



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, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 ON PAGE 252]

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2020. OUR
8 MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE CURRENT
9 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL
10 TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC
11 AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** PRESENT.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM HERE, BUT I FEEL LIKE QUOTING BETTE DAVIS IN
23 "ALL ABOUT EVE," WHO SAID, "FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS. IT'S GOING
24 TO BE A BUMPY RIDE."

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER?

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PRESENT.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA, ACTING COUNTY
7 COUNSEL?

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9 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** HERE.

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

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

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
17 AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS
18 SEPARATELY FROM REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
19 ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE
20 BOARD RECEIVED OVER 7,700 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S
21 MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, ALL OF
22 THEM ARE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION,
23 CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE
24 TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO THE
25 NUMBER OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL BE READING

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1 THE NAMES. HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS-- WE WILL NOT BE READING
2 THE NAMES. HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART OF THE
3 RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
11 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
12 BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER, AT 11:30. ITEM S-1 IS A
13 DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-
14 19, AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD. THIS ITEM WILL BE
15 HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA.
16 THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
17 AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 7, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK
18 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 8, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1
19 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS
20 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26TH, 2021. THE REMAINING ITEMS
21 WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD
22 OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 8 THROUGH 22. ON ITEM 8, THIS INCLUDES
23 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11,
24 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14,
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17,

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1 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
2 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 19 AND 20, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT
3 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 27, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS
5 23 THROUGH 41. ON ITEM 23, THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26TH, 2021, AS
7 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR BARGER
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, ITEM 25 INCLUDES AN
9 AMENDMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
10 26, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
11 AGENDA. ON ITEM 36, IS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION TO
12 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO FIGHT THE SPREAD OF
13 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND PREVENT RETALIATION FOR REPORTING OR
14 DISCUSSING PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLATIONS. ON ITEM 36, THIS INCLUDES
15 A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE
16 39, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
17 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 39-H, SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUEST TO REVISE DIRECTIVE
20 NUMBER 4 TO ALSO STATE: "AN INTERNAL EQUITY AUDIT OF THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH,
22 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND HEALTH SERVICES, THE COMMISSION FOR
23 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, THE YOUTH COMMISSION, AND THE OFFICE OF
24 CHILD PROTECTION, THAT WILL HELP TO CULTURALLY ALIGN THE
25 WORKFORCES WITH THE POPULATION THEY SERVE. ITEM 39-J IS AN

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1 URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION TO IMPLEMENT THE DECLARATION OF
2 THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, AN ORDER PROHIBITING THE
3 ENDANGERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE UNSAFE REMOVAL,
4 TRANSPORT, AND DISPOSAL OF THE DECREE WHICH WAS ISSUED BY THE
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ON NOVEMBER 5TH, 2020, AND
6 WAS RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON NOVEMBER 10TH,
7 2020. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED
8 BACK, THROUGH 39-J, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 40, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
14 ITEMS 42 AND 43. ITEM 42 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
15 AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE TWO, ADMINISTRATION, TO INCREASE
16 THE CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FEE FROM \$66 TO
17 \$150. ITEM 43 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY
18 CODE, TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY ADDING, DELETING, AND/OR CHANGING
19 CERTAIN EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE
20 POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. ON PAGE 41, NOTICES OF
21 CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS-2, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
22 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE
23 READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
2 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
3 1 THROUGH 7.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, DO WE NEED TO VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS?

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOT YET.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** OH, THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
12 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON
13 THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF
14 THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
18 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
19 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
20 6503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE
21 MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW
22 THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT
23 IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA
24 ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
25 ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
24 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
25 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM

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1 THE QUEUE. HELEN TORRES, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
2 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **HELEN TORRES:** GOOD MORNING. I'M HELEN TORRES, EXECUTIVE
6 DIRECTOR OF H.O.P.E., HISPANAS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL
7 EQUALITY. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 25 AND GENERAL COMMENT.
8 H.O.P.E. IS A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION ENSURING THE
9 POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARITY OF LATINAS. I WANT TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD, AS I SUPPORT ITEM 25, TO LIVE-
11 STREAM THIS ELECTION OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. OTHER
12 COUNTIES HAVE DONE IT, AND THIS COUNTY SHOULD, TOO.
13 TRANSPARENCY IS IMPORTANT. THIS EFFORT ONLY TAKES PLACE--
14 REDISTRICTING ONLY TAKES PLACE EVERY 10 YEARS, AND IT IS
15 IMPORTANT TO HAVE A TRANSPARENT PROCESS WHICH ADVOCATES CAN BE
16 A PART OF. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO HAVE LATINAS
17 REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION. THIS PANDEMIC HAS REVEALED THE
18 DEVASTATING IMPACT ON LATINAS, AND THE NEED TO HAVE
19 REPRESENTATION THAT UNDERSTANDS OUR ISSUES. WE NEED TO MAKE
20 SURE THAT LATINAS HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE WHEN DRAWING THESE
21 LINES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** KEISHA DIXON, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
2 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **KEISHA DIXON:** I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 39-H, AND
6 TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEISHA
7 DIXON. I'M A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION, AND LIVE IN THE
8 CITY OF PALMDALE. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
9 YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING THE CHILD SAFETY IN LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY. I HAVE A FAMILY LAW CASE THAT'S BEEN IN THE COURT FOR
11 11 YEARS, AND IN OCTOBER OF 2009, WHEN MY CHILDREN WERE 3 AND
12 7 YEARS OLD, I TURNED TO THE COURT FOR HELP TO GET A CUSTODY
13 SCHEDULE IN PLACE. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE BEEN ALIENATED BY A
14 RESTRICTIVE GATEKEEPER, AND THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SLOWLY
15 TAKEN AWAY. TODAY THE CHILDREN ARE 14 AND 18. OUR LAST VISIT
16 WAS IN JULY OF 2016. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS-- GIVING MY MILITARY
17 SERVICE DEMONIZED, AND USED MY CHILDREN, AND HAVE TAKEN THEM
18 AWAY, MORE TRAUMATIC THAN THE 14 MONTHS I SPENT IN IRAQ. I
19 PRAY THIS MOTION PASSES SO NO OTHER FAMILY HAS TO ENDURE THIS
20 TORTURE. GIVEN MY LIVED EXPERIENCE, THIS IS WHY I AM URGING
21 THE BOARD TO PASS THIS REIMAGINE SAFETY HEALTH AND HUMAN
22 SERVICES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MOTION. AS A MEMBER OF--
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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
2 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **KEISHA DIXON:** -- COALITION'S D.C.F.S. JUDICIAL REFORM
5 COMMITTEE, WE HAVE SPENT MONTHS ADDRESSING THE DEMAND LETTER
6 TITLED "REIMAGINING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND
7 FAMILIES." WE PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE THE LETTER TO YOU BEFORE YOUR
8 NEXT HEARING. I CAN TELL YOU TO READ THE DEMAND LETTER,
9 BECAUSE IT COLLATES WELL WITH THE MOTION, AND GIVES MORE
10 INSIGHT FROM PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES ON REIMAGINING
11 CHILD SAFETY. I AM EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY
12 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SELECTED COUNCIL TO BRING FORTH CHANGE,
13 AND REIMAGINING CHILD SAFETY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** MARY REID, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
18 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
19 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT S-1, AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN, MA'AM.

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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME THAT WE TRY TO SHUT DOWN
2 BUSINESSES WHO HAVE SAVED THEIR ENTIRE LIVES TO OPEN THAT
3 BUSINESS. ONE PERSON CANNOT SHUT DOWN THOSE BUSINESSES AND
4 THROW ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK AT CHRISTMAS. THESE ARE
5 LOW-INCOME PEOPLE. MOST OF THESE PEOPLE DON'T MAKE A LOT OF
6 MONEY, AND THEY ALL HAVE FAMILIES. IT IS WRONG TO SHUT DOWN A
7 RESTAURANT OR A BAR BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT THEY DO, OR IT
8 IS POLITICAL. THIS IS JUST NUTS. WITH THE STROKE OF ONE HAND,
9 ONE PERSON TO SHUT DOWN A BUSINESS THAT HAS TAKEN A LIFETIME
10 TO OPEN. THIS LEADS TO CHILD ABUSE, SUICIDE, DOMESTIC
11 VIOLENCE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER HERE
12 IN SANTA CLARITA. THIS IS A MESS. PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS. THIS
13 IS JUST SO UNFAIR FOR ALL OF US, EVERYONE, WHETHER YOU OWN A
14 BUSINESS OR NOT.

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S OKAY. I'M FINISHED.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** PAUL LITTLE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
24 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
25 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **PAUL LITTLE:** HI. I AM SPEAKING ABOUT S-1. I'M PAUL LITTLE, THE
3 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERE IN
4 PASADENA. AS YOU KNOW, PASADENA DID NOT CLOSE DOWN OUTDOOR
5 DINING AS YET, AND HOPEFULLY WON'T. THE CURRENT SURGE IN
6 C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES IS ATTRIBUTED TO HALLOWEEN EVENTS, THE
7 DODGERS AND BIDEN VICTORY, NOT OUTDOOR DINING IN RESTAURANTS,
8 SHOPPING IN RETAIL STORES, OR EXERCISING. IT MAKES NO SENSE TO
9 PENALIZE RESTAURANTS WHEN THEY ARE NOT CAUSING THE SURGE IN
10 INFECTION RATES. SOCIALLY DISTANCED AND SAFE OUTDOOR DINING IS
11 EXACTLY THAT: SAFE. THE BIGGER CHALLENGE IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE
12 BEEN QUARANTINED FOR SO LONG, THEY'RE DESPERATE TO GET
13 TOGETHER WITH OTHER PEOPLE. WE ALL WANT TO GET TOGETHER AND
14 TALK WITH OTHER PEOPLE, OTHER THAN OUR HOUSEHOLD. WHY NOT
15 PROVIDE A SAFE OUTLET FOR THAT BY CONTRIBUTING AND MAYBE EVEN
16 EXPANDING OUTDOOR DINING, ALLOW RETAIL TO EXPAND OUTSIDE, AND
17 PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE SEEKING EXERCISE OUTDOORS?
18 PLEASE DO NOT CURTAIL OUTDOOR DINING. DOING SO WILL NOT AFFECT
19 INFECTION RATES, AND MAY FORCE MORE PEOPLE INTO GET-TOGETHERS
20 THAT PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
2 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
3 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
4 THE QUEUE. MATTHEW LUCRE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
5 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
6 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** MY STATEMENT IS IN REGARDS TO ITEM S-1, PUBLIC HEALTH
9 ORDER. FIRST, I'D JUST LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER OPPOSITION. THE REST OF YOU SHOULD
11 BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. TOMORROW'S DINING LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
12 A PATTERN OF ABUSE FROM THE SUPERVISORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
13 UNDULY SUBJECTS L.A.'S SMALL BUSINESSES TO ADDITIONAL
14 MANUFACTURED HARDSHIPS, FROM YOUR RIDICULOUS RESERVATION
15 REQUIREMENT, TO DICTATING MY FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD
16 VENDORS, TO SETTING AND CHANGING ARBITRARY RESTRICTIONS ON MY
17 BUSINESS HOURS. THE ONLY CASE COUNT CORRELATION YOUR REPEATED
18 MALICIOUS ACTIONS WILL HAVE IS INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE
19 GOING TO LESS SAFE LOCATIONS INSTEAD. WITH A LACK OF ANY
20 SIMILAR SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED BIG-BOX STORES AND
21 UNREGULATED HOUSE PARTIES, L.A. COUNTY'S RESPONSE HAS BEEN
22 BOTH DISINGENUOUS AND DISASTROUS. AFTER EMPTY PROMISES OF AN
23 OUTDOORS WORKAROUND, BUSINESS OWNERS MADE INVESTMENTS AFTER
24 YOU ALREADY STRETCHED US THIN, AND NOW YOU RECENT AFTER MERE
25 WEEKS OF FALSE HOPE. IF THERE IS ACTUAL SCIENCE BEHIND ANY OF

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1 THIS, SHARE IT WITH US TODAY, SO THAT EVERY BUSINESS THAT HAS
2 WORKED HARD TO FOLLOW YOUR ROLLER-COASTER GUIDELINES CAN
3 BELIEVE THAT WE ARE MORE THAN JUST YOUR CONVENIENT SCAPEGOAT.
4 THANK YOU.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** SARI CANALES, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
9 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
10 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **SARI CANALES:** YES. MY NAME IS SARI CANALES, FROM THE MONROVIA
13 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA NUMBER 1. I'D
14 LIKE JUST TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK YOU FOR BEING SUPPORTIVE
15 OF OUR ACTIONS, AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE COUNTY'S CONTINUED
16 EFFORTS TO STEM THE IMPACT OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC.
17 HOWEVER, I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH
18 IS WISE, AT THIS POINT. THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY TO AGAIN
19 CLOSE ALL RESTAURANTS IS A CASE IN POINT. MANY COMMUNITIES
20 WITHIN THE SPRAWLING L.A. COUNTY, WHILE SUFFERING THEIR SHARE
21 OF C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED ILLNESS AND DISRUPTION, HAVE NOWHERE
22 NEAR THE NUMBER OF CASES EXPERIENCED IN MORE DENSELY POPULATED
23 COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE LESS-THAN-
24 SERIOUS ADHERENCE TO SAFE PROTOCOLS. HOWEVER, THE NEW
25 RESTAURANT CLOSURE RULE TREATS ALL L.A. COMMUNITIES AND THEIR

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1 RESTAURANTS AS NEEDING TO SHARE THE SAME HARSH REMEDY. GIVEN
2 THE VERY SEVERE IMPACT THIS CLOSURE ORDER WILL HAVE ON
3 EMPLOYMENT, REVENUE, AND GENERAL WELLBEING, I STRONGLY SUGGEST
4 THAT THE COUNTY CONSIDER ITS CLOSURE POLICIES ON A COMMUNITY-
5 BY-COMMUNITY BASIS.

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** ARMANDO FLORES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
11 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
12 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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14 **ARMANDO FLORES:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM S-1 AND
15 ITEM 25. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ARMANDO FLORES, WITH THE
16 VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, V.I.C.A. WE ARE
17 CALLING TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE NEW CHANGES TO
18 THE COUNTY'S HEALTH OFFICE ORDERS, AND ANY FURTHER
19 RESTRICTIONS BEING PLACED ON L.A. COUNTY BUSINESSES. AS A
20 BUSINESS ORGANIZATION, WE HAVE SEEN THE DEVASTATING, NEGATIVE
21 IMPACT C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS HAD ON BUSINESSES ALL THROUGHOUT THE
22 COUNTY. MANY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SHUT DOWN PERMANENTLY, AND
23 THE FEW THAT ARE STILL OPERATING ARE DOING SO UNDER STRAINED
24 RESOURCES, WHILE COMPLYING WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS AND
25 REGULATIONS. BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY HAVE

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1 INVESTED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR OUTDOOR DINING,
2 BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES. THEY HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY
3 TO ENSURE THEY ARE SAFELY OPERATING, AND THAT THEIR CUSTOMERS
4 AND WORKERS ARE KEPT SAFE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT INDICATES
5 THE SPIKE IN C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES IS A RESULT OF RESTAURANTS
6 BEING OPEN. CASES CONTINUE TO RISE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE
7 GATHERING IN GROUPS WITHOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WITHOUT
8 MASKS. WE URGE YOU TO ROLL BACK RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON L.A.
9 COUNTY BUSINESSES. SHUTTING DOWN BUSINESSES AGAIN WILL ONLY
10 WORSEN OUR ECONOMY, PUT MORE PEOPLE OUT OF JOBS, AND LEAD TO
11 MORE C.O.V.I.D. CASES AS PEOPLE MOVE TO OTHER PLACES TO GATHER
12 UNSAFELY. FOR ITEM 25, WE SUPPORT THIS ITEM, AND WANT TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT ALL MEETINGS ARE LIVE-STREAMED, AND THAT AT LEAST
14 ONE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RESIDENT IS ON THE COMMISSION. THAT'S
15 ALL. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** MARSHA MCLEAN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
20 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
21 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** THIS IS MARSHA MCLEAN, COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE
24 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SPEAKING ON S-1.

25

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

2

3 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. YES, I WANT TO, FIRST OF ALL,
8 STATE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT DR. FERRER HAS AN IMPOSSIBLE
9 TASK. HOWEVER, BY SHUTTING DOWN RESTAURANTS ONE MORE TIME, IN
10 A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL, THAT IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. JUST THINK FOR
11 A MINUTE ABOUT THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON THE RESTAURANT
12 OWNERS AND THEIR WORKERS. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNCONSCIONABLE TO
13 DO THIS AGAIN, WHEN IT IS NOT PROVEN THAT THE RESTAURANTS HAVE
14 HAD THE ABILITY TO SPREAD THIS DISEASE. I AM REPRESENTING
15 219,000 PEOPLE, AND I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE YOU 90 PERCENT OF
16 THOSE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO SEE OUR BUSINESSES FAIL, AS THEY
17 WILL DO IF YOU CLOSE DOWN THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING. SO,
18 PLEASE RECONSIDER. OPPOSE CLOSING THESE RESTAURANTS DOWN.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** VICTOR LINARES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
24 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
25 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **VICTOR LINARES:** YES, HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT,
3 ITEM S-1. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
4 VICTOR LINARES. I'M THE MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF COVINA. I
5 ALSO OWN A RESTAURANT AND BREWERY. I COULD SPEAK ABOUT HOW THE
6 SHUTDOWNS ON BARS AND RESTAURANTS, HAIR AND NAIL SALONS, AND
7 MOST OTHER SERVICES THAT COVINA HAS, HAVE FINANCIALLY IMPACTED
8 THE CITY'S BUSINESS OWNERS AND ITS RESIDENTS. IN COVINA, WE
9 HAVE THE UNIQUE SITUATION OF BEING A QUICK, 15-MINUTE DRIVE
10 FROM BOTH SAN BERNARDINO AND ORANGE COUNTY. OUR LOCAL
11 ESTABLISHMENTS WORRY THAT A SHUTDOWN WILL PUT THEM AT A
12 COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE, AS CUSTOMERS DECIDE TO DRIVE AN
13 EXTRA 15 MINUTES, RATHER THAN OPT FOR TAKEOUT SERVICE. WE JUST
14 RECENTLY SAW THIS WHERE OTHER COUNTIES OPENED UP AND ARE
15 ALLOWING PATRONS TO USE THEIR BUSINESSES. SINCE ANNOUNCING THE
16 RECENT DECISION TO SHUT DOWN OUTDOOR DINING, OUR CITY HALL HAS
17 BEEN FLOODED WITH CALLS AND MESSAGES FROM FOLKS THAT ARE
18 FRUSTRATED AND RUNNING OUT OF HOPE. THEY ARE CONFUSED AS TO
19 HOW OUTDOOR DINING IS CAUSING THE RATES TO JUMP, WHILE THEY'VE
20 HEARD THAT THE BIGGEST CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RELATED TO LARGE
21 PRIVATE GATHERINGS AT HOME. THESE BUSINESS OWNERS ARE WORRIED
22 ABOUT PAYING THEIR RENT, AND HOW THEIR EMPLOYEES WILL MANAGE
23 DURING THEIR FURLOUGHS. WE ALSO ARGUE THAT A SHUTDOWN WILL
24 LEAD TO EVEN MORE PRIVATE GATHERINGS AND--

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** ARA NAJARIAN, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
5 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
6 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **ARA NAJARIAN:** YES, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM S-1 AND GENERAL
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS BARGER, KUEHL,
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SOLIS, AND HAHN. NICE TO SPEAK TO YOU IN THIS
11 FORUM. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND THE
12 DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU
13 ARE DOING IN THESE. YOU KNOW, WE KEEP SAYING THAT THEY ARE
14 UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, BUT SOMEDAY HISTORY WILL WRITE THAT IN
15 THE HISTORY BOOKS FOR US. I AM A COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY
16 OF GLENDALE, AND I AM ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER PAUSING
17 THE PROPOSED DINING RESTRICTIONS. THE CITY OF GLENDALE HAS
18 GONE THROUGH GREAT LENGTHS TO MAKE DINING OUTDOORS SAFE FOR
19 ALL DINERS, INCLUDING BARRIERS AND ENFORCEMENT BY OUR CODE
20 ENFORCEMENT AND POLICE OFFICERS. I AM AFRAID THAT IF WE STOP
21 THE OUTDOOR DINING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT
22 ON JOBS, WHICH WILL LEAD TO RENTS BEING UNPAID, AS WELL AS
23 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES FOR PEOPLE NOT BEING ABLE TO GET OUT AND
24 SIT DOWN AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE.

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 **ARA NAJARIAN:** THANK YOU. AND I DON'T THINK ANY STIMULUS,
5 C.A.R.E.S. ACT, OR COUNTY OR STATE FUNDING WILL BE ENOUGH TO
6 COMPENSATE THE BUSINESSES FOR THESE LOSSES. SO I PLEASE URGE
7 YOU, LET'S PLACE A GREATER EMPHASIS ON RESTRICTING THE LARGE
8 HOUSE PARTIES, THE LARGE GATHERINGS. LET'S PICK UP THE
9 ENFORCEMENT FOR THOSE SMALL PERCENTAGE OF RESTAURANTS THAT DO
10 NOT FOLLOW THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. AND I THINK WE
11 CAN GET THROUGH THIS, HOPEFULLY, IN A FEW WEEKS. SO, PLEASE, I
12 URGE YOU TO PAUSE THE DINING RESTRICTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
13 FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU
18 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.
19 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
20 FROM THE QUEUE. MICHAEL GREEN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
21 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
22 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **MICHAEL GREEN:** YES, HI. WELCOME. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
25 MICHAEL GREEN, FROM S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, REGIONAL DIRECTOR,

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1 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR 58,000 MEMBERS. I WOULD LIKE TO
2 ADDRESS ITEM 11, AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. SO, LET ME START
3 OFF BY SAYING, AS THE LATE GREAT DINAH WASHINGTON SANG THE
4 SONG "WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES," OUR S.E.I.U. MEMBERS ARE
5 SAYING, "WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DOZEN YEARS CAN MAKE." 12 YEARS
6 AGO, IN 2008, THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS
7 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE 5 KINGS AND QUEENS: INSULATED,
8 UNRESPONSIVE, LACKING A VISION FOR THE FUTURE, FOR WHAT L.A.
9 COUNTY COULD BE. L.A. COUNTY WORKERS FELT THAT THEY HAD NO
10 CHAMPION, NOT EVEN A RELIABLE PARTNER ON THE BOARD. THE
11 ELECTION OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS CHANGED ALL THAT, PAVING THE
12 WAY FOR THE ELECTIONS THAT FOLLOWED, AND USHERING IN A
13 PROGRESSIVE ERA IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A COUNTY THAT CARES FOR
14 THE PEOPLE IT SERVES, AND FOR THE WORKERS THAT PROVIDE THOSE
15 SERVICES. WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS AGREED, BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS SHARED
16 A COMMON VISION. AND WHILE THAT VISION HAS CONTINUED TO
17 EVOLVE, LET US RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THAT THE REIMAGINING
18 OF L.A. COUNTY THAT IS BLOSSOMING TODAY HAD ITS SEEDS PLANTED
19 12 YEARS AGO.

20

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

23

24 **MICHAEL GREEN:** WELL, LET ME REPEAT: WHILE THAT VISION HAS
25 CONTINUED TO EVOLVE, LET US RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THAT THE

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1 REIMAGINING OF L.A. COUNTY THAT IS BLOSSOMING TODAY HAD ITS
2 SEEDS PLANTED 12 YEARS AGO, WITH THE ELECTION OF MARK RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 SERVICE AND FOR THE LEGACY OF WHICH YOU LEAVE US. 12 YEARS
5 AGO, S.E.I.U. MEMBERS CHANTED, "YES, WE CAN." TODAY, MARK, WE
6 CAN PROUDLY CHANT, "YES, WE DID." AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I
7 WOULD LIKE TO SAY, NOW WE HAVE THE 5 DYNAMIC QUEENS. AND I'D
8 LIKE TO SAY WELCOME, HOLLY. AND WE ARE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 11,
9 CHANGING THE NAME TO THE NATIONAL HISTORY PROJECT, TO THE MARK
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS INTEREST. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND HAPPY
11 THANKSGIVING.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** NICOLAS MONTANO, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
16 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
17 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **NICOLAS MONTANO:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME
20 TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD. I AM ADDRESSING THE BOARD AS A
21 PRESIDENT OF THE CHATSWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND A
22 RESTAURANT OWNER IN CHATSWORTH, AND I WANT TO SUPPORT THE
23 DECISION TO OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS BY
24 SUPERVISOR BARGER. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHE IS AWARE, AND ALL OF
25 YOU ARE AWARE, OF THE ENORMOUS EXPENSE THAT RESTAURANTS IN THE

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1 COUNTY HAVE INCURRED TO RETROFIT OUR ESTABLISHMENTS TO MEET
2 THE OUTDOOR-ONLY DINING REQUIREMENT. WE HAVE GONE ABOVE AND
3 BEYOND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PATRONS AND EMPLOYEES, IN
4 ORDER TO CURTAIL THE SPREAD OF THE C.O.V.I.D. VIRUS. WE
5 BELIEVE THAT SHUTTING DOWN IN-PERSON DINING, OR OUTDOOR
6 DINING, WILL CAUSE THE PUBLIC TO GATHER INDOORS, AND MORE
7 LIKELY TO CONTRACT THE VIRUS. OUTDOOR DINING IS MANY TIMES
8 SAFER, AND IT IS NAIVE TO THINK THAT THE PUBLIC WILL NOT
9 GATHER INDOORS DURING THESE HOLIDAYS. THIS VIRUS WILL SPREAD
10 WHEN OUTDOOR DINING VENUES ARE TAKEN AWAY.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** JACOB "BLACC" JACKSON, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
16 AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
17 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **JACOB "BLACC" JACKSON:** AGENDA ITEM 19, AND YES, I WILL BE
20 ADDRESSING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING? MY NAME
21 IS JACOB JACKSON, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE
22 L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I WANTED TO KNOW, DID YOU KNOW
23 IT COSTS \$800 TO LOCK UP A YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY? AS FEEL THAT
24 MY VOICE HAS VALUE IN THIS SITUATION. IT'S SOMETHING VERY
25 CRITICAL FOR ME. GROWING UP IN LOS ANGELES, [INAUDIBLE], THEN

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1 MY BROTHER BEING SHOT AND KILLED IN SOUTH CENTRAL BY L.A.P.D.
2 IN 1994. THAT MADE MY MOM MORE HYPERVIGILANT. AT THE AGE OF
3 16, I WAS AFFECTED BY [INAUDIBLE], PUSHED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL
4 AND INTO THE STREET. THAT LED ME TO BE ARRESTED, DETAINED, AND
5 ON PROBATION. I WAS ON PROBATION FOR A FULL YEAR. BEING PUT ON
6 PROBATION STOPPED MY FULL FOCUS FROM BEING AT SCHOOL, WHICH
7 TOOK TIME FROM MY MOM, PULLING HER FROM HER WORK. THE MAIL
8 FROM PROBATION KEPT [INAUDIBLE] MY MOM, FINANCIALLY AND
9 EMOTIONALLY. [INAUDIBLE] BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY, OTHER
10 YOUTHS AROUND ME ARE ALWAYS VIOLATING OVER A SMALL OFFENSE
11 THAT--

12

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

15

16 **JACOB "BLACC" JACKSON:** ALL RIGHT. STILL TODAY, 90 PERCENT OF
17 INCARCERATED YOUTH IDENTIFY AS BLACK AND BROWN. PROBATION HAS
18 TAUGHT ME THAT WE NEED A WHOLE NEW DEPARTMENT, BASED ON YOUTH
19 LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPING SKILLS AND ACCESS TO CULTURAL NEEDS.
20 PROBATION PICK AND CHOOSE WHO GETS RESOURCES NO MORE. I WANT
21 TO SEE A HEALTHY TURNAROUND IN MY COMMUNITY. THANKS
22 [INAUDIBLE] AT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, I GRADUATED THIS
23 PAST JUNE, AND ON TIME. [INAUDIBLE] GAVE ME MORE ACCESS TO
24 LEARNING [INAUDIBLE]. BEING ABLE TO SEE A PROBLEM, AND
25 IDENTIFY IT FROM THE ROOTS, OPENED ME UP TO A DIFFERENT VIEW

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1 OF POLITICAL STRUCTURES, WHILE BEING ABLE TO DEVELOP MY
2 LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND SKILLS. MY EXPERIENCES AND OUR
3 EXPERIENCES HAVE TO BE A PART OF THIS DECISION. [INAUDIBLE],
4 WE HAVE TO HAVE A VOICE IN PLANNING OUR OWN FUTURES, TAKING
5 \$500 MILLION DUE IN OUR PROBATION BUDGET, TO REALLOCATE IT
6 TODAY AT THE MINIMUM OF \$75 MILLION IN MORE OF THE PROGRAMS
7 AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LIKE THE ONE THAT HELPED ME BECOME A
8 LEADER TODAY. PLEASE, I URGE THAT YOU SAY YES ON AGENDA ITEM
9 19.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** KIYANA ASEMANFAR, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
14 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
15 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **KIYANA ASEMANFAR:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
18 ITEMS 12, 25, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS KIYANA
19 ASEMANFAR, AND I AM A PROGRAM MANAGER AT CALIFORNIA COMMON
20 CAUSE. CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE IS A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN
21 ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS ON VOTING RIGHTS, GOVERNMENT
22 TRANSPARENCY, MONEY IN POLITICS, AND REDISTRICTING REFORM. WE
23 HAVE MEMBERS THAT HAVE WORKED IN L.A. COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS,
24 AND HAVE LED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR DEMOCRACY HERE IN L.A.
25 COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE L.A. COUNTY ON ITS

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1 PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING
2 COMMISSION, KNOWN AS THE C.R.C.: THE COUNTY'S FIRST-EVER
3 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TASKED WITH REDRAWING THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS' MAPS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHOUT OUT DEAN LOGAN,
5 JEFF KLEIN, AND THE TEAM AT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY
6 CLERK'S OFFICE, WHO MANAGED THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS IN THE
7 MIDST OF PREPARING FOR A CHALLENGING ELECTION. OVER 700
8 RESIDENTS APPLIED TO PLAY A LEAD ROLE IN THE REDISTRICTING
9 PROCESS, AND 8 OF THOSE APPLICANTS WILL BE SELECTED TO SERVE
10 ON THE COMMISSION TODAY. THERE ARE A FEW KEY PRINCIPLES BEHIND
11 THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION MODEL THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONTINUE TO UPHOLD. ONE IS INDEPENDENCE:
13 PUTTING COMMUNITY NEEDS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE REDISTRICTING
14 PROCESS, AND DEPRIORITIZING THE INTERESTS OF POLITICAL PARTIES
15 AND INCUMBENTS WHEN IT COMES TO LINE-DRAWING. THE SECOND IS
16 INCLUSIVITY: INVITING ALL COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE, AND
17 MAKING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THEM TO DO SO. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST,
18 IS TRANSPARENCY: BRINGING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS TO LIGHT,
19 FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE AND TO PARTICIPATE.
20 IN THE SPIRIT OF THESE PRINCIPLES, WE FULLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN'S MOTION TO LIVE-STREAM THE SELECTION OF THE FIRST 8
22 COMMISSIONERS. GIVING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THIS
23 PROCESS WILL INSPIRE FAITH IN THE INTEGRITY OF L.A. COUNTY'S
24 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. IT WILL ALSO INVITE L.A. COUNTY
25 RESIDENTS TO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PART OF THE PROCESS FROM THE

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1 VERY BEGINNING, WHICH COULD HELP INVITE THEM TO TAKE AN ACTIVE
2 ROLE IN OUR REDISTRICTING PROCESS. TRANSPARENCY IS A CRITICAL
3 PART OF THIS PROCESS. MAXIMIZED TRANSPARENCY MOVING FORWARD
4 CANNOT BE EMPHASIZED ENOUGH. THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO
5 ALL REDISTRICTING-RELATED ITEMS, INCLUDING TODAY'S SELECTION
6 OF THE FIRST 8 COMMISSIONERS--

7

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

10

11 **KIYANA ASEMANFAR:** THANK YOU. WHILE THE L.A. COUNTY C.R.C. WAS
12 DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS INDEPENDENTLY
13 FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS MOTION FROM THE BOARD IS A
14 CRITICAL ACTION THAT COULD SET THE STAGE FOR THE SUCCESS OF
15 THE PROCESS. THE COMMISSION WILL BEGIN TO BE SEATED TODAY, AND
16 IT IS CRITICAL THAT IT TAKES FULL CONTROL OF THE REDISTRICTING
17 PROCESS MOVING FORWARD. SO THE COMMISSION SHOULD OPERATE
18 TRANSPARENTLY AND INDEPENDENTLY IN ITS SELECTION OF STAFF AND
19 CONTRACTORS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS OUTREACH STRATEGY, AND
20 DURING THE LINE-DRAWING PROCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
21 WITH THE COMMISSION AND L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE UPCOMING
22 REDISTRICTING CYCLE, TO HELP ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION FOR
23 THE NEXT DECADE TO COME. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
24 FOR TODAY'S AMENDING MOTION.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU
4 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.
5 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
6 FROM THE QUEUE. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
7 AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS GENEVIEVE
11 CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO ITEMS 28, 29, AND 30. I AM REALLY
12 CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE HUGE CONTRACTS, AGAIN, WITH [INAUDIBLE].
13 I MEAN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT \$126 MILLION. BUT IN ADDITION TO
14 THAT, THE COUNTY HAS TO PROVIDE 35 NEW POSITIONS. AND FROM THE
15 DESCRIPTION, THOSE ARE PRETTY HIGH POSITIONS IN INFORMATION
16 TECHNOLOGY. SO THE COST IS ABSURD. AND ALSO, TO TRY TO DO AN
17 ACTUATED SYSTEM AT THIS TIME, WHEN IT IS NOT MANDATED, I THINK
18 IS A WASTE OF MONEY. AND, ACTUALLY, THIS SYSTEM IS VERY
19 IMPORTANT. FROM WHAT I CAN READ, IT IS GOING TO STUDY
20 INTENSIVE CARE, WHICH IS ABSURD, BECAUSE INTENSIVE CARE IS
21 ALREADY MANDATED 1-TO-1 PATIENT, OR 1-TO-2. SO, TO CREATE AN
22 ACTUATED SYSTEM FOR THAT IS USELESS. SO I AM VERY CONCERNED,
23 AND I THINK YOU REALLY NEED TO LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT THOSE
24 THREE ITEMS, BECAUSE THEY PRESENT HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR
25 THINGS WHICH ARE NOT GOING TO HELP THE COUNTY SO MUCH. SO, THE

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1 THING I AM THE MOST UPSET IS THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE \$126
2 MILLION, WE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR 35 NEW POSITIONS. AND THOSE,
3 LIKE I SAID, ARE GOING TO BE HIGHER-LEVEL POSITIONS. SO,
4 ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND I REALLY MISS OUR MEETING
5 IN PERSON, FOR SURE. TAKE CARE. HAPPY THANKSGIVING. TALK TO
6 YOU LATER.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** MAYOR BILL BRAND, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
11 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
12 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **MAYOR BILL BRAND:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS BILL BRAND. I'M THE
15 MAYOR OF REDONDO BEACH. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN.

18

19 **MAYOR BILL BRAND:** SPEAKING ON ITEM S-1, CONCERNED ABOUT
20 OUTDOOR DINING, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY ALLOWING FOR
21 OUR BUSINESSES TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE, AS HAVE MANY CITIES IN
22 L.A. COUNTY, AND HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF PRECAUTIONS. AND I KNOW
23 YOU ARE UNDER A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PRESSURE FROM THE NEWEST
24 COUNTY HEALTH ORDER AND THE NEW CASES, BUT I HAVE BEEN ASSURED
25 BY THE LOCAL RESTAURATEURS THEY'RE GOING TO DOUBLE DOWN ON

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1 VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS, IN TERMS OF 50-PERCENT CAPACITY, MAKING
2 SURE EVERYBODY'S WEARING THEIR MASKS, AND MAKING SURE ALL THE
3 PROTOCOLS ARE FOLLOWED. SO I AM HOPING YOU'LL PASS THE NEW
4 COUNTY HEALTH ORDER. I'M JUST AS CONCERNED AS ANYBODY. I SPOKE
5 TO THE LOCAL C.E.O.S OF OUR HOSPITALS THIS MORNING. THEY ARE
6 AT ABOUT 35 PERCENT-- EXCUSE ME, 35 PATIENTS AT LITTLE COMPANY
7 OF MARY HOSPITAL IN TORRANCE, PROVIDENCE; AND 35 PATIENTS AT
8 TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. BOTH OF THOSE C.E.O.S, THIS
9 MORNING, THEY ARE PREPARED FOR THE SURGE THAT'S COMING. THEIR
10 MODELS ARE EXPECTING TO GET BACK TO THE PEAK, BUT THEY FEEL
11 CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN HANDLE IT. BUT, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY IS
12 WORRIED--

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** ROBIN CARDER, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
18 THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **ROBIN CARDER:** YES, I AM GOING TO SPEAK ON S-1, PUBLIC HEALTH
22 ORDER. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ROBIN CARDER, COUNCIL MEMBER FOR
23 THE CITY OF LA VERNE. I AM VOICING MY OPPOSITION TO
24 REINSTATING THE CLOSURE ORDER THAT TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY AT
25 10:00 P.M. FOR RESTAURANTS. OUR RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESSES

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1 HAVE ENDURED AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN FOR THE PAST 9 MONTHS, AND
2 WITH EACH NEW COUNTY ORDER, THEY HAVE COMPLIED. THEY HAVE
3 SPENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS INVESTING IN SAFETY MEASURES, JUST
4 SO THEY COULD OPERATE THEIR BUSINESSES. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN
5 BILLS TO PAY, AND EMPLOYEES THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP EMPLOYED.
6 THIS IS A HUGE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE OWNERS OF THE
7 RESTAURANTS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS, WHICH ARE
8 OUR RESIDENTS. IN OUR CITY OF LA VERNE, WE LOVE AND SUPPORT
9 THE BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY, BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS THEM
10 AS FAMILY. WE ARE PUNISHING ONE SECTOR WITHOUT THE EVIDENCE
11 THAT THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM IN OUR AREA. THIS IS
12 UNFAIR TO OUR OWNERS, OUR EMPLOYEES, OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND WE
13 ARE PUNISHING THOSE THAT ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM, BUT
14 ARE THE BRUNT OF OUR DECISIONS TO CLOSE RESTAURANTS DOWN.

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** ROBERT NOTHOFF, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
20 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
21 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. ROBERT NOTHOFF, POLICY DIRECTOR WITH
24 THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON
25 ITEMS 26, 36, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE L.A. FED WOULD

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1 LIKE TO COMMEND SUPERVISORS KUEHL, RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THE REST
2 OF THE BOARD FOR PASSING PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS AT THE LAST
3 MEETING, AS IT'S A PROACTIVE, COMMON-SENSE PROPOSAL THAT
4 UTILIZES THAT UNIQUE POSITION THAT WORKERS ARE IN, AS THE EYES
5 AND EARS WITHIN A WORKPLACE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC
6 HEALTH ORDERS ARE, IN FACT, BEING FOLLOWED. WHEN WORKERS ARE
7 ENGAGED IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS, THE PUBLIC IS SAFER.
8 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S THE VERY REAL THREAT OF RETALIATION
9 THAT WORKERS FACE FOR SPEAKING UP AND REPORTING PUBLIC HEALTH
10 VIOLATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE. SHOULD THEY SPEAK UP AND RUN THE
11 RISK OF BEING FIRED, OR SHOULD THEY REMAIN SILENT AND LEAVE
12 THE PUBLIC AT RISK OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE? WE ALL KNOW THAT
13 REPORTING VIOLATIONS IMMEDIATELY IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT
14 WORKERS MUST KNOW THAT THEY'LL BE PROTECTED FOR DOING SO.
15 SIMPLY PUT, NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SPEAKING UP
16 ABOUT A PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLATION IN THE WORKPLACE, AND
17 POTENTIALLY LOSING THEIR JOB FOR DOING SO. AND THAT IS WHY WE
18 ARE URGING THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON TODAY'S ANTI-RETALIATION
19 ORDINANCE. IF WE'RE TRULY SERIOUS ABOUT FLATTENING THE CURVE
20 OF INFECTION, AS WELL AS THE CURVE OF INEQUITY, THEN WE WILL
21 VOTE YES ON 26 AND 36. AND AS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, ON
22 BEHALF OF THE L.A. FED AND OUR 800,000 HARDWORKING MEMBERS, WE
23 WOULD LIKE TO SEND A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU TO SUPERVISOR MARK
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR 12 YEARS OF INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP. AS NELSON
25 MANDELA ONCE FAMOUSLY SAID, "A GOOD HEAD AND A GOOD HEART ARE

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1 ALWAYS A FORMIDABLE COMBINATION." AND DURING YOUR 12 YEARS,
2 SIR, YOU HAVE PROVEN THAT STATEMENT TO BE TRUE. YOUR TENACITY
3 IN PUSHING FOR A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE NOT ONLY SHOWED TRUE
4 COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO WERE STRUGGLING TO MAKE BASIC ENDS
5 MEET, BUT IT ALSO HELPED TO STABILIZE OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. YOUR
6 BOLDNESS IN CALLING FOR AND LEADING THE WAY ON AN ANTI-RACIST
7 POLICY AGENDA FOR L.A. COUNTY WAS GROUNDBREAKING, AND YOUR
8 DRIVE IN PUSHING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS AND TODAY'S ANTI-
9 RETALIATION ORDINANCE REQUIRED OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINKING TO
10 DEVELOP REAL-TIME SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS TO WHICH THERE IS NO
11 PLAYBOOK. THAT IS TRUE LEADERSHIP, AND YOU CAN STAND TALL IN
12 THE LEGACY THAT YOU LEFT FOR THE BOARD, FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
13 THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND FOR ALL OF US TO FOLLOW. THANK YOU,
14 SIR.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** MARIA SALINAS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
19 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
20 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **MARIA SALINAS:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM S-1
23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE L.A.
24 CHAMBER AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES. WE'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE

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1 RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS IMPOSING FURTHER RESTRICTIONS TO
2 RETAIL AND DINING ESTABLISHMENTS. AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM MANY,
3 THESE RESTRICTIONS FOR THESE BUSINESSES CREATE AN UNTENABLE
4 SITUATION FOR BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES IN
5 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE THAT THIS
6 SPIKE IS ATTRIBUTED TO THESE DINING ESTABLISHMENTS. THESE NEW
7 PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ARE WRONGLY FOCUSED ON BUSINESSES WHO
8 HAVE INVESTED THEIR LIFE SAVINGS TO ENSURE PRECAUTIONS ARE IN
9 PLACE AND THAT THEIR EMPLOYEES CAN WORK SAFELY, SO THAT THEY
10 PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. WE URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THESE
11 PROPOSED GUIDELINES. WE GAIN NOTHING OTHER THAN TO PUT AN END
12 TO THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMIES IN
13 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD REFLECT THE
14 VALUES THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE--

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

18
19 **MARIA SALINAS:** THANK YOU. THE ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD REFLECT
20 THE VALUES THAT EACH OF YOU HAS FOR THE WELLBEING OF OUR
21 COUNTY, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR KEEPING THAT IN MIND.
22 WE UNDERSTAND THAT ADDRESSING THIS HEALTH CRISIS IS A
23 PRIORITY, BUT WE URGE THE BOARD TO SEEK ALTERNATIVES, A MORE
24 BALANCED APPROACH, SO THAT BUSINESSES CAN CONTINUE AND CAN BE

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1 HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL, AS THIS ECONOMY RECOVERS. THANK YOU SO
2 VERY MUCH.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** MARCEL RODARTE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
7 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON PUBLIC
11 COMMENT AND ITEM S-1. WE SENT A LETTER LAST NIGHT ON
12 BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES. I'LL READ IT IN
13 PART: "OUR MEMBER CITIES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THESE
14 RESTRICTIONS, TO GO INTO EFFECT WEDNESDAY EVENING, WILL
15 FURTHER HURT ALREADY STRUGGLING BUSINESSES. PARTICULARLY WITH
16 THE HOLIDAY SEASON LOOMING, MANY OF THE BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO
17 STRUGGLE, AND ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS COULD LIKELY MEAN THE
18 END FOR A LOT OF THESE SMALL BUSINESSES. IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP
19 OUR CITIES INFORMED ON THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR THE
20 IMPENDING RESTRICTIONS, WE ARE REQUESTING SEVERAL PIECES OF
21 INFORMATION, AND WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE DATA-DRIVEN
22 RATIONALE IS THAT LED TO THIS DECISION. YOUR HELP IN US
23 LOCATING THIS INFORMATION, OR RESPONSES TO THE PHONE, WOULD BE
24 GREATLY APPRECIATED BY OUR MEMBERS: ONE, DATA RELATING TO THE
25 CONTACT-TRACING OUTBREAK CLUSTERS OR OTHER EVIDENCE THAT

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1 INDICATES OUTDOOR DINING HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT CORRELATION
2 TO THE RISE IN C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
3 WEEKS; TWO, WHAT SUPPORT CAN RESTAURANTS EXPECT FROM THE
4 COUNTY TO OFFSET THE COST INVESTED TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL
5 OUTDOOR DINING AND ADDITIONAL LOST REVENUES; WHAT, IF ANY,
6 COORDINATION THE COUNTY HAS DONE WITH E.D.D. TO ADDRESS--

7

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WHAT, IF ANY, COORDINATION THE COUNTY HAS
12 DONE WITH E.D.D. TO ADDRESS THE CERTAIN INFLUX OF UNEMPLOYMENT
13 CLAIMS OVER THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON; THE PROCESS FOR
14 REACHING DECISIONS THROUGH STRICT, SPECIFIC SECTORS, BUT NOT
15 OTHERS-- I.E. COORDINATION BETWEEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PARTIES INVOLVED, ET CETERA;
17 AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, DOES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLAY IN
18 REACHING THESE TYPES OF DECISIONS. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR
19 YOUR DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY, AND
20 FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THE REQUEST. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

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

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1 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOUR LINE WILL BE
2 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. LAURA SOM, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
3 AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
4 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **LAURA SOM:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF LOS ANGELES. I WILL BE
7 SPEAKING FOR ITEM NUMBER 25. MY NAME IS LAURA SOM. I LIVE IN
8 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. I AM THE COCHAIR OF EQUITY FOR
9 CAMBODIANS. I AM ALSO A SURVIVOR OF THE KHMER ROUGE GENOCIDE.
10 LIKE MANY CAMBODIANS, WE HAVE ESCAPED THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE
11 KHMER ROUGE AND CAME TO LONG BEACH. LONG BEACH HAS THE LARGEST
12 CAMBODIAN POPULATION IN THE NATION. WE HAVE BEEN HERE OVER 40
13 YEARS-PLUS, AND WE BECAME VICTIMS OF SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION BY
14 WAY OF GERRYMANDERING. OUR POLITICAL VOICE HAS BEEN DILUTED.
15 OUR MAJORITY HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO 4 COUNCIL DISTRICTS. AROUND
16 2016, WE ORGANIZED A GROUP OF SURVIVORS AND IMMIGRANTS, WITH
17 THE HELP OF THE MAYOR, TO AMEND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH CHARTER
18 TO REFLECT THEIR CITIZEN REDISTRICTING EFFORT THAT REFLECT THE
19 COUNTY AND THE NATION'S EFFORT TO END GERRYMANDERING. WE HAVE
20 WORKED SO HARD TO GET HERE. AND NOW IT IS THE TIME FOR US TO
21 IMPLEMENT THE NEW POLICY--

22

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** ADAM LANE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
2 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
3 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ADAM LANE:** GOOD MORNING. ADAM LANE. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. BUSINESS COUNCIL AND OUR
7 OVER 450 MEMBERS, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE AND
8 RESPECT FOR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS 12 YEARS OF
9 SERVICE AS A SUPERVISOR FOR L.A. COUNTY'S SECOND DISTRICT. WE
10 HAVE BEEN HONORED TO PARTNER WITH THE SUPERVISOR ON EFFORTS
11 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS, JOB CREATION, AND MUCH MORE. HE HAS
12 ALWAYS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE'S WILLING TO TACKLE OUR REGION'S
13 MOST PRESSING ISSUES HEAD ON, AND WE'VE BEEN HONORED TO
14 SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS. THE WORK HE HAS DONE TO ADDRESS
15 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY CANNOT BE UNDERSTATED. SIMPLY, WE
16 WOULD NOT HAVE MEASURE H WITHOUT HIS LEADERSHIP. HE HAS FOUGHT
17 DILIGENTLY TO OPEN EMERGENCY SHELTERS, HEALTHCARE AND SERVICE
18 FACILITIES, AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. HIS
19 RECEPTIVENESS TO FEEDBACK FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SHOWS
20 THAT HE IS WILLING TO WORK ACROSS DIVERSE COALITIONS TO ENSURE
21 THAT OUR SOLUTIONS ARE EQUITABLE AND ECONOMICAL. WE HAVE BEEN
22 PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE SUPERVISOR, AND WE VERY MUCH LOOK
23 FORWARD TO SEEING HOW HE CAN LEAD L.A. CITY COUNCIL WITH
24 DIGNITY AND RESPECT, THE SAME WE HAS AT THE COUNTY BOARD.

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1 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** JUSTIN LEVITT, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
7 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **JUSTIN LEVITT:** HI. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ITEM 25, AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

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

14

15 **JUSTIN LEVITT:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JUSTIN LEVITT. I'M A
16 PROFESSOR OF LAW AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, AND I WISH YOU, ALSO, A
17 GOOD MORNING. AS YOU KNOW, IN THE PAST, THE REDISTRICTING OF
18 COUNTY SUPERVISOR SEATS HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE
19 BEST INTEREST OF ALL ANGELENOS, BUT I THINK THE NEW STRUCTURE
20 OF THE CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION IS A REALLY
21 IMPORTANT MEANS TO TURN THE PAGE AND TO INCREASE PUBLIC
22 CONFIDENCE IN THE EQUITY OF THE DISTRICT LINES. SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN'S MOTION TO LIVE-STREAM THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT
24 COMMISSIONERS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT FURTHER STEP IN ENGAGING
25 THE PUBLIC IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT. LETTING THE PUBLIC SEE

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1 THE PROCEEDINGS TAKE PLACE, EVEN WHILE WE ARE DISTANCED DURING
2 THE PANDEMIC, IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD MEANINGFUL
3 TRANSPARENCY. AND SO I SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR'S MOTION TO
4 LIVE-STREAM THE SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS. I THANK HER FOR
5 HER MOTION, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. HAPPY
6 THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** RONALDO VIEIRA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
11 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
12 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RONALDO VIEIRA. I AM A YOUTH
15 ADVOCATE, INCLUDING AN ORGANIZING INTERN WITH THE
16 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION, AND A YOUTH LEADER WITHIN THE LOS
17 ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN
18 FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 19. "YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINE" IS A REPORT
19 THAT I TRULY BELIEVE IN, AND A PROCESS WHICH I WAS CENTERED
20 IN. AS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUTH WHO SPENT 4 YEARS IN OUR
21 SYSTEM, LOOKING AT LIFE IN PRISON, I UNDERSTAND THE PUNITIVE
22 APPROACHES AND THE COMPLEX NUANCES OF THE FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED
23 SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN PLACE. I CAME HOME TWO YEARS AGO, DUE TO
24 INNOVATIVE WAYS OF REHABILITATION, AND I TRULY BELIEVE THAT
25 THIS REPORT IS GOING TO BRING HOPE AND THE TRUE RESOURCES THAT

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1 OUR YOUTH NEED, AND I REALLY STAND BY THIS REPORT, AS A YOUTH
2 LEADER. I JUST REALLY WANT TO ECHO THAT IT IS FOR OUR YOUTH.
3 IT'S SOMETHING THAT... I'M SORRY, I AM LOSING MY TRAIN OF
4 THOUGHT HERE.

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** RANDY RACHE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
10 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
11 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ITEM S-1. AND FIRST, I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU ARE IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION,
15 AND ESPECIALLY YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL LIKE YOU
16 NEED TO DO SOMETHING, BUT SHUTTING DOWN BUSINESSES IS NOT JUST
17 BUSINESSES; IT IS PEOPLE. AND AT WHAT EXPENSE IS THAT GOING TO
18 BE, AND WHAT IS GOING TO BE GAINED? I DON'T THINK THERE IS
19 ANYBODY ON THIS CALL THAT THINKS SHUTTING DOWN RESTAURANTS IS
20 GOING TO CURE THE C.O.V.I.D. SITUATION IN THE NEAR TERM. THE
21 PUBLIC HAS GROWN WEARY OF WHAT FEELS LIKE VERY ARBITRARY
22 MANDATES, WHERE WE KEEP TRYING DIFFERENT ITEMS TO SEE WHAT
23 WORKS. WE'RE READY TO GO BACK TO OUR CHURCHES, OUR GYMS, AND
24 WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO GIVE UP OUR RESTAURANTS. IF YOU
25 DRIVE AROUND LOS ANGELES, ITS BUSINESSES ARE OPEN. THE COUNTY

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1 IS BACK OPEN, AND I THINK IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT IT WOULD
2 EVER RE-SHUTTER ITSELF.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
7 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** HELLO. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 19, AND
11 I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. HELLO,
12 EVERYONE. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA. I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE
13 WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK
14 ALL 5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. AS A
15 YOUTH, I EXPERIENCED THE PROBATION SYSTEM AT A YOUNG AGE. THAT
16 EXPERIENCE STILL FOLLOWS ME TODAY, AS I LOOK BACK AT THE
17 TRAUMA I WENT THROUGH. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE SUPPORT I NEEDED
18 PROVIDED, AS LAW ENFORCEMENT MODELS TOLD ME I WOULD NEVER BE
19 [EXPLETIVE], AND LABELED ME A PROBLEM CHILD. AT 15 YEARS OLD,
20 I EXPERIENCED INCARCERATION, [INAUDIBLE] MY LIFE TO GET OUT OF
21 THE SYSTEM. THE TRUE REALITY IS THAT OUR SYSTEMS ARE MADE FOR
22 US TO MESS UP, BECOMING A SETUP FOR OUR FAILURE. WITH THAT
23 BEING THE CASE, WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THE FAILURES WE HAVE HAD IN
24 OUR SYSTEM, AND IT PROVES IT ISN'T EFFECTIVE. AS A YOUTH WHO

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1 SPENT FOUR YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN THE SYSTEM, I'VE SEEN THE
2 LITTLE PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS GIVEN TO US.

3

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

6

7 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS NEED THE SUPPORT AND
8 TOOLS FOR SUCCESS. ALL IT TAKES IS SOMEONE CARING AND SEEING
9 THE BEST IN US AS WE FIGHT BATTLES WITHIN OURSELVES WHILE
10 TRYING TO BE THE BEST VERSIONS OF OUR OURSELVES. I NEVER
11 THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD COME SO FAR IN THIS WORK, BUT THE JOB IS
12 NEVER OVER. WE STILL SPEND \$500 MILLION A YEAR ON PROBATION.
13 WE, AS A COMMUNITY, ARE ASKING FOR AT LEAST \$75 MILLION OF
14 THIS BUDGET, BUT I BELIEVE WE WILL NEED MORE TO BUILD A BETTER
15 FUTURE FOR L.A. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE HARD WORK AND THE
16 SHIFTS BEING MADE IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS TIME,
17 AS I APPRECIATE MY VOICE BEING HEARD.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
22 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
23 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
24 THE QUEUE. PATRICIA GONZALEZ, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING

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1 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
2 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **PATRICIA GONZALEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M PROVIDING
5 COMMENTS ON ITEM 25, AND GENERAL COMMENT, AS WELL. MY NAME IS
6 PATRICIA GONZALEZ. I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WILLIE
7 VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE, AND THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR
8 SOUTHWEST VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT. SOUTHWEST
9 VOTER AND THE WILLIE VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN'S MOTION TO CONDUCT THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
11 CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION VIA LIVE-STREAM DURING THE
12 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS WILL ALLOW MEMBERS
13 OF THE PUBLIC TO WITNESS THE SELECTION PROCESS FROM THE
14 BEGINNING TO THE END. WITH THE POPULATION OF AN ESTIMATED 10.1
15 MILLION PEOPLE RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OF WHICH AN
16 ESTIMATED 48 PERCENT ARE LATINO, SOUTHWEST VOTER AND WILLIE
17 VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE SEEK A TRANSPARENT PROCESS THAT WE BELIEVE
18 WILL ENSURE THE FINAL MAP WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF LATINOS
19 AND THEIR INTERESTS. LATINOS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ELECT THEIR
20 CANDIDATE OF CHOICE FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS. WE AT SOUTHWEST
21 VOTER AND WILLIE VALASQUEZ INSTITUTE--

22

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

25

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1 **PATRICIA GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU. WE AT SOUTHWEST VOTER AND THE
2 WILLIE VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE BELIEVE THE ENTIRE REDISTRICTING
3 PROCESS MUST BE TRANSPARENT, AND ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY INPUT.
4 DISTRICTS MUST BE DRAWN FOLLOWING STATE AND FEDERAL LAW,
5 COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL AND THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT.
6 THIS TRANSPARENCY WILL ALLOW FOR A COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS TO
7 BE KEPT INTACT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE
8 L.A. COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION MUST
9 PROVIDE A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF THE CLOSE TO 5 MILLION
10 LATINOS WHO RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WITH ITS FINAL MAP.
11 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
16 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
17 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON
20 THE AGENDA ITEMS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL.

21

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

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. SO, FIRST OF ALL, IT IS CHALLENGING,
25 BECAUSE I CALLED IN, ACTUALLY, BEFORE THE TIME, BUT HERE I AM.

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1 ITEM 17 IS A LOOK AT THE GOLF COURSE, THE VICTORIA GOLF COURSE
2 ONCE AGAIN, WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY VICO, AN L.L.C., WHICH WE
3 HAD AN ENORMOUS LEGAL BATTLE, AND A NEW GROUP CALLED PLENITUDE
4 TOOK OVER. AND NOW, WHAT WE'RE DOING, MY BROTHER AND I
5 ACTUALLY WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT, "HEY, WHAT IF WE TOOK SOME OF
6 THE 18 COUNTY GOLF COURSES AND MADE A PARK, SO THAT IT WASN'T
7 JUST ABOUT GOLF, BUT PEOPLE COULD BE OUTDOORS WITH THEIR
8 FAMILIES, ET CETERA?" AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS RUN WITH THAT
9 IDEA, AND NOW WE HAVE THE U.S.T.A. ASSOCIATION, L.A. GALAXY,
10 AND A BUNCH OF PRIVATE PARTNERS. WHAT I WAS NOT AS KEEN ON IN
11 MY ORIGINAL IDEA, WHICH MAY BE PARALLEL TO HIS ORIGINAL IDEA,
12 WAS SUCH A PRIVATIZATION OF WHAT I THINK ARE THESE GREAT
13 COUNTY AMENITIES. SO, A LITTLE BIT OF A FROWNY FACE ON THAT.
14 AND NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT MARY WICKHAM, WHO HAS MOVED
15 ON TO BE A JUDGE ACROSS THE IS STREET-- TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE--
16 - SAW THAT THERE WAS FUNNY BUSINESS RIGHT UP IN FRONT. AND MR.
17 RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME HIM AND
18 CONGRATULATE HIM ON SUGGESTING THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S NAME
19 BE AFFIXED TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.
20 HERE IS A GREAT TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN, BUT LET'S NOT KID A
21 KIDDER. WE HAVE BEEN BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO GIVE GEORGE
22 LUCAS THE KEYS TO THE LUCAS NARRATIVE MUSEUM, BUT THERE'S BEEN
23 A CENTRAL QUESTION THAT WE ALSO WROTE ABOUT: IT MUST BE FREE
24 FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND THAT WAS
25 INTENDED TO BE PARALLEL TO THE STATE MUSEUM RIGHT THERE, THE

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1 SCIENCE CENTER, THAT IS BELOVED, THAT IS FREE. BUT WHAT IS NOT
2 FREE IS THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. BUT BETTISON-VARGA
3 MAKES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY, AND THERE'S A LOT OF
4 COMINGLING AMONG INFLUENTIAL SUPERVISORS-- FUNDRAISING AND
5 SUCH-- WHICH INFURIATES ME, BECAUSE THE KIDS ARE THE ONES--

6

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

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, ZAVALA. MY ONE MINUTE IS GOING TO BE
11 DEDICATED TO THE GREAT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANKS TO
12 JANICE HAHN FOR CRACKING A JOKE AT THE OUTSET, BUT LET'S BE
13 SERIOUS HERE. YOU'VE CUT THE MEETINGS BY HALF, BY THE GAG OF,
14 "WE ONLY MEET ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS, BECAUSE THERE'S
15 C.O.V.I.D." YOU ARE SITTING IN YOUR HOMES. YOU SHOULD BE
16 TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE LOTS OF THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE
17 FISHY CONTRACTS, ABOUT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZATIONS, SO THAT
18 MONEY DOESN'T HAVE TO BE CHECKED. IT IS NOT-- YOU KNOW, THESE
19 KINDS OF SMALL FRAUDULENT MATTERS HAPPEN BECAUSE NOBODY IS
20 PAYING ATTENTION, SO THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PUBLIC
21 COMMENT-- I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE COMMENTS FROM DR.
22 CLAVREUL ABOUT THESE ENORMOUS EXPENDITURES IN THE HEALTHCARE
23 SECTION. AND LOOK, IN TERMS OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND PEOPLE IN
24 THE RESTAURANTS, WE CAN BACKPEDAL FROM THAT IDEA. I THINK WE
25 SHOULD HAVE OUTDOOR DINING. THAT'S REASONABLE, FOR GOD'S

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1 SAKES. BECAUSE IF PEOPLE CAN BE OUTDOORS DOING OTHER THINGS,
2 THEY CAN BE OUTDOORS DINING SAFELY. WE SHOULD NOT HOBBLE THE--
3 I KNOW IT IS TRICKY. IT'S OKAY TO BACKPEDAL AND FRONT-PEDAL A
4 LITTLE BIT. NOBODY IS UPSET WITH DR. FERRER, EXCEPT FOR
5 EVERYBODY. LET'S GET IT RIGHT AND--

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** TINA ROWE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
11 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
12 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MRS. ROWE. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
15 AGENDA ITEM 39-H, AND TO MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
16 MORNING. I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION, AND
17 LIVE IN THE CITY OF PASADENA. I'M ALSO A NATIVE AMERICAN,
18 INDIGENOUS TO NORTH AMERICAN APACHE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I
19 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
20 FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING CHILD SAFETY IN L.A.
21 COUNTY. AS A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION'S D.C.F.S. JUDICIAL
22 REFORM COMMITTEE... SORRY FOR THE ECHO. WE HAVE SPENT OVER 6
23 MONTHS DRAFTING A DEMAND LETTER, TITLED "REIMAGINING CHILD
24 SAFETY," THAT WE PLAN TO CIRCULATE TO ALL OF YOU NO LATER THAN
25 MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, BEFORE THE NEXT HEARING. I

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1 WHOLEHEARTEDLY URGE YOU TO READ THIS DEMAND LETTER, BECAUSE IT
2 COMPLEMENTS THE MOTION WELL, AND GIVES MORE INSIGHT FROM
3 PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES ON HOW TO REIMAGINE CHILD
4 SAFETY, HOLISTICALLY. THE CONSULTANT THAT WILL CONDUCT THE
5 EQUITY AUDIT SHOULD BE--

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** -- AND EVERY STEP OF THE "REIMAGINING CHILD SAFETY"
11 PROCESS. AS A MEMBER OF C.O.C.O.'S D.C.F.S. JUDICIAL REFORM
12 COMMITTEE, I AM EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STAKEHOLDER
13 ENGAGEMENT. PARAPHRASING ARISTOTLE, MY STORY IS MORE THAN THE
14 SUM OF ITS PARTS. YES, IT IS TRUE, I AM A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE WHO IS RECOVERING FROM A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE WITH
16 D.C.F.S., YET I AM RESILIENT AND CHOOSE TO USE MY EXPERIENCE
17 AS A WAY TO UPLIFT OTHERS, AND TO VOICE THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN
18 OUR JUSTICE SYSTEMS. I AM NOW HAPPILY MARRIED, CELEBRATING MY
19 FIRST YEAR'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUST YESTERDAY. THAT SAID, I
20 HAVE FOUR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS COURTROOMS DEDICATED
21 TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WAS SOMEWHAT
22 FAIR IN FAMILY COURT, WHERE COURTS GAVE MY EX-SPOUSE AND
23 ABUSER JOINT CUSTODY OF OUR SON. THE JUDGE UNDERSTOOD THAT I
24 HAD RAISED OUR SON, SOLELY, THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE,
25 BUT THEN, BECAUSE MY EX-SPOUSE AND DOMESTIC ABUSER DID NOT

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1 AGREE WITH THIS COURT DECISION, HE BEGAN A CAMPAIGN OF FALSE
2 ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** ELAINE BATCHLOR, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
8 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
9 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **ELAINE BATCHLOR:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS I DR. ELAINE BATCHLOR.
12 I AM SPEAKING TO ITEM NUMBER 11. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
13 CREATED A LEGACY FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN SOUTH L.A. THAT IS NOT
14 SOMETHING WE WILL EVER LEAVE BEHIND. IT IS A LIVING AND
15 GROWING TESTAMENT TO HIS COURAGE, AN AFFIRMATION THAT HEALTH
16 CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE DENIED TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. HIS
17 BELIEF THAT A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY COULD BE CREATED IN
18 SOUTH L.A. MADE AN UNLIKELY VISION A REALITY. HIS CONVICTION
19 CARRIES US STILL. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S MANY
20 GIFTS IN OFFERING HEALTH TO L.A. I AM PERSONALLY GRATEFUL FOR
21 HIS ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT, AND GLAD THAT HE WILL
22 STILL BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR GREAT
23 CITY. THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** FRANK MARTINEZ, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
3 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
4 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **FRANK MARTINEZ:** HI. I AM GOING TO BE MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. MY NAME IS FRANK MARTINEZ, POLICY DIRECTOR OF
8 S.C.A.N.P.H., THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT
9 HOUSING. WE REPRESENT THE BUILDERS OF NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE
10 HOUSING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE REGION. S.C.A.N.P.H.
11 WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
12 CHAMPIONING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY. HE HAS BECOME A
13 PRINCIPLED VOICE FOR THE HOMELESS, NOT ONLY HERE, BUT AT THE
14 STATEWIDE LEVEL. HIS ACTIONS HAVE SPOKEN LOUDLY, AS WELL.
15 NOTABLY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AUTHORED MEASURE J, WHICH
16 HAS DIRECTED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO
17 FIGHT HOMELESSNESS. HE HAS SUPPORTED AN ONGOING EVICTION
18 MORATORIUM, AND HE HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN THE EFFORT TO ADDRESS
19 FAIR HOUSING REFORMS. L.A. COUNTY IS STRONGER BECAUSE OF MARK
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND S.C.A.N.P.H. LOOKS FORWARD TO COLLABORATING
21 WITH HIM IN THE FUTURE, TO BUILD AN L.A. WHERE EVERYONE HAS A
22 SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOME. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** LATIA SUTTLE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
2 THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **LATIA SUTTLE:** HI. MY NAME IS LATIA SUTTLE, AND I AM SPEAKING
6 ON AGENDA ITEMS 39-H, 19, AND MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

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

9

10 **LATIA SUTTLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LATIA. I'M A COMMUNITY
11 COALITION MEMBER, A MILITARY VETERAN, RETIRED FROM THE U.S.
12 ARMY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND MARK RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING CHILD SAFETY IN L.A.
14 COUNTY. I HAD A NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH D.C.F.S.,
15 FAMILY COURT, AND CHILDREN'S COURT. TO START, THEY DON'T EVEN
16 ASK PEOPLE IF THEY ARE ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY OR VETERANS THAT
17 HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY. RESOURCES FOR VETERANS ARE NOT
18 CONNECTED WITH ANYTHING WITH THIS BROKEN SYSTEM, CONSISTING OF
19 FAMILY COURT, CHILDREN'S COURT, AND D.C.F.S. DOMESTIC ABUSE IN
20 ITS VARIOUS FORMS IS FREQUENTLY IGNORED, AND VICTIMS ARE
21 REVICTIMIZED AND RETALIATED AGAINST. SOCIAL WORKERS GET AWAY
22 WITH FILING FALSE REPORTS, NOT RETURNING PHONE CALLS TO
23 PARENTS, AND NOT ENSURING MINIMAL COURT-ORDERED VISITATIONS
24 ARE TAKING PLACE. FAMILY REUNIFICATION IS NOT A PRIORITY WITH
25 D.C.F.S., NOR FAMILY COURT. IT SEEMS THAT PERMANENT SEPARATION

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1 AND DESTRUCTION OF FAMILIES IS THE GOAL, INSTEAD OF HEALING
2 AND REUNIFYING FAMILIES. SOCIAL WORKERS AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS
3 ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. GIVEN MY LIVED
4 EXPERIENCE, THIS IS WHY I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS
5 "REIMAGINING SAFETY, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR OUR
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES" MOTION. AS A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY
7 COALITION'S REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COMMITTEE, I HAVE SPENT
8 MONTHS DRAFTING A DEMAND LETTER WITH A GROUP OF OTHER MOTHERS,
9 THAT WE PLAN TO CIRCULATE TO ALL OF YOU NO LATER THAN MONDAY,
10 DECEMBER 7TH, BEFORE YOUR NEXT HEARING. I URGE YOU TO READ THE
11 DEMAND LETTER, BECAUSE IT COMPLEMENTS THE MOTION WELL, AND
12 GIVES MORE INSIGHT FROM PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ON HOW TO
13 REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY. THE [INAUDIBLE] THAT WILL CONDUCT THE
14 EQUITY AUDIT SHOULD BE COMMUNITY ORIENTED AND ACTIVELY
15 ENGAGED--

16

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

19

20 **LATIA SUTTLE:** -- THE COMMUNITY WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AT EVERY
21 STEP OF THE "REIMAGINING CHILD SAFETY" PROCESS. AS A MEMBER OF
22 COMMUNITY COALITION'S D.C.F.S. AND JUDICIAL REFORM COMMITTEE,
23 I'M EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT. AND
24 FOR AGENDA NUMBER 19, THERE NEEDS TO BE-- THE CHILDREN THAT
25 ARE SYSTEM-IMPACTED NEED TO BE INCLUDED, IMPACTED BY FAMILY

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1 COURT AND CHILDREN'S COURT, WITH BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES. ALL OF
2 THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT IN FOSTER CARE. SOME CHILDREN ARE
3 SEVERED FROM ONE BIOLOGICAL PARENT, AND LEFT WITH ONE
4 BIOLOGICAL PARENT, BUT THIS HAS VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THESE
5 CHILDREN. THERE IS NO JUST CAUSE FOR SEVERING THIS ONE PARENT,
6 BUT IT'S ACTIVELY DONE BY D.C.F.S. AND FAMILY COURT. AND THESE
7 CHILDREN, ALSO, THE CHILDREN OF MILITARY VETERANS, ARE NOT
8 BEING IDENTIFIED--

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** HERB HATANAKA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
14 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
15 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **HERB HATANAKA:** ITEM 25 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
18 MORNING. I AM HERB HATANAKA, THE DIRECTOR OF S.S.G., AND A
19 MEMBER OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL. I AM
20 SPEAKING TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
21 AMEND ITEM 25 AND LIVE-STREAM THE SELECTION OF THE CITIZENS'
22 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. MY A.P.I. COLLEAGUES AND I IN
23 A.3P.C.O.N. HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LAST THREE REDISTRICTING
24 COMMISSION PROCESSES, AND IN 2010 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
25 SERVING ON THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AS AN APPOINTEE OF

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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE. WE KNOW HOW CRITICAL IT IS FOR OUR
2 COMMUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED IN ADVOCATING FOR FAIR AND
3 EQUITABLE SUPERVISORIAL BOUNDARY LINES. IT IS A CHALLENGE,
4 GIVEN THE FACT THAT WHILE WE ARE A GROWING POPULATION
5 APPROACHING 20 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY, WE ARE NONETHELESS
6 SPREAD OUT IN EVERY SUPE DISTRICT. AND WITHOUT A LOUD VOICE IN
7 THE PROCESS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REDRAWING DISTRICT LINES WILL
8 MARGINALIZE OUR COMMUNITIES. THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS
9 APPRECIATED--

10

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

13

14 **HERB HATANAKA:** -- APPRECIATED BEING ACKNOWLEDGED AND
15 SUPPORTED BY THIS BOARD, GIVEN THE CURRENT BOUNDARIES. AGAIN,
16 I SUPPORT THE MOTION TO LIVE LIVE-STREAM, BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

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

21

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

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1 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
2 WHICH WILL THEN BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL BE
4 VOTING.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
7 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1-D THROUGH 3-D, 1-P, 8 THROUGH 10, 12,
8 13, 15 THROUGH 18, 22, 24, 26 THROUGH 38, 39-A THROUGH 39-E.
9 ON 39-E, SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. 39-F
10 THROUGH 39-G, 39-H AS REVISED, 39-J, 42, AND 43.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
14 APPROVE THESE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
15 ROLL.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC
18 COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
19 WILL READ THE SHORT TITLES OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. FOR
20 THE APPEAL HEARINGS, ITEMS 2 AND 3, WE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM THE
21 APPELLANTS AND APPLICANTS. THEREAFTER, WE WILL TAKE THE
22 REMAINING SPEAKERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE HEARING ITEMS.
23 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO
24 TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THE
2 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
3 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1 IS A
4 HEARING ON THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR REPORT FOR THE LIBRARY
5 FACILITIES MITIGATION FEE FUNDS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL
6 STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A
7 HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-002824-3, TO
8 AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
9 FACILITY TOWERS TO BE PART OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
10 INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LOCATED AT 24480 WEST
11 SADDLE PEAK ROAD, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE SANTA
12 MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE, WITHIN THE MALIBU ZONED
13 DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
14 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THE APPELLANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, ELIZABETH
17 VERAS, WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. MS. VERAS, PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. L.A.-R.I.C.S. HAS FAILED TO MEET THEIR
20 BURDEN OF PROOF ON THIS APPLICATION, AND THE PLANNING
21 DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THIS PERMIT VIOLATES THE TELECOM ACT,
22 ESTABLISHED JURISPRUDENCE IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT, AS WELL
23 AS LOCAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND LAWS. L.A.-R.I.C.S. HAS
24 FAILED TO GIVE ANY HARD DATA SHOWING DEAD SPOTS OR SIGNIFICANT
25 GAPS IN COVERAGE, AND THAT IS BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT

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1 GAPS IN COVERAGE. BY ITS OWN ADMISSION, ALL OF ITS DATA AND
2 PROPAGATION MAPS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN MANIPULATED. IN FACT,
3 L.A.-R.I.C.S. OPENLY ADMITS RIGHT ON THEIR APPLICATION, AND IN
4 TOTAL OPPOSITION TO 24 YEARS OF ESTABLISHED FEDERAL LAW, THAT
5 THEY INTEND TO PROVIDE OVERLAPPING AND REDUNDANT COVERAGE.
6 BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL LAW EXPRESSLY PROHIBITS THIS TYPE OF
7 CONDUCT, IN ADDITION TO THE TOWER ACTUALLY EXCEEDING THE
8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT PERMITTED BY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL
9 COASTAL PROGRAM. THIS STATEMENT ALONE WARRANTS A DENIAL OF THE
10 L.A.-R.I.C.S. APPLICATION. L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS NOT ONLY VIOLATING
11 THESE LAWS, BUT IS NOW REQUESTING THE BOARD JOIN THEM IN THEIR
12 VIOLATIONS. WERE THIS TOWER TO BE BUILT, IT WOULD BE WITHIN
13 THE L.A.-R.I.C.S.' POWER TO UNILATERALLY INCREASE THE HEIGHT
14 OF THE TOWER TO AS MUCH AS 38 FEET, A MORE THAN DOUBLING OF
15 THE CURRENT HEIGHT SUBMITTED, NOT TO EVEN MENTION THE
16 ADDITIONAL ANTENNAS. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WILL
17 BE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING L.A.-R.I.C.S., PER THE
18 MIDDLE-CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOBS CREATION ACT OF 2012. THE
19 FACT THAT OTHER TOWERS ARE PRESENT IN THAT COMPLEX IS NOT
20 RELEVANT TO THIS TOWER, OR THESE TOWERS. AS YOU STATED, THERE
21 MAY BE TWO OF THEM. THE BOARD HAS TO EVALUATE THIS SPECIFIC
22 APPLICATION, AND L.A.-R.I.C.S. HAS CLEARLY FAILED TO MEET ITS
23 BURDEN OF PROOF. THE APPLICATION IS PATENTLY DEFECTIVE AND
24 SHOULD BE REJECTED IN TOTO. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE
25 RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT YOU REVERSE THE COMMISSION'S

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1 SEPTEMBER 16TH FINDINGS AND ORDER, AND DENY L.A.-R.I.C.S.'
2 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO BUILD THIS PROPOSED CELL TOWER, OR
3 TOWERS, AT THE SADDLE PEAK LOCATION. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, WE
4 ASK THAT YOU REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE COMMISSION FOR
5 FURTHER PROCEEDINGS. AND IF I HAVE ANY TIME LEFT, I JUST WANT
6 YOU TO KNOW I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY. OUR ATTORNEY HAD SURGERY
7 TODAY, AND I AM SPEAKING ON HIS BEHALF, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO
8 GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT I WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE QUEUE BECAUSE
9 OF THIS PRESENTATION. MY COMMENT IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE I WAS
10 GIVEN--

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** MAY I GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE TWO MINUTES FOR
17 THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, TANYA ROTH. MS. ROTH, PLEASE
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **TANYA ROTH:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
21 BOARD. MY NAME IS TANYA ROTH, AND I'M THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. DEPUTY
22 PROGRAM MANAGER. IT IS MY HONOR TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY AS
23 APPLICANT TO AGENDA ITEM 2. AT THE FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVELS,
24 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A WEAKNESS,
25 PUTTING OUR REGION'S STRUCTURES, LIVES, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 IN JEOPARDY. SPECIFIC TO THE MALIBU AREA, THE WOOLSEY FIRE
2 AFTER-ACTION REPORT HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR IMPROVED
3 COMMUNICATIONS. THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. FACILITY AT SADDLE PEAK
4 DIRECTLY RESPONDS TO THAT DOCUMENTED NEED AND GAP IN SERVICE
5 TO THE COMMUNITY. IN ORDER TO MITIGATE IMPACT TO THE
6 SURROUNDING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, A FACILITY HAS BEEN SITED ON
7 LAND WITH NUMEROUS OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, SUCH THAT
8 USE TYPE REMAINS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING DEVELOPMENT.
9 FURTHER, THE INTENDED SUPPORT STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AT
10 THE LOWEST POSSIBLE HEIGHT FOR OPERATIONS, OVER 140 FEET LOWER
11 THAN THE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT COMMERCIAL TELECOM FACILITY.
12 ARRIVING AT THIS LOCATION WAS A CAREFULLY EVALUATED AND
13 ENGINEERED PROCESS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CRITERIA FROM THE
14 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS L.I.P. THIS FACILITY MEETS ALL S.B.C.
15 EMISSION LIMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND WILL PROVIDE FILL-IN COVERAGE
16 TO THE AREA THAT THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. SITES AT LOWER ELEVATION
17 CANNOT REACH, AS ALL SITES IN THE COUNTYWIDE, 58-SITE SYSTEM
18 WORK IN CONCERT WITH EACH OTHER TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE AND
19 ROBUST COVERAGE FOOTPRINT. WITHOUT THIS FACILITY, THOSE AREAS
20 WILL HAVE COVERAGE GAPS, MAKING A HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE WITH
21 DIVERSE TOPOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES EVEN MORE COMPLICATED TO
22 PROTECT AND SERVE. L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS THE PRIMARY REPLACEMENT
23 RADIO SYSTEM FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE AND SHERIFF, ALONG WITH ANY
24 AGENCY IN THE REGION, WHICH MAKE IT CRITICALLY IMPORTANT
25 DURING MUTUAL AID EVENTS SUCH AS THE DEVASTATING FIRES WE HAVE

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1 SEEN THIS YEAR. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE APPEAL BE
2 DENIED, AND THAT THIS PROJECT THAT IS SO CRITICAL TO PUBLIC
3 SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF STRUCTURES, LIVES, AND RESOURCES IN
4 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON
7 APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-002715-3, TO AUTHORIZE THE
8 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MONOPINE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
9 FACILITY TO BE PART OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
10 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LOCATED AT 1832 SOUTH DECKER CANYON, IN
11 AN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
12 COASTAL ZONE, WITHIN THE MALIBU ZONED DISTRICT. A WRITTEN
13 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
14 RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EACH OF THE 5 APPLICANTS WILL
17 BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE. WE WILL BEGIN WITH LITA ALBUQUERQUE, THEN
18 REBECCA CARPENTER, DANA HARTLEY, LEAH HAMILL, AND CHANTAL
19 GILBERG. SO WE WILL BEGIN WITH LITA. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.
20 PLEASE BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM
23 NUMBER 3, AND ADD MY PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LITA
24 ALBUQUERQUE. I AM A PROPERTY OWNER ADJACENT TO FIRE STATION
25 NUMBER 72. THE NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR

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1 PUBLIC SAFETY IS, OF COURSE, EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, BUT USING
2 ANTIQUATED TECHNOLOGY IS NOT. THIS MOTOROLA TECHNOLOGY IS
3 INEFFECTIVE, COSTLY, AND DESTRUCTIVE. IT DESTROYS THE VIEW,
4 DESTROYS PROPERTY VALUE, IS COSTLY TO MAINTAIN, PRONE TO FIRE,
5 AND BRINGS UP MULTIPLE LAWSUITS. WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING IS A
6 21ST-CENTURY TECHNOLOGY THAT NOW HAS 100-PERCENT
7 COMMUNICATION, EVENT TECHNOLOGY, LESS COSTLY IN THE END, HAPPY
8 PEOPLE, ZERO LAWSUITS. I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
9 WHY IS ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY
10 FALLING BACK ON OLD TECHNOLOGY? ARE YOU IN THE COMMUNICATION
11 BUSINESS, OR ARE YOU IN THE MOTOROLA BUSINESS? DO YOU REALLY
12 WANT TO LEAVE THE LIVES OF OUR FIREMEN IN THE HANDS OF AN
13 OUTDATED SYSTEM?

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, REBECCA CARPENTER.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS REBECCA CARPENTER. I'M A RESIDENT IN
20 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 3 AND PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. I'M APPEALING TO YOU, THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS, TO PROTECT US, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND THE LAND
23 THAT YOU OVERSEE, AND TO NOT APPROVE THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. TOWER
24 TO BE INSTALLED AT FIRE STATION 72. THIS IS ADDING INSULT TO
25 INJURY TO THE 255 HOMES THAT WERE LOST IN THIS DISTRICT, JUST

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1 IN THIS DISTRICT ALONE. WHERE THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. SITE IS
2 PROPOSED TO BE, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO RUSH AND TO SNEAK IN
3 THIS TOWER THAT HAS NOT PROVEN TO BE SAFE TO HUMAN BEINGS OR
4 TO WILDLIFE IN OUR AREA. THE ENVIRONMENTAL P.D.A. ON THE L.A.-
5 R.I.C.S. WEBSITE IS 4 YEARS OLD. IT'S FROM 2016. AND THE
6 F.E.M.A. EMPLOYEE THAT SIGNED IT AND SAID THERE IS NO
7 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, IT'S ALSO FROM 2016. IT'S
8 OUT OF DATE. IT WAS PRIOR TO THE WOOLSEY FIRE HAPPENING IN
9 2018. AND THE DEVASTATION TO OUR ECOSYSTEM AND TO OUR
10 LIVELIHOODS IS NOT BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL HAVE DANA HARTLEY.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI. DANA HARTLEY. I LIVE RIGHT NEXT TO THIS FIRE
17 STATION. I AM 70 FEET ABOVE THE FIRE STATION PROPOSAL TOWER.
18 IT IS GOING TO BE SHOOTING THE BEAM STRAIGHT ACROSS, LEVEL
19 WITH MY PROPERTY LINE. NO ONE HAS BOTHERED TO COME OUT AND
20 LOOK AT THIS SITE. YOU JUST DECIDE TO PUT THIS IN WITHOUT
21 LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS, AND RUINING THREE PROPERTIES
22 IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO THE FIRE STATION. I DO NOT WANT TO BE
23 LOOKING AT MY OCEAN VIEW, MAYBE 70 FEET OUT, AND KNOWING
24 THERE'S A BEAM LEVEL WITH MY GROUND, KILLING ALL THE BIRDS.
25 THESE BEAUTIFUL OWLS, EAGLES, BALD EAGLES THAT ARE OUT HERE

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1 NOW, THEY GO THROUGH THIS, AND THEY ARE STERILIZED. THIS IS
2 PROVEN FACT. I AM TIRED OF FIGHTING YOU. I HAVE BEEN AT EVERY
3 MEETING, BRINGING THIS UP. NO ONE HAS BOTHERED TO COME OUT
4 HERE, GIVE US A COMPLETE LINE OF WHERE IT IS GOING ACROSS THE
5 VALLEY. THE FIRE STATION IS 1600 FEET. MY DRIVEWAY IS AT 1650.
6 I'M ALREADY 50 FEET. AND THEN I GO UP 20 MORE FEET, AND I AM
7 LEVEL WITH THE BEAM, LOOKING AT IT, DAMN IT. WHY DON'T YOU
8 COME OUT AND LOOK AT THIS VALLEY? YOU ARE SHOOTING A BEAM
9 ACROSS A VALLEY.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW LEAH HAMILL.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M LEAH HAMILL. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 3 FOR PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND
17 LIVE WITHIN 400 FEET OF THIS TOWER. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE L.A.-
18 R.I.C.S. REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS TOWER HAS NEVER BEEN
19 PROVEN TO SHOW THAT IT DOESN'T AFFECT HUMAN BEINGS' HEALTH IN
20 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO IT. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT NO ONE SEEMS TO
21 CARE THAT LONG-TERM RESIDENTS THAT LIVE NEAR IT COULD GET SICK
22 FROM THIS. I'M URGING YOU TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE FOR THIS TOWER
23 TO BE BUILT, AS THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS
24 THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CONSIDERED. WE HAVE LOST OUR HOMES IN THE
25 WOOLSEY FIRE, AND NEED PEACE OF MIND THAT OUR HEALTH AND

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1 WELLBEING WILL BE SAFE, AS WE ALL CONTINUE TO REBUILD. I WANT
2 YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT
3 THIS, BECAUSE OUR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ARE FLAT-OUT BEING
4 IGNORED. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A
5 HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND LAST, CHANTAL GILBERG. I SEE THAT
8 CHANTAL IS NOT ON, SO WE WILL NOW HAVE THE APPLICANT'S
9 REPRESENTATIVE, TANYA ROTH. YOU WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES.
10 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

11

12 **TANYA ROTH:** HELLO AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
13 TANYA ROTH IS APPLICANT FOR AGENDA ITEM 3. CURRENTLY,
14 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY'S 4,000 SQUARE
15 MILES ARE ACCOMPLISHED USING A PATCHWORK OF 40 DISJOINTED AND
16 AGING RADIO NETWORKS THAT WERE LARGELY BUILT IN THE '80S, WITH
17 THE GREATEST TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, 40 YEARS AGO.
18 THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. FACILITY AT FIRE STATION 72 DIRECTLY
19 RESPONDS TO THE GAP IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND DOCUMENTED
20 NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATION THAT HAS BEEN CITED AT THE
21 FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVELS, SPECIFICALLY AND MOST RECENTLY IN
22 THE WOOLSEY FIRE AFTER-ACTION REPORT, WHERE NEARLY 97,000
23 ACRES WERE BURNED IN THIS VERY AREA. IN ORDER TO MITIGATE
24 IMPACT TO THE SURROUNDING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, THE INTENDED
25 SUPPORT STRUCTURE HAS BEEN DESIGNED AS A MONOPINE, AT THE

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1 MINIMUM HEIGHT NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONS, AND SET TO THE REAR
2 OF THE PROPERTY, AWAY FROM THE DESIGNATED SCENIC CORRIDOR OF
3 DECKER CANYON ROAD. THE FACILITY LEVERAGES THE BEST TECHNOLOGY
4 AVAILABLE TODAY, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO
5 INTEROPERABILITY. FURTHER, THE FACILITY IS SITED ON A PUBLICLY
6 OWNED PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED, AND HAS
7 EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE. ARRIVING AT THIS
8 LOCATION WAS A METICULOUSLY EVALUATED PROCESS, TAKING INTO
9 ACCOUNT CRITERIA FROM THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS L.I.P. THIS
10 FACILITY MEETS ALL S.B.C. EMISSION LIMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND
11 WILL PROVIDE UNIQUE COVERAGE TO PORTIONS OF PACIFIC COAST
12 HIGHWAY, MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, AND DECKER CANYON ROAD. WITHOUT
13 THIS FACILITY, THOSE AREAS WILL HAVE COVERAGE GAPS, MAKING A
14 HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE EVEN MORE COMPLICATED TO PROTECT AND
15 SERVE. L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS THE PRIMARY REPLACEMENT RADIO SYSTEM
16 FOR COUNTY FIRE AND COUNTY SHERIFF AND ANY AGENCY IN THE
17 REGION, WHICH IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT DURING MUTUAL AID
18 EVENTS, SUCH AS THE 2018 WOOLSEY FIRE AND THE DEVASTATING
19 FIRES WE'VE SEEN THIS YEAR. PRESERVATION OF OUR RESOURCES IS
20 HIGHLY IMPACTED BY AVAILABLE AND RELIABLE COMMUNICATION. WE
21 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE APPEAL BE DENIED, AND THAT THIS
22 PROJECT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT
25 NUMBER R2013-02756-1 TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF

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1 THE EXISTING HOSPITAL LOCATED AT 4081 EAST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD
2 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES WITHIN THE
3 EASTSIDE UNIT NO. 1 ZONED DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
4 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.
5 ITEM 6 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2017-003501-3 TO AMEND
6 THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN TO UPDATE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
7 NORTH AREA PLAN; AMEND COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND
8 ZONING, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE NORTH AREA COMMUNITY
9 STANDARDS DISTRICT TO PROVIDE GREATER PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL
10 RESOURCES, AND ALIGN THE POLICIES AND STANDARDS WITH THE LOCAL
11 COASTAL PROGRAM. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
12 PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 7 IS A HEARING
13 ON PROJECT NUMBER R2014-00285-5 TO AUTHORIZE A ZONE CHANGE AND
14 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CREATION OF 157 LOTS, COMPRISED OF
15 137 RESIDENTIAL LOTS, LOCATED AT 28701 SLOAN CANYON ROAD, IN
16 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA, WITHIN THE
17 CASTAIC CANYON ZONED DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
18 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
21 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. MADAM EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
23 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO
24 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE
25 BOARD.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON

3 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC

4 COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7 SHOULD CALL 877-767-5651, AND USE

5 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-3836. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 844-

6 767-5651, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-3836. DO NOT

7 CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO

8 LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017, AND FOLLOW THE

9 INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS

10 YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC

11 HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON WILL

12 HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ALL THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS. WE

13 WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE

14 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING

15 BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

16 WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN

17 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN

18 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC.

19 OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU

20 ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE

21 SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING

22 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR

23 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU

24 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO

25 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING

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1 TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL
2 NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE
3 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
4 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
5 SPEAKER PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU'VE
8 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
9 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
10 THE QUEUE. FARRELL JOHNSON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
12 YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **FARRELL JOHNSON:** THANK YOU TO MADAM CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS,
15 BOARD SUPERVISORS, PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, AND STAFF,
16 NEIGHBORS, AND FRIENDS. MY NAME IS FARRELL JOHNSON. I'M THE
17 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF FACILITY DEVELOPMENT FOR PROSPECT
18 MEDICAL, AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 5, PROJECT R2013-
19 02756, WITH RESPECT TO AN OXYGEN TANK. THIS HOSPITAL WAS BUILT
20 AROUND 1956, AND CURRENTLY WE'VE HAD AN OLD TANK HERE SINCE
21 THEN, WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 500 GALLONS. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE
22 AN APPROVED TEMPORARY TANK OF ABOUT 1500 GALLONS, AND OUR
23 PROPOSAL IS FOR A NEW, 3,000-GALLON TANK TO REDUCE THE HIGH
24 IMPACT OF DELIVERIES, ALLOW US THE CAPACITY TO SUPPORT OUR
25 ADDITIONAL VENTILATORS, ET CETERA, IN SUPPORT OF OUR PATIENTS'

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1 POPULATIONS DURING THIS PANDEMIC. WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE'S
2 SUPPORT, AND THE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** ART LORENZINI, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
8 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
9 YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **ART LORENZINI:** AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. HONORABLE MADAM CHAIR AND
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS ART LORENZINI, MANAGING
13 DIRECTOR OF THE CLAREMONT COMPANIES, REPRESENTING THE
14 APPLICANT. WE CONCUR WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
15 [INAUDIBLE] TO THE ADOPTION ACTIONS FOR THE RESERVED PROJECT.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** TONY RAMIREZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
21 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
22 MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **TONY RAMIREZ:** I'M SPEAKING TO ITEM NUMBER 2 AND 3. GOOD
25 MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS TONY RAMIREZ, THE

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1 ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'VE
2 BEEN A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 32 YEARS. I'M IN
3 CHARGE OF OUR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, AND SPEAK IN
4 SUPPORT OF THE NEW SITE THAT WE HAVE TO BE INSTALLED AT FIRE
5 STATION 72. THE SITE WILL IMPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
6 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, WHICH IS CRITICAL IN NATURE FOR OUR
7 DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE ALL TYPES OF MEDICAL CALLS, FIRE CALLS,
8 SUCH LIKE THE WOOLSEY FIRE AND ANY LIKE FIRE EMERGENCIES OFF
9 THE COAST IN THE MALIBU AREA. L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS
10 PARTNERED WITH L.A.-R.I.C.S. THROUGH THE DESIGN AND
11 IMPLEMENTATION PHASES OF THE WHOLE PROGRAM. THE FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO INCIDENTS IN THE AREA ASIDE... AREAS TO
13 THE SIDE... I MEAN, AREAS AROUND THE DEPARTMENT... AROUND THE
14 AREA, EXCUSE ME, SUCH LIKE THE WOOLSEY FIRE--

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** HALEN DANGARD, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
20 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
21 YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES, I WISH TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM NUMBER 6,
24 FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NORTH AREA PLAN. I AM A RESIDENT
25 OF 194 NORTH KANAN DUNE ROAD, AND I STRONGLY OPPOSE THESE

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1 PROPOSALS TO LIMIT GUEST RANCHES ON PROPERTIES LIKE MINE. IT
2 WAS AN OLD DAIRY FARM. IT'S BEEN INHABITED BY ANIMALS FOR
3 OVER, NOW, 60 YEARS, AND I HAVE WORKED TO STAY THAT WAY. AND
4 IT IS NOW PROPOSED THAT EVENTS HELD ON SUCH PROPERTIES, THEY
5 NEED TO BE ON A MINIMUM OF 10 ACRES. THAT WOULD ELIMINATE
6 ANYBODY EXCEPT THE VERY RICH IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN
7 AREA, THAT FOR 5,000 YEARS HAS BEEN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE HAVE
8 CELEBRATED WEDDINGS, AND THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, SINCE THE
9 CHUMASH INDIANS--

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** JOSEPH BARMETTLER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
15 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING
16 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **JOSEPH BARMETTLER:** HI. MY NAME'S JOSEPH BARMETTLER. I'M A
19 COMMUNITY LEADER IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND THE GREATER
20 VALLEY GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER. I AM SPEAKING
21 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, NOT MY BOARD, REGARDING ITEM 2 AND 3 AND
22 THE 5G TOWER INSTALLATION. I AM AGAINST IT. I THINK THERE IS,
23 APPARENTLY, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, A
24 NUMBER OF BROWN ACT VIOLATIONS, AND IT IS VERY CONCERNING THAT
25 WE HAVE ALL THESE HEALTH ISSUES THAT ARE NOT APPROPRIATELY

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1 ADDRESSED WITH THE E.I.R.S, THAT APPARENTLY ARE OUTDATED. SO
2 THIS IS MOVING VERY FAST. I THINK THAT, IN MY OPINION, THE
3 BOARD NEEDS TO PUT A MORATORIUM ON FURTHER INSTALLATIONS, IN
4 ORDER TO RESEARCH THE PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS THAT ARE BEING
5 BROUGHT UP CONTINUALLY IN COURT, AND ALSO ADDRESS JUST HOW
6 MUCH THAT WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNICATION DISASTER ELEMENT, OF
7 WHICH THE--

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** LONNIE GORDON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
13 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
14 YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 3 AND GENERAL. IN 2005,
17 THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS UNION, REPRESENTING OVER
18 300,000 FIREFIGHTERS, RECOGNIZED WIRELESS MICROWAVE RADIATION
19 HEALTH EFFECTS, AND HAS STOOD STRONGLY AGAINST LOCATING CELL
20 TOWERS NEAR OR ON TOP OF FIRE STATIONS. THERE'S A 28-PAGE
21 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS RESOLUTION
22 DETAILING THE HEALTH EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPOSURE TO
23 WIRELESS MICROWAVE RADIATION AND REPORTED SYMPTOMS OF THEIR
24 EXPOSED FIREFIGHTERS. SORRY ABOUT THAT. THE DOCUMENT STATES
25 NUMEROUS HEALTH EFFECTS WERE FOUND TO BE CAUSED BY WIRELESS

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1 RADIATION. THE RESOLUTION WAS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS BY
2 FIREFIGHTERS OF HEADACHES, MEMORY PROBLEMS, SLEEPING PROBLEMS,
3 AND ANXIETY FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF CELL TOWERS AT THEIR
4 FIRE STATIONS. BRAIN SCANS OF THE FIREFIGHTERS IN 2005 SHOWED
5 ABNORMALITIES. THE RESULTS OF THESE ABNORMAL BRAIN SCANS WERE
6 SUMMARIZED IN A LETTER WRITTEN TO THE F.C.C. IN 2013.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** SHIRLENE HOPI, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
12 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
13 YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. TOWERS THAT ARE
16 GOING UP. I AGREE WITH THE APPEAL THAT IS BEING PUT FORTH BY
17 MS. BARRETT. TECHNOLOGY IS NOT FOR FREE. WE ALL SEE THE
18 RESULTS OF THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY AND WHAT IT IS DOING TO
19 THE ENVIRONMENT. PLEASE READ THE SIGNS THAT ARE OUT THERE
20 REGARDING THESE TOWERS. IT IS NOT FOR FREE. IT CAUSED MANY
21 HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR HUMANS, HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR THE PLANET.
22 AND PEOPLE THAT LIVE CLOSE TO THESE ARE MORE PRONE TO THESE
23 HEALTH PROBLEMS. I'M SORRY. I WAS TAKEN OFF GUARD WHEN YOU
24 CALLED MY NAME. SO ANYWAY, PLEASE, I AM AGAINST THESE TOWERS.
25 THE RADIATION IS NOT GOOD FOR THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE AND THE

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1 PLANET. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO READ THE
2 SCIENCE. IT IS OUT THERE. 200 YEARS AGO, WHEN PEOPLE WERE
3 GIVING COMMENTS REGARDING THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY, LOOK WHERE
4 WE ARE NOW WITH THE GREENHOUSE GAS. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE
5 HEADED, EVENTUALLY, WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY. WE NEED TO SLOW
6 THINGS DOWN IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** ALICE CARPENTER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
12 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS ALICE CARPENTER. I LIVE ON DECKER SCHOOL
16 ROAD. I AM A HOMEOWNER AND RESIDENT, AND I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS
17 2 AND 3. I AM OPPOSED TO THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. TOWERS. I AM 70
18 YEARS OLD. I HAVE HEALTH CHALLENGES. I HAVE MULTIPLE CHEMICAL
19 SENSITIVITIES, AND I DON'T WANT TO PROMOTE AN EARLIER DEATH
20 FOR MYSELF OR OTHER PEOPLE IN THE MOUNTAINS, AS WELL AS THE
21 WONDERFUL WILDLIFE WE HAVE. I LOVE YOU ALL, AND I THANK GOD
22 FOR YOU, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL LISTEN. PASS.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** PAT HENKEL, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** LAURA PENA, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAURA PENA. I WILL BE
12 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM S-1. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION TO NOT PASS ITEM S-1,
14 CLOSING OUTDOOR DINING. AS A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER IN HERMOSA
15 BEACH, I WANT TO PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE. IN MARCH, WHEN THE VIRUS
16 FIRST HIT, WE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE MORTALITY RATE WAS 10
17 PERCENT, 5 PERCENT, OR .01.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. WE ARE
20 ON PUBLIC HEARINGS, NOT S-1. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS FOR A
21 PUBLIC HEARING?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES, I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT S-1. SO THIS IS NOT THE
24 TIME?

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, SORRY.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH
4 7. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** ROGER PUGLIESE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
7 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
8 MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** ITEM NUMBER 6. THIS ORGANIZATION, OUR ORGANIZATION,
11 THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC COMMUNITY, IS GRATEFUL
12 FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND HER STAFF IN
13 THEIR QUEST IN PROTECTING THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE
14 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT, AND ASK
15 YOU TO VOTE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND CERTIFY THE NORTH AREA
16 PLAN, THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, AND THE F.E.I.R. WE
17 STAND WITH OTHER HOMEOWNERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
18 ASKING FOR THE CONTINUED AND STRONGER PROTECTION FOR OUR SANTA
19 MONICA MOUNTAINS. IN PARTICULAR, WE SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF
20 THE TREE PROTECTION. TREES ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF THESE
21 MOUNTAINS. DUE TO FIRES THAT RAVAGED THE SANTA MONICA
22 MOUNTAINS, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP THEIR FURTHER
23 DESTRUCTION HAPPENING FROM FREQUENT FIRE, GLOBAL WARMING,
24 DISEASE, AND URBAN SPRAWL.

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** CATHERINE MCCLENAHAN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
5 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
6 TODAY. YOU MY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI. ITEM NUMBER 2. MY NAME IS CATHERINE MCCLENAHAN.
9 I'M A RESIDENT OF TOPANGA, AND I AM VEHEMENTLY AGAINST THIS
10 CELL TOWER. THERE IS SO MUCH EVIDENCE THAT WIRELESS RADIATION
11 CAUSES CANCER, NEUROLOGICAL AILMENTS, ORGAN DAMAGE, GENETIC
12 DAMAGE, AND, TO A LESSER EFFECT, HEADACHE, LOSS OF ENERGY.
13 TOPANGA'S A SANCTUARY. WE ARE TRYING TO GET RID OF THIS
14 RADIATION. IT IS LEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES FOR MILITARY TO
15 CONDUCT EXPERIMENTATION ON A POPULATION. I DO NOT WANT THE
16 COUNTY TO PLACE ME IN HARM'S WAY OF THESE EXPERIMENTS, WHICH
17 THE MILITARY HAS FULLY ADMITTED THAT THEY WILL BE CONDUCTING
18 WITH THE USE OF THESE TOWERS. THE V.L.S. REJECTED THE L.A.-
19 R.I.C.S. TOWERS 5 YEARS AGO, BASED ON CANCER AND OTHER ADVERSE
20 HEALTH EFFECTS. NOW THE SCIENCE HAS ONLY INCREASED. THERE'S A
21 10-YEAR, \$30 MILLION STUDY FROM THE NATIONAL TOXICOLOGY
22 PROGRAM SHOWING CLEAR EVIDENCE OF STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT
23 CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS FROM BACKGROUND WIRELESS RADIATION. THE
24 FIREFIGHTER'S UNION HAS SPOKEN ON THE ISSUE OF COMMUNICATIONS,
25 AND STATED ON THE RECORD THEY HAVE ZERO PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA.

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1

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** DEBBI PATTIS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
5 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DEBBI PATTIS, AND I AM SPEAKING FOR AGENDA
9 ITEM NUMBER 6. AS A 15-YEAR NORTH AREA RESIDENT, I STRONGLY
10 SUPPORT THE UPDATED NORTH AREA PLAN, THE C.S.D, AND THE FINAL
11 E.I.R. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
12 PLANNING, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THE THIRD-DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
13 AND STAFF FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK TO PROVIDE AN OPEN AND
14 RESPONSIVE PROCESS FOR THOROUGHLY VETTING STAKEHOLDER
15 SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS. I SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS
16 DETAILED BY THE LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION. IN
17 KEEPING WITH OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH-IMPACT USES IN SINGLE-
18 ROAD ACCESS PARCELS, I URGE YOU TO PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY
19 AND EXCLUDE R.R. LOTS ON SINGLE-ACCESS ROADS FROM PROPOSED BY-
20 RIGHT EXPANSION OF HORSE KEEPING. PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE THE
21 UPDATE, AND DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN FOR THE SECOND
22 READING WITHOUT DELAY. THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS '
23 IRREPLACEABLE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, HISTORIC SEMI-RURAL WAY OF
24 LIFE, AND PUBLIC ACCESS FOR RECREATION NEED OUR PROTECTION AND

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1 STEWARDSHIP. PLEASE ADOPT AND CERTIFY THE NORTH AREA PLAN
2 BEFORE CUMULATIVE ADVERSE IMPACTS LEAD TO--

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** DANNI PATTIS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DANNI PATTIS, AND I AM SPEAKING ON
12 ITEM NUMBER 6. AND I'VE LIVED IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
13 FOR BASICALLY MY ENTIRE LIFE, SO GROWING UP IN A RURAL
14 MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE HUGE LOS ANGELES
15 METROPOLIS HAS INSTILLED IN ME, REALLY, BOTH A DEEP RESPECT
16 AND A NEED FOR NATURE. I'M PROUD TO BELONG TO THE COMMUNITY OF
17 THE NORTH AREA RESIDENTS WHO ADVOCATE FOR AN ACHIEVABLE
18 BALANCE-- WHICH I DO BELIEVE IS ACHIEVABLE-- OF PROTECTING OUR
19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUR HISTORIC RURAL WAY OF LIFE WHILE
20 ALSO PRIORITIZING PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECREATION AND NATURE. AND
21 AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUNGEST GENERATION, OR THE YOUNGEST
22 GENERATION RIGHT NOW, WHICH WILL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THE
23 LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENCROACHMENT OF HUMAN
24 IMPACTS ON OUR STATE'S WILDLIFE, NATIVE PLANTS, AND OUR
25 WATERSHED, I URGE YOU TO VOTE TODAY TO APPROVE THE NORTH AREA

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1 PLAN, THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, AND THE FINAL E.I.R.
2 AND FINALLY, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO
3 PRESERVE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IN TRUST, NOT ONLY FOR MY
4 GENERATION, BUT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO WILL FOLLOW ME.
5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** STEVE CABRERA, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
10 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
11 MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **STEVE CABRERA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BATTALION CHIEF STEVE CABRERA, WITH
15 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND I'M SPEAKING IN
16 SUPPORT OF ITEMS 2 AND 3. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REITERATE
17 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS IN FULL SUPPORT WITH REGIONAL PLANNING
18 COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE ITEMS 2 AND 3. AND I JUST
19 WANT TO STATE THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO SUBMITTED A
20 LETTER OF SUPPORT WITH THIS PROJECT, WITH THE L.A.-R.I.C.S.
21 PROJECT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH
22 L.A.-R.I.C.S., AND WE HAD IDENTIFIED GAPS IN COVERAGE AREAS IN
23 THESE TWO LOCATIONS. AND WITH MY EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A
24 STRIKE TEAM LEADER ON THE WOOLSEY FIRE, WE DID HAVE GAPS IN
25 COVERAGE, AND THESE TWO SITES WILL IMPROVE NOT ONLY VOICE

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1 COMMUNICATIONS, BUT ALSO DATA COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR MOBILE
2 EQUIPMENT. SO I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR
3 YOUR SUPPORT WITH US, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT L.A.-R.I.C.S.
4 THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** CECILIA DESENNE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
10 YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 2 AND 3. THANK YOU
13 FOR TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I AM IN OPPOSITION TO THE CELL
14 TOWERS. I HAVE SENT IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY WITH THE
15 GROUNDBREAKING REPORT THAT JUST CAME OUT OF THE STATE OF NEW
16 HAMPSHIRE, WHICH PASSED A LAW TO INVESTIGATE THE HEALTH AND
17 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF TODAY'S WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY. THEIR
18 REPORT JUST CAME OUT ON NOVEMBER 1ST, AND IT CONTAINS THE
19 SCIENCE SHOWING THAT THIS IS EXTRAORDINARILY HARMFUL. IT ALSO
20 INCLUDES HARVARD'S CAPTURED AGENCY REPORT, WHICH SHOWS THE
21 INDUSTRY AND THE F.C.C. ARE PRETTY MUCH ONE AND THE SAME, AND
22 THEY ARE LOOKING OUT FOR CORPORATE INTERESTS AND NOT THE
23 INTERESTS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. RIGHT ON THE HEELS OF THE NEW
24 HAMPSHIRE REPORT, WE CAN EXPECT ANOTHER REPORT OUT OF OREGON.
25 SENATOR ANDERSON PASSED AN EMERGENCY LAW TO INVESTIGATE THE

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1 HEALTH IMPACTS OF TODAY'S WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY, AND ESPECIALLY
2 AS IT PERTAINS TO OUR CHILDREN. SO IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR L.A.
3 COUNTY TO INVEST ANY FURTHER OR TO ALLOW ANY FURTHER
4 INFRASTRUCTURE IN WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY.

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** DESIREE GUSAI, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
10 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
11 MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DESIREE GUSAI, AND I AM
14 SPEAKING ON AGENDA 6. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE PROPOSED CHANGES
15 TO THE NORTH AREA PLAN. I HAD THE HONOR TO SET A UNIQUE
16 LIFETIME MEMORY OF MARRYING AND HAVING MY DEAR ONES WITNESS AT
17 A PROPERTY IN THE A-1 ZONE. ONE OF THE NEW PROPOSED CHANGES IS
18 FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES NOT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD EVENTS
19 IF THEY ARE UNDER 10 ACRES. AGAIN, I GOT MARRIED IN A SINGLE-
20 FAMILY RESIDENCE HOME. THE PROPERTY WAS NOT A HUGE VENUE. IT
21 WAS INTIMATE, IT WAS QUAIN. I CHOSE THIS FOR THIS REASONS, AS
22 I DID NOT HAVE THE FINANCES OR THE DESIRE FOR A FACTORY-RUN
23 WEDDING. MY WEDDING DID NOT CAUSE NOISE. IT DID NOT CAUSE ANY
24 HARM TO THE NORTH AREA OR ITS RESIDENCES. IT SIMPLY BROUGHT
25 TOGETHER LOVED ONES IN A CELEBRATORY MOMENT ON THE MOUNTAIN. I

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1 PROPOSE AGAINST STOPPING THESE SMALL BUSINESSES FROM THRIVING.
2 IT IS THEIR LIVELIHOOD. IT'S THEIR PASSION WHICH ALLOWS SMALL
3 DREAMS LIKE MINE TO COME TRUE. REGULATIONS CAN BE PUT IN PLACE
4 TO ACHIEVE SOME MORE PROTECTION OVER THE AREA WITHOUT LIMITING
5 USE OF IT, SUCH AS NOISE REGULATIONS--

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** JAY MACK, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
11 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. WE WANT ALL OUR FIREFIGHTERS TO HAVE THE BEST
15 TOOLS POSSIBLY AVAILABLE, BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF PUBLIC
16 SAFETY. I'M SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION OF ITEMS 2 AND 3. IT IS
17 CLEAR THAT MORE CONCLUSIVE SAFETY RESEARCH IS REQUIRED BEFORE
18 APPROVAL OF THE PROJECTS. THE COUNTY FACES A SUBSTANTIAL
19 LIABILITY IF THE BOARD ACTS PREMATURELY. WHETHER OR NOT THE
20 TECHNOLOGY IS LATER DETERMINED TO BE A PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD,
21 THESE TYPES OF LAWSUITS ARE A WASTE OF PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS.
22 FURTHER, IF THE HAZARDS ARE CONFIRMED, SETTLEMENT COSTS WITH
23 THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS WILL BE INCALCULABLE. IT WOULD BE
24 WISER TO INVEST IN DETERMINING THE SAFETY OF THE PROJECT
25 BEFOREHAND. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE HIDDEN COST

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1 OF A PREMATURE DECISION TO ADVANCE 5G AND OTHER HIGH-
2 TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS BEFORE ACTING. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** STACY ROSEN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
7 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STACY ROSEN. I AM A RESIDENT OF
11 TRIUNFO/LOBO CANYON, SPEAKING TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6. FIRST,
12 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE APPLICABILITY SECTION OF THE
13 PLAN, MAKING THESE PROVISIONS BINDING ON ALL COMMERCIAL
14 PROJECTS THAT DON'T HAVE A VESTED INTEREST. WE'D LIKE YOU TO
15 FURTHER CONSIDER PROHIBITING ALL EVENT VENUES IN A-1 ZONES IN
16 LOBO CANYON, WITH OR WITHOUT A C.U.P. WE'D ALSO ASK YOU TO
17 INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN EVENT VENUES TO 4,000-- [AUDIO
18 CUTS OUT]

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** KIM LAMORIE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
23 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

25

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1 **KIM LAMORIE:** ITEM 6. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M KIM LAMORIE,
2 PRESIDENT OF THE LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION, AND ON
3 BEHALF OF OUR THOUSANDS OF STAKEHOLDERS AND MOUNTAIN
4 COMMUNITIES, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS UPDATE, AND RESPECTFULLY
5 ASK YOU TO VOTE TO APPROVE. WE EMBRACE THE CONTINUING DRIVING
6 FORCE BEHIND [INAUDIBLE] THAT THE LAND DICTATE THE TYPE AND
7 INTENSITY OF USE IN THIS DESIGNATED NATIONAL PARK LAND
8 PLANNING AREA. WE CHAMPION AND ECHO THE COUNTY'S VISION AND
9 COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S MOST SIGNIFICANT
10 ECOLOGICAL AND SCENIC RESOURCES. BALANCED POLICY IS THE KEY IN
11 THIS UNIQUE MEDITERRANEAN ECOSYSTEM, MATCHING THE MAP TO THE
12 L.C.P. EXPANDING HERITAGE DESIGNATION, AND TREE PROTECTIONS
13 PROHIBITING NEW VENUES AND SPECIAL EVENT FACILITIES ON LOBO
14 CANYON, AND REQUIRING A 2500-FOOT SPAN BETWEEN FACILITIES
15 ALONG TRIUNFO CANYON ROAD. INCREASED ACCESS AND RECREATION
16 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IS A STERLING FEATURE OF THIS UPDATE,
17 BALANCED WITH PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. WE DO NOT SUPPORT
18 SPECIAL INTERESTS' COMMERCIALIZATION RECREATION--

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** LISA GRACE-KELLOGG, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE
24 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
25 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **LISA GRACE-KELLOGG:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LISA GRACE-KELLOGG. I AM
3 A 20-YEAR RESIDENT OF TRIUNFO/LOBO CANYON. MY COMMENTS RELATE
4 TO NUMBER 6 ON THE AGENDA, THE UPDATED NORTH AREA PLAN, FOR
5 WHICH I URGE YOUR SUPPORT. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU
6 FOR THE APPLICABILITY SECTION OF THE PLAN, MAKING THE
7 PROVISIONS BINDING ON ALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS THAT DO NOT HAVE
8 A VESTED ENTITLEMENT. GIVEN THE HIGH FIRE DANGER AND SINGLE
9 INGRESS/EGRESS IN TRIUNFO CANYON, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU
10 INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN EVENT VENUES TO 4,000 FEET,
11 BECAUSE THE COUNTY SOUND ENGINEERS HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE
12 AMBIENT [INAUDIBLE] IS MUCH LOWER THAN THAT OF THE REST OF THE
13 NORTH AREA PLAN. PLEASE CONSIDER 40 D.B.S DURING THE DAY, AND
14 35 D.B.S AFTER 8:00 P.M., AS WELL AS EXTENDING THE OUTDOOR
15 AMPLIFIED SOUND 8:00 P.M. CUTOFF TO INDOOR COMMERCIAL
16 AMPLIFIED SOUND, AS WELL. AND FINALLY, PLEASE PROHIBIT EVENT
17 VENUES IN A-1 ZONED LOBO CANYON, WITH OUR WITHOUT A C.U.P.
18 THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** SHARON BRAVEN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
23 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
24 MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 6. I SUPPORT THE NORTH
2 AREA PLAN, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE. I
3 SUPPORT THE COMMENTS DETAILED BY THE LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS
4 FEDERATION, WHICH INCLUDES NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTIONS, AS
5 WELL AS RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF
6 RECREATIONAL AREAS. I ALSO URGE YOU TO EXCLUDE THE PROPOSED
7 BY-RIGHT EXPANSION OF HORSE-KEEPING ON R.R. LOTS FROM SINGLE-
8 ROAD ACCESS PROPERTIES, BOTTLENECKING AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY'S
9 EVACUATION PROCESS BEHIND MULTIPLE LARGE HORSE TRAILERS AS
10 THEY MAKE THEIR SLOW PROGRESS ALONG ONE-AND-ONLY NARROW,
11 WINDING ROADS. IT MAKES NO SENSE AND IS VERY DANGEROUS DURING
12 A FIRE. I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND CERTIFY
13 THE PROJECT AND ALL OF ITS COMPONENTS, AND DIRECT COUNTY
14 COUNSEL TO RETURN FOR THE SECOND READING WITHOUT DELAY. YOUR
15 VOTE TODAY IS CRITICAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SANTA MONICA
16 MOUNTAINS' IRREPLACEABLE NATURAL RESOURCES--

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** JULIE LEVINE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
22 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** I'M SPEAKING TO ITEMS 2 AND 3. I HAVE E.H.S. MY
2 ATTORNEY AND MY DOCTORS HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN TO THE COUNTY,
3 AND WE'VE ASKED FOR CEASE AND DESIST ON THIS TOWER, WHICH IS
4 IN LINE OF SIGHT FROM MY HOME, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW LEGALLY YOU
5 CAN PROCEED. I ASK THIS BODY WHAT WE DO. THIS IS OUR SECOND
6 TIME SPEAKING OUT. LAST TIME, THERE WAS NOT ONE PERSON OTHER
7 THAN THE APPLICANTS THAT SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THESE TOWERS. AND
8 YET, IT WAS VOTED IN FAVOR, UNANIMOUSLY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
9 WE ARE BEING HEARD. I ASK, WHY IS IT THAT OUR GOVERNMENT
10 OFFICIALS CARE NOT EITHER ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, OR
11 ABOUT THE A.D.A., WHICH I QUALIFIED UNDER, AND THE F.H.A., THE
12 FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT, WHICH SUPERSEDES THE TELECOM ACT?
13 WHY ARE YOU NOT ADHERING TO THE LAWS, AND SUPPORTING YOUR
14 RESIDENTS? OTHERS HAVE SPOKEN TO THE N.T.P. STUDY, THE BIO
15 INITIATIVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE REPORT.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** MARK GLATT, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
21 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **MARK GLATT:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M
25 SPEAKING TO ITEMS 2 AND 3. MARK GLATT. I'M A DIVISION CHIEF

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1 WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS
2 BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART IN SUPPORT OF L.A.-R.I.C.S. SINCE ITS
3 BEGINNING. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. PROJECT IS
4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE AND CAPACITY FOR THE
5 DEPARTMENT, COUNTYWIDE. THERE ARE EXISTING COVERAGE HOLES
6 SPECIFIC TO THE WEST END OF THE COUNTY AND MALIBU AREA, WHICH
7 INCLUDES THE AREA COVERED BY THESE SITES, WHICH I HAVE
8 PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED WHEN I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE LOST HILLS
9 STATION IN THE 1990S. NOT ONLY ARE ROUTINE OPERATIONS
10 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE LACK OF EXISTING COVERAGE IN THE
11 AREA, BUT DURING LARGE-SCALE OPERATIONS, SUCH AS THE WOOLSEY
12 FIRE, THE SAFETY OF DEPUTIES PROVIDING EVACUATION ASSISTANCE
13 TO THE PUBLIC AND PREVENTION OF LOOTING IS DECREASED BY THE
14 EXISTING ISSUES. MAINTAINING COMMUNICATIONS WITH DEPUTIES IN
15 THE FIELD IS CRITICAL, AND FIRE STATION 72 AT THE SADDLE PEAK
16 SITE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE. THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS IN SUPPORT OF THE PLANNING
18 COMMISSIONERS' DECISION TO APPROVE ITEMS 2 AND 3, AND WOULD
19 ASK THE BOARD TO UPHOLD THEIR DECISION. THANK YOU.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** MARK LOOTFER, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
24 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
25 MAY BEGIN.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THIS IS FOR ITEM NUMBER 6, THE NORTH AREA
3 PLAN. THIS PLAN IS VERY POORLY CONSTRUCTED. USING VERY
4 SUSPICIOUS 30-YEAR-OLD DATA, IT SEEKS TO PROTECT SPECIES LIKE
5 THE SANTA BARBARA ISLAND LOBSTER, WHICH CAN'T POSSIBLY LIVE IN
6 THE NORTH AREA. THIS PLAN SHOULD BE REJECTED. IT DOES NOT
7 PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT THAT THE MISGUIDED
8 PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT IT WANT IT TO DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** DON SCHMIDT, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE
13 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 6, NORTH AREA PLAN. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR BARGER,
17 SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO THE ISSUE OF
18 APPLICABILITY. IN MAY 2020, THE VERSION OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN
19 ALLOWED EXISTING APPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO BE
20 PROCESSED UNDER THE OLD STANDARDS. THAT WAS CHANGED IN
21 SEPTEMBER. NOW THERE WILL BE NO PIPELINE GRANDFATHERING FOR
22 PENDING APPLICATIONS. THIS IS INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE
23 COUNTY DID FOR THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS AND THE
24 SIGNIFICANT RIDGELINE ORDINANCE. IT'S PATENTLY UNFAIR. YOU
25 HAVE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT HAVE SPENT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF

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1 DOLLARS, AND WORKED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ON PENDING
2 APPLICATIONS. THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO GO SLOW BECAUSE OF
3 C.O.V.I.D., AND GRANTED THEMSELVES ADDITIONAL TIME. FOR YOU TO
4 CHANGE THE RULES MIDSTREAM LIKE THIS IS JUST NOT APPROPRIATE.
5 ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO PUT THE PLAN BACK TO THE MAY
6 2020 VERSION, WHERE IF PEOPLE HAVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION,
7 THEY CAN PROCEEDED ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
8 TIME.

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** ANNE KIRKPATRICK, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
13 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** ADDRESSING ITEMS NUMBER 2 AND 3. FOR ONE THING THAT
17 WAS BROUGHT UP FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEY SAID THAT THEY
18 DID PROVE A LACK OF COVERAGE, BUT THE TELECOM COMPANIES
19 THEMSELVES ARE THE ONES THAT DETERMINE THAT, AND THEIR TESTS
20 ARE FLAWED AND INVALID. IF YOU USE THE PROPER TESTING, YOU
21 WILL FIND THAT THERE IS NO GAP IN COVERAGE. AND ALSO, THE
22 MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER OUTPUT IS MUCH HIGHER THAN IS
23 NEEDED FOR CELL PHONE COVERAGE, SO THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT
24 VIOLATES THE TELECOM ACT OF 1996. AND, AS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP
25 BEFORE, THE CURRENT SCIENCE IS BEING IGNORED. THE F.C.C. IS

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1 BASING THEIR SAFETY GUIDELINES ON SCIENCE THAT IS 25 YEARS TOO
2 OLD. AND THE MODULATION AND PULSATION OF THE SIGNALS ARE NOT
3 EVEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND THAT SIGNIFICANTLY
4 MULTIPLIES THE--

5

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

8

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TODAY, WE ARE GOING
13 TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 11, FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, 1, 2,
14 3, 5, 6, AND 7, FOLLOWED BY SET ITEM S-1, THEN ITEM 25,
15 FOLLOWED BY ITEM 14, AND THEN ITEMS 19 AND 20, WHICH WILL BE
16 TAKEN UP TOGETHER, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 21. SO WITH THAT,
17 WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 11. WE ARE HOLDING THIS ITEM TO
18 COMMEMORATE THE NAMING OF THE ENTRANCE PLAZA AT THE NATURAL
19 HISTORY MUSEUM COMMONS PROJECT AFTER YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS, MARKING THE IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT YOU HAVE
21 MADE TO ARTS AND CULTURE IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND REALLY
22 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THIS ACTION IN YOUR HONOR WILL
23 SERVE AS A REMINDER OF THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL FUTURE
24 VISITORS TO THIS MUSEUM. WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO CELEBRATE TODAY
25 DURING YOUR FINAL BOARD MEETING AS A SUPERVISOR. BUT BEFORE WE

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1 DELIVER OUR REMARKS, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A
2 VIDEO THAT HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT
3 MARK YOUR 12-YEAR TERM REPRESENTING THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
4 DISTRICT. [VIDEO PLAYS.]

5

6 **PRESIDENT OBAMA:** DON'T GIVE UP ON ACTIVISM. THERE ARE TOO MANY
7 NEEDS TO BE MET, TOO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE. LIKE DR. KING SAID,
8 WE MUST ACCEPT FINITE DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT NEVER LOSE INFINITE
9 HOPE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WE KNOW THIS WORK IS NOT EASY. IT IS HARD, AND IT IS
12 LONG. WE ARE DEALING WITH ISSUES THAT ARE GENERATIONAL. THE
13 FACT THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS ABLE TO INSTILL HOPE IN
14 PEOPLE, AND GET PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT "WHAT IF," RIGHT, AND
15 REMINDING US THAT IT MAY TAKE A WHILE, BUT IT IS ALWAYS
16 POSSIBLE. AND WE SHOULD NEVER LOSE HOPE IN MAKING SURE THAT WE
17 CONTINUE TO STAY VIGILANT IN THIS WORK.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERHAPS THE MOST POWERFUL INFLUENCE IN MY
20 LIFE IS MY GRANDMOTHER, WHO MADE A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT
21 INVESTMENT IN ME, FROM THE TIME THAT MY MOTHER PASSED, IN THE
22 MID-'60S. AND THE BEST OF WHO I AM IS, IN NO SMALL MEASURE,
23 ATTRIBUTABLE TO WHAT SHE DEPOSITED INTO MY LIFE. MY FIRST
24 CAMPAIGN IN '87, FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD, SHE WAS THERE, AND SHE
25 GOT ON THE TELEPHONE, THE ROTARY PHONE, AND DIALED. BE MINDFUL

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1 OF THE FACT SHE WAS UNSIGHTED. SHE WAS BLIND. AND SHE CALLED
2 EVERYONE SHE KNEW, AND SAID, "CAN YOU HELP MY GRANDSON?"
3 [MUSIC.] FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, I'VE HAD A CONVERSATION
4 PARTNER IN THE PERSON OF CORNEL WEST, AND I FIND THAT TO BE
5 STIMULATING, FULFILLING, AND HELPS ME DO WHAT I NEED TO DO.

6

7 **CORNEL WEST:** [INAUDIBLE] RADIO AND T.V. WE WANT YOUR
8 ENDORSEMENT. NO ENDORSEMENT IS TOO WEAK. THIS IS A WHOLESALE,
9 UNEQUIVOCABLE AFFIRMATION OF WHO HE IS AS A HUMAN BEING,
10 BECAUSE UNCONDITIONAL TRUTH AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND
11 POLITICS IS JUST A VEHICLE FOR HIM. THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON
12 WE NEED! [APPLAUSE].

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHEN I FIRST WALKED INTO THE BOARDROOM TO
15 BE SWORN IN, I HAD FOUR COLLEAGUES, TWO OF WHOM HAD OPPOSED
16 ME, AND EVERYONE THERE HAD, ROUGHLY, A 16-YEAR-PLUS ADVANTAGE.
17 SO, DAY TWO, I WAS OUT AT THE HOSPITAL, ROLLING UP MY SLEEVES,
18 AND SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. [MUSIC SWELLS.] TODAY, WE
19 ARE RENEWING OUR COVENANT WITH THIS COMMUNITY, THAT WE WILL
20 REBUILD LIKE NEVER BEFORE. TODAY WE WITNESS THE STEADY
21 PROGRESS IN OUR EFFORT TO OPEN A NEW MEDICAL CENTER.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL ASPECTS OF
24 THIS HOSPITAL IS THAT, FROM THE BEGINNING, HE ENVISIONED IT
25 AND WE ENVISIONED IT AS A BEAUTIFUL, STATE-OF-THE-ART

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1 FACILITY. SO BEYOND THE FACT THAT WE ARE SAVING LIVES, AND WE
2 ARE HEALING, AND WE ARE COMFORTING PEOPLE, WE ARE ALSO A
3 SYMBOL THAT THIS COMMUNITY MATTERS, AND THAT THIS COMMUNITY
4 DESERVES SOMETHING FIRST-CLASS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WHEN HE WORKS WITH THE COMMUNITY, IT IS ABOUT
7 LISTENING TO THEM AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE NEEDS ARE. AND HE
8 HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR, HEALTHCARE IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT IS NOT
9 THE ONLY THING THAT IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY. THE HOSPITAL WAS
10 BUILT WITH A DESIGN THAT IT WOULDN'T JUST BE THE HOSPITAL,
11 THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ENTIRE REDESIGN OF THE ECOSYSTEM OVER
12 IN THAT AREA.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** IT HAS BEEN 13 YEARS SINCE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
15 LAST EXISTED IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IF YOU WANT DOCTORS TO WORK
16 IN A COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO TRAIN THEM IN THE COMMUNITY. [MUSIC
17 QUICKENS AND SWELLS.]

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS MOST IMPRESSIVE ABOUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS IS THAT HE COMBINES HOPE WITH CAPABILITIES. SO HE'S GOT
21 THE VISION, BUT HE ALSO HAS MADE IT HAPPEN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THE SUBJECT WAS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY'S
24 SECOND DISTRICT, AND THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE THREE OBJECTIVES THAT I WISH TO
2 ACCOMPLISH AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. FIRST IS JOBS, THE SECOND IS
3 JOBS, AND WHAT DO YOU THINK THE THIRD IS?

4

5 **AUDIENCE:** JOBS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE YOU GO. YOU PASS.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE SHARED AN ADAGE AS PART OF THIS ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT WE SEE GOING ON IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
11 DISTRICT, THAT EITHER YOU GO BIG OR YOU STAY HOME. THERE IS NO
12 SHORTCUTTING WHAT WE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** SO, TO LOOK ACROSS THE SECOND DISTRICT AND SEE THESE
15 MAJOR SPORTS VENUES, NOT AS FURTHERING THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT,
16 BUT ALSO THESE ARE VENUES THAT PROVIDE JOBS AND ECONOMIC
17 OPPORTUNITY. I THINK IT ALL COMES DOWN TO HOW HAS HE, USING,
18 YOU KNOW, HIS KNOWLEDGE, HIS EXPERIENCE AT ALL LEVELS OF
19 GOVERNMENT, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT GOVERNMENT CAN
20 PLAY IN FURTHERING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND PROVIDING A
21 PATHWAY FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT
22 DRIVE OUR REGION FORWARD.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** IN LIFE SCIENCES AND HEALTHCARE, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS
25 FOUND A SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL IN LOS ANGELES. AND I AM A

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1 PHYSICIAN, AND PEOPLE CALL ME AN INVENTOR. RIGHT NOW, I AM A
2 SMALL ENTREPRENEUR. HE CAME TO ME AS A FRIEND, AND HE ALSO
3 PROMISED ME THAT HE IS GOING TO HELP US, SO THAT WE CAN
4 ACHIEVE OUR GOAL IN HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PUT YOUR WAR CLOTHES ON AND GET READY TO
7 FIGHT. YOU'VE GOT TO BE READY TO FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
8 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS AN ARMY FOR GOOD, AN ARMY
9 THAT IS FIGHTING THE INJUSTICES OF POVERTY AND THE INDIGNITIES
10 OF HOMELESSNESS. THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, AFTER ALREADY
11 HAVING TAXED THEMSELVES JUST NOT QUITE SIX MONTHS EARLIER,
12 SAID, "WE WILL EMBRACE MEASURE H, BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS IN THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS SIMPLY INTOLERABLE."

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HE HAS BEEN SOMEBODY THAT YOU CAN RELY ON TO KEEP
16 THIS ISSUE IN THE FOREFRONT, AND TO FIND THE HOPEFUL WINS THAT
17 WE HAVE ALONG THE WAY. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF WINS THAT HE
18 HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE CAN BE DONE, AND THAT WE CAN
19 SCALE UP AND BECOME PART OF THE SYSTEM THAT SOLVES
20 HOMELESSNESS. HE TRULY BRINGS NOT ONLY DECADES OF EXPERIENCE
21 AND LEADERSHIP, BUT HE BRINGS THAT INFORMED PASSION.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF HIS WORK,
24 HAS SWITCHED THE PARADIGM. HOMELESSNESS USED TO BE "THOSE
25 PEOPLE," OR "THEM." NOW OUR VERBIAGE HAS CHANGED INTO "OUR

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1 HOMELESS NEIGHBORS," OR "PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS."
2 BECAUSE OF MEASURE H, WE CHANGED THE WAY WE THOUGHT, AND MET
3 PEOPLE AT THEIR ENCAMPMENTS, MET PEOPLE AT THEIR TENTS, MET
4 PEOPLE AT THE BUS STOPS. GOT A WARM SPOT IN MY HEART FOR THIS
5 MAN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YOU GOT TO LOVE THE ARTS. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE. WE
8 CAN'T MOVE THROUGH THE WORLD WITHOUT THE ARTS AS A PART OF WHO
9 WE ARE, BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US TO GET TO KNOW OURSELVES, IT
10 ALLOWS US TO GET TO KNOW OTHERS, AND THERE ARE SO MANY
11 TRANSFERABLE SKILLS IF YOU STUDY THE ARTS. HEARING THAT
12 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AUTHORED THE FIRST-EVER MOTION
13 TO MOVE THE L.A. COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION INTO BECOMING AN
14 ACTUAL DEPARTMENT FOR THE ARTS IN LOS ANGELES WAS ONE OF THE
15 MOST EXCITING THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD IN A LONG TIME.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE HAVE BIG, BIG, BIG DREAMS FOR THIS
18 SPOT. WE BELIEVE IT CAN BECOME THE CULTURAL CENTER THAT HAS
19 MUCH MORE TO OFFER THAN WE CAN ARTICULATE AT THIS VERY MOMENT.
20 THIS IS WHAT THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DESERVES, AND IT IS HERE
21 FOR YOU TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE OUR SUPERHERO, OUR SUPERMAN, IN SUPERVISOR
24 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO ALWAYS DOES WHAT HE SAYS HE IS GOING
25 TO DO.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND
3 CIVIL UNREST THAT HAS TOUCHED EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTRY,
4 INCLUDING OURS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE FIND OURSELVES
5 IN A MOMENT OF UNPRECEDENTED CONSEQUENCE. IT REQUIRES US TO
6 CONFRONT ENDURING FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION DEEPLY
7 EMBEDDED IN OUR OWN INSTITUTIONS. IT IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TO
8 DECLARE THAT RACISM IS BAD. CHANGE REQUIRES CHANGE.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I HAVE JUST SIGNED A PROCLAMATION
11 DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY. I WANT TO
12 REITERATE THAT THIS IS NOT A RESPONSE ROOTED IN PANIC.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE NOTION OF RESILIENCE IS PRECISELY
15 THAT. IT IS REAL, AND THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE
16 CHALLENGED, BUT NOT BEATEN DOWN COMPLETELY. AND IF NOTHING
17 MORE, IT SEEMS TO ME, C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS CONFRONTED US ANEW
18 WITH THAT REALITY. BUT SOMETIMES HOPE JUST PUSHES ITS WAY
19 FORWARD.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, HE CLEARLY KNOWS THAT THERE IS ALWAYS GOING
22 TO BE A BRIGHTER PATH, AND I THINK THAT'S THE HOPE WITHIN HIM,
23 THAT'S THE HOPE WITHIN ALL OF US.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** PART OF HIS LEGACY IS THAT HE HAS LEFT US WITH THE
2 INTENTION AND THE HEART OF HOPE. WE CAN LOOK AT HUNDREDS, AT
3 THIS POINT, THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS, THAT HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY
4 AFFECTED BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S WORK AS SUPERVISOR, BY
5 MEASURE H. YOU ARE LOOKING AT ONE OF THEM.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I THINK HIS LEGACY IS GOING TO BE SORT OF
8 DEMONSTRATING RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE FOR THOSE WHO TAKE
9 ON THE TOUGH PROBLEMS. THESE ARE THE GENERATIONAL PROBLEMS
10 THAT WE HAVE WORKED OURSELVES INTO, AND THAT WE NEED TO WORK
11 REALLY HARD TO WORK OURSELVES OUT OF, BEFORE THEY BECOME OUR
12 GRANDCHILDREN'S PROBLEMS.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** IT IS EXCITING TO THINK ABOUT THAT THIS ISN'T THE END
15 FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT THIS IS REALLY JUST GETTING READY
16 FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HOW HE IS GOING TO SUPPORT LOS
17 ANGELES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD.
21 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN. AND FOR THAT, OUR
22 COLLECTIVE LEGACY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. GOD BLESS YOU.

23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MY COLLEAGUES AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE
2 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU WELL, AND HIGHLIGHT THE
3 INCREDIBLE IMPACT YOU HAVE HAD ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY OVER THE
4 LAST 12 YEARS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU ARE TRULY LEAVING
5 A REMARKABLE LEGACY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT AND ACROSS THE
6 ENTIRE REGION, WHICH WILL HAVE A RIPPLE EFFECT FOR GENERATIONS
7 TO COME. IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN HONOR TO COLLABORATE WITH YOU,
8 AND TO LEARN FROM YOUR EXPERTISE. AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC
9 SERVANT, YOU HAVE REMAINED FAITHFUL TO SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF
10 OTHERS, AND ENSURING THE WELLBEING OF YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR
11 COMMITMENT TO UPLIFT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS, OF
12 COURSE, AT THE FOREFRONT OF MOST OF OUR CONVERSATIONS, AND IS
13 ONE OF YOUR MOST INFLUENTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IN DECEMBER OF
14 2016, WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP, WE DECLARED A
15 HOMELESS EMERGENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOUR SENSE OF
16 URGENCY AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO
17 ADDRESS THIS CRISIS WAS INSPIRING, AND HAS HELPED THE COUNTY
18 REMAIN FOCUSED ON THESE EFFORTS. THIS YEAR, YOU AND I
19 COLLABORATED TO DISRUPT THE CYCLE OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS BY
20 LAUNCHING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S HOMELESS OUTREACH
21 AND MOBILE ENGAGEMENT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS H.O.M.E. TEAM, A
22 PILOT PROGRAM. THIS PROVED YOUR COMMITMENT TO SOLVING
23 HOMELESSNESS ON ALL FRONTS, AND WITH THE HELP OF EXPERTS IN
24 MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE, RECOVERY, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND, OF
25 COURSE, HOUSING. YOU WERE AN EARLY ADVOCATE FOR AN URGENT

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1 APPROACH TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. IT IS THIS DEDICATION TO
2 WORKING QUICKLY AND TO GETTING TO THE ROOT CAUSE THAT HAS MADE
3 YOU AN EFFECTIVE LEADER. WE KNOW HOUSING IS A CRUCIAL
4 COMPONENT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES,
6 INCLUDING THE STAR HOUSING APARTMENTS ON SKID ROW, TO THE
7 TERRACINA APARTMENTS IN ATHENS, AND THE JEFFERSON PARK TERRACE
8 NEAR EXPOSITION PARK, HAVE MADE A LASTING IMPACT. THIS
9 TENACITY CARRIES INTO YOUR APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE, A
10 CAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, THAT IS CLOSE TO MY HEART. IT WAS AN HONOR
11 TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON YOUR EFFORTS TO SERVE THOSE WHO ARE
12 GRAVELY DISABLED, BY SEEKING CHANGES TO THE STATE'S DEFINITION
13 TO INCLUDE MEDICAL TREATMENT AS A BASIC HUMAN NEED FOR THOSE
14 SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. WHILE THIS EFFORT IS
15 STILL ONGOING, YOU'VE HELPED TO LAY AN IMPORTANT FOUNDATION
16 FOR THIS CAUSE. YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF OUR
17 MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS, BRINGING HELP TO THOSE ON OUR STREETS
18 WHO NEED IT MOST. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HAVE EXPANDED THIS
19 MUCH-NEEDED RESOURCE TO 23 TEAMS, TO SERVE PEOPLE IN THE
20 SECOND DISTRICT AND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. BECAUSE OF
21 YOUR COMMITMENT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE VERMONT QUARTER
22 PROJECT IN KOREATOWN WILL ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO
23 DELIVER MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN A WAY
24 THAT BRINGS DIGNITY AND SENSITIVITY TO THE SURROUNDING
25 COMMUNITY. THIS PROJECT WILL HELP KNOCK DOWN SILOS, IN ORDER

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1 FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO PROVIDE
2 RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS. FOR DECADES, YOU HAVE BEEN A
3 PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
4 YOUR DEDICATION HAS ALSO HAD A LASTING IMPACT ON THE COUNTY.
5 YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF
6 DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND THROUGH THIS COLLABORATION, THE
7 COUNTY HAS ENHANCED BOTH THE HEALTH AND THE SOCIAL OUTCOMES
8 FOR MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUAL WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT. THIS WORK HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL IN LEADING TO
10 CONVERSATIONS TO BUILD AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF CARE IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY. IN ADDITION, YOU ADVOCATED FOR GREATER
12 OVERSIGHT, AND YOUR PERSISTENCE LED TO THE CREATION OF THE
13 SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THIS
14 OVERSIGHT BODY HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL TOOL TO ENSURE DIRECT
15 COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY, TO BUILD AND IMPROVE TRUST
16 AND RESPECT. OTHER JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA HAVE
17 SINCE FOLLOWED YOUR LEAD, AND THE STATE RECENTLY PASSED
18 LEGISLATION TO FURTHER LEGITIMIZE THESE TYPES OF OVERSIGHT
19 BODIES AND THEIR AUTHORITY. YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVING YOUR
20 COMMUNITY IS ALSO EVIDENT IN YOUR DEDICATION TO MEDICAL CARE.
21 YOU JOINED THIS BOARD WITH THE PROMISE TO REBUILD MARTIN
22 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. YOU ACCOMPLISHED THIS AND, BELIEVE ME,
23 MUCH MORE. THROUGH YOUR ADVOCACY AND PERSEVERANCE, THE M.L.K.
24 JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS WAS REBUILT, AND ALSO EXPANDED, AND NOW
25 THIS FACILITY SERVES AS AN ANCHOR TO COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE

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1 HISTORICALLY STRUGGLED IN THEIR HEALTH OUTCOMES. I ALSO WANT
2 TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR HISTORIC INVESTMENT AND ADVANCEMENT IN
3 THE BIOTECH INDUSTRY, WHICH HELPS SPUR PRIVATE INVESTMENT INTO
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SUPPORT THIS GROWING EMPLOYMENT SECTOR.
5 AND YOU HAVE MADE STRIDES TO SERVE, INSPIRE, AND UPLIFT THE
6 NEXT GENERATION. YOUR EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE FOOTPRINT AND
7 CAMPUS FOR CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO BE AN
8 INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, THE COUNTY AND THE
9 UNIVERSITY ARE LOOKING INTO PATHWAYS TO SUPPORT AND BRING
10 RESOURCES TO LOCAL COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. YOU HAVE
11 ALSO BEEN A GREAT PARTNER IN THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, IN
12 BUILDING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE PRACTICAL NEEDS, SUCH
13 AS FOSTER YOUTH TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, TO ENSURE THAT FOSTER
14 YOUTH ARE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN WHEN THEY
15 ARE MOVED INTO DIFFERENT FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS. WITH YOUR
16 LEADERSHIP, THE COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED MULTIPLE PROGRAMS TO HELP
17 VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEX TRAFFICKING, AND OUR REGION IS
18 CONSIDERED A NATIONAL MODEL FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS. THIS IS A
19 BRIEF SUMMARY, AND IT ONLY HIGHLIGHTS A FEW OF YOUR NUMEROUS
20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS BORN THROUGH YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE. BUT WHAT
21 IS MOST RESOUNDING IS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION FOR THOSE
22 IN NEED. AND I WANT TO SAY, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, IN
23 RECOGNITION OF YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND STEADFAST DEDICATION
24 TO SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY, THIS BOARD IS DONATING \$40,000 TO
25 H.O.P.I.C.S, A LOCALLY BASED ORGANIZATION THAT IS DEDICATED TO

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1 SERVING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE LEIMERT PARK
2 AREA. THROUGH THIS FUNDING, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT
3 PERMANENT HOUSING FOR UP TO 50 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THEIR
4 STREET-TO-HOME PROGRAM, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SHORT-TERM
5 MOTEL VOUCHERS AND SECURITY DEPOSITS TO HELP WITH IMMEDIATE
6 SHELTER NEEDS. THIS FUNDING WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
7 INTENSIVE MULTIDISCIPLINARY STREET-BASED ENGAGEMENT TEAMS,
8 WHICH CONDUCT OUTREACH AND TRIAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT
9 LEIMERT PARK TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
10 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS, AND LINKAGES TO OTHER CRITICAL
11 SERVICES. THEY WILL ALSO PARTNER WITH L.A.H.S.A. TO PLACE
12 INDIVIDUALS IN INTERIM HOUSING, PROVIDE RAPID REHOUSING CASE
13 MANAGEMENT, AND FUND RENTAL SUBSIDIES. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS, THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A
15 WHOLE, ARE STRONGER BECAUSE OF YOUR SERVICE. I WILL PERSONALLY
16 MISS YOU ON THIS BOARD, BUT I KNOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN
17 INCREDIBLE RELATIONSHIP, AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE AN
18 INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON CITY HALL. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
19 CONTINUED COLLABORATION AS WE WORK TOGETHER IN SERVING THE
20 NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK
21 YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND FOR BEING AN INCREDIBLE MENTOR.
22 NOW I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER
23 REMARKS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO SUPERVISOR
2 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DECADES-LONG
3 SERVICE TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND, OF COURSE, THAT WORK
4 CONTINUES AS YOU TRANSITION BACK INTO THE LOS ANGELES CITY
5 COUNCIL. THE VIDEO THAT WAS SHOWN ENCOMPASSES MANY OF YOUR
6 ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING YOUR TIME ON THIS BOARD. PARTICULARLY,
7 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK IN BRINGING US
8 ALL TOGETHER AROUND MEASURE H, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THIS
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY HAS A WHOLE HAVE BEEN MADE
10 BETTER BY YOUR STEADFAST ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE MOST
11 VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. YOU AND YOUR STAFF WORK ON
12 HOMELESSNESS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, CHILD WELFARE, AND A
13 WHOLE HOST OF OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE MADE L.A. COUNTY A MUCH
14 BETTER PLACE. WE HAVE HAD SOME VERY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES
15 AHEAD, NOW, AND ESPECIALLY WITH C.O.V.I.D., BUT I AM GLAD THAT
16 YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO YOUR WORK AS A PUBLIC SERVANT
17 ON THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. WE NEED, AS YOU KNOW,
18 EXPERIENCED LEADERS, NOW MORE THAN EVER, AND I KNOW THAT YOU
19 CAN GET THINGS DONE FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS. WHETHER IT IS THE
20 PARK TO PLAYA PROJECT OR THE M.L.K. MEDICAL CAMPUS, YOUR MARK
21 ON OUR COUNTY IS PERMANENT, AND WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND BE
22 GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND PRETTY SOON, WE WILL HAVE THE
23 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ENTRANCE PLAZA AT THE NATURAL HISTORY
24 MUSEUM COMMONS PROJECT, AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION. THANK
25 YOU FOR YOUR LONG SERVICE, AND YOUR STAFF, AND YOUR FAMILY.

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1 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR NEW
2 POSITION AS THE INCOMING COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 10. THANK
3 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS. NOW I WOULD INVITE
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN TO MAKE REMARKS.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS...

9

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** HEH HEH. WHAT A GREAT PLEASURE, IN ALL THE WAYS
13 THROUGHOUT OUR CAREERS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE TOGETHER,
14 TO WORK TOGETHER, TO COLLABORATE, TO PLOT, AND PLAN. AND, AS
15 THEY SAY, IT AIN'T OVER YET. I JOINED IN CONGRATULATING YOU ON
16 YOUR VICTORY TO YOUR SERVICE ON THIS CITY COUNCIL, RETURNING
17 THERE, BUT TODAY IS REALLY ABOUT, SPECIFICALLY, A CELEBRATION
18 OF THE 12 YEARS THAT YOU HAVE SPENT AS AN L.A. COUNTY
19 SUPERVISOR. AND OVER AND ABOVE ANYTHING, YOU HAVE VALIDATED MY
20 LONG-STANDING BELIEF THAT ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
21 BECAUSE YOU, MARK, HAVE MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE ON THE PEOPLE
22 IN THIS COUNTY, AND FOR THEM, IN THEIR INTEREST. AND NOT ONLY
23 THE SECOND DISTRICT, THOUGH NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE DEVOTED TO
24 THEIR DISTRICT, A DISTRICT THAT IS DEAR TO ME, SINCE THAT'S
25 WHERE I GREW UP. AND I APPRECIATE AND LOVE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

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1 THERE. BUT BEYOND THAT, THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN JUSTICE
2 REFORM, THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE IN HEALTH, NOT JUST M.L.K.
3 HOSPITAL, WHICH WAS A BIG, WONDERFUL, BRIGHT, AND HEAVY LIFT,
4 BUT ALSO ACROSS THE COUNTY IN HEALTHCARE. THE WORK THAT YOU
5 HAVE DONE ON THE CRENSHAW LINE, AND INDICATING THIS IS A
6 CORRIDOR THAT NEEDS THE SERVICE OF A RAIL LINE, AND INSISTING
7 ON IT, AND WORKING, AND STILL CONTINUING TO WORK IT THROUGH. I
8 THINK IT IS MORE IN THE AREA, THOUGH, OF WHAT WAS REFERRED TO
9 IN THE VIDEO AS GENERATIONAL ISSUES: THINGS THAT TAKE EACH OF
10 US SORT OF PUTTING OUR TWIG ON TOP OF THE BIG PILE OF STICKS
11 THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN JUSTICE AND REFORM. YOU HAVE ACTED
12 OUT OF HOPE, YOU HAVE ACTED OUT OF GENEROSITY, YOU HAVE ACTED
13 OUT OF VISION, AND ALWAYS INSISTED THAT WE COULD DO BETTER, WE
14 MUST DO BETTER. THE CURRENT WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN
15 INSISTING THAT WE TAKE A MORE HONEST, MORE OPEN, MORE INFORMED
16 APPROACH TO SYSTEMIC RACISM, EVERY ONE OF US, AND HOW THAT
17 MUST PLAY OUT IN EVERYTHING WE DO IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY; TO
18 FACE IT, TO WORK ON IT, TO MAKE IT BETTER. IT IS APPROPRIATE
19 THAT WE NAME THE ENTRY AREA AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FOR
20 YOU, BECAUSE IN YOUR NOW APPROACHING THREE DECADES IN PUBLIC
21 SERVICE, YOU HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION FOR ARTS, FOR SCIENCE, AND
22 FOR CULTURE, AS WELL, AND A STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR THE NATURAL
23 HISTORY MUSEUM'S EXCELLENT COLLECTIONS. AND IT IS A PLACE THAT
24 INSPIRES WONDER AND DISCOVERY AND OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR
25 OUR NATURAL AND CULTURAL WORLDS. AND SO IT IS REALLY

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1 APPROPRIATE THAT EVERY YOUNG AND OLD PERSON WALKING THROUGH
2 THAT ENTRYWAY WILL SAY TO THEMSELVES, "OH, YES, MARK RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN." OR, "MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. I
4 WONDER WHO THAT WAS. I AM GOING TO GOOGLE HIM," AND LEARN A
5 LOT ABOUT ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE. SO, AS ONE OF YOUR
6 COLLEAGUES OVER A LOT OF YEARS, BUT ESPECIALLY HERE, SITTING
7 RIGHT NEXT TO YOU UP ON THE DAIS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
8 EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE-- FOR YOUR HEART, FOR YOUR WONDERFUL
9 SOUL, FOR YOUR BRAIN, FOR YOUR COURAGE, FOR YOUR INSISTENCE--
10 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT 25 YEARS AND WHATEVER WE CAN
11 POSSIBLY DO TOGETHER. SO, MARK, BON VOYAGE. YOU'RE NOT GOING
12 VERY FAR. THAT MAKES ME HAPPY. AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

13

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THIS IS A SAD DAY, IN
18 ONE WAY, FOR THOSE OF US WHO DO REALLY ENJOY WORKING WITH YOU
19 SIDE BY SIDE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I HAVE CERTAINLY
20 ENJOYED PHYSICALLY BEING UP ON THE DAIS AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS MEETINGS, EXCHANGING SCRIPTURES FROM THE BIBLE AND
22 ONE-LINERS FROM THE HYMNS THAT WE BOTH GREW UP SINGING. YOU
23 KNOW, YOU AND I GO WAY BACK, EVEN BEFORE I WAS ELECTED TO
24 ANYTHING, WHEN YOU SERVED ON THE ORGANIZATION-- WHY IS IT
25 ESCAPING MY MIND-- WHERE, ACTUALLY, YOU WERE CRITICAL OF ME

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1 WHEN I WORKED AT THE BALDWIN HILLS CRENSHAW PLAZA. BUT THAT IS
2 OKAY. WE SERVED TOGETHER ON THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, AND
3 I SERVED WITH YOU TWO YEARS THERE BEFORE YOU WENT OFF TO THE
4 STATE ASSEMBLY. SO IT HAS REALLY BEEN GREAT HAVING YOU BACK ON
5 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHERE WE COULD SERVE TOGETHER THESE
6 LAST FOUR YEARS. I'LL NEVER FORGET, IN 2016, RIGHT AFTER I WAS
7 SWORN IN, YOU INVITED ME TO CO-AUTHOR THE MEASURE H MOTION,
8 WHICH EFFECTIVELY PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 THE IDEA OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS SPENDING A QUARTER-CENT ON
10 THEIR SALES TAX TO HELP THE HOMELESS. I WASN'T SURE THAT L.A.
11 COUNTY VOTERS WOULD WANT TO SPEND THEIR OWN MONEY TO SOLVE
12 THIS PROBLEM, BUT YOU, IN YOUR WISDOM AND THE WAY YOU
13 CAMPAIGNED FOR THAT, CONVINCED THE VOTERS THAT, YES, THIS WAS
14 EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM, AND THAT HOMELESSNESS WAS INTOLERABLE AND
15 NOT ACCEPTED. AND IT WAS AN OVERWHELMING AFFIRMATION FROM THE
16 VOTERS THAT THEY AGREED WITH YOU, AND HAVE CONTINUED TO PUT
17 THEIR TRUST IN US AS WE SPEND THEIR MONEY TO SOLVE THIS
18 PROBLEM. YOUR WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR ON HIS HOMELESSNESS TASK
19 FORCE HAS BEEN INVALUABLE FOR NOT JUST US, BUT THE WHOLE STATE
20 OF CALIFORNIA. AND I REMEMBER, SHORTLY, IN JANUARY 2017, I
21 THINK IT WAS, WHEN YOU INVITED MY BROTHER AND I TO JOIN YOU AT
22 THE RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEWLY RENOVATED COMMUNITY CENTER AT
23 THE KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA. AND I WILL NEVER
24 FORGET WALKING IN THERE AND LOOKING AT THE EXHIBITS THAT YOU
25 HELPED PUT TOGETHER OF THE LEGACY OF MY DAD, INCLUDING THAT

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1 GREAT PICTURE OF HIM GREETING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AT THE
2 AIRPORT ON HIS FIRST TRIP TO LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS THE CHAIR
3 FROM THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN YOUR OFFICE THAT WAS THE VERY
4 CHAIR THAT DR. KING SAT IN AS HE HAD A CUP OF COFFEE WITH MY
5 FATHER. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE, AND I REALLY WANTED TO
6 THANK YOU AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, WHO
7 WORKED WITH YOU TO PUT THAT TOGETHER. I WAS GRATEFUL WHEN YOU
8 APPOINTED ME TO THE COLOSSEUM COMMISSION, WHERE AT FIRST I WAS
9 NOT QUITE SURE HOW RELEVANT I WAS GOING TO BE ON THAT
10 COMMISSION. AND YET, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THAT WE WERE GIVEN
11 THE OPPORTUNITY TOGETHER TO FIGHT TO KEEP THE NAME OF OUR LOS
12 ANGELES MEMORIAL COLOSSEUM. AND EVERYONE TOLD US THAT IT WAS
13 TOO LATE, THE INK WAS DRY, THE DEAL WAS DONE. BUT YOU WERE
14 THERE THE WHOLE TIME TO LEND A STEADY STAND AND YOUR WISDOM TO
15 OUR STRATEGY. AND DESPITE THE ODDS STACKED UP AGAINST US, WE
16 WON THAT FIGHT. THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE--
17 THAT'S THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION. AND, BROTHER REDEMPTION,
18 THE PEOPLE OF THE 10TH DISTRICT ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU
19 REPRESENT THEM, BECAUSE YOU REALLY ARE A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT.
20 AND I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, AS WE WATCHED IN YOUR VIDEO, THE
21 IMPORTANCE OF YOU RESURRECTING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL
22 TO BECOME SUCH AN IMPORTANT, RELEVANT HEALTHCARE FACILITY IN
23 YOUR DISTRICT. AND AS WE KNOW, THE MCHOHN COMMISSION MADE THAT
24 ONE OF THEIR FINDINGS AFTER THE WATTS RIOTS, THAT IT WAS THE
25 LACK OF HEALTHCARE IN THAT COMMUNITY THAT SO NEGATIVELY

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1 IMPACTED SO MANY LIVES, AND THE FACT THAT YOU REALLY
2 REIMAGINED THAT HOSPITAL AND REIMAGINED ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE
3 COMMUNITY IS SO BEAUTIFUL. I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
4 WORK FOR YOUR DISTRICT, AS WELL AS ISSUES RELATED TO
5 HOMELESSNESS ON THE CITY COUNCIL. AND IF WE EVER GET BACK TO
6 BEING BACK AT OUR WORKPLACE, OF COURSE, MY OFFICE OVERLOOKS
7 THE CITY HALL OF LOS ANGELES, AND I WILL STAND ON THE BALCONY
8 AND SHOUT TO YOU, AND MAYBE SING A FEW HYMNS. I WILL MISS
9 SITTING NEXT TO YOU. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. SUPERVISOR KUEHL
10 JUST SAID IT SO WELL. YOU KNOW, THE IMPACT THAT YOU HAVE HAD,
11 THE DIFFERENCE YOU HAVE MADE, IS REALLY SO BEAUTIFUL, AND
12 THINGS ARE BETTER BECAUSE YOU WERE A COUNTY SUPERVISOR.
13 FAREWELL. GOOD LUCK. SEE YOU LATER. BYE, BROTHER REDEMPTION.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE NOW HAVE A VIDEO FROM OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.
17 WE WILL GO AHEAD AND PLAY THAT FOR YOU. [VIDEO.]

18

19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ON BEHALF OF ALL
20 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, I WOULD
21 LIKE TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING LEADERSHIP.
22 IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOU AND TO MOVE YOUR
23 PROGRESSIVE AGENDA FORWARD OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS. YOU HAVE
24 CHALLENGED US, YOU HAVE INSPIRED US, AND YOU HAVE MADE US
25 BETTER AT OUR JOBS. AND YOU DEFINITELY MADE L.A. COUNTY A

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1 BETTER PLACE. ALTHOUGH L.A. COUNTY WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT
2 YOU, WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU: JUST A QUICK WALK ACROSS GRAND
3 PARK. AND WE KNOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US. BUT TO MAKE
4 SURE WE STAY IN TOUCH, WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU THAT WILL MAKE
5 IT EASY TO STAY CONNECTED AS YOU CONTINUE INTO THE NEXT
6 CHAPTER OF YOUR INCREDIBLE PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNEY. I WILL TURN
7 IT OVER NOW TO CELIA ZAVALA TO PRESENT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
8 BIT.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, FESIA. SUPERVISOR, I WANT TO
11 THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 RESIDENTS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY. YOUR TIRELESS
13 EFFORT TO MAKE THIS COUNTY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK
14 WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE
15 LIVES OF SO MANY ANGELENOS. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, YOU HAVE
16 BEEN A PROGRESSIVE VOICE AND LEADER, AND YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN A
17 GREAT MENTOR AND FRIEND. MY DEPARTMENT HEAD PEERS AND I WILL
18 MISS YOU AND YOUR GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. WE KNOW YOU WILL BE
19 MOVING ON TO CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT, AND WE ALL CAN'T WAIT
20 TO SEE IT UNFOLD. AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION, WE HAVE ALL
21 PITCHED IN TO GIVE YOU A GIFT THAT WILL HELP YOU STAY
22 CONNECTED: I NEW IPHONE. THIS IS OUR CLEVER WAY OF SAYING,
23 "STAY IN TOUCH." SO WE WON'T BE SAYING GOODBYE, BUT RATHER,
24 "TALK TO YOU LATER." BECAUSE WE KNOW YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A RING
25 AWAY. THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US.

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2 **DEPARTMENT HEADS:** WE WILL MISS YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** CONGRATULATIONS!

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? THAT TOOK HIS
8 BREATH AWAY. THERE HE IS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT DID, INDEED, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL OF THIS IS A LOT TO STAND UP TO. I
15 BEGIN BY SAYING THANK YOU TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO YOU,
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION REGARDING THE
17 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. IT GUESS IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT I
18 AM HUMBLLED AND HONORED TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN SUCH A LASTING
19 WAY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA FOR HER
20 STAFF, AND THE MUSEUM'S FOUNDATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND
21 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING GREATER ACCESS TO THE MUSEUM'S
22 PROGRAMS AND COLLECTIONS. IT IS INDEED AN HONOR. THIS MOMENT
23 ADDS NEW MEANING TO "BITTERSWEET" FOR ME. MADAM CHAIR AND
24 COLLEAGUES, THIS TRANSITION PERMITS ME A MOMENT TO REFLECT NOT
25 ONLY ON MY TIME SERVING THE COUNTY, BUT ON WHAT SET ME ON A

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1 PATH OF SERVICE SOME 29 YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED TO
2 PUBLIC OFFICE. THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SAID IT
3 THIS WAY, AND I QUOTE: "LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT
4 QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?" AND SINCE 1991, I
5 HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED FROM MY CONSTITUENTS TO DO FOR OTHERS. IT
6 IS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT I HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN THE UTMOST
7 COMMITMENT, AND IT HAS BEEN A CAREER AS FILLING AS I COULD
8 HAVE IMAGINED. I REMEMBER CLEARLY MY FIRST BOARD MEETING,
9 WHERE I WAS RECEIVED BY MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD AT THAT
10 TIME, AND BY A PACKED BOARDROOM FILLED WITH WELL-WISHERS. AND
11 ALTHOUGH WITH LESS FANFARE IN THE MIDST OF AN UNRELENTING
12 PANDEMIC, TODAY WILL ALSO BE MOST MEMORABLE TO ME. IT WAS 12
13 YEARS AGO THAT I JOINED THIS REMARKABLY UNIQUE BODY, WHEN WE
14 WERE COMPRISED OF FOUR MEN AND ONE WOMAN; YOU MIGHT SAY A
15 MIRROR IMAGE OF WHAT WE HAVE TODAY. LET ME REMIND YOU OF THE
16 WORDS OF MARGARET THATCHER, WHO PROCLAIMED, "IF YOU WANT
17 SOMETHING SAID, ASK A MAN. IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE, ASK A
18 WOMAN." AND WITH THAT, PERMIT ME A WORD ABOUT THE MEMBERS OF
19 THIS BOARD. YOU EACH HAVE BROUGHT YOUR OWN UNIQUE STRENGTHS TO
20 THIS DAIS. MADAM CHAIR, YOUR LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED DURING
21 THE WILDFIRES AND THIS PANDEMIC HAVE BEEN A DISPLAY OF
22 UNCOMMON TENACITY AND DILIGENCE. AND I THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS, YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR DISTRICT IS NOTEWORTHY AND
24 UNDENIABLE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOUR BOLDNESS, COMPASSION, AND
25 COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT HAVE BLESSED ME. MY RESPECT FOR YOUR

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1 EXPRESSED JOURNEY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTIVE TO ME. I MIGHT SAY,
2 LEIMERT PARK IN THE HOUSE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE HAVE SHARED
3 MANY SPECIAL MOMENTS AS SEATMATES ON THE DIAS, AND HAVE WORKED
4 TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY ON MANY CRITICAL ISSUES. I SIMPLY LEAVE
5 THIS YOU WITH THIS, SISTER SALVATION: IT IS WELL. AND THEN, TO
6 OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF. CELIA ZAVALA, YOUR GUIDANCE AND
7 COMPETENCE, AND THAT OF YOUR TEAM, HAVE LED TO PRODUCTIVE
8 MEETINGS, DESPITE THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THIS PANDEMIC, AND
9 THIS HAS ALLOWED THE BOARD TO FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANT WORK AT
10 HAND, NAMELY DEVELOPING SOUND POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE WIDE
11 RANGE OF COMPLEX ISSUES FACING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
12 OUR OVER 10 MILLION CONSTITUENTS. A WORD TO FESIA DAVENPORT:
13 THANK YOU FOR ASSUMING THE HELM OF THE COUNTY AS ACTING
14 C.E.O., ESPECIALLY AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME, WITH EVEN MORE
15 SERIOUS CHALLENGES AHEAD. AND I TAKE NOTE OF YOUR INGENUITY,
16 YOUR DUE DILIGENCE, YOUR DISCIPLINE, YOUR PROFESSIONALISM. LET
17 ME SAY IT LIKE THIS: MAJOR PROPS FOR WHO YOU ARE, AND FOR WHAT
18 YOU DO. ROD CASTRO-SILVA, I KNOW YOU ARE JUST BEGINNING IN
19 YOUR ROLE AS ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL, BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK
20 YOU FOR YOUR STEPPING UP DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME, AND
21 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR TREMENDOUS TEAM, WHO HAS ALWAYS THOUGHTFULLY
22 PROTECTED THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
23 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. TO QUOTE BISHOP CHARLES EDWARD
24 BLAKE, "I SEE YOU IN THE FUTURE, AND YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER THAN
25 YOU DO RIGHT NOW." AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T TAKE A

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1 MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE, IN ABSENTIA, OUR FORMER
2 C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, AND OUR FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY
3 WICKHAM. OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND DEVOTED DIFFERENCE-
4 MAKERS. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO OUR
5 DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING
6 COUNTLESS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES TO DELIVER QUALITY,
7 RELEVANT, AND TIMELY SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. WHILE WE
8 COLLECTIVELY MAY REPRESENT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY, WE
9 ARE RELIANT ON THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC
10 SERVANTS, AT ALL LEVELS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, WHO WORK
11 TIRELESSLY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS AND SERVE THE
12 MOST VULNERABLE. AND I HAVE GREAT RESPECT, APPRECIATION, AND
13 GRATITUDE FOR OUR BROADER COUNTY FAMILY, FOR ALL THAT THEY DO.
14 KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING. ELECTED OFFICIALS CANNOT DEVELOP
15 GOOD POLICY ALONE. THEY MUST RELY ON THE ADVICE, INPUT, AND
16 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE. AND ACCORDINGLY, I
17 WISH TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, WHICH IS
18 ALMOST 29 YEARS IN THE MAKING. IT HAS BEEN MY CONSCIENCE AND
19 MY GUIDE TO DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGING
20 ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, JUST LAST EVENING,
21 THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE EMPOWERMENT
22 CONGRESS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE PRESENTATION ON REIMAGINING LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO ME. THAT WORK CONTINUES,
24 AND IT WILL FOLLOW ME FOR THE BALANCE OF MY CAREER. LONG LIVE
25 THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, ALONG WITH COUNTLESS NEIGHBORHOOD

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1 ASSOCIATIONS, CONSTITUENTS, NONPROFITS, LABOR PARTNERS,
2 BUSINESS AND FAITH LEADERS, AND CIVIC GROUPS. THEY HAVE ALL
3 INSPIRED AND HELPED ME TO BE ACCOUNTABLE, TO TAKE ON THE
4 PLETHORA OF TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES THAT OUR REGION CONTINUES TO
5 FACE. I GUESS MY FINAL WORDS OF APPRECIATION ARE DIRECTED TO
6 MY STELLAR STAFF-- PAST, PRESENT. A SUPERVISOR CAN ONLY
7 DEVELOP POLICY AND ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED, BUT IT IS ONLY AS
8 EFFECTIVE AS THE PERSONS THAT WORK WITH THAT SUPERVISOR. AND I
9 CAN HONESTLY AND SINCERELY STATE THAT IN MY 29 YEARS OF PUBLIC
10 SERVICE, IN MY CAPACITY AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE CITY AND
11 THE STATE, MY COUNTY STAFF IS BY FAR THE STRONGEST. THIS HOLDS
12 TRUE FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE STAFF: THE CORE TEAM, THE SENIOR
13 POLICY TEAM, THE CONSTITUENT SERVICES TEAM, AND OF COURSE THE
14 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. ALL OF US KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT
15 INFRASTRUCTURE IS. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL OUT THOSE WHO
16 HAVE SERVED IN LEADERSHIP DURING MY TENURE, FROM SYLVIA DREW,
17 TO VINCENT HARRIS, TO NEDRA JENKINS, TO WINSTON PETERS, AND
18 MOST ESPECIALLY THE INIMITABLE DORINNE JORDAN, FOR THEIR
19 STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AND FOR SETTING AN EXAMPLE IN THE WAY
20 THAT THEY COULD, AS BEING THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR ME HERE ON
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY DESERVE EXTRA ACKNOWLEDGMENT
22 FOR DOING SO. IF THERE WAS SUCH A THING AS COMBAT PAY, THEY
23 ARE TO BE AFFORDED IT. AND SO THIS TEAM AND MANY IN THE
24 BROADER COUNTY FAMILY HAVE INSPIRED MY DEEP COMMITMENT TO THIS
25 WORK, AND IN PARTICULAR HAVE MOTIVATED ME TO CONTINUE FIGHTING

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1 AGAINST HOMELESSNESS AND BATTLING EVERY VESTIGE OF RACISM THAT
2 I CAN. AND WHILE I AM HUMBLLED BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE
3 ON WORKING ON THESE ISSUES, ALBEIT FROM A DIFFERENT DAIS, I
4 WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK TO THIS BOARD FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO
5 COLLABORATE ON THESE AND OTHER PRIORITIES. MADAM CHAIR AND
6 COLLEAGUES, I INTERPRETED MY ELECTION TO THIS BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS IN 2008 AS A POLITICAL MANDATE TO ADDRESS THE
8 CLOSURE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. NOW, HERE WE ARE
9 IN 2020, AND WE HAVE YET ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE. WE
10 DESCRIBE IT AS A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, NAMELY THAT OF
11 HOMELESSNESS. AND I INTERPRET MY ELECTION TO RETURN TO THE
12 CITY COUNCIL AS NOTHING SHORT OF A MORAL MANDATE TO ADDRESS
13 THE DEFINING CIVIC ISSUE OF OUR TIME, AND THAT IS
14 HOMELESSNESS. IT WILL BE MY HONOR TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE AND
15 WORK WITH ALL OF THE SKILL, THE ABILITY, THE GIFTS,
16 ENDOWMENTS, THAT HAVE BEEN AFFORDED ME TO DO SO. AND SO,
17 COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, CONSTITUENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC,
18 I THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AS THIS IS MY LAST BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS MEETING, I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. I BID YOU
20 FAREWELL, AND GODSPEED. MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
23 YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO BE MISSED, BUT WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE-- I
24 HOPE YOU ARE NOT CHANGING YOUR PHONE NUMBER, NOW THAT YOU HAVE
25 THAT NEW PHONE, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU ON SPEED DIAL.

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1 SO WITH THAT, WE'VE GOT ITEM 11 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT, AND
2 IT WILL BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO APPROVE THE NAMING
3 OF THE ENTRANCE PLAZA AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM COMMONS
4 PROJECT THE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ENTRANCE PLAZA. WITH THAT,
5 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 11 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

13

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

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** ENTHUSIASTICALLY AYE.

24

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

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GODSPEED, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.
8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I AM PROUD OF YOU. ALL RIGHT, NOW WE ARE
13 GOING TO TAKE UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, BEGINNING WITH ITEM
14 NUMBER 1. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
15 REMARKS? IF SO, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN SPEAKING.
16 HEARING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
17 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
19 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2,

25 HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-002824 FOR THE

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 CONSTRUCTION OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN THE
2 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL
3 ZONE. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
4 REMARKS? IF SO, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE THE READ-IN MOTION FOR THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO SAY, FOR THOSE WHO
11 TESTIFIED CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM 2 AND AGENDA ITEM 3, I WANT
12 TO THANK ALL OF THE RESIDENTS THAT ENGAGED IN THE PUBLIC
13 PROCESS, AS WELL AS OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND OUR SHERIFF'S
14 DEPUTIES. I UNDERSTAND, AS TO THE RESIDENTS, HOW DEVASTATING
15 THE WOOLSEY FIRE WAS, AND HOW THAT TRAUMA AND THE ARDUOUS
16 PROCESS OF REBUILDING GOES ON AND IS VERY DIFFICULT. HOWEVER,
17 THE WOOLSEY AFTER-ACTION REPORT IDENTIFIED COMMUNICATION
18 DIFFICULTIES AS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS. AND THIS PROJECT IS
19 CRITICAL, IN THAT IT CLOSSES A LARGE GAP IN THE COMMUNICATIONS
20 SYSTEM IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AS TO AGENDA ITEM 2, I
21 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC
22 HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS
23 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT ANALYZED BY THE PREVIOUSLY
24 CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, THAT NONE OF THE
25 CIRCUMSTANCES IDENTIFIED IN THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES, SECTION 15162, THAT WOULD REQUIRE A
2 SUBSEQUENT E.I.R. HAVE OCCURRED, AND THAT THE PREVIOUSLY
3 CERTIFIED E.I.R. IS ADEQUATE, WITHOUT MODIFICATION, FOR MINOR
4 C.D.P. NUMBER RPPL-2019-004996, AND VARIANCE NUMBER RPPL-2019-
5 004997; AND THAT THE BOARD INDICATE ITS INTENT TO DENY THE
6 APPEAL, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY
7 FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT NUMBER
8 2019-0028243, INCLUDING MINOR C.D.P. NUMBER RPPL-2019-004996,
9 AND VARIANCE NUMBER 2019-004997. I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US.
12 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
13 APPROVE THIS ITEM AND DENY THE APPEAL. MADAM EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
18 NUMBER 3, HEARING ON APPEALS OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-002715,
19 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY IN
20 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
21 COASTAL ZONE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
22 REMARKS?

23

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU. I MADE REMARKS ON ITEM 2 THAT ALSO
2 APPLY TO ITEM 3, AND THEREFORE I WOULD LIKE TO BRING A MOTION,
3 IF THAT'S OKAY AT THIS MOMENT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU'VE GOT THE FLOOR.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO
9 FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT
10 ANALYZED BY THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
11 REPORT, THAT NONE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IDENTIFIED IN THE
12 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES, SECTION
13 15162, THAT WOULD REQUIRE A SUBSEQUENT E.I.R. HAVE OCCURRED,
14 AND THAT THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED E.I.R. IS ADEQUATE WITHOUT
15 MODIFICATION FOR MINOR C.D.P. NUMBER RPPL-2019-004849, AND
16 VARIANCE NUMBER RPPL-2019-004850; AND THAT THE BOARD INDICATE
17 ITS INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
18 PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S
19 APPROVAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-0027153, INCLUDING MINOR
20 C.D.P. NUMBER RPPL-2019-004849, AND VARIANCE NUMBER 2019-
21 004850. I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS

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1 ITEM AND DENY THE APPEALS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
2 CALL THE ROLL.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

10

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

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
5 NUMBER 5, A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2013-02756, FOR THE
6 CONTINUED OPERATION OF A HOSPITAL IN THE UNINCORPORATED
7 COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU HAVE
8 ANY COMMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO, JUST ASK FOR APPROVAL.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS
14 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 6,
18 HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2017-003501, FOR THE SANTA MONICA
19 MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA PLAN AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
20 UPDATE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM JUST GOING TO SAY,
23 THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL. AND I AM SO GRATEFUL TO THE
24 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED OVER THE LAST FOUR
25 YEARS AND MORE, TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE DIFFERENT AREAS THAT

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1 NEED TO BE COVERED BY THIS NORTH AREA PLAN. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
2 HAD A LOCAL COASTAL PLAN IN THE AREA THAT IS IN THE COASTAL
3 ZONE, BUT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR THE AREA THAT COVERS
4 THE REST OF THAT PART OF THE MOUNTAINS, AND IT IS MY GREAT
5 PLEASURE TO BRING THE FOLLOWING MOTION. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD
6 OF SUPERVISORS TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: CLOSE THE PUBLIC
7 HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO CERTIFY THE FINAL E.I.R.,
8 INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT
9 NUMBER RPPL-2017-005966, ZONE CHANGE NUMBER RPPL-2020-006033,
10 ZONING CODE AMENDMENT NUMBER RPPL2017-005967, WITH THE
11 FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS: A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE
12 SHALL APPLY TO PROJECTS THAT DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETED
13 APPLICATION BY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; B)
14 CLARIFY THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED IN S-2 HABITAT SHALL
15 REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, EXCEPT ACCESSORY USE
16 IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING LEGALLY ESTABLISHED DEVELOPMENTS, AND
17 REMAIN SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; C)
18 PROHIBIT EVENT FACILITIES ON LOBO CANYON ROAD, AND REQUIRE A
19 MINIMUM OF 3,000 FEET DISTANCE BETWEEN SUCH FACILITIES ALONG
20 TRIUNFO CANYON ROAD, DUE TO THE LIMITED INGRESS AND EGRESS AND
21 EXTREME FIRE POTENTIAL IN THE AREA; D) PROHIBIT NEW VINEYARDS
22 OF ANY SIZE; E) REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO FULLY ENCLOSE
23 EXISTING ANIMAL LIVING QUARTERS WHEN OBTAINING NEW PERMITS FOR
24 REHABILITATION OR EXPANSION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERMITS FOR
25 SOLAR PANELS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, OR WHERE

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1 OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW; F) REITERATE THAT ALL PIPE
2 CARRELS EXISTING AT THE TIME OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
3 ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED LEGALLY ESTABLISHED; AND G) REVISE
4 THE DEFINITION OF HERITAGE TREES TO BE ANY SPECIES OF TREE
5 WITH A SINGLE TRUNK OF 36 OR MORE INCHES IN DIAMETER, OR WITH
6 MULTIPLE TRUNKS, TWO OF WHICH COLLECTIVELY MEASURE 54 INCHES
7 IN DIAMETER, OR MORE. IN ADDITION, SPECIES WITH NATURALLY
8 OCCURRING THIN TRUNKS WHEN FULL GROWN, SUCH AS WASHINGTON
9 PALMS, SPECIES WITH NATURALLY LARGE TRUNKS AT AN EARLY AGE,
10 SUCH AS DATE PALMS, OR TREES WITH UNNATURALLY ENLARGED TRUNKS
11 DUE TO INJURY OR DISEASE, LIKE BURLS AND GALLS, MUST BE AT
12 LEAST 60 FEET TALL OR 50 YEARS OLD TO BE CONSIDERED AS A
13 HERITAGE TREE. 4) INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL
14 PLAN AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN, AND THE ORDINANCE AMENDING
15 TITLE 22 TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE C.S.D., AND TO RETURN TO
16 THE BOARD WITH THE FINAL DOCUMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION; AND,
17 FINALLY, INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO RETURN
18 TO THE BOARD WITHIN TWO YEARS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO
19 EXPAND AND ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATIONAL
20 OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN,
21 WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ACTIVE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS
22 HIKING TRAILS, BIKING, AND EQUESTRIAN USES. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
23 VOTE.
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ITEM 6, AS
2 AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

13

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

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW ITEM 7, HEARING ON
8 PROJECT NUMBER R2014-00285, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL
9 LOTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I'M
10 GOING TO MAKE JUST SOME SHORT REMARKS. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN
11 IN THE WORKS FOR A FEW YEARS, AND I AM HAPPY TO FINALLY SEE IT
12 COME TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO
13 FACE A CRITICAL HOUSING SHORTAGE, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL
14 TO BRING MORE HOUSING STOCK ONLINE. WE HAVE A LONG, LONG WAY
15 TO GO TO MEETING THE TRUE DEMAND IN THE REGION, BUT THIS IS A
16 SMALL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SO I'M GOING TO BRING IN A
17 MOTION THAT I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC
18 HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD,
19 AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO ADOPT THE
20 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL
21 ASSESSMENT NUMBER RENV-2014-00027, FINDING THAT THE M.N.D. IS
22 THE APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE PROJECT,
23 PURSUANT TO THE STATE AND LOCAL CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
24 QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE ZONE
25 CHANGE NUMBER RPPL-2016-003663, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO

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1 PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL, INVESTING
3 TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 72680, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
4 NUMBER RCUP2014-00014, AND OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER ROAK2014-
5 00008, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, AND PREPARE THE
6 NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO FINALIZE ZONE CHANGE NUMBER RPPL2016-
7 003663. WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE. AND I WILL
8 MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
9 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

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

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

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

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ALL THE PUBLIC
13 HEARING ITEMS BEFORE US TODAY. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEMS
14 HELD BY THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN WITH A SET MATTER, ITEM S-1,
15 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS A PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
16 BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC TRENDS. I AM GOING
17 TO CALL UPON DR. BARBARA FERRER, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
18 HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES,
19 WHO WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE. DR. MUNTU DAVIS, L.A. COUNTY
20 HEALTH OFFICER, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS. DR.
21 FERRER, DR. GHALY, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GREAT. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK
24 YOU SO MUCH AGAIN FOR BEING, YOU KNOW, INCREDIBLY EXCELLENT AT
25 LEADING OUR COUNTY THROUGH THESE MANY, MANY MONTHS OF THE

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1 PANDEMIC. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE HARD WORK, THE
2 EFFORTS, THE SUPPORT, THE WISE COUNSEL, AND I KNOW OUR
3 RESIDENTS HAVE BENEFITED ENORMOUSLY FROM HAVING THIS BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS HERE IN OUR COUNTY, SORT OF CARVING A PATH FORWARD
5 THAT BOTH KEEPS AS PRIMARY THE HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL ISSUES OF
6 ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT WELLBEING IS MADE
7 UP OF NOT ONLY BEING ABLE TO HAVE OUR HEALTH, BUT ALSO HAVING
8 SUPPORTS WE NEED DURING THE PANDEMIC. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU
9 AND APPLAUD YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
10 MEETING. I DO WANT TO START TODAY JUST WITH A REMINDER THAT WE
11 ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC. IT IS EXTRAORDINARILY
12 DIFFICULT TIMES FOR EVERYONE, AND IT HAS GONE ON FOR MANY,
13 MANY MONTHS. AND OUR DATA AT THIS POINT IN TIME, OUR METRICS,
14 ARE THE MOST ALARMING METRICS WE HAVE EVER SEEN. AND WE WISH
15 WE WEREN'T HERE. AS EVERYONE KNOWS, YESTERDAY WE REPORTED OVER
16 6,000 NEW CASES. HOSPITALIZATIONS CONTINUE TO INCREASE AT AN
17 ALARMING RATE. TODAY, HOSPITALIZATIONS INCREASED BY ANOTHER
18 100 PEOPLE, FROM YESTERDAY'S 1,473 TO TODAY'S 1,575. AND
19 DEATHS ARE STARTING TO RISE, AS WELL. PEOPLE OFTEN ASK US,
20 WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT WHAT IS DRIVING THE ALARMING INCREASE IN
21 OUR CASE NUMBERS? WE START BY WHAT THE SCIENCE TELLS US: NOT
22 WEARING A MASK, BEING IN CROWDS OR CROWDED SITUATIONS, THE
23 COLDER WEATHER AND THE SEASONALITY OF VIRUSES. THE INCREASED
24 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE INFECTED NOW MAKES IT MORE LIKELY
25 FOR INDIVIDUALS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS POSITIVE.

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1 AND AT SOME PLACES, WE CONTINUE TO HAVE, AT SOME OF OUR
2 WORKSITES, NONCOMPLIANCE, LEADING TO INCREASED NUMBERS OF
3 OUTBREAKS. THE RISK AT THIS POINT IS THAT OVERWHELMING THE
4 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS NOW A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY. AS OUR CASE
5 NUMBERS RISE, HOSPITALIZATIONS RISE A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER.
6 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED TODAY IS RELATED TO THE
7 NUMBER OF DAILY NEW CASES WE SAW 2 TO 3 WEEKS AGO, WHEN WE
8 WERE EXPERIENCING ABOUT 2,300 CASES A DAY. THAT RESULTING IN
9 ABOUT 1,400 DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK, AND
10 AGAIN, TODAY, WE ARE CLOSE TO 1,600 HOSPITALIZATIONS. AT 4500
11 CASES A DAY, WITH AN ESTIMATED 10 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
12 POSITIVE REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND AN AVERAGE LENGTH OF
13 STAY BETWEEN 5 AND 7 DAYS, WE CAN EXPECT THAT WITHIN ONE TO
14 TWO WEEKS, THERE CAN BE OVER 2,200 PATIENTS WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19
15 IN THE HOSPITAL EACH DAY. AND ON AVERAGE, 28 PERCENT OF
16 PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED REQUIRE CARE IN THE I.C.U. THIS WILL BE
17 OVER 600 I.C.U. BEDS, WHICH IS ALMOST 1/3 OF THE 2,000 I.C.U.
18 BEDS THAT ARE ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. DEATHS WILL ALSO
19 INCREASE, AS THESE ARE RELATED TO CASE NUMBERS AND
20 HOSPITALIZATIONS. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE SUMMER
21 SURGE, WE SAW DEATHS BEGIN TO INCREASE FOUR WEEKS AFTER CASES
22 STARTED INCREASING. WITH HIGH TRANSMISSION RATES, WE ARE
23 ALREADY NOTING MORE CASES AMONGST STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT OUR
24 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, WHERE MANY RESIDENTS ARE MEDICALLY
25 FRAGILE AND AT GREAT RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH FROM

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19. AND WHILE WE ALL BENEFIT FROM ADVANCES IN
2 THERAPEUTICS AND PATIENT CARE THAT HAVE REDUCED THE MORTALITY
3 OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, THESE VERY LARGE INCREASES IN CASES AND
4 HOSPITALIZATIONS WILL, WITHOUT A DOUBT, LEAD TO INCREASED
5 NUMBERS OF PEOPLE DYING. WITH THAT, WE KNOW THAT COMMUNITY AND
6 CLOSE CONTACT EXPOSURES WILL CONTINUE TO DRIVE THE C.O.V.I.D.-
7 19 PANDEMIC. THE C.D.C. AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES
8 RECOMMEND COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES, INCLUDING MASKING,
9 INFECTION CONTROL, AND DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, TO REDUCE
10 TRANSMISSION OF CO-V-2, THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES C.O.V.I.D.-19.
11 WE ARE ALWAYS SADDENED THAT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS
12 DURING THIS PANDEMIC HAVE AN ECONOMIC AND EMOTIONAL IMPACT ON
13 BUSINESSES, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS. AS PUBLIC HEALTH
14 PRACTITIONERS, WE ARE CHARGED WITH REDUCING TRANSMISSION OF A
15 DEADLY VIRUS THAT HAS INFECTED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
16 RESIDENTS, WITH 50 PERCENT OF INFECTED PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO
17 TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO OTHERS EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE NO SYMPTOMS.
18 THIS HAS REQUIRED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE
19 HOSPITALIZED, AND TRAGICALLY KILLED OVER 7,400 RESIDENTS IN
20 L.A. COUNTY OVER THE PAST 9 MONTHS. WE ARE THANKFUL THAT THOSE
21 WITH THE AUTHORITY AND CAPACITY TO MITIGATE THE ECONOMIC
22 IMPACTS OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES HAVE ALWAYS STEPPED
23 UP. OUR LEADERS HERE IN THE COUNTY, IN THE STATE, AND OUR
24 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES AND
25 INDIVIDUALS, AND WE, LIKE MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, ARE GRATEFUL

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1 FOR THEIR ACTIONS. WE ARE LIVING THROUGH A PANDEMIC THAT IS
2 CAUSED BY A NEW VIRUS, AND WHILE WE ARE STILL LEARNING ABOUT
3 HOW C.O.V.I.D.-19 REACTS WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND WITH HUMAN
4 BEINGS, THE EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING THAT MASK-WEARING,
5 DISTANCING, AND INFECTION CONTROL WORK BY REDUCING
6 TRANSMISSION OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY FOR
7 ADDITIONAL SAFETY MODIFICATIONS ARE BASED ON THE EVIDENCE THAT
8 CHARTS A PATH FORWARD, ACKNOWLEDGING THE DANGER BEFORE US.
9 INACTION IN THE FACE OF THIS DEVASTATING ACCELERATION OF CASES
10 WILL CAUSE IRREPARABLE HARM, AND WE THEREFORE ARE SUGGESTING
11 THE FOLLOWING. OUR SAFETY MEASURES ARE DIRECTIVES THAT PROMOTE
12 INDIVIDUALS REMAINING IN THEIR HOMES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE,
13 REDUCE CAPACITY AT SITES WHERE NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MINGLE,
14 AND CURTAIL SOME NONESSENTIAL SERVICES. ALL ACTIVITIES WHERE
15 INDIVIDUALS WILL BE OR CAN BE IN CONTACT WITH NON-HOUSEHOLD
16 MEMBERS REQUIRE AN APPROPRIATE FACE COVERING, UNLESS MEDICALLY
17 EXEMPT. OUR FIRST RECOMMENDATION IS THAT ALL PUBLIC AND
18 PRIVATE GATHERINGS AND EVENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS NOT IN A
19 PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD BE PROHIBITED, EXCEPT FOR OUTDOOR CHURCH
20 SERVICES AND OUTDOOR PROTESTS. AND THESE ACTIVITIES WILL
21 REQUIRE MASKING AND DISTANCING. OUR SECOND RECOMMENDATION IS
22 THAT OCCUPANCY LIMITS BE REDUCED, AS FOLLOWS, AT THE FOLLOWING
23 SITES: PERMITTED ACTIVITIES AT FACILITIES THAT OPERATE
24 OUTDOORS, WHERE EVERYONE IS MASKED, ARE NOW AT 50-PERCENT
25 OCCUPANCY, MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY; ESSENTIAL RETAIL THAT OPERATES

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1 INDOORS, WHERE EVERYONE, AGAIN, NEEDS TO BE MASKED, IS AT 35-
2 PERCENT MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY; AND NONESSENTIAL RETAIL THAT
3 OPERATES INDOORS, WHERE EVERYONE IS MASKED, IS AT 20-PERCENT
4 MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT BEACHES, TRAILS, AND
5 PARKS REMAIN OPEN FOR ACTIVE RECREATION. RUNNING, BIKING,
6 SWIMMING, WALKING, PLAYING OUTDOORS, SHOULD ALL BE PERMITTED
7 WITH DISTANCING, INFECTION CONTROL, AND REQUIRED MASKING,
8 EXCEPT FOR SWIMMING. GATHERINGS AT ANY OF OUR PUBLIC SPACES OR
9 BEACHES, TRAILS, AND PARKS ARE PROHIBITED WITH MEMBERS OUTSIDE
10 OF SOMEONE'S HOUSEHOLD. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT SHARED OUTDOOR
11 FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ALREADY
12 OPERATING REMAIN OPEN FOR INDIVIDUALS OR MEMBERS OF A SINGLE
13 HOUSEHOLD, AGAIN WITH REQUIRED DISTANCING, INFECTION CONTROL,
14 AND MASKING. THIS IS LIMITED TO OUR GOLF COURSES, TENNIS
15 COURTS, PICKLEBALL, ARCHERY RANGES, SKATE PARKS, BIKE PARKS,
16 AND COMMUNITY GARDENS. OUTDOOR AND INDOOR POOLS THAT SERVE
17 MEMBERS FROM MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD BE CLOSED, EXCEPT
18 FOR REGULATED LAP SWIMMING. WE ALSO ARE RECOMMENDING THAT A
19 VERY SMALL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES BE CLOSED. SOME
20 OF THESE ARE ALREADY CLOSED, AND WE RECOMMEND THEY REMAIN
21 CLOSED: NONESSENTIAL OFFICE-BASED BUSINESSES; PLAYGROUNDS,
22 EXCEPT FOR PLAYGROUNDS THAT ARE AT CHILDCARE OR SCHOOLS; CARD
23 ROOMS, BARS, CLUBS, AND LOUNGES; THEATER AND SPECTATOR
24 PERFORMANCES, SPORTING EVENTS; OTHER EVENTS, BOWLING ALLEYS,
25 AND ARCADES. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT THE FOLLOWING

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1 ACTIVITIES CONTINUE UNDER THE CURRENT REOPENING PROTOCOLS:
2 CHILDCARE AND DAYCARE, K-12 SCHOOLS AND DAY CAMPS, WITH ONE
3 NEW REQUIREMENT FOR A 14-DAY CLOSURE WITH ANY OUTBREAK--
4 THAT'S 3 CASES OR MORE, OVER 14 DAYS; INSTITUTES OF HIGHER
5 EDUCATION; LIBRARIES, AT 20-PERCENT MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY; YOUTH
6 SPORTS FOR CONDITIONING AND SKILL-BUILDING ONLY; AND PRO
7 SPORTS, BECAUSE WE'RE IN TIER ONE, SPECTATOR-FREE. WE ALSO
8 WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE STATE'S CURFEW
9 REQUIREMENTS THAT REQUIRE THAT ALL GATHERINGS WITH MEMBERS OF
10 OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, AND ALL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE
11 RESIDENCE WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, CEASE BETWEEN 10
12 P.M. AND 5 A.M., EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND THOSE
13 ACTIVITIES REQUIRED BY LAW. PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
14 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS CURFEW, AND ANY NUMBER OF PERSONS FROM
15 THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WHO LEAVE THEIR RESIDENCE, IF THEY DO NOT
16 ENGAGE IN ANY INTERACTION WITH INDIVIDUALS FROM OTHER
17 HOUSEHOLDS, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 P.M. AND 5 A.M. AND WITH
18 THAT, I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE CHAIR OR TO DR. GHALY.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, DR. GHALY?

21

22 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. SO, THE
23 VOLUME, AS DR. FERRER JUST MENTIONED, IN THE HOSPITALS ACROSS
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS CURRENTLY APPROACHING 1,600. THIS IS
25 STILL SHY OF THE PEAK VOLUME THAT WE HAD IN THE COUNTY IN JULY

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1 OF THIS YEAR, WHICH WAS AT ABOUT 2,200. HOWEVER, THE VOLUMES
2 ARE RISING AT A VERY STEEP RATE. THE CHALLENGING THING ABOUT
3 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, IS THAT THEY LAG
4 BEHIND THE INFECTION TIME BY ABOUT 2 TO 3 WEEKS. AND AS SUCH,
5 THEY CANNOT BE EASILY USED TO GAUGE HOW WE ARE DOING IN TERMS
6 OF CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION, BECAUSE ANY ACTIONS TAKEN WOULD
7 BE TAKEN, THEN, TOO LATE. HOWEVER, WE DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE NOT
8 YET HIT THE PEAK HOSPITALIZATIONS. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE
9 HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT COME FROM THE HIGH CASE COUNTS IN THE
10 4,000 TO 5,000-ISH RANGE THAT WAS REPORTED OVER THE LAST WEEK
11 OR SO BY D.P.H. AS OF TODAY, THE 911 RECEIVING HOSPITALS
12 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE CURRENTLY REPORTING 1230
13 AVAILABLE BEDS, AND THAT INCLUDES 163 AVAILABLE INTENSIVE CARE
14 UNIT BEDS. THAT SURVEY IS DONE EVERY DAY, AND IT INCLUDES BEDS
15 THAT THE HOSPITALS REPORT AS BEING IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TODAY
16 FOR A PATIENT. AT THIS POINT, UNLESS CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN
17 PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR, MASK WEARING, THAT WOULD TAKE STEPS TO
18 REDUCE TRANSMISSION OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND UNLESS
19 STEPS CONTINUE TO BE MADE, THEN I DO ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL
20 USE UP THOSE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BEDS THAT THE HOSPITALS ARE
21 CURRENTLY PROJECTING THAT THEY HAVE. THE PROBLEM, I WANT TO BE
22 CLEAR, IS NOT PHYSICAL BEDS. THERE IS ADEQUATE PHYSICAL BEDS,
23 PHYSICAL ROOMS, IN OUR HOSPITALS, AND THERE IS REALLY NO NEED
24 TO SET UP ALTERNATIVE CARE SITES OR ALTERNATIVE HOSPITAL
25 SETTINGS. THE CHALLENGE, AS IT HAS BEEN THROUGHOUT THE

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1 PANDEMIC, IS WITH STAFFING, MOST DIRECTLY IN OUR I.C.U.S,
2 WHERE CAPACITY IS MORE LIMITED, AND WHERE STILL 25 PERCENT OF
3 ALL C.O.V.I.D. PATIENTS REQUIRE THAT HIGHEST LEVEL OF HOSPITAL
4 CARE. HOSPITALS DO HAVE MANY LEVERS AVAILABLE THROUGH WHICH
5 THEY CAN USE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL BEDS AVAILABLE. THIS INCLUDES
6 FLEXING UP STAFFING. HOWEVER, I WOULD NOTE THAT CALIFORNIA, AS
7 WITH ALL OTHER REGIONS, ARE MORE LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITY TO
8 USE THIS LEVER, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T DRAW ON NATIONAL AND
9 NATIONWIDE REGISTRIES. TYPICALLY, WHEN THERE IS HIGH VOLUME IN
10 ONE LOCATION, THERE IS NOT NECESSARILY HIGH PATIENT VOLUMES AT
11 EVERY OTHER PLACE IN THE COUNTRY. AND BECAUSE EVERYONE IN THE
12 COUNTRY RIGHT NOW IS EXPERIENCING A C.O.V.I.D. SURGE, THERE IS
13 NOT THE SAME ABILITY TO DRAW IN ADDITIONAL STAFFING FROM OTHER
14 REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF STAFF WITHIN
15 HOSPITALS, D.H.S. INCLUDED, BUT ALSO THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS,
16 THAT HAVE STAFF OUT ON QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION ORDERS, AND SO
17 THAT ALSO FURTHER LIMITS THE ABILITY TO OPEN UP ADDITIONAL
18 BEDS. HOSPITALS, THOUGH, CAN ALSO REDEPLOY STAFF FROM THEIR
19 OUTPATIENT AREAS. D.H.S., FOR EXAMPLE, CAN OPEN UP 100
20 ADDITIONAL BEDS THROUGH THESE ACTIONS, THROUGH OUR ABILITY TO
21 REASSIGN STAFF FROM OUTPATIENT AREAS, THOSE PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE
22 EXPERIENCE IN INPATIENT UNITS AND ALREADY HAVE THE NECESSARY
23 TRAINING. AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE FLEXIBILITY OF STAFF
24 TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES. IN EXTREME
25 SITUATIONS, HOSPITALS CAN ALSO MODIFY, THROUGH A C.D.P.H.

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1 PROCESS, STATE-MANDATED STAFFING RATIOS, AND THEN THEY CAN
2 ALSO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE NONESSENTIAL PROCEDURES, AND THAT
3 WILL REDUCE THE INFLOW OF PATIENTS INTO THE HOSPITAL,
4 INCLUDING INTO I.C.U. BEDS. I'LL MENTION WITH RESPECT TO
5 TESTING THAT THERE REMAINS ADEQUATE CAPACITY FOR TESTING, AND
6 THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TO IMPLEMENT MOBILE TESTING AND HOME
7 TESTING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANKFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
8 HER MOTION TODAY, HIGHLIGHTING THIS WORK, AND FOCUSING ON THE
9 SUSTAINABILITY OF THIS NOVEL MODEL OVER TIME. THE IMPORTANT
10 THING, THOUGH, TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT WHILE TESTING IS
11 AVAILABLE, AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDED IF PEOPLE HAVE HAD AN
12 EXPOSURE OR THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF C.O.V.I.D., TESTING IS NOT,
13 BY ITSELF, THE ANSWER, AND WE STILL SEE TOO MUCH OF PEOPLE
14 USING TESTING AS A PATH TO GO SEE THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
15 INCLUDING IN PREPARATIONS FOR THIS THANKSGIVING DAY WEEKEND.
16 THE NEED TO RESTRICT REOPENING WOULD BE MUCH LESS IF EVERYONE
17 WOULD SIMPLY WEAR THEIR MASK AND REDUCE THEIR SOCIAL
18 INTERMINGLING OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOUSEHOLDS. THAT SAID, I
19 RECOGNIZE THE QUESTION ABOUT WHERE WE ARE TODAY, AND WOULD
20 JUST LIKE TO MAKE THE REMINDER THAT THE HOSPITAL CAPACITY IS
21 AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW, BUT WE DO RISK USING IT UP IF THOSE CASE
22 COUNTS CONTINUE TO RISE AT THE LEVEL THAT THEY HAVE, TO DATE.
23 I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY.
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
2 THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M GOING TO START OUT BY
5 SAYING A FEW COMMENTS, AND THEN I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, AND
6 JUST SO THAT THE PUBLIC HEARS THIS, TOO, AND I'M GLAD WE ARE
7 DISCUSSING THIS IN OPEN SESSION. LAST WEEK, WHEN THIS BOARD
8 CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PUT IN OUTDOOR DINING
9 RESTRICTIONS AT 4,000 CASES, AND A SAFER AT HOME ORDER AT 4500
10 CASES, WE HAD NO IDEA HOW QUICKLY THOSE NUMBERS WOULD BE UPON
11 US. WE THOUGHT WE WERE WEEKS AWAY, AND I HONESTLY HAD HOPED,
12 WITH OUR FIRST SIX RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE PUT INTO PLACE LAST
13 WEEK, WE COULD AVOID GETTING TO THIS POINT. IN FACT, AS LATE
14 AS THURSDAY, I TOLD MY STAFF THAT ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I WAS
15 GOING TO ASK BARBARA TODAY WAS, WHEN WE HIT ONE OF THOSE
16 THRESHOLDS, WILL THAT AUTOMATICALLY TRIGGER A NEW HEALTH
17 ORDER, OR WILL IT COME BACK TO THE BOARD? AND THESE NEW
18 NUMBERS WE'RE SEEING ARE CERTAINLY JARRING. I AM CONCERNED
19 WITH THE HOSPITALIZATIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE ARE
20 CAREENING TOWARDS COMPLETELY OVERWHELMING OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM,
21 AND WE NEED TO TURN THIS AROUND. AND I UNDERSTAND THE
22 INCLINATION TO SHUT THINGS DOWN, BUT, AS DR. FERRER SAID,
23 SHUTDOWNS DO HAVE REAL COSTS; AND WITHOUT FEDERAL HELP, THAT
24 MEANS PUTTING PEOPLE OUT OF WORK, AND POTENTIALLY PUTTING
25 BUSINESSES OUT OF BUSINESS FOREVER. AND IF WE'RE GOING TO ASK

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1 PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE NOT ONLY QUALITY TIME WITH THEIR LOVED
2 ONES AND THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM, BUT ALSO,
3 IN MANY CASES, THEIR PAYCHECKS, THEY NEED TO TRUST THAT THESE
4 DECISIONS ARE THE RIGHT ONES, AND THAT THEY WILL ACTUALLY MAKE
5 A DIFFERENCE. BUT IN THE RECENT PROPOSAL TO SHUT DOWN OUTDOOR
6 DINING, I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE KIND OF PUSHBACK I AM
7 HEARING. WHEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THEIR PHONES BLOWING UP, MINE
8 REALLY DID. I HAVE HEARD FROM CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, I HAVE
9 HEARD FROM RESTAURANT OWNERS, I HAVE HEARD FROM RESTAURANT
10 ASSOCIATIONS, I HAVE HEARD FROM FRIENDS, I HAVE HEARD FROM
11 NOT-FRIENDS. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THE PUBLIC DOESN'T
12 THINK THAT THAT RECOMMENDATION IS RIGHT, AND THEY DON'T THINK
13 IT IS GOING TO WORK, AND THEY ARE REALLY LOSING FAITH AND
14 TRUST IN THE DECISIONS THAT WE'RE MAKING. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS
15 SAID THAT ALL OF US ARE THREADING THE NEEDLE ON THESE
16 DECISIONS BETWEEN PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND
17 PROTECTING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD AND PAYCHECKS. SO, HAVING SAID
18 THAT, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO GET ANSWERED
19 HERE IN OPEN SESSION. DR. FERRER, I KNOW WE'VE SEEN A SURGE IN
20 CASES OVER THE PAST MONTH, BUT DO WE KNOW TO WHAT DEGREE
21 OUTDOOR DINING IS DRIVING THIS PROBLEM? WE HAVE HEARD MANY
22 TIMES FROM YOU AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS THAT THE
23 PROBLEM IS HOME GATHERINGS AND BACKYARD PARTIES. DOES OUR
24 CONTRACT TRACING SHOW THE RESTAURANTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
25 RECENT INCREASE IN CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS? AND I'M JUST

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1 GOING TO ASK YOU TO ANSWER BRIEFLY, TOO, DR. FERRER, BECAUSE I
2 KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES ALSO HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO SAY ON
3 THIS.

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH. IF IT IS OKAY, I'M
6 GOING TO ACTUALLY ASK DR. DAVIS TO RESPOND, BECAUSE HE HAS
7 BEEN WORKING REALLY CLOSELY WITH THIS SECTOR, AND WITH THE
8 INSPECTORS, AS WELL, SO...

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

11

12 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** HELLO, EVERYONE. SO, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION,
13 AS WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT
14 COME INTO PLAY. YOU KNOW, AS WE THINK ABOUT WHAT
15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE, GIVEN WHAT WE ARE SEEING IN TERMS OF
16 THE WIDESPREAD INCREASES, BOTH IN WORKSITES, AS WELL AS IN THE
17 COMMUNITY, WE HAVE TO FIRST START THINKING ABOUT WHERE IS THE
18 HIGHEST RISK OF TRANSMISSION. WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT WE SEE IN
19 TERMS OF OUR CASE INVESTIGATIONS, THERE'S A BROAD MIX OF
20 DIFFERENT PLACES THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE GONE THAT COULD
21 POTENTIALLY HAVE BEEN AN EXPOSURE. THE BEST DATA TO GIVE YOU,
22 IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT COME FROM PEOPLE
23 DINING OUT AT RESTAURANTS, WHERE YOU CANNOT WEAR YOUR FACE
24 COVERING WHILE YOU EAT AND DRINK, COMES FROM, ACTUALLY, THE
25 C.D.C. THERE WAS A CASE CONTROLLED STUDY, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST

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1 STANDARD THAT WE HAVE, IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT DATA, THAT
2 ASSESSED INFORMATION FROM 11 OUTPATIENT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
3 IN 10 STATES, AND NOTED THAT THE CASES WERE TWO TIMES MORE
4 LIKELY TO HAVE GONE TO DINE OUT AT A RESTAURANT THAN THOSE WHO
5 WERE NEGATIVE. SO THAT'S THE BEST INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE.
6 THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC TO RESTAURANTS, BUT IN GENERAL, WHEN YOU
7 THINK ABOUT THE RISK, IF YOU GO BACK TO OUR PROTOCOLS RELATED
8 TO RESTAURANTS, IT WAS THE ONE PLACE THAT WE REQUIRED
9 EMPLOYEES, WHO WERE INTERACTING WITH CUSTOMERS WITHOUT FACE
10 COVERINGS, TO WEAR A FACE SHIELD, NOTICING THE RISK THAT IS
11 ASSOCIATED WITH PEOPLE NOT HAVING FACE COVERINGS AND BEING IN
12 CLOSE CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, WHICH OFTEN HAPPENS AT TABLES
13 WHEN PEOPLE ARE EATING TOGETHER.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, BASICALLY, WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS IT'S
16 MORE LIKELY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC CONTRACT TRACING
17 SHOWING THAT THE RESTAURANTS ARE WHO ARE DRIVING THIS HUGE
18 INCREASE IN CASES.

19

20 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** WELL, TO BE SPECIFIC, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
21 THINGS THAT ARE DRIVING THIS, AND IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE
22 SEEING ACROSS ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
23 FACTORS THAT COME INTO PLAY. BUT AGAIN, AS A PUBLIC HEALTH
24 DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT-- AND THIS HAPPENS EVEN IN

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1 THE WORKPLACE-- WHAT IS THE HIGHEST RISK IN RELATIONSHIP TO
2 THAT, AND WHERE ARE THOSE PLACES THAT WE CAN REDUCE THAT RISK?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** LET ME ASK YOU HOW MANY RESTAURANTS HAVE BEEN THE
5 SITE OF WORKPLACE OUTBREAKS.

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7 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** I'LL HAVE TO PULL THAT NUMBER UP, BUT WE HAVE
8 HAD AN INCREASE, A THREEFOLD INCREASE, IN TERMS OF WORKPLACE
9 OUTBREAKS, AND THAT IS REALLY JUST AMONG THE STAFF. AND THEN
10 WE DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION, IN TERMS OF HOW MANY PEOPLE
11 WERE CONNECTED TO THOSE FROM THE PATRONS THAT WERE IN THE...

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT ISN'T IT TRUE THAT, USUALLY, THE WORKPLACE
14 OUTBREAKS ARE WITH THE STAFF, AND NOT NECESSARILY THE
15 CUSTOMERS? SO, IF YOU ONLY ALLOW A RESTAURANT TO DO PICKUP AND
16 DELIVERY, YOU ARE NOT REALLY SOLVING THAT PARTICULAR PROBLEM.

17

18 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** NO, BUT YOU ARE SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE
19 MIXING TOGETHER, OFTENTIMES FROM DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS, BEING
20 IN CLOSE CONTACT WITHOUT A FACE COVERING WHILE THEY ARE EATING
21 AND DRINKING.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, DR. FERRER,
24 I THINK YOU PRESENTED DATA THAT SAID NEARLY 20 PERCENT OF
25 RESTAURANTS HAVE BEEN FOUND NOT TO BE CORRECTLY FOLLOWING

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1 HEALTH GUIDELINES, LIKE PROPERLY DISTANCING TABLES FROM ONE
2 ANOTHER. AND OUT OF ALL THE INDUSTRIES, WE HAVE THE MOST
3 CONTROL OVER OUR RESTAURANTS, BECAUSE WE HAVE ABILITY TO PULL
4 THEIR PERMITS. WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE TO TARGET THE
5 RESTAURANTS NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES AND SHUT THOSE DOWN, AS
6 OPPOSED TO PROHIBITING ALL OUTDOOR DINING?

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR
9 HAHN. AND I KNOW THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN REALLY LOOKING
10 CREATIVELY AND INNOVATIVELY FOR OTHER WAYS FOR US TO
11 ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL OF HAVING BOTH A LOT OF SAFETY AT THE
12 WORKSITE FOR WORKERS AND FOR CUSTOMERS, AND TO AVOID OUR
13 DECISION AROUND FEELING LIKE RESTAURANTS REALLY NEED TO BE
14 CLOSED FOR A FEW WEEKS. I THINK THAT'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY.
15 I WANT TO JUST BE REALISTIC THAT THERE'S, I THINK, 31,000
16 RESTAURANTS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND OUR TEAM, AS HARD AS THEY ARE
17 WORKING, ON AVERAGE GETS TO ABOUT 300 A WEEK, AND, AGAIN,
18 INSPECTING OTHER PLACES AND RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS FOR OTHER
19 SECTORS, AS WELL, WHICH MEANS THAT THERE MAY BE A LOT OF
20 PLACES THAT AREN'T FULLY IN COMPLIANCE AND ARE CREATING MORE
21 RISK THAN ANY ONE OF US WOULD LIKE HAVE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE SUGGESTION FROM THE
24 RESTAURANTS, WHO ARE SAYING 20 PERCENT ARE BAD ACTORS. THAT
25 MEANS 80 PERCENT OF THEM ARE FOLLOWING THE RULES, FOLLOWING

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1 THE PROTOCOLS, HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTH TO KIND OF INVEST IN
2 NEW INFRASTRUCTURES TO ALLOW FOR SAFE OUTDOOR DINING. WOULDN'T
3 IT BE A MORE STRATEGIC, TARGETED WAY TO ADDRESS THESE SURGES
4 BY JUST SHUTTING DOWN THOSE WHO AREN'T IN COMPLIANCE?

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE CASE IF
7 THERE WASN'T THE SORT OF ENHANCED RISK INHERENT IN THE
8 ACTIVITY THAT IS HAPPENING AT THE RESTAURANT. EVEN IF THEY ARE
9 IN FULL COMPLIANCE, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY SO MUCH BETTER THAN NOT
10 BEING IN COMPLIANCE, BECAUSE ALL OF THE PEOPLE, ALL OF THE
11 CUSTOMERS ARE NOT WEARING THEIR FACE COVERINGS WHILE THEY'RE
12 EATING AND DRINKING, THERE JUST IS A LOT OF INCREASED RISK IN
13 THOSE SETTINGS. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALL SEEN PICTURE
14 AFTER PICTURE OF ACTIVITY AT SOME RESTAURANTS-- LOTS OF PEOPLE
15 NOT WEARING THEIR FACE COVERINGS, LOTS OF PEOPLE CLOSE
16 TOGETHER, LOTS OF PEOPLE INTERMINGLING. MANY PEOPLE GOING TO
17 RESTAURANTS ARE ACTUALLY NOT GOING WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR
18 HOUSEHOLD. AND, AS YOU REMEMBER, WHEN WE PROPOSED AT THE
19 BEGINNING OF REOPENING RESTAURANTS THAT PERHAPS IT MADE SENSE
20 TO JUST LIMIT PEOPLE COMING INTO RESTAURANTS AND SITTING
21 TOGETHER WHO WERE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS, THE RESTAURANTS
22 APPROPRIATELY NOTIFIED US THAT THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
23 ENFORCE FOR THEM; THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING
24 WHETHER PEOPLE WERE FROM ONE HOUSEHOLD. SO I THINK WHAT WE ARE
25 REALLY LOOKING AT HERE IS AN ISSUE OF INCREASED RISK, AND

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1 SIGNIFICANT INCREASED RISK, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE NOT WEARING
2 THEIR FACE COVERING.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AND WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO SAY OUR
5 MESSAGE SO FAR HAS BEEN, "WINERIES, BREWERIES, RESTAURANTS
6 HAVE BEEN COMPLYING WITH SAFETY PROTOCOLS. IT IS THE BACKYARD
7 PARTIES AND GATHERINGS AND DODGER CELEBRATIONS THAT HAVE MADE
8 THIS SURGE HAPPEN, AND WE ARE JUST THE EASY WAY OUT, IS TO
9 SORT OF SHUT DOWN OUTDOOR DINING, BECAUSE WE CAN'T SHUT DOWN
10 PEOPLE'S PATIOS."

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT'S SUCH A GOOD QUESTION, AND I'M
13 WELL AWARE OF THE FRUSTRATION HERE. I THINK, FOR US, IT'S WE
14 HAVE TO DO BOTH. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT EVERY SINGLE PLACE WHERE
15 THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET BACK SOME CONTROL, AND PART OF
16 THIS IS BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH A STEEP ACCELERATION OF CASES. I
17 THINK THE TIME FOR US TO HAVE LOOKED AT, PERHAPS, TAKING
18 DIFFERENT STEPS WOULD HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW, WELL BEFORE WE HIT
19 THIS THRESHOLD. OUR PROBLEM IS WE, AS YOU NOTED, JUMPED FROM
20 2,000 CASES TO 3,000 CASES, THEN TO 4,000 CASES, AND NOW WE
21 ARE AT 4500 CASES IN ABOUT TWO AND A HALF WEEKS, SOMETHING
22 THAT, REALLY, NONE OF US HAD ANTICIPATED, GIVEN HOW WELL WE
23 HAVE DONE AS A COUNTY WITH MESSAGING UP TILL NOW.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AND I HEAR YOU, BUT I THINK THE FRUSTRATION IS, OF
2 COURSE, JUST EVEN FOLLOWING UP WITH WHAT DR. DAVIS SAID, WE
3 JUST CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN WHERE PEOPLE ARE GETTING INFECTED,
4 HOW THEY ARE INFECTING OTHERS. WE DO KNOW THAT IT IS OBVIOUSLY
5 RISKY TO BE IN AN ACTIVITY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR MASK ON.
6 BUT, AGAIN, THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS, THE INVESTMENT THAT THESE
7 RESTAURANTS HAVE PUT, IT JUST IS WHY THEY ARE JUST REALLY
8 ANGRY, AND DON'T FEEL LIKE WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS THAT
9 ACTUALLY ARE REDUCING CASES. LET ME JUST ASK YOU, I ALSO GET A
10 LOT OF PUSHBACK FROM PEOPLE WHO SAID, "WHY ARE YOU FOCUSING ON
11 CASE COUNT, WHEN EVERYTHING WE DO, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY TALKING
12 ABOUT OVERWHELMING OUR HOSPITALS?" I REMEMBER WHEN THE "MERCY"
13 PULLED INTO THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES BACK IN MAY, AND IT WAS
14 ALL ABOUT BECAUSE WE WERE WORRIED THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE
15 HOSPITALIZATION. AS DR. GHALY SAID, IT'S NOT JUST THE BEDS,
16 IT'S THE STAFF. WOULD IT BE MORE CONCRETE AND EASIER FOR THE
17 PUBLIC TO ABSORB IF WE BASED OUR DECISIONS ON HOSPITALIZATIONS
18 AND NOT CASE COUNTS?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH. AND I AGREE THAT IT
21 SEEMS A LITTLE BIT COUNTERINTUITIVE TO TALK ABOUT CASES, WHEN
22 WHAT WE'RE REALLY ALL WORRIED ABOUT IS OVERWHELMING THE
23 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. THE ISSUE IS THAT CASES ARE THE EARLIER
24 PREDICTOR OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN OUR HOSPITAL CARE
25 SYSTEM. AND I THINK DR. GHALY SPOKE TO THIS, AS WELL. YOU

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1 DON'T REALLY WANT TO WAIT UNTIL YOUR CASE NUMBERS IN THE
2 HOSPITALS ARE REALLY HIGH, BECAUSE THOSE NUMBERS THAT YOU ARE
3 SEEING IN THE HOSPITAL REFLECT PEOPLE WHO WERE INFECTED A
4 COUPLE OF WEEKS EARLIER. SO, AS I SAID, WE HAVE SEEN THIS
5 RAPID ACCELERATION THIS PAST WEEK AND A HALF WITH HOSPITALS,
6 AND THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT ARE THERE WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19,
7 AND IT IS NOT ATTRIBUTED TO THE 4500 CASES WE ARE SEEING
8 TODAY. IT IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE 2300 CASES WE SAW TWO WEEKS
9 AGO.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. AND WE KNOW THAT, SO IT WOULD BE
12 INTERESTING, AT SOME POINT, TO MODEL IT BACKWARDS AND, YOU
13 KNOW, AIM MORE FROM WHAT WE KNOW HOSPITALIZATIONS MEAN, IN
14 TERMS OF CASES, AND JUST WORK BACKWARDS. BUT I GET THAT. IT
15 JUST SEEMS LIKE I GET SO MUCH PUSHBACK FROM PEOPLE, LIKE, "WHY
16 ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT CASES, WHEN IT IS REALLY
17 HOSPITALIZATIONS?" SO, LAST WEEK, YOU ANNOUNCED THAT WHEN WE
18 HIT THE AVERAGE OF 4500 CASES PER DAY, IT WOULD TRIGGER A
19 SAFER AT HOME ORDER. AND LAST WEEK, THAT WOULD MEAN ONLY
20 ALLOWING NONESSENTIAL WORKERS TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES FOR
21 ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES. BUT AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR PRESENTATION
22 ON THIS NEW AND IMPROVED SAFER AT HOME ORDER, YOU HAVE
23 DRAMATICALLY REDUCED THE SEVERITY OF THAT INITIAL PROPOSAL
24 THAT YOU MADE TO US LAST WEEK. NONESSENTIAL BUSINESSES WOULD
25 BE VERY MUCH OPEN. GYMS WILL BE OPEN OUTDOORS. ZOOS WILL BE

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1 OPEN, HAIR SALONS. MANY GOLF AND GO-KARTS WILL BE OPEN WITH
2 REDUCED CAPACITY. YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOME RATIONALE FOR REALLY
3 CHANGING WHAT YOU PROPOSED TO US LAST WEEK, ABOUT ONLY
4 ALLOWING NONESSENTIAL WORKERS TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, AND JUST
5 TALKING ABOUT REDUCING CAPACITY AT MANY OF THESE BUSINESSES. I
6 AM PROPOSING THAT WE SHOULD USE SORT OF THAT SAME RATIONALE TO
7 ALLOW RESTAURANTS TO CONTINUE OUTDOOR DINING AT 50-PERCENT
8 CAPACITY, AND REALLY FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON SHUTTING DOWN THOSE
9 THAT ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES OR ARE THE SITE OF TRACEABLE
10 OUTBREAKS. AND I'M GOING TO CLOSE, MADAM CHAIR, BY SAYING, IF
11 WE HAD FEDERAL DOLLARS TO PAY ALL OF OUR WORKERS TO STAY HOME
12 AND CLOSE THEIR RESTAURANTS, THAT WOULD BE ONE THING. I WISH
13 WE HAD MONEY TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO STAY HOME. I KNOW I HAVE THE
14 LUXURY OF WORKING FROM HOME. I GET A PAYCHECK EVERY TWO WEEKS,
15 COME RAIN OR COME SHINE. AND IT IS KILLING ME TO THINK THAT AT
16 THIS POINT, A FEW WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, WE ARE
17 CONSIDERING AN ORDER THAT WOULD CAUSE RESTAURANTS TO MAYBE
18 SHUT DOWN PERMANENTLY. WE KNOW THEY WILL LAY OFF EMPLOYEES IF
19 THEY ARE JUST ALLOWED TO DO CURBSIDE PICKUP AND DELIVERY. AND
20 IT IS JUST SOMETHING I DON'T THINK THAT I REALLY WANT TO DO AT
21 THIS POINT. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HELP COMING. THERE'S A VACCINE
22 THAT'S ON ITS WAY, AND WE'RE PROBABLY NOT EVEN GOING TO SPEND
23 A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT THE STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
24 THE VACCINE. I DO KNOW THAT YOU'RE ALL WORKING REALLY HARD ON
25 THAT. BUT TO CLOSE RESTAURANTS DOWN AT THIS POINT WITHOUT

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1 MONEY TO PAY THESE WORKERS, TO PAY THESE RESTAURANTS, I THINK
2 WE ARE CAREENING DOWN ANOTHER ECONOMICALLY TRAGIC ROAD.
3 CLOSING, REOPENING, MODIFYING, REOPENING AGAIN, AND OUR CASES
4 ARE STILL GOING UP. SOMETHING IS NOT WORKING. AND WITHOUT
5 CLEAR DATA PROVING WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T, I WANT TO
6 TODAY LAND ON THE SIDE OF LETTING PEOPLE KEEP THEIR JOBS UNTIL
7 THIS VACCINE COMES OUR WAY. AND LASTLY, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT
8 THE SITUATION WE ARE FACING IS SERIOUS. AND I DON'T SUPPORT AN
9 OUTDOOR DINING CLOSURE, BUT I DO SUPPORT EVERYONE TAKING
10 PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DOING THEIR PART TO STOP THE
11 SPREAD. THAT MEANS NOT GATHERING WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND
12 FAMILY, ESPECIALLY INDOORS. PLEASE, CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY
13 GATHERING PLANS. I KNOW I DID. OUR WORKERS AND OUR BUSINESSES
14 ARE DEPENDING ON US TURNING THIS AROUND. AND IF THERE IS NOT
15 SUPPORT ON THE BOARD TODAY TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DINING, THEN I'M
16 GOING TO WORK TO EXPAND THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE REVITALIZATION
17 BUSINESS GRANT, WHICH HAS BEEN FOR BREWERIES, AND EXPAND THAT
18 TO INCLUDE RESTAURANTS. BUT I HOPE WE CAN HAVE SOME COMPASSION
19 AND SYMPATHY AND EMPATHY, A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE END OF THE
20 YEAR, TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DINING WITH STRICT
21 PROTOCOLS, CLOSING AT 10:00 AT NIGHT, AND REINFORCING THOSE
22 WHO ARE THE BAD ACTORS OUT THERE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** THIS IS DR. DAVIS. SO, WE NOTED THAT THE
25 SAFER AT HOME ORDER THAT WE WOULD BE PROPOSING THIS TIME WOULD

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1 BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, OR MODIFIED. WE HAVE LEARNED SOME
2 THINGS FROM THAT PREVIOUS TIME. THERE WERE CERTAIN THINGS THAT
3 WE DIDN'T HAVE IN PLACE, IN TERMS OF UNIVERSAL FACE COVERING.
4 AND SO WE CAN ALSO, EVEN IN THIS TIME, IF THAT DECISION IS TO
5 HAVE CLOSURE OF OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS, WE CAN ALL SUPPORT THEM
6 BY DOING WHAT WE WOULD NORMALLY DO, IN TERMS OF ORDERING OUT,
7 EVEN IF WE WERE GOING TO GO THERE. I THINK THAT WOULD BE
8 HELPFUL FOR THEM. AND IT MAY NOT REPLACE EVERYTHING.

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

11

12 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD POINT OUT--

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM JUST GOING TO SAY, ORDERING OUT IS ONE THING,
15 BUT THEY GET RID OF THEIR STAFF, THEIR WAITERS, THEIR
16 WAITRESSES, THEIR SERVERS, THEIR HOSTESSES. ALL THOSE PEOPLE
17 GET LAID OFF.

18

19 **DR. MUNTU DAVIS:** I UNDERSTAND, IT IS NOT THE SAME. AND I AM
20 NOT SAYING THAT, BUT I'M SAYING IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN
21 ALL DO TO SUPPORT OUR RESTAURANTS AT THAT TIME. AND HOPEFULLY,
22 YOU KNOW, THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN. AND AGAIN, I CAN'T
23 PREDICT WHAT THAT WOULD BE. BUT WHAT I CAN ALSO SAY IS, WHEN
24 WE TALK ABOUT RESTAURANTS WHERE THEY ARE NOT COMPLIANT, IT
25 DOESN'T NECESSARILY CHANGE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE TABLE,

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1 WHERE THE RISK IS THE HIGHEST, WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT WEARING A
2 FACE COVERING BECAUSE THEY ARE EATING AND DRINKING. AND THAT'S
3 REALLY WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT AS A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
4 THINKING ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF DISEASE TRANSMISSION.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** WOW. YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO
9 APPRECIATE DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY, AND DR. DAVIS FOR GOING
10 THROUGH AND SHARING SO MUCH INFORMATION WITH US THUS FAR, AND
11 WHERE WE'VE COME, AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE ARE HAVING THIS IN A
12 PUBLIC FORUM. BUT I DO HAVE TO SAY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IN
13 THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS, SO MUCH HAS DRAMATICALLY CHANGED. I,
14 LIKE MANY OF YOU ON THE BOARD, COULD NEVER EVEN HAVE IMAGINED
15 THAT WE WOULD HIT OVER 16,000 CASES OF C.O.V.I.D., AND THAT
16 HOSPITALIZATION RATES WOULD GO UP. AND I JUST CAME FROM THE
17 HOSPITAL OVER THE WEEKEND. MY MOTHER HAD AN ISSUE THERE. BUT
18 WHILE I WAS THERE AT ONE OF THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS, I'VE NEVER
19 IN MY LIFE SEEN THE CORRIDORS IN THE E.R. ROOM COMPLETELY
20 FULL. THERE WERE NO ROOMS AVAILABLE TO TREAT C.O.V.I.D.
21 PATIENTS. THAT, TO ME, WAS VERY STARTLING. AND WHILE WE CARE
22 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, IN OUR PUBLIC
23 HOSPITALS, I AM FEELING ALSO FOR THE PRIVATE-SECTOR HOSPITALS
24 AND FOLKS THAT ARE REALLY BEING EXPOSED TO C.O.V.I.D.-- THE
25 WORKFORCE THERE. THE FACT THAT I SAW FEWER STAFF ON HAND, THAT

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1 ALSO DISTURBED ME. AND I KNOW IT'S HAPPENING. WE JUST HEARD
2 IT. DR. GHALY REPORTED TO US, AS WELL, THAT ONE OF THE, I
3 THINK, INDICATORS HERE FOR US TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE
4 FACT THAT STAFF ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED, AND MANY HAVE
5 ALREADY. THEY'RE WORKING OVERTIME, 24 HOURS, MAYBE FIVE, SEVEN
6 DAYS A WEEK. DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES, OR WHEN THEY DO,
7 THERE CAN ALSO BE CONSEQUENCES, BECAUSE THEY CAN SPREAD THE
8 C.O.V.I.D., AS WELL. SO ALL THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN RUNNING
9 THROUGH MY MIND THIS LAST WEEKEND. BUT THERE IS THE REALITY
10 THAT THESE CASES HAVE GONE UP, AND WE DID SPEAK ABOUT THIS IN
11 OUR SESSION LAST WEEK, ABOUT WHAT THOSE TRIGGERS WOULD BE. I
12 AM HAPPY THAT WE ARE NOT COMPLETELY SHUTTING DOWN EVERYTHING,
13 BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S BEEN THE NEWS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS. IT
14 SOUNDS AS THOUGH WE'RE CRIPPLING OUR ENTIRE ECONOMY, AND I
15 DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE, BECAUSE, AS WE JUST HEARD FROM
16 OUR HEALTH DIRECTOR, BARBARA FERRER, AND DR. DAVIS, WE STILL
17 HAVE OPERATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON: RETAIL, SMALL BUSINESSES.
18 PEOPLE CAN GO OUT TO PARKS. THERE'S STILL ACTIVITY OCCURRING.
19 AND NONESSENTIAL SERVICES, YEAH, PEOPLE NEED TO THINK ABOUT
20 THAT. BUT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE,
21 FAMILY MEMBERS, THAT HAVE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING OUT WORKING IN
22 THE GROCERY STORES, WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION, PROVIDING CARE IN
23 CHILDCARE FACILITIES THAT ARE STILL MEETING THE NEEDS, AND
24 MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE NOW STAFFING OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
25 CLINICS THAT STILL, IN ADDITION, HAVE TO HELP THEIR PATIENTS.

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1 I, LIKE ANYONE ELSE, AM GOING THROUGH C.O.V.I.D. FATIGUE, BUT
2 I HOPE THAT WE DO GET TO SEE SOME END IN SIGHT. AND I THINK
3 THAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE WE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY
4 UNDERSTAND WHERE THE VACCINES COME INTO PLAY. NOW WE HAVE
5 POSSIBLY THREE, MAYBE FOUR, THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING ONLINE
6 AND AVAILABLE BY MID-DECEMBER. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IMPACTING
7 OUR ECONOMY, AT LEAST WITH RESPECT TO RESTAURANTS, FOR A
8 MATTER OF THREE WEEKS. WE WILL THEN, I HOPE, BE ABLE TO COME
9 BACK AND SAY, DID WE ALL DO THE RIGHT THING? DID PEOPLE TAKE
10 THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, WEAR THEIR MASK, TRY TO STAY AT HOME OR
11 AWAY FROM INTERMINGLING WITH OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF
12 YOUR HOUSEHOLD? THOSE ARE GOING TO BE THE REAL TRAITS THAT I'M
13 GOING TO BE LOOKING AT TO SEE HOW WELL THE PUBLIC HAS
14 CONFORMED TO THE MESSAGING THAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO PUT OUT
15 THERE. I HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT WE DO, IT'S ABOUT
16 SAVING LIVES. WELL, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING: THAT WE SHOULD BE
17 WORKING TOWARDS STAYING ALIVE. BECAUSE, YES, WE HAVE LOST TOO
18 MANY PEOPLE IN OUR FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, AND
19 NOT ALL OF THEM ARE OVER 65 OR HAD UNDERLYING CONDITIONS. THIS
20 IS A DIFFERENT DISEASE, VIRUS, THAT WE HAVE NEVER, EVER
21 CONFRONTED BEFORE. AND WHAT IS TROUBLING TO ME IS THAT WE
22 DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN'T SEE. SO WE HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS
23 BASED ON SCIENCE, DATA, AND WHAT THOSE OUTCOMES HAVE BEEN. AND
24 I DO THINK THAT IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS, OUR COUNTY AND OUR
25 BOARD HERE HAVE DONE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS TO HELP PREVENT THE

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1 EXPANSION OF NUMBERS. I THINK WE DID A LOT BETTER THAN OTHER
2 COUNTIES AND OTHER STATES. AND YES, WE DID SEE AN UPTICK IN
3 THE PAST FEW, WHAT? COUPLE OF WEEKS? BECAUSE THERE WERE
4 OUTSIDE CELEBRATIONS AROUND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, ELECTIONS, AND
5 ALL OF THAT. BUT NOW WE KNOW WE'VE LEARNED FROM IT, AND NOW
6 OUR MESSAGE HAS TO BE: CONFORM. LISTEN TO THE HEALTH ORDERS.
7 TAKE RESPONSIBILITIES. AND I SAY THAT NOT LIGHTLY, BUT BECAUSE
8 I AM CONCERNED IN MY OWN DISTRICT. IN MY FIRST DISTRICT THAT I
9 REPRESENT, WE HAVE OVER 96,000 CASES OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE
10 CONTRACTED C.O.V.I.D., AND MANY, MANY THAT HAVE LOST THEIR
11 LIVES. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE DO MATTERS, IN TERMS OF
12 OUR LEADERSHIP AROUND THE COUNTY AND AROUND THE STATE. AND I'M
13 HAPPY THAT JUST AN HOUR AGO, I RECEIVED A TEXT MESSAGE FROM
14 ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORING MAYORS, WHO ALSO HAS A HEALTH
15 DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP FROM US. IN
16 FACT, MAYOR GARCIA TEXTED ME AND SAID, "I HOPE YOU DO THE
17 RIGHT THING, HILDA." AND I LOOK AND I THINK ABOUT WHAT HE HAS
18 JUST PERSONALLY GONE THROUGH: LOST HIS PARENTS TO C.O.V.I.D.
19 ONE WAS A HEALTHCARE WORKER, THE OTHER ONE WAS RETIRED. BUT
20 THAT'S HOW EASILY THIS CAN SPREAD. AND I ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE
21 THESE ARE OUR FRIENDS, AS WELL, AND PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW. WE
22 HAVE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS THAT LIVE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE
23 COUNTY. I AM VERY HURT THAT, IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE UPWARDS
24 OF CASES IN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF INDUSTRY, THAT IS NOT
25 HOME TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT THERE ARE 11,442 CASES. AND GUESS

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1 WHAT? IT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE GO IN AND WORK THERE. AND THEN THEY
2 LEAVE. IT'S AMAZING WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND IT'S HARD TO
3 EXPLAIN. BUT ONCE YOU SEE THE NUMBERS AND THE FIGURES, IT
4 REALLY CAUSES ME TO THINK THAT I NEED TO DO WHATEVER I CAN DO
5 TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD. AND SO PERHAPS WE WILL HAVE THIS
6 DISCUSSION, BUT AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I AGREE WITH WHAT OUR
7 HEALTHCARE OFFICERS AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES, DR. GHALY, DR.
8 FERRER, AND DR. DAVIS, ARE SAYING TO US: TO BE CAREFUL.
9 BECAUSE WE WILL SEE THE TRUE IMPACT, IN TERMS OF
10 HOSPITALIZATIONS. MAYBE NOT AT THIS MINUTE, BUT FOR SURE IN
11 THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS. AND THAT IS STILL CLEARLY BEFORE
12 CHRISTMAS, BEFORE THE ACTUAL HOLIDAY, THE NEXT HOLIDAY.
13 HOPEFULLY, PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND AND TAKE HEED AND TAKE
14 NOTICE AND DO THE RIGHT THING, I HOPE. YOU CAN'T LEGISLATE
15 THAT, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY MESSAGE IT, AND I HOPE THAT THAT'S
16 WHERE WE GO. FOR DR. FERRER, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU, YOU KNOW,
17 WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.
18 SO TELL ME: IF, IN FACT, WE DO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH OUR HEALTH
19 ORDERS HERE, WHAT COULD WE EXPECT, BASED ON DATA AND WHAT YOU
20 UNDERSTAND?

21

22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WHAT
23 WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO IS BE A LITTLE BIT PATIENT, BECAUSE
24 THE ACTIONS WE TAKE TODAY WILL SHOW UP IN CASE NUMBERS TWO
25 WEEKS FROM NOW. AND THE SAME THING: THE CASE NUMBERS WE'RE

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1 SEEING TODAY ARE REALLY BASED ON ACTIONS PEOPLE TOOK TWO WEEKS
2 AGO, BECAUSE IT'S A 14-DAY INCUBATION PERIOD. I MEAN, ONE OF
3 THE HARDEST REALITIES WITH THIS VIRUS IS THIS VERY LONG
4 INCUBATION PERIOD, WHICH JUST MAKES IT REALLY, REALLY HARD,
5 AND WE'RE ASKING PEOPLE TO QUARANTINE. WE'RE TRYING TO DO OUR
6 CONTACT TRACING. YOU'RE ASKING PEOPLE TO LOOK AT WHAT THEY DID
7 THE LAST 14 DAYS. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU JUST GET TO GO BACK AND
8 SAY, "WHERE WAS I YESTERDAY, OR THE DAY BEFORE?" YOU ACTUALLY
9 HAVE TO GO BACK 14 DAYS AT A TIME. AND OVER 14 DAYS, MOST OF
10 US HAVE DONE MANY, MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. BUT IF WE
11 IMPLEMENT SOME NEW DIRECTIONS AND SOME NEW SAFETY MEASURES,
12 YOU KNOW, THIS WEEK, MY HOPE WOULD BE, TWO WEEKS FROM NOW,
13 THREE WEEKS FROM NOW, WE WOULD START SEEING A LEVELING, AND
14 THEN A DECREASING IN OUR CASE NUMBERS. AGAIN, YOU KNOW, I
15 REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL THE RESIDENTS AND ALL THE BUSINESSES
16 HERE, BECAUSE, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN NOTED, WE ARE NOT JUST
17 SENDING EVERY SINGLE PERSON BACK HOME. WE ARE, IN FACT, TRYING
18 TO MAKE SURE THAT WHENEVER YOU'RE OUT AND YOU'RE NOT WITH
19 PEOPLE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD, YOU'RE ALWAYS AT AN ACTIVITY WHERE
20 YOU CAN WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING AND KEEP IT ON THE ENTIRE
21 TIME. AND THEN WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO REDUCE CROWDED SITUATIONS,
22 AND HAVING PEOPLE STAY WITH JUST PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOUSEHOLD.
23 BUT I DO THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT WILL TAKE US
24 A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. THE PROBLEM IS WE CAN'T REALLY KEEP
25 WAITING TO TAKE ACTION, BECAUSE AS YOU'VE SEEN, OUR CASES JUST

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1 CONTINUE TO BE VERY HIGH EVERY DAY. IT'S NOT LIKE WITHOUT
2 TAKING SOME ADDITIONAL STEPS WE'RE LIKELY TO SEE OURSELVES
3 BACK TO A MORE REASONABLE CASE NUMBER. YOU KNOW, IT IS A
4 SURGE, AND IT'S A SURGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND I REALLY
5 APPRECIATED WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS, ALSO, SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS. YOU KNOW, WE HAD, I THINK, AT L.A.X., 1 MILLION
7 TRAVELERS GO THROUGH L.A.X. YESTERDAY. IF YOU'RE A PUBLIC
8 HEALTH PERSON, YOU JUST START CRYING WHEN YOU HEAR THOSE
9 NUMBERS. IF WE DON'T HAVE A BIG ENOUGH PROBLEM NOW, WE'RE
10 LIKELY TO HAVE A BIG PROBLEM BECAUSE OF ALL THE IN-TRAFFIC. SO
11 WE'RE REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, BE UNITED
12 IN OUR MESSAGING, YOU KNOW, THAT THIS IS THE TIME FOR EVERY
13 SINGLE PERSON TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND, I THINK, ACTIONS THAT
14 ARE, AS YOU'VE ALL NOTED, GOING TO CREATE THE NEED FOR US TO
15 DO SOME ADDITIONAL SACRIFICING.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT
18 I DON'T WANT TO APPEAR AS THOUGH I'M INDIFFERENT TO OUR
19 RESTAURANTS AND OUR BREWERIES AND ALL THAT, BECAUSE MANY OF
20 THEM HAVE REALLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE IN SO MANY WAYS, AND
21 I THANK THEM FOR THAT. BUT I DO KNOW THAT WHATEVER WE CAN DO
22 TO TRY TO HELP MITIGATE IN ANY WAY, WHETHER IT'S THROUGH A
23 REMAINDER OF C.A.R.E.S. ACT MONEY THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE
24 IMMEDIATELY, I'M WILLING TO DO THAT AND STEP UP TODAY TO SEE

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1 THAT WE DO THAT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AGREE WITH A
7 GREAT DEAL OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, ESPECIALLY BY SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS. I WANT TO THANK DR. FERRER, DR. DAVIS, DR. GHALY, AND
9 ALL OF THEIR STAFFS, WHO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAD THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH MANY OF THEM, BUT THEY'RE EXHAUSTED.
11 AND THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK SINCE, REALLY,
12 SINCE MARCH. I THINK THAT THE NEW RECOMMENDED ORDERS HAVE MUCH
13 TO RECOMMEND THEM TO US, MOST OF WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE
14 ATTEMPT TO KEEP ALL OF OUR BUSINESSES OPEN AND WORKING IN THE
15 SAFEST POSSIBLE WAY, RATHER THAN SAYING, "YOU MUST CLOSE YOUR
16 BUSINESS ENTIRELY." AND I THINK THAT THAT IS A RECOGNITION
17 THAT THERE ARE SAFETY MEASURES THAT CAN BE TAKEN THAT ARE MOST
18 PROTECTIVE. IT WAS ALWAYS INTERESTING TO ME THAT THE ONE
19 BUSINESS OUT OF ALL OF THE THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF
20 BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT WAS ALLOWED TO OPERATE
21 WHERE THE CUSTOMERS DID NOT HAVE TO WEAR A MASK WERE
22 RESTAURANTS. AND IT MADE SENSE, OF COURSE. YOU CAN'T EAT WITH
23 YOUR MASK ON. BUT WE SAID, "OH, WELL, WE CAN'T ACTUALLY DO
24 WHAT WE THINK IS THE SAFEST THING, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO EAT, SO
25 WE'LL SIMPLY SAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR A MASK." AND THEN

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1 THERE'S THE ISSUE OF THE 6-FOOT DISTANCE. IT'S A BIT OF
2 MAGICAL THINKING ON EVERYONE'S PART TO THINK THAT, AT ANY
3 RESTAURANT ANYWHERE, THE SERVER KEEPS A 6-FOOT DISTANCE FROM
4 THE TABLE WHERE HE OR SHE IS TAKING AN ORDER, OR DELIVERING
5 THE BREAD, OR CLEARING THE DISHES, OR BRINGING THE FOOD. THEY
6 DO NOT. SO WE'RE SITTING THERE WITH NO MASKS ON, WHICH, AS WE
7 RECALL, MASKS ARE WORN PRIMARILY, THOUGH NOT SOLELY, TO
8 PROTECT THE OTHER PERSON. SO THE SERVERS ARE NOT PROTECTED
9 FROM US, AND THEY'RE NOT PROTECTED FROM THEIR OTHER SIX TABLES
10 THAT THEY'RE SERVING AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME, PLUS ALL OF THE
11 HOURS IN WHICH THEY'RE WORKING. SO IT IS A MOST DANGEROUS
12 SITUATION FOR THEM. AND THOUGH MANY OF US HAVE HEARD A
13 CACOPHONY FROM RESTAURANT OWNERS, I GOT E-MAILS YESTERDAY FROM
14 CONSULTANTS THAT WORK WITH WORKER GROUPS, INDICATING THAT THEY
15 WERE PLEASED, THOUGH WORRIED ABOUT THEIR REVENUE, THAT THEY
16 WOULD BE MORE PROTECTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE ALWAYS WORRIED
17 ABOUT APPROACHING A TABLE WITH PEOPLE WITHOUT MASKS. AND I
18 DON'T KNOW HOW MANY RESTAURANTS YOU'VE BEEN INTO WHERE 6 OR 8
19 PEOPLE ARE TALKING AT THE TOP OF THEIR LUNGS, BUT AS WE KNOW,
20 THAT ALSO MEANS THAT THEY CAN IMPACT PEOPLE MORE THAN 6 FEET
21 AWAY. SO I THINK IT'S SAD, BUT I SUPPORT THIS. AND THE REASON
22 I THINK IT'S SAD IS BECAUSE THE ENTIRE SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN
23 ACROSS THE WORLD AT THE MOMENT, UNPRECEDENTED IN MY LONG
24 LIFETIME, IS SAD. PEOPLE ARE HAVING TO LOSE THEIR JOBS. THEY
25 ARE LOSING SO MUCH. AND WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN-- AND I

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1 THINK DONE WELL IN L.A. COUNTY-- TO TRY TO PROTECT BUSINESS
2 OWNERS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY ALLOWING LIMITED OPENINGS. IN AN
3 OUTDOOR GYM, FOR INSTANCE, YOU ARE 6 FEET APART AND YOU ARE
4 WEARING A MASK. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S PERFECTLY SAFE,
5 BUT AT LEAST THEY'RE ADHERING TO WHAT THE BEST SCIENCE IS
6 ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT AS MUCH. SO I SADLY BUT STRONGLY SUPPORT
7 OUR MOVING OUR RESTAURANTS BACK TO TAKEOUT AND DELIVERY. MANY
8 OF THEM ADJUSTED IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS PANDEMIC TO
9 PROVIDING SERVICES THAT WAY. I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT WITH
10 31,000 RESTAURANTS IN THE COUNTY, IF ONLY 40 PEOPLE EACH DAY,
11 THROUGHOUT THE DAY-- BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER AT THOSE--
12 THAT'S OVER A MILLION AND A QUARTER PEOPLE THAT OUR WORKERS
13 ARE EXPOSED TO. AND FINALLY, I WANT TO AGREE WITH WHAT
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, AND TAKE IT A LITTLE FURTHER. MANY,
15 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVERS AND HOSPITALITY WORKERS IN
16 MY CITIES AT THE WESTERN END OF THE COUNTY DO NOT LIVE IN THE
17 WESTERN END OF THE COUNTY. THEY ARE TRAVELING THERE TO WORK.
18 MANY OF THEM LIVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND THE FIRST
19 DISTRICT HAS SUFFERED MORE INFECTIONS THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICT.
20 THE SECOND DISTRICT HAS SUFFERED THE SECOND NUMBER, AND THE
21 THIRD, THE THIRD. HOWEVER, THE GROWTH IN CASES, INTERESTINGLY,
22 HAS BEEN PRIMARILY IN THE THIRD, THE FIRST, AND NOW THE FIFTH.
23 AND THESE ARE NOT IN OUR RICH AREAS, BUT IN OUR POOR AREAS. SO
24 I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH OUR WORKERS
25 HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO SO MANY PEOPLE. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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1 FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE PUTTING IN. I HOPE THAT YOU
2 YOURSELVES WILL KEEP UP YOUR HEART. I WENT TO THE STORE AND
3 BOUGHT A THANKSGIVING TABLECLOTH AND TWO PITIFUL NAPKINS,
4 BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING FOR THANKSGIVING, THOUGH WE'RE
5 HAVING FAMILY ZOOMS WHILE WE COOK. SO I HOPE EVERYONE WILL
6 TAKE THIS TO HEART, AND I THANK OUR DOCTORS VERY, VERY MUCH
7 FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'RE PUTTING IN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, WOW, WHERE DO I BEGIN? I
10 FIRST WANT TO THANK DR. GHALY AND DR. FERRER FOR BEING HERE,
11 AND FOR YOUR SERVICE IN RESPONDING TO THIS CRISIS. BUT I ALSO
12 WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, FOR THE INCREASE IN TESTING THAT
13 HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT I'M OPPOSED TO
14 THE CLOSURE OF OUTDOOR DINING AT RESTAURANTS. AND AFTER
15 HEARING DR. DAVIS SAY THAT THE EVIDENCE BEING USED IN THE
16 C.D.C. STUDY-- AND IT'S THE BEST INFO WE HAVE AFTER SEVEN
17 MONTHS, WE HAVE NOT BEEN TRACKING THAT INFO-- ACTUALLY
18 REAFFIRMS HOW UPSET I AM ABOUT THE FACT THAT I FEEL THIS IS
19 ARBITRARY AND PUNITIVE TOWARD OUTDOOR DINING AT RESTAURANTS.
20 WHILE THIS BOARD DID DECIDE ON THRESHOLDS OF POSITIVE CASES TO
21 TAKE THIS ACTION, WE SAW AN UNPRECEDENTED RISE IN TESTING AS
22 RESIDENTS PREPARED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS, WHICH LED TO
23 HIGH CASE COUNTS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE EVEN SEEN OUR POSITIVITY
24 RATE DROP OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS. RIGHT NOW, OUR POSITIVITY
25 RATE IS THE SAME AS WHEN WE BEGAN TO OPEN SAFER AT HOME. I'M

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1 BEING TOLD 7 PERCENT. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE IS NO SUFFICIENT
2 DATA TO SHOW THAT OUTDOOR DINING HAS LED TO SIGNIFICANT
3 TRANSMISSION. GOING INTO THE MARKET TO BUY A TABLECLOTH AND
4 NAPKINS IS PUTTING YOU AT RISK OF BEING EXPOSED TO THE
5 CORONAVIRUS. WHEN I GO TO MY MARKET, I'M PUTTING MYSELF IN A
6 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE POSSIBILITY. THAT'S WHY WE ENCOURAGE
7 WEARING MASKS, AND WHY THE MARKETS ARE PUTTING THINGS DOWN
8 THAT SHOW YOU NEED TO STAND 6 FEET APART. I AM CONCERNED THAT
9 THIS COUNTY IS TAKING THE APPROACH OF, "EVERYTHING SHOULD BE
10 CLOSED UNLESS WE HAVE A GOOD REASON TO OPEN IT"; WHILE OUR
11 APPROACH SHOULD BE, "WILL WE CLOSE SECTORS WHEN THEY PROVE TO
12 CARRY TOO MUCH RISK?" OUTDOOR DINING HAS NOT HIT THAT
13 THRESHOLD FOR CLOSURE, AND NO OTHER COUNTY HAS TAKEN THE STEP
14 TO CLOSE OUTDOOR DINING. AND WHILE MAYOR GARCIA, WHO I HAVE
15 THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR, WANTS SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO STAND
16 STRONG, THE CITY OF PASADENA IS GOING TO NOT ALIGN THEMSELVES
17 WITH THE COUNTY. IN FACT, THEY ARE ALIGNING THEMSELVES WITH
18 THE STATE, MOVING FORWARD, BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THIS IS NOT
19 BEST PRACTICES. BUT WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO IS CLOSELY
20 MONITOR AND REGULATE THE RESTAURANTS IN PASADENA TO ENSURE
21 THAT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE. FATIGUE, NO DOUBT, HAS SET IN
22 ACROSS THE COUNTY AND LED TO INCREASES EVERYWHERE. CLOSING ONE
23 OF THE FEW PLACES WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN GO OUTDOORS WILL
24 LIKELY LEAD TO MORE INDOOR PRIVATE GATHERINGS THAT WE
25 ATTRIBUTE MOST OF THE SPREAD TO. NEED I REMIND MY COLLEAGUES

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1 COUNTLESS TIMES, DODGER VICTORY, THE LAKERS, THE RECENT
2 ELECTIONS? PEOPLE WERE OUTSIDE IN LARGE GATHERINGS,
3 CELEBRATING, EVEN AFTER WE REMINDED THEM TO NOT DO THAT. AND
4 TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S POINT, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: PEOPLE
5 HAVE TO STEP UP AND RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE PERSONAL
6 RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL. TODAY'S L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL
7 REFERENCED THIS CONCERN, WRITING, "IF SHUTTING DOWN OUTDOOR
8 DINING SIMPLY MOVES SMALL GATHERINGS FROM A RESTAURANT PATIO
9 THAT IS FOLLOWING STRICT INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES TO A
10 DINING ROOM IN A PRIVATE HOME, IT COULD ACTUALLY INCREASE THE
11 SPREAD." BUT YET, WE'VE BEEN SILENT ON THAT. SOMETIMES ACTIONS
12 DO HAVE CONSEQUENCES. I'D HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL FOLLOW THE
13 DATA, AND SEE THAT, WHILE IT IS A CONCERN THAT CASES ARE
14 INCREASING, IT CANNOT BE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO OUTDOOR
15 DINING. AND THERE IS NO DATA PROVEN THAT THE POSITIVITY RATE
16 WILL GO DOWN BY CLOSING IT. I REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THE
17 PROPOSED MEASURES ARE ARBITRARY AND WILL PUNISH A SECTOR THAT
18 HAS UNFAIRLY SHOULDERED A HEAVY BURDEN FROM SHUTDOWN ORDERS.
19 THESE ORDERS ARE ALSO COMING DOWN THE DAY BEFORE A MAJOR
20 HOLIDAY, WHEN MANY RESTAURANTS HAVE PURCHASED SUPPLIES AND
21 FOOD TO PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING ORDERS. THIS IS ON TOP OF
22 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT THESE DINING ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE
23 SPENT TO CREATE WELCOMING OUTDOOR SEATING AND TENTING,
24 INCLUDING HEAT LAMPS AND OTHER FIXTURES. IT WILL ALSO
25 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT THE RESIDENTS WHO EARN 50,000 A YEAR

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1 OR LESS, CREATING SOCIOECONOMIC DIVIDES THROUGHOUT THE REGION,
2 AND THAT IS SOMETHING THE L.A.D.C. HAS HIGHLIGHTED TIME AND
3 TIME AGAIN. THIS GOES BEYOND JUST ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE
4 COUNTY, AND SPEAKS TO THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THAT THIS WILL
5 HAVE ON SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE
6 HAVE CONSTANTLY SAID THAT WE WANT TO WAIT THREE WEEKS TO SEE
7 THE IMPACT ON ACTIONS TAKEN. I PROPOSE THAT WE WAIT TWO WEEKS
8 TO SEE THE IMPACT FROM THE RESTRICTIONS WE PUT IN PLACE LAST
9 WEEK BEFORE TAKING ADDITIONAL RASH MEASURES WITHOUT ANY DATA
10 TO SUPPORT THEM. FOR THE TIME BEING, WE SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE
11 STATE'S RESTRICTIONS, WHICH KEEP US AS ONE OF THE ONLY AREAS
12 IN THE COUNTY WITH SCHOOLS, INDOOR DINING, AND MANY OTHER
13 AREAS CLOSED. THESE ARE INCREASINGLY AND INCREDIBLY STRICT
14 REGULATIONS. I WANT TO REITERATE, GIVEN OUR STRICT LEVEL OF
15 SHUTDOWN, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE INCREASE IS NOT DUE TO ANY
16 SECTORS BEING SAFELY REOPENED, AND THE SPREAD CANNOT BE SLOWED
17 BY CLOSING THESE MINIMALLY OPEN INDUSTRIES. AND I WOULD SAY
18 THAT, YOU KNOW, WHILE I KNOW WE ARE ALL EXHAUSTED, AND MYSELF
19 INCLUDED, I GET PAID. IMAGINE THE EXHAUSTION OF THE PEOPLE
20 THAT ARE WAITING TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS BOARD IS GOING TO DO,
21 WHICH IN TURN COULD DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAVE A JOB, WHICH
22 MEANS, IN TURN, IF THEY DON'T HAVE A JOB, HOW ARE THEY GOING
23 TO PAY THEIR RENT AND PAY THEIR BILLS? THAT WEIGHS HEAVY ON
24 ME, AND I HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR FROM MY CONSTITUENTS. AND BY
25 THE WAY, NOT JUST IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT FROM OTHER CITIES

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1 IN OTHER DISTRICTS, WHO EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY, "WHAT
2 WOULD HAPPEN IF WE REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH
3 ORDERS? WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE, AS A CITY, SAID. 'WE WILL NOT
4 ALLOW THE COUNTY TO CLOSE THE RESTAURANTS'?" AND I SAID,
5 UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CAN GO IN AND TAKE THEIR HEALTH LICENSE,
6 WHICH WOULD BE THE KISS OF DEATH FOR ANY RESTAURANT. YOU DON'T
7 HAVE TO DINE OUT. AND WHAT I TELL PEOPLE IS, IF YOU ARE IN A
8 CATEGORY OF HIGH RISK, OR YOU HAVE PRE-EXISTING HEALTH
9 CONDITIONS, YOU SHOULD LIMIT GOING OUT AND INTERACTING IN THE
10 PUBLIC. GOING OUT TO A RESTAURANT AND SITTING OUTDOORS IS A
11 PERSONAL CHOICE. WE ALL HAVE CHOICES. AND WE HAVE GONE ABOVE
12 AND BEYOND IN THIS COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT EVEN THE EMPLOYEES
13 ARE PROTECTED, AS IT RELATES TO THIS PANDEMIC. WE HAVE BROUGHT
14 IN MOTIONS-- NOT ME, PERSONALLY. MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BROUGHT IN
15 MOTIONS THAT ARE ENSURING THAT THOSE THAT ARE WORKING, BOTH IN
16 RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, IN EVERY INDUSTRY, ARE PROTECTED AS IT
17 RELATES TO THIS PANDEMIC, EVEN INSOFAR AS AN ORDINANCE TODAY
18 THAT IS GOING TO PROTECT PEOPLE WHO REPORT THEIR BUSINESS. SO
19 I FEEL THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY IS TRULY GOING TO
20 DEVASTATE NOT ONLY THE WORKERS, BUT THEIR FAMILIES, AND I
21 CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE SUPPORT SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE
22 SUPPORTED BY DATA. AND THEN LET'S TALK ABOUT HOSPITALIZATIONS.
23 AND, DR. GHALY, I'D LIKE YOU TO CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT
24 I'M TOLD THAT, ACTUALLY, THE LENGTH OF STAY IN THE HOSPITAL
25 TODAY IS LESS THAN IT WAS SEVEN MONTHS AGO. CAN YOU TELL ME

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1 WHAT THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR A HOSPITALIZATION IS
2 TODAY?

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. HISTORICALLY, IN PRIOR
5 MONTHS, EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
6 WAS 8 TO 9 DAYS, ABOUT 8.5, AND CURRENTLY THE LENGTH OF STAY,
7 ON AVERAGE, IS RUNNING AT 7 DAYS, SO IT IS LOWER. AND THAT'S
8 THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN MY NEXT QUESTION, DR. GHALY, IS,
11 IN TERMS OF THE THERAPEUTICS, HAVE WE ADVANCED SINCE MARCH IN
12 TERMS OF HOW WE ARE TREATING THIS DISEASE?

13

14 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES. IN MARCH, THERE WERE LITERALLY NO
15 THERAPEUTICS THAT WERE KNOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING
16 C.O.V.I.D., AND NOW THERE ARE SEVERAL. I WOULD SAY THE DATA IS
17 VERY MIXED ON REMDESIVIR. THERE WAS RECENTLY A W.H.O.
18 STATEMENT THAT IT IS FAIRLY NOT USEFUL. HOWEVER,
19 DEXAMETHASONE, WHICH IS THE STEROID, HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE
20 EFFECTIVE IN TREATING PATIENTS WITH C.O.V.I.D. THERE'S A
21 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THAT WAS RECENTLY GRANTED U.A. APPROVAL BY
22 THE F.D.A., THAT HAS SHOWN PROMISE IN TREATING PATIENTS WITH
23 C.O.V.I.D. AND THERE'S OTHER POTENTIAL THERAPEUTICS THAT ARE
24 COMING ON SOON.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, WHAT
2 PERCENTAGE HAVE WE INCREASED TESTING THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY?

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** I CAN GET YOU A PRECISE NUMBER. BACK WHEN
5 WE LOOKED, IN THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC-- SAY, MAY, A
6 COUPLE MONTHS IN-- WHERE THERE HAD BEEN TESTING CAPACITY, BUT
7 IT WAS STILL QUITE LIMITED AND CONSTRAINED, BASED ON TOTAL
8 VOLUME, WE HAD THE CAPACITY COUNTYWIDE FOR ABOUT 150,000 OR
9 140,000 TESTS PER WEEK. AND RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A CAPACITY IN
10 THE COUNTY-- THIS CAPACITY IS FOR COMMUNITY TESTING SITES,
11 IT'S NOT TESTING AT OTHER LOCATIONS-- COMMUNITY TESTING
12 CAPACITY THAT IS ABOUT 275,000 TESTS PER WEEK. LAST WEEK
13 ALONE, THERE WERE 210,000 TESTS PERFORMED AT COMMUNITY TESTING
14 SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY-- THAT INCLUDES CITY, COUNTY, AND
15 STATE-OPERATED TESTING SITES-- WITH STILL 50,000 ADDITIONAL
16 SLOTS THAT WENT UNUSED. AND WE'RE NOW SEEING GREATER UPTAKE OF
17 THOSE UNUSED SLOTS. AND AS I'VE MENTIONED, WE'RE CONTINUING TO
18 ROLL OUT ADDITIONAL TESTING OPTIONS. BUT THAT'S, YOU KNOW, A
19 TRIPLING OF TESTING CAPACITY SINCE MAY. AND OBVIOUSLY, IT'S
20 MANYFOLD MORE THAN MARCH OR APRIL, WHEN TESTING SUPPLIES WERE
21 SEVERELY LIMITED.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF
24 POSITIVES GOING UP, IN A SENSE, THAT MEANS PEOPLE ARE GOING
25 AND GETTING TESTED AND ISOLATING THEMSELVES, IN ORDER NOT TO

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1 SPREAD THE DISEASE. BUT YET, OUR HOSPITALIZATION, BASED ON THE
2 NUMBER OF POSITIVES COMING IN, IF THEY WERE SEVERELY SICK, OUR
3 HOSPITALIZATIONS WOULD BE FAR HIGHER, I WOULD THINK. AND SO I
4 GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IS IT THE HOSPITALIZATION DOES NOT
5 MATCH THE NUMBER OF POSITIVES COMING IN THAT ARE SEVERELY ILL?
6 BECAUSE WHAT I'M TOLD IS, 80 PERCENT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT
7 ARE INFECTED WITH THIS VIRUS FULLY RECOVER AND DO NOT END UP
8 IN THE HOSPITAL. AND THE WAY IT ATTACKS PEOPLE IS DIFFERENT.
9 I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD
10 SEVERE ALLERGIES, AND THEN THERE ARE OTHERS WHO SAID IT WAS A
11 COLD WITH SOMEONE SITTING ON TOP OF THEIR CHEST, AND THEY
12 COULDN'T BREATHE. AND SO IT VARIES FROM INDIVIDUAL TO
13 INDIVIDUAL. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHY
14 THE NUMBERS GO UP, BUT YET HOSPITALIZATIONS STILL, WHILE GOING
15 UP-- AND I'VE TALKED TO SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATORS-- THEY ARE
16 NOT SEEING A SURGE THAT IS BEING REPORTED IN OTHER STATES,
17 BASED ON EVEN THE NUMBERS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, IN TERMS
18 OF POSITIVITY RATE.

19

20 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR, IT'S A GOOD QUESTION
21 AND, CERTAINLY, I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THE CLINICAL
22 COURSE IS INCREDIBLY VARIED. SOME PEOPLE REMAIN ASYMPTOMATIC
23 THEIR ENTIRE TIME, SOME PEOPLE HAVE VERY MILD SYMPTOMS, AND
24 SOME PEOPLE, SADLY, HAVE VERY EXTREME SYMPTOMS. EVEN SOME
25 PEOPLE WHO RECOVER WERE FINDING THAT THEY HAVE LONG-LASTING

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1 SYMPTOMS, SOMETHING THAT WE'RE JUST LEARNING MORE ABOUT. THE
2 THING THAT DOES SEEM TO BE RELATIVELY CONSTANT-- AND DR.
3 FERRER MAY WANT TO SPEAK TO THIS, AS WELL-- IS THAT THE
4 PERCENT OF PATIENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE, WHO REQUIRE
5 HOSPITALIZATION, HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE AT ABOUT 12
6 PERCENT. AND THAT NUMBER HAS NOT MOVED MUCH. AND THEN AMONG
7 THAT 12 PERCENT WHO REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION, IT'S TYPICALLY A
8 QUARTER OR A THIRD WHO REQUIRE I.C.U. CARE, AND THEN HALF OF
9 THOSE WHO REQUIRE A VENTILATOR. THOSE NUMBERS HAVEN'T MOVED
10 MUCH. AND WHEN WE'VE SEEN THE CASE COUNTS RISE, IT'S ALSO BEEN
11 IN THE SETTING OF A HIGHER TEST POSITIVITY RATE. SO AS WE
12 RAMPED UP TESTING OVER THE COURSE OF MAY AND JUNE AND JULY, WE
13 SAW THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE GO DOWN, WHICH IS A GOOD THING.
14 AND NOW, WITH THIS MOST RECENT SURGE, WE'VE SEEN THAT TEST
15 POSITIVITY RATE CREEP UP AGAIN, AT 6, 7 PERCENT. AND THAT'S
16 WHAT'S CONCERNING, AND THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAY LEAD
17 IN THE FUTURE TO MORE HOSPITALIZATIONS OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR
18 TWO.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I GUESS I'M PRETTY MUCH DONE
21 WITH MY QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE I
22 STAND ON THIS. AND, YOU KNOW, IT WAS SOMETHING THAT, WHEN WE
23 DISCUSSED THIS-- AND, YOU KNOW, UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS NOT DONE
24 IN PUBLIC, BUT OVER THE WEEKEND, WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE
25 THAT WE'D MET THAT THRESHOLD THAT TRIGGERED DOING WHAT WE'RE

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1 DISCUSSING TODAY, MY CONCERN WAS WE SHOULD NOT ANNOUNCE UNTIL
2 WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS IN PUBLIC, AND I'M GLAD
3 WE ARE. BUT I STILL REMAIN VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE FACT THAT
4 THE THOUGHT PROCESS BEHIND THIS ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE. AND I'M
5 NOT CONVINCED IT DOES, AND THEREFORE I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS
6 RECOMMENDATION. BUT I'M GOING TO ASK THIS BOARD, IN KNOWING
7 THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AND THAT THERE ARE ISSUES AS IT
8 RELATES TO VACCINES AND ALL, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I WOULD LIKE
9 TO BRING IN A MOTION. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS PRIORITIZED CONSULTING EXPERTS
11 REGARDING C.O.V.I.D.-19 TO ENSURE THE SAFEST AND MOST
12 EFFECTIVE RESPONSE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE BOARD
13 IMMEDIATELY CHARTERED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO LEAD
14 THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE, WHILE RELYING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 HEALTH SERVICES TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TESTING AND
16 CARE. IN MAY, THE BOARD CONVENED THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK
17 FORCE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE SEVERE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES
18 CREATED BY THIS PANDEMIC. AS THE COUNTY REACHES A CRITICAL
19 JUNCTION IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND ECONOMY OF OUR
20 RESIDENTS, AND ALSO PREPARING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A VACCINE,
21 WE MUST UTILIZE ALL RESOURCES AND EXPERTS TO BEST SERVE OUR
22 COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO SOME OF THE WORLD'S
23 LEADING RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE PUBLISHED
24 CRITICAL RESEARCH ON HOW TO RESPOND TO A CRISIS LIKE
25 C.O.V.I.D.-19. MANY HAVE BROUGHT CREATIVE, TARGETED CLOSURES

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1 AND SOLUTIONS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CASE RATES, TREATMENTS,
2 TESTING, AND THE COMING VACCINE. IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
3 OUR RESIDENTS THAT THESE EXPERTS ARE CONSULTED NOT ONLY BY OUR
4 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, BUT ALSO BY THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES, TO
8 IMMEDIATELY ENGAGE LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WITH THE TECHNICAL
9 EXPERTISE ON C.O.V.I.D.-19, CREATE A RELATED PREVENTION AND
10 RESPONSE TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TARGETED
11 C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESPONSE STRATEGIES, REOPENING PLANS. AND THEN I
12 ASK THAT MOTION BE CONSIDERED. AND THEN I ALSO ASK THAT THE
13 BOARD CONSIDER, IN RESPONSE TO THE OVERWHELMING PUBLIC
14 RESPONSES, AND SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS FROM
15 CLOSING OUTDOOR DINING AT RESTAURANTS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
17 RECONSIDER THE DECISION MADE LAST WEEK TO CLOSE OUTDOOR DINING
18 IF CASES HIT A SPECIFIC THRESHOLD. THEREFORE, SUPERVISOR HAHN
19 AND I REQUEST THAT THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 PUBLIC HEALTH, NUMBER ONE, MAINTAIN THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS
21 ON RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING OUTDOOR DINING AT 50-PERCENT
22 CAPACITY, AND CLOSED FOR TAKEOUT ONLY FROM 10 P.M. TO 6 A.M.,
23 AND TO RE-ENGAGE THE RESTAURANT SECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC
24 RESILIENCY TASK FORCE TO DISCUSS ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES THAT
25 COULD SIGNIFICANTLY LIMIT THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. SO I

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1 WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO CONSIDER BOTH MOTIONS. WITH THAT, ANY
2 COMMENTS?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** CHAIR, IF I MAY?

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. DID I INTERRUPT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO. THAT WAS ME, SAYING GO AHEAD.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS TO YOUR
13 MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF OUTDOOR DINING, I MUST SAY
14 MOST RESPECTFULLY, I DO NOT AGREE WITH YOUR MOTION, AS YOU
15 COULD TELL FROM, I THINK, MY COMMENTS. I THINK THAT IT'S VERY
16 IMPORTANT TO TAKE THESE STEPS. I THINK YOU KNOW LONDON JUST
17 SHUT EVERYTHING DOWN. PARIS JUST SHUT DOWN ITS BARS. I MEAN,
18 THIS IS A SERIOUS HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND WE MUST TAKE IT VERY
19 SERIOUSLY. AS I INDICATED, THIS IS THE ONLY BUSINESS THAT
20 ALLOWS ITS CUSTOMERS TO REMAIN-- AND OFTEN FOR QUITE A WHILE--
21 UNMASKED. AND THAT, I THINK, IS ENOUGH TO SINGLE IT OUT RIGHT
22 THERE. WE TRIED, BUT THE NUMBERS HAVE GONE UP. SO I CANNOT
23 SUPPORT THAT MOTION. AS TO THE MOTION TO ENGAGE OUR
24 UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER RESEARCH ACADEME, I DON'T OPPOSE IT.
25 HOWEVER, I DID WORK AT U.C.L.A. FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS, AND ONE

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1 OF THE THINGS THAT I FOUND-- SOMEONE ONCE MADE A JOKE ABOUT IT
2 BEING A HOTBED OF COLD FEET; THAT IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL OF
3 TIME BEFORE IT DECIDES WHAT IT'S GOING TO RECOMMEND AND, YOU
4 KNOW, ET CETERA. I WOULD WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE IN NO WAY
5 INDICATE TO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT THEY NEED TO
6 WAIT FOR A RESPONSE FROM THEM BEFORE THEY TAKE A REASONABLE
7 ACTION. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT IT CAN CERTAINLY BE HELPFUL--
8 AND I BELIEVE THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN TALKING TO THE
9 UNIVERSITIES-- CAN BE HELPFUL IN GIVING INFORMATION. SO I CAN
10 SUPPORT THAT MOTION WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THEY NOT BE REQUIRED
11 TO WAIT UNTIL THE UNIVERSITY MAKES UP ITS MIND ABOUT WHAT IT'S
12 GOING TO ADVISE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITH THAT,
15 WE'LL VOTE ON THE FIRST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR--

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, SURE. I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. I JUST WONDER, IN LIGHT OF WHAT
23 JUST HAPPENED IN THE COURT, WITH AN ATTEMPT TO SUE, HOW WE
24 SHOULD DISPOSE OF THIS MATTER. ORDINARILY, WHEN WE'RE FACED
25 WITH PENDING LITIGATION, WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF COUNSEL

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1 ADVISING US HOW WE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BEHAVE, HOW WE SHOULD
2 OR SHOULD NOT DISPOSE OF THE MATTER. WITH RECORD, WE NEED TO
3 BE CAREFUL ABOUT CREATING, SO AS NOT TO FACILITATE GREATER
4 SUSCEPTIBILITY OR VULNERABILITY TO A LAWSUIT. AND WE'VE NOT
5 HAD THE BENEFIT OF THAT. YOU MAY TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT
6 THE ARTICLE JUST CAME IN AT 12:51 OR SO, NOT QUITE AN HOUR
7 AGO. AND, MADAM CHAIR, IT SEEMS TO ME, OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF
8 CAUTION, WHEN WE HAVE NOT ONLY A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, BUT A
9 LITIGIOUS ISSUE, THAT WE ARE ADVISED, BY OUR COUNSEL, PROS AND
10 CONS, INS AND OUT, WHERE WE ARE MOVING, AND HOW WE ARE MOVING.
11 HAVING SAID THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
12 THAT WE BENEFIT FROM THAT COUNSEL, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION,
13 GET THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE AND KNOW, AND
14 RETURN TO DISPOSE OF THE MATTER BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED.
15 AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SO MOVE.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ACTUALLY,
18 I DID TALK TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND TOLD HIM THAT IF HE FELT THE
19 LINE OF QUESTIONING WOULD COMPROMISE, THAT HE COULD ALERT.
20 AND, COUNTY COUNSEL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO WEIGH IN ON THE MOTION
21 THAT'S ON THE FLOOR?

22

23 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. I WON'T WEIGH IN ON THE MOTION.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PROCEDURAL, IN
2 TERMS OF THE LAWSUIT.

3

4 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. I THINK, GIVEN THE LAWSUITS AND
5 OTHER POTENTIAL LAWSUITS AND LITIGATION THAT THE COUNTY COULD
6 FACE, CERTAINLY, IF THE BOARD WISHES TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH
7 ME ABOUT POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES, I'M HAPPY TO DO THAT IN
8 CLOSED SESSION. WE DO HAVE IT AGENDIZED AS EXPOSURE TO
9 LITIGATION, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY PROCEED IN THAT VEIN.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I JUST THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT EVERY
18 SINGLE ANGLE BEFORE DISPOSING OF THIS MATTER, AND WE NEED THE
19 BENEFIT OF COUNSEL IN SO DOING.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DO YOU WANT TO
22 SPEAK?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR?

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR HAHN ACTUALLY ASKED TO
2 SPEAK, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, I JUST, YOU KNOW, I
5 WOULD SAY ONE OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S LEGACIES FOR US IS
6 HIS ALWAYS PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO ANY LIABILITY THAT WE, AS
7 A COUNTY, MAY FACE WHEN IT COMES TO A NUMBER OF ISSUES. HE'S
8 SORT OF REALLY THE WATCHDOG IN THAT AREA. I DON'T HAVE A
9 PROBLEM WITH GOING TO CLOSED SESSION. I THINK PEOPLE KNOW
10 WHERE I STAND. BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE, I JUST WANT TO
11 BE ON RECORD, YOU KNOW, UNDERSTANDING SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHAT YOU ALL ARE SAYING. IT IS SERIOUS, AND
13 I KNOW IT'S SERIOUS, AND I THINK MY REMARKS KEPT TALKING ABOUT
14 HOW THIS IS SERIOUS. I'M JUST NOT CONVINCED, WHICH IS WHY I
15 CO-AUTHORED THE MOTION TO KEEP OUTDOOR DINING AT 50 PERCENT,
16 WITH A 10 P.M. CURFEW, BECAUSE I JUST DON'T THINK THE DATA CAN
17 DIRECTLY CORRELATE THIS HUGE TRIPLING OF CASES IN THE LAST
18 WEEK TO OUTDOOR DINING. AND SO I JUST WANT TO BE SURE
19 EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT. I KNOW IT'S SERIOUS. AND IF SOMEDAY WE
20 HAVE DIRECT DATA OR SCIENCE THAT CONNECTS IT TO OUTDOOR
21 DINING, I WOULD REVISIT IT AND LOOK AT MORE RESTRICTIVE
22 ACTIONS. BUT I KNOW IT'S SERIOUS. I JUST DON'T THINK IT
23 RELATES TO OUTDOOR DINING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THEN WE WILL RECESS INTO CLOSED
2 SESSION.

3

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. GOSH, SORRY, SUPERVISOR
7 KUEHL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I'M SORRY, JUST ONE
10 FURTHER THING, AND THAT IS, IN MENTIONING THE FACT THAT THERE
11 WAS A SUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY, IT SHOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED
12 THAT IT WAS FOUND TO BE MERITLESS BY THE COURT. SO, AS WE GO
13 IN TO DISCUSS IT, JUST SO WE DON'T LEAVE EVERYBODY HANGING, OR
14 THEY HAVE TO GOOGLE IT AND NOT KNOW WHERE. AND I DO SUPPORT
15 GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE
18 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
21 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
22 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
23 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; AND ITEM
24 CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON
25 THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION,
3 AND WE WILL RETURN.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, CELIA, DO WE HANG UP AND DIAL INTO CLOSED
6 SESSION?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** OR DO WE-- SO WE HANG UP, RIGHT?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, THEN DIAL IN, YES.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [CLOSED
15 SESSION.]

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'M ON THIS LINE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HI, SUPERVISOR. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M HERE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR HAHN HERE.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. I CAN HEAR YOU BOTH. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE
3 CALL ROLL?

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? [SILENCE.]

10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** PRESENT.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** STILL HERE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AND WE HAVE FESIA AND ROD CASTRO-SILVA?

19

20 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** YEAH.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD
25 YOU PLEASE REPORT OUT CLOSED SESSION?

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2, NO REPORTABLE
3 ACTION AT THIS TIME. WE WILL RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION LATER
4 IN THE MEETING.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS BEFORE US.
7 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL AND
8 IDENTIFY WHICH MOTIONS WE'RE VOTING ON? WE'RE GOING TO DO THE
9 EDUCATION FIRST. I MEAN, I'M SORRY, THE...

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE ONE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITIES?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, THANK YOU. THE ONE ABOUT THE
14 UNIVERSITIES.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION ENGAGING LOCAL HEALTH EXPERTS
17 ON C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESPONSE IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
18 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT
19 RESTRICTIONS ON RESTAURANTS, AND TO RE-ENGAGE THE RESTAURANT
20 SECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE?

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, THIS MOTION IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO, RESPECTFULLY.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS?

4

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

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, NO. SUPERVISOR
8 KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, EQUALLY RESPECTFULLY.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MORE RESPECTIVELY, YES.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IN UNITY, YES.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION FAILS, 2-3.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT ROBUST DISCUSSION.

23 THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER

24 25, NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RANDOM DRAWING TO SELECT

25 THE FIRST 8 COMMISSIONERS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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1 CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. I HELD THIS ITEM BECAUSE I
2 WANT TO INTRODUCE OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ARLENE BARRERA TO
3 PROVIDE US WITH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE ITEM AND WHAT SHE IS
4 GOING TO DO. ARLENE?

5

6 **ARLENE BARRERA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WANT TO START BY
7 ASSURING THE PUBLIC THAT THE DRAWING I WILL CONDUCT TODAY WILL
8 BE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FACEBOOK PAGE. I
9 WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON HOW TO ACCESS THE LIVE-
10 STREAM, SHORTLY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTIONS CODE, I WILL
11 RANDOMLY SELECT THE FIRST EIGHT COMMISSIONERS OF THE
12 INDEPENDENT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING
13 COMMISSION FROM THE 60 MOST QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, AS
14 DETERMINED BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK. I WILL DO
15 THIS BY CONDUCTING FIVE RANDOM DRAWINGS TO SELECT ONE
16 COMMISSIONER FROM EACH OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
17 SUBPOOLS BY PLACING NUMBERED, MULTICOLORED BALLS FROM EACH
18 DISTRICT IN THE TUMBLER. THEN, AFTER COMPLETING THIS FIRST SET
19 OF RANDOM DRAWINGS, I WILL PERFORM AN ADDITIONAL RANDOM
20 DRAWING FROM ALL THE REMAINING APPLICANTS, TO SELECT THREE
21 ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS. AS I STATED PREVIOUSLY, TO ENSURE
22 FULL TRANSPARENCY, THE ENTIRE PROCESS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON
23 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FACEBOOK PAGE. FOR
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW THE RANDOM
25 SELECTION PROCESS AS IT IS OCCURRING LIVE, YOU MAY GO TO

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1 [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LACOUNTYBOS/](https://www.facebook.com/LACOUNTYBOS/) I WILL BEGIN THE
2 PROCESS IN 10 MINUTES. WE WILL ALSO POST THE LINK TO THE VIDEO
3 OF THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS TO THE STATEMENT OF
4 PROCEEDINGS. ONCE THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS IS COMPLETE, I
5 WILL ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THE EIGHT COMMISSIONERS. IF THE
6 PUBLIC WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE
7 CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, THEY ARE WELCOME TO REVIEW
8 THE POWERPOINT ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA ITEM 25.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE YOU--

11

12 **ARLENE BARRERA:** THANK YOU. I'M DONE. YES.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'D
15 LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST REALIZED THAT
18 THIS IS REALLY A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES. NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE GIVEN OVER TO A CITIZEN
20 COMMISSION THE JOB OF REDISTRICTING THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL
21 DISTRICTS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE THEIR CONCERNS
22 ABOUT WHETHER THIS WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT I THINK IT'S
23 GREAT THAT A GROUP OF CITIZENS WILL BE TASKED WITH DOING THIS.
24 IT WAS MY MOTION THAT IS AN AMENDMENT ON TODAY THAT ASKED FOR
25 IT TO BE LIVE-STREAMED. I WAS HOPING WE COULD DO IT ON WEBEX

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1 AS A PART OF OUR BOARD MEETING, LIKE WE JUST SHOWED THE VIDEO
2 ABOUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS SO
3 IMPORTANT THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO TAKE, YOU KNOW, A
4 15-MINUTE BREAK AND ACTUALLY WATCH ARLENE DRAW THESE NAMES. I
5 KNOW IT'S NOW GOING TO BE AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK LIVE. AND,
6 AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE, AS WE HEARD FROM
7 SOME SPEAKERS THAT CALLED IN A LONGTIME AGO DURING PUBLIC
8 COMMENT, THAT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS IMPORTANT IN
9 THIS, AND THAT THE PUBLIC HAS TRUST THAT, AS OUR AUDITOR-
10 CONTROLLER IS DRAWING THE NAMES, THAT IT IS LIVE, AND THERE'S
11 AN ABILITY FOR EVERYBODY TO WATCH HER DRAW THOSE FIRST EIGHT
12 NAMES. THOSE WILL BE DRAWN RANDOMLY. THEN IT'S MY
13 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEXT GROUP OF NAMES WILL BE SELECTED
14 BASED ON SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, I THINK. I DON'T REMEMBER
15 WHAT ARLENE SAID. AND THEN THERE WILL BE SOME DRAWINGS BASED
16 ON SOME EQUITY CRITERIA. SO, ANYWAY, IT'S A BIG DEAL FOR US
17 TODAY TO DO THIS. I REALLY WANTED IT TO BE LIVE. I WANTED IT
18 TO BE DURING THE BOARD MEETING, BUT I WAS OVERRULED, BECAUSE I
19 WAS TOLD WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY READY TO DO
20 THAT, WHICH CONCERNS ME ON A NUMBER OF LEVELS, BUT OKAY. GLAD
21 YOU'RE DOING IT FACEBOOK LIVE, AND I THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD
22 TUNE IN AND WATCH HOW THIS IS DONE. AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL THOSE
23 WHO SUBMITTED THEIR NAMES, WHO WANTED, ACTUALLY, TO BE A PART
24 OF THIS, AND WE WISH YOU WELL. MY OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY
25 IS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN ALSO LIVE-STREAM THEIR

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1 MEETINGS BECAUSE, AGAIN, THIS IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. IT WILL
2 IMPACT A LOT OF DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE IN THE COUNTY,
3 AND I THINK THEIR MEETING SHOULD ALSO BE LIVE-STREAMED SO THE
4 PUBLIC CAN WATCH. OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD LUCK.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WANTED
7 TO SAY SOMETHING? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY
10 THAT THERE MAY BE SOME OFFICES THAT ARE MISSTATING MY
11 POSITION. I AM OPEN TO FULL DISCLOSURE. I'M HAPPY THAT THIS
12 PROCESS IS GOING TO BE ON LIVE FACEBOOK, AND IT WILL LAST
13 ABOUT 10 MINUTES. AND I'M SURE THERE WILL BE TAPINGS OF THIS
14 SO EVERYONE CAN SEE IT. I WANT THAT TO BE CLEAR FOR THE
15 RECORD. I HAVE NEVER, EVER WANTED TO PRECLUDE FROM AN OPEN
16 ACTIVITY THAT WOULD REALLY PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY FOR THE COUNTY
17 OF LOS ANGELES. GOD FORBID, YEARS AGO WE HAD BIG BATTLES WHEN
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE IN CAHOOTS TO NOT ALLOW FOR A LATINO
19 REPRESENTATION ON THIS BOARD. I, AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, KNOW
20 HOW IMPORTANT THIS DUTY IS, AND WANT TO FULLY EMBRACE THE FACT
21 THAT THIS IS HAPPENING NOW, AND IT'S GOING TO BE ON FACEBOOK,
22 AND PEOPLE CAN SEE IT NOW. AND I'M VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT. SO
23 PLEASE JOIN IN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU TO
2 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT
3 ARLENE MENTIONED?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, SHE'LL COME BACK AFTER WE DO THE HELD
6 ITEMS, IS THAT CORRECT?

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SO AS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER STATED,
13 SHE WILL PERFORM THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS TO SELECT EIGHT
14 COMMISSIONERS. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, WE WILL MOVE TO THE OTHER
15 HELD ITEMS AND THEN RETURN TO ITEM 25 WHEN THE AUDITOR-CONTROL
16 IS DONE WITH THE PROCESS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD
17 LIKE TO VIEW THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS LIVE, YOU MAY GO TO:
18 WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LACOUNTYBOS/ WILL ALSO POST THE LINK TO THE
19 VIDEO OF THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS TO THE STATEMENT OF
20 PROCEEDINGS. AGAIN, IT'S WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LACOUNTYBOS/ MAY I
21 ASK A QUESTION, JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, NOW THAT I SEE
22 THAT? WHAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE FACEBOOK? IT DOESN'T MATTER?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA E.O.:** NO, IT DOESN'T.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A FACEBOOK--

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, GOOD. ALL RIGHT. SO, WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, WE WILL COME BACK TO THIS ITEM. SO, IN THE INTERIM,
7 WHY DON'T WE MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 14, WHICH IS THE
8 SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING PLAN OF THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT CORONAVIRUS
9 FUND.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHY WE DIDN'T VOTE
12 ON 25.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE TO VOTE ON IT? I THOUGHT WE
15 WERE GOING TO COME BACK TO IT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** WHY? NO, IT'S JUST ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT'S
18 HAPPENING, AND THEN MY AMENDMENT IS SAYING I THINK IT SHOULD
19 BE LIVE-STREAMED.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO WE CAN VOTE ON YOUR AMENDMENT. LIVE-
22 STREAM DURING THE BOARD MEETING? IS THAT WHAT YOUR AMENDMENT
23 IS ASKING?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I APOLOGIZE, JANICE. I THOUGHT THAT YOU...
3 OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, IT'S LIVE-STREAM DURING THE BOARD MEETING. I
6 WANTED IT ON WEBEX, BUT DURING THE BOARD MEETING IS THE SAME
7 THING AS FACEBOOK LIVE DURING THE BOARD MEETING. SO, YEAH, BUT
8 I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** TO VOTE ON THE-- JUST A POINT OF
11 CLARIFICATION. VOTE ON THE MEETINGS BEING LIVE-STREAMED?
12 WEBEX? OR THIS PULLING THE NAMES BEING--

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** PULLING THE NAMES. WHICH IT'S HAPPENING.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** ARE YOU SAYING LIVE-STREAM ON FACEBOOK DOES
17 SATISFY THAT CONDITION OF BEING LIVE-STREAMED DURING THE BOARD
18 MEETING?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** IT DOESN'T SATISFY MY PREFERENCE.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, IN OTHER WORDS, IF I'M SATISFIED WITH IT BEING
23 LIVE-STREAMED RIGHT NOW ON FACEBOOK, I WOULD VOTE NO ON YOUR
24 AMENDMENT?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** NO. YOU WOULD VOTE YES, BECAUSE MY AMENDMENT JUST
2 SAYS LIVE-STREAMED DURING THE BOARD MEETING.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I SEE. SO THAT WAS MY QUESTION. OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. I GAVE THEM FLEXIBILITY. I WISH THEY HAD DONE
7 IT THE OTHER WAY.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M CONFUSED.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I JUST FIGURED IT OUT, SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR HAHN ACTUALLY ORIGINALLY
13 BROUGHT UP HAVING THIS LIVE-STREAMED. AND THE QUESTION OF
14 LIVE-STREAM, THE INTERPRETATION BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WAS TO
15 LIVE-STREAM IT ON FACEBOOK, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY WITH THE
16 WEBEX.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND SO SHE SIMPLY WANTS US TO RATIFY HER
21 MOTION, WHICH ACTUALLY RATIFIES WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY, AND
22 THAT IS LIVE-STREAMING IT ON FACEBOOK.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** ON FACEBOOK. IS THAT CORRECT? I WANT COUNTY
25 COUNSEL TO--

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, AND ALSO, THE ACTUAL 25 JUST SAYS WE'RE
3 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ARLENE IS DOING HER THING, AND MY AMENDMENT
4 SAYS, "AND IT'S LIVE-STREAMED." SO WE SHOULD VOTE ON 25 WITH
5 THE AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** WAIT A MINUTE. CAN I HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL CLARIFY
10 THIS FOR ME JUST ONE MORE TIME?

11

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

15

16 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AS I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
17 MOTION, SHE IS SIMPLY STATING THAT SHE WANTS THE RANDOM
18 DRAWING BEING CONDUCTED BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO BE LIVE-
19 STREAMED DURING THE MEETING. THAT IS HAPPENING THROUGH
20 FACEBOOK. IT'S NOT HAPPENING THROUGH WEBEX. SO I BELIEVE THAT
21 THE-- THE MOTION IS WRITTEN IN A WAY WHERE VOTING YES WILL
22 ALLOW THE PROCESS TO PROCEED, AS IT CURRENTLY IS PROCEEDING,
23 WHICH IS THROUGH FACEBOOK LIVE.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** ON FACEBOOK. OKAY, VERY GOOD. OKAY, I'M
2 SUPPORTIVE.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WE HAVE 25 BEFORE US, AS AMENDED. MOVED
5 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL SECOND IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
6 CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 25 IS BEFORE YOU, AS AMENDED.
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, ON FACEBOOK. THANK YOU.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, ON FACEBOOK.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

21

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

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-
25 0.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. AND SO WE WILL COME BACK TO
3 THIS ITEM WHEN AUDITOR-CONTROL IS DONE WITH THE PROCESS. ITEM
4 NUMBER 14, SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING C.A.R.E.S. ACT
5 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, AND I HELD THAT. AND I WANT TO THANK
6 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. AS WE
7 CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH AND THROUGH THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC,
8 IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE ALLOCATE ALL THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING.
9 MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE MUST GET IT INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO
10 HAVE BORNE THE BRUNT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION THAT HAS HIT
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH THE NEW HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS COMING
12 INTO EFFECT, WE NEED TO QUICKLY PROVIDE MORE FUNDING FOR THE
13 RESTAURANT INDUSTRY, WHICH WILL BE DEVASTATED BY THE CLOSURE
14 OF OUTDOOR DINING. THIS INDUSTRY HAS SPENT HUNDREDS OF
15 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE VARIOUS AND EVER-
16 CHANGING REGULATIONS THAT THE COUNTY AND STATE HAVE PLACED
17 UPON IT. IN THE BEGINNING, THIS MEANT PURCHASING P.P.E.,
18 REDOING DINING BOOTHS, AND PURCHASING PLEXIGLAS FOR INDOOR
19 DINING. THEN THAT WAS SHUT DOWN. THAT SOON WARPED INTO
20 PURCHASING TABLES, CHAIRS, AND UMBRELLAS IN THE SUMMER FOR
21 OUTDOOR DINING WHEN INDOOR DINING WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. AS
22 WE APPROACHED THE WINTER, THIS MEANT PURCHASING PORTABLE
23 HEATERS. THIS DOES NOT FACTOR IN THE EXTENDED CLOSURE OF
24 BREWERIES AND WINERIES BY THE COUNTY'S HEALTH OFFICER ORDER.
25 BREWERIES AND WINERIES WERE JUST ALLOWED TO REOPEN, BEGAN

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1 PURCHASING EQUIPMENT, AND TODAY WERE SHUT DOWN AGAIN, AND
2 MANY, POTENTIALLY, FOR THE LAST TIME. NOW, AS THE COUNTY SHUTS
3 DOWN OUTDOOR DINING, MANY ESTABLISHMENTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
4 RECOVER THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY PURCHASED
5 BECAUSE THEY WERE TOLD THEY COULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE. LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY HAS MORE THAN 24,000 RESTAURANTS, OF WHICH 92
7 PERCENT HAVE LESS THAN 25 EMPLOYEES. THESE SMALL BUSINESSES
8 CANNOT WITHSTAND THE SEE-SAW ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE,
9 AND NEED RELIEF TO SURVIVE, WHICH IS WHY THIS MOTION IS BEING
10 INTRODUCED WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO THE MOTION READS: "WE
11 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE AND DELEGATE
12 AUTHORITY TO THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF D.C.B.A., IN COORDINATION
13 WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
14 AUTHORITY, TO DISTRIBUTE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING UP TO \$10
15 MILLION TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL
16 BUSINESSES, WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RESTAURANTS, BREWERIES,
17 AND WINERIES, WHICH HAD BEEN IMPACTED BY THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
18 PANDEMIC, AND HAD BEEN FURTHER IMPACTED BY THE COUNTY HEALTH
19 OFFICER ORDERS, WHICH ARE MORE STRICT THAN THOSE ISSUED BY THE
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO I WOULD ASK ON THIS MOTION.
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I
24 RESPECTFULLY AM SUPPORTIVE, AS YOU KNOW, AS CO-AUTHOR FOR THIS
25 AMENDMENT, AND VERY HAPPY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE SOME

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1 SLIGHT, LITTLE TECHNICAL INCLUSIONS THERE, INCLUDING BREWERIES
2 AND WINERIES, THAT ALSO SERVE FOOD, BY THE WAY, IN MANY
3 INSTANCES, OR THEY HAVE A COLLABORATIVE CONTRACT WITH SOME OF
4 OUR CATERING TRUCKS, WHERE THEY ARE PROVIDING MEALS. SO I
5 THINK THIS IS A GOOD MOVE. OVERALL, THOUGH, IN OUR SECOND
6 SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING PLAN FOR C.A.R.E.S. ACT, AS YOU CAN SEE,
7 WE'RE GOING TO BE GIVING OUT 13 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESS
8 GRANTS, OF WHICH 3 MILLION WILL BE DEDICATED FOR COMMUNITY
9 JUSTICE NONPROFITS, 10 MILLION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT
10 ORGANIZATIONS AND CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, 10 MILLION FOR RENTAL
11 ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE L.A. COUNTY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, AND 2
12 MILLION TO FUND GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND
13 4.7 MILLION TO FURTHER BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, BY PROVIDING
14 FAMILIES AND STUDENTS WITH COMPUTER DEVICES AND INTERNET. SO,
15 OVERALL, WITH THIS, I THINK WE'RE ALL GOING IN THE RIGHT
16 DIRECTION. THANK YOU, AND WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

17
18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I SAY SOMETHING ON THIS, TOO?

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, YOU CAN, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. WELL, THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU, FOR DOING
25 THIS SO QUICKLY. I THINK IT REALLY MATTERS, IN LIGHT OF OUR

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1 DECISION TO SHUT DOWN OUTDOOR DINING RIGHT NOW. AND I JUST
2 WANTED TO SAY, AND ALSO ON TOP OF THIS, THERE'S \$6 MILLION
3 THAT WE'RE ASKING TO EXPAND THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE
4 REVITALIZATION BUSINESS GRANTS TO INCLUDE RESTAURANTS. SO
5 THAT WILL ALSO BE ON TOP OF THIS. SO I JUST WANT RESTAURANTS
6 TO KNOW WE KNOW THIS IS NOT GOING TO STEM THE PAIN AND THE
7 LAYOFFS, BUT IT WILL SHOW THAT AT LEAST, IN LIGHT OF NO HELP
8 COMING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP
9 THEM OUT DURING THIS TIME. SO I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I ADD ONE THING? [SILENCE.] MADAM
13 CHAIR?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SORRY ABOUT THAT.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO. THANK YOU. I ALSO WANTED TO PRAISE, BECAUSE,
18 AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATED, NOT ONLY THE AMENDMENT, WHICH I
19 BELIEVE IS REALLY THE RIGHT WAY TO GO, PROTECTING PUBLIC
20 HEALTH AND TRYING TO PROTECT OUR BUSINESS OWNERS, BUT IN THIS
21 SECOND ALLOCATION, THERE'S ALSO ALLOCATIONS FOR ARTS AND
22 CULTURE. AND I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT, BECAUSE IT'S A
23 VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY, AND ONE THAT IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED. AND I'M REALLY
25 GRATEFUL THAT WE'VE PAID ATTENTION TO IT IN THE FIRST

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1 ALLOCATION, AND IN THIS ONE, AS WELL, AS WELL AS THE GRANTS
2 FOR CHILDCARE, BECAUSE KEEPING THAT GOING, I THINK, IS ONE OF
3 THE WAYS THAT WE MAINTAIN EDUCATION FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
4 YOUNGEST, AND ALSO ALLOW OUR FOLKS TO KEEP GOING TO WORK. SO
5 THANK YOU. AND I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS, AND THE AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? HEARING NO ONE ELSE
8 WISHING TO SPEAK, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THIS MOTION BEFORE
9 US, I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WILL YOU
10 CALL THE ROLL ON ITEM 14, AS AMENDED?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14, AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

15

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

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

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

8

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

10 0.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AND, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IT WAS MOVED

13 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I SECONDED IT. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO WORRIES.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THAT. ON ITEM

18 NUMBER 19, THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED A NEW MODEL FOR YOUTH

19 JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ITEM NUMBER 20, WHICH ARE

20 BEING CALLED UP TOGETHER-- INCLUDING JUVENILE DATA IN THE LOS

21 ANGELES CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SHARING INITIATIVE-- WERE BOTH

22 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE FLOOR IS

23 YOURS. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WILL YOU TAKE OVER THE MEETING

24 FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, PLEASE?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE, NO PROBLEM.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND MADAM CHAIR.

8 I KNOW WE HAVE VERY RIGHTLY SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TODAY TALKING

9 ABOUT THE PANDEMIC AND THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO IT. BUT I AM

10 VERY, VERY HAPPY AND PROUD TO BRING THIS MOTION TO THE BOARD

11 TODAY, THAT REFLECTS, IN ADDITION, THE CONTINUING INNOVATIVE

12 WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IN L.A. COUNTY TO DO OUR VERY BEST TO

13 TRY TO TRANSFORM OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR ADULTS, AND, IN THE

14 CASE OF THESE TWO MOTIONS, FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE

15 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

16 THOMAS FOR AGREEING TO CO-AUTHOR THESE TWO MOTIONS, CERTAINLY

17 FITTING ON YOUR LAST MEETING AT THIS BOARD, SUPERVISOR, TO

18 JOIN IN BRINGING THESE YOUTH-FOCUSED MOTIONS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE

19 WORKED TIRELESSLY TO BETTER THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN L.A.

20 COUNTY, AND THESE MOTIONS ARE ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT

21 IN THAT MISSION. ITEM 19 REIMAGINES YOUTH JUSTICE IN THE

22 COUNTY, TRULY, IN A VERY BIG WAY. IN PLACE OF INCREMENTAL

23 REFORM, THIS MOTION HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE US TOWARD A

24 COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION. NOW, IT IS FIRST STEPS. WE'RE BEING

25 VERY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT IT IN THE MOTION. BUT IT DOES FOCUS OUR

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1 ATTENTION ON THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE A BETTER WAY TO HANDLE
2 THIS. IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE'VE EMBRACED THE CARE FIRST, JAIL
3 LAST APPROACH TO OUR ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, THIS
4 MOTION EMBRACES A CARE FIRST YOUTH DEVELOPMENT APPROACH TO
5 YOUTH JUSTICE. IN ADDITION, ITEM 20 EXPANDS THE CRIMINAL
6 JUSTICE DATA SHARING INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE JUVENILE JUSTICE
7 DATA, SO THAT WE HAVE THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO TAKE THE
8 FURTHER STEPS AS WE GO ALONG, AND OUR COUNTY'S OPEN DATA
9 PORTAL MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A GREATER AND GREATER
10 SOURCE OF DATA, AND A REAL MODEL OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY.
11 SO, PEOPLE MIGHT SAY, WHY? WHY IS IT IMPERATIVE TO TRANSFORM
12 AND NOT MERELY IMPROVE A CURRENT YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM? AND THE
13 ANSWER LIES REALLY IN WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT SYSTEM,
14 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT EVEN AS THE NUMBERS ARE SOMEWHAT
15 DECREASING, OUR YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM IS STILL ONE OF THE
16 LARGEST IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. WE KNOW THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN
17 PROBATION'S CARE ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY BLACK AND LATINX. OUR
18 BLACK YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OVER SIX TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE
19 ARRESTED, 25 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INCARCERATED, THAN THEIR
20 WHITE PEERS. AND WE KNOW THAT EVEN AS THE OVERALL NUMBER OF
21 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM HAS GONE DOWN, RACIAL DISPARITIES
22 HAVE INTENSIFIED. WE KNOW THAT JUST ONE ARREST INCREASES THE
23 LIKELIHOOD THAT A YOUNG PERSON WILL NOT COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL,
24 AND THEREFORE INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT. AND
25 FINALLY, WE KNOW THAT DESPITE THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE

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1 ASSOCIATED WITH INCARCERATING YOUNG PEOPLE, RESEARCH HAS
2 PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN THAT EXTENDED INCARCERATION HAS EITHER
3 NO IMPACT OR, EVEN WORSE, A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RECIDIVISM. SO,
4 IN SHORT, OUR CURRENT SYSTEM IS ACTUALLY HARMING YOUNG PEOPLE
5 WITHOUT ANY DEMONSTRATED BENEFITS TO THEIR OVERALL WELLBEING
6 OR OUR COMMUNITY'S GOAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY. ABOUT A YEAR AGO,
7 THE BOARD TASKED THE C.E.O. AND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
8 REENTRY WITH CONVENING A YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP TO LOOK AT
9 TRANSITIONING THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM OUT OF THE
10 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, INTO ANOTHER AGENCY, WITH A GOAL OF
11 CREATING A REHABILITATIVE, HEALTH-FOCUSED, AND CARE-FIRST
12 SYSTEM. SO THE C.E.O. AND THE Y.D.D. DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF
13 DIVERSION AND REENTRY MOVED QUICKLY. EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A
14 GLOBAL HEALTH PANDEMIC, THEY CONVENED A YOUTH JUSTICE
15 WORKGROUP WHICH INCLUDED A DIVERSE AND DEDICATED GROUP OF
16 SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH, COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, SERVICE PROVIDERS,
17 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES, AND JUSTICE PARTNERS. SO I WANT TO
18 EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE WORKGROUP. IT'S OFTEN
19 DIFFICULT TO FIND EVEN A SMALL GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
20 WILLING TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND SELFLESSLY DEDICATE A LOT
21 OF PERSONAL TIME AND ENERGY TO AN EFFORT. HERE, THAT IS
22 EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID. OVER 100 DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED
23 GROUP MEETINGS, SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, FOCUS GROUPS, LISTENING
24 SESSIONS, LEARNING EXCHANGES. WE OWE THEM A HUGE THANK-YOU.
25 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CONSULTANT TEAM THAT KEPT EVERYBODY

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1 ORGANIZED, WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
2 EVERY VOICE TO BE HEARD. OUR LEAD CONSULTANTS AT THE W.
3 HAYWOOD BURNS INSTITUTE, AND THEIR TEAM OF LOCAL EXPERTS,
4 INCLUDING SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH, GUIDED THIS PROCESS WITH
5 ULTIMATE PROFESSIONALISM AND A REAL COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING
6 THIS BOARD'S DIRECTIVES. SO TODAY'S MOTION ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
7 THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP DELIVERED A VISION THAT WILL TAKE
8 SOME TIME TO IMPLEMENT. IT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THERE ARE A
9 NUMBER OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED FURTHER ANALYSES. BUT TODAY I
10 ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO COMMIT TO TRANSITIONING OUR COUNTY'S
11 YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM TO THE CARE FIRST MODEL OUTLINED IN THE
12 WORKGROUP'S REPORT, AND TO TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TO SUPPORT THE
13 CONTINUING PLANNING AND COLLABORATION REQUIRED TO EVENTUALLY
14 MAKE THE MODEL A REALITY. I'M ALSO ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO
15 SUPPORT GREATER DATA TRANSPARENCY. THE NEED FOR THIS
16 TRANSPARENCY ALIGNS VERY WELL WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
17 REIMAGINED MODEL, BECAUSE THIS IS ALL ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
18 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COLLABORATION, OPEN COMMUNICATION, AND A
19 COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING STRUCTURAL RACISM: THE ROOT CAUSE OF
20 DISPARITIES THAT PERSIST IN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM OF JUSTICE.
21 FOCUSING ON DATA TRANSPARENCY AS WE MOVE TO REFORM OUR JUSTICE
22 SYSTEM WILL BOLSTER PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY, ADVANCE RACIAL
23 EQUITY, AND INFORM THE POLICIES THAT BETTER SERVE OUR YOUTH
24 AND THEIR COMMUNITY. SO THIS BOARD, I'M REALLY PROUD TO SERVE
25 WITH THIS BOARD, BECAUSE IT'S TAKING BOLD STEPS IN MOVING

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1 TOWARD A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST SYSTEM OF CARE FOR ADULTS, AND
2 NOW, HOPEFULLY, FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY. THESE
3 YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE TO HAVE A COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF HIGH-
4 QUALITY SERVICES TO HEAL, IN HOME-LIKE THERAPEUTIC SETTINGS,
5 WHERE THEY GET THE HELP THEY NEED TO TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND
6 AND BE RECOGNIZED AS INDIVIDUALS WITH POTENTIAL. THEY DESERVE
7 TO HAVE RESOURCES INVESTED IN THEIR WELLBEING, INSTEAD OF
8 BEING INVESTED IN JUST WAREHOUSING THEM BEHIND WALLS AND
9 BARBED WIRE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF VERY SMALL AMENDMENTS I
10 WANT TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION, WHICH I'M READING IN AT THIS
11 POINT. IN DIRECTIVE 2, WHERE WE ARE ASKING THE C.E.O. TO
12 REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS, I'LL JUST READ IT. "INSTRUCT THE
13 ACTING C.E.O. AND Y.D.D. TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH A PLAN
14 TO ESTABLISH AND RESOURCE A TRANSITION PLANNING TEAM,
15 INCLUDING MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON CONSULTANTS WHO HAVE
16 OPERATIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION
17 OF THE Y.J.W.G. REPORT, AND A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH
18 JUSTICE TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP COMPRISED OF RELEVANT COUNTY
19 DEPARTMENTS." AND HERE'S THE AMENDED WE ADDED: "LABOR
20 PARTNERS, SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EDUCATION
21 PARTNERS, AND OTHER YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES, INCLUDING A
22 PROCESS FOR REGULAR ENGAGEMENT OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE TRANSITION
23 ADVISORY GROUP, TO INFORM CONTINUED PLANNING AND
24 IMPLEMENTATION." AND THEN, IN DIRECTIVE 4-D, WHERE WE ASKED
25 FOR AN ANALYSIS, THIS HAS TO DO WITH THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY

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1 WORKING IN THE SYSTEM. "AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROBATION
2 DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT WORKFORCE AND CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, AND
3 AN INITIAL CONCEPT FOR CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE D.Y.D., AS
4 WELL AS AN INITIAL CONCEPT FOR THE TRANSITION OF EXISTING
5 JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF." AND HERE WE ADD: "IN ORDER TO AVOID
6 LAYOFFS." SO THOSE ARE THE TWO AMENDMENTS, AND I ASK FOR YOUR
7 AYE VOTE. MY CO-AUTHOR IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** GO AHEAD, YES.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** SORRY. YOU'RE BACK.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M BACK. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION AND

21 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PUSHING AN AGENDA OF TRANSFORMATION FOR

22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM. I HASTEN TO

23 RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE

24 WORKGROUP. SIGNIFICANT WORK, STELLAR WORK. AND WE OWE YOU A

25 DEBT OF GRATITUDE. MAY I QUICKLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING

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1 OBSERVATIONS, MADAM CHAIR? TRANSFORMATIVE REFORM STARTS WITH
2 THE RECOGNITION OF CAPACITIES FOR REHABILITATIVE CHANGE.
3 REFORM MUST PROMOTE THE BELONGING, THE USEFULNESS, THE
4 COMPETENCIES, THAT JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH NEED TO EMPOWER
5 THEMSELVES AND LEAD HEALTHY, RESPONSIBLE, AND CARING LIVES.
6 AND LASTLY, IT REQUIRES ACCOUNTABILITY, OF WHICH TRANSPARENCY
7 IS A CRITICAL PART, ACHIEVED IN PART BY MAKING DATA PUBLICLY
8 AVAILABLE, SO RESIDENTS CAN JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THE
9 COUNTY'S REFORMS ARE WORKING. THE COUNTY IS ADVANCING ITS
10 MISSION TO SEEK OUT TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES AND MAKE SPACE
11 FOR HOPE AND HEALING. AND THESE EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES
12 INSIST ON STRUCTURES THAT PROMOTE POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
13 AND REHABILITATION THROUGH THIS MOTION. THE COUNTY BEGINS A
14 MEANINGFUL TRANSITION FROM A PUNITIVE MODEL TO A CARE FIRST
15 MODEL FOR ITS YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT'S APPROPRIATE. IT'S
16 TIMELY. WE SHOULD EMBRACE IT. WE SHOULD ADVANCE IT. THANK YOU,
17 MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO
23 GIVE KUDOS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
24 BRINGING THESE TWO MOTIONS TOGETHER BEFORE US TODAY. ON ITEM
25 19, AS YOU KNOW, IT'S TIME FOR US TO RETHINK, REIMAGINE,

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1 RECREATE, AND RESTRUCTURE HOW YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY ARE
2 SUPPORTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS, ALONG WITH
3 THEIR FAMILIES, BUT ALSO HOW WE SUPPORT THEM WHEN THEY ARE
4 STRUGGLING. JUST AS WE'RE MAKING GREAT STRIDES ON THE ADULT
5 SIDE, WE HAVE TO STEADILY MOVE FORWARD ON WHAT WILL BENEFIT
6 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THANKS TO THE WORK OF THE
7 COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS, THIS CONCEPT, AS YOU
8 KNOW, IS NOT NEW IN L.A. COUNTY. AS WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO SHIFT THE YOUTH FROM PROBATION TO EITHER ONE OF
10 OUR EXISTING HEALTH-FOCUSED DEPARTMENTS, OR BY CREATING A NEW
11 COUNTY DEPARTMENT DEDICATED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WITH THE
12 WORK OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
13 SEE WHAT TRANSITIONING YOUTH TO A YOUTH CARE FIRST MODEL WILL
14 LOOK LIKE IN LOS ANGELES, THROUGH THE WORK OF VARIOUS COUNTY
15 PARTNERS, TO PROVIDE US WITH REVIEW, ASSESSMENT, AND AN
16 ANALYSIS OF ANY FISCAL, LEGAL, AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS. AND
17 WE'LL BE ONE OF THE FEW JURISDICTIONS IN THE COUNTRY THAT ARE
18 MAKING THIS SHIFT TO PROVIDE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR
19 YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE, AND ALSO HOW WE CAN PROVIDE MORE
20 HEALTHY, HOLISTIC, EVIDENCE-BASED, AND HUMANE WAYS OF
21 SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH, VERSUS OUR STATUS QUO OF A PUNITIVE
22 SYSTEM OF ENFORCEMENT. ON ITEM 20, JUST AS I WAS SUPPORTIVE OF
23 THE MOTION IN AUGUST TO CREATE A CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SHARING
24 INITIATIVE IN LOS ANGELES, I'M ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION
25 TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH WHO ARE IN THE SYSTEM, THAT

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1 ALSO NEEDS TO BE COLLECTED AND MADE AVAILABLE. DATA BEING
2 ACCESSIBLE WILL ALLOW OUR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO
3 FIND CREATIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSESS, RE-
4 ASSESS, WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T, AND HOW WE CAN CONTINUE
5 TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE AND HEALTHY. WHEN WE INVEST
6 IN OUR YOUTH, WE WIN. WHEN OUR YOUTH THRIVE, WE ALL THRIVE.
7 THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO THE AUTHORS.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTS TO
10 SPEAK, BUT I JUST WOULD LIKE TO DAY, ON ITEM NUMBER 19, I
11 UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO REIMAGINE HOW WE REHABILITATE YOUTH IN
12 L.A. COUNTY. WE ALL KNOW THAT EARLY INTERVENTION WITH THIS
13 POPULATION IS KEY. AND IT TRULY IS GOING TO TAKE AN ENTIRE
14 VILLAGE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THIS WILL BE A NUANCED PROCESS,
15 BECAUSE WE CANNOT ACT UNILATERALLY ON A COUNTY LEVEL. LEGAL
16 ANALYSIS IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IT WILL ILLUSTRATE
17 A ROADMAP FOR GETTING US WHERE WE WANT TO GO, LEGISLATIVELY. I
18 WANT TO REITERATE TO OUR PROBATION STAFF THAT WE DO NOT INTEND
19 FOR THIS TRANSITION TO RESULT IN A LOSS OF JOBS. AND I WANT TO
20 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
21 INCLUDING LABOR IN THE DISCUSSION. AS WE RETRAIN AND TRANSFER
22 STAFF, THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON FOR LAYOFFS. I WOULD LIKE TO
23 BE CERTAIN THAT THE PROBATION UNION IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN
24 THE TRANSITIONING PROCESS, IN ORDER TO GIVE THEIR INPUT AS IT
25 RELATES TO THE ROADMAP MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE CONSTANTLY

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1 IMPROVING AS A COUNTY BY INCORPORATING BEST PRACTICES, AND IT
2 IS IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT ADAPTING OUR PROGRAMS AND
3 SERVICES MAKES OUR SYSTEM STRONGER. WE WILL ALL NEED TO HAVE A
4 HANDS-ON-DECK AS WE BEGIN THIS GRADUAL TRANSITION. I LOOK
5 FORWARD TO MORE DISCUSSIONS ON HOW WE CAN IMPLEMENT THESE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 20,
7 I'M ALWAYS IN FAVOR OF GATHERING AND PUBLISHING MORE DATA, NOT
8 ONLY FOR THIS BOARD TO REVIEW, BUT ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY.
9 DATA-INFORMED DECISIONS UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES.
10 WE'VE ALREADY STARTED THESE EFFORTS FOR OTHER POPULATIONS, AND
11 IT'S CERTAINLY FITTING TODAY TO ACT ON THE NEED FOR MORE DATA
12 RELATING TO OUR YOUTH IN CUSTODY, AND IN OUR COMMUNITY
13 PLACEMENTS. THIS WILL ALSO BETTER INFORM SOME OF OUR OTHER
14 EFFORTS IN THE COUNTY, SUCH AS THE MEASURE J IMPLEMENTATION
15 AND THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. MAKING THAT DATA MORE READILY
16 AVAILABLE WILL CERTAINLY INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, WHICH IS
17 SOMETHING THIS BOARD IS UNITED IN DOING WITH EACH OF THESE
18 PROCESSES. SO I AM GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AS WELL. SO
19 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY
23 CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS FOR BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS. AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS
25 LAYING OUT THE ENORMOUS COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN

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1 WORKING GROUPS, I ALSO WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED
2 IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKING GROUP. YOUR WORK OVER THE LAST
3 YEAR HAS REALLY BEEN AN IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLE OF COLLABORATION
4 AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THE VISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE LAID
5 OUT IN YOUR FINAL REPORT FULLY ALIGNS WITH THIS BOARD'S
6 COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST APPROACH. WE KNOW THAT
7 OUR YOUTH HAVE UNIQUE NEEDS, AND IT'S TIME THAT WE CREATED A
8 DEPARTMENT SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO THEIR HEALTH AND
9 DEVELOPMENT. TRANSITIONING JUVENILE JUSTICE OUT OF THE
10 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND INTO A BRAND-NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
11 DEVELOPMENT WILL ALLOW US TO BETTER SERVE OUR YOUTH. AND I'M
12 READY, AND I THINK THIS BOARD IS READY, TO MOVE IN THAT
13 DIRECTION. BUT IT'S A HUGE UNDERTAKING. THERE'S A LOT OF
14 BARRIERS WE STILL NEED TO OVERCOME, AND A LOT OF PLANNING
15 WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE OUR
16 TIME TO DO THIS RIGHT. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THIS MOTION
17 ACKNOWLEDGES HOW MONUMENTAL OF A CHANGE THIS WILL BE, AND HOW
18 MANY YEARS IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO TAKE TO ACHIEVE THIS. ONE OF
19 THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THIS PROCESS IS GOING TO BE TO
20 PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION OF OUR PROBATION STAFF WHO CURRENTLY
21 WORK IN JUVENILE FACILITIES. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE YOUTH
22 JUSTICE WORKGROUP REPORT EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THERE WILL BE
23 NO LAYOFFS OF PROBATION STAFF. I KNOW THAT THIS WAS CAUSING
24 CONCERN AMONG OUR PROBATION STAFF, AND SOME ANXIETY. AND MANY
25 OF OUR PROBATION STAFF CHOSE TO PURSUE THEIR CAREERS BECAUSE

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1 THEY WANTED TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR
2 COMMUNITIES, AND I KNOW THAT THEY CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE YOUTH
3 THAT THEY WORK WITH. AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WHO
4 WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE YOUTH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
5 TO TRANSITION INTO ROLES IN THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
6 DEVELOPMENT. I'M GLAD THIS MOTION IS ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK
7 ON THIS SPECIFIC WORKFORCE TRANSITION PLAN FOR OUR CURRENT
8 PROBATION STAFF. I KNOW THAT I'M GOING TO BE LOOKING VERY
9 CLOSELY AT THAT PART OF THE REPORT. I WANT TO KEEP ENGAGING
10 OUR CURRENT PROBATION STAFF AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND I DO
11 BELIEVE THIS IS A POSITIVE TIME MOVING FORWARD FOR L.A.
12 COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO WE HAVE
15 BEFORE US ITEM 19, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US TO APPROVE. MOVED
16 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
17 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19, AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

25

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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

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

15

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

18

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

23

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

25

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1 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

2

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

5

6 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

7

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

10

11 SUP. HAHN: A LOT OF GOOD STUFF.

12

13 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

14

15 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: 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 HAVE OUR FINAL ITEM
2 BEFORE WE BRING BACK OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER UNDER 25. ITEM 21,
3 EXPANDING THE ALTERNATE DESTINATION PROGRAM. THIS WAS HELD BY
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I DIDN'T KNOW IF
7 CHIEF OSBY AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY WERE ON THE LINE. MAYBE
8 THEY CAN SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THIS AFTER MY COMMENTS. I'M
9 REALLY GLAD TO BRING THIS MOTION FORWARD, COLLEAGUES. AFTER
10 THREE LONG YEARS OF WORK, WE'RE FINALLY MOVING FORWARD ON OUR
11 ALTERNATE DESTINATION PROGRAM. AND THE GOAL OF ALTERNATE
12 DESTINATION IS TO TRIAGE AND TRANSPORT THOSE THAT ARE
13 EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS OR INEBRIATION TO AN
14 APPROPRIATE PLACE OF CARE, RATHER THAN THE EMERGENCY ROOMS IN
15 OUR HOSPITALS. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS THE E.M.S. AGENCY TO
16 APPROVE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTERS AS RECEIVING SITES
17 FOR PATIENTS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. WE ALL KNOW
18 THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS PROBABLY THE WRONG PLACE TO BRING
19 THESE PATIENTS. THEY NEED TO BE IN A CALM ENVIRONMENT WHERE
20 STAFF ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED TO MANAGE AND CARE FOR THIS
21 PARTICULAR EMERGENCY. AS YOU ALL KNOW, IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY
22 FATHER'S LAW THAT HE HELPED TO WRITE IN 1970 THAT REQUIRED
23 PARAMEDICS TRANSPORTING ANYBODY, THEY HAD TO TAKE THEM TO A
24 HOSPITAL. THAT WAS PART OF THE ANXIETY AND CONCERN THAT
25 EVERYONE HAD ABOUT FIREFIGHTERS BEING PARAMEDICS AND HANDLING

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1 MEDICAL CALLS. THE LAW SAID, WELL, AT LEAST GET THEM TO A
2 HOSPITAL. BUT WE REALIZE NOW, YOU KNOW, THAT'S KIND OF THE
3 WRONG PLACE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INEBRIATED OR WHO ARE HAVING A
4 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. OUR COUNTY E.M.S. AGENCY WILL ALSO BE
5 ABLE TO APPROVE A LICENSED SOBERING CENTER SO THAT PATIENTS
6 WHO NEED REST WHILE THEY SOBER UP CAN DO IT SAFELY WITHOUT THE
7 UNDUE STRESS OF AN EMERGENCY ROOM. NOT ONLY ARE THESE BETTER
8 LOCATIONS FOR PATIENTS DURING ACUTE CRISIS, BUT THEY ALSO
9 ENABLE CONNECTION TO FOLLOW UP WITH TREATMENT AND SERVICES. SO
10 WITH THIS MOTION, I'M ALSO ASKING E.M.S. TO ACTIVELY REACH OUT
11 TO FIRE DISTRICTS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO GET THEIR PARAMEDICS
12 TRAINED, SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE. ANY INTERESTED FIRE
13 DISTRICT CAN WORK WITH E.M.S. TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM
14 AND TRAIN THEIR STAFF. AND LASTLY, I'M ASKING THAT OUR
15 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS OF
16 EXPANSION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARES WITH E.M.S., SO
17 THAT WE CAN ENSURE WE HAVE A SOLID GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD OF THESE
18 SITES, ALLOWING FOR ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY. I LOOK
19 FORWARD TO SEEING THESE UPDATES. AND, COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO
20 THANK ALL THE COUNTY STAFF THAT HAVE WORKED ON THIS PROJECT.
21 MANY OF US WHO WERE UP IN SACRAMENTO, IT SEEMS LIKE SO LONG
22 AGO WHEN WE WERE ACTUALLY TRYING TO GET THE LAW CHANGED. BUT
23 THANK YOU FOR FIGURING OUT HOW TO FIND A WAY FORWARD. AND THIS
24 SPEAKS TO, AGAIN, EVERYTHING THIS BOARD IS TRYING TO DO TO
25 GIVE PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED. WE KNOW THAT 9-1-1 CALLS ARE

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1 GOING TO BE TRIAGED, SO THAT IF SOMEBODY'S HAVING A MENTAL
2 HEALTH CRISIS, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T NECESSARILY WANT THESE
3 PEOPLE TO BE ARRESTED AND SENT TO OUR JAILS. WE WANT PEOPLE TO
4 GET THE HELP THEY NEED. SO THIS IS A GOOD PROGRAM. I MEAN,
5 HONESTLY, OUR PARAMEDICS ARE PERFECTLY SITUATED TO DO THIS
6 ALTERNATE TRANSPORT. THEY'RE TRIAGING, YOU KNOW, SO MANY
7 PEOPLE EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY. THEY DO HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO
8 KNOW WHEN A PERSON NEEDS TO GO TO A MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE
9 OR A SOBERING CENTER, VERSUS THE EMERGENCY ROOM IN A HOSPITAL.
10 SO, THANK YOU. AND, CHIEF OSBY OR DR. GHALY, I'D LOVE TO HEAR
11 YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT DOCTOR--
14 OR I'M SORRY. CHIEF OSBY?

15

16 **CHIEF OSBY:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

17

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

19

20 **CHIEF OSBY:** YOU CAN HEAR ME?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **CHIEF OSBY:** YES, THANK YOU. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
25 HONORABLE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING ME TO

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1 SPEAK TO THIS MOTION. AND I GUESS, SINCE DR. GHALY IS NOT ON,
2 I CAN SPEAK TO HER AND HER TEAM, TOO, BECAUSE THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT-- AND, AS A MATTER OF FACT, ALL THE
4 DEPARTMENTS IN OUR COUNTY-- HAVE AN AMAZING WORKING
5 RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. GHALY, CATHY CHIDESTER, AND THE LOCAL
6 E.M.S. AGENCY. SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS. I'M GLAD I
7 AM FOLLOWING SUPERVISOR HAHN. SHE TOOK A LOT OF WORDS OUT OF
8 MY MOUTH, IN RELATION TO THIS INITIATIVE. AS SHE KNOWS AND AS
9 SHE STATED, THE HAHN FAMILY DOES RUN DEEP, AS IT RELATES TO
10 THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM. AND ALSO, BETWEEN MYSELF AS A FIRE
11 CHIEF AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE'VE BEEN UP IN SACRAMENTO TRYING
12 TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. SO THIS IS REALLY GOOD NEWS. BUT
13 GOING BACK, AS SHE MENTIONED, FROM THE ORIGINAL PARAMEDIC
14 PROGRAM, IT HAS EVOLVED. OUR PARAMEDICS WERE SMART THEN, AND
15 THEY'RE SMART NOW, IN RELATION TO MAKING THE APPROPRIATE
16 DECISIONS. OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS DO AN AMAZING JOB IN MANAGING
17 HEALTH ISSUES AND PEOPLE THAT ARE IN CRISIS, BUT THEY ARE NOT
18 THE BEST DESTINATION FOR EVERYBODY, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE THAT
19 NEED PSYCHIATRIC, OR THEY'RE IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WITH NO
20 PHYSICAL ISSUES. SO THIS IS NOT THE BEST PLACE FOR OUR
21 PARAMEDICS AND AMBULANCES TO BE TAKING PATIENTS. WE'VE DONE A
22 COUPLE OF PILOTS. ONE STARTED IN DECEMBER 2019 IN THE M.L.K.
23 URGENT CARE CENTER, WHICH WAS A COLLABORATION WITH THE E.M.S.
24 AGENCY, THE M.L.K. COMMUNITY, THE HOSPITAL, AND MCCORMICK
25 AMBULANCE. AND I JUST USE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE, IS THAT WE'VE

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1 TURNED THAT PILOT PROGRAM LAST YEAR, AND FROM THAT, WHEN WE'VE
2 IDENTIFIED THE APPROPRIATE DESTINATION TO TAKE THESE MENTALLY
3 CHALLENGED, OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY CHALLENGED PATIENTS TO THE
4 APPROPRIATE FACILITY, WE'VE REDUCED OUR AMOUNT OF TIME AT THAT
5 FACILITY TO 15 MINUTES. AND THAT'S ABOUT 1/3 OF THE NORMAL
6 TIME THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE E.R., NUMBER ONE, MAKING
7 US AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT CALL. AND THEN, NUMBER TWO, THEY'RE
8 AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT 9-1-1 CALL. SO IT'S REALLY IMPROVED OUR
9 AVAILABILITY, AS FAR AS BEING ABLE TO GET TO THAT NEXT CALL.
10 WE DID ANOTHER PILOT PROGRAM UP IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, UP IN
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT, AND WE WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER
12 LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT UP THERE, TOO, WHERE WE HAVE A
13 TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM WITH OUR PARAMEDICS, WHERE WE PROVIDE
14 ADVANCE PROVIDER RESPONSE UNITS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND FROM
15 THAT PILOT PROGRAM, JUST RECENTLY, WE'VE CLEARED 28 PATIENTS
16 TO BE TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY AT
17 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL, OR OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL, WHICH
18 ORDINARILY THOSE PATIENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED OR SENT
19 TO AN E.R. SO THAT'S JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW GIVING THE
20 PARAMEDICS THE ABILITY TO TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO THE
21 APPROPRIATE FACILITIES HAS REALLY IMPROVED THE SYSTEM. SO, AS
22 IT RELATES TO A.B. 1544, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT. WE'RE
23 REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE COLLABORATION WITH HEALTH SERVICES.
24 WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS' INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP. AND WE KNOW THAT WHEN

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1 WE TAKE OUR MENTALLY ILL OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY CHALLENGED
2 PATIENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTER
3 OR SOBERING CENTERS, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET THE MOST
4 APPROPRIATE CARE IN A TIMELY MANNER. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE L.A.
5 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES, THANK YOU,
6 HONORABLE BOARD, FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT
7 ITEM 21.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, CHIEF. I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOU
10 GETTING ON. AND YOU HAVE SUCH A GREAT HISTORY IN THE COUNTY
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE FACT THAT YOU STARTED OUT AS A PARAMEDIC,
12 AND NOW, OF COURSE, ARE THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT. YOU HAVE
13 SUCH GREAT HISTORY AND SUCH GREAT PERSPECTIVE, PARTICULARLY ON
14 THIS ISSUE. AND I DO ALSO WANT TO-- I WOULD BE REMISS IF I
15 DIDN'T THANK DR. SHERIN FOR, ALSO, HIS LEADERSHIP IN OPENING
16 OUR EYES TO HOW CRITICAL THESE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE
17 PLACES REALLY WERE FOR THE CALMING DOWN OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
18 HAVING A CRISIS. AND HOPEFULLY, THIS BOARD WILL WORK IN A MORE
19 AGGRESSIVE WAY WITH DR. SHERIN TO EXPAND THESE MENTAL HEALTH
20 URGENT CARES. WE NEED MANY, MANY MORE OF THEM THROUGHOUT THE
21 COUNTY. SO THANK YOU, CHIEF. YOU HAVE SUCH A GREAT HISTORY
22 WITH THE COUNTY. AND I LOVED WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE,
23 WHICH WILL REALLY GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND THANK YOU,
2 CHIEF OSBY. WITH THAT, ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR LAST ITEM BEFORE WE DO
7 ADJOURNMENTS IS ITEM 25. ARLENE BARRERA, OUR AUDITOR-
8 CONTROLLER, WILL READ THE RESULTS OF THE DRAWING.

9

10 **ARLENE BARRERA:** DURING THIS MEETING, I CONDUCTED THE RANDOM
11 SELECTION OF EIGHT OF THE 14 COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF
12 LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, AS REQUIRED BY
13 THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE. THIS PROCESS WAS LIVE-STREAMED
14 AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LACOUNTYBOS. AFTER FOLLOWING THE RANDOM
15 SELECTION PROCESS, THE FIRST EIGHT COUNTY LOS ANGELES CITIZENS
16 REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONERS ARE: NELSON OBREGON, FOR THE FIRST
17 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; GENE FRANKLIN, FOR SUPERVISORIAL
18 DISTRICT 2; FRANK SPEICHER, FOR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3;
19 HAYLEY SOTO, FOR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4; JOHN VENTO, FOR
20 SUPERVISORIAL 5; DAVID HOLTZMAN, DANIEL MAYEDA, AND PRISCILLA
21 SEGURA. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ARLENE, FOR THAT REPORTING OUT.
24 AND ON THIS ITEM THAT WAS ALREADY VOTED ON, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS WANTS TO BE RECORDED AS A YES VOTE. SO WITH THAT, THERE
2 ARE NO SPECIALS BY ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I DO HAVE A SPECIAL. I DO.

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6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M
7 SORRY.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I'M SORRY. THIS IS A READ-IN MOTION FOR THE
10 DECEMBER 8TH MEETING. AND I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING
11 MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT BOARD
12 MEETING, DECEMBER THE EIGHTH. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL FOR SIGNING ON AS CO-AUTHOR. THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
14 RESTRICTIONS ON DINING ESTABLISHMENTS ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, GIVEN THAT RESTAURANTS ARE THE BACKBONE OF
16 OUR ECONOMY. ALTHOUGH C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES ARE INCREASING AND
17 SAFEGUARDS ARE NECESSARY, IT IS INCUMBENT ON GOVERNMENT TO
18 PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE INDUSTRIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES
19 SEVERELY IMPACTED. THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING OFFERS US A
20 UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT RESTAURANTS AND PROVIDE HEALTHY,
21 CULTURAL, COMPETENT MEALS TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. THE
22 C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING HAS BEEN FULLY ALLOCATED, BUT IT IS
23 POSSIBLE THAT SOME FUNDING MAY BE UNSPENT OR MAY BE AVAILABLE
24 BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. IF THAT IS THE CASE, THE NONPROFIT
25 ORGANIZATION WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

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1 TO ACTIVATE RESTAURANTS AND KITCHENS IN CALIFORNIA TO FEED
2 MARGINALIZED AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. WITH PHILANTHROPIC
3 SUPPORT, W.C.K. HAS ALREADY PROVIDED OVER 20 MILLION
4 NUTRITIONAL MEALS IN ITS EFFORT TO FEED CALIFORNIANS THROUGH
5 ITS RESTAURANTS FOR THE PEOPLE PROGRAM. RESTAURANTS FOR THE
6 PEOPLE AIMS TO KEEP THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AFLOAT BY GETTING
7 RESTAURANT AND FOOD WORKERS REHIRED AND ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR
8 THEIR FAMILIES, AND BY REINVIGORATING OUR AGRICULTURAL
9 COMMUNITIES HIT HARD BY THE SHUTTERING OF RESTAURANTS. BESIDES
10 GETTING CRITICALLY NEEDED MEALS TO THOSE EXPERIENCING FOOD
11 INSECURITY, THE PROGRAM RESONATES WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE
12 ECONOMY, INCLUDING CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT FOR RESTAURANT
13 INDUSTRY WORKERS, SUPPORT FOR THE FARMS THAT SERVE THE
14 RESTAURANTS, AS WELL AS BOLSTERING OUR TAX BASE TO HELP KEEP
15 THE COUNTY'S ECONOMY AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE DURING THE
16 C.O.V.I.D. THERE ARE MANY MORE RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAN
17 W.C.K. CAN SERVE. L.A. COUNTY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY
18 REINVIGORATE THE COUNTY'S RESTAURANT AND AGRICULTURAL
19 INDUSTRIES, BUT ALSO TO GET MANY OF ITS WORKERS REHIRED, AND
20 ONCE AGAIN PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES, AND HELPING TO ENSURE
21 A QUICK ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ALLOCATE UP
23 TO 10 MILLION OF ANY UNSPENT FUTURE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING TO
24 ENTER INTO A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN
25 THAT WOULD FUND RESTAURANTS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO

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1 PROVIDE MEALS TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR. I WOULD ASK IF MY CO-AUTHOR MIGHT WANT TO SPEAK, OR WE
3 CAN HOLD THAT FOR OUR NEXT MEETING.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO. I THINK I CAN SPEAK WHEN WE BRING IT BACK IN
8 TWO WEEKS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

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

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14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A
15 MINUTE TO ANNOUNCE THAT LAST WEEK, THE COUNTY ENGINEERS
16 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA PRESENTED OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
17 WORKS, MARK PESTRELLA, WITH THE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN
18 RECOGNITION OF HIS INCREDIBLE WORK AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
19 WORKS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS AWARD SERVES AS A TESTAMENT
20 TO HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE LARGEST PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY OVER THE
21 PAST 3-1/2 YEARS, AND IT TRULY IS RECOGNITION OF THE
22 OUTSTANDING WORK THAT 4,000 PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES DEMONSTRATE
23 ON A DAILY BASIS, WHETHER RESPONDING TO DISASTERS LIKE THE
24 WOOLSEY FIRE IN MALIBU, OR THE BOBCAT AND LAKE FIRES IN THE
25 FIFTH DISTRICT, ADDRESSING QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, OR ADVANCING THE MODERNIZATION OF WATER,
2 TRANSPORTATION, SOLID WASTE, AND PUBLIC BUILDING AND STRUCTURE
3 TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES ALL WILL AGREE
4 MARK PUTS COMMUNITY FIRST. MOST RECENTLY, HE AND HIS TEAM
5 CONSTRUCTED AND TURNED OVER THE HIGH DESERT MENTAL HEALTH
6 URGENT CARE CENTERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN
7 RECORD TIME. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS LED TO A SIZABLE
8 INCREASE IN THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES IN OUR
9 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE STRUGGLING THROUGH THE DAY-TO-DAY
10 ECONOMIC IMPACTS, AND GETTING THIS FACILITY BUILT WAS
11 CRITICAL. NOT ONLY DID HE COME IN ON TIME, BUT HE CAME IN
12 UNDER BUDGET. KEEN AWARENESS OF THE DIVERSE NEEDS. MARK HAS A
13 KEEN AWARENESS OF THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF EACH OF OUR
14 COMMUNITIES, AND IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR
15 CONSTITUENTS THROUGH RESPONSIVE AND TIMELY SERVICE DELIVERY,
16 AS WELL AS CONTINUING TO BUILD AND IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC
17 INFRASTRUCTURE. I WANT TO ALSO APPLAUD MARK ON HIS LEADERSHIP
18 DURING THESE TIMES IN MAINTAINING THE CONTINUITY OF PUBLIC
19 WORKS SERVICES IN AN UNINTERRUPTED MANNER. SO HIS ATTENTION TO
20 BOTH LOCAL AND REGIONAL CHALLENGES, AND HIS COMMITMENT TO
21 RAISE THE BAR TO DO SO, IS NOT GOING UNNOTICED. SO I'D LIKE TO
22 INVITE MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING MARK ON THIS
23 WELL-DESERVED AWARD. I CANNOT THINK OF A MORE DESERVING
24 INDIVIDUAL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR?

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3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANT TO ADD IN, BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE,
6 I MEAN, SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS DONE IN
7 THE THIRD, BUT THE RECOVERY FROM THE WOOLSEY FIRE, ONE OF THE
8 GREAT BIG INCIDENTS. AND MARK WAS EXTRAORDINARY IN HIS HELP,
9 AND IS STILL BEING EXTRAORDINARY IN HIS HELP. SO MY
10 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, MARK. VERY, VERY WELL DESERVED. WE'RE
11 REALLY, REALLY PROUD OF YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITH THAT, AT
14 THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE'LL
15 BEGIN WITH MY ADJOURNMENTS, FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST, SECOND,
16 THIRD, AND FOURTH. THE FIRST ONE, I AM REALLY SORRY TO HAVE TO
17 SAY I'M ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF CHERI FLEMING, A LONGTIME
18 RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
19 NOVEMBER 16TH AT THE AGE OF 69. SHE GREW UP IN PARMA HEIGHTS,
20 OHIO, AND, FOLLOWING HER GRADUATION FROM OHIO UNIVERSITY,
21 MOVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE MET HER FUTURE HUSBAND
22 AND BUSINESS PARTNER, DONALD-- BETTER KNOWN AS DON-- FLEMING.
23 TOGETHER, THEY PURCHASED A STRUGGLING VALENCIA ACURA IN 1997,
24 AND TRANSFORMED IT INTO ONE OF ACURA'S MOST PERFORMING
25 DEALERSHIPS IN THE COUNTRY. BEYOND HER SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

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1 VENTURES, SHE DEVOTED HERSELF TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO
2 UPLIFTING WOMEN AND GIRLS, NOT ONLY IN THE SANTA CLARITA
3 VALLEY, BUT ACROSS THE GLOBE. IN 1999, SHE JOINED SOROPTIMIST
4 INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO
5 THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT IN 2013. SHE SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF
6 MANY OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE HENRY MAYO
7 NEWHALL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER, AMERICAN
8 CANCER SOCIETY, AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA
9 VALLEY, ONLY TO NAME A FEW. HER LEADERSHIP, PHILANTHROPY, AND
10 SERVICE WON HER NUMEROUS AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS, INCLUDING
11 BEING NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL
12 DISTRICT BY THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN IN 2012. DESPITE PERSONAL
13 CHALLENGES, SHE LIVED A VIBRANT, SELFLESS LIFE DEDICATED TO
14 HELPING OTHERS, AND HER INFECTIOUS OPTIMISM AND KIND SPIRIT
15 INSPIRED ALL WHO KNEW HER. I KNOW IT DID WITH ME. SHE'S
16 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DON, AND HER STEPCHILDREN BRIAN AND
17 KYMBRA. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM HAPKE, A
18 LONGTIME ARCADIA RESIDENT, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON
19 NOVEMBER 20TH. BILL WAS BORN IN CONNECTICUT AND WAS A PROUD
20 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD VETERAN. FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS
21 WIFE RUTH, HE RELOCATED TO ARCADIA TO LIVE WITH HIS DAUGHTER
22 BETSY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE ARCADIA SENIOR CENTER, WHERE HE
23 HAD A LOT OF FRIENDS. BILL WAS A PROUD NEW ENGLANDER, AND WAS
24 A FAN OF ALL THE BOSTON TEAMS. BILL IS SURVIVED BY HIS
25 CHILDREN KEN AND BETSY, HIS GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-

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1 GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY, MANY, MANY FRIENDS. ALSO, THAT WE
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. SINN MOORTHY, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
3 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. DR. MOORTHY OBTAINED HIS MEDICAL DEGREE
4 IN 1967 IN SRI LANKA. HE COMPLETED HIS POSTGRADUATE TRAINING
5 IN NEW YORK, AND A FELLOWSHIP IN GASTROENTEROLOGY IN BOSTON
6 UNIVERSITY IN MASSACHUSETTS. HE MOVED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
7 IN 1976 AS THE VALLEY'S FIRST GASTROENTEROLOGIST. DR. MOORTHY
8 WAS ON STAFF AT LANCASTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, ANTELOPE VALLEY
9 HOSPITAL, AND PALMDALE REGIONAL CENTER. HE WAS FOUNDER OF THE
10 SIERRA MEDICAL PLAZA, SIERRA MEDICAL GROUP, ANTELOPE VALLEY
11 HEALTH FOUNDATION, ANA VERDE MEDICAL CENTER, SIERRA IMMEDIATE
12 CARE CENTER, AND SIERRA GASTROENTEROLOGY. HE WAS ALSO FOUNDER
13 OF THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, A FOUNDING
14 DIRECTOR OF THE LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION,
15 AND THE 1985 CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER
16 OF THE UNITED WAY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHANTHI,
17 DAUGHTERS ASHA AND GEETHA, A SISTER, AND A BROTHER. ALSO, WE
18 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EARLA MAE RICHARDSON, A LONGTIME ANTELOPE
19 VALLEY RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100. IN 1956,
20 EARLA BECAME AN ORDAINED AND LICENSED EVANGELIST IN THE CHURCH
21 OF GOD IN CHRIST. IN 1957, SHE MARRIED TOMMIE RICHARDSON AND
22 MOVED TO LANCASTER. IN 1963, THEY OPENED THE LIGHT HOUSE
23 DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, IN LITTLE ROCK. AFTER THE
24 PASSING OF HER HUSBAND IN 1974, SHE PASTORED THE CHURCH UNTIL
25 A NEW PASTOR ARRIVED. IN 1996, SHE OFFICIALLY RETIRED FROM

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1 SERVICE. NONETHELESS, SHE NEVER STOPPED TEACHING AND SPREADING
2 THE GOSPEL TO WHOMEVER SHE MET. EARLA IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX
3 CHILDREN, 29 GRANDCHILDREN, AND APPROXIMATELY 147 GREAT-
4 GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GREAT-
5 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, PLUS A HOST OF COUSINS, NIECES, NEPHEWS,
6 AND FRIENDS. ALSO, BARBARA STERK, A LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY
7 RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 3RD. SHE WAS FOUNDER AND
8 A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RURAL OLYMPICS HALL OF
9 FAME, AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RURAL MUSEUM. DURING THE
10 ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR'S RURAL OLYMPICS, BARBARA INSPIRED OTHER
11 WOMEN BY COMPETING AS A TRACTOR DRIVER IN THE LADY'S TRACTOR
12 STAKE RACE. BARBARA WAS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2013 ANTELOPE
13 VALLEY FAIR PARADE FOR HER SERVICE AS THE FAIR'S AGRICULTURAL
14 AND FARM BUILDING CHAIRPERSON, A VOLUNTEER JOB SHE INHERITED
15 FROM HER RANCHER FATHER. BARBARA AND JERRY, HER HUSBAND OF 63
16 YEARS, WERE NAMED FAIR VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR. SHE ALSO
17 RECEIVED THE FAIR'S BLUE RIBBON AND GOLD RIBBON AWARDS FOR HER
18 SERVICE. BARBARA MOVED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WITH HER FAMILY
19 IN 1943. SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND JERRY IN 1957. INSPIRED BY A
20 FRIEND, BARBARA BECAME A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE. SHE WENT
21 TO WORK AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL IN 1971, AND REMAINED
22 THERE UNTIL HER RETIREMENT. BARBARA'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
23 THREE CHILDREN, 11 GRANDCHILDREN, 9 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND 3
24 SISTERS. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
25 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE

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1 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY
3 AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH:
4 ERWIN ALCORN, AIR FORCE; MAX BARNETT, MARINE CORPS; THOMAS B.
5 CHAMBERLIN, AIR FORCE; SCOTT DAVIS, NAVY; LEONARD KNUDSON,
6 ARMY; BRIAN LEVENTHAL, ARMY; RICKY MCDANIEL, ARMY; JOSEPH M.
7 PERRY, ARMY; LOUIS RABINOWITZ, ARMY; ROBERT L. TAFOYA, MARINE
8 CORPS; J.H. THOMASON JR., ARMY; GRAY L. YOUNG, ARMY. MAY THEIR
9 CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY
10 NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. GENE
14 G. CHAMPONIER. GENE WAS A LONGTIME FRIEND, AND I PERSONALLY
15 KNEW HIM FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE WAS A FORMER C.E.O. OF ALMA
16 FAMILY SERVICES, LOCATED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. HE PASSED AWAY
17 SUDDENLY THIS FRIDAY AT THE AGE OF 80. GENE DEDICATED HIS
18 WHOLE LIFE TO THE WELFARE OF THOSE AROUND HIM. A PUBLIC
19 SERVANT AT HEART, HE LED ALMA FAMILY SERVICES AND PROVIDED
20 EXCELLENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THE SURROUNDING AREAS AROUND
21 EAST LOS ANGELES. HE ADVOCATED FOR MORE PREVENTION, MENTAL
22 HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUNG CHILDREN AND DISABLED CHILDREN, AND
23 HE WAS A LEADER IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY. HE ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR
24 EQUITY AND LIFTING UP THE VOICES OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. GENE WAS THE FIRST DISTRICT'S APPOINTEE ON THE

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1 COUNTY'S COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE, DR. MARIE TORRES, AND HIS TWO SONS, TWO DAUGHTERS, AND
3 SIX GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY SO MANY-- HIS
4 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY. WE LOVED HIM SO MUCH. MAY HE REST IN
5 PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE CALLED HIM DR. GENE.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. DR. GENE. YES.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO I SHARE MY SADNESS ON HIS PASSING. IT
14 WAS SUDDEN. WE KNOW THAT HE WAS A FORMER PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ALMA FAMILY SERVICES, AND MUCH MORE.
16 BUT I WANT TO SAY HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A DEVOTED LEADER IN
17 THE FIELDS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE, AND AS A
18 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT IN HIS OWN RIGHT, AND FOR HIS LOVE
19 FOR HIS FAMILY. AND OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS
20 WIFE OF 32 YEARS, DR. MARIE TORRES, AND WITH HIS FRIENDS AND
21 COLLEAGUES WHO RESPECTED HIM, WHO ENJOYED HIS COMPANY, AND WHO
22 WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

23

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

25 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU FORGOT THE THIRD DISTRICT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M REALLY-- I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU COULD ALSO TELL-- OKAY. WE MISSED SUPERVISOR
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S ADJOURNMENTS.

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9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK HE HAD ANY. I THINK HE WAS
10 TALKING ON SUPERVISOR...

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, THE FIRST DISTRICT'S.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. GENE.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. DR. GENE.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. GENE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU'RE
19 CONFUSED, COME SEE ME. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I APOLOGIZE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I APOLOGIZE.

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24 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE CONFUSED. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET
25 IN LINE. IT'S A LONG LINE THESE DAYS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

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1 MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF RICHARD ATLAS, WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER 12TH. IN 1968,
3 HE WAS OFFERED A JOB AT GOLDMAN SACHS, AND STARTED HIS CAREER
4 IN INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY SALES. LATER BECAME MANAGER OF THE
5 L.A. INSTITUTIONAL DEPARTMENT, CO-HEAD OF THE L.A. OFFICE, AND
6 IN 1984, A GENERAL PARTNER. ONE OF HIS LEGACIES WAS THAT HE
7 BELIEVED THAT PHILANTHROPY SHOULD BE AN INVESTMENT THAT
8 CREATES SOCIAL WEALTH AND IMPROVES THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE
9 LESS FORTUNATE. TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE LEZLIE, THEY
10 ESTABLISHED A FOUNDATION IN 1994, WITH A MISSION TO INVEST IN
11 ASSISTING THE MOST VULNERABLE INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PARENTS
12 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND THEIR LEADERSHIP LED TO THE
13 CREATION OF THE L.A. PARTNERSHIP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
14 INVESTMENT. HE WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO PAID EARLY AND STRONG
15 ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE EARLIEST
16 YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE. AND IT WAS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO
17 MOVING THAT WHOLE RESEARCH AREA ALONG. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
18 WIFE LEZLIE, AND HIS DAUGHTERS MICHELLE AND ALLISON, AND HIS
19 SIBLINGS WILLIAM AND BOBBI. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
20 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORM CROSBY, A GREAT COMIC, WHO
21 DIED ON NOVEMBER 7TH. HE WAS A FREQUENT TALK SHOW GUEST, FIRST
22 APPEARING ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW" WITH JOHNNY CARSON IN 1964,
23 AND WENT ON TO GUEST ON THAT SHOW MORE THAN 50 TIMES. HIS MANY
24 OTHER TALK SHOW APPEARANCES INCLUDED "ED SULLIVAN," "IT'S
25 GARRY SHANDLING'S SHOW," "LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN," AND

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1 HE WAS A GUEST STAR ON A LOT OF SERIES, LIKE "ROSEANNE," "LOVE
2 BOAT," "L.A. LAW," A FIXTURE ON THE "DEAN MARTIN CELEBRITY
3 ROAST" IN THE 70S AND EARLY 80S. CO-STARRED ON "THE BEAUTIFUL
4 PHYLLIS DILLER SHOW" IN 1968, AND HOSTED A SYNDICATED SERIES,
5 "THE COMEDY SHOP," FROM 1978 THROUGH 1981, WHICH FEATURED UP-
6 AND-COMING AND VETERAN COMEDIANS. HE WAS A REAL STAPLE IN
7 MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH. A WONDERFUL MAN, A GENEROUS AND SWEET
8 MAN, AND REALLY GLAD THAT HE CROSSED ALL OF OUR PATHS. HE'S
9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOAN, AND HIS TWO SONS. AND I MOVE THAT
10 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF T.V. PRODUCER
11 WALTER MILLER, AN AWARD-WINNING T.V. PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR WHO
12 WAS EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND CONSULTING PRODUCER FOR THE C.M.A.
13 AWARDS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE
14 AWARDS, WHICH IS COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS, MILLER ALSO DIRECTED
15 AND PRODUCED THE EMMY AWARDS, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS, THE
16 GRAMMY AWARDS, AND THE TONY AWARDS. HE WAS NOMINATED FOR 19
17 EMMYS DURING HIS LONG AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, AND TOOK HOME 5
18 OF THEM BETWEEN 1972 AND 1999. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND, HARVEY SAFERSTEIN,
20 WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER 19TH. HE PRACTICED LAW FOR OVER 50 YEARS,
21 SPECIALIZING IN ANTITRUST LITIGATION; LED THE L.A. OFFICE OF
22 THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FROM 1978 TO '80; AND WAS
23 RECENTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ANTITRUST SECTION OF THE
24 L.A. COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE BAR OF
25 CALIFORNIA AND THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS AN ACTIVE

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1 MEMBER AND TREASURER OF THE DISABILITY LEGAL DEFENSE FUND,
2 ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELPED THOSE WHO ARE
3 LESS FORTUNATE, HE WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR POSITIVE CHANGE. HE
4 TAUGHT ADVERTISING LAW AT U.C.L.A., WORKED AS A LAWYER
5 REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NINTH CIRCUIT FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE'S
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PEGGY, AND HIS SONS JONATHAN, DANIEL, AND
7 PHILLIP. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF YONALTON SCHULTZ, A LEADER IN JEWISH EDUCATION IN
9 LOS ANGELES-- AND THE FATHER OF MY SENIOR HEALTH DEPUTY, ELAN
10 SCHULTZ-- WHO DIED ON OCTOBER 23RD. HE WAS THE CHILD OF JEWISH
11 IMMIGRANTS FROM POLAND. GREW UP IN L.A., WHERE HE BECAME
12 ACTIVE IN THE LABOR ZIONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT, HABONIM. AFTER
13 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, HE SPENT A YEAR WORKING ON A KIBBUTZ,
14 WHERE HE LEARNED TO EMBRACE HARD WORK AND FORGED A LIFELONG
15 CONNECTION TO ISRAEL. IN 1969, HE MARRIED HIS HIGH SCHOOL
16 SWEETHEART, JANET, WHOM HE MET AT HABONIM CAMP, FIRST AS A
17 COUNSELOR, AND THEN AS THE DIRECTOR OF TWO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
18 JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS. YONI LAUNCHED A LONG CAREER IN JEWISH
19 EDUCATION. IN THE 1970S, HE BECAME PRINCIPAL AT HERTZL, A
20 JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE KEPT CAREFUL TABS ON EACH OF HIS
21 STUDENTS' PROGRESS. LATER IN HIS LIFE, HE WOULD BECOME THE
22 PRINCIPAL FOR SECULAR STUDIES AT CHABAD, AND THEN DIRECTOR OF
23 THE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION, WHERE HE WORKED TO
24 PROFESSIONALIZE THE FIELD OF JEWISH EDUCATION. THROUGHOUT HIS
25 CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR, FATHER, AND FRIEND, HE HAD A SINGULAR

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1 ABILITY TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL SEEN, ACCEPTED, AND CARED FOR. AND
2 HE WAS DEEPLY LOVED BY STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, AND
3 FAMILY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE, TALMA, HIS SON ELAN,
4 HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW STEPHANIE, HIS STEPSON YANIV AND HIS WIFE
5 LIRON, AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN WHOM HE ADORED: JONAH, MICAH,
6 NOAH, AMIT, AND ALMA. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AKEEM USHER. AT THE ADULT SKILLS CENTER
8 IN LAKE BALBOA, HE WORKED IN THE SPECIALIZED THERAPEUTIC
9 SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR TWO YEARS, WAS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE
10 TEAM, HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE CLIENTS WHO WERE LUCKY
11 ENOUGH TO CALL HIM THEIR COACH. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FIANCEE
12 ELENA ZAMORA, HIS PARENTS EARL AND THERESE, HIS BROTHERS EARL
13 JR., LEON, AND DEVON, AND HIS SISTERS SHAHEDA AND SHANEKA. AND
14 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AL
15 YOSELLE, A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, WHO DIED ON OCTOBER 29TH.
16 DURING WORLD WAR II, HE SERVED IN THE 8TH AIR FORCE AS A B-24
17 RADAR MECHANIC. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN 1945. IN 1961,
18 HE MOVED HIS FAMILY TO L.A. AND OPENED A GLASS SHOP IN CULVER
19 CITY, WHICH HE OWNED AND OPERATED FOR MANY YEARS. HE HAS LIVED
20 A LONG AND FULFILLING LIFE, AND MADE IT TO THE AGE OF 101.
21 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS, SANDEE, LINDA, AND MARLA. THANK
22 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. ON THIS FIRST ONE, I'M HOPING
2 THAT WE WILL HAVE ALL MEMBERS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE
3 ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF JOHN GILLIGAN, WHO LIVED IN SAN
4 PEDRO AND WAS A FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT
5 ATTORNEY. I'M SURE MANY OF YOU KNEW HIM. HE'S PASSED AWAY AT
6 THE AGE OF 64. JOHN SPENT 29 YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BEFORE FINISHING HIS CAREER AS SUPERVISING
8 ATTORNEY IN THE COUNTY'S INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE. IN HIS
9 ROLE AS D.A., JOHN PROSECUTED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE'S
10 FIRST AND ONLY SUCCESSFUL ABUSE-OF-FORCE CASE FOR AN OFFICER-
11 INVOLVED SHOOTING BY A LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER.
12 AND AS ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL, HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN
13 L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT
14 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING REFORM IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE WAS BORN IN NEW YORK. AND AFTER
16 GRADUATING WITH A DEGREE IN HISTORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
17 MEXICO, JOHN WORKED FOR A TIME AS A PARALEGAL IN ALBANY AND
18 NEW YORK CITY BEFORE RELOCATING TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE
19 PURSUED A LAW DEGREE AT SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL BY NIGHT,
20 WHILE CLERKING IN THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BY DAY. JOHN
21 CREDITED HIS FATHER'S LEGAL PRACTICE FOR INFLUENCING HIS OWN
22 DECISION TO SEEK A CAREER IN THE LAW. HE JOINED THE L.A.
23 COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN 1987. HE EVENTUALLY ROSE
24 TO BECOME ASSISTANT HEAD DEPUTY WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
25 INTEGRITY DIVISION, AND ASSISTANT HEAD DEPUTY OF THE CHARGE

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1 EVALUATION DIVISION IN THE COMPTON AND LONG BEACH BRANCH
2 OFFICES. JOHN WAS WELL RESPECTED WITHIN THE D.A.'S OFFICE, AND
3 ACTED AS A MENTOR TO MANY YOUNG PROSECUTORS. HE ALSO TAUGHT
4 PART-TIME AT THE PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW
5 FOR 10 YEARS. JOHN WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON BRENDAN,
6 AND JOHN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 30 YEARS, CAROL BAKER, WHO
7 IS A DIVISION CHIEF IN OUR OWN L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
8 BEACHES AND HARBORS, AND THEIR SON CIARAN. ALSO, HE'S SURVIVED
9 BY HIS BROTHER, KEVIN GILLIGAN, WHO I GOT TO KNOW WORKING IN
10 THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I BELIEVE HE WAS A
11 NEIGHBORHOOD PROSECUTOR WHEN I WAS A CITY COUNCILWOMAN. SO,
12 BIG SADNESS FOR THIS FAMILY. BUT THEY, OF COURSE, KNOW THAT
13 JOHN HAS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE LEGACY IN THE WORK THAT HE DID,
14 BOTH FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND AT THE LAW SCHOOL.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** LET'S ALL JOIN, IF YOU WANT. I'M SURE ALL OF US
17 WOULD.

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
2 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BEATRIZ ESTRELLA MARQUEZ, WHO WAS A
3 RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. SHE WAS 72 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY.
4 AND SHE BROUGHT MAGIC TO THE WORLD, WORKING AS A FLORAL
5 DESIGNER FOR DISNEYLAND PARK FOR MANY YEARS, DECORATING THE
6 HAUNTED MANSION AND PREPARING THE CANDLELIGHT CEREMONIES. IN
7 HER LATE 50S, SHE DECIDED TO TRAVEL, AND SAW MUCH OF THE
8 WORLD, INCLUDING THE HOLY LAND. BEATRIZ WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
9 HER PASSION, LOVE, AND KINDNESS TO EVERYONE SHE MET. SHE
10 REMINDED ALL HER FAMILY THAT SHE WAS VERY BLESSED IN LIFE, AND
11 THAT HER ILLNESS FROM A.L.S. COULD NOT TAKE THE BEAUTIFUL
12 MEMORIES AWAY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS AND HER BELOVED
13 HUSBAND. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF JACKIE GRAHAM, A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WHO
15 PASSED AWAY AT 84. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF THREE CHILDREN, AND
16 SPENT HER SCHOOL YEARS IN NAPA. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, JACKIE
17 RETURNED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WORKED BRIEFLY, MARRIED,
18 AND HAD THREE GIRLS. SHE OBTAINED AN A.A. DEGREE FROM CERRITOS
19 COLLEGE, AND WENT ON TO GET BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES
20 FROM CAL STATE FULLERTON IN THE FIELD OF SPEECH LANGUAGE
21 PATHOLOGY. AFTER GRADUATION, JACKIE BECAME A SPEECH LANGUAGE
22 PATHOLOGIST FOR THE BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHERE SHE
23 SERVED 28 YEARS. JACKIE MADE IT HER MISSION TO BE A GOOD
24 EXAMPLE TO THE CHILDREN SHE WORKED WITH. JACKIE REMARRIED IN
25 1982 AND, AFTER SPENDING TIME TRAVELING EXTENSIVELY, MOVED TO

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1 OREGON TO BE CLOSER TO FAMILY. IN 2018, THEY RETURNED TO
2 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND JACKIE IMMEDIATELY REJOINED THE HACIENDA
3 HEIGHTS WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE LOCAL REPUBLICAN CLUB. SHE'S
4 SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS, HER SIX GRANDCHILDREN, AND
5 HER HUSBAND THOMAS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE
6 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF JON KELLY LANG, WHO WAS A
7 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF DOWNEY, AND WAS ONLY 62 WHEN HE PASSED
8 AWAY. HE FOUNDED LANG CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., AND
9 OPERATED FOR 37 YEARS, SERVING MANY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOWNEY
10 AND THE SURROUNDING CITIES. JON WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF
11 JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS. HE SERVED TWO YEARS AS A
12 MISSIONARY IN VANCOUVER. JON WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE BOY
13 SCOUTS OF AMERICA. THE ORGANIZATION AWARDED HIM THEIR HIGHEST
14 RANK, THE SILVER BEAVER, FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE ORGANIZATION.
15 HE ALSO PARTICIPATED WITH THE CITY OF DOWNEY, INCLUDING "KEEP
16 DOWNEY BEAUTIFUL" FOR MANY YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
17 COMPANION ELISA, AND HIS CHILDREN TIFFANY JENKS, JOSHUA LANG,
18 RYAN LANG, KYLE LANG, AND 11 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE WILL TAKE
22 ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A
23 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THIS IS SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S LAST BOARD MEETING, AGAIN. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS, IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOU, AND KNOW THAT WE

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1 WILL CONSTANTLY KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS, AND ALWAYS KNOW THAT
2 OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO YOU.

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

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

7 CLOSED SESSION IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 1ST, 2020.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** WHOO-HOO!

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I CONSIDER THAT A PARTING GIFT, MADAM
12 CHAIR. THANK YOU SO KINDLY.

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14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU ARE WELCOME. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S
15 MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS WILL BE A SPECIAL
16 CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2020. THE NEXT
17 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020,
18 WHERE I WILL HAND THE GAVEL OVER TO THE HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS.
19 WITH THAT, HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU ALL.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MARK, AND EVERYBODY.

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4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** FROM ME, AS WELL. A HEALTHY AND HAPPY
5 THANKSGIVING. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, TO EVERYONE LISTENING,
6 PLEASE DO NOT GATHER IN LARGE GROUPS. KEEP IT SAFE. YEAH, GO
7 AHEAD, JANICE, YES.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE. IT'S BEEN A REALLY
10 TOUGH YEAR. THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE
11 THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL TO.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND JUST IN CASE PEOPLE WONDER, I'M THANKFUL FOR
16 ALL FOUR OF YOU.

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** RIGHT BACK AT YOU. RIGHT BACK AT YOU.
19 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. BE SAFE, EVERYBODY.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** BYE. [END OF MEETING.]

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2020

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

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

No reportable action was taken.

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
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11 me.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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