13 OCTOBER UNTIL NOW. AND SO, WE ARE GOING TO WATCH THAT SUPER
14 CAREFULLY AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT AT WHICH SITES WE'RE HAVING
15 SOME INCREASES, BUT THESE ARE OUTBREAKS NOT CASES. SO, MY
16 SENSE IS IF YOU LOOK AT OUR CASES, WE HAVE A SLIGHT INCREASE,
17 AGAIN, SAME THING AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. WE ARE GOING TO
18 HAVE TO WATCH SUPER CAREFULLY WHAT IS HAPPENING TO SEE WHETHER
19 OR NOT WE ARE GOING TO SEE ANYTHING LIKE WE SAW WITH THE OTHER
20 REOPENINGS. WE HAVE TO WAIT TWO WEEKS OUT. WE ARE NOT QUITE
21 TWO WEEKS OUT FROM ANYTHING EXCEPT THE HAIR SALONS REOPENING.
22 WE WILL NEED TO WAIT A LITTLE BIT, SUPERVISOR, TO SEE WHAT OUR
23 CASE RATE LOOKS LIKE, BUT I CAN SAY THAT OUTBREAKS AT WORK
24 SITES IN GENERAL INCREASED SLIGHTLY FROM A LOW, YOU KNOW, THEY
25 CAME WAY, WAY DOWN BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND THEY JUST

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1 STARTED A SMALL CREEP UP THAT WE ARE GOING TO WATCH VERY
2 CAREFULLY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IN THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** I DON'T KNOW. IN THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES --

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MY QUESTION REALLY DOES CENTER AROUND THE
9 FACT THAT, EARLY ON, WE WANTED TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE BECAUSE
10 SURROUNDING COUNTIES WERE OPENING, AND WE WERE STAYING CLOSED,
11 AND I WAS BASICALLY CURIOUS TO KNOW IF, IN OTHER COUNTIES THAT
12 HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO GO TO A DIFFERENT TIER, IF WE ARE SEEING
13 A SPIKE AS A RESULT OF THOSE COUNTIES OPENING OR ANY IMPACT ON
14 THIS COUNTY BECAUSE PEOPLE LEAVE TO GO THERE TO GET THEIR
15 SERVICES AND THEN COME BACK?

16

17 **DR. DAVIS:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE DETAIL IN TERMS OF
18 WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE WAS IN ANOTHER COUNTY OR VISITED --
19 SOMEBODY FROM ANOTHER COUNTY VISITED A PERSON WHO HAD BEEN
20 DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19, BUT I WILL SAY THAT THE OTHER
21 COUNTIES WERE GENERALLY IN A DIFFERENT PLACE IN TERMS OF
22 WHERE THEY STARTED. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, AT LEAST IN TERMS
23 OF OUR SURROUNDING COUNTIES, ON THE HIGHER END OF CASES. SO WE
24 HAVE BEEN IN THE MORE RESTRICTIVE TIER FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF
25 TIME. AND I COULD CHECK WITH THEM, BUT OTHERWISE, THEY HAVE

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1 HAD VERY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES IN TERMS OF THE VIRUS IN TERMS
2 OF WHERE IT STARTED.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
8 DR. FERRER AND DAVIS AND DR. GHALY FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT
9 YOU HAVE BEEN DOING AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF. I JUST HAD A COUPLE
10 OF QUESTIONS. YOU MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT THE CARD CLUBS. YOU
11 MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE 7 AND TWO ARE NOT COMPLIANT. CAN YOU
12 TELL US WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THE ISSUES ARE?

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** I BELIEVE THAT COMMERCE CASINO AND THE BICYCLE --
15 I CALL IT THE BICYCLE CASINO, BUT I THINK THEY HAVE A
16 DIFFERENT LAST NAME -- AND BICYCLE WERE THE TWO CASINOS WHERE
17 THERE WERE ISSUES. I THINK FOR BOTH OF THEM, THEY
18 MISINTERPRETED WHAT CONSTITUTES BEING OUT DOORS. SO I THINK
19 THESE ARE THINGS THAT ARE FAIRLY EASILY FIXED. I THINK THAT
20 THEY WERE CONFUSED ABOUT WHETHER, OUTDOORS, IF THEY HAD
21 SOMETHING WITH THREE WALLS BUT ONE WALL OPEN, THAT WOULD
22 QUALIFY THEM FOR BEING OUTDOORS. IT DOESN'T. THIS IS THE
23 STATE'S RULE. YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE THREE SIDES OPEN, AND SO
24 THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGER ISSUES WAS JUST, YOU KNOW, IF YOU
25 DON'T HAVE THAT, IT IS NOT REALLY CONSIDERED OUTDOORS BECAUSE

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1 THERE IS NOT ENOUGH AIR CIRCULATING. AND I THINK IN BOTH,
2 THERE ARE EITHER SITE VISITS TODAY AND TOMORROW FOR THEM TO
3 COME INTO FULL COMPLIANCE. BUT THERE WAS NO -- WHAT I DO WANT
4 TO SAY IS, AGAIN, DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT BEING
5 OUTDOORS MEANT. ONCE IT WAS EXPLAINED, THERE WAS A WILLINGNESS
6 ON THE PART OF BOTH OF THE CASINOS TO QUICKLY COME INTO
7 COMPLIANCE.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, GREAT, GOOD. THAT IS GOOD CLARIFICATION.
10 THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD WAS REGARDING THE FAST FOOD INDUSTRY,
11 AND IN PARTICULAR COMPLAINTS WE HAVE RECEIVED. I KNOW LATER
12 ON, WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT AN ITEM THAT I HAVE REGARDING A
13 FAST FOOD FRANCHISE AND WAS WONDERING IF YOU CAN ELABORATE AT
14 ALL ON WHAT WE ARE SEEING WITH SOME OF THE LOCAL FAST FOOD
15 INDUSTRIES' COMPLIANCE, WHAT KINDS OF THINGS ARE WE SEEING,
16 ARE WE GETTING CALLS, ANONYMOUS CALLS, OR ARE EMPLOYEES
17 RELUCTANT TO COME FORWARD, WHAT IS THE SITUATION THERE.

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I KNOW OF A RECENT
20 COMPLAINTS AROUND A MCDONALD'S THAT OUR TEAM WEPT OUT AND
21 INVESTIGATED LAST WEEK AND DID A TRAINING, ACTUALLY, FOR ALL
22 OF THE STAFF AND MANAGERS THERE, SO THEY COULD COME INTO
23 COMPLIANCE, AND THERE WAS NO ACTIVE OUTBREAK THERE. REMEMBER,
24 AN OUTBREAK REQUIRES THREE CASES OVER 14 DAYS. IT DOESN'T MEAN
25 THAT THERE HAVEN'T BEEN POSITIVE CASES. THEY JUST WEREN'T

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1 THREE POSITIVE CASES OVER A 14-DAY PERIOD. AND I DO APPRECIATE
2 WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT WORKERS,
3 PARTICULARLY WORKERS WHO ARE NOT -- WHO ARE GETTING LOWER
4 WAGES, YOU KNOW, MAY BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTING TO US.
5 SO I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT PEOPLE CAN ALL US ANONYMOUSLY AND
6 REPORT VIOLATIONS OR CONCERNS WITH THEIR WORKPLACE'S ABILITY
7 TO ADHERE TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER. THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE
8 GET IN EARLY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE GENERAL PUBLIC,
9 WHETHER YOU ARE A CUSTOMER OR YOU ARE A WORKER, IF YOU SEE
10 SOMETHING EGREGIOUS AND YOU KNOW THIS CANNOT BE RIGHT. I SEE
11 PEOPLE WITHOUT MASKS. THERE IS NO SOCIAL DISTANCING HERE. I
12 WENT INTO THE BATHROOM. THERE IS NO SOAP. THERE IS PAPER
13 TOWELS. IT IS DIRTY. YOU SHOULD CALL US BECAUSE WE GET IN
14 FRONT OF AN OUTBREAK THAT WAY. IF YOU DON'T, THE ONLY WAY YOU
15 CAN KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS OFTEN WRONG AT A WORK SITE IS WHEN
16 THERE IS AN OUTBREAK, AND WE WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE TO GO IN
17 AFTER THERE ARE 3 OR MORE CASES AND ACTUALLY GET IN EARLIER
18 WHEN PEOPLE REALIZE, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK THIS WORKPLACE IS
19 FULLY COMPLIANT WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTIVES. SO WE
20 APPRECIATE THAT, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ARE SCARED, BUT WE WANT TO
21 REMIND FOLKS THAT YOU CAN REPORT TO US ANONYMOUSLY. WE WILL
22 NEVER KNOW YOUR NAME, AND WE WILL STILL GO AHEAD AND FOLLOW UP
23 THAT YOUR COMPLAINT.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** DO YOU GET ANY SAFE CALLS THAT PEOPLE HAVE
2 RETALIATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEY HAVE REPORTED, AND THEY HAVE
3 LOST THEIR JOB? ARE YOU GETTING ANY OF THAT? WHAT IS THE
4 PROCEDURE IF THAT DOES HAPPEN? DO YOU MAKE A REFERRAL TO, SAY,
5 OUR CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK WE DIRECT, LIKE IF PEOPLE CALL OUR HOTLINE
8 WITH A RETALIATION COMPLAINT, WE PROBABLY DON'T EVEN COLLECT
9 THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. WE JUST CONNECT THEM RIGHT AWAY
10 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHERE WE
11 KNOW THEY ARE WELL-POSITIONED TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THAT. SO I
12 WOULDN'T WANT TO SAY THERE HAS BEEN NO RETALIATION, BUT WE
13 DON'T KNOW OF ANY. AND WHAT WE CERTAINLY HAVEN'T HEARD OF IS
14 ON OUR OUTBREAK INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH IS WHERE IT MIGHT COME
15 UP FOR US BECAUSE WE SPEND A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME AT SOME WORK
16 SITES, WE HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANY WORKERS TELLING US THAT THEY
17 ARE BEING RETALIATED AGAINST BECAUSE CONDITIONS WERE DIFFICULT
18 AT THEIR SITE, SO DIFFICULT THAT THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK. SO WE
19 HAVEN'T -- IT HASN'T COME TO US THAT WAY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO
20 SAY THAT THAT MEANS IT IS NOT HAPPENING BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT
21 IS NOT TRUE, EITHER.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, SO I GUESS AT ONE POINT, TO THE BOARD AND TO
24 THE CHAIR, IS THAT THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK I WOULD ALSO LIKE
25 TO HAVE A REPORT BACK ON WHEN WE HAVE OUR DISCUSSIONS

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1 REGARDING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER, WHAT CAN CONSUMER AND
2 BUSINESS AFFAIRS ADD SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS TAKING
3 PLACE ON THE GROUND, AND IT COULD HELP US AS WE MOVE FORWARD
4 ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS THAT YOU ARE ALSO GOING TO BE
5 COMING FORWARD WITH, DR. FERRER. I THEY THINK THAT COULD BE
6 VERY USEFUL FOR SOME OF US TO LOOK AT, AS WELL. AND I WOULD
7 JUST SAY THAT, AND OVERALL, I JUST WANT TO SAY, TO D.H.S., I
8 WANT TO THANK DR. GHALY ALSO FOR ALLOWING TO BRING ON ON SITE
9 TESTING TO A SENIOR LIVING HOME IN EAST L.A., KNOWN AS LA
10 POSADA. WE GET A LOT OF CALLS SOMETIMES. I IMAGINE SOME OF OUR
11 OTHER BOARD OFFICES DO, WHERE SENIORS ARE NOT ABLE TO COME TO
12 ANY HEALTHCARE OR TESTING SITE, BUT THAT WE CAN ALSO ARRANGE
13 TO HAVE TESTING DONE FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS THAT OFTEN DON'T
14 HAVE ACCESS TO COME TO OUR CENTERS. I WANT TO THANK D.H.S. I
15 WANT TO THANK YOUR OFFICE, TOO, FOR HELPING US GET THE TESTING
16 AND ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE THERE. AND JUST ONE LAST COMMENT
17 OR QUESTION, ACTUALLY, DR. FERRER, IS HOW ARE WE DOING SINCE
18 WE ARE MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF OPENING UP OUR PUBLIC
19 SCHOOLS, ARE WE -- WHAT ARE YOU SEEING IN TERMS OF COMPLIANCE
20 WITH RESPECT TO TEACHERS ATTESTATION IN ALLOWING FOR OUR
21 PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OTHER SCHOOLS TO OPEN? HOW IS THAT GOING,
22 AT THIS POINT?

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** FOR THE WAIVER PROGRAM, AS I NOTED, WE HAVE
25 SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 60 WAIVER APPLICATIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED,

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1 AND ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY THE WAIVER APPLICATIONS AREN'T
2 COMPLETE IS WE DON'T HAVE THE APPROPRIATE LETTERS OF SUPPORT.
3 SOMETIMES IT IS NOT THAT THERE ISN'T SUPPORT, IT IS JUST THAT,
4 FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A -- THERE IS A UNION THAT REPRESENTS
5 AND TEACHERS AND/OR THE STAFF, AND THE LETTER DIDN'T COME FROM
6 THE UNION. IT CAME FROM A STAFF PERSON. SO ATTESTING TO IT,
7 BUT NOW WE ACTUALLY NEED TO NOTE THAT IT IS FROM THE UNION
8 BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS. BUT THAT IS -- THAT
9 DOES SEEM TO STILL BE AN ISSUE ON REOPENING SCHOOLS, IN
10 GENERAL, IS HAVING TEACHERS AND STAFF, AND I THINK PARENTS,
11 FRANKLY, FEEL LIKE THERE'S ENOUGH SAFETY IN PLACE AT THE
12 SCHOOLS THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO BE OF HIGH RISK TO PEOPLE WHO
13 ARE COMING BACK INTO THE BUILDINGS. I AM REALLY HOPEFUL THAT,
14 YOU KNOW, AS WE WORK SO CLOSELY WITH HUNDREDS OF SCHOOLS NOW
15 ON PUTTING IN PLACE ALL OF THE SAFETY MEASURES, AND WE HAVE
16 THIS HIGH COMPLIANCE, OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WE WILL HAVE
17 ENOUGH EVIDENCE, I THINK, TO SAY THAT THIS CAN BE DONE WITH A
18 LOT OF SAFETY, AND THAT MAY GIVE TEACHERS AND STAFF AND
19 PARENTS MORE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU CAN, IN FACT, OPEN SCHOOLS
20 AND GET STUDENTS BACK INTO CLASSROOMS FROM -- FOR SOME MUCH-
21 NEEDED IN PERSON INSTRUCTION WITHOUT IT CREATING LOTS OF
22 OUTBREAKS AND LOTS OF TRANSMISSION THAT THEN GOES BACK INTO
23 THE COMMUNITY, BUT WE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK
24 CLOSELY TO MAKE SURE THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS AT OUR SCHOOLS.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
2 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.

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

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU DR. DAVIS AND
8 DR. FERRER FOR THIS PRESENTATION, AGAIN THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR
9 FOR MAKING THIS A SET ITEM IN PUBLIC EVERY TIME WE MEET. I
10 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, AND I THINK THE PUBLIC ALSO, AGAIN,
11 CAN BENEFIT FROM LISTENING TO THE SUPERVISORS DEBATE SOME OF
12 THESE ISSUES, ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, AND GET THE ANSWERS
13 PUBLICLY. I WAS GOING TO BRING UP THREE THINGS. I THINK
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SORT OF TALKED ABOUT THE SCHOOL WAIVERS A
15 LITTLE BIT, BUT I WAS GOING TO BRING UP BREWERIES, SCHOOL
16 WAIVERS, AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS. THESE ARE THE THREE
17 ISSUES THAT I THINK PROBABLY MY OFFICE HAS GOTTEN THE MOST
18 CONSTITUENT COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONFUSION ABOUT.
19 AND I WILL START WITH THE BREWERIES, WHICH WE KNOW WE ALIGNED
20 OURSELVES WITH THE STATE AND ALLOWED THEM TO REOPEN AS LONG AS
21 THEY HAD A THIRD PARTY FOOD VENDOR. THERE HAS BEEN SOME
22 CONCERN ABOUT US PUTTING A LITTLE BIT STRICTER REQUIREMENT IN
23 TERMS OF RESERVATIONS THAN THE STATE DOES, AND WE ARE ASKING
24 FOR A 24 HOUR RESERVATION, 24 HOURS AHEAD OF WHEN YOU WOULD
25 GO, MAKING A RESERVATION WITH THE BREWERY OR WINERY. AND JUST

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1 WANTED TO KNOW WHAT, IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN THE REASON BEHIND
2 REQUIRING RESERVATIONS 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE. IS THIS ABOUT
3 CONTACT TRACING? IS THIS ABOUT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
4 THAT GO TO THIS BREWERY? JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE THINKING
5 IS BEHIND IT SO WE CAN PASS THAT MESSAGE ON.

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** SURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I JUST WANT
8 TO NOTE THAT THE MOTION DID CALL FOR US TO LOOK AT INCLUDING
9 RESERVATIONS ALONG WITH A SET OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR US TO
10 BE ABLE TO PUT IN PLACE. AND I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT
11 THAT THE REASON THAT RESERVATIONS ARE HELPFUL IS THAT IT DOES
12 ALLOW FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE NOT ONLY KNOW EVERYBODY WHO IS
13 THERE AND HAVE SOME CONTACT INFORMATION IN CASE WE WOULD NEED
14 TO CONTACT PEOPLE IF THERE WERE CASES IDENTIFIED AT SITES, BUT
15 IT DOES ALLOW FOR MORE -- [MULTIPLE PEOPLE TALKING].

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, DR. FERRER.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT HAPPENED JUST THERE?

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21 **DR. FERRER:** SORRY, AM I BACK?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

24

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1 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY. SO I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT. IT IS ABOUT
2 ENSURING PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND CAPACITY LIMITATIONS, NOT
3 HAVING A LOT OF OVERCROWDING AS PEOPLE COME AND WAIT AROUND TO
4 GET INTO A BREWERY, AND AGAIN IT ALLOWS US TO DO SOME CONTACT
5 TRACING. BUT I WILL ALSO ASK DR. DAVIS TO CHIME ABOUT HOW
6 REALLY WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS MAKE SURE THAT THESE
7 REOPENINGS CREATE, AT THE SITES, AT THE BREWERIES, AN
8 ATMOSPHERE THAT IS MORE AKIN TO WHAT WE SEE IN OUR
9 RESTAURANTS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, AND LET ME JUST -- AND BEFORE DR. DAVIS
12 TALKS. I KNOW OUR MOTION ALSO TALKED ABOUT ALIGNING WITH THE
13 STATE, AND MAYBE YOU CAN ALSO TELL US WHAT THE STATE REQUIRES
14 IN TERMS OF RESERVATIONS. DO THEY SUGGEST IT? DO THEY REQUIRE
15 IT? WHAT DOES THE STATE EXACTLY SAY ABOUT THIS?

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** I WOULD HAVE TO TO AND LOOK AT THE STATE GUIDANCE
18 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME, AND I DON'T RECALL --
19 A LOT OF WHAT THEY DO IS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS OPPOSED TO
20 REQUIREMENTS. I DON'T KNOW, DR. DAVIS. I DON'T THINK EITHER OF
21 US RECALL EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE EITHER RECOMMENDING. I DON'T
22 THINK THEY ARE REQUIRING RESERVATIONS. I THINK WE WERE, AGAIN,
23 ANXIOUS WITH THE MOTION TO PUT INTO PLACE THE ADDITIONAL
24 SAFETY MEASURES, WHICH I THINK ARE APPROPRIATE.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** IS DR. DAVIS COMMENT ON THIS?

2

3 **DR. DAVIS:** I WILL HAVE TO GO LOOK AT IT AGAIN. PART OF IT IS
4 TRYING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS GOOD PLANNING IN TERMS OF
5 HAVING THE ROOM, THE SPACE, THE SET UP TO HAVE THE PARTIES
6 COME IN AND BE DISTANT IN THE WAY THEY ARE REQUIRED TO IN
7 ADDITION TO ALLOWING FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW WHEN THEY ARE COMING
8 IN.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** BECAUSE WE DON'T REQUIRE 24 HOUR RESERVATIONS AT
11 RESTAURANTS, CORRECT? AND IT IS KIND OF THE SAME THING,
12 OUTDOOR EATING AND DRINKING.

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** WE DO NOT REQUIRE RESERVATIONS AT RESTAURANTS. I
15 THINK WE RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE RESERVATIONS. WE RECOMMEND
16 THAT PEOPLE COLLECT CONTACT INFORMATION. I THINK THE
17 DIFFERENCE WAS -- OKAY, SORRY.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, GO AHEAD. YEAH BECAUSE I THINK IF IT IS FOR
20 CONTACT TRACING, I DEFINITELY THINK A SIGN IN SHEET. I MEAN
21 YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHO WAS THERE. RESERVATIONS,
22 SOMETIMES, HOW ANY PEOPLE MAKE RESERVATIONS AND DO NOT SHOW
23 UP. SO IT SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE COMPLICATED TO GO
24 BACK, AND THEN YOU HAVE TO SORT OF DOUBLE ASSESS A LIST, LIKE
25 DID THOSE PEOPLE REALLY SHOW UP. YOU WOULD HAVE TO CROSS CHECK

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1 IT WITH, IF THERE WAS A SIGN IN SHEET. IT SEEMS TO ME A SIGN
2 IN SHEET AND THEN TELLING THE BREWERIES, OBVIOUSLY, TO LIMIT
3 THE CAPACITY IF THAT'S WHAT WE GOING FOR, SO THEN YOU WOULD
4 ACTUALLY KNOW WHO WAS THERE ON A PARTICULAR AFTERNOON OR
5 EVENING AS OPPOSED TO SORT OF GUESSING DID THOSE PEOPLE
6 ACTUALLY SHOW UP WHO MADE RESERVATIONS.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I MEAN I THINK WE WERE TRYING TO LOOK AT THE
9 MOTION AND ADHERE TO THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS IN THE MOTION,
10 SUPERVISOR.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** IF WE COULD JUST REVISIT THAT AGAIN. BEGGARS CAN'T
13 BE CHOOSERS. THEY ARE REALLY GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE ALLOWING
14 THEM TO OPEN. THEY ARE JUST WONDERING ABOUT THIS 24 HOUR IN
15 ADVANCE RESERVATION MANDATE. THEY FELT IT WAS A LITTLE
16 STRICTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS, SO
17 MAYBE WE CAN LOOK AT THAT AND SEE IF THERE IS COMMON GROUND
18 THERE SOMEWHERE. SO ON FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS, I'M
19 GUESSING -- REMIND ME. IT IS HARD TO REMEMBER WHAT IS OPEN AND
20 WHAT IS NOT OPEN. FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS ARE --

21

22 **DR. FERRER:** THEY ARE NOT OPEN, AT THIS POINT, BUT THEY ARE
23 PERMITTED TO REOPEN IN TIER ONE, AGAIN OUTDOORS.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AND WE ARE IN TIER ONE.

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1

2 **DR. FERRER:** WE'RE IN TIER ONE, YES.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, SO I GOT A CALL FROM A LOCAL BATTING CAGE
5 GUY IN TORRANCE. AND THEY ARE ASKING BATTING CAGES,
6 SPECIFICALLY. I MEAN THERE IS A LOT. THERE'S MINIATURE GOLF.
7 THERE'S GO KART RACING. I'M JUST FORWARDING A CONSTITUENT WHO
8 FEELS LIKE BATTING CAGES ARE OUTDOOR. IT IS USUALLY ONLY THE
9 PERSON AND THE MACHINE. THEY CAN BE -- THE CAGES CAN BE
10 PHYSICALLY DISTANT. YOU CAN NOT RENT EVERY CAGE. PEOPLE
11 USUALLY SHOW UP WITH THEIR OWN BATS AND GLOVES. SO WHERE DO
12 YOU SEE BATTING CAGES IN TERMS OF A HEALTH RISK AND THE
13 POSSIBILITY OF PRIORITIZING THEM TO OPEN UP SOON?

14

15 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD
16 AROUND THE PRIORITIZATION. I THINK FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
17 CENTERS ALSO INCLUDE ARCADES, WHICH IS -- THERE'S A FAIR
18 AMOUNT OF WORRY ABOUT THE ARCADES. BUT I HEAR YOU, AND THAT,
19 YOU KNOW, IN SOME OF THE OUTDOOR, LESS CROWDED, ONE PERSON
20 USES EQUIPMENT -- WE COULD, OF COURSE, JUST TAKE A LOOK, TRY
21 TO DRAW UP SOME PROTOCOLS THAT CREATE SOME SAFETY FOR THOSE
22 AND, OBVIOUSLY, WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD ON THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THAT. I CANNOT SPEAK FOR
25 MY COLLEAGUES, AND HERE IS WHAT MAKES THE PUBLIC GO CRAZY, AND

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1 I GET IT. IT SEEMS LIKE SO MANY TIMES, ONE THING, YOU ARE OKAY
2 WITH, AND THEN WE ARE NOT OKAY WITH ANOTHER THING, BUT I THINK
3 OVERALL, I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT. WE ARE STILL SAFER AT HOME. WE
4 STILL HAVE NOT BEAT THIS VIRUS. IT IS STILL CONTAGIOUS AND
5 DEADLY. AND SO EVERY LITTLE BIT THAT WE EKE OUT AN OPENING IS
6 CAUSING A NEW LITTLE BIT OF A RISK. BUT, YOU KNOW, I
7 APPRECIATED YOUR COMMENTS EARLIER. I AM NOT SURE I HAD HEARD
8 YOU THAT BEFORE THAT IT'S -- WE ARE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THESE
9 LARGE GATHERINGS, PEOPLE NOT WEARING FACE COVERINGS, PARTIES
10 IN BACKYARDS. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT. WHEN WE
11 HAVE THESE BUSINESSES, IF THEY CAN LIMIT CAPACITY, ENSURE
12 PHYSICAL DISTANCING, WEAR FACE COVERINGS, WE ARE LESS LIKELY
13 TO SEE HIGHER CASES. AND, YOU KNOW, I WILL JUST SAY, I WILL
14 JUST PONTIFICATE HERE AND SAY, IF WE HAD MORE HELP FROM THE
15 GOVERNMENT IN STIMULUS MONEY, WHERE WE KNEW PEOPLE WERE
16 GETTING CHECKS WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED OR BUSINESSES WERE GETTING
17 A LIFELINE TO KEEP OPEN, I DON'T THINK WE WOULD BE AS
18 CONCERNED ABOUT REOPENING CERTAIN SECTORS! I AM WORRIED ABOUT
19 BUSINESSES. I'M WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE LOSING THEIR JOBS AND
20 BECOMING PART OF THE HOMELESS COUNT IN JANUARY. SO I WISH WE
21 COULD GUARANTEE EVERYBODY THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY,
22 AND THEY WOULD HAVE MONEY TO PAY THEIR RENT, TO PUT FOOD ON
23 THEIR TABLES, TO SUSTAIN THEIR FAMILIES DURING THIS TIME, BUT
24 WE DON'T. SO THEN IT IS LEFT TO US HERE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL TO
25 BALANCE PUBLIC HEALTH WITH THE ECONOMY, WHICH IS A REALLY

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1 TOUGH POSITION TO BE IN. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND ON THE
2 SCHOOL WAIVERS, I THINK WHAT A LOT OF PARENTS HAVE REACHED OUT
3 TO MY OFFICE AND SAID THEY LIKE THE WAIVER PROCESS, GLAD --
4 THEY ARE NOT FEELING LIKE IT IS GOING FAST ENOUGH. THEY WANT
5 MORE SCHOOLS OPEN. THEY WANT MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO GO
6 TO SCHOOL. I UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE, AND I SUPPORTED THE MAKING
7 SURE THAT WE GOT SUPPORT FROM TEACHERS, STAFF, AND PARENTS.
8 THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD WAS VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT,
9 BUT IT DOES SEEM LIKE THAT IS THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES IS A
10 LITTLE INEQUITY BETWEEN PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
11 AND DIDN'T KNOW -- I KIND OF DON'T WANT TO TOUCH THAT, BUT,
12 YOU KNOW, THAT IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE A LOT OF THE COMPLAINTS
13 THAT I CONTINUE TO GET. SO ARE YOU -- ARE WE GOING TO
14 ACCELERATE REOPENINGS OF SCHOOLS ONCE WE GET THIS WAIVER
15 SITUATION UNDER CONTROL? OR WHAT IS YOUR SENSE IN TERMS OF
16 TIMING OF OUR SCHOOLS?

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** MY HOPE WOULD BE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WE DO
19 GET TO TIER TWO BECAUSE I THINK THAT REALLY IS AN EQUALIZER IN
20 TERMS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR REOPENINGS, AND THEN WE ARE ABLE
21 TO, BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME WE GET TO TIER TWO, DO EVERYTHING
22 RIGHT AT THE SCHOOLS THAT REOPENED SO THAT TEACHERS AND STAFF
23 AND PARENTS FEEL LIKE WE ACTUALLY ARE CREATING SPACES THAT
24 ARE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE GOING INTO THOSE
25 BUILDINGS AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT THEN GO BACK TO THEIR

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1 FAMILIES AND BACK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THERE'S A
2 LOT OF WORK WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW TO GET OURSELVES WELL
3 POSITIONED FOR BEING IN TIER TWO AND THEN THINKING
4 STRATEGICALLY IN TIER TWO HOW TO MAKE SURE, AS WE ARE
5 REOPENING, WE ARE ABLE TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T
6 OVERWHELM A SCHOOL BUILDING, OR A GROUP OF ADMINISTRATORS,
7 STAFF, AND TEACHERS AT THAT BUILDING. AND THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT
8 PROBABLY MEANS SOME KIND OF STAGGERED REOPENING SCHEDULE, NOT
9 OVER MONTHS, BUT OVER SOME WEEKS. SO THAT WE GET EVERYBODY
10 BACK IN, BUT SCHOOLS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT,
11 YOU KNOW, THEY ARE ABLE TO KEEP THE HALLS CLEAR. THEY HAVE
12 STUDENTS SEPARATED FROM OTHER CLASSES. THEY ARE ABLE TO MANAGE
13 A LUNCH ROOM THAT DOESN'T HAVE EVERYBODY CONGREGATING. I THINK
14 THERE'S A LOT OF LOGISTICS THERE, BUT AGAIN WE'LL BE SO MUCH
15 MORE CONFIDENT BECAUSE I THINK THERE ARE TWO THINGS WE ARE
16 LOOKING AT VERY CLOSELY RIGHT NOW AS SCHOOLS ARE REOPENING.
17 ONE IS FIDELITY TO THE OPENING PROTOCOLS, AND THE OTHER IS HOW
18 ARE WE DOING ON MANAGING CASES AND OUTBREAKS. ON THE FIDELITY
19 SIDE, SO FAR IT LOOKS VERY PROMISING. WE HAVE ONLY BEEN OPEN
20 FOR A VERY SHORT TIME. WE DON'T REALLY HAVE CASES OR OUTBREAKS
21 THAT HAVE HAD TO BE MANAGED YET, BUT I THINK THAT'S THE SECOND
22 THING WE ALL WANT TO SEE IS THAT, WHEN THERE IS A CASE, AND
23 THERE WILL BE CASES IN SCHOOLS, IT DOESN'T TURN INTO A MASSIVE
24 OUTBREAK WHERE WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THAT WERE EXPOSED,
25 AND EVERYONE IS NOW QUARANTINED, AND RAPIDLY IT GOES FROM ONE

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1 OR TWO CASES TO 30 OR 40 CASES. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE
2 PROTOCOLS WORK TO PROTECT EVERYBODY FROM THAT SITUATION
3 HAPPENING. SO I DO COMMEND ALL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE
4 PRIVATE SCHOOLS, PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS
5 BECAUSE I THINK THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE FIDELITY TO THE
6 PROTOCOLS IS WHAT ALLOWS US TO GET BOTH TO TIER TWO BECAUSE WE
7 CAN'T HAVE A LOT OF OUTBREAKS ASSOCIATED WITH WHAT IS GOING
8 ON RIGHT NOW, AND ALLOWS US TO HAVE EVERYBODY TO FEEL
9 COMFORTABLE THAT WE CAN DO IT RIGHT BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IT
10 IS. I THINK YOU WERE SO CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, IN NOTING THAT
11 ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS THAT WHEN WE ARE IN PLACES AND WE ARE
12 NOT ABLE TO DO THE DISTANCING AND THE MASKING THAT WE KNOW
13 HELPS, BUT THE OTHER IS THAT, AS SECTORS REOPEN, I THINK WE
14 ALL NEED TO FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO REOPEN WITH
15 FIDELITY TO THE PROTOCOLS. SO I AM ENCOURAGED ON BOTH FRONTS
16 BECAUSE WE JUST DID A LOT OF REOPENINGS, AND IT LOOKS LIKE
17 PEOPLE TOOK MUCH MORE SERIOUSLY THE OBLIGATION TO CREATE SAFER
18 WORKPLACES AND THE SAME THING WITH SCHOOLS. I THINK WE DO FEEL
19 MORE COMFORTABLE THAT THERE IS A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING, BUT AS
20 WE DO THE REOPENINGS, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO RELY
21 ON EACH OTHER. THAT'S WHAT THIS AMOUNTS TO. EVERYONE DOES HAVE
22 TO DO THEIR PART.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** I KNOW. YOU ARE RIGHT, IN FACT, WHEN YOU WATCH WHAT
25 HAPPENED IN THE N.B.A. AND YOU HEARD THE LAKERS GIVING THEIR

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1 TESTIMONIES AT THE VICTORY CELEBRATION, IT WAS REALLY ALL
2 ABOUT WHAT YOU JUST SAID. IT WAS THIS LOYALTY, THIS TRUST,
3 THIS -- YOU KNOW, FROM THE FAMILIES AND THE PLAYERS AND THE
4 COACHES AND THE STAFF, THEY -- THIS BUBBLE WAS TRUSTWORTHY. IT
5 WAS CONSCIENTIOUS. IT WAS AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO
6 ALL. DO NO HARM. IT WAS ALL THAT. AND IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE
7 WERE ALL ONE BIG BUBBLE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE ALL FELT THAT
8 WAY ABOUT ON ANOTHER. AND IT IS DISHEARTENING FOR ME TO STILL
9 BE PLACES WHERE YOU SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT COMPLIANT. SO THAT
10 IS TRUE. WE REALLY NEED TO PULL TOGETHER, COME TOGETHER AND DO
11 ALL WE CAN HUMANLY BECAUSE IT REALLY IS UP TO US. IT IS OUR
12 HUMAN BEHAVIOR THAT WILL GET US TO THE NEXT TIER. THANK YOU,
13 THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR!

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO
16 TALK, BUT I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON SOMETHING THAT
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS TALKING ABOUT THAT I AM TRYING TO
18 UNDERSTAND. I PULLED THE MOTION THAT WAS VOTED ON. AND IT SAYS
19 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKING IN CONCERT WITH
20 COUNTY COUNSEL TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE STATE PROTOCOLS TO
21 SAFELY OPEN BREWERIES AND WINERIES IN ONE WEEK. THE REOPENING
22 SHALL ABIDE BY STRICT SAFETY GUIDELINES, INCLUDING BUT NOT
23 LIMITED TO OUTSIDE OPERATIONS, LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION,
24 REQUIRED RESERVATIONS, THE SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND ALL
25 APPROPRIATE SAFETY MEASURES. THE ONE AREA THAT I AM HEARING IS

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1 THAT THE COUNTY HAS PUT IN LANGUAGE THAT SAYS BONA FIDE MEAL,
2 AND A BONA FIDE MEAL, AS DEFINED BY THIS COUNTY, YOU CANNOT
3 OFFER TO SERVE A SALAD OR A SANDWICH BECAUSE THAT IS NOT
4 CONSIDERED A BONA FIDE MEAL. AND SO, I AM JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW
5 WHERE THAT LANGUAGE CAME FROM AND IS THAT ALIGNED WITH THE
6 STATE BECAUSE I AM TOLD THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE THAT TYPE OF
7 REQUIREMENT AS IT RELATES TO EVEN RESTAURANTS SERVING.

8

9 **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH, IT IS REQUIRED, ALCOHOL AND BEVERAGE CONTROL
10 LANGUAGE HAS WHAT IS A BONA FIDE MEAL. IT ALSO SAYS THAT IF IT
11 IS GOING TO OPERATE A BAR OR A BREWERY OR WINERY CAN OPERATE
12 AS A RESTAURANT, THEN THE PRIMARY SERVICE THAT THEY OFFER IS A
13 BONA FIDE MEAL, AND THE ALCOHOL SERVICE IS SECONDARY.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THE A.B.C. IS THE ONE THAT DEFINES
16 WHAT A BONA FIDE MEAL IS?

17

18 **DR. DAVIS:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ALIGNING WITH
21 STATE PROTOCOLS, THE REQUIREMENT THAT WE'RE MANDATING FOR
22 BREWERIES AND FOR WINERIES ALIGNS WITH THE STATE AS IT
23 RELATES TO THE FOOD SERVICE?

24

25 **DR. DAVIS:** YES.

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2 **DR. FERRER:** JUST FOR BREWERIES.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** JUST FOR BREWERIES.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** JUST FOR BREWERIES. WINERIES WAS ACTUALLY CARVED
7 OUT SEPARATE FROM BREWERIES. BREWERIES IS ACTUALLY CLASSIFIED
8 IN THE SAME GROUPING, IT IS BREWERIES, BARS, AND DISTILLERIES,
9 THEN IT'S WINERIES ARE A SEPARATE GROUP, AND FOR WINERIES,
10 THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THEY SERVE A MEAL.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M JUST SAYING, FOR ME, AN ORDER OF FRENCH FRIES
13 AND A RANCH DRESSING IS A BONA FIDE MEAL IF I WAS SITTING
14 THERE. I'M JUST SAYING.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AMEN. SO I GUESS WHAT I AM TRYING TO SEE
17 THEN IS THAT, IN FACT, WE, AS A MOTION DIRECTIVE, IT IS NOT
18 ALIGNED WITH STATE AS IT RELATES TO WINERIES. I DIDN'T KNOW
19 THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BREWERIES AND WINERIES, BUT
20 WINERIES THEN ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE BONA FIDE. WE, IN FACT,
21 PUT THAT IN THERE.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** A.B.C. DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT.

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1

2 **DR. FERRER:** I DON'T KNOW. IT WAS REALLY MORE THE STATE WHEN IT
3 CREATED THE TIERED SYSTEM, IT ACTUALLY CREATED FOR BREWERIES -
4 - IT ACTUALLY PUT THEM IN TWO DIFFERENT GROUPINGS. AND IT HAS
5 WINERIES WITHOUT A REQUIREMENT FOR A MEAL. AND IT HAS
6 BREWERIES, BARS, REALLY WHAT IT WAS IS IT SAID FOR BREWERIES,
7 BARS, DISTILLERIES, THEY CANNOT OPEN. THAT IS ACTUALLY WHAT
8 THE LANGUAGE IS. THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM OPENING, AND THEN
9 THERE'S A CAVEAT, UNLESS THEY ARE SERVING A MEAL. AND THE
10 REASON FOR THAT CAVEAT WAS THE SORT OF SLIPPERY SLOPE BETWEEN
11 THE RESTAURANTS THAT SERVE ALCOHOL AND THE ALCOHOL, THE BARS,
12 BREWERIES, AND DISTILLERIES THAT SERVE FOOD. SO THEY WERE
13 TRYING TO MARRY THAT BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE SOME
14 BREWERIES, BARS, AND DISTILLERIES THAT CAN SERVE FOOD. I
15 THINK WE DREW THE LINE SOMEWHERE DIFFERENTLY THAN THE STATE
16 BASED ON OUR PERMITTING OF RESTAURANTS AND BARS, BUT WITH THIS
17 MOTION HAVE CHANGED THAT JUST FOR BREWERIES, BUT BECAUSE THE
18 LANGUAGE IN THE MOTION PUT BREWERIES AND WINERIES TOGETHER, WE
19 MADE THE THE SAME EXACT RULES FOR BREWERIES AND WINERIES HERE
20 IN L.A. COUNTY.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO AND THEN I'LL LET DR. -- I KNOW THAT
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO SPEAK, BUT JUST FOR MY OWN
24 CLARIFICATION THEN, IF A WINERY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, FOR
25 EXAMPLE, THAT DOES NOT HAVE A KITCHEN AND IS NOT SET UP

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1 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER REQUIRED UNDER THE CURRENT
2 REQUIREMENTS BY THE COUNTY AND BY THE STATE, BY THE WAY, AS IT
3 RELATES TO FOOD, IF NOW THEY WANT TO BRING IN A FOOD TRUCK
4 THAT IS GOING TO SERVE SANDWICHES, IS THAT CONSIDERED A BONA
5 FIDE MEAL?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** OUR UNDERSTANDING IS IF IT'S -- YES. I THINK THE
8 ISSUE IS IF THE SANDWICH IS PREPARED, DR. MONTE WILL CLARIFY,
9 BUT I THINK THE ISSUE IS IF THE SANDWICH IS PREPARED AT THAT
10 FOOD TRUCK AND IS PART OF THE SERVICE WITH THE -- WITH THE
11 WINERY, THEN YES. I THINK -- I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE ALL SAYING IS
12 WHO DETERMINES WHAT YOUR MEAL IS. FOR SOME OF US, A SMALLER
13 MEAL IS JUST FINE, AND IT COULD BE A MEAL.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, DON'T GO AFTER MY CHICKEN BITES.

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK THE INTENT WAS THAT IT IS NOT A SNACK.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT REALLY HELPS ME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND
20 A LOT, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. I HAVE NOT HEARD SOMEBODY TALK ABOUT
24 WINERIES AND BREWERIES SINCE I WENT INTO THE PROGRAM. MY
25 QUESTIONS GO BACK TO THE SCHOOLS, IF I MAY. EARLIER, DR.

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1 FERRER, YOU INDICATED THAT NEW YORK WAS DOING BETTER, AND THEY
2 HAD OPENED MORE THINGS UP, BUT I THINK I RECALL THE NEW YORK
3 TIMES INDICATING ABOUT A WEEK AGO THERE WERE HOT SPOTS IN THE
4 SCHOOLS. AND THEY WERE LOOKING AT CLOSING SOME SPECIFIC AREAS.
5 DO YOU RECALL ANYTHING OUT OF NEW YORK ABOUT THAT?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** AND I THINK THAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN A FAIRLY COMMON
8 EXPERIENCE IS WHEN SCHOOLS OPEN AND THERE ARE HOT SPOTS THAT
9 HAVE HIGHER RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, IT IS REALLY
10 INEVITABLE YOU WILL START SEEING CASES IN THE SCHOOLS. THAT IS
11 ONE OF THE REASONS WHY NO SCHOOLS WILL OPEN HERE FOR ALL
12 STUDENTS UNTIL YOU GET INTO TIER TWO IS THE STATE IS TRYING
13 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HIGHER RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IN
14 THE COMMUNITY WILL LEAD TO MORE CASES IN SCHOOLS. AND SO I
15 THINK IN HOT SPOT COMMUNITIES, WHERE THERE WERE -- AND THERE
16 THERE WERE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER CASE RATES WOULD MAKE IT
17 EASIER FOR THERE TO BE TRANSMISSION IN THE SCHOOLS. I THINK
18 OUR APPROACH TO THIS HAS BEEN, IF YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE
19 WILL BE CASES IN THE SCHOOLS AND YOU CAN MAKE SURE THE CASES
20 DO NOT TURN INTO LARGE OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOL, JUST LIKE WE TRY
21 TO DO IN THE BUSINESSES, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO THEN OFFER MORE
22 SAFETY WITH THE REOPENING. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER LARGE
23 DISTRICT, AS LARGE AS OURS, A LARGE JURISDICTION, THAT IS
24 PUTTING AS MUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FROM THE HEALTH
25 DEPARTMENT SIDE INTO HELPING THE SCHOOLS BECAUSE WE THINK A

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1 LOT IS AT STAKE HERE. AND WE REDEPLOYED 100 PEOPLE TO REALLY
2 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE
3 HOPING IS THAT EVEN IF WE HAVE NOW WHAT WE HAVE, WHICH IS
4 HIGHER RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, IF WE HAVE GOOD
5 MANAGEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS AND GOOD ADHERENCE TO THE PROTOCOLS,
6 MAYBE THOSE CASES WOULD NEVER TURN INTO THE LARGE OUTBREAKS
7 THAT THEN FORCE THE CLOSING OF THE SCHOOL, WHICH IS WHAT YOU
8 HAVE SEEN IN NEW YORK CITY, AND IN OTHER PLACES, AND ALSO THEN
9 FEEDS BACK, UNFORTUNATELY, TO MORE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IN
10 THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. SO WE HAVE TO TRY TO DO THIS
11 RIGHT, I THINK, FOR IT TO WORK FOR ALL OF US.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, WHAT I'VE NOTICED IS THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT
14 WESTERN EUROPE FOR QUITE A WHILE BECAUSE THEY HAD REALLY DONE
15 A LOT WITH SHUTDOWNS AND PRETTY STRICT REQUIREMENTS AND THEN
16 SLOWLY OPENED UP. AS I SAW A REPORT, I THINK C.N.N. HAD ALL OF
17 THEIR CORRESPONDENTS FROM PARIS, BERLIN, LONDON, AND MADRID,
18 ALL OF THEM HAVE SEEN INCREASES IN THEIR CASES, IN SOME CASES,
19 WORRISOME INCREASES WHERE THE HOSPITALS ARE SOMEWHAT OVER RUN.
20 AND I GUESS THE REAL ISSUE FOR US IS, AS YOU HAVE INDICATED,
21 AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE INDICATED, KIND OF THE LEVEL OF
22 COMPLIANCE BECAUSE EVERYWHERE, VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE IN THE
23 WORLD, AND IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE MORE THINGS HAVE OPENED UP,
24 WHERE THEY HAVE GONE TO INDOOR DINING BECAUSE THEY HAD A LOW
25 CASE LEVEL, CASES STARTED GOING UP AGAIN. AND I THINK THAT'S A

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1 HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR US, TO EXPLAIN THAT EVEN THOUGH WE
2 HAVE BROUGHT CASES DOWN, WE HAVE BROUGHT CASES DOWN BY HOW
3 STRINGENT OUR REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN. AND IT IS THE CASE THAT
4 IF WE WANT TO KEEP THEM DOWN, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO
5 SOME KIND OF STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS. SO I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT
6 WE ARE LEARNING, FIRST OF ALL, FROM OPENING, AS YOU
7 INDICATED, OVER 800 SCHOOLS OPEN TO SERVE SPECIAL NEEDS
8 STUDENTS, AND OVER 70 PERCENT OF THOSE WERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
9 WHICH I FIND VERY HEARTENING. SO IT WOULD BE VERY GOOD FOR US
10 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE HISTORY IS AS WE GO ALONG OF THOSE
11 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE OPENED BECAUSE THAT IS THE BEST INDICATOR.
12 IF THEY ARE COMPLIANT, YOU KNOW, THE KIDS ARE THERE, SOME
13 TEACHERS ARE THERE, IT IS ONLY 10 PERCENT OF THEIR POPULATION,
14 BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO UNDERSTAND, AND THEN, AS WE
15 GRANT WAIVERS, FOR US TO ALSO SEE WHAT SPECIFICALLY HAPPENS IN
16 THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS. MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALSO ASKED ABOUT
17 COUNTIES AROUND US, AND I THINK THAT WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD
18 INDICATOR IF WE CAN FIND THEIR NUMBERS TO HEAR ABOUT MAYBE
19 NEXT WEEK BECAUSE I KNOW TWO SMALLER COUNTIES HAVE BEEN
20 DROPPED DOWN INTO A HIGHER TIER, A LOWER NUMBER, BECAUSE THEY
21 WERE ALLOWED TO REOPEN, AND SUDDENLY THEY ARE IN THE HIGHER
22 TIER BECAUSE THEY HAVE MORE CASES. SO I THINK IT WILL HELP US
23 TO KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE. AND I
24 WOULD APPRECIATE THAT, IF YOU CAN, ON OUR NEXT REPORT. THANK

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1 YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU ARE DOING, YOU
2 AND YOUR STAFFS, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISOR
7 WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, I WANT TO THANK YOU DR. FERRER,
8 AND DR. DAVIS, TO BE CONTINUED. I HOPE OUR NUMBERS COME IN
9 STRONG, AND STRONG MEANING LOW. SO ITEM S1 IS BEFORE US. I
10 WILL MOVE SECOND BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE
11 REPORT. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
12 NOW WE ARE GOING TO GO ON TO ITEM NUMBER THREE, WHICH WAS HELD
13 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE
14 FLOOR IS YOURS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
17 COLLEAGUES. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE APPRECIATE YOUR COAUTHORSHIP
18 WITH THIS MOTION. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE STAKEHOLDERS
19 WHO HAVE ADVOCATED FOR THIS NEW VISION FOR PARK SAFETY. PARKS,
20 AS WE ALL KNOW, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF MILLIONS OF
21 COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO GREEN
22 SPACE. AND MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO SIMPLY SAY, INVESTING
23 IN THESE ASSETS AND THE PROGRAMMING THAT OCCURS WITHIN THESE
24 SPACES MUST BE A CRITICAL PART OF OUR APPROACH TO PROMOTING
25 WHAT I WOULD ARGUE TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST AND MORE EQUITABLE LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY. AND THAT FRAMEWORK THAT WE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
2 CONTINUES TO PUSH US TOWARD DOING WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE THE
3 APPROPRIATE THING, THE RIGHT THING, THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE
4 FOR A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RESPECTIVE
5 CONSTITUENCIES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PANDEMIC AND IT'S FINANCIAL
6 REPERCUSSIONS HAVE FORCED US TO MAKE DIFFICULT CUTS AT THE
7 PARKS, AS IS THE CASE ACROSS THE BOARD. PROGRAMMING STAFF HAS
8 BEEN REDUCED, AND FUNDING IS NOT SECURE FOR ONGOING POOL
9 OPERATIONS IN THE PROGRAMMING FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. I
10 HOPE, IN THE MONTHS TO COME, THE BOARD WILL RECONSIDER THIS AS
11 THINGS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, THESE
12 SERVICES HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS A CRITICAL PART OF THE
13 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH WELL BEING FOR FAMILIES WE SERVE.
14 AFTER ALL, THE SERVICES ARE FREE. PEOPLE ARE FINANCIALLY
15 STRAPPED, AND THESE ARE PUBLIC ASSETS THAT SHOULD BE PUBLIC-
16 FACING, PUBLIC-SERVING, AND WE SHOULD NEVER, EVER ALLOW
17 OURSELVES TO BE UNMINDFUL OF THAT. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE
18 ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF DELIVERING THESE SERVICES
19 IN A SAFE AND TRAUMA-INFORMED MATTER. GIVEN THE SHERIFF'S
20 RECENT DECISION TO CURTAIL THE PARKS SERVICES BUREAU ENTIRELY,
21 THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO PUT A STRATEGY IN PLACE SO OUR
22 PARKS CAN REMAIN SAFE FOR THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY ARE
23 LOCATED AND FOR WHICH THEY ARE INTENDED TO SERVE, AGAIN, TO
24 ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PARKS STAKEHOLDERS AND THE
25 ENVIRONMENT MORE BROADLY SPEAKING. AND MADAM CHAIR AND

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1 COLLEAGUES, I SUSPECT IT IS IMPORTANT TO SAY THAT IT BECOMES
2 INCREASINGLY OF A CONCERN THAT YOUTH PROGRAMMING HAS NOT BEEN
3 THE PRIORITY FOR THIS SHERIFF THAT IT SHOULD BE. MAY I OFFER
4 AN ILLUSTRATION? IN THE COMMUNITY KNOWN AS ATHENS, IN A STATE
5 OF TUMULT, OF CRISIS, TRAUMA, AFTER A RECENT SHERIFF-OFFICER-
6 INVOLVED SHOOTING, THAT SAME COMMUNITY, THE SHERIFF MADE THE
7 DECISION TO CLOSE THE YOUTH ACTIVITY LEAGUE. THAT FACILITY IS
8 LOCATED ON SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE. AND DURING A TIME WHEN A
9 COMMUNITY IS HURTING DUE THE PANDEMIC, DUE TO ONGOING SOCIAL
10 INEQUITIES, THE Y.A.L. WAS A POTENTIAL LOCATION TO CREATE
11 BONDS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. THAT
12 POTENTIAL WAS WHY, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE
13 OVERSEEN A \$3.4 MILLION INVESTMENT IN THAT FACILITY. AND MADAM
14 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WHEN MY OFFICE LEARNED THE SHERIFF WAS
15 CLOSING THE FACILITY, WE IMMEDIATELY REACHED OUT IN
16 COORDINATION WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SEEK ACCESS IN ORDER
17 TO RESUME PROGRAMMING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
18 REFUSED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SPACE CLAIMING PROGRAMMING
19 WOULD RESUME. THE QUESTION WE POSE IS WHEN, AND WHY THE DELAY?
20 PARENTS NEED RELIEF. CHILDREN NEED ACTIVITY. WEEKS LATER, THE
21 SITE REMAINS CLOSED TO THAT COMMUNITY. AND IN LIGHT OF THIS
22 APPROACH TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HIS OVERT THREAT
23 ESSENTIALLY TO DEFUND THE PARKS BUREAU, WE SEE WHAT THE
24 SHERIFF'S PRIORITIES REALLY ARE. WE SHOULD USE THIS AS AN
25 OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE PARK SAFETY, TO INCORPORATE

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1 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSES AND INVITE COMMUNITY INPUT. WE
2 WANT PARK SAFETY TO BE ENHANCED, AND I APPRECIATE THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LEANING INTO THIS WORK IN
4 ORDER TO LIVE UP TO THEIR MOTTO AND TO ENSURE THAT PARKS
5 CONTINUE TO, AND I QUOTE, MAKE LIFE BETTER. MADAM CHAIR AND
6 COLLEAGUES, THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. AND I WANT TO MAKE
7 SURE THAT WE ARE ATTENDING TO EVERY ASPECT OF WHAT OUR
8 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS CAN DO COLLABORATIVELY. IT SHOULD NOT
9 BE THE CASE THAT IN ANY INSTANCE WE SEEK TO BALANCE OUR
10 BUDGET ACROSS THE BOARD FAIRLY, EQUITABLY, AND THE LIKE, THAT
11 THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT COMES FORWARD AND SEEKS TO HOLD
12 HOSTAGE ANYTHING ASPECT OF THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO
13 ENSURE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY. THE INITIAL ROUND WAS TO SAY
14 WELL I'LL JUST CLOSE STATIONS IN ALTADENA AND IN MARINA. NOW,
15 IT'S ESSENTIALLY, WE ARE GOING TO LEVERAGE YOU BY ESSENTIALLY
16 SAYING THAT WE WILL CURTAIL SERVICES IN THE PARKS' PUBLIC
17 SAFETY PROGRAM. I THINK THAT IS THE KIND OF INTIMIDATION
18 TACTICS, IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR, THAT CAUSES TOO MUCH OF THIS
19 DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SHERIFF TO BE IN THE SHAPE THAT IT IS
20 IN, AND WE WILL NOT TAKE THAT INTIMIDATION LIGHTLY. WE ARE NOT
21 TO BE MADE AFRAID BY ANY SUCH EFFORTS. WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO
22 DISPATCH OUR DUTIES IN THE RESPONSIBLE WAY THAT WE HAVE TAKEN
23 AN OATH TO UPHOLD. THAT IS WHAT IS AT STAKE HERE. AND WHILE
24 THE SHERIFF SPENDS TIME POKING AT BOARD MEMBERS WHEN AFFORDED
25 THE OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC COMMENT BY ASSERTING THAT WE'RE

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1 DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I WISH TO SUGGEST THAT HE
2 SHOULDN'T SEEK TO DEFUND THE YOUTH ACTIVITY LEAGUES. THESE
3 YOUNGSTERS, THESE CHILDREN, SOME OF WHOM ASPIRE TO BE LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL THEMSELVES, NEED EVERY OPPORTUNITY
5 THAT THEY CAN TO HAVE POSITIVE INTERACTION IN THE CONTEXT OF
6 THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, WITH TUTORIALS, OR WITH PHYSICAL
7 ACTIVITY, WITH INTERFACING WITH THOSE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE
8 DEPARTMENT WHO WANT TO BE INVESTORS RATHER THAN WARRIORS IN
9 THE COMMUNITY. AND, THEREFORE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE AN
10 OBLIGATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MOTION AT HAND. MADAM
11 CHAIR, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD WISH TO POSE TO OUR
12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH YOUR PERMISSION TO CLARIFY A
13 COUPLE OF MATTERS THAT I THINK DESERVE SUCH ATTENTION. MAY I
14 PROCEED?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, YOU MAY. AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN
17 WANTS TO SAY SOME WORDS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT -- BECAUSE I THINK I HAVE SOME
22 REMARKS, TOO, BUT IT IS UP TO YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
23 IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THE C.E.O. TO RESPOND FIRST.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME PUT THE QUESTIONS OUT THERE, AND
2 THEN WE WILL GO FROM THERE. SO IT IS FACTUAL THAT THE Y.A.L.S
3 ARE DEFUNDED ACROSS THE COUNTY OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS,
4 SO THIS IS NOT A MATTER THAT IS FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE
5 SECOND DISTRICT. AND I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT POINT. QUESTION TO
6 THE C.E.O. IS, WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPARTMENTS
7 THAT IS PROPOSAL. THE SECOND QUESTION IS BY WHAT AUTHORITY
8 CAN THE SHERIFF REDEPLOY STAFF AS REPRESENTED. AND THE THIRD
9 QUESTION IS IF WE TALK ABOUT CURTAILMENTS, DID ALL COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SUBMIT A
11 CURTAILMENT PLAN TO CLOSE THE PROJECTED BUDGET GAP FOR 2021.
12 AND FINALLY, DID YOUR OFFICE FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HELP AVOID
13 ALL OF THE LAYOFFS? THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I WANT TO POSE,
14 MADAM CHAIR, AND I LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DETERMINE WHEN THEY CAN
15 BE ANSWERED.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, I THINK THOSE ARE GOOD QUESTIONS. AND
18 FESIA, IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS, AND THEN WE WILL GO
19 TO SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO ON THE QUESTION OF THE UNDERSTANDING
23 OF THE PROPOSAL, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
24 SEEKS TO REDEPLOY 107 SWORN AND 51 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FROM THE
25 PARKS BUREAU TO THE CUSTODY OPERATIONS. I THINK THE IMPORTANT

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1 POINT THERE IS, THEY ARE NOT JUST PROPOSING TO TRANSFER STAFF,
2 BUT IT IS THE FUNDING AND THE APPROPRIATION BEHIND THAT STAFF
3 THAT IS ALSO BEING PROPOSED TO BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN THOSE
4 TWO BUDGET UNITS. ON THE ISSUE OF AUTHORITY, OUR OFFICE HAS
5 WORKED CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE LEGAL RESEARCH
6 REVEALS THAT IT IS WELL SETTLED IN THE LAW THAT YOUR BOARD HAS
7 THE AUTHORITY TO SET THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
8 DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF STAFFING POSITIONS IN EACH DEPARTMENT,
9 AND YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE BUDGET UNITS WITHIN EACH
10 DEPARTMENT. THE REASON WHY THAT IS IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE WHAT
11 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO DO IS TO TRANSFER THE
12 STAFF AND THE FUNDING, THE APPROPRIATION, FROM ONE BUDGET UNIT
13 TO ANOTHER BUDGET UNIT. AND IN THE EYES OF THE LAW, THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LACKS THAT AUTHORITY. THAT AUTHORITY, IN
15 FACT, RESTS WITH YOUR BOARD, AND YOUR BOARD WOULD HAVE TO TAKE
16 SOME SORT OF BUDGETARY ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THAT TRANSFER
17 BETWEEN STAFF FROM THE PARKS BUREAU TO THE CUSTODY OPERATIONS.
18 ON THE ISSUE OF CURTAILMENTS AND THE COUNTY-WIDE CURTAILMENTS
19 THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE REQUIRED OF EACH DEPARTMENT, YOU MAY
20 REQUIRE THAT BACK IN JUNE, WE WERE PROJECTING A \$935 MILLION
21 DEFICIT. AND THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS, YES. WE REQUIRED
22 EACH DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A BUDGET CURTAILMENT EXERCISE. AND
23 EACH DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY SUBMITTED THAT, INCLUDING THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THOSE CURTAILMENT PLANS WERE
25 IMPLEMENTED AND ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD WHEN WE DID THE FINAL

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1 CHANGES BUDGET IN JUNE OF 2020. AND THEN I THINK THAT LAST
2 QUESTIONS, SO PART OF THOSE CURTAILMENT EXERCISES REQUIRED THE
3 ELIMINATION OF FUNDING FOR SERVICES, FUNDING FOR SUPPLIES, AND
4 FUNDING OF POSITIONS. SOME OF THOSE POSITIONS WERE FILLED, AND
5 SOME OF THE POSITIONS WERE VACANT. AND SO, WHAT THAT WOULD
6 HAVE RESULTED IN IS ESSENTIALLY LAYOFFS. I THINK WE WERE
7 LOOKING AT THE TIME AT ABOUT 655 LAYOFFS. AS TO THE FINAL
8 QUESTION, I BELIEVE, RELATED TO LAYOFFS, SUPERVISOR, WE WERE
9 ABLE TO MITIGATE ALL LAYOFFS WITHIN ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
10 THAT WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED THEM. AND THAT INCLUDES AVOIDING
11 AND MITIGATING LAYOFFS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO I
12 WILL GO AHEAD AND CONCLUDE MY ANSWERS THERE TO SEE IF THERE
13 ARE CLARIFICATIONS OR FOLLOW UP.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT SATISFIES MY CONCERNS
16 FOR RIGHT NOW.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. IT IS CLEAR
23 OUR PARKS ARE SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COUNTY. PARKS MAKE
24 LIFE BETTER, AND DURING A TIME LIKE THIS, WHEN WE ARE LIVING
25 THROUGH 2020, AND IT IS SO UNCERTAIN, AND HOME HAS BECOME THE

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1 MAJORITY OF HOURS THAT WE SPEND, PARKS ARE NOW MORE IMPORTANT
2 THAN EVER. AND IT IS TRUE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PARKS
3 STAY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND WE NEED TO MAKE
4 SURE THEY ARE SAFE. THERE WAS A TIME, NOT TOO LONG AGO, WHEN
5 OUR PARKS WERE UNFORTUNATELY NOT ALWAYS THE SAFEST PLACE TO
6 BE. AND SO IN 2009, THE COUNTY REIMAGINED SECURITY IN THE
7 PARKS AND CREATED THIS PARKS BUREAU. OUR SHERIFFS DEPUTIES AT
8 THE PARKS BUREAU HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB KEEPING THE PARKS
9 SAFE FOR THE LAST DECADE, AND WE THANK THEM FOR THIS. IN FACT,
10 OUR DIRECTOR, NORMA GARCIA, OF OUR PARKS HAS HAD A REALLY GOOD
11 WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CAPTAINS AND THE DEPUTIES THAT
12 HAVE BEEN IN THE PARKS BUREAU. BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY
13 NOW TO REIMAGINE THE WAY WE KEEP OUR PARKS SAFE. L.A. COUNTY
14 HAS CHANGED A LOT OVER THE LAST DECADE, AND MAYBE THERE IS A
15 BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO DO THINGS THAN THE STATUS
16 QUO. I SEE THIS MOTION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THAT.
17 MAYBE WE CAN SHIFT THE MODEL TO MORE OF A CONTRACT MODEL WITH
18 THE FUNDS STAYING WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT INSTEAD OF THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MAYBE WE CAN IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY-
20 POLICING MODEL TO WORK ALONGSIDE OUR SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. AND
21 MAYBE WE CAN TRAIN UNARMED PARK STAFF TO RESPOND TO NON-
22 EMERGENCY INCIDENTS. THESE ARE SOME OPTIONS WE ARE ASKING THE
23 C.E.O. TO EXPLORE IN THEIR REPORT BACK. PUBLIC SAFETY IS
24 CERTAINLY OUR PRIORITY, AND IT IS OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT
25 OUR PARKS STAY SAFE FOR EVERYONE, BUT PUBLIC SAFETY LOOKS

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1 DIFFERENT TO DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
2 THE OPTIONS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT BACK. THANK YOU MADAM
3 CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I JUST HAVE TO
6 SAY WHEN THE SHERIFF ANNOUNCED, AS PART OF HIS BUDGET, THAT
7 HE WAS ELIMINATING THE PARKS BUREAU, THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT
8 DISCUSSIONS WITH PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT OR THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, WHICH ALLOCATES THE FUNDS FOR THE PARKS BUREAU.
10 THE SHERIFF FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THAT ELIMINATING PARKS BUREAU
11 MEANS THAT OVER \$23 MILLION WILL BE REALLOCATED OUT OF HIS
12 BUDGET TO THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC
13 SAFETY SERVICES. UNLIKE PATROL SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED
14 AREAS, PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN OUR PARKS CAN BE PROVIDED
15 OUTSIDE OF L.A.S.D. IN FACT, THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ALSO
16 KNOWN AS O.P.S., USED TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN
17 OUR PARKS. THE BOARD DISSOLVED O.P.S. AND TRANSFERRED THAT
18 FUNCTION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN PART BECAUSE THE BOARD
19 RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO PROFESSIONALIZE AND ENHANCE PUBLIC
20 SAFETY AT OUR PARKS. I WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE SHERIFF'S
21 ACTION BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW VITAL THE SHERIFF IS
22 AT OUR PARKS AND IS TRULY APPRECIATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.
23 THE WORK OF THE DEPUTIES TRULY IS THE TYPE OF COMMUNITY
24 POLICING MODEL THAT WE WANT. THE RESULT OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT
25 GIVES THIS BOARD NO CHOICE BUT TO REVIEW HOW PUBLIC SAFETY IS

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1 PROVIDED IN OUR PARKS. I AM GOING SUPPORT THE REPORT BACK
2 TODAY BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE DIRECTIVES CALL FOR LOOK INTO
3 A THIRD PARTY ONLY IF NECESSARY. MY HOPE IS THAT THE REPORT
4 WILL RECOMMEND THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CURRENT
5 STRUCTURE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IF THE
6 SHERIFF WILL WORK WITH THIS BOARD AND WITH THE PARKS
7 DEPARTMENT. THE PARKS BUREAU PERSONNEL HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION
8 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS WISE TO
9 MAKE LONG TERM CHANGES BASED ON CURRENT PERSONALITIES. WE ALL
10 AGREE ON THIS BOARD THAT RELIABLE AND CONSISTENT PUBLIC SAFETY
11 WITHIN OUR COUNTY PARKS IS PARAMOUNT. AGAIN, I WILL BE
12 SUPPORTING THIS REPORT BACK, BUT WITH PLENTY OF RESERVATIONS
13 AS I BELIEVE THE PARKS BUREAU IS DOING AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND
14 IS, QUITE FRANKLY, BEING USED AS A PAWN BY THIS SHERIFF, WHICH
15 IS A DISSERVICE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WITHIN THE PARKS BUREAU
16 AND WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS TIMELY MOTION BEFORE
20 US TODAY. AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
21 THE COUNTY'S 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, ENSURING NEED ARE MET,
22 UTILITIES, BUILDINGS, FACILITIES ARE MAINTAINED, AND THAT WE
23 KEEP THE COMMUNITIES SAFE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS ALSO A PART OF
24 OUR DUTIES AND A PRIORITY, I KNOW, FOR ALL OF US. AND A COUPLE
25 OF WEEKS AGO, I VOTED TO ADOPT THE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

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1 THAT WAS SPECIALLY CURATED BY THE ACTING C.E.O. AND TEAM.
2 THIS TOOK A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT, DESPITE THE
3 GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND ECONOMIC CRISIS, OUR COUNTY CONTINUES TO
4 PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO OUR RESIDENTS, WHICH
5 INCLUDED SAVING ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES FROM A LAYOFF. PARKS
6 SERVICE BUREAU, A SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UNIT, THAT WAS SUPPOSED
7 TO KEEP RESIDENTS AND STAFF SAFE WAS ONE OF THE MANY SHERIFF
8 UNITS THAT WE, AS A BOARD, SAVED DESPITE THE SHERIFF DECIDING
9 TO CUT IT, WHICH ALSO MEANT LAYING OFF THE DEPUTIES WHO WORK
10 IN THAT BUREAU. PARKS ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ME AS THEY
11 ARE SPACES WHERE RESIDENTS CAN SPEND TIME ALONE AND WITH
12 FRIENDS AND FAMILY, ENGAGE IN SELF CARE, MEDITATION, AND
13 MENTAL HEALTH. AND IT IS ALSO A PLACE WHERE THE COUNTY
14 PROVIDES SERVICES TO OUR YOUTH, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT RISK, LIKE
15 PARKS AFTER DARK. I ALSO USE MY DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO FUND
16 SHERIFF DEPUTIES TO PATROL PARKS IN MY OWN DISTRICT. THE
17 SITUATION THAT IS CURRENTLY BEFORE US IS THAT THE FUNDING WE
18 SET ASIDE THAT WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY AND SAFETY IN THE PARKS
19 IS THREATENED BY THE SHERIFF TO BE USED NOT THE PARKS, WHICH
20 IS AGAINST THE BOARD'S BUDGETARY PRIORITIES. THIS MOTION CALLS
21 FOR A REPORT BACK THAT WOULD INCLUDE OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO
22 ACT TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS MAINTAINED IN OUR
23 COUNTY'S PARKS, INCLUDING THE OPTION OF TRANSFERRING \$23
24 MILLION OUT OF HIS BUDGET AND DIRECTLY INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 PARKS AND RECREATION TO ENSURE THAT THAT OCCURS. BUT BEYOND

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1 THAT, AS THE BOARD CONTINUES ALONG THE CARE FIRST/ JAIL LAST
2 PATH, A THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AND PLAN ON REDEFINING AND
3 REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY IN PARKS, I THINK, IS NECESSARY.
4 JUST AS WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH ALTERNATIVES TO 911 AND
5 OTHER NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES, THE SAME CAN BE SAID
6 ABOUT HOW OUR PARKS ARE POLICED. LOOKING AT A DIFFERENT PUBLIC
7 SAFETY MODEL THAT PROMOTES CRISIS RESPONSE AND VIOLENCE
8 PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND MODELS THROUGH A NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 MEANS AND THROUGH THE USE OF UNARMED STAFF ALIGN WITH HOW THIS
10 BOARD ENVISIONS SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. PARKS
11 ARE AND SHOULD BE SAFE PLACES, AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
12 MAINTAIN THAT SPACE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING A REPORT
13 BACK ON THIS ITEM. BUT I DO WANT TO CLARIFY SOMETHING IF I
14 MIGHT. THE SHERIFF SPOKE TO US EARLIER REGARDING THIS ITEM. I
15 WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS NOT THE ONLY
16 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY THAT HAD TO DEAL WITH CURTAILMENTS.
17 ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS DID, BUT DESPITE THIS, THE BOARD
18 DECIDED TO ENSURE THAT THERE WERE NO LAYOFFS THIS FISCAL YEAR,
19 INCLUDING LAYOFFS IN HIS OWN DEPARTMENT. WE SAVED NUMEROUS
20 PROGRAMS AND UNITS THAT THE SHERIFF WANTED TO CUT, SUCH AS THE
21 PARKS BUREAU, SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU, THE M.E.T. TEAMS, AND
22 THE H.O.S.T. TEAMS AND EVEN PROVIDING ONE-TIME FUNDING OF \$40
23 MILLION TO THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT TO AVOID AN ADDITIONAL 100
24 PLUS LAYOFFS. IT IS NAIVE FOR THE SHERIFF TO THINK THAT PUBLIC
25 SAFETY IS ONLY HIS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT IS ALSO OURS. AND WE

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1 DO TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY. IN FACT, THIS MOTION IS BEFORE US
2 BECAUSE THERE IS A RISK THAT SAFETY SERVICES WON'T BE
3 PROVIDED CONSISTENTLY IN OUR COUNTY PARKS, DESPITE THE BOARD
4 FUNDING THIS BUREAU DURING OUR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. MY MEN'S
5 CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE MOTION WILL BE ASSESSING THE ACTUAL
6 STAFFING RATIOS AND LEVELS NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE
7 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS IN THE JAIL. WE NEED TO TAKE ALL FACTORS
8 INTO CONSIDERATION, SUCH AS THE LOWER JAIL POPULATIONS, THE
9 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO KEEP THE JAIL POPULATION LOW, AND OUR
10 BUILD OUT OF AN A.T.I. INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COMMUNITY. THE
11 ALLEGED IMPACT IN CUSTODY THE SHERIFF STATES WILL OCCUR ARE
12 DECISIONS THAT HE IS CHOOSING TO MAKE TO TAKE CUSTODY DEPUTIES
13 OUT OF THE ACCESS TO CARE BUREAU, H.O.H., AND FOOD SERVICES.
14 THOUGH THE SHERIFF SAYS THAT STAFFING IS AN ISSUE IN CUSTODY,
15 THE BIGGEST ISSUE AND CONCERN THAT COUNTLESS OVERSIGHT BODIES,
16 INCLUDING THE CIVILIANS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE BROUGHT
17 FORWARD WAS THAT THERE IS A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE IN THE JAILS
18 BROUGHT ABOUT BY CUSTODY STAFF AND THE FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP
19 TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS SWIFTLY AND APPROPRIATELY, WHICH WAS
20 REINFORCED BY THE ROSAS LAWSUIT AND THE D.O.J. CONSENT DECREE.
21 FINALLY, THE SHERIFF, TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY ENDED WITH A
22 SURPLUS IS MISLEADING. WE ARE STILL DEALING WITH THE \$661
23 MILLION DEFICIT. WE HAD TO TAP INTO OUR RESERVES FOR ONE-TIME
24 FUNDING TO ENSURE WE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR TEN
25 MILLION RESIDENTS, AND WE ARE STILL DEALING WITH A GLOBAL

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1 PANDEMIC THAT CONTINUES TO KILL ANGELENOS, AND WE ARE STILL
2 DEALING WITH AN ECONOMIC CRISIS AS EVIDENCED BY THOUSANDS OF
3 BUSINESSES THAT ARE STRUGGLING AND RESIDENTS WHO CAN'T PAY
4 THEIR BILLS. WE STILL HAVE INCREDIBLE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
5 SO, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING, WE HAD A LETTER THAT
6 WAS SENT TO US THIS MORNING BY THE SHERIFF. THE LETTER DOES
7 NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE FACT THAT THE INMATE POPULATION
8 HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED IN THE JAILS AS A RESULT OF
9 COVID, AND THEREFORE, LESS STAFFING IS NEEDED TO SATISFY THE
10 TERMS OF THE CONSENT DECREE. AND I HAVE MANY, MANY QUESTIONS
11 THAT I WOULD WANT TO ADDRESS TO COUNTY COUNSEL IF THEY CAN
12 ALSO HELP TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN
13 RAISED IN THIS LETTER THAT ALL THE BOARD OFFICES RECEIVED
14 RIGHT BEFORE THIS MEETING. IF I CAN HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL ON, I
15 WOULD APPRECIATE IT?

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** MARY WICKHAM IS HERE.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, SO, MARY, COUNTY COUNSEL, I WANTED TO ASK,
20 THE FACT THAT THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO US, CAN YOU TALK US
21 THROUGH SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP THERE, THAT
22 WERE RAISED, THAT I THINK THEY ARE MISLEADING?

23

24 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. I MEAN
25 AS YOU POINT OUT, NUMBER ONE, THE LETTER DOES NOT TAKE INTO

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1 ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE INMATE POPULATION HAS BEEN REDUCED
2 AS A RESULT OF COVID, AND THEREFORE, LESS STAFFING IS NEEDED
3 OVERALL TO RUN THE JAILS. SECOND, THE SHERIFF SEEMS TO BE
4 MAKING A POINT THAT THE STAFFING ISSUE IS SIGNIFICANT AND THAT
5 HE CANNOT COMPLY WITH THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF CONSENT
6 DECREES BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL, IT WILL IMPACT
7 STAFFING, AND THAT IS JUST NOT ACCURATE. OUR MOST RECENT
8 REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS COURT MONITORS HAVE OVERALL SUGGESTED
9 THAT WE ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSENT
10 DECREES, AND, AS TO STAFFING, THE PROPOSED BUDGET PLAN IMPACT
11 TO STAFFING DOES NOT -- IS NOT NEW. IN OTHER WORDS, STAFFING
12 WAS ALWAYS AN ISSUE FOR THE SHERIFF AS IT PERTAINED TO
13 COMPLIANCE WITH CONSENT DECREE REQUIREMENTS. THE PROPOSED
14 BUDGET PLAN DOES NOT CREATE A NEW SCENARIO, AND THAT, COUPLED
15 WITH THE FACT THAT OVERALL INMATE POPULATION IS NOW REDUCED,
16 ONE WOULD DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT DEPUTY SHERIFF STAFFING,
17 LIKEWISE, COULD BE REDUCED IN THE JAIL SETTING. SO, HE SEEMS
18 TO BE -- THE SHERIFF SEEMS TO BE MAKING AN ISSUE OUT OF
19 SOMETHING CONVENIENTLY THAT, IN FACT, THE FACTS JUST DO NOT
20 SUPPORT. THOSE ARE THE POINTS, I THINK, THAT COME TO MIND.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND HAS THE SHERIFF ACTUALLY IDENTIFIED FOR US THE
23 ACTUAL CUSTODY STAFFING LEVELS IN THE JAIL?

24

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1 **ATTORNEY:** GREAT QUESTION, NO. THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE C.E.O.,
2 WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED THE SHERIFF FOR THOSE NUMBERS. WE
3 HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THOSE NUMBERS, SO MUCH SO THAT THE C.E.O.
4 HAS HAD TO BRING IN A CONSULTANT OUTSIDE OF THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT, AND WE ARE EXPECTING A REPORT BACK FROM THE
6 CONSULTANT I THINK IN JUNE '21 WITH THE HOPE THAT THAT
7 CONSULTANT CAN IDENTIFY THE NUMBERS. ALTHOUGH, AND EVEN THERE,
8 IT IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE WE NEED COOPERATION FROM THE SHERIFF
9 REALLY IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE STAFFING LEVELS IN THE JAILS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNTY COUNSEL. AND THANK
12 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WAS SITTING
16 HERE, AND I AM TOLD THAT WHEN YOU BECOME A CAPTAIN, YOU ARE
17 REQUIRED TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO BALANCE YOUR BUDGET. SO I WOULD
18 HIGHLY SUGGEST THE SHERIFF TALK WITH HIS CAPTAINS TO BETTER
19 UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET PROCESS BECAUSE THIS IS THE CLASSIC
20 EXAMPLE OF WHERE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE TO ELIMINATE A
21 BUREAU WITHOUT THE UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN FACT, THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS FUNDS THAT BUREAU, AND IF HE ELIMINATES THE
23 BUREAU, HE IS ELIMINATING THE FUNDING. SO I HOPE THE SHERIFF
24 WILL EITHER WORK WITH THE C.E.O. AND WITH THE BOARD, OR, AT
25 THE VERY LEAST, TALK TO HIS CAPTAINS, WHO, WHEN THEY WERE

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1 PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN, UNDERSTAND HOW THE BUDGET PROCESS WORKS
2 WITH THE COUNTY. SO HEARING NO ONE ELSE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
6 OPPORTUNITY. I THINK WE HAVE COVERED THIS SUFFICIENTLY. I
7 TRUST THAT IT IS CLEAR TO ALL WHO ARE LISTENING THAT THIS
8 BOARD TAKES PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY. IT IS OUR PRIORITY. WE
9 TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARKS TO BE AS BEAUTIFUL AND AS
10 ACCESSIBLE AND MAY I SAY AS SAFE AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. THAT IS
11 THE MESSAGE WE ARE DELIVERING, AND FROM THAT POSITION, WE WILL
12 NOT RETREAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. HAHN AND
13 THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD, FOR CONSIDERING THIS ITEM, AND I
14 LOOK FORWARD TO, WHEN IT COMES BACK, SO THAT WE CAN DO THE
15 PEOPLE'S BUSINESS IN A WAY THAT REPRESENTS US IN GOOD STEAD.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SO THE MOTION IS BEFORE US,
19 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN
20 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
21 ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

4

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

6

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
21 0.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. NOW WE
24 WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 18, WHICH WAS HELD BY ME. SO --
25 AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, THEY WANT TO

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1 SAY SOME WORDS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN IN JOINING ME
2 ON THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE RESOLUTION 1165 AUTHORIZED
3 BY CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER, WHO CONDEMNS THE RECENT
4 MILITARY ACTIONS BY AZERBAIJAN'S GOVERNMENT IN KARABAKH REGION
5 OF ARMENIA AND DENOUNCES TURKISH INTERFERENCE IN THE CONFLICT.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME IN SENDING A JOINT
7 LETTER EARLY ON IN SUPPORT OF 1165. WHILE ON SATURDAY THIS
8 LAST WEEKEND, A TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN AZERBAIJAN AND
9 ARMENIA THAT CAME INTO EFFECT AFTER ALMOST TWO WEEKS OF
10 FIGHTING AFTER THE DISPUTED REGION APPEARS FRAGILE WITH BOTH
11 COUNTRIES ACCUSING EACH OTHER OF VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THE
12 AGREEMENT AMID REPORTS OF CASUALTIES. WHILE THE EXACT NUMBER
13 IS NOT KNOWN, THERE ARE REPORTED BETWEEN 300 AND 1,000
14 CIVILIAN AND MILITARY DEATHS ON THE ARMENIAN SIDE. TOGETHER,
15 WE REPRESENT THE LARGEST POPULATION OF THE ARMENIAN DIASPORA
16 IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADVOCATING FOR
17 THEIR WELL-BEING HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND AROUND THE
18 WORLD. IT WAS REPORTED BY L.A. TIMES THAT MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL
19 DIASPORA ARE RETURNING HOME TO THEIR MOTHER COUNTRY TO HELP
20 IN ITS DEFENSE. I WAS FORTUNATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A TELETHON
21 ON SATURDAY IN SUPPORT OF THOSE CIVILIANS THAT HAVE BEEN
22 DISPLACED AND ARE HOMELESS. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES, AND
23 I SUPPORT THE HOUSE RESOLUTION 1165, AND I OFFER MY PRAYERS
24 FOR ARMENIA TO RELIEVE THEIR SUFFERING AND BRING THEM COMFORT,
25 HEALING, AND HOPE, AND PEACE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER FOR LEADING THIS MOTION. AND YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S THE
4 LARGEST ARMENIAN COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF ARMENIA. I, TOO, FELT
5 LIKE IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO TALK ABOUT THIS TODAY. TODAY'S
6 SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY IS OUR ATTEMPT OF ACKNOWLEDGING THESE
7 INJUSTICES BY SUPPORTING THE BIPARTISAN HOUSE RESOLUTION
8 INTRODUCED BY A FORMER COLLEAGUE OF MINE, JACKIE SPEIER. AS
9 WE'VE ALL WITNESSED, THERE HAS BEEN COUNTLESS PROTESTS AND THE
10 COMMUNITY HAS TAKEN TO THE STREETS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT
11 THE INJUSTICES TAKING PLACE IN ARTSAKH. JUST THIS WEEKEND
12 ALONE THERE WERE OVER 100,000 ARMENIANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS
13 WHO TOOK TO THE STREETS IN A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN MID
14 CITY. AND LAST WEEK, THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER IN MY
15 DISTRICT AT THE L.A. TIMES HEADQUARTERS, WHICH I HAD TO STOP
16 AND REMEMBER THAT IT WAS NOW IN EL SEGUNDO, TO ALSO RAISE
17 AWARENESS. ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2020, AZERBAIJAN'S MILITARY
18 FORCES LAUNCHED A DEADLY AND UNPROVOKED ATTACK AGAINST THE
19 REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH, INCLUDING THAT COUNTRY'S CAPITAL CITY,
20 STEPANAKERT, AND THAT ATTACK HAS ALREADY TAKEN INNOCENT
21 CIVILIAN LIVES. THE RECKLESS INVASION IS A DIRECT THREAT TO
22 THE ARMENIANS THAT HAVE LIVED IN ARTSAKH FOR CENTURIES BUT
23 ALSO TO THE REGIONAL STABILITY AND TO FUNDAMENTAL UNITED
24 STATES INTERESTS, INCLUDING DEMOCRACY. TURKEY HAS THROWN ITS
25 FULL SUPPORT TO AZERBAIJAN'S INVASION AND HAS THREATENED

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1 ARMENIA. I WAS HOPEFUL ON FRIDAY WHEN I HEARD THERE WAS AN
2 AGREED UPON CEASEFIRE BUT WAS DISHEARTENED TO HEAR THAT
3 SHELLING AND BOMBING CONTINUED BY THE AZERIANS DURING THE
4 SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT AND EVEN MORE SINCE THEN. CIVILIANS
5 ARE BEING ATTACKED AND KILLED. CHURCHES ARE BEING DESTROYED.
6 SEVERAL FOREIGN PRESS REPORTERS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED. AND THIS IS
7 ALL DURING OUR WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC. WE CANNOT SIT IDLE IN
8 WATCHING THESE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TAKE PLACE, AND WE URGE
9 THE U.S. TO TAKE A STAND FOR THE PEOPLE OF ARMENIA AND
10 ARTSAKH. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONDEMN THE AGGRESSIVE OFFENSIVE
11 ATTACK OF THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT, RENOUNCE TURKEY'S
12 PURPORTED PARTICIPATION, SUPPORT A CEASEFIRE AND PEACEFUL
13 SOLUTIONS, WHILE WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT HOW TO SUPPORT THIS
14 REGION AS THEY REBUILD ONCE THIS IS SETTLED. THANK YOU, MADAM
15 CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO YOU AND
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR DRAWING OUR ATTENTION TO THE ATTACKS THAT
22 HAVE PLACE ALONG THE ARMENIAN BORDER AND THE HUNDREDS OF LIVES
23 THAT HAVE BEEN LOST AND THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOW
24 BEEN DISPLACED. I'M ALSO GRATEFUL THAT A FORMER COLLEAGUE OF
25 MINE, CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER, INTRODUCED HOUSE RESOLUTION

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1 1165, WHICH IS COAUTHORED BY MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY'S
2 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND CONDEMNS THE AZERBAIJAN'S
3 MILITARY ATTACKS AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE AND DENOUNCES
4 TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFLICT. AS YOU KNOW, LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST ARMENIAN POPULATION IN
6 THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF ARMENIA. AND I HAVE THE HONOR OF
7 REPRESENTING MANY OF THOSE ARMENIAN RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE IN
8 THE FIRST DISTRICT. OUR SUPPORT OF THIS BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION
9 SHOWS THAT WE STAND WITH OUR ARMENIAN RESIDENTS AND CONDEMN
10 THE ATTACKS. CLUSTER BOMBS WERE USED AGAINST CIVILIANS IN THE
11 CITY OF STEPANAKERT, WHICH IS A SISTER CITY OF MONTEBELLO,
12 WHICH IS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. STEPANAKERT IS NOW SCATTERED
13 WITH THE RUINS BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY THE AZERI BOMBS. THIS
14 IS AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUE THAT I BELIEVE REQUIRES
15 THE WORLD TO TAKE NOTICE AND TAKE ACTION. TRAGICALLY, HUNDREDS
16 OF CIVILIANS HAVE DIED, AND ARMENIANS AROUND THE WORLD DESERVE
17 OUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE
18 WITH THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF THESE ATTACKS, AND WE HOPE A
19 LONGSTANDING PEACE CAN RETURN TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THANK
20 YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU
2 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD AND FOR ALLOWING THE BOARD
3 AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR GROWING ALARM AT THE ESCALATING
4 VIOLENCE AGAINST ARMENIANS IN AZERBAIJAN. ANGELENOS WITH ROOTS
5 IN ARMENIA AND THOSE WHO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THEM HAVE
6 EXERCISED THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND
7 EXPRESS THEIR OUTRAGE. LITERALLY THOUSANDS HAVE GATHERED
8 OUTSIDE AZERBAIJAN AND ARMENIAN CONSULATES, BLOCKED TRAFFIC ON
9 THE 101 AND 170 FREEWAYS, AND MARCHED AND SPOKEN OUT SINCE THE
10 VIOLENCE BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. IT'S REMINISCENT OF WHAT
11 HAPPENED, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, UPON THE KILLING OF
12 GEORGE FLOYD. AND I WANT TO SAY WE MUST NOT SHY AWAY FROM
13 CONFRONTING EXTRA JUDICIAL VIOLENCE AND CALLING IT BY ITS
14 NAME. I INVOKE THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., "A THREAT
15 TO JUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE,"
16 THEREFORE WE MUST RAISE OUR VOICES. I SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION
17 1165, AND, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
18 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
19 SHARE MY VIEWS IN THIS REGARD.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HEARING NO ONE ELSE IS
22 REQUESTING TO SPEAK, ITEM 18 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT.
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

2

3 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

4

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

7

8 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

9

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

12

13 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

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17 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

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21 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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23 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
24 0.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
2 NUMBER 19, WHICH I HELD, WHICH IS THE NORTH COUNTY DISASTER
3 RECOVERY. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR ALLOWING ME TO
4 BRING THIS MOTION TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
5 DEVASTATED BY THE LAKE AND BOBCAT FIRES. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
6 HAS WREAKED UNTOLD HAVOC ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND AS OUR
7 COMMUNITIES ARE DEALING WITH SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND
8 ECONOMIC HEALTH IMPACTS, THE LAKE AND BOBCAT FIRES ERUPTED AND
9 ADDED TO THEIR DEVASTATION. THESE FIRES OVERLAPPED FOR A
10 NUMBER OF DAYS AND ADDED TO THE STRAIN OF MANPOWER AND
11 RESOURCES THAT WERE NEEDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND
12 PROPERTY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO I WANT TO TAKE THIS
13 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE FOREST SERVICE AS WELL AS MANY
15 OTHER FIRE SERVICES THAT CAME TO SUPPORT US FOR FIGHTING TWO
16 FIRES ON MULTIPLE FRONTS AS THESE FIRES CUT THROUGH OUR
17 COMMUNITIES AND THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. I WANT DO A
18 PUBLIC SHOUT OUT TO CHIEF OSBY AND ASSISTANT CHIEF SULLIVAN
19 FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO LEAD OUR FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS. I ALSO WANT
20 TO TAKE A MOMENT THANK KEVIN MCGOWAN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR BRINGING IN ALL AVAILABLE
22 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE FIRE FIGHTING EFFORT AND FOR QUICKLY
23 TRANSITIONING INTO LEADING THE RECOVERY EFFORT. THE DEDICATED
24 EFFORTS HELPED MINIMIZE THE LOSS OF HOMES AND PROPERTY AND
25 ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO LOSS OF LIFE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS LOSS

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1 SUFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITIES. THE LAKE FIRE BURNED NEARLY
2 31,000 ACRES AND DESTROYED 12 HOMES, DAMAGED 6 OTHERS, AND
3 DESTROYED 21 ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS IN THE LAKE HUGHES AND
4 ELIZABETH LAKE COMMUNITIES. THE BOBCAT FIRE, WHICH IS NEARING
5 FULL CONTAINMENT, HAS BURNED NEARLY 115,000 ACRES, DESTROYED
6 80 HOMES, DAMAGED 23 OTHERS, AND DESTROYED 80 ADDITIONAL
7 BUILDINGS IN THE JUNIPER HILLS, VALYERMO, AND PEARBLOSSOM
8 COMMUNITIES. THESE FIRES IN TERMS OF SIZE AND SCALE MAY BE
9 DIFFERENT, BUT THE DEVASTATION FACED BY EACH CONSTITUENT IS
10 THE SAME, WHICH IS WHY I'VE ASKED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
11 IMMEDIATELY DEPLOY ANY AND ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE. WHILE OUR
12 END GOAL IS FOR THOSE -- IS FOR THE LONG TERM HEALTH,
13 PROSPERITY, REBUILDING, AND RECOVERY OF OUR COMMUNITIES, WE
14 KNOW THAT THERE ARE IMMEDIATE NEEDS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED.
15 I'VE ASKED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMMEDIATELY ASSESS AND DEPLOY
16 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
17 AS WELL AS THEIR FINANCIAL AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE IN THE
18 IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE FIRES. WE WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYING
19 RESOURCES TO PREVENT PRICE GOUGING AND TO PROVIDE CONSUMER
20 PROTECTION, TENANT PROTECTION, AND BUSINESS PROTECTION ADVICE.
21 HOWEVER, THE REAL WORK COMES AS WE MOVE INTO THE REBUILDING
22 PHASE. MANY OF THESE COMMUNITIES WERE FOUNDED DECADES AGO,
23 PRIOR TO THE ZONING EFFORTS IN THE 1950S, AND THEREFORE HAVE
24 INHERENTLY LOCAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS. SOME OF THE
25 STRUCTURES THAT WERE DESTROYED HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR

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1 NEARLY A CENTURY AND REPRESENT THE RURAL CONTEXT OF THE
2 COMMUNITY. AS THEY BEGIN TO REBUILD, WE MUST TAKE NOTE OF
3 THEIR CHARACTER AND HISTORY AND HELP THEM REBUILD IN A WAY
4 THAT DOES NOT FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE THEIR UNIQUE
5 CHARACTERISTICS AND ATTRIBUTES. I WANT TO THANK MARK
6 PESTRELLA, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND AMY BODEK,
7 DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING, FOR JOINING ME LAST WEEK TO
8 TOUR THE AREAS DEVASTATED BY THE FIRE, ALSO FESIA DAVENPORT,
9 AS WELL. THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME INNOVATIVE THINKING AND
10 PLANNING FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND I AM GLAD THEY WERE ABLE
11 TO JOIN ME IN SEEING WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED. FINALLY, I WANT TO
12 NOTE AND THANK GOVERNOR NEWSOM FOR DECLARING A STATE OF
13 EMERGENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FOR REQUESTING A MAJOR
14 DISASTER DECLARATION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IT IS
15 CRITICAL FOR THE RECOVERY EFFORT THAT WE RECEIVE THE FEDERAL
16 DECLARATION TO SUPPLEMENT COUNT AND STATE RESOURCES, WHICH ARE
17 ALREADY STRETCHED THIN BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OTHER
18 DISASTERS STATEWIDE WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY REIMBURSEMENT
19 FUNDING. REMOVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND DEBRIS FROM PRIVATE
20 PROPERTY, REBUILDING DAMAGED HOMES AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE,
21 AND OTHER RECOVERY EFFORTS WILL REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT
22 OF FUNDING AND REQUIRE LEVERAGING PRIVATE, LOCAL, STATE, AND
23 FEDERAL FUNDING. FOR OUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HURTING RIGHT
24 NOW, I COMMIT THAT MY OFFICE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
25 WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO HELP YOU THROUGH THIS

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1 PROCESS AND REMOVE AS MANY OBSTACLES THAT WE CAN AND THAT MAY
2 COME ACROSS AND TO SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. SO WITH
3 THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MIGHT MAKE A COMMENT?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. JUST VERY BRIEFLY BECAUSE THE
11 RESIDENTS OF MY DISTRICT HAVE BEEN SO UNDERSTANDING AND REALLY
12 ALIGNED WITH THE RESIDENTS OF YOUR DISTRICT, AND WE CAN'T
13 BELIEVE THAT IT'S BEEN ALMOST TWO YEARS SINCE THE WOOLSEY
14 FIRE. IT TAKES SO LONG TO RECOVER. THESE ARE VERY GOOD
15 ACTIONS. AND IT'S A VERY GOOD AND COMPREHENSIVE MOTION THAT
16 DRAWS IN GREAT WEIGHT FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT MOTIONS THAT
17 WE DID OVER TIME IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND BRINGS IT ALL
18 TOGETHER AND I THINK IN A REALLY GOOD AND SOUND WAY BUILDING
19 ON WHAT WE LEARNED IN THE WOOLSEY FIRE TASKFORCE THAT MET FOR
20 ALMOST A YEAR. SO, BRINGING THEM ALL TOGETHER TO ADDRESS
21 HOUSING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES, PROPERTY TAX CONCERNS, EVEN, YOU
22 KNOW, SEDIMENT REMOVAL, DEBRIS REMOVAL, EVERYTHING. IT IS
23 REALLY EXTRAORDINARY, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR PULLING IT
24 TOGETHER. I CONGRATULATE OUR DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL THE WORK THEY
25 DID AFTER THE WOOLSEY FIRE AND THINKING THROUGH HOW TO HELP

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1 OUR RESIDENTS RESPOND TO AND SURVIVE AND RECOVER FROM THESE
2 HORRIFIC EVENTS. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I CERTAINLY AM
3 VERY SUPPORTIVE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY
6 STAFF, WHO WORKED, AND TO YOUR POINT, LESSONS LEARNED. SO I
7 WANT TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE MY STAFF AS WELL AS KEVIN
8 MCGOWAN, ANISH, AND ALISA, WHO REALLY PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO
9 THIS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THEM. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. I
10 WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE
11 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 18 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?

19

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

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

7

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

9

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

11 0.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FANTASTIC. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO MY
14 COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM
15 21, OPPOSE CALIFORNIA STATE PROPOSITION 22. THAT WAS HELD BY
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS YOU
19 KNOW, UBER, LYFT, AND DOOR DASH WROTE PROP 22 AND PAID TO PUT
20 IT ON THE BALLOT TO CREATE A SPECIAL EXEMPTION IN THE LAW FOR
21 THEMSELVES TO LEGALLY EXPLOIT THEIR DRIVERS FOR PROFIT BY
22 DENYING THEM THE CRITICAL PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY ASSEMBLY
23 BILL 5. APP-BASED COMPANIES DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEE
24 BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS THEIR DRIVERS HAVE EARNED AND
25 DESERVE. THESE CORPORATIONS HAVE MADE BILLIONS BY EXPLOITING

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1 THEIR DRIVERS FOR YEARS. NOW THE COMPANIES ARE SPENDING NEARLY
2 \$200 MILLION TO PASS PROP 22 SO THEY CAN PERMANENTLY DENY FAIR
3 WAGES AND BENEFITS TO THESE DRIVERS. ACCORDING TO A 2020 STUDY
4 CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IF UBER AND LYFT
5 HAD RIGHTFULLY TREATED DRIVERS AS EMPLOYEES, THESE TWO
6 COMPANIES WOULD HAVE PAID \$413 MILLION IN THE STATE'S
7 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BETWEEN 2014 AND 2019, BUT INSTEAD
8 CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS NOW HAVE TO PAY FOR THE EMERGENCY AID TO
9 THESE DRIVERS AMID THE PANDEMIC. THE MEASURE WOULD ROLL BACK
10 WORKERS' RIGHTS FOR APP-BASED WORKERS AT A TIME WHEN VITAL
11 WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. AS
12 RESEARCH HAS CONFIRMED, PROP 22 WOULD LEAVE WORKERS UNDERPAID,
13 COMPENSATING WORKERS FOR LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR WORK.
14 IT WOULD LEAVE WORKERS UNPROTECTED, CANCELING ACCESS TO STATE
15 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. AND IT WOULD
16 LEAVE THEM UNREPRESENTED, CUTTING OFF THE ABILITY OF THE STATE
17 LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE LAW IN THE FUTURE. IF PROP 22
18 SUCCEEDS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL LOSE THE ABILITY TO PASS OR
19 ENFORCE LAWS FOR APP-BASED WORKERS THAT MEET LOCAL MINIMUM
20 WAGE STANDARDS, REQUIRE A LIVING WAGE, OR SAFEGUARD TIPS,
21 EXTEND SICK LEAVE, INCLUDING CURRENT OR EMERGENCY COVID-19
22 RELIEF, PROVIDE HEALTHCARE SUBSIDIES TO APP-BASED WORKERS,
23 PROTECT WORKERS FROM UNFAIR TERMINATION, OR MANDATE ADEQUATE
24 INSURANCE OR LICENSING TO PROTECT CONSUMERS. PROPONENTS OF THE
25 LAW STRESS THAT THE MEASURE PROTECTS INNOVATION AND

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1 FLEXIBILITY, BUT WE SEE NOTHING INNOVATIVE OF FLEXIBLE ABOUT
2 ROLLING BACK DECADES OF PROGRESS SO SOME OF THE RICHEST
3 COMPANIES IN THE WORLD CAN AVOID LAWS THEY DON'T LIKE. PROP 22
4 WAS NOT CREATED FOR GIG WORKERS BUT FOR THE MULTIBILLION
5 DOLLAR CORPORATIONS WHO SEEK TO AVOID PROVIDING THEIR DRIVERS
6 WITH ADEQUATE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS. IF APP COMPANIES TRULY
7 WANTED TO HELP THEIR DRIVERS, THEY'D BE MAKING SURE THEIR
8 WORKERS HAVE THE PAID SICK LEAVE AND HEALTHCARE COVERAGE THEY
9 NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE PUBLIC
10 RIGHT NOW. NOW SPENDING MILLIONS TO BUY THEMSELVES A NEW LAW,
11 THESE DRIVERS, IN 78 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR, ARE
12 ESSENTIAL. THEY'RE HELPING CALIFORNIA THROUGH THE PANDEMIC,
13 AND THEY DESERVE BETTER. WE BELIEVE APP DRIVERS, MANY WHO ARE
14 LATINO, BLACK, AND FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, SHOULD
15 HAVE SICK LEAVE, HEALTHCARE, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND
16 FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR SCHEDULING. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD
17 TAKE A STANCE AGAINST PROP 22 AND ENSURE THAT EVERY EMPLOYEE
18 IN CALIFORNIA RECEIVES THE FULL PROTECTIONS OF A.B.5. THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I CAN'T BELIEVE WITH ALL OF
24 YOU GUYS WHO FIGURE OUT THESE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU DIDN'T PUT
25 THIS TO BE ITEM 22. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S ITEM 21, BUT IT'S ABOUT

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1 PROPOSITION 22. BUT THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ALLOWING
2 US TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS. AND I'M GLAD WE'RE OPPOSING
3 THIS PROPOSITION. AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. AND THERE ARE
4 SO MANY WORKERS LIKE DRIVERS WHO NEED THESE APP COMPANIES.
5 THEY NEED PROTECTIONS, AND THIS LAW WILL UNDERMINE OUR ONGOING
6 EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THAT. SACRAMENTO PASSED A.B.5 IN SEPTEMBER
7 2019 TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS TO EARN A LIVING WAGE
8 AND HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE. WE HAVE LAWS IN PLACE
9 SINCE LAST YEAR, AND THESE LAST MINUTE EFFORTS FROM COMPANIES
10 TO SAVE THEIR PROFIT MARGINS ON THE BACKS OF WORKERS IS NOT
11 ACCEPTABLE. I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY WE
12 OPPOSE PROP 22. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I WAS JUST SEEING IF
15 ANYONE ELSE WANTED TO SPEAK. I AM JUST GOING TO SAY IT'S
16 POSSIBLE THAT HAD A.B.5 BEEN WELL THOUGHT THROUGH, THIS
17 PROPOSITION WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO BE ON THE BALLOT. I THINK
18 THAT THE PROP 22, BASED ON READING IT, AND THIS IS ALL BASED
19 ON MY STUDY OVER THE WEEKEND, WILL PROTECT APP-BASED DRIVERS,
20 INDEPENDENTS, TO CHOOSE WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW LONG TO WORK,
21 ENABLING DRIVERS TO SUPPLEMENT LOST INCOME AND WAGES DURING
22 THE PANDEMIC. I JUST TRULY DO BELIEVE THAT, AGAIN, HAD A.B.5
23 BEEN A BETTER BILL, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THE SITUATION WHERE I'VE
24 HEARD FROM INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, WE SAW IT WITH INDIVIDUALS
25 THAT ARE PROVIDING TRANSLATION FOR THE DEAF THAT WERE

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1 INADVERTENTLY IMPACTED BECAUSE OF THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES
2 OF A POOR WRITTEN BILL. SO I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSITION
3 ACTUALLY WILL TRY TO RIGHT WHAT WAS WRONG WITH A.B.5. AND
4 THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT I DO NOT SUPPORT OUR LABOR PARTNERS
5 BECAUSE I DO, BUT ON THIS ONE I HAVE TO RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE
6 WITH THE INTENT AND THE OUTCOME IF IT WERE TO PASS, SO IT WILL
7 BE MOVED SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 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:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

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

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

8 CARRIES.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER

11 22, ADDRESSING THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF THE RELENTLESS COVID-

12 19 VIRUS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE KNOW THAT THE ACUTE

15 SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 CAN RANGE FROM NONE AT ALL OR A MILD

16 COUGH TO COMPLETE RESPIRATORY COLLAPSE OR EVEN DEATH.

17 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT EFFECTS OF THE

18 CORONAVIRUS DO NOT END WITH THESE ACUTE SYMPTOMS BUT, INSTEAD,

19 CAN LAST WEEKS TO MONTHS. AND ACROSS THE GLOBE, EVEN THOSE

20 WITH INITIALLY MILD ILLNESS ARE REPORTING CONTINUED ISSUES.

21 THESE SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE DIFFICULTY BREATHING, FATIGUE,

22 HEADACHES, MUSCLE ACHES, TROUBLE CONCENTRATING, P.T.S.D., AND

23 INFLAMMATION. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ONE SUCH SURVIVOR

24 OF WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS A LONG HAUL COVID-19. TO UNDERSCORE

25 THE GRAVITY OF THIS SITUATION, I'D LIKE TO SHARE A STORY OF

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1 THIS YOUNG COVID-19 SURVIVOR. SHE'S 33 YEARS OLD AND CONSIDERS
2 HERSELF AN ATHLETE. SHE HAS BEEN A RUNNER FOR MORE THAN 15
3 YEARS. IN FACT, SHE WENT ON A MILES LONG RUN THE DAY SHE
4 STARTED EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS. 111 DAYS LATER, SHE IS
5 RECOVERING BUT IS STILL SYMPTOMATIC. SHE SHARD WITH ME THAT
6 HER ACUTE PHASE OF THE ILLNESS LASTED OVER TWO WEEKS. HER
7 SYMPTOMS INCLUDED SEVERE LEVELS OF BLOOD CLOTS, SEIZURES,
8 HEART PALPITATIONS, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, AND A TERRIFYING
9 RANGE OF OTHER SYMPTOMS. WHEN I SPOKE TO HER IN JULY, SHE WAS
10 ON WEEK 16 OF HER SYMPTOMS. AT THAT TIME, SHE HAD NOT HAD A
11 SYMPTOM-FREE DAY IN OVER 3-1/2 MONTHS. AGAIN, REMEMBER, SHE'S
12 ONLY 33 YEARS OF AGE. STILL COVID-19 HAS UPENDED HER LIFE. SHE
13 TOLD ME THAT SHE MISSES HER FRIENDS, HER FAMILY, AND HAS BEEN
14 UNABLE TO LIVE HER FULL LIFE THE WAY SHE REMEMBERS IT. THE
15 DATA, ALTHOUGH LIMITED, REFLECTS THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION.
16 75 PERCENT OF SAMPLE OF COVID PATIENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
17 REPORTED PERSISTENT BREATHLESSNESS, EXCESSIVE FATIGUE, AND
18 OTHER SYMPTOMS TWO TO THREE MONTHS LATER. MANY ALSO REPORTED
19 POOR QUALITY OF LIFE AND DIFFICULTY DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES,
20 SUCH AS BATHING, DRESSING, AND RETURNING TO WORK. IN ITALY,
21 NEARLY HALF OF A GROUP OF PREVIOUSLY HOSPITALIZED COVID
22 PATIENTS REPORTED A LOWER QUALITY OF LIFE TWO MONTHS AFTER
23 THEIR DIAGNOSIS. AND, FINALLY, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
24 AND PREVENTION SURVEYED PEOPLE WITH MILD ILLNESS IN THE U.S.
25 AND FOUND THAT 1/3 OF PEOPLE HAD NOT RETURNED TO THEIR USUAL

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1 STATE OF HEALTH TWO TO THREE WEEKS AFTER DIAGNOSIS.
2 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO DATA ON LONG HAUL COVID-
3 19 IN CALIFORNIA OR LOS ANGELES. AND THIS IS PART OF OUR
4 PROBLEM. SIMILARLY, WE DON'T KNOW HOW THESE LONG TERM EFFECTS
5 ARE IMPACTING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, COMMUNITIES WITH LOW
6 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, OR COMMUNITIES WITH LOWER SOCIOECONOMIC
7 STATUS. THIS MOTION, WE HOPE, WILL SHED LIGHT ON THESE VERY
8 QUESTIONS BY ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW COVID IS
10 AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE LONG TERM. WE ALSO REQUEST
11 THAT D.P.H. AND D.H.S. BEGIN TO PLAN FOR POSSIBLE SERVICES
12 SPECIFIC TO LONG TERM COVID SYMPTOMS. AND GIVEN THE MENTAL
13 HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF THE LONG HAUL OF COVID-19, I'D LIKE TO
14 MAKE A SLIGHT AMENDMENT TO ADD THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
15 HEALTH ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION IN COLLABORATION WITH
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
17 HEALTH. NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO ADDRESS THIS NEW AND LIKELY
18 CONTINUED CHALLENGE, THE IMPACT OF PERSISTENT COVID SYMPTOMS
19 ON OUR POPULATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN -- OR
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. THIS IS A REALLY

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1 IMPORTANT BUT PRETTY MUCH OVERLOOKED PART, I THINK, OF THE OF
2 THE COVID PUZZLE. AND I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE AMENDMENT TO
3 INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AS A
4 PART OF THE TEAM BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING CONCERN
5 AMONG MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
6 SURVIVORS' MENTAL HEALTH, NOT ONLY WHAT WE'RE BEGINNING TO SEE
7 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS EVEN AFTER PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD COVID HAVE
8 GONE BACK TO TESTING NEGATIVE, BUT WE'RE FINDING SOME LONG
9 TERM EFFECTS. SO THIS IS A REALLY GOOD THING. I THINK -- I
10 IMAGINE THERE WILL BE SOME FINDING OF P.T.S.D., AS WELL,
11 ANOTHER REASON TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. SO,
12 HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL GIVE US THE KIND OF INFORMATION WE NEED
13 TO HELP BECAUSE THE KIND OF UNFORTUNATE AND, AS YET, NOT QUITE
14 UNDERSTOOD ASPECT OF THIS VIRUS ARE THE LONG TERM EFFECTS,
15 UNDERSTANDABLE BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD IT LONG TERM, BUT I
16 THINK, AS WE MOVE INTO NEXT YEAR, AND EVEN WERE WE TO FIND A
17 WAY TO CONTROL THE VIRUS, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US
18 TO BE PREPARED FOR THE EFFECTS, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, ON ALL
19 THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRACTED IT AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES. SO
20 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THE
21 MOTION. I STRONGLY SUPPORT IT.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SO
24 WITH THAT, ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD
2 YOU PLEASE TAKE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 22 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?

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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.

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

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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:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO
5 ITEM 36, WHICH IS THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AS-NEEDED
6 CONTRACTS. AND I AM GOING TO HAND THE MEETING OVER TO
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS ITEM, AND THEN WILL BE RIGHT BACK.
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN YOU'RE ON.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MADAM VICE CHAIR,
11 WHO IS NOW THE CHAIR. TOTALLY RESPECTFUL. THIS IS REALLY
12 EXCITING. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT TOO LONG BECAUSE IT'S
13 BEEN YEARS IN THE MAKING AND THEN BROUGHT IT TO THE VOTERS.
14 THEY OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED IT, OVER 70 PERCENT, TO FUND
15 THESE STORMWATER INVESTMENT PLANS THROUGH MEASURE W. SO WHAT
16 THIS MOTION DOES IS TO APPROVE OVER \$95 MILLION, WHICH HAS SO
17 FAR BEEN GENERATED THROUGH MEASURE W FOR THE VERY FIRST ROUND
18 OF THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM REGIONAL PROJECTS. OVER THE
19 PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, EACH OF THE NINE WATERSHED AREA STEERING
20 COMMITTEES REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED AND SELECTED PROJECTS, SENT
21 THE PROJECTS FROM EACH OF THE NINE TO THE SCORING COMMITTEE,
22 GOT THEM BACK, REFINED THEIR CHOICES, CREATED A STORMWATER
23 INVESTMENT PLAN MADE UP OF THEIR SELECTED PROJECTS, SENT BACK
24 TO THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL, AND NOW THE
25 STORMWATER INVESTMENT PLANS ARE COMING TO THIS BOARD FOR FINAL

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1 APPROVAL BEFORE THE MONEY GOES OUT. IT IS REALLY EXCITING. IT
2 APPROVES A NUMBER OF BEGINNING CONTRACTS THAT WILL HELP US
3 RECAPTURE, RECLAIM, AND REUSE STORMWATER, THE WHOLE IDEA BEING
4 TO ADD TO THE AMOUNT OF WATER AVAILABLE TO OUR COUNTY WITHOUT
5 HAVING TO IMPORT IT FROM OTHER PLACES. IT ALSO APPROVES
6 CONTRACTS TO HIRE THE WATERSHED COORDINATORS, AS WAS MANDATED
7 IN THE ORDINANCE. AND THEY WILL HELP LEAD COMMUNITY OUTREACH
8 AND COLLABORATION WITH A FOCUS ON DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN
9 ORDER TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS, ALSO HELP
10 CONNECT POTENTIAL PROGRAM APPLICANTS, HELP THEM. MAYBE THEY
11 DON'T HAVE THOSE SAME RESOURCES TO BRING THEIR PROJECTS TO OUR
12 ATTENTION AS A CITY OR LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPER. AND WE WANT THEM
13 TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO DESIGN AND SUBMIT COMPETITIVE PROJECT
14 APPLICATIONS AS WELL. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
15 WORKED ON MEASURE W, ALL OF THE VOTERS WHO APPROVED IT, AND
16 MOST ESPECIALLY ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN EACH OF THE NINE
17 WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION,
18 THEIR DELIBERATION, AND REALLY FOR THIS VERY EXCELLENT
19 OUTCOME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M BACK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
22 I'M BACK. THANK YOU FOR COVERING. SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTS TO
23 SPEAK. DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I DO, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR EXPLAINING THE PROGRESS THAT WE'VE MADE
7 AND HOW IMPORTANT THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IS. YOU KNOW,
8 AFTER YEARS OF STUDY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROJECT
9 DEVELOPMENT, WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO SEE THE FRUITS OF OUR
10 LABOR. TODAY, WE'LL BE APPROVING \$95 MILLION FOR THE FIRST
11 YEAR OF FUNDING FOR PROJECTS ACROSS THIS COUNTY THAT WILL
12 IMPROVE OUR WATER QUALITY, REDUCE RUNOFF, INCREASE
13 INFILTRATION, AND BRING MORE OPEN SPACE TO UNDERSERVED
14 COMMUNITIES. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT 27 MILLION OF THESE
15 FUNDS WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARDS DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN MY
16 DISTRICT. OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THAT NUMBER WILL RISE TO
17 \$92 MILLION. SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT I'M EAGER TO SEE THAT
18 ARE INCLUDED ARE THE BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL STORMWATER CAPTURE
19 MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT, THE MCARTHUR PARK LAKE REHABILITATION
20 PROJECT, THE EAST L.A. SUSTAINABLE MEDIUM STORMWATER CAPTURE
21 PROJECT, AND THE WALNUT PARK POCKET PARK, AND THE JOHN ANSON
22 FORD PARK INFILTRATION CISTERN IN BELL GARDENS. THESE ARE
23 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN DIRE NEED OF INFRASTRUCTURE
24 INVESTMENT, AND THESE MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS WILL BRING
25 CLEANER WATER AND MORE OPEN SPACE AND GOOD PAYING JOBS. AND

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1 I'D LIKE TO SAY A BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO PUBLIC WORKS
2 DEPARTMENT AND OUR DIRECTOR, MARK PESTRELLA, FOR BRINGING
3 THESE ITEMS FORWARD TODAY AND TO ALL OF OUR COMMITTEES AND MY
4 APPOINTEES FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THE STORMWATER INVESTMENT
5 PLANS. I KNOW THAT THE WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE AND
6 THE SCORING COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
7 HAVE WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET TO THIS POINT. THEY SPENT HOURS
8 BEYOND THEIR NORMAL WORK DAYS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES. I
9 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ED REYES, DAVID DIAZ, MIGUEL LUNA,
10 MARK HALL, THOMAS WONG, MELISSA BAMENPOUR, AND MARK STANLEY
11 FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION AS THE
12 NEXT CYCLE OF MEETINGS BEGINS IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

14

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

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
18 THANK ALL OF OUR APPOINTEES THAT SERVE ON THIS REGIONAL
19 OVERSIGHT SCORING STEERING COMMITTEES FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND
20 COMMITMENT THIS PAST YEAR. THANK -- I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR
21 CITIES WHO HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ON PROJECTS THAT WILL
22 IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITIES AND AGAIN
23 THANK YOU TO MARK PESTRELLA FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THIS EFFORT.
24 BEFORE US TODAY, WE HAVE THE FIRST REGIONAL PROGRAM STORMWATER
25 INVESTMENT PLANS. WE'RE APPROVING 41 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS,

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1 16 TECHNICAL RESOURCE PROJECTS, AND 4 SCIENTIFIC STUDIES.
2 THESE PROJECTS WILL CAPTURE AND CLEAN WATER, BUT THEY DO SO
3 MUCH MORE, TOO. WHILE WE BUILD THESE PROJECTS, WE'RE CREATING
4 GOOD PAYING JOBS, ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES, AND EDUCATING OUR
5 YOUNG PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE WILMINGTON Q STREET PROJECT AT
6 BANNING HIGH SCHOOL WILL MODERNIZE EXISTING STORMWATER
7 INFRASTRUCTURE TO CAPTURE, RETAIN, AND INFILTRATE PRETREATED
8 STORMWATER. AND THIS PROJECT WILL EDUCATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
9 ON WATER QUALITY WHILE ALSO EXPOSING THEM TO NEW CAREER
10 OPTIONS. THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY VOTED TO SUPPORT THIS
11 TAX BECAUSE THEY KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR L.A. COUNTY'S
12 FUTURE TO INVEST IN SAFE, CLEAN WATER. AND BY APPROVING THESE
13 PROJECTS TODAY, WE'RE LETTING THE TAXPAYERS KNOW THAT THEY
14 MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE. WE'RE PUTTING THEIR TAX DOLLARS TO
15 WORK. THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT PROJECTS IN THE WORKS, AND I
16 LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING THEM DEVELOP. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
21 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER ONGOING LEADERSHIP ON THIS
22 ISSUE. WHILE THE RECENT WORLDLY AND LOCAL EVENTS HAVE IMPACTED
23 MUCH OF OUR POLICYMAKING OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THERE IS A
24 TREMENDOUS NEED FOR US TO PLOW FORWARD ON MANY OF OUR
25 SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES. AND THAT OBVIOUSLY WOULD INCLUDE

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1 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE W. AND I WANT TO JOIN THOSE WHO
2 HAVE ISSUED A WORD OF THANKS TO THE TEAM AT PUBLIC WORKS LED
3 BY MARK PESTRELLA AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE
4 ONGOING WORK TO IMPLEMENT THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. THIS
5 IS THE WORK OF INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS IS THE WORK, I MIGHT SAY,
6 OF INNOVATION. THIS IS THE WORK THAT WE HAVE TO DO TO MAKE
7 SURE OUR COUNTY DISTINGUISHES ITSELF IN EVERY WAY. THIS IS
8 CONSISTENT WITH THAT OVERALL PROJECTION. AND, AGAIN,
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOU AND THOSE WHO HAVE
10 COME FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARRIVED AT THIS MOMENT WITH
11 FULL REALIZATION THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE TO DO. MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT. I
14 JUST WANT TO ECHO EVERYONE'S COMMENTS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD
16 TODAY. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY APPOINTEES. I KNOW THAT
17 WHEN THIS FIRST CAME TO BE, WE HAD A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS WE
18 COULD APPOINT TO DIFFERENT SECTORS. AND I JUST AM VERY
19 GRATEFUL TO MY APPOINTEES FOR THE WORK THEY PUT INTO IT. AND
20 THIS IS THE FRUIT OF EVERYONE'S LABORS, ESPECIALLY YOURS,
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SO HATS OFF TO YOU. SO WITH THAT, IT WILL BE
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE TAKE A ROLL.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 36 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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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.

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

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12 SUP. KUEHL: VERY HAPPILY, AYE.

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

15

16 SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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20 SUP. BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

21

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FANTASTIC. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM 45, WHICH IS
2 A REPORT ON THE EXPANSION OF THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL AND
3 ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED
4 CHILDREN. AND THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR ACCOMMODATING MY REQUEST TO
7 SPEAK ON A MATTER THAT EVERY BOARD MEMBER, AS WELL AS OUR
8 PREDECESSORS, HAS SOUGHT TO ADDRESS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE,
9 BUDGETARY, AND AWARENESS-RAISING APPROACHES. AND THAT MATTER
10 IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE COMMERCIAL
11 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
12 C.S.E.C. WHEN I JOINED THIS BOARD IN 2008, I WAS FAMILIAR OF
13 THE HORRORS OF LABOR AND SEX TRAFFICKING ON AN INTERNATIONAL
14 LEVEL, BUT I WAS UNAWARE OF THE RAMPANT EXPLOITATION HAPPENING
15 IN OUR VERY OWN BACKYARD, AS IT WERE, TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
16 COUNTY'S CARE, THROUGH THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, THROUGH THE
17 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND MORE RECENTLY, THE COORDINATED
18 REENTRY SYSTEM FOR TRANSITION AGED YOUTH EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS. WHEN I FIRST BEGAN SPEAKING ABOUT THIS AFTER
20 HAVING COME TO THE BOARD, PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS TALKING ABOUT,
21 LITERALLY IN ONE SETTING, THE QUESTION WAS ASKED IF I WAS
22 TALKING ABOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA OR A SOME PLACE THAT WAS
23 SIGNIFICANTLY REMOTE. AND I IMMEDIATELY CORRECTED THAT BY
24 SAYING NO, RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTY. SO FROM 2012 ONWARDS,
25 THE BOARD HAS INTRODUCED DOZENS OF MOTIONS AND ALLOCATED

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1 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO TRANSFORM OUR APPROACH TOWARD VICTIMS
2 FROM ONE THAT IS PUNITIVE TO ONE THAT IS FOCUSED ON RECOVERY,
3 ON RESTITUTION, AND HEALING. MIGHT I DESCRIBE IT AS BEING
4 RESILIENT. AND, IN THAT REGARD, WE CHOOSE NOT TO DESIGNATE
5 THEM AS VICTIMS. WE CELEBRATE THEM AS SURVIVORS. ONE OF THE
6 BIGGEST CHALLENGES WE FACED EARLY ON WAS THAT THE COUNTY WAS
7 FURTHER VICTIMIZING THESE YOUNG CHILDREN BY ARRESTING,
8 DETAINING, AND PROSECUTING THEM FOR PROSTITUTION. TO ADDRESS
9 THIS EGREGIOUS DISPARITY, I AUTHORED A MOTION IN 2013 THAT
10 ESTABLISHED WHAT ULTIMATELY BECAME THE FIRST RESPONDENT
11 PROTOCOL FOR C.S.E.C. IN THE BEGINNING, IN AUGUST OF 2014, THE
12 LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
13 THAT IS COMPTON AND CENTURY STATIONS STOPPED ARRESTING
14 CHILDREN WHO WERE BEING TRAFFICKED. INSTEAD, LAW ENFORCEMENT
15 ALERTED A TEAM OF TRAUMA-INFORMED PROFESSIONALS TO ARRIVE ON
16 THE SCENE WITHIN 90 MINUTES TO RECOVER YOUTH AND CONNECT THEM
17 TO CRITICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING MEDICAL CARE, HOUSING, LEGAL
18 SERVICES, AND A DEDICATED COMMUNITY ADVOCATE TO BE THERE BY
19 THEIR SIDE. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN STUNNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
20 COLLEAGUES. IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL
21 PILOT, THAT WOULD AUGUST 2013 TO AUGUST 2014, 94 MINORS HAVE
22 BEEN ARRESTED FOR THEN-CALLED PROSTITUTION AND/OR RELATED
23 CHARGES. IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OUR PILOT, THAT IS 2014 TO 2015,
24 ONLY TWO MINORS WERE ARRESTED FOR SIMILAR CHARGES. SINCE THEN,
25 THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO ALL L.A.P.D.

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1 AND SHERIFF'S STATIONS, RESULTING IN 909 RECOVERIES OF YOUNG
2 PEOPLE FROM THEIR EXPLOITERS, FROM THOSE PREDATORS. AND I
3 THINK THAT'S WORTHY OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT. AND THIS IS AN EXAMPLE
4 OF AN ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE TO WHAT WOULD ORDINARILY BE A LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT CALL, AND IT IS WORKING IT'S WORKING WELL. IT'S
6 WORKING COLLABORATIVELY. IN MOST OF THE REST OF THE NATION,
7 CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING TRAFFICKED ARE STILL BEING ARRESTED AND
8 RELEASED BACK INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR ABUSERS. AND SO, ITEM
9 45, FOR WHICH IS BEFORE US, IS A 177 PAGE REPORT ESSENTIALLY
10 DISTILLING THE MANY CHANGES THE COUNTY HAS MADE TO SAVE
11 CHILDREN'S LIVES AND TO PROSECUTE THEIR EXPLOITERS. WITHIN THE
12 REPORT IS A DETAILED OUTSIDE OF THE EVALUATION OF THE FIRST
13 RESPONDER PROTOCOL WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANDING IT TO
14 ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY AND OFFERING IT UP AS A MODEL FOR THE
15 REST OF THE NATION. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IT IS MY
16 FERVENT HOPE THIS BOARD WILL CONTINUE ITS UNWAVERING
17 COMMITMENT ENSURING THAT THIS DECRIMINALIZED SOCIAL SERVICES
18 ADVOCACY BASED APPROACH BECOMES THE DEFAULT APPROACH RATHER
19 THAN THE EXCEPTION. AND LASTLY, THE BOARD CANNOT DISMANTLE THE
20 REPUGNANT CRIME BY ITSELF. I CANNOT EXPRESS THE DEPTH OF MY
21 GRATITUDE TO THE INNOVATORS WHO LED THIS WORK WITHIN OUR
22 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, LEGAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
23 OUR PARTNERS WITH THE COURTS, AND OUR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL
24 AGENCIES, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE SURVIVOR ADVOCATES WHO ARE
25 BRAVE ENOUGH TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK UP AND TO SPEAK OUT.

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1 TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO END COMMERCIAL
2 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. AND HAVE I SAID BEFORE, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SAY IT,
4 FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM. MADAM CHAIR, OUR
5 CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE. I THANK YOU.

6

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN
11 PRAISE OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY
12 INTERESTING TO ME ABOUT HOW A THING COMES TO SOMEONE'S
13 ATTENTION, HOW IT COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF A GOVERNMENTAL
14 BODY, AND WHAT IS DONE. BEFORE I WAS ELECTED IN 2014,
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD ALREADY BEGUN HIS EXPRESSION OF
16 CONCERN ABOUT THESE CHILDREN AND WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. HE
17 HAS BEEN A STRONG VOICE, HE HAS BEEN A LEADER. THIS IS THE
18 LAST REPORT THAT WILL BE MADE WHILE HE IS STILL ON THIS BOARD.
19 I REMIND YOU THAT, AFTER SIX WEEKS, HE WILL NO LONGER BE ON
20 THIS BOARD. AND IT IS ONE OF THE MANY, MANY HALLMARKS OF HIS
21 SERVICE. AND I AM TALKING ABOUT YOU IN THE THIRD PERSON, MARK,
22 BECAUSE I AM PRAISING YOU, BUT I COULD DO IT DIRECTLY TO YOU
23 AS WELL. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY THINGS YOU HAVE LED ON. THIS,
24 IN MY OPINION, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE VERY, VERY MOST IMPORTANT
25 BECAUSE ESSENTIALLY, YOU WERE KIND OF ALL BY YOURSELF WHEN YOU

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1 STARTED, AND CALLING ATTENTION TO THIS CHANGE HAS CHANGED SO
2 MANY YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES. I HOPE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT A
3 DIFFERENCE YOU HAVE MADE, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN
4 KNOW EACH AND EVERY YOUNG PERSON WHOSE LIFE HAS BEEN CHANGED.
5 YOU HAVE BROUGHT AN ONGOING SERIES OF MOTIONS TO OUR BOARD.
6 YOU HAVE ENSURED THAT IMPORTANT TOPICS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.
7 WHEREVER ANYONE NEEDS TO SAY MORE, TO LEARN MORE, YOU HAVE
8 ALWAYS BEEN THERE. YOU HAVE INSISTED ON HEIGHTENED
9 COORDINATION AMONG THE INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM. IT IS AN
10 EXTRAORDINARY EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR THE
11 BENEFIT OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I, FOR ONE, WELL, WHAT CAN
12 I SAY? I, FOR ONE, VOW TO YOU THAT THIS WILL GO ON, ON THE
13 BOARD, AFTER YOU ARE STILL WORKING SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO THANK
14 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WORK AND YOUR STAFF. THEY HAVE BEEN
15 EXTRAORDINARY IN THIS. AS YOU MENTIONED, ALL THE PARTNERS THAT
16 HAVE WORKED WITH US, AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, BUT
17 MOSTLY THE YOUNG WOMEN THEMSELVES WHO ARE SURVIVORS,
18 INCREDIBLE LEADERS, WHO HAVE TAUGHT US SO MUCH. SO THANK YOU,
19 AND I STRONGLY, STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS WORK AND THANK YOU AGAIN
20 FOR IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** VERY KIND, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR
23 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. LET ME JUST SAY, I ACTUALLY -- I
2 CAN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND, WHEN YOU SAY SIX WEEKS, I THINK
3 WITH COVID, IT HAS KIND OF CHANGED THE TIMELINES AS IT RELATES
4 TO IN REAL-TIME. AND I ECHO EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID,
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I ALSO WANT TO MAKE THE PROMISE TO YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT, MOVING FORWARD, I BELIEVE
7 COLLECTIVELY, AS A BOARD, WE WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT NEEDS
8 TO BE DONE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT, WHILE THIS REPORT IS VERY
9 DETAILED, IT IS EVER CHANGING, AND WE NEED TO BE ON GUARD AND
10 AT THE TOP OF OUR GAME TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT
11 EXPLOITED. AND I JUST WANT TO ALSO THANK THE INTEGRATED
12 LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THEIR CONTINUED FOCUS AND CONCERN ON HOW
13 WE BEST PROVIDE LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE TO ENSURE OUR
14 PRACTICES REFLECT OUR CONCERN. BUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I
15 KNOW THAT WE WILL NEVER KNOW THE NUMBER OF LIVES WE MAY HAVE
16 SAVED, BUT I CAN GUARANTEE YOU IT IS SIGNIFICANT, SO I JUST
17 WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT MOVING THIS
18 FORWARD. SO WITH THAT, SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK, THIS
19 ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO RECEIVE AND FILE. IF THERE ARE NO
21 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE
22 ON TO ITEM 59D, USE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TO ESTABLISH
23 THE EMERGENCY SHELTER PALLET PROJECT. THAT WAS HELD BY
24 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** JANICE K. HAHN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, MADAM
2 CHAIR. THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY WILL HELP FUND 15 PALLET
3 HOMES TO USE AS TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
4 IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NOT
5 FAMILIAR WITH PALLET HOMES, THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL, TINY HOMES
6 THAT CAN BE STOOD UP QUICKLY AND GIVE PEOPLE THE PRIVACY AND
7 SECURITY THAT IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN AN OPEN FLOOR-PLAN
8 SHELTER. THIS EMERGENCY SHELTER WOULD COMPLEMENT REDONDO'S
9 EFFORTS TO CONNECT UNHOUSED PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY TO
10 PERMANENT HOUSING. LAST WEEK, THE REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL,
11 UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR BILL BRAND, SET ASIDE \$300,000 FOR
12 THIS PROJECT. AND, WITH THIS MOTION, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS TO
13 COMMIT THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDS AND HOMELESS SERVICE DOLLARS
14 NEEDED TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A REALITY. I COMMEND REDONDO BEACH
15 AND OTHER CITIES IN MY FOURTH DISTRICT AND AROUND THE COUNTY
16 WHO HAVE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS DURING
17 THIS PANDEMIC. THE COUNTY CORONER HAS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT
18 THE DEATHS OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON THE STREETS ARE UP 33
19 PERCENT SINCE LAST YEAR WITH 1,014 DEAD JUST SINCE THIS
20 JANUARY. AND PROJECT ROOM KEY AND ITS NEWEST ITERATION,
21 PROJECT HOME KEY, HAVE SAVED LIVES, BUT WE NEED ALL THE HELP
22 WE CAN GET. I APPRECIATE THE CITIES THAT ARE STEPPING UP WITH
23 THEIR OWN HOUSING SOLUTIONS. I HOPE YOU WILL ALL SUPPORT THIS
24 MOTION WITH ME TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS, MOVED
2 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL SECOND THAT MOTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 59D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

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

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
24 0.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO 59E,
2 MAKE YOUR HOME YOUR VOTE CENTER, WHICH HELD BY SUPERVISOR
3 JANICE K. HAHN.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO WE ALL KNOW THAT WE ARE
6 IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ELECTION. WE ARE ALSO
7 IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC. I AM JUST CONCERNED THAT
8 SOMETIMES WE SEND MIXED MESSAGES. IT HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE TO
9 SEE STADIUMS AND CONCERT VENUES STEP UP TO BECOME VOTE CENTERS
10 IN THIS ELECTION, BUT WE NEED EVERYONE TO HEAR LOUD AND CLEAR,
11 ALMOST LIKE YOU'RE SAFER AT HOME, THAT THEY DO NOT LEAVE THEIR
12 HOUSE TO VOTE THIS YEAR. AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET A CLEAR
13 MESSAGE OUT TO EVERYONE THAT THIS YEAR, MAKE YOUR HOME YOUR
14 VOTE CENTER. NOT ONLY IS IT THE SAFEST WAY TO VOTE DURING A
15 PANDEMIC, IT IS CONVENIENT, AND IT IS SECURE. THIS MOTION IS
16 PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD, ASKING OUR C.E.O., AND REGISTRAR-
17 RECORDER, COUNTY CLERK TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET OUT THE MAKE
18 YOUR HOME YOUR VOTE CENTER MESSAGE. THIS SHOULD BE A
19 COORDINATED MESSAGE SENT OUT BY ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
20 WHETHER ON THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS OR ON THEIR DEPARTMENT
21 WEBSITES. WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR U BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY
22 RESIDENTS ARE USED TO VOTING IN PERSON. IN 2016, ONLY 36
23 PERCENT OF VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY VOTED BY MAIL, COMPARED WITH
24 57 PERCENT STATE-WIDE. THAT UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO LONG
25 LINES AT THE VOTE CENTERS ON ELECTION DAY DURING MARCH

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1 PRIMARY. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE REALLY LIKE TO VOTE IN PERSON.
2 I AM ONE OF THOSE. I HAVE VOTED IN PERSON MY WHOLE LIFE,
3 EXCEPT FOR ONE TIME WHEN I WAS AWAY AT COLLEGE AND VOTED IN
4 THE 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, BUT OTHER THAN THAT, I VOTED
5 IN PERSON. AND IT IS NOT EASY TO CONVINCE PEOPLE TO CHANGE,
6 BUT I THINK IF PEOPLE HEAR A GOOD, LOUD, CLEAR MESSAGE THAT
7 VOTING FROM HOME IS SAFE. IT IS EASY. IT IS SECURE. YOU, LIKE
8 MOST PEOPLE, YOU LIKELY ALREADY RECEIVED YOUR BALLOT. JUST
9 FILL IT OUT AT YOUR KITCHEN TABLE AND SEND IT BACK, NO POSTAGE
10 NECESSARY. I JUST THINK IT IS TIME WE GET THAT MESSAGE OUT
11 MORE THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST. SO I HOPE YOU ALL WILL SUPPORT
12 ME IN THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SEEING NO ONE ELSE REQUESTED TO
15 SPEAK, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND MADAM EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 59E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9 0.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW WE ARE ONTO OUR LAST ITEM THAT WAS
12 HELD, AND THAT IS ITEM 59I. PROTECTING ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN
13 THE FAST FOOD INDUSTRY. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, UNMUTE YOUR MIC, PLEASE.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LAST WEEK, SOME OF YOU MAY
17 KNOW THAT S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 SENT A LETTER RAISING CONCERNS
18 ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLATIONS AND RETALIATION OCCURRING AT A
19 MCDONALD'S LOCATED ON MARENGO STREET IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. IN THE
20 LETTER, S.E.I.U. ALLEGES THAT THIS MCDONALD'S HAD BEEN FAILING
21 TO COMPLY WITH BASIC COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND
22 PROTOCOLS. S.E.I.U. ALSO ALLEGES THAT RETALIATION HAS TAKEN
23 PLACE IN RESPONSE TO WORKERS RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT WORKING
24 CONDITIONS, RESULTING IN THE FIRING OF WORKERS. IF THESE
25 ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, IN MY OPINION, I BELIEVE THEY ARE

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1 UNACCEPTABLE. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, THE BOARD HAS ALWAYS
2 STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS,
3 ESPECIALLY THOSE IN HIGH CONTACT ENVIRONMENTS LIKE RESTAURANTS
4 AND FAST FOOD. OUR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS OVERWHELMINGLY EMPLOY
5 PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND IT IS THIS INDUSTRY THAT IS SEEING
6 MASSIVE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS DUE TO COVID-19. ALMOST 69
7 PERCENT OF WORKERS IN FOOD SERVICE OR DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS
8 ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND OUR LATINX COMMUNITY COMPRISES ALMOST
9 HALF OF ALL THE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT WORKERS. FAST FOOD
10 EMPLOYEES ARE SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE WORKERS IN OUR
11 ECONOMY, AND THEY ARE VULNERABLE TO COVID-19 BUT TO HOUSING
12 AND FINANCIAL INSECURITY AS WELL. THE COUNTY, IN MY OPINION,
13 MUST DO BETTER TO DIRECT ITS ATTENTION TOWARD ISSUES LIKE
14 THIS. WE MUST ENSURE THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND OUR
15 UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE PROTECTED BY THE
16 COUNTY. ANY ESSENTIAL WORKER REPORTING TO WORK NEEDS TO KNOW
17 THE PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP THEM SAFE AND HEALTHY.
18 THROUGH THIS MOTION, I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. BARBARA FERRER AND
19 HER STAFF TO WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO ISSUE A RESPONSE TO
20 THE S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 LETTER REGARDING THESE ALLEGATIONS,
21 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
22 INVESTIGATE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE FAST FOOD INDUSTRY TO
23 DOCUMENT WORKERS' FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCES. AND WITH THAT SAID,
24 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MERE AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND DIRECTIVE.
25 AND I'D LIKE TO ADD, AFTER TASK FORCE, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD,

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1 AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO IDENTIFY FUNDING AND. WITH
2 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR DR. FERRER, IF
3 SHE IS AVAILABLE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IS DR. FERRER ON THE LINE? IT DOES NOT
6 APPEAR SHE IS ON. WE ARE TRYING TO GET HER. IN THE INTERIM,
7 DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? WE ARE
8 HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY GETTING HER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. EARLIER, I DID ASK HER SOME QUESTIONS
11 REGARDING THIS QUESTION. SO I DO BELIEVE SHE WAS GOING TO BE
12 LOOKING INTO THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT ALSO TO HER AND LOOKING
13 AT WHAT KINDS OF EFFORTS IN TERMS OF THE EMPLOYER MEETING --
14 THE H, YOU KNOW, THE HEALTH ORDERS, IF THEY HAVE INDEED BEEN
15 DOING THAT. AND SHE DID POINT OUT, I BELIEVE THAT THERE WERE
16 SOME DISCREPANCIES THERE, BUT I KNOW THERE WILL BE FURTHER
17 INVESTIGATION ON HER PART. SO THAT IS WHAT I WOULD ASK HER
18 IF SHE WAS HERE TO ANSWER. BUT NONETHELESS, I WOULD ASK THAT
19 OUR BOARD SUPPORT US IN GETTING TO THE FACTS OF THE CASE AND
20 TO HELP CLARIFY WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW TO TAKE CARE OF
21 THEIR EMPLOYEES. THIS IS JUST ONE, I THINK, OF MANY COMPLAINTS
22 THAT HAVE BEEN COMING INTO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
23 EITHER THROUGH ANONYMOUS MEANS, OR WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT I DO
24 BELIEVE THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT, AND I
25 KNOW OUR BOARD HAS TAKEN ACTION ON DEVELOPING OUR PUBLIC

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1 HEALTH COUNCILS, WHICH I THINK WOULD FIT NICELY WITH THIS AS
2 WELL, AND VICE VERSA. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, IF SHE IS NOT
3 AVAILABLE, I'D ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING THAT NO ONE ELSE WANTS
6 TO SPEAK, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND THAT. MADAM
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 59I AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
10 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.

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

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

6

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

8 0.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AT THIS TIME, THAT CONCLUDES

11 ALL THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY THE BOARD. AT THIS

12 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON

13 ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO

14 STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. WE WILL BEGIN WITH

15 DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK

18 IT WOULD BE REMISS IF THE BOARD DID NOT TAKE A MOMENT TO

19 REMIND EVERYONE THAT OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER

20 AWARENESS MONTH. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, EVERY YEAR, MORE

21 THAN 250,000 WOMEN ARE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER AND ABOUT

22 1 IN 100 MEN ARE DIAGNOSED WITH A BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS AS

23 WELL AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIFE. KNOWING WHAT MAY CONTRIBUTE

24 TO BREAST CANCER IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF ITS PREVENTION, AND

25 EVERYONE SHOULD SPEAK WITH THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ABOUT

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1 THEIR RISK AND WHAT THEY CAN DO TO MITIGATE THOSE RISKS,
2 INCLUDING REGULAR SCREENINGS AND MAMMOGRAMS. ESPECIALLY IN
3 LIGHT OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE FUTURE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE
4 ACT, SPEAKING WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IS EVEN MORE
5 IMPORTANT. WE TAKE A MOMENT, EVERY OCTOBER, TO CELEBRATE
6 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND TO POINT TO THE SURVIVORS IN
7 THOSE COMMUNITIES FIGHTING THIS DISEASE FOR THEIR COURAGE AND
8 FOR THEIR RESILIENCE. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT, MADAM CHAIR, TO
9 NOTE THAT ACROSS THE NATION AND EVEN ACROSS THE GLOBE
10 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST
11 CANCER, AND THAT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MUST CONTINUE IN THE
12 MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME. FOR THE LONGEST TIME, BREAST CANCER
13 RESEARCH DID NOT GET THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES, OWING TO THE
14 POLITICS OF GENDER AND WHAT CANCERS WERE DEEMED TO BE MORE
15 PRIORITY, BUT THANK GOD THE BREAKTHROUGHS HAVE BEEN
16 SIGNIFICANT, AND SHALL THEY CONTINUE TO COME IS OUR PRAYER.
17 AND THE DEDICATED PROVIDERS AND RESEARCHERS WORKING TO
18 ERADICATE BREAST CANCER AS A LIFE THREATENING DISEASE THROUGH
19 PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOULD BE
20 ALSO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR HARD WORK. THE MONTHS SHOULD SERVE
21 AS A CRITICAL REMINDER TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN TO TAKE PROACTIVE
22 EFFORTS TO MONITOR THEIR HEALTH, TO PREVENT LATE STAGE
23 DISEASES OF THIS SORT, AND THOSE ATTENDING DIAGNOSIS. AND I
24 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE CHAIR, WHO HAS JOINED ME
25 IN USING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A MOTION TO PROCLAIM THE

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1 MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ALSO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO ENCOURAGE
3 WOMEN AND MEN TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MONTHLY SELF
4 EXAMINATION, ANNUAL CHECK UPS, AND REGULAR MAMMOGRAMS FOR
5 EARLY DETECTION FOR BREAST CANCER. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR A
6 HOST OF REASONS, PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL POLITICAL, AND I
7 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY, MADAM CHAIR, JUST TO SAY A WORD IN
8 THIS REGARD. I TURN THE FLOOR TO YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE
11 ARE GOING TO VOTE ON THIS UNDER ITEM A8 TODAY. I JUST HAVE TO
12 THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MANY OF MY
13 FRIENDS, WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM BREAST CANCER, AND I THINK IT
14 IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS AND LET PEOPLE
15 KNOW IT IS IMPORTANT, EACH YEAR, TO GET YOUR MAMMOGRAM AND TO
16 BE VIGILANT BECAUSE, IF CAUGHT EARLY, IT CAN BE TREATED, AND
17 YOU CAN LIVE A FULL PRODUCTIVE LIFE. SO WITH THAT, THIS ITEM
18 IS BEFORE US. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
19 SECONDED BY MYSELF. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 ROLL ON THIS ITEM.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER
23 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

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

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-
21 0.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
24 YOU HAVE ANOTHER MOTION?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MADAM CHAIR. WITH YOUR PERMISSION.
2 COLLEAGUES, AS YOU ARE AWARE, ON OCTOBER THE 6TH, A SHERIFF'S
3 DEPUTY FROM THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION SHOT AND SERIOUSLY
4 INJURED A PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT AT THE HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
5 CAMPUS. THE DEPUTY WAS ON SITE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ANOTHER
6 HOSPITALIZED PATIENT, WHO WAS IN AN ADJACENT ROOM.
7 UNFORTUNATELY, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THIS IS THE SECOND
8 USE OF LETHAL FORCE ON THE CAMPUS OF HARBOR U.C.L.A. WITHIN
9 THE PAST 5 YEARS. IT WAS ON DECEMBER 19TH, 2015 THAT ANOTHER
10 PATIENT WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WAS FATALLY SHOT BY A LOS ANGELES
11 POLICE OFFICER INSIDE THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT OUR MEDICAL
12 CAMPUS. THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PATIENTS, VISITORS, AND
13 EMPLOYEES ON THE COUNTY'S MEDICAL CAMPUSES MUST BE PARAMOUNT
14 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE MEDICAL CARE. I WANT TO
15 ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHO HAVE TAKEN
16 SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO TRAIN DEPUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE MEDICAL
17 CAMPUSES ON DEESCALATION STRATEGIES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.
18 HOWEVER, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER DEPUTIES WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO
19 PROVIDE PERSONAL SECURITY FOR PATIENTS ON CAMPUS UNDERGO
20 SIMILAR TRAINING. THE RECENT AND SERIOUS INCIDENT THAT
21 OCCURRED AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. REQUIRES A TIMELY, FAIR, AND
22 THOROUGHGOING INVESTIGATION BY THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
23 TO ENSURE JUSTICE IS SERVED AND PREVENT THIS TYPE OF EVENT
24 FROM OCCURRING AGAIN. MOREOVER, THIS INCIDENT NECESSITATES AN
25 INQUIRY REGARDING THE ROLE OF ARMED LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE

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1 COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITIES. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN, WHO HAS JOINED ME IN COAUTHORING THIS MOTION, WHICH IS
3 REALLY RATHER URGENT AND WHY I AM READING IT IN TODAY FOR OUR
4 COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD DIRECT THE
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO DO WHAT HE SHOULD DO AND DIRECT THE
6 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
7 SERVICES TO COMPLETE A REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICES IN THE AREA OF
8 SAFETY AND SECURITY ON MEDICAL CAMPUSES, AND FINALLY, DIRECT
9 COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON THE BOARD'S
10 AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
11 WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENCE OF ARMED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
12 THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS ON MEDICAL CAMPUSES
13 OR ARE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO SUCH MEDICAL CAMPUSES. THANK
14 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS MATTER IS OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN TO US.
15 AND IT SEEMS TO ME AS WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF REIMAGINING, AS
16 WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WE ALSO HAVE TO DO IT
17 IN THE CONTEXT OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SO THAT EVERYONE IS SAFE
18 IN AND OUTSIDE OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES. MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN IS
21 YOUR COAUTHOR. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY
22 SOMETHING BRIEFLY?

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST REALLY WANTED TO
25 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR LETTING ME COAUTHOR THIS.

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1 AND YOU ARE RIGHT. THIS WAS A TERRIBLE (INAUDIBLE) INVOLVED
2 SHOOTING. THE PUBLIC DESERVES FULL TRANSPARENCY. WE NEED TO
3 FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.,
4 BUT IT ALSO LEADS US TO A LARGER DISCUSSION ABOUT PUBLIC
5 SAFETY IN OUR HOSPITALS. THEY ARE DIFFERENT PLACES. THEY ARE
6 A PLACE OF CARE. THEY ARE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY
7 FEELING VULNERABLE AND NERVOUS AND WORRIED. AND I JUST WILL
8 SAY THAT I RECEIVED A HUNDRED EMAILS FROM MEDICAL STUDENTS AND
9 PROFESSIONALS SAYING THAT THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING
10 ARMED LAW ENFORCEMENT INSIDE OUR HOSPITAL CAMPUSES. SO THIS
11 MOTION IS GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT THESE DIFFERENT APPROACHES
12 TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND REMINDING US THAT SAFETY LOOKS DIFFERENT
13 IN DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS. SO I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY
14 SUPPORT FOR THIS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THAT IS GOING
17 TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR ACTION. SO
18 WITH THAT, NO MORE SPECIALS FROM YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO, WITH YOUR
22 PERMISSION, MOVE TOWARD THE ADJOURNMENT MOTION, ADJOURNING
23 MOTION.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT I AM GOING TO SEE IF ANYONE HAS
2 ANY SPECIALS.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** HEARING NONE, WE WILL NOW MOVE TO
7 ADJOURNMENTS. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS.
8 LET'S BEGIN WITH THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ASK
11 THAT THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE WILLIE
12 O. JONES, JR. FORMER COMPTON CITY COUNCILMEMBER JONES RECENTLY
13 PASSED AWAY FROM A LONG TERM ILLNESS, AND THAT WAS ON OCTOBER
14 THE 4TH. BEFORE JOINING THE --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT, SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU HAVE BEATEN ME TO THE PUNCH,
20 SUPERVISOR FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I WAS GOING TO EXTEND
21 THAT OPPORTUNITY, BUT LET THE RECORD REFLECT, MADAM CHAIR,
22 THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN WISHES TO BE A CO-PRESENTER HERE. BEFORE
23 JOINING THE COMPTON CITY COUNCIL, MR. JONES SERVED AS AN
24 EDUCATOR AND SERVED ON THE COMPTON COLLEGE BOARD. HE WILL BE
25 REMEMBERED FOR HIS WORK TO BETTER THE COMMUNITY AND THE LIVES

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1 OF HIS CONSTITUENTS IN COMPTON. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
2 CHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES. AND A
3 LOVELY MAN, A MAN COMMITTED TO HIS COMMUNITY AND SOMEONE WHO
4 AFFIRMED PEOPLE BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED THEM AS BEING HUMAN
5 BEINGS, NO MORE, NO LESS, AND IF WE HAD MORE PEOPLE LIKE
6 WILLIE O. JONES AMONG US, I THINK THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER
7 PLACE TO LIVE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE TO THE
10 3RD DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? YOUR ADJOURN ADJOURNMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APOLOGIZE. WE HAD QUITE
13 A FEW LOSSES IN THE 3RD DISTRICT IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. I'D
14 LIKE TO ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
15 AND HONOR OF LANE SHERMAN, WHO DIED SUNDAY AT THE JEWISH HOME
16 FOR THE AGING IN RESEDA. WE KNEW HER WELL AS CONGRESSMAN BRAD
17 SHERMAN'S MOM. SHE IS SURVIVED BY BRAD AND BY HER DAUGHTER,
18 AUDREY SPENCER, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,
19 AND ONE GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER. SHE WAS A PRETTY FAMOUS
20 VOLUNTEER IN OUR DISTRICT, AND I THINK ALL AROUND THE COUNTY.
21 AS EARLY IN THE 1960S AND FOR 30 YEARS, ONE OF THE STRONGEST
22 SUPPORTERS FOR HER SON, BRAD SHERMAN, HAPPILY GREETING
23 STRANGERS AND ACQUAINTANCES ALIKE, OFTEN HANDING OUT HIS
24 TRADEMARK COMBS, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS A GREAT JOKE ON HIMSELF,
25 AND SHE AND HER DECEASED HUSBAND, MAURICE, WERE MAINSTAYS OF

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1 THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WHEN THEY LIVED IN ORANGE COUNTY AND THEN
2 LATER IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE WAS
3 JUST A WONDERFUL, BRIGHT LIGHT AND REALLY DEVOTED TO SO MANY
4 GOOD ISSUES. AND SHE GREW UP IN PHILADELPHIA. SHE JOINED HER
5 FATHER WORKING WITH U.S. FORCES TO REBUILD JAPAN AFTER WORLD
6 WAR II. MET MAURICE SHERMAN WHEN THEY WERE BOTH AT U.C.L.A.
7 AND BUILT A LIFE TOGETHER FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SHE WILL BE
8 SORELY MISSED, AND WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES, OF COURSE, TO
9 BRAD. I ALSO ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN --

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I BE ADDED AS A COAUTHOR ON THAT
12 OR JOIN YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MAYBE ALL MEMBERS.

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I THINK HOW ABOUT ALL MEMBERS?

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT, ALL MEMBERS. I THINK THAT IS REALLY
21 APPROPRIATE. I THINK BRAD WAS REALLY APPRECIATED.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, THANKS. OKAY.

24

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. SO I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDDIE VAN HALEN, A LEGENDARY GUITARIST,
4 DIED ON OCTOBER 6TH AND WAS CO-FOUNDER AND ICONIC GUITARIST
5 FOR THE HARD ROCK BAND VAN HALEN. THANKS IN LARGE PART TO HIS
6 TREMENDOUS TALENT, THE BAND BECAME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR
7 ROCK ACTS OF ALL TIME, AND HE WAS KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST
8 INFLUENTIAL GUITARISTS OF THE GENRE. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID
9 THAT THEY CAREFULLY WATCHED VAN HALEN PLAYING THE GUITAR AND
10 ADOPTED SO MUCH OF WHAT HE INVENTED. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE
11 ACHIEVED CHART TOPPING HITS, PERFORMED SUCCESSFUL TOURS, AND,
12 OF COURSE, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME.
13 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANIE, HIS BROTHER, ALEX, AND HIS
14 SON, WOLFGANG. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE --

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM CHAIR -- MADAM CHAIR -- SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL, I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTED TO BE INCLUDED. CAN WE
18 DO ALL MEMBERS ON THE VAN HALEN?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, CAN I JUST SAY SOMETHING. HE WENT TO
23 HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE AREA BECAUSE
24 THE ORIGINAL GROUP WAS CALLED MAMMOTH, BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER
25 BAND NAMED MAMMOTH, SO HE BECAME VAN HALEN, AND THEY WERE THE

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1 OPENING ACT FOR ANOTHER WHAT I THINK IS A KIND OF A WELL-KNOWN
2 BAND, WELL AT LEAST TO ME, CALLED HONK. AND THEY WOULD PLAY
3 THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AND I THINK THEY CHARGED \$3 TO GET IN.
4 AND SO, THEY TRULY WERE, EDDIE WAS AN AMAZING INDIVIDUAL AND
5 WILL TRULY BE MISSED. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO ALL MEMBERS, IF THEY
8 ARE WILLING, I THINK THAT WOULD BE JUST GREAT. NOT TO BE
9 INDICATING HOW MANY WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE LIVE IN THE THIRD, BUT I
10 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN
11 REDDY, WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER 29TH. SHE WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN
12 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA INTO A SHOW BUSINESS FAMILY, BUT SHE
13 MOVED TO THE U.S. AS A SINGLE MOM IN SEARCH OF A MUSIC CAREER.
14 PROBABLY HER BIGGEST SUCCESS WAS THE HIT SONG, "I AM WOMAN,"
15 WHICH BECAME A FEMINIST ANTHEM IN 1972, SAME YEAR THAT THE
16 EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PASSED THE SENATE AND SHIRLEY CHISHOLM
17 RAN FOR PRESIDENT, QUITE A GOOD YEAR TO BE SINGING "I AM
18 WOMAN." BUT SHE WAS REALLY ICONIC IN LEADING THE WAY IN PRIDE,
19 IN CELEBRATION, AND IN JOY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN,
20 TRACI AND JORDAN. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOBBI TRANTAFELLO, COMMUNITY LEADER, WHO
22 WAS THE OWNER OF CE'S BOOKKEEPING AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
23 CANOGA PARK-WEST HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HER INVOLVEMENT
24 AND LEADERSHIP OVER MANY, MANY YEARS IN CANOGA PARK INCLUDED
25 THE CANOGA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, WHERE SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF

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1 THE BOARD, THE CANOGA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, MAIN STREET
2 CANOGA PARK, CANOGA PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, AND CANOGA
3 PARK'S DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT. SHE ALSO SERVED AS TREASURER
4 FOR THE WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, ON THE BOARD OF
5 DIRECTORS FOR THE WEST VALLEY PLAYHOUSE, INVOLVED IN BIG
6 BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER L.A., THE HAVEN HILLS WOMEN'S
7 SHELTER, AND THE OPTIMIST CLUB. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON,
8 JEFFREY, AND HER BROTHERS, DON AND STEVE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH RUBY, WHO WAS
10 HIRED BY WALT DISNEY STUDIOS IN THEIR ANIMATION PROGRAM AND
11 LATER JOINED THE DISNEY EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT AS A MUSIC
12 EDITOR. AT HANNA BARBARA EDITORIAL, HE MET HIS FUTURE BUSINESS
13 PARTNER AND LIFELONG FRIEND, KEN SPEARS. AT HANNA BARBARA,
14 THEY WENT ON TO CREATE THE ICONIC T.V. SERIES, "SCOOBY DOO."
15 IN 1977, JOE FULFILLED ANOTHER DREAM WHEN HE AND KEN LAUNCHED
16 THEIR OWN ANIMATION STUDIO, RUBY-SPEARS PRODUCTIONS, WHICH
17 PRODUCED MANY HIT ANIMATED SERIES, INCLUDING "FANGFACE,"
18 "THUNDARR THE BARBARIAN," "MR. T.," "PLASTICMAN," "CHUCK
19 NORRIS," AND GARNERED A LOT OF EMMY AWARD NOMINATIONS AND A
20 HUMANITAS AWARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROLE, AND THEIR
21 FOUR CHILDREN, CLIFF, DEANNA, CRAIG, AND DEBBY. AND I MOVE
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUSAN
23 WARSCHAW ROBERTSON, GRADUATED FROM U.S.C. WITH A B.A. IN
24 POLITICAL SCIENCE, VOLUNTEERED IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLITICS,
25 LATER MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO WORK AT THE STATE

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1 DEPARTMENT. THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, SHE WAS A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER
2 AND PATRON TO MANY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, PRESIDENT OF
3 JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
4 OF HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, A TRUSTEE OF THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF THE
5 AMERICAN WEST, LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE BLUE RIBBON SOCIETY, OF
6 THE MUSIC CENTER, AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF L.A. CONTINUING IN
7 HER FAMILY'S PHILANTHROPIC TRADITION, SHE WAS A SUPPORTER OF
8 CEDARS SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, MEMBER OF ITS BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
9 AND DONOR OF THE WARSCHAW ROBERTSON LAW FAMILIES CHAIR IN
10 PROSTATE CANCER. SHE AND HER HUSBAND ALSO ESTABLISHED THE
11 SUSAN W. AND CARL W. ROBERTSON PROGRAM FOR TUMOR ABLATION AT
12 THE U.S.C. KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
13 HUSBAND, CARL, AND HER CHILDREN, CARA AND CHIP.

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR, CAN I BE ON THAT ONE AS WELL?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, PLEASE. I THINK WE ALL KNEW --

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED, TOO. HILDA SOLIS.

20 YEAH.

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, ME TOO.

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24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL BOARD.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT THEY WILL ALL REALLY
2 APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED WITH THE FAMILY
3 AND THE EXTENDED FAMILY OVER SO MANY YEARS ON SO MANY GOOD
4 THINGS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
5 MEMORY OF LILI MARKOWITZ, A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, WHO WAS BORN
6 IN NAGYVARAD, ROMANIA IN 1926 AND WAS THE SOLE HOLOCAUST
7 SURVIVOR OF HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY. WHEN THE CAMPS WERE
8 LIBERATED, SHE MET HER HUSBAND, HERMAN, AND IT WAS A TRUE LOVE
9 STORY. SINCE 1969, SHE AND HERMAN OWNED AND OPERATED FACTOR'S
10 FAMOUS DELI, A STAPLE IN THE WEST L.A. COMMUNITY. I DON'T KNOW
11 VERY MANY PEOPLE, CERTAINLY, THAT I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL AND
12 COLLEGE WITH AND BEYOND THAT DIDN'T GO TO FACTOR'S AT ONE TIME
13 OR ANOTHER. LILI IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN. AND I MOVE
14 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TWO
15 CHILDREN WHO WERE TRAGICALLY KILLED, MARK AND JACOB ISKANDER.
16 THEY WERE KILLED ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, THE VICTIMS OF AN ALLEGED
17 DRUNK DRIVING INCIDENT IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE, JUST OUT FOR A
18 WALK WITH THEIR FAMILY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ALTHOUGH THEIR
19 PARENTS MANAGED TO GRAB SOME OF THE SIBLINGS, THEY COULD NOT
20 GET TO THE TWO BOYS FAST ENOUGH AS THE DRUNK DRIVER WAS
21 BEARING DOWN ON THEM. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AND DEEPEST
22 SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THE ISKANDER FAMILY AT THIS VERY, VERY
23 DIFFICULT TIME. THESE TWO YOUNG MEN, AGED 9 AND 11, ARE
24 SURVIVED BY THEIR PARENTS, KARIM AND NANCY, AND THEIR
25 SIBLINGS, ZACHARY AND VIOLET, A REALLY TRAGIC, TRAGIC

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1 OCCURRENCE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
2 IN MEMORY OF REBECCA GROSSBERG. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE
3 CHILDREN GROWING UP POOR IN THE GHETTOS OF BUENOS AIRES, MET
4 HER FAMILY AT THE AGE OF 15. HIS FAMILY WAS MOVING TO AMERICA,
5 AND HER BOYFRIEND REFUSED TO JOIN HIS FAMILY GOING TO AMERICA
6 UNLESS HIS 15-YEAR-OLD GIRLFRIEND AGREED TO GO, TOO. SO
7 CURIOSITY TRUMPED FEAR, AND SHE WENT. SHE TOOK A JOB SEWING
8 BURLAP BAGS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, BEFRIENDING A GROUP OF
9 MEXICAN LADIES, WHO VIEWED HER AND HER STRANGE WAY OF SPEAKING
10 SPANISH AS SOMETHING OF A CURIOSITY. OVER THE NEXT 77 YEARS,
11 SHE RAISED THREE CHILDREN IN A TRACT HOUSE IN THE VALLEY,
12 CONTINUED TO LISTEN TO TANGOS, AND BAKED COOKIES FOR
13 PRACTICALLY EVERYONE SHE COULD GET HER HANDS ON. SHE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, JOSH, DARLENE, AND VIVIAN. AND I ASK
15 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES
16 DOOLEY. TERRY DOOLEY DIED ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, RECEIVED HIS M.E.
17 DEGREE FROM U.C.L.A. IN 1969, IN THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEERING
18 PROGRAM. STARTED IN 1981 AND SPENT 21 YEARS WITH MORLEY
19 BUILDERS OF SANTA MONICA. HIS HIGHLIGHT PROJECTS INCLUDE THE
20 POWELL LIBRARY SEISMIC UPGRADE AND ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION
21 PROJECT AT U.C.L.A. AND THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE
22 ANGELS IN LOS ANGELES. HE FOUNDED THE A.C.E. MENTOR PROGRAM AT
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE HIS LEADERSHIP AND PASSION FOR
24 HELPING STUDENTS LED TO THE CREATION OF 27 INNER CITY HIGH
25 SCHOOL TEAMS, EACH PAIRED WITH A HALF DOZEN MENTORS FROM THE

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1 SOUTHLAND'S TOP FIRMS IN ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND
2 ENGINEERING. HE ALSO ACTIVELY SUPPORTED M.E.N.D., WHICH STANDS
3 FOR MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY, AND A FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF
4 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SINCE THE 1960S. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
5 WIFE, KATHY, AND SIX CHILDREN, BETH, BRENDAN, JEANNE, NINA,
6 PAUL, AND MARTHA. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EUGENE CORMAN, WHO GRADUATED FROM
8 STANFORD AND WENT TO WORK IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. IN
9 THE EARLY '50S, HE WAS AN AGENT AT M.C.A. AND REPRESENTED
10 ACTORS AND DIRECTORS LIKE RAY MILLAND, JOAN CRAWFORD, FRED
11 MACMURRAY, HARRY BELAFONTE, AND ALLAN DWAN. HE ENJOYED HIS
12 TIME AS AN AGENT, BUT HE ULTIMATELY WANTED TO PRODUCE FILMS.
13 SO IN THE LATE 1950S, HE LEFT M.C.A. PARTNERED WITH HIS
14 BROTHER, ROGER, ROGER CORMAN, WITH WHOM HE MADE NUMEROUS FILMS
15 OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. IN THE MID 1960S, GENE STRUCK OUT
16 ON HIS OWN, MAKING FILMS FOR UNIVERSAL, AND COLUMBIA, M.G.M.,
17 UNITED ARTISTS. IN 1978, HE PRODUCED "THE BIG RED ONE,"
18 WHICH WAS THE UNITED STATES' OFFICIAL ENTRY AT THE CANNES FILM
19 FESTIVAL. A FEW YEARS LATER, HE PRODUCED "A WOMAN CALLED
20 GOLDA," FOR WHICH HE WON AN EMMY AWARD AND A CHRISTOPHER
21 AWARD. IN THE EARLY 1980S, HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT AT 20TH
22 CENTURY FOX, OVERSEEING PRODUCTION OF THE STUDIO'S T.V.
23 SERIES, AND BY THE TIME HE RETIRED FROM BUSINESS IN 1990, HE
24 HAD PRODUCED MORE THAN 30 FILMS IN A DOZEN COUNTRIES AND
25 OVERSEEN THE PRODUCTION OF HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF PRIME-TIME

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1 TELEVISION PROGRAMMING. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NAN, THEIR
2 TWO SONS, TODD AND CRAIG, AND HIS BROTHER, ROGER. AND FINALLY,
3 MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. I AM SORRY WE HAD SO MANY
4 ADJOURNMENTS, REALLY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD ABCARIAN, WHOSE COLUMN-WRITING
6 DAUGHTER I THINK WE ALL KNOW VERY WELL. HE IS THE SON OF
7 WORKING CLASS ARMENIAN IMMIGRANTS, GRADUATED FROM BERKLEY,
8 TAUGHT AMERICAN LITERATURE AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE. HE WAS AN
9 ACTIVIST FOR A NUMBER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE CAUSES, PUBLIC
10 EDUCATION, HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, AND POLICE BRUTALITY. HE
11 PUBLISHED ONE OF THE MOST ENDURING COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS OF THE
12 MODERN ERA, "LITERATURE: THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE," WHICH HAS SOLD
13 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF COPIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
14 DAUGHTERS, ROBIN AND SARA AND TWO OTHER CHILDREN. THOSE ARE
15 MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND NOT TO BE OUTDONE BY
20 ALL THE CONNECTIONS TO EDDIE VAN HALEN, I JUST WANTED TO ADD
21 THAT EDDIE AND HIS BROTHER, ALEX, STARTED THEIR MUSIC LESSONS
22 AT GRAY'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC HERE IN SAN PEDRO, WHICH JUST
23 CELEBRATED ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY. SO SAN PEDRO ALSO HAS A
24 CONNECTION. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF VINCENT OKAMOTO, AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU

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1 WANTED TO MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT HIM. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
2 OF 76. HE GRADUATED FROM GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDED EL
3 CAMINO COLLEGE BEFORE ATTENDING U.C.L.A. HE SERVED COMMANDER
4 OF THE R.O.T.C. BRUIN RANGERS, ALTHOUGH HE GRADUATED WITH A
5 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM U.S.C. HE BEGAN HIS LIFE OF SERVICE
6 WHEN HE JOINED THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HE RECEIVED 16
7 DECORATIONS, INCLUDING THREE PURPLE HEARTS AND THE
8 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. HE WAS THE MOST HIGHLY DECORATED
9 JAPANESE AMERICAN TO HAVE SURVIVED THE VIETNAM WAR. IN 2007,
10 HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ARMY RANGER HALL OF FAME. AFTER HIS
11 TOUR OF DUTY, HE ATTENDED U.S.C. SCHOOL OF LAW AND SERVED AS A
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR 5 YEARS. HE
13 SPENT THE NEXT DECADE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE BEFORE BECOMING A
14 FULL TIME C.E.O. AND BANKER. JUDGE OKAMOTO WAS ELECTED TO THE
15 GARDENA CITY COUNCIL IN 1980, WHERE HE SERVED ALONGSIDE MAS
16 FUKAI, WHO WAS CHIEF DEPUTY TO MY FATHER. IN 2002, HE WAS
17 APPOINTED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. HE WAS AMONG
18 THE FOUNDERS OF A JAPANESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, SERVED ON
19 THE BOARD OF THE CALIFORNIA VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION, AND
20 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE JAPANESE AMERICAN VIETNAM
21 WAR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL IN LITTLE TOKYO, AND WAS THE AUTHOR OF
22 TWO BOOKS. JUDGE OKAMOTO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MITZI
23 NISHIYAMA, HIS SON, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I HAVE TO SAY THIS. VINCE WAS A DEAR
2 FRIEND, AND ACTUALLY WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH ONE OF MY BEST
3 FRIENDS, LINDA BALDERRAMA, WHO IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
4 FORMER ASSISTANT. AND VINCE WAS SOMEONE WHO, IF YOU CALLED
5 HIM AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING, HE WOULD BE THERE. HE WAS A VERY
6 LOYAL INDIVIDUAL, AND HIS BOOKS REGARDING HIS TIME IN VIETNAM
7 REALLY KIND OF HIGHLIGHT JUST THE AMAZING LIFE HE LED BUT ALSO
8 THE SACRIFICES THAT HE MADE WHILE IN THE MILITARY BUT ALSO
9 WHILE SITTING ON THE BENCH. HE WAS A VERY THOUGHTFUL, DECENT
10 MAN, WHO IS GOING TO BE MISSED BY MANY. AND I TRULY AM GLAD I
11 GOT TO MEET HIM, AND I KNOW THAT HIS WIFE, AND HIS FAMILY, AND
12 ALL HIS FRIENDS ARE HOLDING HIM NEAR IN THEIR HEARTS TODAY.
13 SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
16 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LUCY MAYNEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY IN
17 THE HARBOR AREA AT THE AGE OF 82. LUCY OWNED THE NAIL SCENE
18 SALON IN LOMITA FOR 20 YEARS. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE
19 WEDNESDAY CLUB IN SAN PEDRO AND THE SUNSHINE CLUB IN
20 WILMINGTON. LUCY WAS PROCEEDED IN DEATH BY HER LOVING HUSBAND,
21 GILBERT. LUCY IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, JEANNETTE AND
22 CINDY, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND
23 MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS, INCLUDING HER NIECE, CATHY FAMILATHE,
24 PRESIDENT OF THE I.L.W.U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL
25 AND NEPHEW, ROBERT MAYNEZ, OF I.L.W.U. LOCAL 63. AND I MOVE

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1 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY
2 MILLER, WHO IS A RESIDENT OF TORRANCE, WHO PASSED AT THE AGE
3 OF 94. MARY LIVED A FULL LIFE OF MUSIC AND ART. SHE TAUGHT
4 MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 27 YEARS WITH THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT. SHE WAS A LONGTIME PARISHIONER AT ST. MARGARET MARY
6 CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOMITA, WHERE SHE WAS PART OF THE CHOIR FOR
7 35 YEARS. MARY SERVED AS A CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER FOR THE
8 CITY OF TORRANCE AND WAS ON THE BOARD OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF
9 TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, THE
10 TORRANCE SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION, AND MANY OTHER LOCAL CIVIC
11 ORGANIZATIONS. SHE RECEIVED THE KATY GEISSERT AWARD AND SENIOR
12 OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR HER NUMEROUS
13 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY. MARY ALSO RECEIVED THE LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY OLDER AMERICAN AWARD. MARY IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR
15 CHILDREN, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ACTRESS AND COMEDIENNE, CAROL
16 BURNETT, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. AND I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
17 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MELINDA KIMSEY, WHO
18 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71. SHE WAS A CERRITOS RESIDENT FOR
19 OVER 40 YEARS, WHERE SHE AND HER HUSBAND RAISED THEIR FAMILY,
20 AND SHE SERVED ON THE CERRITOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
21 COMMISSION. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF CERRITOS ARTESIA
22 SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB FOR THE LAST 26 YEARS. MELINDA
23 TAUGHT ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR OVER 20
24 YEARS, MOST RECENTLY AT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL IN
25 WESTMINSTER. IN 2013, MELINDA FOUNDED THE GATEWAY GUARDIAN

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1 NEWSPAPER, A BIWEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER FOCUSED ON COVERING
2 THE GATEWAY CITIES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, HER
3 THREE DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW, AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. AND I MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SWEET
5 LOU JOHNSON, WHO I WAS SO SAD TO READ THAT HE PASSED AWAY AT
6 THE AGE OF 86. SWEET LOU PLAYED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL FOR 17
7 YEARS, INCLUDING 8 YEARS IN THE MAJORS. HE GARNERED THE
8 NICKNAME SWEET LOU WHEN HE JOINED THE DODGERS IN 1965 BECAUSE
9 OF HIS INFECTIOUS SMILE, AND HE WAS A GENUINELY NICE GUY.
10 SWEET LOU SCORED THE ONLY RUN IN SANDY KOUFAX'S PERFECT GAME
11 ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1965. THE SAME YEAR IN GAME SEVEN OF THE
12 WORLD SERIES AGAINST THE MINNESOTA TWINS, HE HAD EIGHT HITS,
13 INCLUDING TWO HOME RUNS, THE SECOND BEING THE GAME WINNING ONE
14 IN HIS -- IN THE DECISIVE GAME SEVEN. DODGER FANS WILL ALWAYS
15 REMEMBER HIM CLAPPING HIS HANDS AS HE ROUNDED THE BASES. HE
16 WORKED FOR THE DODGERS FOR 40 YEARS, BOTH AS A PLAYER AND THE
17 TEAM'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. IN THE CITY OF L.A., WE
18 COMMEMORATED JACKIE ROBINSON DAY EVERY YEAR, WHERE WE ALL WORE
19 THE LITTLE PIN THAT HAD JACKIE ROBINSON'S NUMBER, 42, ON IT.
20 AND SWEET LOU WOULD COME INTO THE CITY OF L.A. FOR THAT
21 CEREMONY EVERY YEAR AND, AGAIN, ALWAYS TOOK THE TIME TO TALK
22 TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. HE ALWAYS HAD KIND THINGS TO SAY
23 ABOUT MY DAD, WHO, OF COURSE, HELPED BRING THE DODGERS TO
24 L.A., AND JUST SWEET LOU REALLY DOES DESCRIBE THE MAN. WHAT A
25 GENTLEMEN. WHAT A GOOD GUY. I WAS SORRY TO SEE HIM PASS. HE IS

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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SARAH, HIS CHILDREN, LAUREN, CARLTON,
2 AND QUINTON.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN I BE ON THAT ONE, SUPERVISOR HAHN? AND
5 I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT SWEET LOU ALSO HELPED MANY A DODGER
6 AND THE ORGANIZATION AS IT RELATES TO ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE
7 ABUSE. HE WAS A MAN TRULY WHO SHARED HIMSELF AND WANTED TO
8 HELP, ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE THAT WERE STRUGGLING. AND HE WAS
9 AN AMAZING MAN.

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11 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. THAT IS ALL. OH, SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS, I KNOW YOU WANT TO JOIN IN.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ONLY WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** SWEET LOU WOULD WANT YOU TO.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, I HAD A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
19 SWEET LOU, WHO REGULARLY SAID, "MARK, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK
20 WITH YOU ABOUT, BUT WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT LATER." AND HE
21 WOULD SEE HIM CALL AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
22 APPROPRIATE CONSTITUENT SERVICES WERE BEING DONE. HE WOULD
23 POINT TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE DONE AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE
24 DONE. HE WOULD SAY, "I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU AGAIN, MARK. I
25 WANT THIS DONE." HE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON AND AMBASSADOR THAT

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1 LASTED FOR DECADES ON BEHALF OF OUR BELOVED L.A. DODGERS. AND
2 SO MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND MAY THERE BE MORE PEOPLE WHO HAD
3 A BRIGHT SMILE LIKE HIS, A STRONG DETERMINATION TO BE THE KIND
4 OF EXAMPLE, ROLE MODEL, FOR THOSE IN THE GAME OF BASEBALL, BUT
5 THE GAME OF LIFE. SWEET LOU WAS AN OVERCOMER AND TAUGHT MANY
6 LESSONS ON AND OFF THE BASEBALL FIELD. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL.

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** REST IN PEACE, SWEET LOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I MOVE THAT WE
11 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF REBA ANNE HALLERBERG, A
12 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NEWHALL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
13 80. SHE WORKED AS A FLIGHT ATTENDANT FOR A SHORT TIME, BUT
14 THEN PURCHASED AND RAN VALLEY MAINTENANCE, A COMMERCIAL
15 CLEANING BUSINESS. SHE LATER SOLD THE BUSINESS AND BEGAN A 20-
16 YEAR CAREER WITH THE NEWHALL WATER COMPANY. AFTER A SHORT
17 RETIREMENT, SHE EARNED HER REAL ESTATE LICENSE AND WORKED FOR
18 KELLER WILLIAMS. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS CHARITIES AND
19 ADVOCACY GROUPS, INCLUDING THE ZONTA CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA.
20 SHE WAS A BIG ADVOCATE AND SUPPORTER OF WOMEN IN THE
21 COMMUNITY, HELPING EMPOWER THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS. SHE
22 IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, JULIA, AND HER SISTER, JUNE. ALSO
23 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEITH LANG, A LONGTIME TEACHER IN
24 BURBANK, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 49. KEITH
25 RECEIVED HIS TEACHING DEGREE FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND

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1 WENT ON TO TEACH AT MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL, A CONTINUATION
2 SCHOOL IN BURBANK, FOR 21 YEARS. HE TAUGHT SOCIAL SCIENCES AND
3 SERVED AS A STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR AS WELL AS SERVING ON
4 THE DISTRICT SOCIAL SCIENCE TASKFORCE. HE WAS NAMED TEACHER OF
5 THE YEAR FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. KEITH HAD A PASSION
6 FOR STAR TREK, SPORTS, AND MOVIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 NEPHEW, JASON. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK HAJIME
8 WATASE, WHO WAS BORN MARCH 10TH, 1924 AND PASSED AWAY ON
9 SEPTEMBER 7TH AT THE AGE OF 96. FRANK HAD A HUMBLE UPBRINGING
10 IN A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE IN KAUAI, HAWAII. HE COURAGEOUSLY
11 SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN BOTH WORLD WAR I AND THE KOREAN WAR,
12 CONCLUDING HIS SERVICE AT THE RANK OF 2ND LIEUTENANT. AFTER
13 MOVING TO LOS ANGELES WITH A HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL DEGREE,
14 HE BECAME PARTNERS WITH PHIL HOLLAND, OWNER OF YUM YUM DONUTS.
15 TOGETHER, THEY EXPANDED THE CHAIN FROM THREE SHOPS TO 100.
16 FRANK EVENTUALLY BECAME SOLE OWNER AND OVERSAW THE ACQUISITION
17 OF WINCHELL DONUTS, THUS BECOMING LARGEST CHAIN OF DONUT SHOPS
18 IN CALIFORNIA TODAY. FRANK ALSO SERVED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY
19 OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA UNDER MARCH FONG EU, SAT ON THE BOARDS
20 OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS, AND DONATED GENEROUSLY TO COUNTLESS
21 CAUSES, MOST NOTABLY, THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM.
22 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS NEVER GIVE UP ATTITUDE. HE IS
23 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANNE, HIS BROTHERS, MARK, RICHARD, AND
24 EDDIE, HIS SONS, STEVE AND LINCOLN, HIS DAUGHTERS, SUZY AND
25 AMANDA, AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY

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1 OF SANDOR LEE WINGER. SANDOR, OR AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS SANDY
2 LEE WINGER, A RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT
3 THE AGE OF 78. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS FROM 1958
4 UNTIL 1962, DURING WHICH TIME HE HAD A COMBAT TOUR IN VIETNAM.
5 SANDY WORKED IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND
6 THEN CAME TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND RETIRED AS
7 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF THE LOCAL
8 AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, KNOWN AS L.A.F.C.O., IN 2006.

9 SANDY WAS ACTIVE IN STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR OVER
10 45 YEARS. HE ACTIVE ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE VAN
11 NUYS AIRPORT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND, MOST RECENTLY,
12 WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF OAK RIDGE. AN AVID
13 FISHERMAN AND A DODGER FAN. SANDY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
14 PHYLLIS, HIS SON, DOUG, HIS DAUGHTER, SUNNY, AND TWO
15 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY MY ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUDOLPH CHAVEZ. MR.
19 CHAVEZ WAS MY FORMER PRINCIPAL AT LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
20 MID-'70S TO THE EARLY '80S. HE LOVED BEING WITH STUDENTS AND
21 ATTENDED EVERY FOOTBALL GAME WITHOUT FAIL. YOU COULD ALWAYS
22 NOTICE HIM ON THE FIELD BECAUSE HE WORE A BIG COWBOY HAT. AT A
23 TIME WHEN THERE WAS MUCH CIVIL UNREST ON OUR CAMPUSES, HE WAS
24 ABLE TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AND EASE THE UNREST. MR.
25 CHAVEZ WAS AN AVID HORSEMAN AND WOULD RIDE THE TRAILS OF THE

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1 WHITTIER NARROWS AND THE ADJACENT SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS EVERY
2 WEEKEND. HE HAS ONE REMAINING YOUNGER BROTHER, ALFRED, AND IS
3 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, LAURA AND GINA, AND THREE
4 GRANDCHILDREN, LEILANI, JACOB, AND JORDAN. MAY HE REST IN
5 PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
6 OF JEFF HARMON. JEFF WAS A LONGTIME GANG INTERVENTIONIST, WHO
7 WAS REVERED BY THE COMMUNITY AND FELLOW GANG INTERVENTIONISTS.
8 HE WAS VERY DEDICATED TO HIS WORK. IN FACT, MY STAFF WAS IN A
9 VIRTUAL MEETING WITH HIM LAST WEEK WHILE HE WAS PARTICIPATING
10 FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED. DESPITE STRUGGLING THROUGH AND BEING ON
11 PAIN MEDICATION, HE STILL WAS ABLE TO SHARE WORDS OF WISDOM.
12 JEFF WORKED AS UNITY ONE FOUNDATION FOR MANY YEARS AND LED
13 EFFORTS ON CONFLICT MEDIATION AND TAUGHT YOUTH LIFE MANAGEMENT
14 SKILLS. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY HIS COMMUNITY AND FAMILY.
15 MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENT. THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED
19 SESSION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE -- OH, I AM
20 SORRY. WE HAVE GOT TO TAKE THESE MOTIONS. WE WILL TAKE ALL
21 THESE MOTIONS. I WILL MOVE, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL SECOND.
22 IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
23 ACTION ON THE ADJOURNMENTS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NOW
24 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN SPECIAL -- IN CLOSED SESSION TO
4 DISCUSS ITEM CS1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
5 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, ITEM CS2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
6 EVALUATION, AND ITEM CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
7 REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
8 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED
11 SESSION.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR OCTOBER 13, 2020**

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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

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12 **No reportable action was taken.**
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15 **CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**
16 **(Government Code Section 54957)**

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18 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**
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23 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**
24 **LITIGATION**

25 (Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
26 54956.9)

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28 **The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation.**
29 **The defendant(s) and the other particulars will, once the**
30 **action is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person**
31 **upon inquiry. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with**
32 **all Supervisors present.**
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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 October 13, 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
16 21st day of October 2020, for the County records to be used
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