



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE THIS

6 MORNING TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES

7 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS YOU KNOW, TODAY IS TUESDAY

8 DECEMBER 8TH, 2020. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY

9 DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

10 HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM

11 ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME

12 IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PRESENT.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** HI AND WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM HERE, AND WELCOME TO HOLLY AS WELL.

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

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM HERE, AND I ALSO WELCOME YOU SUPERVISOR

25 MITCHELL.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER?

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PRESENT.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RODRIGO CASTRO SILVA, ACTING COUNTY
8 COUNSEL?

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10 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
13 BOARD?

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

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. ALL PRESENT. AND ALSO
18 AGAIN WELCOME, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE ARE REALLY PLEASED THAT
19 YOU HAVE JOINED US TO BRING US TO THIS VERY HISTORIC DAY. AND
20 WITH THAT, MEMBERS, I WANT TO TURN IT OVER AND RECOGNIZE
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN WHO WILL LEAD US IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
22 HONOR OF UNCLAIMED DECEASED INDIVIDUALS.

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS PAST THURSDAY, THE
25 COUNTY HELD A CEREMONY TO BURY THE REMAINS OF 1,547

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1 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PASSED AWAY SINCE 2017 AND WHOSE BODIES
2 WENT UNCLAIMED EVER SINCE. EVERY YEAR, IT IS THE COUNTY'S
3 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE UNCLAIMED INDIVIDUALS WITH A
4 RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED BURIAL, AND THIS YEAR, THE ENTIRE
5 CEREMONY WAS LIVE STREAMED SO THE PUBLIC COULD PARTICIPATE
6 SAFELY. WE DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT WERE
7 BURIED, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT THEIR LIVES MATTERED. AT ONE
8 POINT, THEY HAD PARENTS WHO LOVED THEM. AT ONE POINT, THEY HAD
9 FRIENDS WHO CARED ABOUT THEM. AT ONE POINT, THEY LAUGHED AND
10 LOVED AND CRIED LIKE THE REST OF US. MANY WERE HOMELESS. SOME
11 WERE CHILDREN. SOME WERE IMMIGRANTS FAR FROM HOME, AND ALMOST
12 ALL OF THEM WERE EXTREMELY POOR. I ASK THAT WE JOIN IN A
13 MOMENT OF SILENCE THIS MORNING, NOT ONLY TO HONOR THE
14 UNCLAIMED DEAD, BUT ALSO TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO CLAIMING THE
15 LIVING. IT IS EASY TO FEEL LONELY AND ISOLATED RIGHT NOW, BUT
16 WE ARE NOT GOING THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC ALONE. WE EACH NEED TO
17 REACH OUT TO OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT
18 HAS BEEN SINCE WE HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME ROOM AS THEM, AND LET
19 THEM KNOW WE LOVE THEM AND THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE. PLEASE
20 JOIN ME IN HONORING THESE 1,547 LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS
21 WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND, AS A TOKEN, THAT THEY, AT THIS
22 POINT, ARE NOT ALONE ANYMORE. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NOW I
25 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME OUR

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1 NEWLY ELECTED SUPERVISOR FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR
2 HOLLY J. MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS YOU KNOW, IS A
3 SEASONED LEGISLATOR AND ADVOCATE FOR WORKING FAMILIES, AND I
4 AM SO GLAD AND HONORED THAT SHE IS JOINING OUR BOARD. THERE
5 ARE MANY ISSUES ON WHICH I AM EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON
6 KNOWING THAT YOUR PREVIOUS WORK AND EXPERIENCE WILL BE A
7 VALUABLE ASSET TO EVERYTHING WE ALL DO HERE TOGETHER. THE
8 SECOND DISTRICT, AS YOU KNOW, IS VERY SIMILAR TO MY DISTRICT.
9 AND IT IS BEING HEAVILY IMPACTED, AS YOU KNOW, BY COVID-19 SO
10 I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US TO DO TOGETHER AND
11 WITH OUR COLLEAGUES, AND I THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP AND
12 TAKING ON THIS CHALLENGE AS A SUPERVISOR TO REPRESENT THE
13 PROUD RESIDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. WITH NO DOUBT, YOU
14 WILL BE SERVED WELL BY US, AND YOU WILL SERVE YOUR
15 CONSTITUENTS WELL, EQUALLY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NOW, I WOULD
16 LIKE TO ASK ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY A
17 FEW WORDS. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
18 RECOGNIZED, OR WE CAN GO IN ORDER. WE CAN GO TO SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
22 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR ASSUMING THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP ONCE
23 AGAIN! I REMEMBER YOU WERE VICE CHAIR THE INSTANT YOU CAME
24 INTO OFFICE AS WELL, SO YOU PROBABLY HAVE A LOT TO SAY TO
25 HOLLY ABOUT THAT. HOLLY, I AM SO REALLY, REALLY HAPPY TO HAVE

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1 YOU JOIN THIS BOARD AND REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE TALENTS
2 AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU BRING TO IT. NATURALLY, I REMEMBER
3 MEETING YOU A LONG TIME AGO, IN THE CAPITOL, WHEN YOU WERE
4 WORKING FOR SENATOR DIANE WATSON AND THE WORK THAT WE DID
5 TOGETHER, AND I TOLD MY STAFF AT THE TIME, KEEP YOUR EYE ON
6 THIS WOMAN. SHE IS AMAZING! AND WE WERE TOTALLY CORRECT. SO I
7 LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TENURE ON THIS BOARD. I THINK THAT YOU
8 WILL FIND JOINING THE EXPERIENCE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO
9 YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WILL ONLY BROADEN
10 THE GOOD THAT YOU CAN DO. I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH
11 YOU, AS THE CHAIR INDICATED, ON ALL OF THE THINGS SO IMPORTANT
12 TO US AND TO THE COUNTY. SO WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME! THANK
13 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT, I WILL
16 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR! AND AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
19 TO YOU AS YOU TAKE THE GAVEL THIS MORNING, AND I DID WANT TO
20 JUST ADD MY WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I TUNED INTO
21 YOUR SWEARING IN ON SUNDAY, AND IT WAS SO INSPIRING TO HEAR
22 YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES AND HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT THE
23 INCLUSIVENESS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE AS A PRIORITY FOR ALL
24 OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND I LOVE IT THAT, IN THE MIDDLE OF
25 YOUR TAKING THE OATH, YOUR DOORBELL RANG, WHICH WAS JUST, YOU

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1 KNOW, KIND OF JUST SO REAL AND SO THIS IS THE LIFE WE ALL LIVE
2 RIGHT NOW, BUT I WELCOME YOU TO OUR BOARD. YOU, OF COURSE, ARE
3 MAKING HISTORY BY NOW MAKING OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS OFFICIALLY GOVERNED BY FIVE WOMEN, FIVE STRONG
5 WOMEN. YOUR PERSPECTIVE, YOUR EXPERIENCE, PARTICULARLY AS YOU
6 CHAIRED THE SENATE'S BUDGET COMMITTEE, WILL COME IN SO HANDY
7 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AS WE ALWAYS STRUGGLE WITH OUR FINANCIAL
8 FUTURE AND WHAT THAT MEANS TO THE SAFETY NET FOR ALL OF L.A.
9 COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO WELCOME, HOLLY. I HAVE NEVER HAVE GOTTEN
10 TO SERVE WITH YOU BECAUSE I NEVER SPENT ANY TIME IN
11 SACRAMENTO. SO THIS IS REALLY AN HONOR FOR ME TO SERVE WITH
12 YOU ON THIS BOARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER, OUR CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I, TOO, WANT TO
18 WELCOME YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I KNOW WE HAVEN'T WORKED
19 TOGETHER, BUT WHEN I FIRST MET YOU UP IN SACRAMENTO, AND
20 ACTUALLY WHEN I MET YOU WHEN YOU WERE RUNNING FOR OFFICE, WHAT
21 IMPRESSED ME THE MOST IS YOU WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY
22 AND UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY WITH PROBATION. WE MET
23 WHEN WE WERE BEING INTERVIEWED FOR ENDORSEMENTS THROUGH
24 PROBATION, AND YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND I AM
25 SO EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU ON ISSUES THAT IMPACT ALL THE

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1 COUNTY, NOT JUST THE SECOND DISTRICT, NOT JUST THE 5TH, BUT
2 ACROSS THE BOARD. AND IT IS GOING TO BE AN HONOR AND, AS
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, A HISTORIC TIME. WHEN I START WITH THE
4 COUNTY, IT WAS FOUR MEN ON THE BOARD. AND WE HAVE COME A LONG
5 WAY, AND I THINK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF
6 US, THIS PANDEMIC HAS CHANGED THE COURSE, BUT IT HAS NOT
7 CHANGED THE RESOLVE OF THIS BOARD TO TRULY MAKE CHANGES TO OUR
8 SYSTEM THAT ARE GOING TO BENEFIT THE NEXT GENERATION. SO I AM
9 SO EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT LIES
10 AHEAD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL, WELCOME TO THE COUNTY FAMILY, AND HERE IS YOUR
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO US AND THE PUBLIC.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT
17 WARM, GRACIOUS WELCOME AND TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. I MUST
18 SAY, AS A NATIVE ANGELENO, I AM HUMBLLED TO WALK INTO THE
19 BUILDING TODAY, NAMED IN HONOR OF YOUR FATHER, SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN. I JUST HAVE TO SAY, IT TOOK MY BREATH AWAY. IT REMINDED
21 ME OF BEING A VERY YOUNG 22-YEAR-OLD WALKING INTO THE STATE
22 CAPITOL FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A STAFFER AND REALLY REALIZING
23 THAT THE VOTERS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT HAVE ENTRUSTED IN ME
24 THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO ALL THAT I CAN TO BRING FORWARD SOUND
25 POLICIES AT THE COUNTY LEVEL TO SUPPORT THEM, NOT ONLY THROUGH

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1 THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CRISIS WE ARE FACING,
2 BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE WE ARE BRINGING COUNTY RESOURCES TO
3 EVERY RESIDENT. I JUST HAVE TO SAY, I AM SO DEEPLY HUMBLLED TO
4 BE A DAUGHTER OF LOS ANGELES, RECOGNIZING THAT MY PARENTS
5 ACTUALLY MET AS ELIGIBILITY WORKERS WORKING FOR D.P.S.S.
6 LITERALLY EVERY ADULT IN MY EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKED FOR L.A.
7 COUNTY, AND FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO COME FULL CIRCLE TO WALK INTO
8 THIS PLACE, WALK INTO THE 8TH FLOOR, AND REALIZE I HAVE THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IS REALLY HUMBLING AND OVERWHELMING.
10 THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE FIVE OF US ARE MAKING HISTORY TOGETHER.
11 WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF EYES ARE ON US, LOTS OF INQUIRY ABOUT
12 FIVE WOMEN LEADING, WHAT WILL HAPPEN, WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE,
13 HOW WILL IT BE DIFFERENT. WELL, WE KNOW THE SKILLS AND ASSETS
14 AND LIFE EXPERIENCE WE BRING TO THIS POSITION AT THIS TIME,
15 AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO ALL THAT
16 WE CAN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU SO
17 MUCH. I AM GOING TO ASK YOU NOW THAT YOU FOUR BE PATIENT WITH
18 ME. THIS IS A VERY DIFFERENT GOVERNING PROCESS THAN THE STATE
19 LEGISLATURE, SO I AM A QUICK STUDY. I AM GOING TO TRY TO KEEP
20 UP, BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW EXCITED I AM TO BE HERE IN THIS
21 MOMENT IN HISTORY AND SHARE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOU. SO
22 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME, YOUR BEAUTIFUL
23 MESSAGES VIA VIDEO FOR MY VERY UNCONVENTIONAL SWEARING IN AT
24 MY DINING ROOM TABLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO WORK! THANK
25 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
3 THAT, FOR SURE, WAS A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY THAT TOOK PLACE ON
4 SUNDAY, TO SEE YOUR YOUNG SON AND TO HEAR SO MANY COMPELLING
5 STORIES THAT WERE TOLD ABOUT YOU AND YOUR WORK. I THINK I
6 REMEMBER MEETING YOU BACK WHEN YOU WERE 22 YEARS OF AGE WHEN
7 YOU SERVED AS STAFF FOR THEN STATE SENATOR DIANE WATSON. AND I
8 WILL NEVER FORGET THOSE VERY, VERY TREASURED MOMENTS WHEN WE
9 WORKED HARD TO MAKE SURE HEALTHCARE WAS PROVIDED TO THE
10 UNDERSERVED. SO YOU WERE A STAND-OUT PERSON THEN, BUT, WITH
11 THAT, I WOULD NOW LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS ABOUT OUR OUTGOING
12 CHAIR, SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, KATHRYN,
13 FOR YOUR DYNAMIC AND STEADY LEADERSHIP DURING THESE DIFFICULT
14 TIMES. TO BE CHAIR WHEN COVID-19 HIT, I KNOW HAS BEEN AN
15 ESPECIALLY CHALLENGING, BUT YOU MANAGED IT WITH SO MUCH GRACE.
16 I REALLY APPRECIATE HOW YOU ALWAYS COMMITTED TO LEADING THE
17 L.A. COUNTY THROUGH MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES, FROM THE PANDEMIC TO
18 THE ECONOMIC CRISIS TO THE WILDFIRES. AND WE THANK YOU FOR
19 YOUR WORK KEEPING OUR MEETINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY DESPITE US NOT
20 BEING ABLE TO MEET IN PERSON. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE HAD OUR
21 DISAGREEMENTS ON POLICY, I ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING
22 FROM AND THAT YOU REPRESENT THE VALUES OF YOUR DISTRICT AND
23 YOU WILL ALWAYS STAY TRUE TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS. BUT WE'VE WORK
24 TOGETHER ON MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES, AND I AM HAPPY WE WERE ABLE
25 TO WORK TOGETHER BECAUSE OUR DISTRICTS ARE ALIGNED VERY

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1 CLOSELY TOGETHER. WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS,
2 TO PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES TO OUR SMALLER CITIES THAT WE
3 REPRESENT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WAS AN HONOR. TOGETHER, WE
4 COAUTHORED THE FIRST EVICTION MORATORIUM IN MARCH AS WELL AS
5 CREATING, THROUGH THE HELP OF OUR STAFFS, THE ECONOMIC
6 RESILIENCY TASK FORCE TO BETTER INFORM THE COUNTY BOARD AND
7 OUR DEPARTMENTS ON OUR ROAD TO RECOVERY. AND WE ALSO WORKED
8 TOGETHER ON SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE
9 PANDEMIC, AND YOU DEMONSTRATED YOUR PASSION, WHICH HAS ALWAYS
10 BEEN VERY ADMIRABLE. AND I AM SURE THAT WE ALL APPRECIATE YOUR
11 PRESENCE AT THE COVID PRESS CONFERENCE EACH WEEK WITH DR.
12 FERRER AND DR. GHALY TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED UPDATES TO YOUR
13 RESIDENTS. AND I AM ESPECIALLY THANKFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR
14 COMMITMENT TO THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTY IN ALLOWING ME TO
15 HOST TWO OF THE BRIEFINGS EVERY WEEK TO INFORM OUR ETHNIC
16 MEDIA OUTLETS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. TODAY, I AM HUMBLLED TO
17 TAKE PROVERBIAL THE GAVEL FROM YOU KNOWING THAT YOUR
18 LEADERSHIP IS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
19 KATHRYN BARGER.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, THANK YOU, CHAIR SOLIS. AND I REALLY
22 APPRECIATE THE KIND WORDS. I HAVE TO SAY, YOU WERE A
23 REMARKABLE CHAIR PRO TEM, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
24 PARTNERSHIP AND STEADFAST DEDICATION THIS PAST YEAR. I
25 COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS
2 SUPPORT THAT EACH OF YOU PROVIDED THROUGHOUT MY TERM AS CHAIR.
3 THIS YEAR TAUGHT US A LOT ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER IN THE
4 TRENCHES, AND I AM GRATEFUL, VERY GRATEFUL, FOR OUR
5 COLLABORATION AND CAMARADERIE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY.
6 I'D ALSO LIKE TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HOLLY
7 MITCHELL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE ARE TRULY EXCITED TO
8 HAVE YOU HERE AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER. ALL OF US
9 SHARE A DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND A PASSION FOR
10 ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS. I BEGAN
11 MY TERM AS CHAIR LAST YEAR WITH A COMMITMENT TO FOCUS ON THE
12 NEEDS OF CHILDREN, COINING THIS AS THE YEAR OF THE YOUTH.
13 KNOWING THAT SO MANY YOUTH, INCLUDING THOSE IN OUR CHILD
14 WELFARE SYSTEM, THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND THOSE AT
15 RISK OF ENTERING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FACE IMMENSE CHALLENGES
16 AND BARRIERS. YET, WE KNOW EACH OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE
17 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR FUTURE AND TO CHANGE THE WORLD.
18 I BEGAN A CHAIR'S CHALLENGE FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
19 BRING FORWARD NEW AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT WOULD SERVE OUR
20 CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOST IN NEED. EVEN THROUGHOUT THE HURDLES
21 OF 2020, I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE
22 THREE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE CHAIR'S CHALLENGE.
23 THIS INCLUDES THE PLATFORM TO DREAM INITIATIVE, A PARTNERSHIP
24 BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
25 SERVICES, AND THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, WHICH

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1 CREATED A YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING PROGRAM TO HELP
2 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH PURSUE CAREERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY. THE
3 SECOND INITIATIVE WAS HEALING INFORMED ARTS EDUCATION, AN ARTS
4 THERAPY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WHICH WAS COMBINED WITH
5 THE EFFORTS OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
6 OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE. AND
7 MOST RECENT WINNER IS THE FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM FOR
8 FOSTER YOUTH, COORDINATED BY THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER, TREASURER
9 TAX COLLECTOR, AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE
10 PROVIDED MORE THAN \$39 MILLION IN FUNDING TO EXPAND YOUTH
11 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ESSENTIAL JOB TRAINING FOR MORE
12 THAN 13,000 YOUTH. THERE IS NO MORE IMPACTFUL VISION FOR OUR
13 FUTURE THAN PROVIDING FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUTH AND HELPING
14 THEM ACHIEVE GREATNESS INTO ADULthood. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
15 EVENTS OF 2020 FORCED US TO SHIFT OUR FOCUS TO INCLUDE THOSE
16 IN GREATEST NEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD. IN
17 REFLECTING ON MY YEAR AS CHAIR OF THIS BOARD, I CANNOT HELP
18 BUT PAUSE AND THINK ABOUT THE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES THAT
19 TOOK OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING
20 OF EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO NEW HEIGHTS. IT IS
21 UNDENIABLE THAT THE FOCUS OF 2020 HAS BEEN BATTLING THE COVID-
22 19 PANDEMIC WHICH HAS SHOWN A BRIGHTER LIGHT ON OUR ROLE AS A
23 SAFETY NET FOR RESIDENTS AND A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR BUSINESSES
24 AND ORGANIZATIONS ALIKE. THINKING ABOUT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES
25 AS A SAFETY NET, LET US START WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE

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1 BEGAN THIS YEAR WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY AND RENEWED COMMITMENT
2 BY ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS BY STREAMLINING AND EXPEDITING
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AS THE
4 CORONAVIRUS BEGAN TO SPREAD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE REFINED
5 AND SHARPENED OUR FOCUS ON HOW WE CAN BEST SERVE OUR MOST
6 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THROUGH LEADERSHIP OF THE STATE AND
7 THE COLLABORATION OF MANY OF OUR CITIES, WE IMPLEMENTED
8 PROJECT ROOM KEY, AN INITIATIVE TO SECURE HOTEL AND MOTEL
9 ROOMS FOR THOSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO WERE MOST
10 AT RISK OF GRAVE SUFFERING IF THEY CONTRACTED COVID-19. THAT
11 INITIATIVE HELPED PROTECT OLDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH
12 UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS FROM CONTRACTING COVID-19. WE NOW
13 HAVE BEGUN PROJECT HOME KEY, AN INITIATIVE TO PURCHASE HOTELS,
14 MOTELS, AND OTHER BUILDINGS AND TURN THEM INTO LONG-TERM
15 HOUSING AS MORE OF A PERMANENT SOLUTION. SINCE THE START OF
16 COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY HAS PLACED MORE THAN 7,000
17 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH TEMPORARY HOUSING AT 38 PROJECT ROOM KEY
18 SITES, TOTALING 3,800 ROOMS. WE HAVE ALSO SECURED 10 PROJECT
19 HOME KEY SITES AND WILL BEGIN PLACING INDIVIDUALS INTO THESE
20 PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS LATER THIS MONTH. MEANWHILE, THE
21 COUNTY CONTINUES TO EMBARK ON INNOVATIVE AND LONG-TERM
22 SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF
23 ALL AGES. DURING COVID-19, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE
24 NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO
25 HAVE STRUGGLED WITH ISOLATION, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, TO NAME A

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1 FEW. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS MAINTAINED A ROBUST
2 24/7 HELPLINE TO PROVIDE CRITICAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
3 RESOURCES AND REFERRALS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE DEPARTMENT
4 REPORTED A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN TOTAL CALLS THIS YEAR. THE
5 COUNTY ALSO PARTNERED WITH HEAD SPACE TO OFFER FREE COLLECTION
6 OF MINDFUL AND MEDITATION RESOURCES TO ALL OF OUR LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND MORE THAN 50,000 MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED UP
8 TO DATE. FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH
9 CHALLENGES, WE ARE WORKING TO ADDRESS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE
10 AND THE WAYS IN WHICH THESE INDIVIDUALS FIRST ENCOUNTER COUNTY
11 SYSTEMS. THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD, SEVERAL DECADES AGO,
12 THE COUNTY LAUNCHED THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM, WHICH PAIRS
13 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS
14 TO JOINTLY RESPOND TO INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING A MENTAL HEALTH
15 CRISIS. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN HUGELY SUCCESSFUL, WHICH IS WHY
16 THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT ON THIS PROGRAM HAS REMAINED
17 STEADFAST, DESPITE THE TOUGH FISCAL DECISIONS RESULTING FROM
18 THE PANDEMIC. IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THE EXPANSION
19 OF THESE FINAL PROGRAMS IN THE YEARS TO COME KNOWING THE
20 IMMENSELY POSITIVE IMPACT IT HAS HAD IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE
21 SERVE. THIS YEAR, WE ALSO IMPLEMENTED THE THERAPEUTIC
22 TREATMENT VANS. IT WAS AN HONOR TO JOIN SUPERVISOR HAHN, MAYOR
23 GARCETTI, AND OUR PARTNERS AT THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
24 LAUNCH THIS INITIATIVE THAT BUILDS OUT OUR MOBILE RESPONSE
25 TEAMS TO TRIAGE CRITICAL MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND CONNECT

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1 INDIVIDUALS TO SERVICES IN REAL-TIME AND IN THE COMMUNITY. WE
2 ARE WORKING TOWARD A NEW SYSTEM WHERE 911 CALLS THAT INVOLVE
3 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE DIVERTED AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 AND TOWARD APPROPRIATE SPECIALISTS. I AM PROUD THAT WE
5 LAUNCHED BOTH THE GROUNDBREAKING AND RIBBON CUTTING OF THE NEW
6 MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THIS YEAR. IT IS
7 GOING TO CHANGE HOW WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE MOST IN NEED.
8 THIS CAPITAL PROJECT, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN A RECORD TIME AND
9 UNDER BUDGET, THANK YOU MARK PESTRELLA AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 WORKS, WILL PROVIDE 24/7 SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS
11 SUFFERING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE
12 STABILIZATION. THIS WILL EFFECTIVELY DIVERT INDIVIDUALS AWAY
13 FROM EMERGENCY ROOMS AND INTO SERVICES THAT ARE TAILORED TO
14 MEET THEIR SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. MENTAL HEALTH IS ONE
15 PART OF OUR MUCH LARGER DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES COUNTY
16 WIDE AND SOMETHING THAT I HAVE PUT HIGH ON MY PRIORITY LIST.
17 I'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE AND GIVE
18 THANKS TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE WORKERS ACROSS THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
20 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. OUR FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE
21 WORKERS ARE TRULY THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THIS PANDEMIC, AND I AM
22 GRATEFUL FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THEIR WORK. I WOULD ALSO LIKE
23 TO TAKE A MOMENT TO MENTION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ENORMOUS
24 PRESSURE THAT HAS BEEN PLACED ON OUR FIRST RESPONDERS
25 THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND

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1 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH THE OFFICE OF
2 DIVERSE AND REENTRY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, OUR
3 JUDICIAL OFFICERS, AND OTHER KEY AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE HEALTH
4 AND SAFETY OF THOSE IN CARE AND CUSTODY OF BOTH THE ADULT AND
5 JUVENILE DETENTION SYSTEMS. OUR JUVENILE SYSTEMS, OUR
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO REDUCE THE POPULATION IN
7 DETENTION FACILITIES FROM FROM 840 YOUTH TO 520. PROBATION
8 PROVIDED ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO THOSE RELEASED
9 FROM JAILS TO PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS AND
10 TO CONNECT YOUTH RELEASED FROM JUVENILE FACILITIES WITH
11 PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND OTHER SUITABLE PLACEMENTS. OUR
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL,
13 SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN SUPPORT OF
14 THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SAFER
15 AT HOME ORDERS AND PERIODS OF CIVIL UNREST. WE ALSO OWE A DEBT
16 OF GRATITUDE TO THE REMARKABLE FIRST RESPONDERS, ESPECIALLY
17 THOSE REPRESENTING OUR AMAZING L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
18 THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THEY HANDLED MULTIPLE WILD
19 FIRES, BOTH GREAT AND SMALL, DURING A PANDEMIC THAT CREATED
20 HURDLES AND BARRIERS IN THE WAY WE PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY
21 AND HOW WE ARE ABLE TO HELP THOSE WHO WERE EVACUATED OR EVEN
22 LOST THEIR HOMES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE SUFFERED 37,500 ACRES,
23 WHICH BURNED IN MULTIPLE FIRES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
24 RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF 99 HOMES AND 106 STRUCTURES. WE ARE
25 COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR RESIDENTS REBUILD AND APPRECIATE THE

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1 SUPPORT OFFERED FROM F.E.M.A. TOWARD THESE EFFORTS. IN
2 ADDITION TO ITS ROLE DURING THE WILD FIRES AND PERIODS OF
3 CIVIL UNREST, THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WAS EXEMPLARY
4 IN THEIR LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19
5 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO KEVIN MCGOWEN. THEY
6 COORDINATE MULTIPLE ASPECTS OF THIS PANDEMIC. THIS RANGED FROM
7 OBTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT,
8 PREPARING LOGISTICS FOR THE ELECTION, MANAGING THE ECONOMIC
9 RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, AND SUPPORTING THE ROLL OUT OF BUSINESS
10 COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS. THROUGHOUT THEIR WORK, THEY DISTRIBUTED
11 MORE THAN 55 MILLION ITEMS OF P.P.E., AND MORE THAN 57 MILLION
12 FACE MASKS TO DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE
13 COUNTY. THEY OVERSAW A MASSIVE FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE
14 REGION, HELPING MORE THAN 50 FOOD DRIVES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
15 THE L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK TO PROVIDE NEARLY 3,000 TONS OF
16 FOOD, WHICH IS THE EQUIVALENT OF 4.7 MILLION MEALS, TO MORE
17 THAN 83,000 HOUSEHOLDS. THIS TEAM IS LEADING THE GREAT PLATES
18 PROGRAM, WHICH HAS SERVED 2.1 MILLION MEALS TO 7,800 OLDER
19 ADULTS. GREAT PLATES AS THE ADDED BENEFIT OF CONTRACTING WITH
20 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO PREPARE MEALS FOR SENIORS. AS A
21 RESULT, 67 PERCENT OF THE MEALS PROVIDED ARE MINORITY-OWNED
22 BUSINESSES. THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALSO CREATED A
23 ROBUST COMMUNICATIONS EFFORT IN 13 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND
24 FOUR DIFFERENT DIALECTS TO EFFECTIVELY REACH NEARLY ALL OF OUR
25 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, ALONG WITH COUNTLESS BUSINESSES AND

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, TO ENSURE THEY WERE INFORMED WHILE HEALTH
2 OFFICER ORDERS WERE CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED. THEY ALSO
3 SPEARHEADED THE EFFORT TO DEVELOP 13 REPORTS FOCUSED ON
4 DIFFERENT SECTORS TO GUIDE THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE REOPENING OF
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMY WHEN WE'RE READY. THEY HANDLED ALL
6 THIS AND ANY OTHER NEEDED EFFORTS IN BETWEEN. WE CAN ALL AGREE
7 THAT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STEPPED UP IN A BIG
8 WAY TO COMPASSIONATELY SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE CONSTITUENTS,
9 BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH OF OUR DISTRICTS. THESE
10 NEEDS WERE MADE CLEAR TO US AS WE WATCHED THE UNEMPLOYMENT
11 RATES IN THE COUNTY SKYROCKET TO 21 PERCENT AT ITS PEAK IN
12 ADDITION TO AN INCREASE IN CAL FRESH REQUESTS BY 18 PERCENT,
13 GENERAL RELIEF, 35 PERCENT, AND MEDI-CAL BY 6 PERCENT THROUGH
14 OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THE L.A. COUNTY
15 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LED SUPPORT THROUGH PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE
16 RENT AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE TOTALING MORE THAN \$18 MILLION IN
17 ECONOMIC RELIEF. WE WERE ABLE TO ALLOCATE \$170 MILLION IN
18 C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
19 BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGING AND
20 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
21 AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHERS, TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT TO
22 SMALL BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES. THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS ALSO ESTABLISHES A
24 DISASTER HELP CENTER, WHICH FIELDDED MORE THAN 30,000 CALLS
25 FROM WORKERS AND BUSINESSES AND RECEIVED 250,000 VISITS TO ITS

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1 WEBSITE. WHILE THESE ARE ALL UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT HAS
2 BEEN AN UPLIFTING AND INSPIRING SITUATION TO WATCH WITH THE
3 INTEGRATION OF SO MANY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER
4 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE
5 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES
6 DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT
7 SHOULDERED THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY THIS YEAR WERE CLEARLY
8 THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES.
9 THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE PROVEN
10 THEMSELVES TO BE NIMBLE, EFFICIENT, AND RESPONSIVE TO THE
11 NEEDS OF THE COUNTY. WE WERE QUICK TO ADDRESS THE CORONAVIRUS
12 BY DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4TH, AND
13 SINCE THEN, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH
14 SERVICES HAVE WORKED NON-STOP TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-
15 BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE
16 TO COVID-19 CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. WE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR
17 MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS ACROSS 4,700 SQUARE MILES TO
18 ADDRESS THE PANDEMIC THAT CHANGED THE WAY OF LIFE OF EVERY
19 SINGLE CHILD, YOUTH, AND ADULT, INCLUDING THEIR ABILITY TO
20 WORK, ATTEND SCHOOL, PARTICIPATE IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES, AND
21 ENGAGE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT. WE ALL
22 UNDERSTAND THE ENORMITY OF THIS CHALLENGE AND HAVE WORKED
23 FIERCELY EVER SINCE TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS
24 WHILE ADDRESSING THEIR EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING. WE QUICKLY RAMPED
25 UP TESTING BY ESTABLISHING SITES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY

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1 TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS. WE CURRENTLY
2 HAVE 27 COUNTY OPERATED TESTING SITES IN HIGH NEED AREAS AND,
3 IN TOTAL, HAVE 180 TESTING SITES INCLUDING THOSE ADMINISTERED
4 BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND PHARMACIES SUCH AS C.V.S. AND
5 RITE AID. WE HAVE TESTED MORE THAN 3.4 MILLION INDIVIDUALS TO
6 DATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ESTABLISHED A ROBUST
7 CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM UTILIZING COUNTY WORKERS, REASSIGNED
8 AS DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS, TO QUICKLY ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO
9 TESTED POSITIVE, INFORM OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, AND
10 CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO TESTING. WE HAVE 2,600 STAFF ASSIGNED
11 TO CONTACT TRACING AND SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED IN MORE THAN
12 220,000 RESIDENTS WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES.
13 THROUGH A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE COUNTY'S USE OF THE 211
14 REFERRAL, WE WERE ABLE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT HAD
15 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SERVICES GET CONNECTED TO THE COUNTY
16 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT. THE
17 COUNTY'S 211 SYSTEM EXPERIENCED 103 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE
18 TOTAL NUMBERS OF CALLS THEY RECEIVED EACH MONTH AS A RESULT.
19 WE ALSO SAW GREAT PARTNERSHIP FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
20 TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED ADDED SUPPORT TO OUR RESIDENTS. WE
21 PARTNERED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO
22 DISTRIBUTE NECESSARY DIGITAL DEVICES TO HELP STUDENTS CONNECT,
23 LEARN, AND TO GROW. DURING PHASE ONE OF THE DISTRIBUTION TO
24 STUDENTS, WE DELIVERED 21,000 HOTSPOTS, 4,700 IPADS, AND
25 22,000 BOOKS. THE BOARD HAS ALLOCATED 17.2 MILLION IN COVID

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1 RELIEF FUNDS TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, RECOGNIZING THESE
2 ARE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN
3 NEED OF QUALITY ACCESSIBLE LEARNING TOOLS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 PARKS AND REC LAUNCHED MULTIPLE PROGRAMS TO HELP CHILDREN,
5 ADULTS, AND OLDER ADULTS THRIVE DURING LONG PERIODS AT HOME.
6 THESE INCLUDE 10 DIFFERENT PARKS AFTER DARKS IN MOTION, EVENTS
7 THAT CLOSED OFF LOCAL STREETS TO OFFER FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY
8 MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WALK, BIKE, SKATE, OR EVEN DANCE,
9 WHILE D.J.S PLAYED MUSIC. DURING THE SUMMER, COUNTY PARKS
10 HOSTED MORE THAN 23,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT OPEN SPLASH PAD
11 LOCATIONS. AND THE DEPARTMENT CREATED PARKS FOR HOME, FOR
12 CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS TO WATCH INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS AT
13 HOME THAT RANGED FROM SPORTS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO DO IT
14 YOURSELF PROJECTS AND ARTS AND CRAFTS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
15 THE SAFER AT HOME ORDERS, THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY QUICKLY
16 COMMUNICATED THE AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL BOOKS AND ELECTRONIC
17 RESOURCES PATRONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION TO PROVIDE ONLINE
18 ACCESS TO THOUSANDS OF BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS, D.V.D.S AND ONLINE
19 TRAINING TOOLS SUCH TUTORING. WITH PROGRAMS SUCH AS VIRTUAL
20 STORY TIME, READING BUDDIES, AND S.T.E.A.M. LEARNING, THE
21 LIBRARY HAS REACHED OUT TO NEARLY 200,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS,
22 AND WE HAVE ALL WORKED TO PROVIDE CONTINUED ARTS AND CULTURAL
23 EXPERIENCES TO RESIDENTS THROUGH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, ARTS,
24 AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND ONLINE TOURS FOR OUR MUSEUMS. AND I
25 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE PROFOUND WORK OF

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1 THE L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE ACROSS OUR 36 DEPARTMENTS, WHO
2 QUICKLY ADAPTED TO THE TRANSITION TO WORKING FROM HOME WITH
3 MINIMAL DISRUPTION AND STEPPED UP THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVING
4 THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-
5 19 PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY TRANSITIONED FROM JUST 7,000 TELEWORK
6 EMPLOYEES TO MORE THAN 45,800 EMPLOYEES WORKING FROM HOME.
7 THIS INCREASE HAS REMAINED CONSTANT THROUGH THE PAST 7 MONTHS
8 WITH APPROXIMATELY 37 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE CURRENTLY
9 TELEWORKING IN SOME CAPACITY. I WANT TO COMMEND THE THOUSANDS
10 OF EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE FIELD AND ON SITE TO PROVIDE
11 CRITICAL IN-PERSON SERVICES SUCH AS OUR CHILDREN'S SOCIAL
12 WORKERS, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKERS, FIRST RESPONDERS,
13 AND OF COURSE OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. WE'VE HAD MORE THAN
14 4,500 SOCIAL WORKERS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
15 FAMILY SERVICES WORKING IN THE FIELD FOR IN-PERSON VISITS 24/7
16 TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AT RISK OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT.
17 I OFFER MY HEARTFELT THANKS AND EXTEND THE APPRECIATION OF
18 THESE WORKERS FROM THE RESIDENTS THEY HAVE COMMITTED TO
19 PROTECT AND SERVE. I'D ALSO, LASTLY, LIKE TO RECOGNIZE EACH
20 DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP DURING THESE CHALLENGES
21 TIMES AND COMMEND THEIR COMMITMENT ALONGSIDE THEIR EXECUTIVE
22 MANAGEMENT TEAMS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THEIR WORKFORCE SO THEY
23 COULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE QUALITY SERVICES TO OUR
24 CONSTITUENTS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT PROTECTS BOTH
25 EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. AND, FINALLY, MY THANKS TO OUR

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1 RETIRED C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, FOR POSTPONING HER DEPARTURE TO
2 HELP THE COUNTY NAVIGATE WHAT HAS BEEN TRULY UNCHARTED WATERS,
3 AND THANK YOU OUR ACTING C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, FOR
4 UNFLAPPABLE LEADERSHIP WORKING WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT,
5 FAITHFUL SPIRIT, AND A COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN OUR FIDUCIARY
6 RESPONSIBILITY THROUGHOUT THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. AS OF THE
7 BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, I REINSTATED THE BOARD TRIP TO
8 SACRAMENTO TO MEET WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATE LEVEL, THIS
9 VISIT BUILDS UPON RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERSHIP IN THE
10 CAPITAL, INCLUDING GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND MEMBERS OF HIS
11 ADMINISTRATION, AND PROVED EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AS WE HAVE
12 WEATHERED A STORM THAT NECESSITATED CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH
13 OUR LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEADERS. IN L.A. COUNTY, WE
14 STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO IN ADDRESSING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,
15 ESPECIALLY AS WE CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE AN INCREASE IN CASE
16 NUMBERS AND AS WE PREPARE TO ROLL OUT A ROBUST VACCINE
17 DISTRIBUTION PLAN. WE HAVE 457,880 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE TESTED
18 POSITIVE THIS YEAR, AND SADLY, 7,936 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LOST
19 THEIR LIVES. THESE ARE NOT JUST NUMBERS. EVERY SINGLE ONE
20 REPRESENTS LOVED ONES SUFFERING AN IMMENSE LOSS. IT IS WITH
21 HEARTFELT EMOTIONS AND AN ENORMOUS SENSE OF DUTY THAT I THANK
22 YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR. I COULD NOT
23 HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. I OFFER MY SINCEREST WELL WISHES TO
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS SHE BEGINS HER TERM AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD
25 OF SUPERVISORS, AND YOU KNOW I AM A PHONE CALL AWAY IF YOU

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1 EVER NEED ME. PLEASE KNOW THAT I REMAIN HONORED TO PARTNER
2 WITH YOU AS WE BRING RECOVERY, RESTORATION, AND HOPE TO OUR
3 COMMUNITIES THE YEAR AHEAD. AND NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE
4 HOLLY MITCHELL TO SERVE AS CHAIR PRO TEM OF THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. DO I HAVE A SECOND?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU HAVE A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC SECOND FROM THE
8 THIRD.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, IT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. THANK
11 YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR COMMENTS. GIVEN THAT
12 WE WILL TAKE THIS ITEM UP TO VOTE ON THE CHAIR PRO TEM
13 NOMINATION, WE WILL DO THAT AFTER WE RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT SO
14 EVERYONE IS FULLY AWARE. NOW, I WANT TO ASK MY OTHER
15 COLLEAGUES IF THEY WANT TO ALSO MAKE SOME STATEMENTS TO OUR
16 OUTGOING CHAIR. SO I WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU SO MUCH, A) FOR JUST TAKING THE
20 TIME TO WALK US THROUGH THE AMAZING INVESTMENTS IN HUMAN
21 CAPITAL AND RESOURCES UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP UNDER THIS PAST
22 YEAR. IT WAS ASTONISHING FOR ME TO HEAR ABOUT THE 45,000
23 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOW CONTINUING TO DO THEIR PUBLIC
24 SERVICE FROM HOME AND JUST THE IMPACT, THE MAGNITUDE, OF THE
25 RAMPING UP OF THE TESTING AND, YOU KNOW, THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE

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1 THESE CRITICAL LIFE-SUSTAINING ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS, CAL FRESH
2 AND GENERAL RELIEF, HAVE PLAYED IN THE LIVES OF L.A. COUNTY
3 RESIDENTS TO GET US ALL THROUGH THIS VERY TUMULTUOUS TIME. I
4 WATCHED YOU FROM SACRAMENTO DO YOUR PRESS CONFERENCES WITH
5 GREAT ADMIRATION AND JUST KNOW THAT I HAD MY HAND TO YOUR BACK
6 LIKE SO MANY OTHERS. YOU KNOW, OUR LEADERSHIP IS NEVER TRULY
7 TESTED UNTIL WE REALLY FIND OURSELVES IN CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE
8 THIS, AND CLEARLY, YOU STOOD UP ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US. IT WAS
9 -- I WAS VERY PROUD, AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
10 BUDGET COMMITTEE, TO BE ABLE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE
11 GOVERNOR TO MAKE THOSE EMERGENCY RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND TO
12 KNOW THAT MY HOME COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS GOING TO TAKE THEM
13 AND USE THEM EFFICIENTLY AND QUICKLY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
14 COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO I APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY
15 DURING THESE TOUGH TIMES. I APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND OUR
16 COLLABORATION, BEFORE I WAS ELECTED IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF
17 L.A. COUNTY COUNTY'S CHILDREN, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
18 CONTINUING TO SERVE AS A COLLEAGUE OF YOURS, BUT REALLY WANT
19 TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR STELLAR LEADERSHIP DURING THIS TIME OF
20 CRISIS. SO CONGRATULATIONS, ONCE AGAIN.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
23 NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. KATHRYN, I THINK YOU GAVE
2 NEW MEANING TO THE PHRASE "I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS" THIS
3 YEAR. WE HAD NO IDEA WHEN WE WELCOMED YOU AS CHAIR WHAT THIS
4 YEAR WAS GOING TO HOLD. AND YOU STEERED A STEADY COURSE
5 THROUGH IT IN REALLY, REALLY DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING TIMES.
6 I WANT TO PARTICULARLY PRAISE YOU FOR BEING SUCH A FIERCE
7 ADVOCATE FOR THOSE WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. OFTEN, IT
8 TAKES A BACK SEAT, AS WE KNOW. AND THOUGH THE COUNTY, I
9 BELIEVE, MADE A GOOD START ON REALLY IDENTIFYING HOW IMPORTANT
10 IT WAS, SO MANY OTHER ISSUES OVERWHELMED US QUICKLY BEGINNING
11 IN MARCH. AND WE HAVE NEEDED THAT STRONG VOICE TO KEEP US ON
12 THAT PATH. THE SAME WITH THE COUNTY'S CHILDREN, THE MOST
13 VULNERABLE AMONG US, ARGUABLY, IN ADDITION TO THE ELDERLY, FOR
14 WHOM YOU HAVE ALSO WORKED AND INSISTED ON SERVICES. I HAVE TO
15 SAY THE THING I MISS THE MOST IS THE WAY, EVERY TUESDAY
16 MORNING, WE WOULD COME ON TO THE DAIS AND GREET EACH OTHER,
17 AND, YOU KNOW, IT IS HARD FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND, WHEN
18 MEMBERS DISAGREE ON THIS OR THAT, HOW THEY STILL REMAIN
19 COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. AND IT HAS BEEN MORE DIFFICULT WITH
20 THIS SEPARATION, THERE IS NO QUESTION. SORT OF, KEEPING UP THE
21 RELATIONSHIPS AND THE FRIENDSHIPS, AND I AM GLAD THAT WE WILL
22 CONTINUE TO SERVE AND LOOK VERY MUCH FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN I
23 CAN WALK ON TO THAT DAIS AND YOU AS WELL AND REALLY BEING ABLE
24 TO GREET YOU IN PERSON. THANK YOU FOR STEERING A DIFFICULT AND
25 STEADY COURSE THROUGH ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT KINDS OF

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1 TRAGEDIES FOR THE COUNTY. I WON'T EVEN CALL THEM JUST
2 CHALLENGES BECAUSE CHALLENGES ARE ONE THING, BUT THIS HAS BEEN
3 AN OVERWHELMING, I THINK THEY CALL IT A PERFECT STORM, BUT IN
4 THE CASE OF 2020, IT IS MORE LIKE A PERFECT TSUNAMI. SO THANK
5 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADINESS. THANK
6 YOU FOR YOUR SMILE, IN THE OLD DAYS, WHEN WE WOULD COME ON TO
7 THE DAIS, AND AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR YEAR AS CHAIR.
8 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, IN THE FUTURE. THANK
9 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW AT THIS TIME, I WOULD
12 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANTED TO FIRST GIVE
15 PRAISE TO HOW WE DO THIS PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER. IT IS
16 SO CIVILIZED, AND I'M SURE SUPERVISOR BARGER CAN REMEMBER IN
17 THE DAYS WHEN MY DAD SERVED ON THE BOARD, THEY ACTUALLY TOOK A
18 VOTE, AND EVEN WHEN IT WAS MY FATHER'S TURN TO BE ELECTED AS
19 CHAIR, THEY PASSED HIM OVER. SO IN 40 YEARS, HE WAS ONLY VOTED
20 CHAIR TWICE. SO IT IS GREAT THAT -- IT IS GREAT THAT WE HAVE
21 TAKEN THE POLITICS OUT OF IT, THE PERSONALITIES OUT OF OUR
22 TRANSITION OF POWER, AND IT IS PEACEFUL, AND HOPEFULLY, OTHER
23 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL
24 LOOK AT US AS A MODEL FOR PEACEFUL TRANSITION. AND SUPERVISOR
25 BARGER, I JUST, TOO, WANTED TO SAY -- SORT OF ECHO WHAT HOLLY

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1 SAID, JUST LISTENING TO YOU, SORT OF TICK OFF THE INCREDIBLE
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, NOT JUST FOR YOURSELF, FOR CERTAINLY FOR THE
3 ENTIRE COUNTY, AND TO REMIND US, IN THIS TERRIBLE TRAGIC YEAR,
4 THAT THE COUNTY REALLY DID MOVE THE BALL FORWARD ON SO MANY
5 IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. I CHUCKLED BECAUSE IT WAS
6 HARD TO REMEMBER WHAT YOUR INITIATIVES WERE A YEAR AGO, AND I
7 KNOW YOU LAID THEM OUT, AND I AM GLAD YOU REMINDED US BECAUSE
8 WE'VE GOTTEN SO OVERWHELMED BY THIS PANDEMIC. AND I THINK, TWO
9 YEARS AGO, WHEN I TOOK THE HELM, ONE OF MY INITIATIVES WAS
10 GETTING MORE OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME. AND IT
11 WAS DIFFICULT TO EMBRACE THAT CONCEPT UNTIL, OF COURSE, THIS
12 YEAR, WHEN IT BECAME NECESSARY AND AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
13 COUNTY EMPLOYEES CONTINUED TO DO THEIR JOBS WHILE REMAINING
14 SAFE. AND I, TOO, WANTED TO THANK YOU, KATHRYN, FOR YOUR
15 STEADY, CONSTANT, LEADERSHIP OF US AS YOU STEERED THE COUNTY
16 SHIP THROUGH THIS STORM. AND, AS SHEILA SAID, YOU HAD NO IDEA.
17 YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS, BUT YOU WERE SO QUICK TO BE ABLE
18 TO HOLD THOSE DAILY BRIEFINGS AND TO STEER US, AS WE BEGAN TO,
19 FIRST TIME EVER, ENGAGE IN THESE VIRTUAL COUNTY MEETINGS,
20 WHICH WAS UNPRECEDENTED BEFORE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
21 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSION. YOU DO REPRESENT
22 YOUR DISTRICT SO FIERCELY AND, AS A RESULT, SOMETIMES WE CAME
23 DOWN ON 4 TO 1 VOTES, BUT THAT NEVER IMPACTED YOUR
24 RELATIONSHIPS WITH US. THAT NEVER IMPACTED YOUR ABILITY TO
25 IMMEDIATELY MOVE ON AND FIND THE AREAS WHERE WE WORK TOGETHER.

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1 YOU HAVE BEEN A TERRIFIC CHAIR, IT IS SAD YOU WILL BE KNOWN AS
2 THE CORONAVIRUS CHAIR, BUT YOU REALLY HAVE BEEN MAGNIFICENT IN
3 YOUR ROLE THIS YEAR. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND TO ALL MY
6 COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STATEMENT AND THE COMPELLING WORK
8 THAT YOU HAVE LED US THROUGH, AND THE BOARD, TO TAKE US TO
9 THIS VERY DAY. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU, AGAIN, AND I ALSO WANT
10 TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AT THIS TIME, I
11 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SHARE A VIDEO
12 REGARDING MY CONCEPTS OR IDEAS FOR TERM AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO JOIN ME.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I AM TOLD THAT WE ARE HAVING TECHNICAL
16 DIFFICULTIES, SO I AM JUST GOING TO GO AHEAD READ MY PREPARED
17 REMARKS, IF YOU WILL PLEASE BEAR WITH ME, AND IF WE ARE ABLE
18 TO PUT UP THE VIDEO AFTERWARDS, WE WILL DO THAT. IF NOT, WE
19 WILL JUST CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS OF THE DAY. SO, I
20 APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE, ALL OF YOU. WITH THAT, I WANT TO
21 START BY ADDRESSING MY COLLEAGUES AND THE PUBLIC. AS YOU KNOW,
22 I AM HONORED AND VERY HUMBLLED TO SERVE ONCE AGAIN AS CHAIR,
23 CHAIRWOMAN, OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 USUALLY, THE NEW INCOMING CHAIR LAYS OUT HER PRIORITIES FOR
25 THE NEXT YEAR TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS THE COUNTY ON

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1 ONE OR TWO MAJOR POLICY ISSUES, BUT THIS YEAR IS UNLIKE ANY
2 OTHER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. OUR LIVES HAVE CHANGED
3 BEFORE OUR EYES OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. OUR PRIORITY IS THE
4 SAME AS THE REST OF THE WORLD TO PROTECT PEOPLE'S PHYSICAL,
5 MENTAL, AND FINANCIAL HEALTH BY DEFEATING THIS VIRUS. THE
6 COUNTY HAD TO ADAPT QUICKLY AND WITH FLEXIBILITY, AND AS YOU
7 WILL FIND LATER IF WE ARE ABLE TO VIEW THE VIDEO, WE HAVE PUT
8 IN PLACE UNPRECEDENTED POLICIES AT A RAPID PACE BECAUSE THE
9 NEEDS ARE SO GREAT. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EXPOSED THE GAPS IN
10 STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES IN OUR SYSTEM. IT WORSENERED THE DEEP
11 DISPARITIES THAT HAVE EXISTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR FAR TOO
12 LONG, AND IT REAFFIRMED THAT WE CANNOT GO BACK TO THE STATUS
13 QUO. BUT, WITH TRAGEDY COMES OPPORTUNITY. AND HERE IT IS,
14 COLLEAGUES, A CHANCE TO REMAKE A SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR ALL
15 PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. WE HAVE TO
16 ACCELERATE LONG OVERDUE REFORMS BY WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH
17 THE INCOMING FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE PRESIDENT ELECT AS
18 WELL AS GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM. AND THIS ENORMOUS TASK THAT
19 REQUIRES A COMMITMENT AND COLLABORATION WILL REQUIRE ALL OF US
20 TO WORK TOGETHER, ALL OF OUR SECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ALONGSIDE WITH OUR CITY, AND -- CITIES AND
22 OUR RESIDENTS. TO ME, FIXING THE DAMAGE MEANS PROTECTING THE
23 PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND FINANCIAL HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS, BUT
24 IT ALSO MEANS CLOSING THE GAPS IN OUR SYSTEM SO WHEN THE NEXT
25 CRISIS ARRIVES, WE WON'T HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE FALLING THROUGH

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1 THE CRACKS. IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN THESE
2 NINE MONTHS, IT IS THAT WE -- IT IS THAT WE MUST PRIORITIZE
3 OUR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE WHILE WORKING TO EXPAND ACCESS
4 BOTH CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY. THE COUNTY'S HOSPITAL
5 SYSTEM AND THE VISION FOR RESTORATIVE CARE, OR HEALTHY
6 VILLAGES, AS THEY'RE KNOWN, SHOULD BE ADVANCED SO WE CAN BUILD
7 OUT OUR COMMUNITY-BASED CARE PROGRAMS, WHICH WILL HAVE
8 POSITIVE CASCADING EFFECTS WITHIN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
9 THESE PROJECTS CAN TRANSFORM AND LIFT UP OUR NEIGHBORS
10 BECAUSE THEY BRING JOBS, COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO
11 INCARCERATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND HEALTHCARE. WE SAW THE
12 RACIAL AND INCOME DISPARITIES THAT COVID-19 EXPOSED, AND HERE
13 NOW IS A CHANCE TO INVEST INTO THOSE COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO
14 BRIDGE THOSE GAPS. IN TERMS OF HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE
15 HOUSING, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO
16 GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING AND PROVIDE
17 WRAPAROUND SERVICES. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN INNOVATIVE DURING
18 THIS PANDEMIC, GETTING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING AS WAS MENTIONED
19 EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, PARTNERING WITH THE STATE ON
20 PROJECT ROOM KEY AND NOW PROJECT HOME KEY. AND WE TOOK BOLD
21 STEPS TO MOVE THE FINANCING FOR THE VIGNAS LOT HOUSING
22 PROJECT, A PROPERTY THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SLATED AS A STAGING
23 AREA FOR THE NEW MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL LOCATED IN THE FIRST
24 DISTRICT, WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED GOAL OF FINISHING IT BY THE
25 END OF THIS MONTH, WHICH WILL PROVIDE 232 UNITS OF HOUSING

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1 WITH WRAPAROUND SERVICES. WE MUST ALSO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM
2 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS BY EXPANDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
3 OPPORTUNITIES WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, I AM EXCITED THAT WE WILL
4 SOON HAVE A STAND ALONE DEPARTMENT FOCUSING ON WORKFORCE AND
5 THE ECONOMY. PROGRAMS LIKE THE COUNTY'S YOUTH AT WORK, IN
6 WHICH WE JUST INVESTED \$20 MILLION EARLIER THIS YEAR, IS
7 GREAT. WE MUST CONTINUE OUR WORK OF BUILDING ON AN ECONOMY
8 THAT PRODUCES, NOT ONLY FAIR AND LIVABLE WAGES, BUT ALSO JOBS
9 THAT LEAD TO CAREERS, INCLUDING SECONDRS, SUCH AS HEALTHCARE,
10 TECHNOLOGY, AND BIOSCIENCE. AND AT THAT TIME WHEN OUR SMALL
11 BUSINESSES OUR STRUGGLING, WE MUST EXPAND OUR SUPPORT PROGRAMS
12 AS WELL AS LEVERAGE THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING
13 SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SMALL, DISADVANTAGED,
14 AND LOW-INCOME BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. THIS IS A
15 CENTRAL COMPONENT OF MY AGENDA TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE THE
16 PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS TO INCLUDE THEIR FINANCIAL HEALTH AND DO
17 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT THEY ALL PROSPER. AND THIS
18 BOARD HAS ALREADY TAKEN SO MANY BOLD STEPS, AND ESPECIALLY, IN
19 TERMS OF HOW WE DEFINE PUBLIC SAFETY, AS WELL AS HOW JUSTICE
20 IS IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE MUST
21 INDEED CONTINUE TO MOVE STEADY, AND IN THAT MODEL, PROVIDING
22 CARE FIRST AND JAIL LAST. CLOSING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
23 BUILDING OUT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROGRAMS WITHIN OUR
24 COMMUNITIES WILL HELP US CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE WHO
25 DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE TO REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND

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1 RECEIVE VITAL COUNTY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THEIR SETTINGS.
2 THE COUNTY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE
3 RESOURCES TO END THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA AND IMPRISONMENT, WHICH
4 IS WHAT PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE ARE ALL ABOUT. WE ARE ALSO
5 FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE WILL OF THE VOTERS WITH THE
6 SUCCESSFUL PASSAGE OF MEASURE J THAT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING
7 OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTUALIZE THESE GOALS AROUND ALTERNATIVES TO
8 INCARCERATION AND INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY. COLLEAGUES, WE ALL
9 KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT BRING US TOGETHER. COVID-
10 19 WAS ONE OF THOSE. IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST, AND IS, ONE OF
11 THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES OF THE DAY, AND WE HAVE, I BELIEVE, A
12 DUTY TO MAKE SURE WE DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO HELP SOLVE THESE
13 CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS AHEAD OF US. NOW, IT IS OUR
14 OPPORTUNITY TO TURBO CHARGE THESE EFFORTS AND BEGIN ANEW
15 BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY IS NOT GOING BACK. WE ARE CHARTING A PATH
16 TOWARD RECOVERY, AND ULTIMATELY TO ADVANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE
17 AND LIVELIHOODS OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND IT WILL TAKE
18 EVERY OUNCE OF OUR WELL POWER, COLLECTIVELY, TO DO THIS WORK
19 BECAUSE, MAKE NO MISTAKE, THE PATH AHEAD IS LONG AND HARD. BUT
20 I, ALONG WITH YOU, MY COLLEAGUES, AND OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS,
21 OUR C.E.O., AND OUR ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF
22 OUR STAKEHOLDERS, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND OTHERS, WE ARE UP TO
23 THE CHALLENGE, AND I AM DETERMINED THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK
24 FOR THE COUNTY. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THERE IS A LIGHT AT THE

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1 END OF THE TUNNEL. THANK YOU. NOW, I THINK WE CAN QUICKLY GO
2 TO THE VIDEO. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS HAS BEEN AN EXEMPLARY LEADER
5 AND ROLE MODEL FOR ME. SHE IS A PERSON WHO CARES. SHE IS A
6 PERSON WHO EFFECTS CHANGE. SHE IS A PERSON WHO APPRECIATES
7 RELATIONSHIPS AND HONORS THEM. AND RIGHT NOW, IT IS MY TRUE
8 HONOR TO INTRODUCE HILDA SOLIS AS THE INCOMING CHAIR OF THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CONGRATULATIONS, MAY YOU LEAD WITH
10 COURAGE AND FAITH. [APPLAUSE]. [MUSIC].

11

12 **SPEAKER:** DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF WHICH I AM ABOUT TO --
13 [MUSIC]

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE FIRST TIME I BECAME CHAIR OF THE BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS WAS FOUR YEARS AGO, AND THE WORLD HAS CHANGED
17 SO MUCH SINCE THEN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ALSO CHANGED. JUST
18 LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THIS TIME.
19 THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE RESOLVE, MEASURE H WAS PASSED, BRINGING
20 IN HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SO OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS
21 CAN RECEIVE THE SERVICES AND HOUSING THEY NEED AND DESERVE.
22 [MUSIC].

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE PASSED MEASURE A TO INVEST IN
25 COMMUNITIES WITHOUT GREEN SPACE, THOSE THAT ARE PARK POOR, WHO

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1 ARE NOW BEGINNING TO SEE MORE OPEN AND RECREATIONAL PARK
2 SPACE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAVE REFORMED OUR APPROACH TO
3 CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO PRIORITIZE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST BY MAKING
4 INVESTMENTS IN HEALTHCARE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INSTEAD OF
5 JAILS. WE HAVE BUILT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS ALL OVER THE
6 COUNTY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE'VE ADVOCATED FOR
7 COMMUNITIES FACING ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES TO GET THEM THEN
8 JUSTICE THEY DESERVE. WE DEVELOPED AND FULLY FUNDED MORE
9 WORKFORCE AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS SO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, IN
10 PARTICULAR, ARE GETTING THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEED TO
11 SUCCEED. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS TAKEN BOLD STEPS TO
12 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ANGELENOS. WHETHER IT IS
13 SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF FOSTER
14 CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH, OR SUPERVISOR SHEILA
15 KUEHL WORKING ON BEHALF OF WOMEN, GIRLS, AND L.G.B.T.Q.
16 PEOPLE, OR SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, FIGHTING FOR MORE
17 TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT, AND OF COURSE OUR NEWLY ELECTED
18 SUPERVISOR, HOLLY MITCHELL, IS NO STRANGER WORKING ON BEHALF
19 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE BEEN BOLD, AND OUR EFFORTS ARE
20 PAYING OFF, BUT THEN CAME COVID-19.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS EYEWITNESS NEWS.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH JUST
2 RELEASED AN UPDATE ABOUT THE RISING NUMBER OF CORONAVIRUS
3 CASES. TAKE A LISTEN.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** TODAY, WE ARE ALSO REPORTING 138 NEW
6 CASES.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** L.A. COUNTY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS REPORT 239 NEW
9 CASES OF CORONAVIRUS.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** CORONAVIRUS DEATHS CONTINUE TO CLIMB. 29 NEW
12 FATALITIES REPORTED IN L.A. COUNTY AS MORE HEALTHCARE WORKERS
13 TEST POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WITH THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THIS CORONAVIRUS
16 CRISIS, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT EMPLOYMENT AND
17 WHAT TO DO IF THEY LOSE THEIR JOBS OR GET THEIR HOURS CUT
18 DRAMATICALLY.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I SIGNED A STATEWIDE EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPACTING THE
21 ENTIRE FOOD CHAIN, AN ENTIRE SECTOR.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WE ARE ANNOUNCING AN EXTENSION OF OUR
24 CURRENT ORDER THROUGH MAY 15TH, 2020.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** L.A. COUNTY, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE
2 WORLD, HAS BEEN HIT HARD BY THIS VIRUS. WE HAD TO PUT PORTIONS
3 OF OUR ECONOMY ON PAUSE. LET'S CONTINUE DEMONSTRATING OUR
4 GRATITUDE TO OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS EACH DAY. VULNERABLE
5 COMMUNITIES ARE STRUGGLING AS THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND
6 FINANCIAL HEALTH HANGS IN THE BALANCE. AND THESE CHALLENGES
7 CONTINUE TODAY. BUT, AS IS THE AMERICAN SPIRIT, DURING THE
8 DARKEST TIMES, ORDINARY PEOPLE STEP UP TO DO EXTRAORDINARY
9 THINGS. AND I AM PROUD THAT OUR COUNTY STEPPED UP TO OUR ROLE
10 AS A SAFETY NET, CATCHING THOSE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE OF
11 FALLING THROUGH, AND WE'VE HAD TO ADAPT, AND ADAPT QUICKLY.
12 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESSES WERE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE
13 TO THE VIRUS. SO WE TURNED VACANT MOTELS AND HOTELS INTO
14 TEMPORARY HOUSING, AND NOW WE ARE MAKING SOME OF THOSE HOUSING
15 PERMANENT. WHEN FAMILIES WERE GOING HUNGRY, WE PROVIDED FOOD,
16 BABY FORMULA, AND DIAPERS. WHEN LOW INCOME CHILDREN NEEDED TO
17 LEARN FROM HOME, WE PROVIDED DEVICES AND TABLETS. WHEN
18 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR LACKED ADEQUATE ACCESS TO COVID-19
19 TESTING, THE COUNTY SET UP 27 TESTING SITES AND ESTABLISHED
20 PARTNERSHIPS WITH 150 OTHER TESTING SITES IN THE HARDEST HIT
21 AREAS, ALL OF WHICH ARE FREE OF COST. WHEN AMERICANS ACROSS
22 THE COUNTRY ROSE UP FOR JUSTICE, WE HEARD IT LOUD AND CLEAR
23 AND MOVED TO CLOSE DOWN THE DECREPIT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WHILE
24 PASSING MEASURE J TO INVEST MORE IN HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, JOB
25 CREATION, AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WHEN ANGELENOS

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1 NEEDED FINANCIAL RELIEF, WE USED THE FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL
2 GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE DIRECT RENTAL AND SMALL BUSINESS
3 ASSISTANCE TO OUR RESIDENTS INSTEAD OF BACK FILLING THE
4 COUNTY'S BUDGET. WE QUICKLY PUT IN PLACE THE MORATORIUM ON
5 EVICTIONS TO PROTECT TENANTS AND PROVIDED GRANTS FOR CHILD
6 CARE, MONEY FOR NON PROFITS, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, RENTERS OR
7 PROPERTY OWNERS, AS WELL AS SMALL BUSINESSES SO THEY COULD
8 STAY AFLOAT. BUT THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER. FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE
9 ARE STILL GETTING SICK, AND MANY MORE ARE ON THE BREAK OF
10 ECONOMIC COLLAPSE. THEIR LIVELIHOODS ARE AT STAKE. SO WE HAVE
11 AN ENORMOUS TASK AHEAD OF US. WHATEVER WE HAVE DONE TO TRY TO
12 MITIGATE THE DAMAGES, THERE IS EVEN MORE TO DO AS WE MOVE INTO
13 2021. THE COUNTY'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY MUST CONTINUE TO BE
14 DEFEATING COVID-19. THIS MEANS CONTINUING TO PROTECT ONE
15 ANOTHER. IT MEANS EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTING THE VACCINE WHEN IT
16 IS AVAILABLE, AND IT MEANS TO GET OUR ECONOMY BACK UP AND
17 RUNNING AND, NOT ONLY REFORM, BUT TRANSFORM, OUR PRIORITIES BY
18 INVESTING EVEN MORE IN HEALTHCARE, IN HOUSING, JOB CREATION,
19 AND FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
20 BECAUSE, WITHOUT THOSE THINGS, PEOPLE WILL BECOME EVEN MORE
21 VULNERABLE TO THIS VIRUS. I KNOW THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE
22 COUNTING ON THE COUNTY TO BE THERE WHEN THEY FALL THROUGH THE
23 CRACKS. AND WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN, WE HAVE TO PROTECT, NOT
24 ONLY THEIR LIVES, BUT THEIR LIVELIHOODS. AS YOUR NEXT
25 CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I INTEND TO LEAD WITH

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1 COURAGE, URGENCY, AND HUMILITY AND KNOWING THAT THERE'S
2 NOTHING THAT WE CAN'T DO IF WE DO IT TOGETHER. I'VE ALWAYS
3 BEEN PROUD TO CALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY MY HOME. AND DESPITE
4 THESE PAST NINE MONTHS, I AM FILLED WITH SO MUCH HOPE, INDEED,
5 BECAUSE I DO SEE THE BRIGHT LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.
6 AND WE WILL ALL HEAD TOWARD IT TOGETHER. THANK YOU. [MUSIC --
7 BUT WE CAN RISE ABOVE THE CROWD, RAISE OUR VOICES LOUD, FROM
8 OUR ACTIONS BE PROUD. WE CAN RISE ABOVE OUR FEAR, DRAW THE
9 ENEMY NEAR. NOT BY MIGHT, BUT BY SPIRIT, WE ARE HERE.]

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, WITH THAT, MEMBERS AND COLLEAGUES,
12 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY VISION FOR
13 THE COMING YEAR. AND TO ALL OF YOU AND MY BOARD COLLEAGUES AND
14 TO THE COUNTY FAMILY, WE HAVE ARRIVED HERE BECAUSE OF YOU. SO
15 WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE AHEAD, AND TODAY IS
16 GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE ROBUST DAYS, WHERE WE'RE GOING TO
17 PUSH OUT A LOT OF GREAT, EXCITING AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC.
18 SO WITH THAT, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. AS
19 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC
20 PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
21 OF THE BOARD RECEIVED WELL OVER 1,400 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
22 FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE
23 RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR
24 THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S
25 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC

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1 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO NUMBER OF WRITTEN
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE READING IN THE NAMES,
3 HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AND PART OF OUR
4 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
5 AGENDA.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
8 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE THREE, SET MATTER
9 AT 11:00 A.M. ITEM S1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
10 ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE
11 BOARD. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 4,
12 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION
13 DISTRICT NUMBER 27 IN THE NEW HALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT.
14 ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 10, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
16 PUBLIC WORKS FINANCIAL -- DROP IN AUDIO. ON PAGE 11, CONSENT
17 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-20. ON ITEM 1, THIS
18 INCLUDES AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
19 ON ITEM 5, THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING ABSTENTIONS. ON SANITATION
20 DISTRICT NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE SANITATION DISTRICT
21 17, SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS STATED THAT THEY HAVE A PERSONAL
22 FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE THEY WILL RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR
23 SERVING ON THESE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THEREFORE WILL BE
24 ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE ON THOSE TWO APPOINTMENTS. THEIR
25 ABSTENTIONS ARE NOTED FOR THE RECORD. REGARDING THE

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1 APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
2 GOVERNMENTS, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAVE
3 STATED THEY HAVE A PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE THEY
4 WILL BE RECEIVING A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THE BODY AND
5 THEREFORE WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE ON THIS
6 APPOINTMENT. THEIR ABSTENTIONS WILL BE NOTED FOR THE RECORD.
7 ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
8 JANUARY 5TH, 2021. ON ITEM 15 AND 16, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
9 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. PAGE 23, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
10 ITEMS 21-64. ON ITEM 21, THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
11 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 13TH, 2021. ON ITEM
12 22, THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 9TH, 2021. ON 29, THIS INCLUDES AN
14 AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 46
15 THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH
16 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
17 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUEST FOR
18 CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK THROUGH 62F ARE
19 BEFORE YOU.

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL
23 BE THE ORDER. BEFORE WE TAKE UP --

24
25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE'RE STILL READING THE AGENDA.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE VOTED ON
3 THE CHAIR PRO TEM BECAUSE I KNOW IT WAS NOMINATED AND
4 SECONDED. DID WE VOTE ON THAT?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT WILL HAPPEN IN A MINUTE, AFTER WE HEAR
7 PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 47, PUBLIC HEARING, THE ITEM WILL
14 BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 48, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.
15 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO -- MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, THAT WILL
19 BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON TO ITEM 7, PUBLIC HEARING, SUMMARY AND
20 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT, THE
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE OF THE PUBLIC
22 HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE
23 WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING
24 ITEM.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
2 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
3 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD. ITEM 65 IS
4 A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE
5 EXPANSION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AT TWO COUNTY
6 FACILITIES. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
7 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

8

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

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
17 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,
18 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
19 1336503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
20 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
21 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
22 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
23 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
24 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
25 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF
23 YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS
24 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE
25 REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS VICTOR LANG, PLEASE

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1 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ALSO ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL
2 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** VICTOR LANG, PLEASE BEGIN. MAY WE HAVE THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS --

8

9 **HELLO, THIS IS VICTOR LANG.**

10

11 **>>CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **VICTOR LANG:** I APOLOGIZE, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS VICTOR
14 LANG, AND I AM A HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST AS WELL AS DIRECTOR
15 OF QUALITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT FOR GREATER EL MONTE COMMUNITY
16 HOSPITAL, WHICH IS PART OF THE A.H.M.C. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. I
17 AM SPEAKING ON ITEM S1. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
18 L.A. COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THEIR
19 LEADERSHIP DURING THESE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND WHAT HAS BEEN
20 A GLOBAL CRISIS UNLIKE ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN BEFORE. I
21 PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK ALSO, THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD,
22 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR HER AMAZING LEADERSHIP AND
23 CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ALL OF THAT WE DO IN HEALTHCARE DURING
24 THIS CRISIS. I HAVE BEEN IN HEALTHCARE FOR OVER, CLOSE TO 30
25 YEARS, ACTUALLY, 27 YEARS AND PRIMARILY, SPECIALIZING IN

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1 HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND AGAIN, THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.
2 THIS IS SOMETHING I NEVER, EVER EXPECTED TO SEE IN THE UNITED
3 STATES. AND SO, AGAIN, WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT THE COUNTY HAS
4 DONE, WHAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR HAS DONE, AND THE TARGETED
5 SAFER AT HOME ORDER IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER TO ENSURE WE
6 HAVE ENOUGH HOSPITAL BEDS AND STAFF TO CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO
7 NEED IT --

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MAYOR TODD ROGERS, PLEASE STATE
13 THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **MAYOR TODD ROGERS:** GOOD MORNING, ITEM 29 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
18 THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDS OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISORS
19 MITCHELL, BARGER, AND SOLIS. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF MY
20 PARTNERS ON THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN'S MOTION TO AMEND YOUR BOARD'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
22 FOR 2021-2022. WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE IMPACT THE PANDEMIC
23 HAS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE ON SMALL BUSINESS, BUT WE
24 RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE IMPACT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO GO MUCH
25 DEEPER THAN A LOSS OF BUSINESS INCOME OR EVEN A BUSINESS

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1 CLOSURE. IN AN EFFORT TO CIRCUMVENT TRADITIONAL BUSINESS
2 LIABILITY PROTECTIONS, MANY LANDLORDS HAVE REQUIRED BUSINESS
3 OWNERS TO SIGN PERSONAL GUARANTEES ON THEIR LEASES IN THE
4 EVENT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT. THAT MAY MEAN WHEN
5 CURRENT EVICTION MORATORIUMS EXPIRE, MANY OF THESE BUSINESS
6 OWNERS COULD BE FORCED TO SELL THEIR HOMES OR OTHER PERSONAL
7 BELONGINGS TO PAY THESE RENT LIABILITIES AND EXACERBATE THE
8 DEVASTATION TO THEIR FAMILIES, ALL DUE TO SOMETHING THAT
9 WASN'T THEIR FAULT. THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IS LOOKING TO PROVIDE
10 LEGISLATIVE RELIEF FROM THESE PERSONAL GUARANTEES LONG ENOUGH
11 FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES TO START MAKING MONEY, THE MONEY THEY
12 NEED, AGAIN, THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO PAY UP THEIR LEASES
13 WITHOUT PLACING THEM AT THREAT OF PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY OR EVEN
14 HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THIS WITH STATE
15 LEADERS. WE --

16

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

19

20 **MAYOR TODD ROGERS:** WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT
21 AND ADVOCACY OF THIS BADLY NEEDED RELIEF FOR L.A. COUNTY
22 BUSINESSES. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS COURTNEY VALENTINE. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **COURTNEY VALENTINE:** THANK YOU. YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
6 COURTNEY VALENTINE AND TODAY, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 62B, AND
7 12, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ITEM 62B, FOR NEARLY A
8 DECADE, OUR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE CALLED FOR
9 EVALUATION OF A.B.109 SPENDING IN OUR COUNTY AND THE
10 REINVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO
11 INCARCERATION, THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS IN L.A.
12 COUNTY HAVE GROSSLY MISMANAGED FUNDS AND HAVE A LONG HISTORY
13 OF ABUSE, AND THEY -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- THE COUNTY AND
14 THE STATE TO REEVALUATE A.B.109 SPENDING AND THE INTENT OF
15 A.B.109, WHEN IT WAS FIRST PASSED IN 2011, WAS FOR COUNTIES TO
16 FOCUS ON NON INCARCERATION ALTERNATIVES THAT HAVE A PROVEN
17 TRACK RECORD OF REDUCING RECIDIVISM, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THIS
18 BOARD FOLLOWS THE DEMANDS OF ITS CONSTITUENTS TO FUND
19 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION RECOMMENDATIONS BY SHIFTING
20 DOLLARS AWAY FROM INEFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT
21 MONOPOLIZE OUR TAX DOLLARS AND INTO EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY-BASED
22 ALTERNATIVES. FOR AGENDA ITEM 12, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE FACING
23 SUCH DESTABILIZING SITUATIONS SUCH AS EVICTION, DOMESTIC
24 VIOLENCE, OR CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES, NAVIGATING CIVIL COURT
25 PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE CAN EXACERBATE THOSE TRAUMAS

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1 AND RESULT IN UNJUST OUTCOMES. ACCESS TO LEGAL HELP SHOULD
2 NEVER DETERMINE WHETHER A SURVIVOR GETS THE SUPPORT AND
3 RESOURCE THEY NEED OR WHETHER PERSON REMAINS HOUSED. SUCH AND
4 ESSENTIAL AND LIFESAVING PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY JUDICIAL
5 SYSTEM MUST BE PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED. WE SHOULD NOT RELY ON
6 UNSTABLE OUTSIDE FUNDING LIKE GRANTS. NOW, MORE THAN EVER,
7 ESPECIALLY DURING THE CRISES WE ARE FACING THIS YEAR, I CALL
8 ON THE BOARD TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
9 CENTERS AND TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THIS SERVICE BY
10 DIVERTING AWAY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEMS THAT HARM AND
11 CRIMINALIZE AND INCARCERATE THESE SAME COMMUNITIES THAT JUST
12 NEED BASIC ACCESS TO LEGAL HELP. AS FAR AS MY GENERAL PUBLIC
13 COMMENT, I ASK THE BOARD AND C.E.O. TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS'S REQUEST FOR \$30 MILLION OF C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING FOR
15 O.D.R. THE HOUSING AND TREATMENT PROVIDED BY O.D.R. HAS BEEN
16 CRUCIAL IN REDUCING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AMONG THE COUNTY'S
17 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING
18 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE UNDERSTANDING
19 OF WHY MASKING IS IMPORTANT OR SOCIAL DISTANCING IS IMPORTANT,
20 AND THIS C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING CAN PROVIDE CRUCIAL SUPPORT
21 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THOSE MENTAL HEALTH CRISES AND
22 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO
23 ONGOING TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION AND CARE IN ORDER TO
24 MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY. THE PANDEMIC IS ONLY CONTINUING TO
25 INTENSIFY AND SERVICES MUST INTENSIFY TO MEET IT. O.D.R. HAS A

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1 PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF SUPPORTING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF
2 JUSTICE IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE
3 ABUSE TREATMENT NEEDS. THIS SUCCESS OF THEIR PROGRAMS
4 INDICATES THE NEED FOR EXPANSION, AND AS COVID-19 CONTINUES TO
5 IMPACT L.A. COUNTY AT ALARMING RATES, THE EXPANSION OF
6 SERVICES MUST FOLLOW IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF
7 EVERYONE. AND FINALLY, IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WHILE
8 EVICTION PROTECTIONS INCLUDING AGENDA ITEM 13 THAT THIS BOARD
9 PROPOSED AND LIMITED RENTAL ASSISTANCE WOULD HELP TEMPORARILY,
10 THESE MEASURES DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO STABILIZE HOUSEHOLDS,
11 CONTROL THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, OR FACILITATE ECONOMIC
12 RECOVERY. YES, WE NEED RELIEF FOR HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL
13 LANDLORDS. AND YOU SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO
14 IDENTIFY LOCAL FUNDS, PRESSURE BANKS, AND STATE, AND FEDERAL
15 GOVERNMENT, BUT PLEASE DO NOT DELAY --

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS EDDIE DE LA RIVA. PLEASE STATE
21 THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **EDDIE DE LA RIVA:** GOOD MORNING, I AM ADDRESSING ITEM S1, GOOD
25 MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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1 CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS HISTORIC DAY. I AM IN SUPPORT OF
2 MOTION S1. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP
3 ON THIS, BUT I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR NOT
4 ONLY DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, BUT WHAT IS NECESSARY, COMMUNITIES
5 LIKE MINE, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, HARD WORKING, COMMUNITIES --
6 FRONTLINE WORKERS ARE EXPOSED AT GREAT NUMBERS. THIS PANDEMIC
7 HAS HIT REALLY HARD. IT HAS HIT OUR COMMUNITY EXTREMELY HARD,
8 AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR DOING THIS, AND I SUPPORT
9 THIS WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS, AND THANK YOU
10 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO
11 DO WHAT IS NOT ONLY RIGHT BUT WHAT IS NECESSARY. THANK YOU SO
12 MUCH.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK EUHOUSE, PLEASE STATE THE
17 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **MARK EUHOUSE:** SORRY, THIS IS ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12. MY NAME
21 IS MARK EUHOUSE. I'M A FAMILY LAW JUDGE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I
22 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CHAT FOR A MOMENT.
23 I AM NOT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
24 AND NOR ON BEHALF OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL. I AM HOWEVER
25 SPEAKING ON THE BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMITMENT ON ACCESS

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1 TO JUSTICE, WHICH I AM THE CHAIRMAN. AS YOU WELL KNOW, LOS
2 ANGELES WILL FACE A TSUNAMI OF LITIGATION WHEN EVICTIONS
3 RESUME AFTER JANUARY 31ST. EVICTION PROCEEDINGS HAVE ALWAYS
4 BEEN CHALLENGING, AND THE DUTIES AND PROTECTIONS UNDER
5 A.B.3088 ADD FORMS, DEADLINES, AND REQUIREMENTS. SINCE MORE
6 THAN 80 PERCENT OF LITIGANTS IN THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
7 SYSTEM MUST REPRESENT THEMSELVES, THE VERY PEOPLE THAT THE
8 LEGISLATURE INTENDED TO PROTECT UNDER A.B.3088 MAY BECOME
9 HOMELESS WITHOUT ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES. NOW IS NOT THE TIME
10 TO REDUCE SELF-HELP MONEY FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED IT THE MOST.
11 THE CALIFORNIA ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION HAS WORKED FOR 24
12 YEARS TO LOWER OBSTACLES FACING CALIFORNIANS, NOT ONLY
13 INDIVIDUALS, BUT --

14

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

17

18 **MARK EUHOUSE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON,
21 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND FOR YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MARK
25 ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON, FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK, JUSTICE

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1 L.A., AGENDA ITEMS 62D, 23, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO
2 START OUT BY SAYING, GIVING A WARM, EXCITED WELCOME TO
3 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE APPLAUSE,
4 THE SHOUT OUTS, THE STANDING OVATIONS WE WOULD HAVE GREETED
5 YOU THIS MORNING AT KENNETH HAHN, BUT WE ARE DOING THIS
6 VIRTUALLY, SO I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY I REALLY BELIEVE THAT
7 DISTRICT TWO CHALLENGES THE MORAL COMPASS OF THE COUNTY AND
8 COUNTRY FOR THE BETTER ALONG THE LINES OF RACIAL JUSTICE,
9 AGENDA JUSTICE, ECONOMIC JUSTICE, OF WHICH YOU ARE A CHAMPION.
10 SO WE ARE MOTIVATED BECAUSE DISTRICT TWO IS YOUR HOME BUT ALSO
11 BECAUSE JUSTICE IS YOUR HOME. SO WE ARE EXCITED AND ALL READY
12 TO GET CRACKIN'. WITH REGARD TO 62D AND 23, WE ARE READY TO
13 REALLY CHANGE THE WAY WE ARE DOING A.B.109 ALLOCATIONS, SO WE
14 SUPPORT THE NEW PROPOSAL. THE LAST DECADE HAS SHOWN HAS 77
15 PERCENT OF OUR A.B.109 ALLOCATIONS HAVE GONE TO SHERIFFS, HAVE
16 GONE TO THE PROBATION, WHICH HAS BEEN MISMANAGING FUNDS WITH
17 BRUTAL OUTCOMES. IN FACT, LAST YEAR, WE WASTED \$10 MILLION
18 INCARCERATING BLACK FOLKS FOR PROBATION VIOLATIONS, \$4.3
19 MILLION INCARCERATING BLACK HOUSELESS PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE
20 COUNTY FOR PROBATION VIOLATIONS, \$26 MILLION INCARCERATING
21 BLACK FOLKS WHO HAVE 6 CHARGES WHERE WE COULD BE DIVERTING
22 PEOPLE. AND SO THOSE DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT WHERE WE NEED THOSE
23 FUNDS. WE SHOULD BE ASKING THE NEW A.T.I. DIRECTOR WHERE WE
24 NEED THOSE FUNDS. WE SHOULD ASKING SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
25 CERTAINLY OUR COMMUNITIES WHERE WE WANT THOSE FUNDS. WITH

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1 REGARDS TO THE SHERIFF, THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN ALLOCATED
2 MILLIONS TO HOUSE 3400 A.B.109 BEDS. AND YET, THIS YEAR,
3 A.B.109ERS SIT AT 1500 WITHIN OUR JAIL. AND SO THAT
4 REALLOCATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE, AND WE SHOULD TAKE THAT AS THE
5 CEILING TO REDUCE OUR A.B.109 POPULATION. SO WE ARE REALLY
6 EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THIS MOTION TO REALLY
7 CHANGE THE NEXT DECADE OF A.B.109 ALLOCATIONS. AND WITH REGARD
8 TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET AND AGENDA ITEM 23, I JUST SIMPLY WANT
9 TO SAY THAT THE CARE FIRST --

10

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

13

14 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** THE CARE FIRST PARADIGM WE'RE
15 MOVING WAS MOTIVATED BY THE RECOGNITION THAT THE SHERIFF
16 CANNOT DEMONSTRATE CARE AS A PRIORITY, AND SO WE ARE ASKING
17 FOR YOU TO REALLOCATE \$35 MILLION FROM THE CONTRACTS THAT
18 HOUSE SHERIFFS AT OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS INTO COMMUNITY-BASED
19 SOLUTIONS AS WORK, SUCH AS THE CODE GOLD TEAMS THAT, OVER THE
20 LAST YEAR, HAVE RESPONDED TO OVER A THOUSAND, 1400, CRISES
21 INSIDE THE HOSPITALS AND HAVE NEVER ONCE RESULTED IN A USE OF
22 FORCE BY SHERIFFS. SO THOSE ARE THE INNOVATIONS WE NEED TO BE
23 FUNDING, NOT MORE SHERIFFS AT OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS, AND WE JUST
24 WANT TO SAY, REST IN POWER NICOLAS BURGOS.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF
4 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS
5 TIME BUT DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE
6 REMOVED FROM QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RUBY RIVERA, PLEASE
7 STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM AND ALSO IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **RUBY RIVERA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO?
11 HELLO?

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES WE CAN, PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **RUBY RIVERA:** OKAY, SORRY. GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
16 ITEM 6, 3, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING AND
17 CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY
18 MITCHELL. I AM RUBY RIVERA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
19 WITH INNER CITY STRUGGLE. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR
20 MEMBERS IN DISTRICT ONE AND OUR INGLEWOOD RESIDENTS ON 6, 3,
21 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I.C.S. IS A MEMBER OF THE
22 HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, AND AS A MEMBER, WE
23 ARE HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 6, WHICH WOULD AWARD A
24 YEAR CONTRACT TO A JOB DEVELOPER TASKED WITH ESTABLISHING A
25 LONG TERM PIPELINE OF PARTNERS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO

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1 INCREASE LOCAL HIRING EFFORTS WITHIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND
2 THE WAY OF THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. WE URGE THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT TO ENSURE JOB DEVELOPER WORK WILL TAKE
4 US TO MEET THE NEED FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING
5 PIPELINE TO MEET ASPIRATIONAL GOALS FOR LOCAL TARGETED HIRE
6 JOBS. IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 3, WE APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS'
7 EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING RESTAURANTS AND COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING
8 FOOD INSECURITY AND ASK THAT YOU EXTEND THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
9 STREET VENDORS WHO ARE SUFFERING IMMENSELY DURING THIS TIME.
10 THIS PROGRAM COULD ENCOURAGE RESTAURANTS TO PARTNER WITH
11 STREET VENDORS TO ADDRESS THE OBSTACLES OF HEALTH ORDER
12 COMPLIANCE AND KITCHEN ACCESS. WE ASK YOU TO BE CREATIVE WITH
13 THIS PROGRAM SO THAT ALL SMALL FOOD ENTREPRENEURS HAVE
14 OPPORTUNITIES. WE SUPPORT ITEM 13 AND ASK THAT THESE
15 PROTECTIONS BE EXTENDED UNTIL THE END OF THE STATE EMERGENCY
16 AND INCLUDE A MUCH STRONGER ANTI-HARASSMENT MEASURE. AS A
17 PARTNER ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE-HOUSED L.A. COUNTY PROGRAM,
18 WE HEAR SO MANY STORIES OF HARASSMENT, FEAR, EVICTION, JOB
19 LOSS, AND FEAR OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RENT IS DUE. NOW TO
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WHILE EVICTION PROTECTIONS AND LIMITED
21 RENTAL ASSISTANCE HAVE HELPED TEMPORARILY, THESE MEASURES DO
22 NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO STABILIZE HOUSEHOLDS, CONTROL THE SPREAD
23 OF COVID-19, OR FACILITATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. AT SOME POINT,
24 THE BILL FOR UNPAID RENT WILL BE DUE, AND LOW INCOME TENANTS
25 WHO ARE ALREADY SEVERELY RENT BURDENED AND STILL WITHOUT

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1 STEADY INCOME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY IT BACK. IT WILL END UP
2 STUCK IN A CYCLE OF DEBT FOR YEARS. WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION,
3 THE COMMUNITIES WHO SACRIFICED THE MOST, SENIORS, THE
4 UNDOCUMENTED, LOW INCOME ESSENTIAL WORKERS, PEOPLE OF COLOR,
5 WILL BE THE LEAST PROTECTED AND EXCLUDED FROM ECONOMIC
6 RECOVERY AND MOST VULNERABLE TO EVICTION AND DEATH. YES, WE
7 NEED RELIEF FOR HOME OWNERS AND SMALL LANDLORDS, AND YOU
8 SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO IDENTIFY LOCAL
9 FUNDS, PRESSURE BANKS, AND STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT
10 PLEASE, DO NOT DELAY THE CANCELLATION OF RENT. IT IS WITHIN
11 YOUR POWERS NOW, AND DELAYING THIS ACTION WILL RESULT IN
12 MASSIVE EVICTIONS AND DEATH. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW
13 AND CANCEL THE RENT TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED AND SAVE LIVES.
14 THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS STEPHANIE MULLIN, PLEASE STATE
19 THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **STEPHANIE MULLIN:** GOOD MORNING, THIS IS STEPHANIE MULLIN, THE
23 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AT STRENGTH UNITED, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
24 SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL AS ITEM NUMBER 12. AND IN
25 STARTING, I JUST WANTED TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEWEST SUPERVISOR

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1 AND CHAIR PRO TEM, HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR JOINING THE BOARD, SO
2 PROUD OF HER. HOLLY, I DRESSED UP FOR YOU TODAY. YOU CAN'T SEE
3 IT, BUT I DID. AND I WANT TO WELCOME OUR NEW CHAIR SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS AND COMMEND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER CHAIRMANSHIP OVER
5 THE LAST YEAR. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 12, SAVING OUR SELF-HELP
6 LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS, I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
7 SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD, AND, AS
8 A SERVICE PROVIDER, STRENGTH UNITED SERVICE VICTIMS OF
9 INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND SANTA
10 CLARITA VALLEYS, AND WHAT WE THE NUMBER ONE RESOURCE THAT IS
11 REQUESTED IS FOR LEGAL SERVICES. WE WORK WITH -- THE
12 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, WHO IS ONE OF THE PROVIDERS FOR
13 SELF HELP CENTERS IN SENDING CLIENTS OVER THERE TO, YOU KNOW,
14 WORK ON LETTERS AND BE A PART OF THE --

15

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

18

19 **STEPHANIE MULLIN:** THANK YOU. WE ARE JUST VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT
20 OF THE SELF HELP CENTERS. WE KNOW WITH A.B.3088 POSSIBLY
21 EXPIRING IN FEBRUARY THAT MANY OF OUR CLIENTS WHO ARE HOUSING
22 INSECURE ARE GOING TO BE IN NEED OF THESE SELF-HELP CENTERS,
23 WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD MEMBERS TO PASS THIS EXTENSION.
24 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME.

25

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

2

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

6

7 **LYNN LYMAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY
8 NAME IS LYNN LYMAN. I'M HERE REPRESENTING L.A.R.R.P., THE LOS
9 ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP, WHERE I AM A COFOUNDER
10 AND SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE. I WILL BE
11 SPEAKING ON ITEM 62D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. LET ME JUST
12 ALSO BEGIN BY WELCOMING, I WAS GOING TO SAY SENATOR HOLLY
13 MITCHELL, BUT SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL TO L.A. COUNTY BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS. HAVING WORKED WITH YOU FOR A DECADE IN
15 SACRAMENTO PASSING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS, COULDN'T BE
16 HAPPIER TO HAVE YOU HERE IN THE COUNTY TO HAVE YOUR LEADERSHIP
17 AND HAVE A CHAMPION FOR JUSTICE ISSUES. I WANTED TO START BY
18 THANKING SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND CHAIR HILDA SOLIS FOR
19 TAKING ON THE IMPORTANT WORK OF ENSURING OUR A.B.109
20 POPULATION IS BETTER SERVED BY A ROBUST AND MORE
21 REPRESENTATIVE P.S.R.T.. AND L.A.R.R.P. WAS ACTUALLY FOUNDED
22 IN 2011 TO RESPOND TO A.B.109. WHEN WE HEARD OUR FOLKS WOULD
23 BE HELD BY LOCAL JAILS NOT PRISONS AND POSSIBLY GIVEN MORE
24 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION LOCALLY, WE REALIZED WE NEEDED
25 TO ORGANIZE AND RALLY TOGETHER OUR REENTRY COMMUNITY TO BE

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1 READY TO BETTER SERVE OUR LOVED ONES COMING HOME. FOR THE PAST
2 9 YEARS, L.A.R.R.P. HAS WORKED TO HELP THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT
3 A.B.109.

4

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

7

8 **LYNN LYMAN:** IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICES, CALL FOR SPLIT
9 SENTENCING, AND OPPOSE FLASH INCARCERATION. WE LAUNCHED THE 50
10 PERCENT CAMPAIGN IN 2014 CALLING FOR A FULL 50 PERCENT OF THE
11 A.B.109 BUDGET TO GO TO SERVICES. AND OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
12 TROY BONN, HAS HELD THE ONLY COMMUNITY SEAT ON THE P.S.R.T.
13 FOR THESE 9 YEARS, AND WE HAD TO FIGHT TO GET HIM VOTING
14 RIGHTS IN THE FIRST YEAR. HE HAS SINCE CALLED MANY TIMES FOR
15 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES. WHILE THE COUNTY IS
16 MOVING TO ALIGN ALL OF ITS JUSTICE SECTOR PROGRAMMING WITH THE
17 CARE FIRST JAIL LAST APPROACH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ANGELENOS
18 SENTENCED TO THE LOWEST LEVEL FELONIES UNDER A.B.109 NOT BE
19 LEFT BEHIND. AND WE APPLAUD ADDING NEW COUNTY OFFICES LIKE
20 O.D.R. AND A.T.I. TO THE EXPANDED BODY AND ARE HAPPY TO SEE
21 SERVICE PROVIDERS, ADVOCATES, AND DIRECTLY IMPACTED PEOPLE
22 ADDED TO THE LIST. ON BEHALF OF L.A.R.R.P. AND THE REENTRY
23 COMMUNITY, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE REWRITE AND
24 VISION OF THE A.B.109 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANAMARIA GARCIA, PLEASE STATE
5 THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **ANAMARIA GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 12
9 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND GRACIAS. MY
10 NAME IS ANAMARIA GARCIA, AND I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ACCESS
11 TO JUSTICE INITIATIVES AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A.
12 COUNTY. TOGETHER, WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES
13 AND COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES SO CAL, WE OPERATE THE NETWORK OF
14 9 COURTHOUSE-BASED SELF HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS SPREAD
15 ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHICH SERVES AS THE BEST DIRECT CONSTITUENT
16 SERVICE PROJECT EVER CREATED BY OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OVER
17 THE LAST 20 YEARS, MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED
18 HELP AT ONE OF THE 9 CENTERS. THEY CAME TO COURT AFTER HAVING
19 BEEN SERVED WITH AN EVICTION NOTICE OR IN THE MIDST OF A
20 FAMILY CRISIS. MANY WERE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT OR HAD
21 EXPERIENCED TRAUMA OF HOMELESSNESS OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN
22 THEIR LIVES. ALMOST ALL WERE LIVING IN POVERTY. AT THE
23 CENTERS, THEY FOUND HELP.

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

3

4 **ANAMARIA GARCIA:** THANK YOU. NEARLY 75 PERCENT OF THE LITIGANTS
5 ARRIVING AT THE CENTERS ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH A
6 FAMILY LAW ISSUE, PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, OR TO
7 RESPOND TO AN EVICTION. THE CENTERS ARE ALSO A SAFETY NET FOR
8 THE MOST VULNERABLE TENANTS AT RISK OF BEING EVICTED AND
9 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. AFTER BEING SERVED WITH A NOTICE,
10 TENANTS HAVE JUST 5 DAYS TO FILE AN ANSWER IN COURT. SELF-HELP
11 CENTERS ASSIST LITIGANTS WITH FILING TIMELY ANSWERS AND REFER
12 CERTAIN CASES TO FULL REPRESENTATION. THESE SERVICES WILL BE
13 BECOME EVEN MORE CRITICAL WITH THE COUNTY BEGINS TO EXPERIENCE
14 THE TSUNAMI OF EVICTIONS RESULTING FROM COVID-19 JOB-RELATED
15 LOSSES. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS RESOURCE, EVEN AS THE
16 NEED FOR IT INCREASES. SUCH A LOSS WOULD HAVE A DEVASTATING
17 IMPACT ON THE HOMELESSNESS AND --

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AS A REMINDER TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF
23 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 BUT DO NOT
24 PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE
25 QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MICHELLE KING, PLEASE STATE THE

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1 AGENDA ITEMS AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **MICHELLE KING:** GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL. MY NAME IS MICHELLE KING, AND I AM A DISTRICT ONE
6 RESIDENT. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO UPLIFT COURTNEY RUBY AND MARK
7 ANTHONY'S COMMENTS. TODAY, I WILL BE SPEAKING FOR ITEMS 3, 12,
8 13, 62D, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND IN OPPOSITION OF ITEM 23.
9 ON ITEM 23, THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT IS AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS
10 NEVER BEEN NOR WAS DESIGNED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR PUBLIC
11 SAFETY. SO LONG AS BILLIONS OF COUNTY DOLLARS FINANCE THIS
12 FAILED DEPARTMENT, OUR COMMUNITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE
13 HAMMERED BY VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION, MISTREATMENT, AND
14 SYSTEMIC RACISM. DURING THE UPRISING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND
15 EQUITY IN THE SUMMER, L.A.S.D. INFLECTED ON PROTESTERS THE
16 BRUTALITY THEY INFLICT DAILY ON OUR BLACK AND BROWN
17 COMMUNITIES. AND YET, IN THIS REPORT, THEY -- FOR MILLIONS OF
18 DOLLARS IN OVERTIME EXPENSES. THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19
19 PANDEMIC, L.A.S.D. HAS SHOWN CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR LIFE AND
20 HEALTH OF PEOPLE IN THEIR CUSTODY. AND YET HERE, DESPITE THE
21 REDUCTION IN THE COUNTY JAIL POPULATION, THEY ATTEMPT TO USE
22 COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO JUSTIFY THE BUDGET INCREASES. AND
23 LAST YEAR, L.A.S.D. COST COUNTY TAXPAYERS 91 AND A HALF
24 MILLION DOLLARS TO SATISFY JUDGMENT. THAT IS A NEARLY 25
25 PERCENT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS IS NOT KEEPING OUR

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1 COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAFE. WHY ARE WE CONTINUING TO SQUANDER
2 TAXPAYER DOLLARS CLEANING UP L.A.S.D.'S MISTAKES? NO WONDER
3 ALEX IS SO MAD THAT YOU REFUSED THEIR 7 PERCENT INCREASE THIS
4 SUMMER. WE ARE REFUSING TO CONTINUE TO BANK ROLL THEIR
5 MISCONDUCT. FOR YEARS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN
6 RACKED BY WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUITS, FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS
7 LEADING TO FORCE COMPLAINTS, SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES, AND
8 SEVERE MISTREATMENT OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. EVEN
9 TOMORROW, THE BOARD WILL VOTE ON AN \$825,000 SETTLEMENT OF A
10 WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT BROUGHT AGAINST L.A.S.D. THE FACT THAT
11 IT ADMITS ALEX VILLANUEVA IS ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 16,000
12 DOLLARS IN FUNDING IS AN ARROGANT SLAP IN THE FACE. THESE
13 PROBLEMS WILL NOT GO AWAY UNTIL THE COUNTY MEANINGFULLY
14 DIVESTS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FULLY INVESTS IN
15 COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. IT IS BOTH THE AUTHORITY AND THE
16 RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS BOARD TO USE THE BUDGET TO CORRECT THE
17 ENDEMIC VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
18 WHAT THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY DESERVE IS A SYSTEM THAT
19 PROVIDES TRUE PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

23
24 **MICHELLE KING:** THANK YOU, HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, AND WELL
25 PAYING JOBS, AND THE BOARD HAS THE POWER TO CREATE THAT CHANGE

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1 THROUGH THE BUDGET. ON ITEM 62, I AM GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISORS
2 HAHN AND SOLIS FOR RECOGNIZING THE URGENT NEED TO REEVALUATE
3 THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT OF A.B.109 FUNDING. SINCE
4 2011, L.A. COUNTY HAS RECEIVED \$2.5 BILLION IN A.B.109 FUNDS
5 INTENDED TO HELP DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVES TO
6 INCARCERATION LIKE INNOVATIONS IN REENTRY AND COMMUNITY BASED
7 SERVICES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOWEVER, 75 PERCENT OF THESE
8 FUNDS HAVE GONE TO THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS,
9 WHERE THESE DOLLARS ARE USED AS SLUSH FUNDS TO PAY OVERTIME.
10 THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS' GROSS MISMANAGEMENT OF
11 FUNDS AND LONG HISTORY OF ABUSE HAVE COMPELLED BOTH THE COUNTY
12 AND STATE TO REEVALUATE A.B.109 FUNDING. FOR NEARLY A DECADE,
13 COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE CALLED FOR AN EVALUATION OF A.B.109
14 FUNDING IN OUR COUNTY AND A REINVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED
15 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE INTENT OF A.B. 109 WAS FOR
16 COUNTY TO FOCUS ON NON-INCARCERATION ALTERNATIVES THAT HAD A
17 PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF REDUCING RECIDIVISM. THIS MOTION --

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PATRICIA SONG, PLEASE STATE THE
23 AGENDA ITEMS AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **PATRICIA SONG:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
2 I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 62D, THE MOTION TO RESTRUCTURE THE PUBLIC
3 SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM GOVERNING A.B.109 FUNDS. MY NAME IS
4 PATRICIA SONG, A CONSULTANT WITH THE HAYWOOD BURNS INSTITUTE
5 AND FORMERLY WITH CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. FOR THE
6 LAST THREE YEARS, I HAVE SERVED AS THE SECOND DISTRICT
7 APPOINTEE TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL, A
8 STATUTORILY MANDATED BODY THAT OVERSEES JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME
9 PREVENTION ACT FUNDS. I WANT TO SAY WELCOME SUPERVISOR HOLLY
10 MITCHELL. I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP, HAVE BEEN
11 HONORED TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF IN THE PAST, AND LOOK
12 FORWARD TO BRIEFING WITH YOU ABOUT THE J.J.C.C.'S WORK. THESE
13 FUNDS HAVE TOTALED AROUND 50 TO 70 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY
14 SINCE 2001, AND ARE DEDICATED TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES FOR
15 YOUNG PEOPLE PRIOR TO AND DURING THEIR JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT. I
16 URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE FOR THIS MOTION. THE LESSONS LEARN SAID
17 FROM THE J.J.C.C. WORK IN RECENT YEARS ARE SO APPLICABLE HERE.
18 FOR MANY YEARS ADVOCATES CALLED FOR RECOMPOSING THE J.J.C.C.
19 IT IS COMPOSITION AND APPROACH TO SPENDING HAVE REMAINED
20 VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FOR ITS 18 YEARS OF EXISTENCE AT THAT
21 POINT. IN THAT --

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS IVETTE ALE, PLEASE STATE THE
2 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **IVETTE ALE:** HI, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IVETTE ALE WITH
6 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE JUSTICE. L.A. COALITION. I WILL
7 BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 12, 13, 23, AND 62D, AND
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO START BY EXTENDING A WARM
9 WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YOU HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION FOR
10 JUSTICE IN THE SENATE WITH BILLS, LIKE S.B.180, AND I'M
11 EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU HERE AT HOME. ON AGENDA ITEM 62D,
12 THANK YOU SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR THE MOTION. IN
13 FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, ON THE REQUEST OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER
14 KAMLAGER, I PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON L.A.'S A.B.109 SPENDING TO
15 THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE -- IF AN
16 AUDIT OF OTHER COUNTIES WOULD BE WARRANTED, BUT THE ONE COUNTY
17 THEY THOROUGHLY AGREED NECESSITATED AN URGENT AUDIT WAS LOS
18 ANGELES. IT WAS EMBARRASSING THAT THEY FELT OUR COUNTY HAD
19 SUCH EGREGIOUS MISMANAGEMENT OF FUNDS THAT IT HAD TO BE THE
20 FIRST COUNTY TO BE AUDITED. IN FACT, WE RECEIVED OVER \$2
21 BILLION FOR A.B.109 FUNDING INTENDED FOR ALTERNATIVES, YET THE
22 SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS HAVE RECEIVED THE VAST
23 MAJORITY OF THESE FUNDS, 77 PERCENT, IN FACT. BY CONTRAST, THE
24 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY RECEIVED 5 PERCENT, AND
25 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAVE

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1 RECEIVED A MERE 2 PERCENT. THIS MOTION IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD
2 TO FINALLY ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY OVERSIGHT AND
3 ACCOUNTABILITY THAT OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE DEMANDED FOR NEARLY A
4 DECADE. BRINGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, O.D.R., A.T.I., AND OTHER
5 RESTORATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND INITIATIVES TO THE TABLE IS HOW WE
6 FINALLY ALIGN A.B.109 FUNDING WITH THE CARE FIRST VISION YOU
7 HAVE ESTABLISHED. ON AGENDA ITEM 3, I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS AND KUEHL'S EFFORT IN SUPPORTING RESTAURANTS AND
9 COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY, AND I ASK THAT YOU
10 EXTEND THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STREET VENDORS WHO ARE SUFFERING
11 IMMENSELY DURING THIS TIME. AGENDA ITEM 12, THANK YOU
12 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FOR
13 PRESERVING VITAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES
14 WHO MOST NEED IT. NOW MORE THAN EVER, ACCESS TO LOW COST LEGAL
15 CARE IS ESSENTIAL AS SO MANY IN L.A. COUNTY ARE IN PRECARIOUS
16 FINANCIAL AND HOUSING SITUATIONS, AND WHILE I APPLAUD THE
17 BOARD FOR CREATING THE INTERIM PLAN, IT IS ESSENTIAL THESE
18 KINDS OF SERVICES HAVE SUSTAINED FUNDING. RESIDENTS RELY ON
19 THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS, AND ENSURING --

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

23
24 **IVETTE ALE:** IT IS LITERALLY A LIFE OR DEATH MATTER FOR PEOPLE
25 SEEKING SAFETY FROM ABUSE AND EVICTION. ON AGENDA ITEM 13, I

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1 SUPPORT ITEM 13 AND THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR
2 BRINGING THIS MOTION. I ASK THAT YOU EXTEND TENANT PROTECTIONS
3 UNTIL THE END OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH STRONGER ANTI-
4 HARASSMENT MEASURES. WHILE EVICTION PROTECTIONS AND LIMITED
5 RENTAL ASSISTANCE HAVE HELPED TEMPORARILY, THESE MEASURES DO
6 NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO STABILIZE HOUSEHOLDS, CONTROL THE SPREAD
7 OF COVID-19, OR FACILITATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. YES, WE NEED
8 RELIEF FOR HOME OWNERS AND SMALL LANDLORDS, AND YOU SHOULD BE
9 DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO IDENTIFY LOCAL FUNDS,
10 PRESSURE BANKS, AND STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, BUT PLEASE
11 DO NOT RELAY THE CANCELLATION OF RENT. IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER
12 NOW, AND DELAYING THIS ACTION WILL RESULT IN MASSIVE EVICTIONS
13 AND DEATH. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW AND CANCEL RENT TO
14 KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED AND SAVE LIVES. ON AGENDA ITEM 23, IT IS NO
15 QUESTION THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS MISMANAGED FUNDS, AND I
16 COMPEL YOU TO PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET IN
17 THIS NEXT BUDGET CYCLE AND MAKE BOLD ACTION TO --

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ZACK SLYGO, PLEASE STATE THE
23 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **ZACK SLYGO:** GOOD MORNING. IT'S ITEM 15. MY NAME IS ZACK SLYGO.
2 I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE
3 HOMELESS. WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER
4 PUTTING FORWARD ITEM 15 WHICH WOULD STREAMLINE AND EXPEDITE
5 THE CONTRACTING AND PAYMENT PROCESSES AT L.A.H.S.A. WE BELIEVE
6 THIS MOTION WILL MOVE US FURTHER TOWARDS A TRANSPARENT AND
7 EFFICIENT PROCESS THAT IS BOTH FOCUSED ON CLIENTS AND PROVIDER
8 FRIENDLY. ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE
9 NO ARTIFICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS PLACED ON PROVIDERS
10 WHICH CAN IMPEDE OUR COLLECTIVE PROGRESS TOWARD OUR SHARED
11 GOAL OF GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE STREET AND INTO HOUSING. THE
12 LACK OF EFFICIENT PAYMENT FROM L.A.H.S.A. IS AN ONGOING ISSUE.
13 WE RECENTLY HAD TO GO INTO OUR RESERVES AND LINE OF CREDIT TO
14 CONTINUE PAYROLL DUE TO DELAYS ON L.A.H.S.A.'S END. SO WE
15 STRESS THE NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 CONTINUED VIGILANCE AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVING THE SYSTEM,
17 AND WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, THANK YOU.

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 DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE PRESS 1 FOLLOWED BY 0, BUT DO NOT
23 PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE
24 QUEUE. NEXT SPEAKER IS SOSHALT GODINEZ, PLEASE STATE THE

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1 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING AND ALSO IF YOU WILL
2 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SOSHALT GODINEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SOSHALT GODINEZ. HELLO,
5 GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SOSHALT GODINEZ.
6 I AM ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 12.
7 I WANT TO SHARE MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND MY EXPERIENCE WITH
8 THE SELF HELP LEGAL CENTER. THE SELF-HELP CENTER HELPED ME IN
9 A TIME WHEN I NEEDED URGENT EMERGENCY PROTECTION DUE TO BEING
10 A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THIS SITUATION WAS VERY SCARY
11 FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN ON THAT DAY. I URGENTLY CALLED THE
12 SELF-HELP CENTER TO GET GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE WITH AN
13 EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER TO PROTECT ME AND MY CHILDREN.
14 THANKS TO THEM, I NOT ONLY GOT THE EMERGENCY ORDER IN PLACE,
15 BUT I ALSO GOT THE PERMANENT ORDER, BUT THEY WERE ALSO THE
16 ONES WHO ASSISTED ASSISTED ME THOROUGHLY WITH MY SELF-
17 REPRESENTATION. IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
18 SEEK PROTECTION FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN. I WOULDN'T BE TODAY IN
19 A SAFE PLACE, FEELING PROTECTED, ALONG WITH MY KIDS. I AM ONE
20 OF THE MANY CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE SELF-HELP CENTERS
21 ARE NEEDED IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES LIKE THE ONE I WAS IN
22 AND EVEN IN WORSE CASES. THIS SITUATION WAS VERY SCARY FOR US,
23 BUT THEY PROVIDED THE SUPPORT LEGALLY TO ENSURE OUR PROTECTION
24 AND SAFETY, AND THIS IS WHY I HAD TO COME AND SHARE WITH YOU
25 AND EXPRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING FUNDING THE SELF-HELP

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1 CENTERS BECAUSE I WILL NOT BE THE FIRST OR THE LAST PERSON WHO
2 WILL NEED THEIR LEGAL SERVICES.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE
8 AGENDA ITEM AND ALSO IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANKS, IT IS ERIC PREVEN. I WILL SPEAK ON THE
12 AGENDA ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL, YES. I AM
13 GOING TO START WITH ITEM NUMBER 4, WHICH IS THE OPPORTUNITY
14 TO, FOR HILDA SOLIS WHO IS TAKING OVER AS CHAIR, TO CANCEL A
15 BUNCH OF BOARD MEETINGS, BUT IT IS AN ENVIRONMENT, AND I REACH
16 OUT TO HOLLY MITCHELL, THE NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WE ARE
17 VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU. I WAS TOTALLY BEHIND YOUR GETTING
18 ELECTED, AS MANY OF US WERE. IT WAS A CLEAR STATEMENT THAT THE
19 WAYS OF HERB WESSON, WHO HAS BEEN A REDUCER OF PUBLIC COMMENT,
20 WERE NOT WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTED. HERE YOU ARE, SO IT IS TIME
21 TO REACH ACROSS THE AISLE TO SOLIS. AND SAY WE HAVE TO RESTORE
22 MEETINGS. WE HAVE CUT MEETINGS BY HALF ALREADY. THERE IS NOW A
23 WEIRD CLOSED SESSION APPEARANCE THAT IT IS VERY DIFFERENT,
24 BUT VIRTUAL, AS THE GREAT SPEAKER MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON
25 AND EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, WHO ARE MOVING UP IN THE COUNTY

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1 OPERATION IN A POSITIVE SENSE, NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE
2 PUBLIC SPEAKING IS NOT TO BE JUST FOR ONE GROUP, OR ONE
3 THOUGHT, OR ONE IDEA, BUT I, OF COURSE, SUPPORT WHAT WE FOUGHT
4 TOGETHER SO HARD TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY BECOMES A PLACE
5 WHERE THERE IS MORE JUSTICE AND LESS INJUSTICE. AND WITH
6 GEORGE GASCON COMING INTO THE OFFICE, AND HE RUNS THE DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GREETING FOR HOLLY
8 MITCHELL VIRTUALLY. AND THE DOORBELL RANG. THE DOOR BELL MEANS
9 THE PUBLIC IS BACK. THE PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT TO BE EXCLUDED
10 FROM MEETINGS ANYMORE, AND I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF 11 MILLION
11 PEOPLE WHO HAVE A LOT GOING ON RIGHT NOW AS PARENTS ARE FACING
12 HISTORIC DIFFICULTIES WITH KIDS AT SCHOOL, AS ALL SORTS OF
13 THINGS ARE IN FLUX, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ALWAYS
14 BEEN THE SAFETY NET, NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE JABBERING ON AND
15 YAMMERING ON ABOUT THIS AND ABOUT THAT, BUT PEOPLE WITH
16 SIGNIFICANT REAL PROBLEMS THAT YOU CLAIM TO BE BUILDING A
17 BIGGER AND LARGER BUREAUCRACY TO SERVE, BUT IT IS REALLY
18 IMPORTANT, AND I CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH, HOW DISAPPOINTED I AM
19 IN THE NEW COUNTY COUNSEL WHO IS CLAIMING --

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

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PERFECT BECAUSE IT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA
25 BECAUSE YOU BURIED IT. MILLER BARANDES IS A LAW FIRM. THEY PUT

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1 THEIR PANTS ON JUST THE WAY SHEILA KUEHL DOES EVERY MORNING.
2 THE PROBLEM IS THEY ARE DOING WORK FOR THE COUNTY THAT
3 INCLUDED PART OF THAT APPALLING \$1.5 MILLION PARACHUTE FOR
4 SACHI HAMAI IN THE CONTEXT OF A DYSFUNCTIONAL COUNTY FAMILY.
5 BETWEEN THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS HAS
6 BEEN A TERRIBLE YEAR, NOT JUST FOR THE PANDEMIA, BUT FOR THE
7 INSANITY BETWEEN THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO NEED TO GET IT
8 TOGETHER, ALL OF THEM. IT IS TOO IMPORTANT. THERE ARE 10,000
9 L.A.S.D. PEOPLE WHO NEED TO FEEL PART OF THE FAMILY, AND THEY
10 HAVE TO MAKE IT HUMANE GUYS, GALS, EVERYBODY. AND I JUST
11 CANNOT BELIEVE THAT WE RODRIGO CASTRO SILVA IS GOING TO DENY
12 WHAT WE PAY THESE LAW FIRMS TO CREATE DEALS LIKE THAT, AND FOR
13 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS TO TELL MARK SALADINO TO PUT HIS HAND BEHIND
14 HIS BACK AND TWIST HIS OWN ARM OFF. IT ALMOST FELL OF WHEN
15 THEY CAME INTO OFFICE WITH WICKHAM. THESE LAWYERS ARE NOT OUR
16 FRIENDS. THEY --

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JONATHAN BYAM, PLEASE STATE THE
22 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **JONATHAN BYAM:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JONATHON BYAM. I AM HERE TO
2 GIVE MY SUPPORT TO ITEMS 16 AND 29 AND TO MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO HELP SMALL
4 BUSINESS OWNERS, SUCH AS MYSELF. I OWN AN INDOOR PLAYGROUND,
5 AND WE HAVE BEEN CLOSED SINCE MARCH 16TH, AND WE ARE STILL
6 CLOSED. I HAVE RECEIVED VERY LITTLE TO NONE IN FINANCIAL HELP
7 SO FAR. WITH MY RENT BEING ALMOST \$25,000 PER MONTH AND US
8 BEING CLOSED FOR ALMOST 9 MONTHS, I AM NOW BEHIND ON RENT BY A
9 LOT. I HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING IN POWER TO FIND A WAY FOR MY
10 INDOOR PLAYGROUND TO SURVIVE, BUT WITH ZERO DOLLARS IN INCOME
11 AND HARDLY NO SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, I AM REALLY LEFT
12 WITH NOTHING MUCH TO DO EXCEPT TO PUT THE FUTURE OF MY
13 BUSINESS IN THE MERCY OF YOUR HANDS. NOT ONLY IS THE FUTURE OF
14 MY BUSINESS IN JEOPARDY, BUT MY FAMILY'S PERSONAL LIVES ARE IN
15 JEOPARDY. WE HAVE A PERSONAL GUARANTEE SIGNED ON THE LEASE,
16 WHICH MEANS THAT THE LANDLORD WILL ALSO COME AFTER OUR OWN
17 PERSONAL PROPERTY AND WE WILL ALSO BE FORCED TO FILE FOR
18 PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY AS WELL MAKING MY FAMILY HOMELESS. AS FOR
19 MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS TO ALSO CONSIDER A DIFFERENT SOLUTION IN REGARDS
21 TO THE MORATORIUM. ONCE THE MORATORIUM ENDS IN THE NEXT FEW
22 MONTHS, I WILL HAVE TO PAY OVER \$60,000 PER MONTH FOR THE NEXT
23 6 MONTHS JUST IN RENT TO CATCH UP ON RENT. THIS IS REALLY NOT
24 POSSIBLE AT ALL. PLEASE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE BUSINESSES
25 THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED SINCE MARCH AND RESTRUCTURE THE

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1 MORATORIUM SO WE CAN ALL SEE SOME SIGN OF HOPE. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHERRY WEAVER, PLEASE STATE THE
7 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SHERRY WEAVER:** AGENDA ITEM 15 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
11 MORNING, MY NAME IS SHERRY WEAVER. I'M FROM HABERINA BASED
12 SERVICES IN SAN PEDRO. WE ARE THE LEAD HOMELESS PROVIDER IN
13 S.P.A. 8, AND I'M CALLING IN TODAY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 15,
14 EXPEDITING HOMELESS FUNDS CONTRACTING PROCESS. WE CURRENTLY
15 HAVE 9 L.A.H.S.A. CONTRACTS, AND I HAVE TAKEN ON THE
16 RESPONSIBILITY OF REVEALING EACH BEFORE OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
17 SIGNS AND RETURNS TO L.A.H.S.A.. ON AVERAGE, THESE CONTRACTS
18 ARE 291 PAGES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE RETURNED TO L.A.H.S.A.
19 WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT. IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO SIGN
20 CONTRACTS THAT HAVE ERRORS KNOWING WE WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
21 FOR THE CONTENTS OF THIS CONTRACT DURING MONITORING. IN MY
22 REVIEWS, I HAVE FOUND A NUMBER OF ERRORS. BEFORE WE CAN SIGN,
23 WE HAVE NUMEROUS EMAIL EXCHANGES WITH L.A.H.S.A. TO GET
24 CLARIFICATION AND CHANGES MADE, FURTHER DELAYING CONTRACT
25 EXECUTION. MANY TIMES L.A.H.S.A. STAFF CANNOT RESPOND TO OUR

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1 QUESTIONS WITHOUT GETTING CLARIFICATION INTERNALLY. THE FACT
2 THAT THE DEVELOPER OF THESE CONTRACTS CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS
3 ABOUT ITS CONTENTS IS EXTREMELY --

4

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

7

8 **SHERRY WEAVER:** AND DEMONSTRATES AN EVEN GREATER NEED FOR
9 CHANGE FOR THIS PROCESS. REVIEW OF THE CONTRACTS IS ONLY STEP
10 ONE. ORGANIZATIONS WILL NEED TO DEVELOP A BUDGET, HAVE THE
11 BUDGET APPROVED BY L.A.H.S.A., THEN THE FUNDS ARE UPLOADED IN
12 THE MICROSYSTEM BEFORE INVOICING OR PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE. THE
13 RIPPLE EFFECTS OF THIS ARE TREMENDOUS. WE CONTINUE PROVIDE
14 SERVICES WHILE WAITING FOR REIMBURSEMENT, WHICH MEANS THAT
15 ORGANIZATIONS ARE TAKING OUT LINES OF CREDIT TO PAY CLIENT
16 RENT, STAFF SALARIES, INCLUDING SUB CONTRACTORS, AND
17 ORGANIZATIONAL COSTS TO OPERATE. THE INTEREST ON THESE LINES
18 OF CREDIT ARE NOT A REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE. WE NEED YOUR VOTE
19 TODAY IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. WE CANNOT AFFORD THE CONTINUED
20 BOTTLENECKS IN THIS SYSTEM THAT IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO SERVE
21 THE MOST VULNERABLE. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HACEN ZOMIGA, PLEASE STATE THE
2 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **HACEN ZOMIGA:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES WE CAN, PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** ONE MOMENT. MADAM CHAIR, IF IT IS OKAY WE WILL MOVE
10 TO THE NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR;** ALEX KAY. PLEASE STATE THE GENERAL AGENDA ITEM AND
15 IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU CAN BEGIN.

16

17 **>>ALEX KAY:** YES, I'M ALEX. I'M CALLING FROM DISTRICT 2,
18 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 12 -- WELL I GUESS I CAN'T ON 13,
19 23, AND 62D AND GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ITEM 3, I
20 APPLAUD THE SUPERVISORS' EFFORTS TO SUPPORT RESTAURANTS AND
21 COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY, AND I ASK TO TAKE IT
22 A STEP FURTHER, AS MANY OTHERS HAVE, AND EXTEND THAT RELIEF TO
23 STREET VENDORS. FOR SOME, THAT IS THEIR ENTIRE LIVELIHOOD.
24 SUCCESSFUL RESTAURANTS CAN VALIDATE SPENDING EXTENSIVE AMOUNTS
25 OF MONEY ON COVID-19 COMPLIANT EQUIPMENT, BUT MOM AND POPS

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1 CANNOT. FOR ITEM 12, MY THANKS TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS
2 FOR THIS ITEM. AS WE KNOW, OUR COUNTRY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS
3 SHOWN IT TIPS IN FAVOR OF CERTAIN RACES AS WELL AS IN FAVOR OF
4 THOSE WHO HAVE MONEY. THAT IS NOT EQUAL AND FAIR FOR JUSTICE
5 FOR ALL. OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES NEED TO BE PROVIDED
6 THE SAME ACCESS TO RESOURCES SO THEY CAN PURSUE JUSTICE.
7 PLEASE RENEW THE CONTRACT AND ENSURE THEY HAVE A STABLE
8 FUNDING. FOR ITEM 23, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS SHOWN THIS
9 BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY THEY OPERATE AS A DANGEROUS GAME WITH
10 NO REGARD FOR CHECKS AND BALANCES TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE.
11 THEIR BUDGET HAS OUTFITTED THEM TO BE IN RIOT GEAR WITH LETHAL
12 WEAPONRY IN THE FACE OF PEACEFUL PROTESTERS ASKING THEM TO
13 JUST STOP KILLING PEOPLE, SOMETHING WHICH HAS COST MILLIONS OF
14 DOLLARS OF WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUITS. IMAGINE IF WE PUT THAT
15 MONEY TOWARD PROVIDING BODY CAMERAS FOR EVERY OFFICER OR MAYBE
16 FOR HELPING THE UNHOUSED. FOR 62D, I'M GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE
17 WHO HAS CALLED IN SUPPORTING THIS AS WELL AS SUPERVISORS HAHN
18 AND SOLIS ASKING TO REEVALUATE THE FUNDING FOR A.B.109. AS
19 MANY OTHER PEOPLE SAID, IT IS VERY CONCERNING 77 PERCENT OF
20 THIS FUNDING HAS GONE TO THE SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION
21 DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT JUST PERPETUATES THE SCHOOL TO PRISON
22 PIPELINE, JAIL REENTRY, AND WE NEED TO DIVERT THOSE RESOURCES
23 TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND SUPPORTING YOUTH TO STAY
24 OUT OF JAIL. I WILL SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I ASK
25 THAT THE BOARD PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S REQUEST

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1 FOR THE \$30 MILLION OF THE C.A.R.E. ACT FUNDING TO REDUCE THE
2 SPREAD OF COVID-19 AMONG OUR MOST VULNERABLE. MY SISTER IS
3 UNHOUSED IN ANOTHER CITY, BUT HER STORY REFLECTS MANY STORIES
4 OF PEOPLE HERE, HAS NO ASSISTANCE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL
5 HEALTH, BEING BOUNCED BETWEEN SHELTERS, REHAB, AND JAIL, BEING
6 EXPOSED TO COVID AT EVERY TURN AND HAVING NO ONE TO HELP HER
7 TO GET HOUSING OR MENTAL HEALTH HELP. WE NEED TO ALSO CANCEL
8 RENT AND OTHER THINGS THAT MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. I, LIKE MANY
9 OTHERS, HAVE BEEN FURLOUGHED FROM MY JOB AND AM WAITING ON
10 ANOTHER JOB, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, BOTH OF THESE JOBS ARE
11 DEPENDENT ON LOS ANGELES'S TOURISM, WHICH CANNOT THRIVE DURING
12 A PANDEMIC. WE NEED TO PAY PEOPLE TO STAY AT HOME. WE NEED TO
13 CANCEL RENT. THIS SUNDAY I WILL RECEIVE MY LAST UNEMPLOYMENT
14 AMOUNT, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO DO AFTER THAT. I
15 AM VERY AFRAID. I HOPE YOU ALL WATCHED THE VIDEO OF A MINOR
16 BEING HOG TIED BY L.A.P.D. AND BEING EVICTED FROM A HOME IN
17 WHICH SHE WAS SEEKING SHELTER. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY
18 UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO STOP CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS. WE
19 NEED TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE. WITH D.J. GASS GONE, I'M
20 VERY EXCITED THAT WE CAN MOVE INTO A NEW ERA TO HELP PEOPLE
21 AND TO BECOME A BETTER LOS ANGELES. HOLLY MITCHELL, I AM VERY
22 EXCITED FOR YOU TO BE REPRESENTING ME. I VOTED FOR YOU. I HAVE
23 MY TRUST AND FAITH IN YOU, AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALL TAKE THIS
24 STEP IN MOVING FORWARD TO MAKE L.A. A BETTER PLACE FOR THE

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1 MOST VULNERABLE FOR ALL OF US TO SUCCEED, FOR ALL OF US TO BE
2 HEALTHY. AND I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALBERTO RIOS, PLEASE STATE YOUR
8 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
9 YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **ALBERTO RIOS:** HI, GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
12 MY NAME IS ALBERTO RIOS, REPRESENTING EAST L.A. COMMUNITY
13 CORPORATION IN SUPPORT OF -- PLATFORM. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
14 ITEMS 3, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. REGARDING ITEM NUMBER
15 3, WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR PUTTING
16 FORTH THE MOTION TO SUPPORT RESTAURANTS AND COMMUNITIES
17 EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY, AND WE ASK YOU TO EXTEND THIS
18 OPPORTUNITY TO STREET VENDORS WHO ARE SUFFERING IMMENSELY
19 DURING THIS TIME. THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE HAS BEEN HEALTH CODE
20 COMPLIANT EQUIPMENT AND ACCESS TO KITCHENS THIS PROGRAM COULD
21 ENCOURAGE RESTAURANTS TO PARTNER WITH STREET VENDORS TO SHARE
22 THEIR KITCHENS. WE ASK YOU BE CREATIVE WITH THIS PROGRAM SO
23 THAT ALL SMALL FOOD ENTREPRENEURS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE
24 FORWARD. FOR ITEM 13, THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY CORPORATION
25 THANKS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR THE MOTION AND ASK THAT THE

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1 SUPERVISORS EXTEND PROTECTIONS UNTIL THE END OF THE STATE OF
2 EMERGENCY WITH STRONGER ANTI-HARASSMENT MEASURES. -- EVICTION
3 PROTECTIONS ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASING RATES OF EVICTION AND
4 DEATH, AND WITH L.A. COUNTY'S NUMBERS RISING, YOU ALL MUST DO
5 EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. AS FAR AS
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WHILE EVICTION PROTECTIONS AND LIMITED
7 RENTAL ASSISTANCE HAVE HELPED TEMPORARILY, THESE MEASURES DO
8 NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO STABILIZE HOUSEHOLDS, CONTROL THE SPREAD
9 OF COVID-19, OR FACILITATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. AT SOME POINT
10 THE BILL FOR UNPAID RENT WILL BE DUE, AND LOW INCOME TENANTS
11 HOW ARE ALREADY SEVERELY RENT BURDENED AND STILL WITHOUT
12 STEADY INCOME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY HIT BACK. THEY WILL END
13 UP HOMELESS OR STUCK IN A CYCLE OF DEBT FOR YEARS, SO WITHOUT
14 FURTHER ACTION, THE COMMUNITIES THAT SACRIFICED THE MOST,
15 SENIORS, THE UNDOCUMENTED, LOW INCOME ESSENTIAL WORKERS,
16 PEOPLE OF COLOR, WILL BE THE LEAST PROTECTED AND EXCLUDED FROM
17 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND WILL BE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO. EVICTION
18 AND DEATH. SO YES, WE NEED FOR RELIEF FOR HOME OWNERS AND
19 SMALL LANDLORDS, AND YOU SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR
20 POWER TO IDENTIFY LOCAL FUNDS, TO PRESSURE BANKS, AND STATE
21 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, BUT PLEASE DO NOT DELAY THE
22 CANCELLATION OF RENT. IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER NOW, AND
23 DELAYING THIS ACTION WILL RESULT IN MASSIVE EVICTIONS AND
24 DEATH. PLEASE, WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW AND CANCEL THE
25 RENT, KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED, SAVE LIVES. IN SUMMATION, CANCEL

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1 RENT, CANCEL MORTGAGE DEBT OF HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL LANDLORDS,
2 CODIFY OUR RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR TENANTS FACING EVICTION, AND
3 -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- BE THROUGH PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
4 HOUSING. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PATRICIA RUSSELL, PLEASE STATE
9 YOUR AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING WITH GENERAL PUBLIC
10 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** AGENDA ITEM 13 AND PUBLIC COMMENT AND
13 WELCOME HOLLY MITCHELL. I VOTED FOR YOU. THANK YOU TO ALL THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE INCREDIBLE WORK YOU ARE DOING FOR
15 THE COUNTY AND TO HELP US GET THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC. SELF
16 HELP, AS A LANDLORD, I RENTED OUT TWO ROOMS IN MY HOME IN
17 ORDER TO TRY TO KEEP MY HOME AND PAY THE MORTGAGE, AND THE
18 GENTLEMEN USED COVID AS AN EXCUSE NOT TO PAY HIS RENT BECAUSE
19 HE DID HAVE THE MONEY, AND HE ALSO BECAME VERY ABUSIVE TOWARD
20 ME. I CALLED SELF-HELP, AND I ASKED FOR ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE
21 AND WAS TOLD THAT ONLY PEOPLE THAT ARE TENANTS CAN GET HELP
22 FOR SELF-HELP. I AM A SENIOR, AND I WAS SUBJECTED TO CRUELTY
23 AND HARASSMENT AND ELDER ABUSE FOR FIVE MONTHS. AND THEN HE,
24 THANK GOD, FINALLY LEFT AND WENT BACK TO GEORGIA, AND I WAS
25 LEFT WITH THE RENT THAT HE OWED WAS \$8,200, INCLUDING SOME OF

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1 THE DAMAGE THAT HE DID AND THE UTILITIES. SO I REALLY HOPE
2 THAT SELF HELP CAN KEEP GOING, BUT I HOPE THEY CAN HELP SMALL
3 LANDLORDS TOO.

4

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

7

8 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF L.P.S.
9 CONSERVATORSHIP. MY SON GOT OFF IT OVER 2 YEARS AGO, AND SINCE
10 THEN, HE HAS BEEN IN ABOUT I'D SAY AT LEAST 15 EMERGENCY
11 ROOMS. HE HAS LOST SO MUCH WEIGHT. HE'S 6 FOOT 1 WEIGHING 140
12 POUNDS, ALMOST DIED MANY TIMES, AND AS HIS MOTHER I CANNOT GET
13 HIM THE HELP HE NEEDS BECAUSE I HAVE NO AUTHORITY ANY LONGER.
14 THERE NEEDS TO BE IN AN ADJUSTMENT TO L.P.S. CONSERVATORSHIP
15 BEFORE MY SON DIES AND OTHER PEOPLE LIKE HIM WHO STRUGGLE WITH
16 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS AND DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR
17 IMPULSES ONCE THEY START USING ANY KIND OF SUBSTANCE, THANK
18 YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS VERONICA LEWIS, PLEASE STATE
23 YOUR AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **VERONICA LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, I AM VERONICA
2 LEWIS, THE DIRECTOR OF H.O.P.I.C.S. THERE IS ANOTHER
3 (INDISCERNIBLE) AND I WANT TO FIRST START BY WELCOMING
4 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
5 IN DISTRICT TWO. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE
6 TO -- IN OUR REGION. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 15 AND ITEM
7 NUMBER 62D. WE ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE AGENCIES FOR HOMELESS
8 SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND SINGLE ADULTS, AND WE HAVE OVER 20
9 CONTRACTS WITH L.A.H.S.A.. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 15
10 TO ADDRESS THE CONTRACTING PROCESS. WE HAVE OVER \$2 MILLION IN
11 FUNDING FROM L.A.H.S.A., AND WHILE I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE
12 FACT THAT L.A.H.S.A. HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN EXPANDING WITH
13 ALL OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS THAT HAVE MADE INTO THE ISSUE OF
14 HOMELESSNESS, I WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT, ALONGSIDE THEM,
15 YOUR PROVIDER PARTNERS LIKE H.O.P.I.C.S. HAVE GROWN
16 EXPONENTIALLY AS WELL INCLUSIVE OF INCREASED PERSONNEL, HIRING
17 OVER 150 STAFF ALONE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, INCREASING THE
18 AMOUNT OF SUBCONTRACTORS WE HAVE BECAUSE THAT IS OUR MOTTO AT
19 H.O.P.I.C.S. IS WE DON'T DO IT OURSELVES ALONE. WE DISPERSE
20 THE MONEY, SO WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER SMALLER NONPROFITS THAT
21 ARE RELYING ON BEING PAID ON TIME IN ADDITIONS TO OTHER
22 OPERATIONAL COSTS AND JUST A VARIETY OF THINGS THAT HAVE COME
23 WITH EXPONENTIAL GROWTH THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AS L.A.H.S.A.
24 HAS GROWN AND OUR SYSTEM AS A WHOLE HAS GROWN. AND SO, I
25 SUPPORT THE EXPLORATION TO ENSURE THAT OUR CONTRACTING IS

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1 ACCURATE IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT UNNECESSARY DELAYS ARE
2 ADDRESSED, AND I THINK THE MASTER LEASING MAY BE THE WAY TO DO
3 THAT. WE HAVE OVER \$11 MILLION OF RECEIVABLES. HOW ARE WE
4 EXPECTED TO FUNCTION? HOW ARE WE EXPECTED TO PAY OUR
5 SUBCONTRACTORS AND PAY OUR STAFF WITHOUT HAVING TO INCUR
6 INTEREST BEARING LINES OF CREDIT OR INTEREST BEARING LOANS? I
7 JUST DON'T THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROVIDERS TO TAKE
8 THE BRUNT OF THIS WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE FIGURES IT OUT. AND SO,
9 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER FOR FIGURING OUT A WAY
10 TO HAVE THE COUNTY PUSH TO FIX THIS QUICKLY. AND I WANT TO SAY
11 WE ARE STRONG PARTNERS IN TERMS OF THE HOMELESS SERVICES
12 SYSTEM. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN, AND I THINK WE HAVE
13 REACHED A POINT WHERE WE NEED --

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HESSAN ZUMINA, PLEASE STATE
19 YOUR AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

21

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS STEVIE SHAW. PLEASE STATE YOUR
2 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
3 YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **STEVIE SHAW:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN, PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **STEVIE SHAW:** OKAY, I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES
10 TENANT'S UNION, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOLLYWOOD NORCO CHAPTER TO
11 SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 13 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH
12 RESPECT TO ITEM NUMBER 13, ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT AND
13 STRENGTHEN THIS AND TO INCLUDE ANTI-HARASSMENT. I, MYSELF, WAS
14 THREATENED WITH ARREST FOR TRESPASSING IN MY OWN BUILDING. I
15 WAS THREATENED WITH A LAWSUIT BY MY LANDLORD. AS A MEMBER OF
16 THE TENANT'S UNION -- LANDLORD LOCKOUTS ALMOST DAILY,
17 PARTICULARLY IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND SOUTH CENTRAL. THIS IS AN
18 ISSUE, LIKE EVERYTHING, THAT IMPACTS BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND
19 OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR AT A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE IN TERMS OF
20 ILLEGAL EVICTIONS, IN TERMS OF JUST ALL OF THE HARASSMENT THAT
21 LANDLORDS ARE USING AS A TACTIC WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE MONEY
22 TO PAY RENT. SO I WILL ECHO THE MANY, MANY CALLERS THAT HAVE
23 ASKED WE CANCEL RENT. WE NEED TO HAVE THE EVICTION MORATORIUM
24 EXTENDED THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PANDEMIC, WHICH WHO
25 KNOWS WHEN THAT WILL BE, AND HONESTLY AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PAST

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1 IT AND AGAIN INCREASE FINES AND PENALTIES FOR LANDLORDS THAT
2 HARASS TENANTS AND VIOLATE THE COUNTY'S --

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

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7 **STEVIE SHAW:** REGARDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I SUPPORT CARES
8 FIRST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT AGENDA ITEM THAT IS, AND I'M SO
9 SORRY, BUT A CARE FIRST BUDGET. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I
10 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A TRANSITION OF POWER THAT IS
11 HAPPENING, BUT THE L.A. COUNTY THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT ON
12 THIS CONGRATULATORY 90 MINUTES OF SELF-CONGRATULATORY SPEECH
13 REALLY DOES NOT MEET THE 67,000 FOLKS WE HAVE EXPERIENCING
14 HOMELESSNESS RIGHT NOW, THE FACT THAT OUR HOTELS ARE AT 20
15 PERCENT CAPACITY, AND WE WANT TO CHEER ABOUT PROJECT ROOM KEY,
16 WHILE WE HAVE FOUR PEOPLE A DAY DYING ON OUR STREETS. SO WE
17 HAVE A MASSIVE TSUNAMI OF EVICTIONS ON THE HORIZON. I DO
18 UNDERSTAND AGAIN THERE WAS A TRANSITION OF POWER, WELCOME.
19 LET'S GET GOING. AND THE WAY THAT THIS CALL IS CONDUCTED MAKES
20 IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE
21 BEEN ON THE PHONE FOR THREE HOURS NOW, AND YOU CAN PROBABLY
22 HEAR THE OCEAN IN THE BACKGROUND BECAUSE I AM TRYING TO DRIVE
23 ALL THE WAY TO THE BEACH WHILE LISTENING TO ALSO 35 MINUTES OF
24 SILENCE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REALIZED THAT YOUR CALLERS HAD TO
25 LISTEN TO THAT. SO WE ARE --

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

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROSA SOTO, PLEASE STATE YOUR
6 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
7 YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **ROSA SOTO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ROSA SOTO, EXECUTIVE
10 DIRECTOR OF L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. FIRST, I WANT TO
11 RECOGNIZE MADAM CHAIR SOLIS FOR HER APPOINTMENT TODAY AS CHAIR
12 AND SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. THE FOUNDATION IS A BACKBONE
13 ORGANIZATION FOR THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP,
14 A COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE ESTABLISHED IN 2017 BY THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND DEVELOPMENT
16 EFFORTS ON THE SURROUNDING L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. ITEM
17 NUMBER 6 AWARDS A YEAR CONTRACT TO A JOB DEVELOPER TO INCREASE
18 LOCAL HIRING EFFORTS WITHIN OUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY
19 IN OUR HEALTHY VILLAGE, JOBS THAT CAN BE FILLED BY LOCAL
20 RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE CAMPUS. THE
21 PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND
22 RESIDENTS HAVE INSPIRED ASPIRATIONAL GOALS BEYOND THE COUNTY'S
23 CURRENT REQUIREMENT, SO THIS JOB DEVELOPER CAN ESTABLISH A
24 LONG TERM PIPELINE FOR PARTNERS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND

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1 ASSESS THEM FOR ORIGINAL IMPACT TO BUILD ON THE PROJECTS AND
2 MEET ASPIRATIONAL GOALS. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

3

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANDRES ZUMINGA, PLEASE STATE
7 YOUR AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT.

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10 **ANDRES ZUMINGA:** YES, MY NAME IS ANDRES ZUMINGA. I AM
11 ADDRESSING SUPPORT FOR ITEM 62D, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
12 MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SPECIAL COMMENDATION
13 TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS PARAMOUNT
14 MOTION THAT PROMISES TO SERVE OUR A.B.109 POPULATION MORE
15 EFFECTIVELY AND CALLS FOR A MORE REPRESENTATIVE P.S.R.T. MY
16 NAME IS ANDRES ZUMINGA, AND I AM A (INDISCERNIBLE) SPECIALIST
17 FOR THE CENTER FOR (INDISCERNIBLE) AND LEARNING
18 (INDISCERNIBLE) STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER AND A SERVICE
19 PROVIDER SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND
20 REENTRY SERVICES FOR THE A.B.109 PROGRAM. I AM ALSO SERVING AS
21 THE VOICE OF LIVED EXPERIENCE, AND WE ARE HERE IN TOTAL
22 SUPPORT FOR ITEM 62D, RESTRUCTURING PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT.
23 FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, OUR COUNTY HAS DEMONSTRATED A
24 FAVORABLE SHIFT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION. STARTING WITH
25 A.B.109, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED OUR COUNTY STEADILY IMPLEMENT

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1 PERFORMANCE AND PROGRAMS LIKE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
2 REENTRY AND, MORE RECENTLY, THE ALTERNATIVES TO
3 INCARCERATION INITIATIVE. ALL OF THIS HAS EXEMPLIFIED WHAT OUR
4 COMMUNITIES ARE EXACTING AND (INDISCERNIBLE).

5

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

8

9 **ANDRES ZUMINGA:** WHICH IS THE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST PERSPECTIVE
10 AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST AND WHAT
11 WILL MANIFEST TO BE MOST BENEFICIAL FOR THE COMMUNITIES
12 AFFECTED BY OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS MOTION IS
13 SUITABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR A.B.109 PROGRAM, REQUIRED
14 IMPROVEMENTS TO A PROGRAM THAT HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED
15 FAVORABLE AND EVEN MORE PROMISING RESULTS WITH THIS MOTION
16 RESTRICTION PROPOSES. AND ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER FOR
17 COMMUNITY LIVING AND L.A.R.R.P. AND SPEAKING AS A VOICE FOR MY
18 PEERS, I LOOK FORWARD TO REVISION AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE
19 A.B.109 PROGRAM TO MEET OUR COLLABORATIVE CONCERNS ON
20 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION DIVERSION PROGRAMS, SUBSTANCE
21 ABUSE PROGRAMS, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, HOUSING, JUSTICE
22 PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. I WISH EVERYONE WELL,
23 AND PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN SAFETY. THANK YOU.

24

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GARY BUSSAY, PLEASE STATE YOUR
3 AGENDA ITEM AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **GARY BUSSAY:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, THIS IS GARY
7 BUSSAY. I WILL SPEAK ON ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS.
8 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ROBUST FUTURE AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS AS I SIT OUTSIDE THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, AND I
10 AM VERY IMPRESSED TO HEAR THE CARE FIRST PROGRAM. I AM FAIRLY
11 GLAD TO KNOW THE COUNTY IS SPENDING \$100 MILLION A DAY, AND WE
12 ARE MOVING FORWARD IN A VERY ROBUST MANNER ON A LOT OF THESE
13 PROGRAMS. WE ARE UP TO \$36 BILLION IN THE BUDGET, AND IT SEEMS
14 WE ARE JUST HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME WITH ALL THE HEAVY
15 LIFTING. I AM CERTAINLY NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO ANY TSUNAMIS
16 COMING. THAT'S A NATURAL EFFECT, AND WE SHOULD LOOK INTO
17 EARTHQUAKE PREVENTION. IT WOULD BE REALLY GRAND IF THE COUNTY
18 ISSUED SOME 5 SIGNATURE LETTERS TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE
19 REGARDING THE EXCESS FUNDING FROM THE FUNDS THAT WERE
20 ALLOCATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THIS PAST MARCH FOR THE
21 COVID, OR CORONA, OR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS. WHICHEVER WAY YOU WANT
22 TO LOOK AT IT, YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO READ A BOOK, BUT IT
23 WOULD BE GRAND IF THEY ALLOCATED SOME OF THE EXCESS FUNDS.
24 THERE HAS ONE PAYMENT OF, LIKE, \$1,000 TO PEOPLE, AND IT WOULD
25 BE REALLY GRAND IF THEY USED SOME OF THE EXCESS FUNDS, MAYBE

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1 DO SOME MAJOR CLEAN UP WORK, LIKE FOR THE FUNDS THAT ARE
2 NEEDED FOR THE EXIDE DEBACLE IN EAST L.A. AND USE FUNDING TO
3 ALLOCATE TOWARDS A HIGH SPEED TRANSPORTATION BILL. THEY HAVE
4 NO MONEY TO BUILD A TRAIN, AND IT WOULD BE REALLY GRAND IF
5 MAYBE THE COUNTY LOOKED INTO RE-EVALUATING C.E.Q.U.A. IT IS
6 BASED ON, I BELIEVE, METRO'S 10 YEAR PLAN. WE NEED TO ALLOCATE
7 SOME REVISITING OF C.E.Q.U.A. LAWS --

8

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO
14 EVERYONE THAT WAS ABLE TO JOIN US ON OUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I DID
15 WANT TO CLARIFY FOR FOLKS THAT ITEM NUMBER 13 HAS BEEN SENT
16 BACK TO THE AUTHOR'S OFFICE FOR FURTHER REVIEW. SO THAT WILL
17 NOT BE VOTED ON, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION. SO WITH THAT, OUR
18 TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS, AS YOU KNOW, HAS ENDED. I WANT TO
19 THANK EVERYONE AGAIN FOR CALLING IN, AND IF YOU HAVE ANY
20 DESIRE TO SUBMIT ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS, PLEASE DO SO. WE WILL
21 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
22 DURING THE MEETING WHICH WILL ALL BECOME PART OF OUR PUBLIC
23 RECORD. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO ITEMS 9. MADAM
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON
25 WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING, WHICH WE WILL ALSO BE VOTING TO

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1 APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AS CHAIR PRO
2 TEM.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS
5 SD1, 1D-5D, 1F, 1-4, 5 WITH THE NOTED ABSTENTIONS, 6-12, 14,
6 17-20, 23-61, 62A-62S. ALSO BEFORE YOU IS THE (SPEAKER FAR
7 FROM MIC) NOMINATION.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL
10 AND SECONDED BY ME, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS
11 AND THE NOMINATION OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AS CHAIR PRO TEM.
12 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL?

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MITCHELL, AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
12 0.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THOSE ITEMS ARE ALL APPROVED
15 AND CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AS CHAIR PRO
16 TEM. MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH OUR ITEMS THAT
17 WE HAVE SET ITEM, S1, AND THEN ITEMS 15, 16, AND FINISHING UP
18 WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 65. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL TURN
19 TO THE SET ITEM, THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER, AND WE WILL BEGIN
20 WITH THIS SET MATTER AND HEAR FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER.
21 AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD, ALSO, TO DISCUSS THE
22 CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC TRENDS OCCURRING, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK
23 DR. FERRER TO PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE, FOLLOWED BY DR.
24 CHRISTINA GHALLY. THEY CAN START THEIR REMARKS, AND THEN I WILL
25 CALL UPON MEMBERS, AND I WILL START BY ASKING QUESTIONS

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1 MYSELF, AND THEN WE WILL GO IN WHATEVER ORDER MEMBERS WOULD
2 LIKE TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I DID WANT
5 TO START MY REMARKS TODAY BY CONGRATULATING YOU ON BECOMING
6 CHAIR OF THE BOARD. THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME FOR THE COUNTY AS
7 WE FACE THE WORST SURGE WE HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE PANDEMIC.
8 WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING HEALTH AND
9 WELL BEING, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS AND OUR
10 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, WE ARE READY TO RECOMMIT AND DOUBLE
11 DOWN ON THE ACTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE IN STOPPING THE SPREAD OF
12 THE VIRUS. THERE IS THE PROMISE OF THE VACCINES IN THE COMING
13 YEAR, AND THAT'S A LIGHT AT THE END OF A LONG TUNNEL, BUT ONLY
14 IF BE WORK TOGETHER TO GET THERE. WE SEE YOUR DETERMINATION
15 AND FORTHRIGHT ACTION ON SO MANY ISSUES, SUCH AS THE CLEAN UP
16 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION IN EXIDE, AS WELL AS YOUR
17 COMMITMENT TO ACTING ON HEALTH EQUITY PRINCIPLES. WE ARE
18 ENERGIZED ABOUT THE VISION YOU BRING AND YOUR IDEAS FOR
19 ADDRESSING PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES AND MAKING SURE EVERYONE
20 IN OUR COUNTY HAS THE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED FOR
21 OPTIMAL WELL BEING. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
22 YOUR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AS CHAIR THIS PAST YEAR AS WE
23 RESPONDED TO THE DEVASTATING COVID PANDEMIC AND YOUR HERCULEAN
24 EFFORTS TO FIGHT FOR THE RESOURCES WE NEEDED FOR OUR SUSTAINED
25 EMERGENCY RESPONSE. WE ALL BENEFITED GREATLY FROM, AND WE

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1 APPRECIATED YOUR STRONG STEWARDSHIP IN DECLARING THE PUBLIC
2 HEALTH EMERGENCY AND THROUGHOUT THIS CRISIS. OUR ENTIRE TEAM
3 THANKS YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR SUPPORTING THE MYRIAD OF
4 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES. AND I JOIN ALL OTHERS IN WELCOMING
5 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AS THE NEW SECOND - DISTRICT
6 SUPERVISOR. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO WORK WITH A HISTORIC
7 ALL-FEMALE BOARD OF THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, AND I AM
8 SO HONORED TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING
9 THE ROOT CAUSES OF HEALTH INEQUITIES. WHETHER YOU HAVE BEEN
10 FIGHTING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,
11 SEEKING BETTER LIVES FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
12 PURSUING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, OR BATTLING SYSTEMIC
13 DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM THAT MARGINALIZES SO MANY MEMBERS OF
14 OUR COMMUNITIES, YOU EXEMPLIFY FOR ME COMPASSION AND GRIT IN
15 GETTING THE JOB DONE. AS A STATE SENATOR, YOU LED EFFORTS TO
16 IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR PEOPLE TO BE HEALTHY, AND, IN
17 PARTICULAR, WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU SUPPORT ALL OF THE
18 WORK AROUND REDUCING MATERNAL INFANT MORTALITY OUTCOMES THAT
19 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AND THEIR
20 CHILDREN. ON BEHALF OF OUR DEPARTMENT, WE LOOK FORWARD TO
21 WORKING WITH YOU TO HELP CONFRONT THE WORST PUBLIC HEALTH
22 CRISIS OF OUR LIFETIMES AND TO LIFTING UP AN AGENDA THAT
23 PROVIDES OPTIMAL HEALTH FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. I
24 WANTED TO START TODAY AND PROVIDE THREE UPDATES. THE FIRST IS
25 JUST WHERE ARE WE TODAY ON OUR METRICS THAT REALLY MARK HOW

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1 WE'RE EXPERIENCING COVID-19 IN OUR COUNTY, THEN I PROVIDE A
2 VERY BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE STATE'S STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE
3 MODIFICATIONS TO OUR OWN COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER THAT WENT
4 INTO EFFECT SUNDAY NIGHT, AND THEN LASTLY I WILL PROVIDE AN
5 UPDATE ON VACCINATION PLANNING. AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THIS IS AN
6 EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TIME FOR US IN THE COVID-19
7 PANDEMIC. WE CONTINUE TO SEE RECORD NUMBERS AND DEVASTATING
8 NUMBERS OF DAILY CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS. TODAY, WE ARE
9 GOING TO REPORT OUT THAT OUR CASE COUNT, NEW CASES, IS 8,547.
10 JUST AS A POINT HERE, ON SUNDAY, WE SAW OVER 10,000 CASES. AND
11 WE ANTICIPATE CONTINUING TO SEE THESE VERY HIGH NUMBERS OF
12 CASES NOW AS WE'RE MOVING INTO A REFLECTION OF ACTIONS PEOPLE
13 TOOK OVER THE THANKSGIVING WEEK HOLIDAY. IF YOU LOOK BACK TO
14 NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH JUST UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER, YOU WILL
15 SEE THAT OUR CASE COUNT HAS INCREASED BY 267 PERCENT, AND THAT
16 DOESN'T INCLUDE THIS FIRST DEVASTATING WEEK IN DECEMBER. THESE
17 CASE COUNTS ARE UNLIKE ANY WE HAVE EVER SEEN IN OUR COUNTY,
18 AND THEY EXPLAIN WHY THE ACTIVITIES WE WERE ABLE TO DO JUST A
19 FEW WEEKS AGO NOW PREVENT JUST -- PRESENT JUST WAY TOO MUCH
20 RISK FOR VIRUS TRANSMISSION. YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING INFECTED
21 ARE SO MUCH HIGHER WHEN ONE IN 100 PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE
22 INFECTED, WHICH WHERE WE ARE NOW, THAN WHEN ONE IN 750 PEOPLE
23 WERE INFECTED IN THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER. OUR TEST POSITIVITY
24 RATES HAVE ALSO CONTINUED TO CLIMB, AND TODAY WE WILL BE
25 REPORTING THE DAILY AVERAGE OF 12.4 PERCENT. AS OUR CASES ARE

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1 INCREASING, WE ARE ALSO SEEING THE DISTRESSING INCREASES IN
2 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING AND SERIOUSLY ILL FROM
3 COVID-19. FROM -- FROM NOVEMBER 9TH, ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO
4 THE BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, THE AVERAGE DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS
5 OF PEOPLE WITH COVID-19 INCREASED 213 PERCENT. AND TODAY'S
6 NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL HAS NOW PASSED 3,000. WE ARE
7 AT 3,113. I KNOW YOU CAN ALL REMEMBER JUST A WHILE AGO, AT THE
8 BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, WHEN THE CASE COUNTS WERE STILL ABOUT
9 1,500 PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL ON A GIVEN DAY. AS
10 HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE INCREASING SHARPLY, NOT ONLY IS OUR
11 CAPACITY AT HOSPITALS BECOMING A CONCERN, BUT ALSO INCREASED
12 CASES IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE DIRECTLY TRANSLATED TO HIGHER
13 NUMBERS OF CASES AMONG OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. THIS PAST WEEK,
14 ALARMINGLY, WE REPORTED AN ADDITIONAL 1,745 CASES OF COVID-19
15 AMONG OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. THIS IS MORE THAN TWICE WHAT WE
16 REPORTED THE WEEK BEFORE, AND IT IS THE HIGHEST WEEKLY NUMBER
17 WE'VE EVER REPORTED. AS OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS INCREASE,
18 UNFORTUNATELY, NOT FAR BEHIND ARE THE INCREASES WE SEE IN
19 PEOPLE PASSING AWAY, AND OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE NOW 8,000
20 PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, AND TO THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR
21 LOVED ONES, FROM COVID-19. THAT IS A MILESTONE WE REACHED THIS
22 MORNING WITH 64 NEW DEATHS HERE ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND AGAIN,
23 WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO EVERYONE WHO IS GRIEVING AND WISH
24 EVERYONE PEACE AND HEALING. AND ON SUNDAY NIGHT, AT 11:59
25 P.M., THE STATE'S NEW STAY AT HOME ORDER WENT INTO EFFECT FOR

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1 THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, AND THIS IS BECAUSE
2 REGIONAL AVAILABLE ADULT I.C.U., INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, CAPACITY
3 FELL BELOW 15 PERCENT OF AVAILABLE BEDS. TODAY, THE STATE WILL
4 BE REPORTING OUR ADJUSTED REGIONAL CAPACITY IS AT 10.1
5 PERCENT, AND AGAIN, THIS IS AN ADJUSTMENT THAT THE STATE MAKES
6 NOT ONLY LOOKING AT HOW MANY ADULT I.C.U. BEDS ARE AVAILABLE,
7 BUT WHAT PERCENT OF PATIENTS IN THE I.C.U. ARE, IN FACT, THERE
8 BECAUSE THEY ARE COVID-19 POSITIVE. THE STATE THRESHOLD IS,
9 THEY WOULD LIKE TO ONLY HAVE 30 PERCENT OF PATIENTS IN THE
10 I.C.U. BE THERE BECAUSE THEY ARE COVID POSITIVE. IF YOU ARE
11 ABOVE THAT 30 PERCENT, YOU ESSENTIALLY HAVE AN ADJUSTMENT THAT
12 IS MADE TO YOUR I.C.U. BED CAPACITY TO REFLECT THAT YOUR
13 I.C.U. BEDS ARE, IN FACT, DISPROPORTIONATELY OCCUPIED BY
14 PATIENTS WITH COVID-19, AND AS WE ALL KNOW, THERE ARE MANY
15 OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE EMERGENCY AND URGENT SITUATIONS THAT
16 REQUIRE THEY, TOO, HAVE AN AVAILABLE AND STAFFED I.C.U. BED TO
17 HELP THEM RECOVER FROM THEIR ILLNESS. AND THE ORDER IS IN
18 EFFECT FOR THREE WEEKS, AND WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY UPDATED THE L.A.
19 COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE'S ORDER.
20 THE STAY AT HOME ORDER DOES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING, THAT ALL
21 RESIDENTS NEED TO STAY AT HOME, EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL AND
22 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES AND/OR TO PROVIDE OUR ACCESS ESSENTIAL
23 SERVICES. OUTDOOR RECREATION WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS
24 ALLOWED AND ACTUALLY ENCOURAGED FOR PEOPLE TO DO DURING THIS
25 DIFFICULT TIME BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES

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1 FOR PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN BOTH PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL
2 BEING. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR HOME, YOU NEED TO
3 WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER YOUR NOSE AND YOUR MOUTH AND KEEP
4 DISTANCE OF AT LEAST SIX FEET AT ALL TIMES FROM ANYONE NOT IN
5 YOUR HOUSEHOLD. GATHERINGS OF ANY SIZE ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT
6 FOR WORSHIP SERVICES AND POLITICAL EXPRESSION, WHICH CONTINUE
7 TO BE ALLOWED OUTDOORS, AS LONG AS PEOPLE ARE WEARING FACE
8 COVERINGS AND DISTANCING. SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY
9 REOPENED FOR EITHER HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS OR THROUGH THE WAIVER
10 PROGRAM CAN, AT THEIR OWN CHOOSING, REMAIN OPEN. AND RETAIL
11 AND LODGING ENTITIES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE OUT OF STATE
12 NON-ESSENTIAL RESERVATIONS, UNLESS THE RESERVATION IS FOR A
13 MINIMUM PERIOD OF QUARANTINE, WHICH NOW IS 10 DAYS OR,
14 IDEALLY, 14 DAYS, AND THAT PERSON NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO
15 QUARANTINE AT THAT LODGING SITE FOR THE ENTIRE QUARANTINE
16 PERIOD. IF YOU LOOK AT OUR ORDER, THERE ARE SOME BUSINESSES
17 THAT REMAIN OPEN, AND THOSE INCLUDE ALL ESSENTIAL CRITICAL
18 INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT INCLUDES GOVERNMENT, HEALTHCARE, COURTS,
19 FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ESSENTIAL
20 MANUFACTURING. GROCERY STORES, RETAIL STORES, AND SHOPPING
21 CENTERS REMAIN OPEN, ALL AT 20 PERCENT, EXCEPT FOR STAND-ALONE
22 GROCERY STORES WHERE THE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY IS THE
23 SALE OF FOOD, AND THEY MAY OPERATE AT 35 PERCENT CAPACITY.
24 RESTAURANTS ARE OPEN FOR TAKE OUT AND DELIVERY. OUTDOOR
25 FITNESS FACILITIES ARE OPEN AGAIN WITH DISTANCING AND MASKING

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1 REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES. PARKS AND TRAILS ARE OPEN, DAYCARE AND
2 SCHOOLS ARE OPEN. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, CLINICS AND DENTAL
3 OFFICES, AND EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK ANY NEEDED
4 HEALTHCARE. BUSINESSES THAT MUST TEMPORARILY SUSPEND
5 OPERATIONS INCLUDE CARD ROOMS, WINERIES, BREWERIES, AND
6 DISTILLERIES, EXCEPT FOR RETAIL, MUSEUMS, BOTANICAL GARDENS,
7 ZOOS, AND AQUARIUMS, ALL PERSONAL CARE, INCLUDING HAIR SALONS,
8 BARBER SHOPS, NAIL SALONS, ALL PLAYGROUNDS, AND ALL FAMILY
9 ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS. WE DO HOPE THAT THIS NEW STAY AT HOME
10 ORDER GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE A PAUSE ON ALL NON-
11 ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES THAT INCREASE THE RISK OF TRANSMITTING
12 THE VIRUS SO WE ARE ABLE TO GET THE SURGE UNDER CONTROL. THE
13 MOST IMPORTANT ACTION WE CAN EACH TAKE TO STOP THE SURGE IS TO
14 STAY HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE, AS WE WATCH THESE
15 NUMBERS GO TO LEVELS WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE HERE IN OUR
16 COUNTY, I DO ASK EVERYONE TO MAKE IT THEIR MISSION TO DO THEIR
17 PART TO PREVENT FURTHER TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS AND TO ABIDE
18 BY ALL OF THE SAFETY MODIFICATIONS THAT ARE IN PLACE. AND I
19 NOW WANT TO, PER SUPERVISOR HAHN'S COUNTY-WIDE COORDINATION OF
20 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION MOTION THAT WAS PASSED BY THIS BOARD ON
21 NOVEMBER 24TH, I WANT TO NOW UPDATE THE BOARD ON OUR
22 VACCINATION PLANNING FOR THE COUNTY. THIS IS A SET MATTER NOW
23 THAT WE WILL BE REPORTING ON AT EVERY BOARD MEETING. AS
24 EVERYBODY KNOWS, WE ARE REALLY PLEASED AND EXCITED BY THE NEWS
25 THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE APPROVAL LATER THIS WEEK ON OUR

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1 FIRST VACCINE THAT CAN BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER AN EMERGENCY USE
2 AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRIBUTION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. DURING THE
3 INITIAL PHASES OF VACCINE ALLOCATION, THE SUPPLY OF VACCINE IS
4 EXPECTED TO BE LIMITED WHILE THE NEED WILL BE HIGH. OUR
5 INITIAL ALLOCATION IS ANTICIPATED TO BE 84,000 DOSES, AND WE
6 ARE HOPEFUL THAT WITH, AGAIN, APPROVAL THIS WEEK, THAT WE CAN
7 BEGIN TO SEE THAT VACCINE SUPPLY COME INTO OUR COUNTY NEXT
8 WEEK. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT SUPPLY, VACCINE
9 ELIGIBILITY WILL BE DETERMINED BY PHASES OF PRIORITIZATION
10 THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
11 AND PREVENTION THROUGH THEIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
12 IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES, IT'S CALLED A.C.I.P., AS WELL AS
13 GUIDANCE THAT IS DEVELOPED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
14 PUBLIC HEALTH. LOCAL PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL TO ASSIST IN THE
15 IMPLEMENTATION BASED ON OUR CURRENT STATUS AND TRENDS OF
16 TRANSMISSION ACROSS THIS ENTIRE COUNTY. WE WANT TO START BY
17 JUST LETTING FOLKS KNOW THAT, RIGHT NOW, WE ARE IN WHAT IS
18 CALLED PHASE 1A AND, AS FOLKS KNOW, THERE ARE SOME GUIDING
19 PRINCIPLES THAT WE'RE ALL ADHERING TO FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF
20 VACCINE DURING PHASE 1A. THE GOAL IS, OBVIOUSLY, TO DECREASE
21 DEATH AND SERIOUS DISEASE, TO PRESERVE FUNCTIONING OF
22 NECESSARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND THE LARGER SOCIETY, TO
23 REDUCE THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN THE DISEASE IS HAVING ON PEOPLE
24 ALREADY FACING HEALTHCARE AND INCOME INEQUITIES. THE
25 PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE THE DISTRIBUTION IN 1A ARE TO MAXIMIZE

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1 BENEFITS AND MINIMIZE HARMS, TO RESPECT AND CARE FOR PEOPLE
2 USING THE BEST AVAILABLE DATA TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
3 MINIMIZE DEATH AND SEVERE ILLNESS. THE SECOND PRINCIPLE IS TO
4 MITIGATE HEALTH INEQUITIES AND REDUCE THE HEALTH DISPARITIES
5 IN THE BURDEN OF COVID-19 DISEASE AND DEATH AND MAKE SURE
6 EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE AS HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE. THE
7 THIRD PRINCIPLE IS TO PROMOTE JUSTICE, TREAT AFFECTED GROUPS,
8 POPULATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES FAIRLY, REMOVE UNFAIR, UNJUST,
9 AND AVOIDABLE BARRIERS TO COVID-19 VACCINATION. AND THE LAST
10 PRINCIPLE IS TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, MAKE A DECISION THAT IS
11 CLEAR, UNDERSTANDABLE, AND OPEN FOR REVIEW. WE ARE GOING TO
12 ALLOW AND SEEK PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON -- IN CREATION AND THE
13 REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATIONS AND THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF VACCINES.
14 IN ADDITION TO THESE GUIDING VALUES, THERE ARE ADDITIONAL
15 IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. THIS INCLUDES SUFFICIENT
16 TARGETING, MAXIMUM COVERAGE, SO THAT IN FACT WE GET AS MANY
17 PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE VACCINATED, VACCINATED, AND WHAT WE CALL
18 MINIMUM LEAKAGE. WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE WASTING ANY OF THE
19 LIMITED SUPPLY OF VACCINE WE HAVE. IN L.A. COUNTY, BECAUSE IN
20 1A, THE PRIORITIZATION IS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FOR
21 PEOPLE THAT ARE RESIDING IN OUR LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, WE
22 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON DISTRIBUTING THIS INITIAL DOSE TO OUR
23 ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS. AGAIN, IT IS ABOUT 84,000 DOSES. AND WE
24 WILL BE WORKING WITH ALL OF THE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO MAKE
25 SURE THAT THEY ALSO HAVE AN ABILITY TO PRIORITIZE BY RISK OF

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1 EXPOSURE THE ALLOCATION WITHIN THEIR FACILITIES. THERE IS NOT
2 ENOUGH IN THIS INITIAL ALLOCATION TO VACCINATE ALL OF THE
3 HEALTHCARE WORKERS AT ALL OF THE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, WHICH
4 WILL BE THE FIRST PRIORITY, WHAT WE CALL TIER ONE, UNDER THIS
5 SECTION 1A. WE WILL THEN RECEIVE OUR SECOND ALLOCATION OF
6 VACCINE HOPEFULLY BY DECEMBER 21ST. THAT IS THE DATE THAT THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ANTICIPATING SENDING OUT THE SECOND
8 ROUND, AND THE PRIORITIZATION IN THE SECOND ROUND IS GOING TO
9 BE TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE STAFF AT
10 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ARE VACCINATED. IDEALLY, THAT WILL
11 HAPPEN THROUGH A TURNKEY PROCESS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
12 HAS SET UP THROUGH CONTRACTS AT C.V.S. AND WITH WALGREEN'S TO
13 BE THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR VACCINATIONS AT ALL LONG TERM CARE
14 FACILITIES, BUT SHOULD THAT NOT GET TURNED ON IN TIME, WHEN WE
15 RECEIVE OUR SECOND ALLOCATION, WE WILL PUT ASIDE ENOUGH
16 VACCINE, AND WE HAVE CREATED STRIKE TEAMS THAT WILL MAKE SURE
17 THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY TO START THE PROCESS OF
18 VACCINATING EVERYBODY AT THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND
19 THEN OBVIOUSLY, WE WORK OUR WAY DOWN TO ALL HEALTHCARE
20 FACILITIES, HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AND RESIDENTS OF LONG TERM
21 CARE FACILITIES. THAT WILL OF COURSE BE SUPPORTED BY THESE
22 CONTRACTS WITH WALGREEN'S AND WITH C.V.S. FOR THE LONG TERM
23 CARE FACILITIES. WE WILL WORK, THIS WILL INCLUDE MAKING SURE
24 IN THIS FIRST GROUP OF PRIORITIZATION THAT IT IS NOT JUST
25 ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, BUT WE IMMEDIATELY ALSO DO VACCINATIONS

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1 AT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, E.M.S. HEALTHCARE WORKER PERSONNEL,
2 AND, AS I SAID, LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS AND STAFF. WE WILL
3 MOVE OUR WAY DOWN, THEN, TO PLACES INCLUDING DIALYSIS CENTERS,
4 INFUSION CENTERS, INTERMEDIATE CARE SITES, SUBSTANCE USE
5 DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, CLINICAL
6 AND FIELD WORKERS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH THAT ACTUALLY WILL BE
7 VACCINATORS, PRIMARY CARE CLINICS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
8 HEALTH CENTERS, COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT ARE
9 PARTICIPATING IN VACCINATION EFFORTS, HOME HEALTHCARE AND IN-
10 HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS AT
11 PHARMACIES. WE WILL THEN FURTHER MOVE DOWN INTO WHAT WE CALL
12 TIER THREE, WHICH INCLUDES ALL CLINICAL LABORATORIES, IMAGING
13 CENTERS, AND SPECIALTY CLINICS, INCLUDING ALL OUT PATIENT
14 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS. OUR HOPE
15 WOULD BE BY THE END OF JANUARY, WE HAVE RECEIVED ENOUGH
16 VACCINE IN THE COUNTY THAT WE COMPLETED PHASE 1A, BUT AGAIN,
17 THE UNKNOWN IS HOW QUICKLY ALLOCATIONS WILL GET OUT INTO OUR
18 FIELD. THE DISTRIBUTION MECHANISMS FOR 1A HAVE ALREADY BEEN
19 SECURED, SO REALLY 1A WILL MOVE EFFICIENTLY WITH, AGAIN, THE
20 RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATE DOSAGES. THE FEDERAL PLAN NOW IS FOR
21 PERHAPS A THIRD ALLOCATION AT THE END OF DECEMBER, AND THEN
22 WEEKLY ALLOCATIONS. THESE ARE ALL PRO-RATA ALLOCATIONS
23 THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING NEW YEAR. I THINK I JUST WANTED TO
24 CLOSE MY REMARKS BY, AGAIN, THANKING THE BOARD FOR THEIR
25 TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP. I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING,

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1 PARTICULARLY THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN. MY ENTIRE TEAM AND
2 I ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP. I ALSO
3 WANT TO THANK THE TEAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHO
4 REALLY HAVE BEEN NOW WORKING NONSTOP FOR OVER 10 MONTHS, AND
5 OFTEN, YOU KNOW, SORT OF BURIED BEHIND ALL OF THESE REMARKS IS
6 A WHOLE BUNCH OF WORK PEOPLE ARE DOING HERE 7 DAYS A WEEK TO
7 MAKE SURE WE ARE ABLE TO, BOTH PROVIDE EVERYONE WITH GOOD
8 INFORMATION, BUT ALSO HELP MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CHARTING A
9 PATH FORWARD THAT WILL REDUCE, YOU KNOW, SEVERE ILLNESS AND
10 OBVIOUSLY DEATH FROM THIS VERY DEVASTATING PANDEMIC. AND WITH
11 THAT, I WILL OPEN IT UP FOR ANY QUESTIONS, AND I AM ALSO GOING
12 TO BE JOINED FOR THE QUESTIONS WITH DR. DAVIS, OUR HEALTH
13 OFFICER.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
16 DO IS TO ALLOW FOR DR. GHALY TO SPEAK, ALSO, AND THEN WE CAN
17 OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS. SO, IF I CAN HAVE DR. GHALY PLEASE
18 JOIN US.

19

20 **DR. GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS, AND GOOD AFTERNOON.
21 GREETINGS TO THE WHOLE BOARD, BUT ALSO MY THANKS TO SUPERVISOR
22 BARGER FOR HER LEADERSHIP THIS PAST YEAR, AS WELL AS
23 CONGRATULATIONS YOU, MADAM CHAIR, ON YOU COMING INTO THE CHAIR
24 ROLE, AND A WARM WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I WILL
25 PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE TODAY ON THE COUNTY-WIDE HOSPITAL

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1 STATUS AND THEN LOOK AT THE HOSPITAL STATUS WITHIN D.H.S., AND
2 THEN I WILL TOUCH BRIEFLY ON TESTING, AND THEN AM HAPPY TO
3 ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS. AS DR. FERRER JUST MENTIONED, HOSPITALS
4 ARE EXCEEDING 3100 WITH STILL CONSISTENTLY 1/3 OF THESE
5 PATIENTS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, OR I.C.U.S. THIS IS FAR
6 ABOVE THE PEAK THAT WE EXPERIENCED IN JULY WHERE IT WAS IN THE
7 LOW 2,000S, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT HOSPITALIZATIONS WILL
8 CONTINUE TO RISE AS WE ARE JUST NOW SEEING THE IMPACT OF
9 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY RELATED TRAVEL AND INTERACTIONS. LAST
10 WEEK, IN MY PUBLIC COMMENTS, I SHARED THAT BASED ON OUR
11 HOSPITAL BED DEMAND MODEL, WE PROJECTED THAT NEW DAILY
12 HOSPITALIZATIONS, WITHIN ONE WEEK, WHICH WOULD BE RIGHT NOW,
13 COULD RANGE BETWEEN 275 AND 500. AND UNFORTUNATELY, I AM SORRY
14 TO SAY WE ARE AT THE VERY UPPER END OF THAT RANGE, WITH NEW
15 DAILY CASES THAT ARE NEARING 500, AND, AS A RESULT, WE ARE
16 PROJECTING NOW THAT THESE NUMBERS CAN REACH AS HIGH AS 700
17 WITHIN ANOTHER WEEK, THAT'S 700 NEW DAILY COVID
18 HOSPITALIZATIONS EACH DAY. THESE TRENDS ALL ASSUME CONSTANT
19 TRANSMISSION. FOR ONCE, WE DO FACTOR IN THE INTERMINGLING THAT
20 TOOK PLACE OVER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, WE ANTICIPATE THAT
21 NEW DAILY CASES COULD EXTEND EVEN HIGHER OVER THE COMING FEW
22 WEEKS. IN TERMS OF MONITORING HOSPITAL VOLUME, 911 RECEIVING
23 HOSPITALS, THERE ARE 70 OF THOSE IN THE COUNTY THAT OPERATE
24 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, ARE ALL POLLED ON A DAILY BASIS BY
25 D.H.S.'S E.M.S. AGENCY. YESTERDAY, HOSPITALS REPORTED 1194

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1 AVAILABLE BEDS. THAT INCLUDES ALL BED TYPES, EXCEPT FOR
2 N.I.C.U., EXCEPT FOR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNITS BEDS, AND
3 157 AVAILABLE NON-N.I.C.U. I.C.U. BEDS. AS A REMINDER, WHEN WE
4 POLL HOSPITALS, WE ARE ASKING THEM FOR THE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
5 BEDS THAT ARE READY TO ACCEPT A PATIENT RIGHT NOW. AND THESE
6 NUMBERS, AS A RESULT, MAY NOT ALIGN WITH OTHER
7 CHARACTERIZATIONS OF POTENTIAL FUTURE HOSPITAL STAFFING
8 CAPACITY. NOTABLY, THE AVAILABLE BEDS IS HIGHER THAN WHAT WE
9 HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. LAST WEEK, I REPORTED NUMBERS IN THE
10 LOW 100S, AND THIS SHOWS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT COVID I.C.U.
11 HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE UP, THAT HOSPITALS ARE DOING THEIR WORK
12 TO FREE UP BEDS AND TO ALSO STAFF NEW BEDS. HOSPITALS ARE
13 EXPERIENCING VERY HIGH VOLUMES IN THEIR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS,
14 AS WELL AS IN THEIR IN-PATIENT UNITS. AMBULANCE PATIENT
15 OFFLOAD TIMES ARE ELEVATED ACROSS THE SYSTEM, AND THIS DOES
16 PUT STRAIN ON THE E.M.S. SYSTEM. AS OF YESTERDAY, 74 PERCENT
17 OF THE COUNTY'S 911 RECEIVING HOSPITALS WERE ON DIVERSION TO
18 A.L.S., ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, AT SOME POINT YESTERDAY. THIS
19 IS NOT B.L.S., BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS, AND IT
20 DOES NOT IMPACT SPECIALIZED AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS SUCH AS
21 TRAUMA, STEMI, OR HEART ATTACKS OR STROKES. AND TYPICAL
22 DIVERSION RATES, JUST FOR COMPARISON IN THE COUNTY, RUN AROUND
23 10 TO 15 PERCENT. E.M.S. AGENCY, THROUGH ITS ROLE AS THE
24 MEDICAL HEALTH OPERATIONAL AREA COORDINATOR AMONG THE
25 HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS FOR

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1 STAFFING AND SUPPLIES TO THE STATE FOR STATE AND FEDERAL
2 ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE HAD IN THE COUNTY 12 HOSPITALS, INCLUDING
3 ALL FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS, AS WELL AS 8 OTHERS HAVE SUBMITTED
4 FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE
5 STATE, AS THEY ANNOUNCED MONDAY, HAS NEW CONTACTS WITH
6 REGISTRIES AND ANTICIPATES BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
7 STAFFING IN THE I.C.U.S IN THE COMING DAYS, BUT WE REMAIN
8 UNCLEAR HOW MANY NUMBERS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. E.M.S.
9 WILL OFFER ALSO TO COORDINATE TRANSFERS THROUGH THEIR MEDIC
10 ALERT CENTER. TO HELP OFFLOAD COUNTY HOSPITALS AND NON-COUNTY
11 PRIVATE HOSPITALS, D.H.S. CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ALL OF THEM
12 THROUGH THE COUNTY'S Q.I., QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION, PROGRAM
13 FOR PATIENTS THAT ARE READY FOR DISCHARGE BUT DON'T HAVE A
14 SAFE PLACE TO GO, AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEVER THAT IS
15 AVAILABLE TO HELP PATIENTS HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO GO SO THEY ARE
16 NOT OCCUPYING A BED ANY LONGER THAN NECESSARY. I WILL TURN NOW
17 JUST TO A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS. WITHIN THE
18 4 COUNTY OPERATED PUBLIC HOSPITALS, WE ARE CURRENTLY CARING
19 FOR 232 COVID PATIENTS, 75 OF WHOM ARE IN THE I.C.U. AS OF
20 THIS MORNING. WE HAVE 156 AVAILABLE STAFFED MEDICAL SURGICAL
21 BEDS AND 13 I.C.U. BEDS. WE ARE ACTIVELY REDEPLOYING STAFF
22 FROM OUTPATIENT AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTY AND HAVE SUBMITTED, AS
23 I MENTIONED, FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE STATE. WE HAVE
24 HALTED NON-ESSENTIAL SURGERIES IF THEY ARE ANTICIPATED TO
25 RESULT IN AN IN PATIENT STAY OR THEY REQUIRE THE USE OF STAFF

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1 THAT WE NEEDED TO REDEPLOY. AS WITH VIRTUALLY ALL HOSPITALS,
2 THE ISSUE I WOULD SAY IS STAFF. WE ARE HAVE MULTIPLE
3 DESIGNATED OVERFLOW AREAS PHYSICALLY SITUATED ACROSS THE
4 HOSPITALS, AND THESE HAVE THE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO
5 CARE FOR PATIENTS, BUT THE ISSUE IS STAFFING. ALSO JUST TO
6 CLOSE ON TESTING, DEMAND HAS INCREASED ACROSS THE COUNTY FOR
7 TESTING, BUT SLOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT MANY OF THE COUNTY,
8 CITY, AND STATE OPERATED TESTING SITES AS WELL AS THOSE
9 OPERATED BY PRIVATE PARTNERS. THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW,
10 LAUNCHED THE DELIVERY OF HOME TESTING AND COLLECTION KITS, AND
11 SINCE FRIDAY, WE HAVE MAILED OUT OVER 6,000, ALMOST 7,000,
12 KITS. THIS PRESENTS ANOTHER OPTION FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO SEEK
13 TESTING AND AREN'T ABLE TO GO EASILY TO A COUNTY OR A
14 COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING SITE. WE ARE WORKING ON VARIOUS
15 WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO ACCESS AND ALSO
16 LAUNCHING NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ARE
17 ALSO WORKING TOWARD THE LAUNCH OF MOBILE TESTING WITH THE
18 FIRST SITE SET TO LAUNCH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THIS WEEK AND
19 WITH OTHER SITES TO FOLLOW SOON AFTER THAT. I WILL CLOSE AND
20 HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, BUT JUST WANT TO CLOSE WITH
21 THANKING ALL OF THE HEALTH CARE WORKERS ACROSS THE COUNTY,
22 BOTH THOSE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AS WELL
23 AS THOSE WITHIN ALL OTHER ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. THEY
24 HAVE SHOWN A LOT OF PERSEVERANCE AND COMPASSION AND GRIT OVER

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1 THE LAST NINE MONTHS IN VERY TRYING SITUATIONS, AND I AM VERY
2 GRATEFUL FOR THEIR CONTINUED WORK. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. GHALY AND
5 DR.FERRER. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MYSELF FOR A FEW COMMENTS, AND
6 I HAVE ALSO A MOTION I WANT TO BRING FORWARD. SO AGAIN THANK
7 YOU BOTH OF YOUR TEAMS AND DR. DAVIS. YOU KNOW, WE THOUGHT
8 THAT THE FINAL SURGE WAS MAYBE BEHIND US, BUT HERE WE ARE
9 AGAIN NOW AND SEEING SOMETHING THAT IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT
10 THAN WE EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED. AND AS A COUNTY, WE ARE
11 RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE SAFETY NET PROGRAMS AND OUR
12 COUNTY HOSPITAL SYSTEM, AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP
13 RELIEVE THAT PAIN. SO I, FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO THANK ALL OF
14 OUR NURSES, DOCTORS, CUSTODIAL STAFF, AND OTHERS WHO ARE DOING
15 THAT WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY OUT IN THE FIELD, AND IN OUR
16 HOSPITALS, AND OUR CLINICS. NOW MORE THAN EVER, MORE PATIENTS
17 NEED TO BE SEEN, AND TRAGICALLY, WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR
18 HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE GETTING COVID-19 AT A HIGHER RATE.
19 WEEKLY COVID-19 CASES AMONG HEALTHCARE WORKERS INCREASED 71
20 PERCENT SINCE THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. AND SOMETHING THAT
21 WE ALL KNOW, WE HAVE SEEN THE IMAGES OF THE I.C.U. NURSES
22 HOLDING THE HANDS OF PATIENTS STRUGGLING TO BREATHE. YOU KNOW,
23 THESE ARE TRULY OUR HEROES, AND WE REALLY NEED TO RALLY AROUND
24 THEM. WE CAN DO THIS BEST BY ABIDING BY THE RESTRICTIONS THAT
25 ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE, WEARING OUR MASKS, AND MAKING SURE WE

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1 RESTRICT OUR EXPOSURE TO OTHER PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT
2 DON'T LIVE IN OUR HOUSEHOLDS. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT IN
3 PLACE JUST TO CONTROL RESIDENTS. THEY ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE
4 WE BRING DOWN THAT CURVE AND WE DON'T IMPACT OUR HOSPITALS
5 UNNECESSARILY. THIS IS VERY CRITICAL AS WE MOVE FORWARD
6 THROUGH THIS HIGH RATE OF COVID CONTRACTION. AND KNOW THAT WE
7 ARE ALSO ARE FACED WITH HAVING TO DEAL WITH SOME OF OUR
8 PATIENTS THAT NEED TO RECEIVE OTHER MEDICAL CARE, SOME THAT
9 RIGHT NOW MAY BE SUFFERING FROM HEART ATTACKS, STROKES, OR IN
10 A CAR ACCIDENT. SO WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE LIMITED
11 RESOURCES, AND WE HAVE TO BE VERY, VERY PARTICULAR HOW WE
12 UTILIZE THOSE RESOURCES. THE LAST FEW DAYS, I WAS SHAKEN BY
13 HEARING THE NEWS, AS MANY OF YOU HEARD ON SUNDAY, THAT WE HAD
14 OVER 10,528 CASES IN JUST ONE DAY. I WAS BLOWN AWAY BY THAT
15 NUMBER. THE COUNTY-WIDE ADJUSTED DEATH RATE IS NOW 71.69 PER
16 100,000 RESIDENTS, BUT IN SOME OF OUR DISTRICTS LIKE THE FIRST
17 DISTRICT, OUR RATE IS 90.66 PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, SO WE HAVE
18 A LONG WAY TO GO AND A LOT MORE THINGS WE NEED TO DO. AND
19 THEREFORE, I GIVE KUDOS TO OUR STAFF, TO DR. FERRER, YOUR
20 TEAM, AS WELL AS DR. GHALY AND DR. DAVIS ON HOW WE MOVE
21 FORWARD BECAUSE NOW SOME RELIEF I HOPE COMING SOON WITH THE
22 VACCINES, THAT WE STEP UP OUR ANTE AND MAKE SURE THAT WE LEARN
23 THE LESSONS WE DID FROM TESTING EARLIER AND EXPAND THAT SAFETY
24 NET TO REALLY REACH OUT TO DISPARATE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN
25 NEED ASSISTANCE AS WELL. SO WE CAN'T LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND.

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1 THEREFORE, I HAVE THIS READ IN MOTION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
2 PRESENT, AND THIS IS A MOTION THAT I'M TAKING UP TODAY, AND
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I WANT THANK YOU ALSO FOR JOINING ME AS A
4 COAUTHOR. AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS. WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK AT THE FIRST BOARD
7 MEETING ON JANUARY 2021 REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FUNDING
8 NEEDS FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION WITH THE
9 SPECIFIC FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING, MESSAGING CAMPAIGN, WHICH
10 RAISES AWARENESS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE, PROVIDES
11 A MULTI-LINGUAL AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE MESSAGING REGARDING
12 THE SAFETY OF THE VACCINE, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS WAYS
13 TO ACCESS THE VACCINE, THE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION LOGISTICS TO
14 SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACCESS, WHICH FOCUSES ON DISTRIBUTION,
15 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND NETWORKS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, WHICH
16 SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO PROACTIVELY ENGAGE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
17 WHO MAY BE INITIALLY RESISTANT TO THE IDEA OF A RAPIDLY
18 DEVELOPED VACCINE. SO I WILL STOP THERE. THAT IS MY MOTION,
19 AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER BECAUSE SHE ALSO HAS
20 A MOTION BEFORE US, AND THEN AFTER THAT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND IF THERE IS ANY AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS,
22 THEN I WILL RECOGNIZE, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK
23 YOU. SO IN THAT ORDER, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

24
25 **SUP. KUEHL:** ME TOO, MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU WOULD.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YES. YES, GO
3 AHEAD.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, AND
6 I REALLY APPRECIATE DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, THE WORK THAT
7 YOU AND YOUR TEAM ARE DOING. THIS IS, YOU KNOW, A HERCULEAN
8 EVENT THAT WE ARE ALL TRYING TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND, AND I
9 KNOW THAT THE HOSPITALIZATION IS A REAL ISSUE IN TERMS OF
10 CAPACITY. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE THAT ARE TESTING POSITIVE
11 END UP BEING HOSPITALIZED? I KNOW IT'S 1/3 END UP IN THE
12 I.C.U., BUT WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL POSITIVES ARE
13 ENDING UP IN THE HOSPITAL?

14

15 **DR. GHALY:** THIS IS DR. GHALY. DR. DAVIS, DID YOU WANT SPEAK TO
16 THAT? YEAH, RECENTLY, THE LAST 2 MONTHS, IT IS HAVE BEEN
17 RUNNING SLIGHTLY BELOW 10 PERCENT OF PATIENTS. THE STATE
18 AVERAGE IS 12 PERCENT OF CASES ARE ENDING UP IN THE HOSPITAL.
19 WE HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY LOWER IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. WE
20 WERE UP AT ABOUT 12 PERCENT UP UNTIL NOVEMBER, AND NOW, IT'S
21 LOOKING LIKE WE ARE SEEING ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF OUR CASES END
22 UP, AT SOME POINT, IN THE HOSPITAL WITH THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF
23 STAY BETWEEN 5 AND 7 DAYS FOR -- AGAIN, THAT'S AN AVERAGE.
24 THERE'S LOTS OF VARIABILITY THERE, BUT THAT GIVES US A GOOD
25 WAY TO UNDERSTAND WHY, WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE CASE NUMBERS, WE

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1 KNOW THAT AT SOME POINT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THESE BIG
2 INCREASES AT THE HOSPITALS BECAUSE THAT DATA IS EASILY TRACKED
3 AND AVAILABLE TO US. IT'S RUNNING ABOUT 10 PERCENT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT ACTUALLY, AND THAT IS WHAT I WAS GOING TO
6 ASK YOU. I MEAN IS THAT TRACKING PRETTY CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT
7 THE EPIDEMIC AS IT RELATES TO THE TESTING? HAS IT BEEN
8 TRACKING AT ABOUT 10 PERCENT?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** OH NO, IT WAS MUCH, MUCH HIGHER AT THE BEGINNING
11 BECAUSE LIKE WE ALL REMEMBER, WE WERE NOT ALLOWING MOST PEOPLE
12 TO GET TESTING IN THE BEGINNING, SO WE HAD ONLY PEOPLE WITH
13 REALLY, AT THE BEGINNING, SERIOUS ILLNESS. AND WE WERE
14 AVERAGING LIKE UP 20 PERCENT, 25 PERCENT OF PEOPLE GETTING
15 TESTED AT THE BEGINNING ENDED UP INT HE HOSPITAL. THAT'S WHY
16 I'M SAYING IT IS REALLY HELPFUL TO LOOK AT THIS IN SORT OF
17 DIFFERENT CHUNKS OF TIME, DEPENDING ON OUR TESTING CAPACITY.
18 AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ALLOW PEOPLE WITHOUT SYMPTOMS, PEOPLE
19 ARE ASYMPTOMATIC, TO BE TESTED, WE HAVE DEFINITELY SEEN A
20 DECLINE, AS YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, OF THOSE, WHAT IS THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THOSE
23 THAT ARE ENDING UP IN THE I.C.U. BECAUSE I KNOW EARLY ON, DR.
24 FERRER, IT WAS A LOT THOSE IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES? ARE

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1 WE TRACKING THAT TO SEE WHERE WE CAN TARGET AS IT RELATES TO
2 HIGH RISK?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I MEAN I CAN SEND YOU EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS,
5 WE UPDATE A REPORT ON WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL AND WHAT DO WE
6 KNOW ABOUT PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL. I WANT TO SAY THAT THE VAST
7 MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED, OVER 50 PERCENT OF
8 THEM, END UP HAVING AN UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION. I THINK
9 THE PERCENTAGE IS MUCH, MUCH HIGHER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE
10 I.C.U.S, BUT I'D BE HAPPY TO GET YOU THE MOST RECENT COPY OF
11 THAT REPORT BECAUSE IT LOOKS AT A WHOLE HOST OF WHAT ARE THOSE
12 UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT MOST CONTRIBUTE TO BEING A
13 PERSON THAT NEEDS CARE IN THE I.C.U.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT, AND I KNOW THAT SKILLED NURSING
16 FACILITIES, AS IT RELATES TO TESTING, WE ARE STILL ON TRACK
17 WITH THE ROBUST TESTING AT OUR FACILITIES?

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I MEAN WE ACTUALLY,
20 YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE'VE ISSUED A NEW ORDER AT OUR SKILLED
21 NURSING FACILITIES. THE STATE REQUIRES WEEKLY TESTING AT
22 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. WE REQUIRE THAT ALL STAFF GET
23 TESTED TWICE A WEEK NOW BECAUSE, AS SOON AS WE SAW THE
24 INCREASES IN CASES AMONG STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT S.N.F.S, WE
25 JUST ASKED THAT THEY GO AHEAD AND NOW TEST EVERYONE TWICE A

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1 WEEK. THE FASTER WE IDENTIFY WHO IS POSITIVE THERE, THE BETTER
2 CHANCE WE HAVE OF TRYING TO CONTAIN SPREAD. SO THEY HAVE TO
3 TEST NOW TWICE A WEEK. AND 10 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS, AND ANY
4 PLACE WITH AN OUTBREAK, AND AT THE S.N.F.S, AN OUTBREAK IS
5 JUST ONE POSITIVE RESIDENT CASE, ONCE YOU HAVE THAT, YOU TO
6 TEST ALL YOUR RESIDENTS.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** SO ON THE REGIONAL, I AM SORRY, DR. GHALY, DID
9 YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

10

11 **DR. GHALY:** NO, SORRY.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CAPACITY, I
14 KNOW IT HAS DIPPED BELOW 10, AND ON SUNDAY, YOU HAD SENT US,
15 IN TERMS OF CAPACITY, 10 PERCENT. AND ON SUNDAY, YOU SENT US
16 SOMETHING SAYING THAT L.A. COUNTY WAS AT 18 PERCENT CAPACITY,
17 WHICH I KNOW, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE WHOLE COUNTY VERSUS LIKE I
18 KNOW WHITE MEMORIAL RIGHT NOW IS AT FULL CAPACITY. ARE WE
19 STILL, WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF THAT 15 PERCENT?

20

21 **DR. FERRER:** SO WE, THE STATE IS GOING TO POST TODAY 10.1
22 PERCENT IS THE REGIONAL I.C.U. CAPACITY. IT HAS BEEN, YOU
23 KNOW, IT IS 10.1 PERCENT, THEN IT DROPPED 10.9, 10.1 PERCENT
24 SUNDAY -- 10.9 PERCENT ON SUNDAY. 10.1 PERCENT YESTERDAY. SO
25 AGAIN, WE GET THESE NUMBERS. WE DON'T HAVE THE OFFICIAL

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1 NUMBERS FOR TODAY, BUT WE ARE GOING TO STAY IN OR ABOUT THE 10
2 PERCENT RANGE, I AM SURE. THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT THE
3 STATE CALCULATION, WHICH IS WHY IT IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM
4 OURS, IS WE JUST LOOK AT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE I.C.U. AND I
5 WANT TO THANK DR. GHALY BECAUSE I THINK SHE DID A GOOD
6 EXPLANATION OF SAYING WHY WE SOMETIMES HAVE MORE CAPACITY IN
7 BOTH HOSPITAL BEDS AND MAYBE I.C.U. BEDS IS BECAUSE HOSPITALS
8 HAVE STARTED SHIFTING, BUT WHAT THE STATE DOES IS IT DOESN'T
9 JUST TAKE THE AVAILABLE, THESE ARE AVAILABLE STAFFED ADULT
10 I.C.U. BEDS INTO ACCOUNT. IT LOOKS AT THE PROPORTION OF YOUR
11 OVERALL I.C.U. BEDS THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY FOLKS WITH COVID-19.
12 FOR OUR COUNTY, IT IS ABOUT 40 PERCENT, AND MAYBE -- I DON'T
13 KNOW TODAY'S NUMBER. I JUST KNOW WHAT THE WEEKEND'S NUMBER
14 WAS. AND THAT NUMBER THEN, IT GETS USED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS
15 BECAUSE THE STATE ACTUALLY WANTS THE I.C.U. BEDS THAT ARE
16 OCCUPIED BY PATIENTS WITH COVID-19 TO BE AT OR UNDER 30
17 PERCENT, SO YOU ARE PRESERVING CAPACITY IN THE I.C.U.S FOR ALL
18 THE OTHER EMERGENCY AND URGENT NEEDS OF OTHER PATIENTS. IF
19 YOUR CAPACITY, WHICH FOR MOST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
20 OBVIOUSLY, THEY ARE LIKE US, IF THE PERCENT OF PATIENTS THAT
21 ARE COVID-19 POSITIVE IN THE I.C.U. EXCEEDS THAT 30 PERCENT,
22 LIKE IT DOES FOR US, YOU GET AN ADJUSTMENT THAT IS LIKE A
23 PENALTY, WHICH IS WHAT IS DRIVING DOWN OUR RATE, IF I -- WE
24 JUST FINALLY GOT THE RATES FROM THE STATE YESTERDAY, AND USING
25 THAT ADJUSTMENT, THEY GIVE US 11 PERCENT AVAILABLE BED

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1 CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE, EVEN THOUGH, IF WE LOOK AT
2 STRAIGHT BED AVAILABILITY, WE HAVE MORE BECAUSE WE ARE OVER
3 THAT THRESHOLD OF 30 PERCENT OF THE BEDS BEING OCCUPIED BY
4 PATIENTS WITH COVID-19.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** SO AT WHAT POINT WOULD THE PERCENTAGE TRIGGER
7 ELECTIVE VERSUS NON ELECTIVE SURGERIES, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW.
8 THIS COULD BE A STUPID QUESTION.

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** NO, NO. IT'S NOT AT ALL.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT EVEN IN TERMS OF THE I.C.U., HOW MANY OF
13 THOSE, WHEN YOU HAVE ELECTIVE SURGERY, DO YOU END UP IN THE
14 I.C.U.? OR -- I AM JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF IT.

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** THE TERM ELECTIVE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A MISNOMER, I
17 THINK BECAUSE WE ALL THINK OF ELECTIVE SURGERY AS SURGERY YOU
18 DON'T NEED. IT ACTUALLY USUALLY REFERS TO SURGERIES THAT ARE
19 SCHEDULED AHEAD OF TIME, SOME OF WHICH YOU ABSOLUTELY DO NEED.
20 YOU NEED A STENT. YOU NEED A VALVE REPLACEMENT. SO I THINK A
21 LOT OF PEOPLE ARE WALKING AROUND THINKING ELECTIVE SURGERY IS
22 LIKE THAT PLASTIC SURGERY THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY DON'T NEED, AND
23 THERE ARE SOME SURGERIES YOU MIGHT NOT NEED, AND AS, DR. GHALY
24 MENTIONED, YOU ARE CERTAINLY ABLE TO POSTPONE WITHOUT CREATING
25 RISK. THOSE ARE THE SURGERIES THAT HOSPITALS WILL MOVE MOST

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1 QUICKLY TO RESCHEDULE FOR LATER DATES WHEN WE ARE NOT IN THE
2 MIDDLE OF THE SURGE. I KNOW YOU HAVE SEEN, THERE'S A COUPLE OF
3 GOVERNORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE ORDERED THEIR HOSPITALS
4 TO STOP ELECTIVE SURGERIES. OUR GOVERNOR HAS NOT. I THINK WE
5 HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY CLOSELY. I WANT TO THANK AGAIN DR.
6 GHALY AND THE FOLKS AT E.M.S. TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR HOSPITALS
7 ARE, IN FACT, TAKING STEPS BOTH TO DECOMPRESS AND TO START
8 RESCHEDULING THOSE SURGERIES THAT DON'T NEED TO HAPPEN. BUT WE
9 DON'T HAVE A THRESHOLD. THERE IS NOT A PARTICULAR NUMBER THAT
10 WE ANTICIPATE HITTING THAT WOULD THEN HAVE THE GOVERNOR, FOR
11 EXAMPLE, SAY, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU HIT THAT THRESHOLD, HOSPITALS
12 ARE ALL GOING TO BE TOLD THEY HAVE TO CANCEL WHAT IS
13 CONSIDERED ELECTIVE SURGERIES. I THINK WE ARE WORKING MORE
14 CLOSELY WITH THE HOSPITALS AND MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE
15 ADJUSTMENTS. THE HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN GREAT PARTNERS FOR US,
16 AND, AS I THINK DR. GHALY NOTED, THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED
17 GOING AHEAD AND MAKING SURE THEY CAN MAINTAIN AS MUCH CAPACITY
18 AS POSSIBLE. I DON'T KNOW, DR. GHALY, IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO
19 THIS.

20
21 **DR. GHALY:** JUST BRIEFLY, SO SUPERVISOR, GOOD QUESTIONS. IN
22 RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION, WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE NEEDS AN
23 I.C.U. BED AFTER A NON-ESSENTIAL SURGERY REALLY VARIES WITH
24 THE SURGERY. JUST TO MAKE BROAD GENERATIONS, OBVIOUSLY, IT CAN
25 VARY EVEN WITHIN THIS, BUT IF SOMEONE IS HAVING A NEURO

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1 SURGICAL SURGERY, OR THEY ARE HAVING A SURGERY ON THEIR HEART
2 OR THEIR LUNGS, THERE IS OFTEN AN I.C.U. STAY THAT HAPPENS
3 AFTER THAT SURGICAL PROCEDURE. WHEREAS, IF SOMEONE IS HAVING
4 AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY OR A MORE GENERAL SURGERY ON THEIR
5 ABDOMEN, THEY MAY NOT TYPICALLY REQUIRE AN I.C.U. STAY, BUT
6 THEY WOULD STAY ON A REGULAR WARD BED AFTER THEIR SURGERY. SO
7 IT REALLY DOES VARY, AND OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS ALWAYS EVEN
8 EXCEPTIONS TO THAT. WHAT WE WITHIN D.H.S. HAVE DONE IS WE HAVE
9 HALTED, STOPPED, ALL NON ESSENTIAL SURGERIES IN TWO
10 CONDITIONS. OBVIOUSLY, IF THEY ARE ESSENTIAL, THEY ARE MOVING
11 FORWARD, BUT NON-ESSENTIAL SURGERIES THAT ARE ANTICIPATED TO
12 RESULT IN ANY IN-PATIENT STAY, REGARDLESS OR NOT THAT IS
13 I.C.U. OR A MED SURGE WARD STAY BECAUSE WE NEED THE BEDS AND
14 WE NEED THE STAFFING THAT WOULD STAFF THOSE BEDS. AND THEN
15 ALSO, WE ARE CANCELING PROCEDURES IF THE STAFF THAT NEEDED TO
16 BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCEDURE ARE SOME OF THE STAFF THAT HAVE
17 THE APPROPRIATE I.C.U. TRAINING THAT THEY COULD BE REDEPLOYED
18 TO THE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS. AND I KNOW A LOT OF HOSPITALS ARE
19 LOOKING AT THIS THE SAME WAY. DR. FERRER MENTIONED THERE IS
20 NOT A PLAN AT THIS POINT TO BE A BLANKET ORDER TO CANCEL, BUT
21 I KNOW MANY HOSPITALS ARE LOOKING AT IT, AND THEY WILL DO
22 EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO BALANCE THE SAFETY AND THE NEEDS OF
23 PATIENTS WHO DO HAVE NEEDS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF SURGERIES
24 AND PROCEDURES, WHILE ALSO BALANCING OUR ON THE GROUND
25 REALITY ABOUT HOW MANY COVID PATIENTS THEY NEED TO CARE FOR.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT. I APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWERS TO THESE
3 QUESTIONS BECAUSE I THINK IT IS VERY CONFUSING AS IT RELATES
4 TO I.C.U.S. THE TAKE AWAY IS WE HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AS IT
5 RELATES TO THE FACT THAT EARLY ON, WITH THE THERAPEUTICS,
6 BECAUSE EARLY ON, THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE ENDING UP IN I.C.U.
7 WAS FAR HIGHER. AND WE'RE NOW DOWN AT 10 PERCENT, BUT STILL,
8 THE 10 PERCENT IS PROBLEMATIC AS IT RELATES TO CAPACITY IN OUR
9 HOSPITALS.

10

11 **DR. FERRER:** IT'S REALLY 10 PERCENT ARE ENDING UP IN THE
12 HOSPITAL, AND OF THOSE --

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M SORRY. THE HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND 1/3 OF THAT
15 ENDS UP IN I.C.U., BUT I THINK THE STORY YOU TOLD IS THAT, IN
16 FACT, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS. NOW WITH THE VACCINE COMING, WE
17 CANNOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IF
18 YOU BELONG TO THAT CATEGORY OF HIGH RISK, YOU SHOULD LIMIT
19 YOUR EXPOSURE WHEN AT ALL POSSIBLE, AND I THINK THAT THAT HAS
20 BEEN SOMETHING WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID AND SHOULD CONTINUE
21 TO SAY, WHICH LEADS ME INTO THE MOTION SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I
22 HAVE BROUGHT IN TODAY. AND AS REGARDS TO SUPER SPREADERS, WE
23 KNOW THESE LARGE PARTIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE ARE
24 PROBLEMATIC. MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT COME THERE ARE NOT
25 PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING, ARE NOT WEARING MASKS, AND, IN

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1 FACT, ARE IN -- PUTTING THE COMMUNITY IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE, AS
2 THEY LEAVE, WE HAVE HAD SOME EVENTS THAT HAVE AS MANY AS A
3 THOUSAND GUESTS COME, AND THEN WHEN THEY LEAVE, THEY GO HOME,
4 AND THEY CAN GIVE IT TO THEIR LOVED ONE, THEY COULD GIVE IT TO
5 THEIR GRANDPARENTS, AND YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS EXTENSIVELY, DR.
6 FERRER, IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT THIS IS HAVING ON INCREASED
7 NUMBERS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAVE A MOTION, AND I WILL NOT
8 READ THE PREAMBLE, OR I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE TO, BUT I WILL
9 JUST -- SINCE THE START OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC, L.A. COUNTY HAS
10 FOCUSED RESOURCES ON EDUCATING IN THE COMMUNITY AND ENFORCING
11 LOCAL HEALTH ORDERS DESIGNED TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.
12 THERE HAS BEEN A DISTINCT FOCUS ON THE REGULATIONS WITHIN
13 PUBLIC SPACES, INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, BREWERIES, PARKS,
14 CHURCHES, ETC. TODAY, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE FOCUS ON
15 TARGETING UNDERGROUND EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS
16 POTENTIAL SUPER SPREADERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THESE
17 EVENTS ARE COMMONLY ADVERTISED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND REQUIRE A
18 NETWORK OF ORGANIZERS TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS AND POST PAID
19 ENTRY. IN RESPONSE TO SUCH AN EVENT PLANNING, THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO MONITOR SOCIAL MEDIA
21 CHATTER TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
22 SURVEILLANCE FOR ENFORCEMENT. PALMDALE SHERIFF'S STATION
23 BECAME AWARE OF AN UNDERGROUND EVENT BEING ADVERTISED ON
24 INSTAGRAM TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMDALE ON
25 DECEMBER 7TH. PREVIOUS INCIDENTS REPORTED ON THE NEWS REVEALED

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1 THAT THE PARTIES TEND INVOLVE DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND
2 PROSTITUTION, WITH ADULTS AND JUVENILES IN ATTENDANCE. THIS
3 EVEN WAS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY 500 TO A THOUSAND GUESTS
4 AT A VACANT LOCATION THAT HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO. THE HOST OF
5 THESE PARTIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS A 17 YEAR OLD MINOR, WHO WAS
6 THE SAME ORGANIZER OF A LARGE EVENT IN POMONA TWO WEEKS PRIOR.
7 AS A RESULT OF THE PALMDALE OPERATION, THE DEPARTMENT MADE 158
8 ARRESTS, RECOVERED 3 FIREARMS, RESCUED ONE AT RISK JUVENILE.
9 THE COUNTY SAFER AT HOME ORDER CALLED FOR PEOPLE NOT TO GATHER
10 AT ALL WITH OTHERS FROM OUTSIDE THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD. THESE
11 EVENTS ARE BEING POSTED IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THESE ORDERS
12 WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE WHILE BUSINESS OWNERS CONTINUE TO CHANGE
13 THEIR COURSE DUE TO CHANGING REGULATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO THESE
14 EVENTS AND THEIR POTENTIAL LINK TO HIGHER TRANSMISSION RATES
15 OF THE VIRUS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, [MULTIPLE PEOPLE TALKING]
16 COORDINATION IN THE EVENTS TO ENFORCE, WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY
18 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO
19 CRACK DOWN ON SUPER SPREADER EVENTS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE
20 COUNTY HEALTH ORDERS AND PROVIDE MONTHLY STATUS UPDATES, AND I
21 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JUST SAY TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE ARE
22 LOOKING AT THE DEPARTMENT ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS. I
23 UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS, BUT WE NEED TO
24 REALLY FOCUS ON THESE PARTIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE
25 COMMUNITIES, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS TO WORK WITH PUBLIC

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1 HEALTH, AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT
2 TO OUR MOTION, AND I AM HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN THAT. THANK YOU,
3 MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER.
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DID YOU WANT TO PRESENT YOUR ADJOINING
7 MODIFICATION TO THE MOTION?

8

9 **SUPERVISOR MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
10 YES, I WOULD LIKE TO, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
11 ALLOWING ME TO DO SO. I, TOO, AM JUST BLOWN AWAY BY THE DATA
12 AND THE STATISTICS SHARED WITH US BY DOCTORS FERRER AND GHALY.
13 THIS CRISIS IS CLEARLY HAVING A PROFOUND IMPACT ON EVERY
14 CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS COUNTY RESIDENT. AND I, TOO, MUST SAY IT
15 IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL OF US CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC
16 HEALTH ORDERS AND CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCE TO HELP SLOW THIS
17 SPREAD, THIS STAGGERING SPREAD. 10,000 POSITIVE TESTS IN ONE
18 DAY IS VERY, VERY FRIGHTENING. I DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IT IS
19 IMPORTANT TO ISSUE TAILORED AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE
20 HEALTH ORDER VIOLATIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING OUR UNDERLYING
21 OBJECTIVE BUT NOT CRIMINALIZATION. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT.
22 AND WHILE IT IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT TO INTERVENE IF THERE IS
23 AN ACTIVE SUPER SPREADERS, I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
24 DEFINE WHAT THESE SUPER SPREADER EVENTS ACTUALLY ARE. I THINK
25 THAT IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT THOSE RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR

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1 LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO, PERHAPS, PROTEST OR GATHER ARE
2 PROTECTED. AND SO, GIVEN THIS PARAMOUNT URGENCY, I THINK WE
3 ALSO MUST MAKE ROOM FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THEIR EFFORT TO ENFORCE HEALTH ORDERS
5 AT THESE SUPER SPREADER EVENTS. I THINK THAT IT IS REALLY
6 IMPORTANT THAT BOTH POLICY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND HEALTH REALLY
7 WALK A FINE LINE BUT WALK TOGETHER IN PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH
8 WITHOUT UNFAIRLY PROSECUTING LAWFUL CONDUCT. AND SO, WITH
9 THAT, IF I MAY READ INTO THE RECORD MY PROPOSED AMENDMENT,
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. AND SO, I AM SUGGESTING THAT WE
15 DIRECT THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO IDENTIFY
16 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO PREVENT SUPER SPREADER
18 EVENTS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH ORDERS,
19 INCLUDING DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR A DEFINITION OF A "SUPER
20 SPREADER" EVENT AND STRATEGIES FOR NON-CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS AND
21 ENFORCEMENT AND PROVIDE MONTHLY STATUS UPDATES TO THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING A PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU DO
25 AGREE WITH AND EXCEPT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT?

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, I DO, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** TO YOUR MOTION. AND THANK YOU, ALSO
5 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION BECAUSE I AM
6 VERY CONCERNED WITH THE PARTIES THAT ARE GOING ON IN OUR
7 DISTRICT AS WELL, AND POMONA WAS VERY WELL CITED IN YOUR
8 PRESENTATION. SO WITH THAT, I APOLOGIZE TO THE OTHER BOARD
9 COLLEAGUES. I WILL NOW IDENTIFY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, WE WANTED TO GET THE
11 AMENDMENTS OUT THERE. SO TECHNICALLY WE COULD TAKE CARE OF
12 THAT BUSINESS. SO PLEASE, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND
15 DR. GHALY FOR THESE DIRE UPDATES TODAY. THERE IS A LITTLE BIT
16 OF HOPE WITH THE VACCINE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, BUT, AT THE
17 SAME TIME, WE CAN SEE OUR CASES SKY ROCKETING AND OUR
18 RESIDENTS HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE AT RISK OF CATCHING THIS VIRUS.
19 AND IT'S ENCOURAGING THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO START GETTING
20 VACCINATED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT IT WILL
21 BE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE A VACCINE IS WIDELY AVAILABLE, AND
22 EVEN LONGER UNTIL ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE VACCINATED THAT WE CAN
23 STOP THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT
24 THE HEALTH ORDER, AND THEN I DID WANT TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS
25 ABOUT THE VACCINES. AND JUST KNOW THAT A LOT OF MY QUESTIONS

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1 ARE, YOU KNOW, QUESTIONS THAT MY CONSTITUENTS WANT TO HEAR THE
2 ANSWERS TO PUBLICLY. SO BOTH OUR HEALTH ORDER AND OUR STATE'S
3 REGIONAL HEALTH ORDER ARE PRETTY STRICT WHEN IT COMES TO
4 GATHERINGS. GATHERING WITH ANYONE YOU DO NOT LIVE WITH IS
5 PROHIBITED UNDER BOTH OF THESE HEALTH ORDERS. WE'VE BEEN TOLD
6 THAT ONE OF THE RISKIEST THINGS YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS TO
7 GATHER WITH PEOPLE WHO YOU DON'T LIVE WITH, ESPECIALLY
8 INDOORS. AND YET, OVER 1/3 OF OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS REPORT
9 THEY HAVE GONE OVER TO A FRIEND'S OR A RELATIVE'S HOME IN THE
10 PAST 7 DAYS. IT DOES SEEM LIKE WE ARE NOT GETTING THROUGH TO
11 PEOPLE, OR, IF WE ARE GETTING THROUGH TO THEM, THEY ARE
12 FEELING LIKE WHAT WE ARE DOING IS ARBITRARY, OR THEY ARE NOT -
13 - OR UNFAIR. AND I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THE
14 PUBLIC BELIEVES OUR DECISIONS AND TRUSTS OUR DECISIONS THAT
15 THEY ARE WHAT IS BEST FOR THEM. SO LATELY, I HAVE BEEN READING
16 ABOUT THIS IDEA OF HARM REDUCTION AND, YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW THAT
17 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS HAVE PRACTICED HARM REDUCTION, WHETHER
18 THAT WAS ABOUT GETTING MESSAGING ABOUT SAFE SEX RATHER THAN
19 ABSTINENCE, OR ADVOCATING FOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS INSTEAD
20 OF JUST FORBIDDING DRUG USE. SO A VACCINE IS COMING, BUT IT
21 IS NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND WE ARE
22 GOING TO BE UNDER THE STATE'S STRICT STAY AT HOME ORDER FOR AT
23 LEAST THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SO IF OUR CASES MIRACULOUSLY GO
24 DOWN, AND OUR I.C.U. BEDS BECOME MORE AVAILABLE, AND THE
25 GOVERNOR TAKES US OUT OF THIS, I LIKE TO CALL IT, THE GLOOM

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1 AND DOOM TIER, DO YOU THINK THERE IS ANY VALUE, OR DO YOU
2 THINK SEE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE FOR US TO USE THESE
3 HARM REDUCTION PRINCIPLES AND MAYBE ALLOW PEOPLE TO DO SOME
4 THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM, LIKE HAVING A FEW FRIENDS
5 OVER ON THEIR PATIO OUTSIDE OR DINING OUTSIDE AT RESTAURANTS
6 WITH STRICT SAFETY PROTOCOLS, CAN WE HELP THEM TO DO THESE
7 ACTIVITIES BY MANAGING THE RISKS RATHER THAN BANNING THEM
8 ALTOGETHER?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO START, AND
11 THEN I THINK DR. DAVIS ALSO WANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY. ONE
12 THING, YOU KNOW, THAT I THINK IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS
13 THAT WE DID, FOR A LONG TIME, NOT ALLOW ANY GATHERINGS. IT IS
14 NOT REALLY LIKE IS SOMETHING THAT WE JUST DID. THIS IS THE
15 FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER TOLD PEOPLE TO JUST STAY WITH FOLKS IN
16 THEIR HOUSEHOLD. WE WENT MONTHS AND MONTHS, I THINK REALLY
17 UNTIL AUGUST MAYBE, WITH THAT BEING PART OF OUR
18 RECOMMENDATION, BUT YOU ARE RIGHT, WE HAVE -- WE DID RELAX AND
19 WE DID SUGGEST FOR, PARTICULARLY WHEN OUR CASE RATES WERE SO
20 MUCH LOWER, THAT IT WAS OKAY. IF PEOPLE WERE SUPER CAREFUL.
21 REMEMBER, WE HAD YOU NEEDED TO BE OUTSIDE, YOU NEEDED TO STAY
22 SIX FEET AWAY, YOU SHOULD DO IT WITH TWO OTHER HOUSEHOLDS. SO
23 WE HAD CREATED A STRATEGY AND RECOGNIZING, LIKE YOU SAID,
24 PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE TO NOT BE WITH PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD
25 ANYMORE AND TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO SOCIALIZE. I THINK THE

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1 PROBLEM IS THAT OPPORTUNITY, WHEN YOUR CASE RATES AND YOUR
2 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS NOT SO HIGH, IS A RISK WORTH
3 TOLERATING. PARTICULARLY, IF WE COULD NOTED, WHETHER IT IS FOR
4 DINING, OR WHETHER IT IS FOR PRIVATE GATHERINGS. RIGHT NOW, WE
5 ARE ASKING FOR THREE WEEKS FOR PEOPLE JUST TO STOP DOING THAT
6 AGAIN. THE TRANSMISSION RATES ARE, YOU KNOW, SO MUCH HIGHER
7 THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN FOR US. SO MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE
8 INFECTED. IT LOOKS LIKE MAYBE ABOUT HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
9 INFECTED MAY BE ASYMPTOMATIC OR PRESYMPTOMATIC. THERE IS SO
10 MUCH SPREAD RIGHT NOW THAT WE THINK IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO
11 SAY, YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE TIME TO GET BACK IN YOUR HOUSE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT, DR. FERRER. I TOTALLY
14 UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK WHAT I'M ASKING IS LET'S JUST SAY SIX
15 MONTHS FROM NOW IS WHEN WE ARE LIKELY GOING TO HAVE EVERYBODY
16 VACCINATED, IS THERE VALUE IN A TARGETED SAFER AT HOME THAT
17 YOU COULD START WORKING ON NOW THAT, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE FEEL
18 LIKE, YOU KNOW, I COULD HAVE TWO PEOPLE OVER ON MY PATIO, BUT
19 THIS IS HOW I NEED TO DO IT, OR, YOU KNOW, TARGETED OUTDOOR
20 RESTAURANTS, LIKE HALF OF THEM OPEN ON THREE DAYS A WEEK. I
21 MEAN SOMETHING WHERE WE BEGIN TO HEAR PEOPLE'S FRUSTRATIONS,
22 PAY A LITTLE OF ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMY, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE IN
23 THE BEGINNING, AS YOU KNOW, WE WERE THREADING THE NEEDLE
24 BETWEEN THE ECONOMY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. NOW, OF COURSE, WE HAVE
25 TO, RIGHTLY SO, COMPLETELY ERR ON THE SIDE OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

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1 BUT I WAS THINKING GOING FORWARD IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, IF
2 THE CASES GO DOWN, IF OUR I.C.U. BEDS GO UP, IF WE GET OUT OF
3 THIS TIER, IS THERE VALUE IN CREATING SOMETHING WHERE THERE IS
4 JUST A LITTLE BIT OF LETTING, YOU KNOW, THE STEAM OUT OF THE
5 BUBBLE OUT OF THE THING. THE ANGER WE ARE FEELING, THE
6 ABSOLUTE FLOUTING OF OUR ORDERS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SO ANGRY
7 AND FRUSTRATED AND GO, GOSH, HOW CAN YOU GO SHOPPING AT TARGET
8 WHEN I CANNOT HAVE ONE PERSON OVER ON MY PATIO. IS THERE A WAY
9 WE CAN SAY, WHEN WE ARE OUT OF THIS, I JUST WOULD LIKE MAYBE
10 YOU TO THINK ABOUT WORKING ON THAT SO WE CAN KIND OF BE A
11 LITTLE KINDER AND GENTLER WITH PEOPLE IN A SAFE -- ALLOW THEM
12 TO DO, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT, THERE ARE SOME RULE BREAKERS OUT
13 THERE, BUT THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE WHO REALLY FOLLOW THE RULES,
14 AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE SOMEBODY ON THEIR PATIO BECAUSE
15 WE WON'T ALLOW IT, BUT THEY ARE WONDERING, IS THERE A WAY
16 SAFELY, SIX FEET APART, WE BOTH WEAR OUR MASKS, CAN WE CRAFT A
17 PATHWAY FORWARD? DO YOU THINK, I'M JUST ASKING YOU, DO YOU
18 THINK THERE IS VALUE IN THAT, AS A PART OF THIS HARM REDUCTION
19 THEORY?

20
21 **DR. DAVIS:** SO THIS IS DR. DAVIS, I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION. I
22 THINK A COUPLE OF THINGS TO REMEMBER IS OUR INFECTIOUS
23 DISEASES DO NOT STOP AT BORDERS, AND WE KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE
24 LIVE IN ONE AREA, WORK IN ANOTHER. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE
25 STATE'S ORDERS AND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE TIERED

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1 SYSTEM, AS THE CASE RATES COME DOWN, THEN THERE IS MORE RISK
2 THAT CAN BE TOLERATED AND MORE THINGS OPEN UP AND ACTIVITIES
3 AND MODIFICATIONS CHANGE. SO WE ARE STUCK TO ADHERING THAT,
4 WHICH MAKES SENSE WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A COMMUNICABLE
5 DISEASE THAT CAN READILY SPREAD AMONGST ALL OF US, EVEN IF WE
6 LIVE ACROSS THE COUNTY IN SOME WAY. SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO PAY
7 ATTENTION TO THAT. WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE STATE'S GUIDELINES
8 AND RULES AROUND WHEN WE CAN RELIEVE THINGS. SO, WE WILL
9 CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND WATCH, YOU KNOW, WHERE THE CASES ARE
10 AND MAKE DECISIONS AS WE GET TO THOSE POINTS.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. MY SUGGESTION IS WE TRY TO CRAFT
13 SOMETHING THAT JUST KIND OF TOUCHES A LITTLE BIT ON THE
14 HUMANITY THAT PEOPLE ARE MISSING RIGHT NOW, BUT THANK YOU FOR
15 THAT. LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING ABOUT CONTACT TRACING. SO, I
16 GUESS AT A VENTURA COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S MEETING, THEIR PUBLIC
17 HEALTH OFFICER SAYS THAT PEOPLE TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID ARE
18 INCREASINGLY REFUSING TO COOPERATE WITH CONTACT TRACERS. ARE
19 WE SEEING A SIMILAR TREND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY?

20
21 **DR. FERRER:** THAT IS SUCH A GOOD QUESTION. THANKS, SUPERVISOR.
22 WE ACTUALLY ARE DOING BETTER NOW WITH OUR CONTACT TRACING
23 RESPONSES THAN WE WERE EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC. I WANTED TO
24 GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT, WE HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF COMMUNITY
25 HEALTH WORKERS THAT ARE OUT IN THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES

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1 EXPLAINING TO PEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS
2 AND RESPONDING TO OUR CALLS. AND I THINK THAT HAS HELPED, BUT
3 WE'VE ALWAYS HAD ABOUT 35 PERCENT, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 30 AND 35
4 PERCENT, OF FOLKS THAT WE CALL THAT WE CANNOT REACH. SOME OF
5 THAT IS WE CANNOT FIND THEM. WE DO NOT HAVE GOOD CONTACT
6 INFORMATION, BUT MOST OF IT IS THAT THEY ARE NOT RETURNING OUR
7 CALLS. AS YOU KNOW, WE DO TEXT SYSTEMS NOW, SO EVEN IF THEY DO
8 NOT CALL US, WE CAN TEXT THEM. WE ARE ABOUT TO START TRYING TO
9 ATTACH HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS TO THE TEXT. WE HAVE A SEPARATE
10 PHONE LINE THAT PEOPLE CAN CALL IN ON THEIR OWN JUST TO GET
11 GOOD INFORMATION, AND AGAIN WE TRY TO PROVIDE A LOT OF SUPPORT
12 SO THAT PEOPLE WANT TO TALK TO US BECAUSE WE ARE ACTUALLY
13 BEING HELPFUL, BUT WE ARE NOT REALLY SEEING IT WORSEN AT ALL.
14 IF ANYTHING FOR US, IT IS LOOKING A LITTLE BETTER. I THINK OUR
15 PROBLEM IS DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE 10,000 CASES A DAY,
16 EVEN 8,000 CASES A DAY, ON AVERAGE, PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT TWO
17 CLOSE CONTACTS. YOU KNOW, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT 24 AND 30,000
18 PEOPLE THAT NEED TO BE CONTACTED EVERY DAY. AND OBVIOUSLY, WE
19 DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TO REACH EVERYBODY IN THE -- AS
20 TIMELY A WAY AS WE WERE BEFORE.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN:** AND DO YOU THINK THE NEW APPS THAT WERE RELEASED BY
23 THE STATE AND THE COUNTY ARE GOING TO HELP WITH THAT?

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1 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK ANYTHING THAT CAN HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND
2 WHAT THEIR OWN PERSONAL RISK MIGHT BE IN TERMS OF CONTACT IS
3 HELPFUL. I MEAN, WE TOO ARE USING TEXT MESSAGING FOR THE CLOSE
4 CONTACTS NOW AS WELL JUST BECAUSE IT HAS HELPED TO KNOW YOU
5 HAD AN EXPOSURE AND THAT MAY IN FACT CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIORS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT 65 PERCENT OF THOSE
8 WHO TEST POSITIVE ARE COOPERATING?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** YES, YES. AND I -- YES. YES.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. LET ME MOVE ON TO THE VACCINES. SO ONE OF THE
13 THINGS THAT I DIDN'T HEAR WAS THE, REMEMBER WHEN AUSTIN
14 BUITNER, OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF L.A.U.S.D. OFFERED UP SCHOOL
15 CAMPUSES AS A WAY TO ENSURE TRUST WITH FAMILIES AND, YOU KNOW,
16 AT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS. IS THAT STILL A PART OF OUR
17 DISTRIBUTION OPTION?

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** SURE. I THINK, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE A WHOLE TEAM
20 THAT IS OUT THERE ASSESSING SITES, AND AN ENTIRE WAY FOR,
21 PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS
22 TO SIGN UP TO BE A VACCINATOR. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHEN IT
23 MAKES SENSE TO ACTIVATE SCHOOLS AS A PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION
24 SITE. SOME OF THAT WILL DEPEND ON WHEN WE CAN VACCINATE
25 CHILDREN. RIGHT NOW, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THESE EARLY VACCINES

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1 ARE BEING APPROVED FOR EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR ADULTS
2 ONLY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** SURE, IT'S JUST THAT THERE WAS THAT KIND OF TRUST
5 THING BETWEEN FAMILIES AND THEIR SCHOOLS. THAT'S THE ONLY
6 THING I WAS THINKING OF. SO APPARENTLY THE PFIZER AND THE
7 MODERNA ARE THE TWO-DOSE VACCINES. HOW ARE WE GOING TO, ARE WE
8 GOING TO PRIORITIZE THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AND FIRST
9 RESPONDERS, THE SKILLED NURSING WITH THESE TWO-DOSE VACCINES,
10 AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY GETS THAT
11 SECOND DOSE?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THOSE ARE BOTH REALLY GREAT QUESTIONS. SO
14 THIS FIRST PRIORITIZATION IN 1A IS HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND LONG
15 TERM CARE RESIDENTS. THE DOSES AS THEY COME ARE FOR THE FIRST
16 DOSE, SO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED US THAT, THAT WE
17 DON'T NEED TO STOCKPILE THAT SECOND DOSE, THAT WE WILL GET
18 THIS FIRST DOSE -- SO WHEN WE GET 84,000 OR 83,000 DOSES, NEXT
19 WEEK --

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIVIDE THAT IN HALF.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** EXACTLY, YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE DOING THAT RIGHT
24 NOW BECAUSE THAT WOULD REALLY, THAT WOULD THEN MEAN YOU ARE

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1 STOCKPILING WHILE PEOPLE NEED TO GET VACCINATED, AND THE
2 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED ASSURANCES THAT --

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, SO DO WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW, WHAT THE
5 NUMBER IS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND
6 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS? WHAT IS THE TOTAL
7 POPULATION OF THOSE THREE GROUPS?

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** YES, WE DO HAVE NUMBERS. I AM GOING TO -- IT IS
10 LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS AND STAFF. I AM LOOKING FOR MY CHEAT
11 SHEET.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I DON'T KNOW. I AM GUESSING IT IS A LOT MORE
14 THAN 84,000.

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** OH, YEAH. THAT IS RIGHT. 84,000 IS GOING TO
17 HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS. I BELIEVE
18 THAT, I KNOW THE NUMBER FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, WE
19 NEED ABOUT 75,000 DOSES FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND THE STAFF
20 THERE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** UH-HUH.

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** FOR LONG TERM CARE --

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** ARE FIRST RESPONDERS ALSO OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND
2 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES? ARE THEY IN THAT GROUP?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** FIRST RESPONDERS ARE NOT IN TIER 1A.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** THIS IS A FEDERAL DECISION. TIER 1A IS --

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** IS JUST HEALTHCARE WORKERS.

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** AND LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** I HAVE A QUESTION THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE
15 FIREFIGHTERS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, I'M GUESSING THEY ARE IN
16 ANOTHER TIER, BUT I WAS LISTENING TO A REPORT WHERE, IN NEW
17 YORK CITY, SOME OF THE FIREFIGHTERS WERE LIKE WE'RE NOT
18 TAKING THIS. AND I AM WONDERING, DO WE GIVE EACH OF THESE
19 CATEGORIES SO LONG BEFORE WE, LIKE, THEN MOVE ON AND TAKE
20 THOSE DOSES AND GIVE THEM TO PEOPLE WHO WANT THEM? DO WE HAVE,
21 YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT, YOU KNOW, 7 DAYS TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU
22 WANT IT OR NOT, AND THEN WE ARE TAKING THIS DOSE AND MOVING
23 ON. HAVE WE FIGURED THAT OUT YET?

24

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1 **DR. FERRER:** YES, BUT LET ME, I DO HAVE THE ANSWER TO YOUR
2 FIRST QUESTION. ON LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, IN ADDITION TO
3 THE S.N.F.S, WHICH ARE ABOUT 338, THERE'S ANOTHER 331 LONG
4 TERM CARE FACILITIES, AND THERE'S PROBABLY A TOTAL OF AN
5 ADDITIONAL ALMOST 100,000 STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT THOSE
6 FACILITIES, SO THAT'S THE NUMBER FOR LONG TERM CARE.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT IS THE TOTAL NUMBER FOR THE FIRST TIER?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** SO IT IS ABOUT 175,000 FOR LONG TERM CARE,
11 INCLUDING S.N.F.S. THAT'S WORKERS, EMPLOYEES, AND RESIDENTS,
12 AND THEN THERE'S ABOUT -- OUR ESTIMATES ARE STILL WORKING
13 THROUGH WITH THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, THEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT
14 AT LEAST BETWEEN 250,000 AND 300,000 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.
15 THAT DOES INCLUDE E.M.S.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THEY'RE THE ONES, THEY ARE GOING TO NEED 2 OF
18 THOSE DOSES.

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** EVERYONE IS GOING TO NEED 2 DOSES.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** 600,000 DOSES JUST FOR THAT FIRST GROUP. THAT IS
23 REALLY GOOD TO KNOW BECAUSE I THINK I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS
24 VACCINE, AND I KEEP THINKING OH THE LIGHT IS AT THE END OF THE
25 TUNNEL, BUT LET'S BE HONEST, IT WILL BE A WHILE UNTIL, YOU

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1 KNOW, WE REALLY CAN VACCINATE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. SO WHICH IS
2 WHY I WOULD STILL LIKE, WE HAVE GOT TO JUST FIGURE OUT, YOU
3 KNOW, HOW WE ALL GET THROUGH THIS, BUT THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND
4 I DIDN'T HEAR YOU SAY, BUT I AM PRETTY SURE THAT WE ARE
5 ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED TO STORE THESE VACCINES, RIGHT?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** YES, WE ARE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT ARE 94 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

10

11 **DR. FERRER:** YES, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THE MODERNA
12 VACCINES WHICH REALLY CAN LIVE IN A REFRIGERATOR FOR 30 DAYS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THEN JOHNSON & JOHNSON HAS ONE. DO WE KNOW WHEN
15 THAT IS COMING, TOO?

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** WE DON'T. I DON'T THINK -- THAT HAS NOT REALLY
18 ADVANCED AS FAR. SO, WE WILL KNOW, THE NEXT ONE, AS YOU
19 NOTED, IS THE VACCINE THAT JUST REQUIRES ONE DOSE FROM
20 ASTRAZENECA.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. ASTRAZENECA, YEAH. RIGHT. OKAY, I REALLY
23 APPRECIATE THIS. I KNOW I ASKED THIS AWHILE BACK TO MAKE SURE
24 WE WERE PREPARED BECAUSE, WHILE WE KNOW THERE ARE CERTAIN
25 PEOPLE THAT JUST ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT, I THINK THE VAST

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1 MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WANT TO GET BACK TO THEIR LIVES. I KNOW I
2 DO, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE REALLY SERIOUS LOGISTICAL
3 CHALLENGES YOUR DEPARTMENT IS HANDLING, AS IT RELATES TO
4 DISTRIBUTION. THE LAST QUESTION IS ON THE I.C.U. CAPACITY, AND
5 I KNOW, DR. GHALY, I THINK YOU ANSWERED THIS IN, I BELIEVE, IT
6 WAS IN CLOSED SESSION, BUT I KNOW I HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM A
7 LOT OF PEOPLE FROM SAN PEDRO THAT KEEP HEARING WE DON'T HAVE
8 ENOUGH BEDS, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF, AND THEY DO REMEMBER
9 THAT THE U.S.S. MERCY COMING THAT CAME WITH ITS OWN BEDS AND
10 ITS OWN STAFF, AND JUST REITERATE MAYBE FOR THE PUBLIC TO
11 KNOW, WE PROBABLY ARE NOT GOING TO BE CALLING THE U.S.S. MERCY
12 TO HELP US IN THIS LATEST CHALLENGE AND WHY.

13
14 **DR. GHALY:** HAPPY TO ADDRESS THAT. THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE A
15 PLAN TO REQUEST THAT RESOURCE TO BE DEPLOYED AGAIN. AND WHILE
16 WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS IN ALLOWING
17 THAT RESOURCE TO BE AVAILABLE TO US BACK IN THE SPRING, I
18 THINK THE PRACTICE ON THE GROUND WAS THAT IT WAS VERY
19 DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE PATIENTS WHO WERE APPROPRIATE
20 TO TRANSFER TO THE MERCY. THE MERCY HAD TO TAKE CARE OF NON-
21 COVID PATIENTS, WHICH STILL CAN BE HYPOTHETICALLY HELPFUL
22 BECAUSE THERE ARE PATIENTS WITHOUT COVID WHO NEED TO BE IN THE
23 HOSPITAL, BUT STILL IT WAS VERY HARD TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE
24 PATIENTS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY COULDN'T HAVE ACTIVE
25 INFECTIONS. THEY COULDN'T BE ELDERLY. THEY COULDN'T HAVE ANY

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1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ISSUES. THERE'S A
2 NUMBER OF RESTRICTION CRITERIA THAT PREVENTED THE
3 IDENTIFICATION OF MANY SUITABLE PATIENTS. AND IT REALLY MAKES
4 SENSE. THOSE SHIPS ARE REALLY BEST AND INTENDED TO BE DEPLOYED
5 IN WARTIME BATTLE SITUATIONS, AND THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
6 ANTICIPATED TO BE CARED FOR ON THOSE SHIPS WERE PEOPLE WHO
7 WERE GENERALLY OTHERWISE MOBILE EXCEPT FOR ANY TRAUMA THEY HAD
8 ENDURED, DIDN'T TYPICALLY HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS
9 THAT MAKE IT HARDER TO CARE FOR THEM IN THAT SPECIFIC PHYSICAL
10 ENVIRONMENT. AND SO, IT REALLY IS MORE WELL SUITED TO A TRAUMA
11 OR WAR TIME SITUATION AND TRAUMA TYPE INJURIES, RATHER THAN
12 WHAT IS THE VAST MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS IN OUR HOSPITALS HOW
13 HAVE MUCH MORE COMPLEX MEDICAL CONDITIONS. AND SO, BECAUSE OF
14 THAT, IT WASN'T A RESOURCE THAT WAS HIGHLY UTILIZED, AND
15 BECAUSE OF THAT, I THINK THAT IS WHY THERE IS NOT AN INTENTION
16 TO REDEPLOY IT AT THIS TIME.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. THAT WAS REALLY WELL
19 SAID BECAUSE I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE, THE FIRST AND FOREMOST,
20 DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THEY WEREN'T TAKING COVID PATIENTS BECAUSE
21 I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT, SO THANK YOU. SO JUST IN ONE
22 WORD TO THE PUBLIC, WHAT'S OUR BEST STRATEGY FOR ADDING I.C.U.
23 BEDS?

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1 **DR. GHALY:** HOSPITALS, REALLY IT'S A COMBINATION OF TWO THINGS.
2 ONE IS CANCELING ALL OF THE NON-ESSENTIAL PROCEDURES AND
3 SURGERIES THAT IT'S POSSIBLE TO CANCEL. SO THE VOLUME OF
4 SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES THAT A HOSPITAL DOES VARIES WIDELY BY
5 HOSPITALS. MANY OF THEM DO A LOT OF NON-ESSENTIAL SURGERIES.
6 SOME OF THEM DO FEWER. SO THE MIX, THERE'S NOT ONE NUMBER, BUT
7 THERE'S A LOT THEM DONE, AND A LOT OF SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES
8 CAN BE DELAYED FOR AT LEAST A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AT SOME
9 POINT, THEY WILL NEED TO BE DONE. DR. FERRER'S POINT IS A GOOD
10 ONE THAT IT'S NOT THE SAME AS ELECTIVE. WE'RE NOT IMPLYING
11 THAT THERE'S A LOT OF PROCEDURES GOING ON THAT JUST AREN'T
12 NEEDED AT ALL. THESE ARE NEEDED. THEY ARE JUST NOT NECESSARILY
13 NEEDING TO BE DONE RIGHT NOW. AND IF THEY CAN BE DELAYED,
14 HOSPITALS SHOULD BE REALLY DELAYING THEM. AND THEN THE SECOND
15 THING IS TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO INCREASE STAFFING. AND
16 THAT'S POSSIBLE BY REDEPLOYING STAFF FROM THEIR OUTPATIENT
17 AREAS BY PUTTING IN REQUESTS, AS MANY HOSPITALS HAVE DONE, TO
18 THE STATE TO IDENTIFY NEW RESOURCES, TO DOING THEIR BEST
19 THROUGH THEIR CONTRACTS AND REGISTRIES TO ONBOARD ADDITIONAL
20 STAFF, BRINGING BACK RETIREES, AND THEN THE LAST OPTION
21 AVAILABLE TO HOSPITALS IS TO WORK WITHIN THE STAFF AND
22 RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE, BUT THEY WOULD REQUIRE STAFF TO TAKE
23 CARE OF MORE PATIENTS THAN WOULD TYPICALLY BE ACCEPTED UNDER
24 STATE REGULATORY GUIDANCE OF NURSE STAFFING RATIOS. THAT'S NOT
25 A SITUATION ANYONE WANTS TO BE IN. WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT THE

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1 STATE HAS PERMITTED THAT FLEXIBILITY WHEN IT'S NEEDED, BUT NO
2 ONE WANTS TO NEED IT. IT CREATES SITUATIONS WHERE STAFF ARE
3 REALLY CARING FOR MORE PATIENTS THAN WOULD BE DONE OPTIMALLY,
4 AND IT CAN LEAD TO ADDITIONAL DEATHS THAN WHAT WE WOULD
5 OTHERWISE SEE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, DR. GHALY. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AND THANK
8 YOU, DR. DAVIS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, LET'S -- I
11 APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WAITING LONG.
12 SO, PLEASE, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ACTUALLY, SPEAKING LAST
15 GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO AGREE WITH SO MANY OF MY
16 COLLEAGUES. FIRST OF ALL, I SUPPORT BOTH OF THE READ-IN
17 MOTIONS AND THE AMENDMENT. I THINK THE SUPER SPREADER MOTION
18 IS VERY IMPORTANT. LIKE THE REST OF YOU, THERE ARE PARTS OF MY
19 DISTRICT, FOR INSTANCE IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS, WHERE WE'VE
20 SEEN SOME REAL PROBLEMS. AND THOUGH WE DEAL WITH L.A.P.D. IN
21 THAT AREA, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO GIVE SOME RESOURCES, BUT,
22 AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL INDICATED, ALSO IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO
23 UNDERSTAND WHAT IS A SUPER SPREADER EVENT. IN TERMS OF YOUR
24 MOTION, MADAM CHAIR, WHICH I AM VERY HAPPY TO COAUTHOR OR
25 SECOND WHICHEVER IS THE APPROPRIATE THING FOR A READ-IN ON

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1 VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION, I THINK THAT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. I
2 JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND THEN A QUESTION OR TWO.
3 FIRST OF ALL, IN TERMS OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S THINKING ABOUT CAN
4 WE LOOK KIND OF WAY FORWARD, I REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT, NOT
5 JUST FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, LIKE ME WHO
6 WISH I COULD GO SEE MY SISTER AGAIN FOR THANKSGIVING OR
7 WHATEVER, BUT ALSO JUST A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL KIND
8 OF THING, AND I WANTED TO LOOK FORWARD AS WELL IN THE VACCINE
9 ARENA. UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL GET SHIPMENTS LIMITED IN
10 NUMBERS AND THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE WILL
11 AGREE ON THE PRIORITIES, BUT I WANTED TO MENTION TWO OTHER
12 POPULATIONS THAT I WOULD HOPE WE WOULD KEEP IN OUR THOUGHTS I
13 GUESS WE WOULD SAY NOW BECAUSE IT WILL BE DOWN THE LINE BUT
14 COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT. ONE OF THEM I THINK EVERYBODY WOULD
15 SAY OH YEAH, WE AGREE. THAT IS TEACHERS. IF WE ARE LOOKING
16 DOWN THE LINE, AND I DO AGREE THIS IS GOING TO BE POTENTIALLY
17 SIX MONTHS AWAY, AT OPENING ALL THE SCHOOLS AND ALL THE GRADES
18 AND PROTECTING PEOPLE MORE, I THINK WE HAVE TO BE AT LEAST
19 ADVOCATING THAT TEACHERS ARE ONE OF THE POPULATIONS THAT WE
20 WOULD LIKE TO GET INTO AT A HIGHER TIER OR, YOU KNOW, A NEARBY
21 TIER FOR VACCINATIONS. SO THAT WOULD BE ONE QUESTION ABOUT
22 VACCINES. THE OTHER IS SOMEWHAT OF A LESS POPULAR POPULATION
23 BUT ONE THAT I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND THAT IS OUR
24 INMATES. THERE ARE 15,000 IN OUR JAIL NOW, BUT EACH DAY, IT'S
25 NOT THE SAME 15,000. THEY ARE LEAVING, NOT VERY QUICKLY, BUT

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1 SOME OF THEM EACH DAY, AND BECAUSE THE POPULATION IN OUR JAILS
2 IS PRIMARILY PEOPLE OF COLOR, THEY'RE RETURNING TO THEIR
3 COMMUNITIES PRIMARILY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WHICH ARE
4 HIGHLY AT RISK. AND I WANTED TO SEE IF WE COULD ALSO ASK OR
5 EXPLORE IN ONE OF THOSE TIERS AS THEY OPEN UP SOME ATTENTION
6 PAID TO INOCULATING INMATES, NOT JUST AS A FAVOR TO THEM, BUT
7 AS A WAY OF REDUCING THE SPREAD IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO MY
8 DOUBLE QUESTION IS DO WE HAVE A WAY OF ASKING FOR ATTENTION TO
9 BE PAID DOWN THE LINE TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS WHO ARE NOT YET
10 MENTIONED LIKE TEACHERS AND INMATES?

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, YES, SO WE'RE REALLY
13 FOCUSED A LOT ON 1A, WHICH ARE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND LONG
14 TERM FACILITY RESIDENTS, BUT 1B WILL RAPIDLY COME NEXT, AND
15 THAT'S WHAT'S CALLED ESSENTIAL WORKERS. THAT INCLUDES ALL THE
16 FIRST RESPONDERS. IT INCLUDES TEACHERS. IT INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO
17 MANAGE YOUR TRANSPORTATION HUBS. AND HERE, AGAIN, WE ALWAYS
18 WAIT FOR THE GUIDANCE TO COME THROUGH THE C.D.C. SCIENTIFIC
19 COMMITTEE ON THIS, BUT HERE IS WHERE THE DEFINITION OF
20 ESSENTIAL WORKER IS GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF IS
21 THAT GOING TO INCLUDE LIKE THE GROCERY STORE CLERK, ETC.,
22 PEOPLE WHO RIGHT NOW HAVE TO STILL GO TO WORK, BUT FOR SURE IT
23 INCLUDES TEACHERS, AND FOR SURE IT INCLUDES FIRST RESPONDERS,
24 AND FOR SURE IT INCLUDES ALL STAFF THAT WORK WITHIN
25 CORRECTIONS. SO IT'S A PRETTY BROAD CATEGORY. AND WE CAN SEND

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1 YOU HOW IT'S BROADLY DEFINED. I THINK, AGAIN, WE WAIT FOR THE
2 C.D.C. TO ACTUALLY ISSUE THEIR GUIDANCE FOR ALL OF US, AND
3 THAT HELPS A LOT WITH THE DEFINITIONS. HIGH RISK ELDERLY AND
4 HIGH RISK PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE ALSO IN
5 1B, RIGHT, DR. DAVIS? 1C. OH, THEY MOVE INTO 1C. THEN WE GO
6 THE 1C, AND THAT'S THIS HIGHER RISK POPULATION, WHICH COULD
7 INCLUDE --

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** MANY INMATES ARE, THEIR HEALTH IS AT RISK. AND AS
10 I SAID, IT'S NOT EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE POPULATION --

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** NO, NO.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT THEY HAVE WHEN THEY
15 ARE RELEASED, AND WE DO WANT THEM TO BE RELEASED AFTER THEY
16 HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME, I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF SOME ATTENTION
17 COULD BE PAID, BUT FOR TEACHERS, ABSOLUTELY. MY SECOND
18 QUESTION IS TO DR. GHALY IF YOU WOULD CLARIFY JUST A LITTLE. I
19 WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION IN TERMS OF OPENING MORE I.C.U.S,
20 WHICH WAS A QUESTION FROM MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT
21 THERE ALSO IS AN ISSUE ABOUT PEOPLE BEING APPROPRIATELY
22 TRAINED TO WORK IN AN I.C.U. OR TO NURSE, BE A NURSE IN AN
23 I.C.U. YOU CAN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, SWITCH EVERYBODY OVER IN YOUR
24 HOSPITAL TO SUDDENLY WORK IN AN I.C.U. IS THAT A CORRECT
25 UNDERSTANDING ON MY PART?

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1

2 **DR. GHALY:** YES, THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. I.C.U.
3 TRAINING PROGRAMS TYPICALLY, FOR ALREADY LICENSED NURSES, TAKE
4 ANYWHERE FROM SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR FOR A FULL TRAINING
5 PROGRAM. IT'S A COMPLEX EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND DOES REQUIRE A
6 LOT OF TIME TO DO IT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. MANY
7 HOSPITALS HAVE EXPEDITED I.C.U. TRAINING PROGRAMS OVER THE
8 LAST NINE MONTHS. WHEN I'VE SPOKEN ABOUT REDEPLOYMENT OF
9 NURSES INTO THE I.C.U., THEY'RE DRAWING FROM NURSES WHO DO
10 HAVE PRIOR I.C.U. EXPERIENCE. SO THEY WORKED IN AN I.C.U., AND
11 THEN THEY TOOK ANOTHER POSITION IN ANOTHER SETTING, OR THEY
12 WORKED IN A SETTING LIKE AN I.C.U., LIKE SOME OF THE PROCEDURE
13 UNITS OR POST ANESTHESIA CARE UNITS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE
14 THEY'RE SOME OF THE SAME SKILL SETS THAT ARE UTILIZED.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK OBVIOUSLY YOU'LL LET US KNOW IF
17 THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ENCOURAGE OTHER TRAINING
18 INSTITUTIONS TO KIND OF RAMP UP THEIR PROGRAMS BECAUSE IT
19 LOOKS LIKE, FOR THE NEAR TERM AT LEAST, UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE
20 GOING TO NEED MORE PERSONNEL AND MORE I.C.U.S. MY LAST
21 QUESTION GOES TO THE QUESTION ABOUT CONTACT TRACING ALSO
22 RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I GOT A COUPLE OF
23 TEXTS FROM FRIENDS SAYING IF YOU HAVE AN APPLE PHONE, YOU'VE
24 GOT AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION THING IN IT. GO TO THAT. TURN IT
25 ON. AND IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, CALIFORNIA'S GOING TO START

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1 NOTIFYING YOU IF YOU WERE IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO TESTED
2 POSITIVE. CAN YOU SAY MORE ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I THINK
3 EVERYBODY'S GOT, YOU KNOW, EITHER ONE KIND OF PHONE OR
4 ANOTHER? AND I THINK WE COULD GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS.
5 WOULD THAT HELP WITH CONTACT TRACING? OR HOW IS THAT GOING TO
6 AFFECT OUR UNDERSTANDING?

7

8 **DR. DAVIS:** THIS IS DR. DAVIS. I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION, AND
9 IT'S THE CALIFORNIA NOTIFY PROGRAM. IT'S A FUNCTION THAT WAS
10 BUILT ON BOTH THE APPLE PLATFORM AS WELL AS THE ANDROID
11 PLATFORM. I BELIEVE IT WAS SENT OUT TO ALL OF THOSE PHONES
12 WHENEVER SOMEBODY DID AN UPDATE OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. AND
13 YOU'RE CORRECT. YOU DO HAVE TO GO IN AND TURN ON
14 NOTIFICATIONS. AND THEN IF YOU TEST POSITIVE, AND YOU HAVE
15 THAT ON, YOU CAN, IF YOU AGREE TO NOTIFY THROUGH THE APP, AS
16 WELL, THEN IT WILL NOTIFY OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN AROUND YOU
17 FOR THE 15 MINUTES WITHIN 6 FEET BASED ON BLUETOOTH TECHNOLOGY
18 THAT THEY WERE POTENTIALLY EXPOSED. THAT WOULD LET THEM KNOW
19 THAT THEY COULD TAKE (INDISCERNIBLE) ACTIONS. THEY'RE STILL
20 WORKING THROUGH HOW THAT GETS BACK TO US, BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE
21 NUMBER THAT PEOPLE CAN CALL TO SAY I WAS EXPOSED OR I GOT A
22 NOTIFICATION I WAS EXPOSED, AND WE CAN HELP THEM WORK THROUGH
23 THEIR SITUATION.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **DR. FERRER:** OH, NO. I JUST -- USERS ARE NOT GOING TO BE TOLD
3 WHO THEY WERE EXPOSED TO. THEY'RE JUST GOING TO GET A
4 NOTIFICATION THAT THEY WERE EXPOSED. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE
5 TOLD WHERE THEY WERE EXPOSED, EITHER. SO, YOU KNOW, OUR HOPE
6 IS THAT FOLKS WILL THEN CALL US SO THEY GET MORE HELP AND
7 SUPPORT. WE STILL THINK IT'S GOOD BECAUSE WE KNOW PEOPLE CAN
8 CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOR IF THEY KNOW THAT THEY WERE IN FACT
9 EXPOSED, BUT IT DOES CREATE FOR US -- WE'LL STAFF UP OUR CALL
10 LINE, AND WE'LL DO MUCH MORE PUSHING OUT THROUGH THIS ABOUT
11 THE FACT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD CALL US IF THEY WERE NOTIFIED SO
12 THAT WE CAN HELP THEM ON UNDERSTANDING WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO
13 QUARANTINE.

14

15 **DR. DAVIS:** AND I THINK JUST TO ADD TO THAT, IT DOESN'T COLLECT
16 YOUR NAME OR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. IT DOESN'T COLLECT
17 YOUR LOCATION. IT'S NOT TRACKING WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, BUT
18 THERE'S SORT OF THESE ENCRYPTED, UNIDENTIFIED CODES THAT GO
19 BETWEEN THE BLUETOOTH PHONES, AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT TELLS A
20 PERSON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE
21 IF THEY SHARE THAT INFORMATION.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT DID YOU SAY THAT IF I TEST POSITIVE, I NEED TO
24 ENTER THAT INFORMATION SOMEHOW INTO MY PHONE?

25

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1 **DR. DAVIS:** YES, YOU DO.

2

3 **DR. FERRER:** THERE'S TWO WAYS YOU'LL DO THAT. IF YOUR LAB
4 RESULT IS ALREADY IN THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM,
5 YOU'LL GET A TEXT FROM THE STATE. AND IN THAT TEXT MESSAGE,
6 THERE WILL BE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOU TO CLICK ON THE SELF-
7 SERVICE LINK TO GENERATE A VERIFICATION CALL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY.

10

11 **DR. FERRER:** CODE. OR YOU'LL GET A CALL CENTER NUMBER. AND THEN
12 YOU ENTER IN THAT CODE, AND THEN THAT'S REALLY WHAT YOU NEED
13 TO DO THERE. YOU'LL BE TOLD BY C.D.P.H. IN THAT SAME TEXT
14 MESSAGE THAT YOU NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE, AND THE LOCAL HEALTH
15 DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONTACTED BECAUSE THAT'S A POSITIVE LAB
16 RESULT ALREADY IN THE SYSTEM. WE'RE ALREADY GOING TO KNOW
17 THAT. SO FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE POSITIVE, THEY CAN OPT IN TO
18 SHARING THAT INFORMATION. IF THEIR LAB IS IN THE ELECTRONIC
19 REPORTING SYSTEM, THAT PERSON WHO'S POSITIVE WILL GET AN
20 AUTOMATIC MESSAGE FROM THE STATE. IF THE CASE DOESN'T CLICK ON
21 THAT LINK, THEN THERE CAN BE FOLLOW UP WITH THAT CASE, BUT
22 NOBODY'S REQUIRED TO TELL ANYONE ELSE THAT THEY'RE POSITIVE.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, DOCTORS, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I THINK
25 IF WE CAN DEVELOP, ALTHOUGH IT IS A LITTLE COMPLICATED BECAUSE

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1 IT'S NOT THE ONLY WAY THAT I WOULD BE NOTIFIED, FOR INSTANCE -

2 -

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** YES, YES.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** IF WE COULD SOMEHOW DO A MESSAGE THAT WE COULD GET
7 OUT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO ACTIVATE THE
8 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION IN OUR PHONES. NOTHING -- IT DOESN'T
9 HURT BECAUSE NOBODY'S GOING TO KNOW, YOU KNOW, WHO IT IS,
10 BROADLY. BUT I THINK IT'S JUST ONE ADDITIONAL WAY BUT NOT THE
11 ONLY WAY, IS THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. WE ALREADY HAVE THE CITIZENS APP
14 HERE IN L.A. THAT DOES SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT.

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** BUT WE ARE GOING TO MESSAGE ON THIS. WE'RE
19 ACTUALLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE STATE TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE
20 ANY INFORMATION ON THE POSITIVE CASES. SO, YES, WE'LL -- I
21 LOVE YOUR SUGGESTION, AND WE WILL ABSOLUTELY MAKE SURE THAT WE
22 HAVE LIKE A LITTLE CHEAT SHEET THAT'S REALLY EASY TO
23 UNDERSTAND ABOUT HOW YOU ACTIVATE, WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE, AND
24 THEN HOW YOUR PRIVACY IS PROTECTED BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE

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1 BIGGEST ISSUE. PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NOT SOME
2 HUGE SYSTEM OUT THERE THAT'S COLLECTING ALL THIS INFORMATION.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL THREE DOCTORS. I
5 REALLY APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU SPENT WITH US TODAY. AND THANK
6 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HAVE A REQUEST BY
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WHO HAS A QUESTION.

10

11 **SUPERVISOR MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AS I
12 LISTENED TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HAHN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS. AND IN KEEPING, IN ADDITION TO
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S COMMENTS, I JUST WANTED TO ECHO THE SUPPORT
15 OF TEACHERS AND OUR INCARCERATED COMMUNITY. AND AS SHE TALKED,
16 TWO THINGS THAT OCCURRED TO ME, CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, CHILDCARE
17 PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ESSENTIAL BECAUSE THEIR FACILITIES,
18 IN MANY INSTANCES, HAVE REMAINED OPEN SO OTHER ESSENTIAL
19 WORKERS COULD GO TO WORK SAFELY AND HAVE A PLACE TO LEAVE
20 THEIR CHILDREN. THE CHILDCARE PROVIDER COMMUNITY HAS ALSO SEEN
21 AN INCREASE IN THEIR SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION. SO AS WE TALK
22 ABOUT TEACHERS, I'M HOPING THAT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT
23 CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, BOTH IN-HOME AND CENTER-BASED, WOULD BE
24 INCLUDED IN THAT TIER TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE VACCINE.

25

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1 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THEY ARE, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
2 BUT, YES, CHILDCARE PROVIDERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN 1B.

3

4 **SUPERVISOR MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL OF OUR COLLEAGUES,
7 AND I'M SORRY THIS TOOK A LONG TIME, BUT I DID WANT TO TRY TO
8 GET US THROUGH THIS, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
9 GOOD QUESTIONS. AND I KNOW THAT ONE OF OUR BIG CONCERNS IS
10 GOING TO BE THAT WE DO RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE DOSAGE OF
11 VACCINES SO WE CAN COVER THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IF NOT
12 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE EXPECTING THE VACCINE TO PROVIDE
13 ASSISTANCE TO THEM IN THE COMING MONTHS. WE REALLY HAVE TO DO
14 OUR WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE. SO THANK
15 ALL THE COLLEAGUES FOR THAT. I WANT TO TURN NOW, WE HAVE TWO
16 MOTIONS BEFORE US, AND I'LL HAVE MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER START
17 OFF WITH THE BARGER-SOLIS MOTION THAT IS KNOWN AS THE
18 RESOURCING ENFORCEMENT OF SUPER SPREADER EVENTS THAT HAS BEEN
19 AMENDED AND ACCEPTED BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. SO, PLEASE,
20 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE READ IN BEFORE YOU IS BEFORE YOU, AS
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS STATED, IS THE MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER
24 AND SOLIS AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

2

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

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO THE NEXT MOTION, THE ONE THAT
23 IS BEFORE US THAT I INITIALLY PUT FORWARD AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
24 HAS TO DEAL WITH AN EQUITABLE COVID-19 VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION.
25 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION BEFORE YOU IS THE MOTION BEFORE
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS BEFORE YOU.
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

7

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUPERVISOR BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THOSE TWO MOTIONS ARE APPROVED.
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH, COLLEAGUES. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM
4 NUMBER 15, EXPEDITING HOMELESS FUNDS CONTRACTING PROCESS, AND
5 I BELIEVE THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO PLEASE UNMUTE
6 YOUR MIC AND YOU CAN SPEAK. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THIS MOTION IS
9 IMPORTANT PARTICULARLY RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IT SEEKS TO
10 STREAMLINE AND EXPEDITE OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR OUR
11 HOMELESS PROVIDERS. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED
12 TIMES. WE HAVE THIS PANDEMIC THAT HAS DEVASTATED OUR ECONOMY
13 AND TAKEN LIVES. AND WE KNOW THE MOST AT RISK AMONG US ARE THE
14 MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE STILL LIVING ON OUR STREETS AND HAVE
15 NO PLACE TO SHELTER OR ABILITY TO GET THE MEDICAL CARE NEEDED
16 TO STAY ALIVE. IT'S AMAZING WORK OF OUR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS
17 WHO REALLY ARE OUR UNSEEN HEROES WHO EVERY DAY PUT THEIR LIVES
18 AT RISK TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS ARE CARED
19 FOR, HAVE FOOD, HAVE MEDICAL SERVICES, AND ARE TREATED WITH A
20 DIGNITY THEY DESERVE. AND AS THIS HAS RAVAGED L.A. COUNTY, OUR
21 PROVIDERS NEVER SHRUNK FROM OUR DUTIES. THEY ROSE TO THE
22 CHALLENGE EVEN MORE BECAUSE THEY KNEW WHAT WAS AT RISK. AND
23 SINCE THE PANDEMIC STARTED, OUR PROVIDERS HAVE CONTINUED TO GO
24 INTO THE ENCAMPMENTS AND CONTINUE TO HOUSE PEOPLE AND CONTINUE
25 TO PROVIDE AN UNMATCHED LEVEL OF CARE, BUT THIS HAS NOT COME

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1 WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES. AND I WAS REALLY DISAPPOINTED AND
2 SHOCKED, MAY I SAY, TO HEAR THAT MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS ARE
3 FACING CHALLENGES WITH L.A.H.S.A.'S CONTRACTING AND BILLING
4 PROCESS THAT'S PUT AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON THEM. MANY ARE
5 OPERATING WITHOUT CONTRACTS, AND SOME ARE RELYING ON THEIR OWN
6 LINES OF CREDIT TO MAKE PAYROLL AND SUPPORT THEIR CLIENTS,
7 WHICH ACCUMULATES INTEREST THAT IS NOT REIMBURSABLE. THEY'RE
8 USING THEIR OWN CREDIT CARDS. THE PROVIDERS THAT DO HAVE
9 CONTRACTS ARE OFTEN LEFT WITH THE TEDIOUS TASK OF GOING BACK
10 AND FORTH TO GET CORRECTED BUDGETS, AND THEN THEY WAIT WEEKS
11 OR MONTHS FOR CONTRACTS TO BE FINALIZED BEFORE THEY CAN
12 INVOICE, WHICH ADDS MORE TIME BEFORE THEY ARE REIMBURSED.
13 COLLEAGUES, I REALLY THINK THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND WE NEED
14 TO TREAT THIS CRISIS WITH THE URGENCY THAT IT DEMANDS AND NOT
15 ALLOW ANY BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE TO GET IN THE WAY. THAT'S WHY
16 THROUGH THIS MOTION I'VE ASKED OUR C.E.O. TO EXECUTE ALL
17 CONTRACTS WITH L.A.H.S.A. WITHIN 30 DAYS AND FOR L.A.H.S.A. TO
18 CREATE A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A MASTER CONTRACTING MODEL SIMILAR
19 TO OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HOUSING FOR HEALTH
20 AND FOR THE LAST OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS TO BE EXECUTED NOW. I
21 DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS MISSED THAT, BUT I'M ACTUALLY ASKING
22 L.A.H.S.A. TO MODEL OUR OWN D.H.S. IN TERMS OF HOW THEY DO
23 CONTRACTS. YOU ALL MIGHT HAVE REMEMBERED THAT SHELTER THAT I
24 PUT UP IN SIX WEEKS USING A VACANT COUNTY BUILDING IN SAN
25 PEDRO AND STARTED WITH L.A.H.S.A. BUT THEN IMMEDIATELY MOVED

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1 TO D.H.S. BECAUSE D.H.S. WAS ABLE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR
2 EVERYTHING THAT WE WERE DOING TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL SHELTER IN
3 SAN PEDRO. SO LET'S JUST GET THIS STUFF DONE. AND IT'S TOO BAD
4 THAT I REALLY EVEN HAVE TO BRING THIS MOTION, BUT I REALLY
5 WANTED OUR PROVIDERS TO KNOW THAT WE SEE THEM, WE HEAR THEM,
6 WE'RE ON THEIR SIDES, AND WE COULD NOT BEGIN TO TACKLE OUR
7 HOMELESS CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY WITHOUT THEM. THEY ARE ON THE
8 FRONTLINES. LET'S DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAY SURE THEY'RE NOT
9 USING THEIR OWN MONEY, DRIVING UP THEIR INTEREST RATES, AND
10 NOT GETTING WHAT THEY WE NEED TO DO THE WORK THAT WE SO
11 DESPERATELY NEED THEM TO DO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. NOW I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, I FEEL LIKE
17 THIS IS DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN BECAUSE EARLY ON I THINK THIS
18 BOARD WILL REMEMBER THAT WE FRONT LOADED A LOT OF FUNDING TO
19 L.A.H.S.A. BECAUSE THEY WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH THEIR CASH
20 FLOW. AND AS A RESULT, MANY OF OUR NONPROFITS WERE NOT GETTING
21 PAID IN A TIMELY FASHION. AND I THOUGHT THAT WE HAD ACTUALLY
22 FIXED THAT BY ACTUALLY PROVIDING MONEY TO L.A.H.S.A. SO THAT
23 THEY COULD, IN REAL-TIME, REIMBURSE. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING
24 THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID. AND I THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
25 LETTING ME BE A PART OF THIS MOTION. WE'RE ASKING OUR

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1 PROVIDERS TO DO MORE WITH LESS RIGHT NOW, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS
2 COVID PANDEMIC IN PLACE AND ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO
3 EMERGENCY HOUSING. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
4 PROVIDE THE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE PROMISED TODAY GIVE THEM. AND
5 I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORING HOW THIS IS
6 PLAYING OUT BECAUSE IF WE LOSE ANY OF OUR NONPROFITS THAT ARE
7 OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND THAT HAVE THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY,
8 WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT WHEN YOU'RE DEALING
9 WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION, IF WE LOSE THAT COMMUNITY TRUST
10 AND WE LOSE THAT NONPROFIT, WE ARE GOING TO LOSE AN IMPORTANT,
11 IMPORTANT ENTITY THAT'S GOING TO HELP US ADDRESS THIS HOMELESS
12 CRISIS AS IT CONTINUES TO GROW ON THE STREETS. SO I AM
13 WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSING THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO DO THIS. AND
14 I WANT TO THANK OUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS FOR WORKING WITH
15 US. AND PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE SUPPORTED BY THIS BOARD AND
16 THAT WE WILL WORK TOWARD GETTING THIS ADDRESSED QUICKLY. THANK
17 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO
20 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK MY
23 COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I, TOO, AM
24 HEARING A LOT OF FRUSTRATION FROM OUR ORGANIZATIONS, AND
25 CONTRACTING BETWEEN L.A.H.S.A. AND THE PROVIDERS HAS BECOME

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1 EVEN MORE DIFFICULT DURING COVID-19, AND CHALLENGES THAT WE
2 HAD BEFORE HAVE JUST BEEN EXACERBATED. AS YOU INDICATED, AND I
3 WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE, OUR PROVIDERS ARE DOING HERCULEAN,
4 INCREDIBLE WORK SUPPORTING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
5 AND THE THE LAST THING WE WANT IS FOR THEM TO EXPEND ALL THEIR
6 TIME AND ENERGY ON CONTRACTS. SO THIS IS A REALLY GOOD
7 OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY THE STEPS THAT THE COUNTY CAN TAKE TO
8 HELP EASE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS AND HOW TO BEST SUPPORT
9 L.A.H.S.A. AS THEY WORK ON SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT, BUT I DO THINK
10 IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT L.A.H.S.A.'S STRUCTURE
11 IS AS A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY WITH THE CITY. AND THAT MEANS
12 THAT ESSENTIALLY THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM OUR COUNTY
13 DEPARTMENTS. WE CAN'T JUST GO, AS WE HAVE, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL
14 COAUTHORED A NUMBER OF MOTIONS TO STREAMLINE CONTRACTING IN
15 THE COUNTY. WE CAN'T JUST SAY DO IT AND STREAMLINE IT BECAUSE
16 THE CONTRACTING IS OFTEN MADE MORE COMPLICATED BECAUSE IT
17 RELIES ON DECISIONS NOT JUST BY THE COUNTY BUT ALSO BY THE
18 CITY, BUT I STILL THINK THAT THAT PARTNERSHIP IS REALLY,
19 REALLY IMPORTANT. I'M TAKING THIS MOTION TO ALSO MEAN HELPING
20 TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN GET THE CITY TO WORK BETTER WITH US
21 IN STREAMLINING THE CONTRACTS, AS WELL, BECAUSE THE EFFORTS
22 THAT PROVIDERS AND L.A.H.S.A. HAVE MADE OVER THE PAST NINE
23 MONTHS HAVE BEEN REALLY HEROIC. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
24 BACK ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS.
25 I'M REALLY HOPEFUL WE'LL BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT USEFUL

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1 SOLUTIONS. I HEARD WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID, AND I REALLY
2 UNDERSTAND. WE DON'T WANT ANY OF OUR PROVIDERS SAYING, YOU
3 KNOW, GO YOU KNOW WHAT UP A ROPE, AND I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY,
4 BUT THE THING IS, IT'S EVEN HARDER FOR THEM THAN THAT. THEY
5 DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAY "I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY. THE
6 CONTRACTING IS TOO HARD." THEY NEED OUR MONEY, AND THEY NEED
7 L.A.H.S.A.. SO I THINK THIS MOTION IS VERY SMART IN SAYING
8 LET'S FIGURE OUT A WAY, AND I'M ASSUMING IT MEANS GET THE CITY
9 ON BOARD, AS WELL, TO MAKE CONTRACTING NOT JUST EASIER BUT SO
10 THAT OUR NONPROFITS AREN'T HAVING TO PUT OUT MONEY THAT THEY
11 DON'T HAVE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MOTION, AND I'M
12 VERY SUPPORTIVE.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I JUST WANT TO
15 ADD THIS IS A VERY GOOD MOTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
16 BARGER. SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION FOR
17 THE LAST I BELIEVE THREE YEARS, I THINK SOME OF US HAVE BEEN
18 WORKING ON THIS, AND IT HAS BEEN A HARD NUT TO CRACK, I WILL
19 SAY. MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS, AND I CAN NAME THEM, VOLUNTEERS OF
20 AMERICA, UNION STATION, HOMELESS SERVICES, SALVATION ARMY,
21 MANY OF THEM HAVE STEPPED UP IN SO MANY WAYS TO HELP US WITH
22 PROJECT ROOM KEY AND ACTUALLY EXPAND FROM SOME OF OUR INITIAL
23 DISTRICTS INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND THEY DON'T HAVE
24 ENOUGH MONEY TO ENCUMBER BECAUSE THE REVENUE IS NOT THERE. SO
25 WE DO NEED TO PROVIDE THEM A LIFELINE, AND I REALLY DO HOPE

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1 THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
2 AUTHORITY SO THAT THEY DO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE SERVING A FAR
3 GREATER POPULATION THAN JUST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO,
4 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I APPRECIATE IT. ARE THERE
5 ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS THAT I'VE
6 MISSED? OKAY. HEARING NONE, THEN, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT
7 IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.
8 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 15 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL?

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

14

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

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

4

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

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY, THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MOVING
10 ON TO ITEM 16, FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO SUPPORT FEDERAL
11 PANDEMIC RELIEF PROPOSAL. THIS IS AN ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN HELD
12 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC. THANKS. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. GOSH, WE'VE TALKED SO MUCH
15 ABOUT THIS PANDEMIC AND HOW DIFFICULT IT'S BEEN FOR US AS
16 ELECTED OFFICIALS TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS ABOUT THE PUBLIC'S
17 HEALTH VERSUS OUR ECONOMY, AND TO BE HONEST WITH THE YOU,
18 SINCE THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT PASSED, I THINK WE'VE BEEN LARGELY
19 ABANDONED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WITHOUT ADEQUATE
20 FUNDING FROM OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PAY PEOPLE TO STAY HOME
21 AND TO PAY BUSINESSES TO STAY CLOSED, WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO
22 MAKE DECISIONS THAT HURT OUR ECONOMY AND RESULT IN LAYOFF OF
23 WORKERS, AND THESE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN PAINFUL. THERE'S PEOPLE
24 WHO ARE SICK BECAUSE OF AREAS OF THE ECONOMY WE'VE KEPT OPEN,
25 AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE AREAS OF

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1 THE ECONOMY WE'VE SHUT DOWN WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT THE
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING THEIR PAYCHECKS. THIS ISN'T HOW IT HAD
3 TO BE. YOU CAN IMAGINE THE SCENARIO IN WHICH THE FEDERAL
4 GOVERNMENT PROVIDED US WITH ENOUGH MONEY THAT WE COULD PAY
5 PEOPLE WHO WORKED IN INDUSTRIES THAT WERE CLOSED IN OUR HEALTH
6 ORDERS AND PAY SMALL BUSINESSES TO STAY CLOSED. THIS SHOULD
7 HAVE HAPPENED MONTHS AGO, BUT IT ISN'T TOO LATE FOR IT TO MAKE
8 A DIFFERENCE. THE VACCINE IS COMING. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
9 THAT, BUT IT'S STILL MONTHS AWAY FROM IT BEING AVAILABLE TO
10 THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE FAMILIES THAT AREN'T
11 ABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT IN MONTHS AND SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE
12 HANGING ON BY A THREAD, AND WE NEED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO
13 WASHINGTON THAT WE NEED THIS FEDERAL COVID RELIEF PACKAGE TO
14 PASS AND TO PASS QUICKLY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. ON
15 SUNDAY, A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF LAWMAKERS AGREED TO A \$908
16 BILLION PACKAGE. THIS CURRENT PROPOSAL DOES NOT INCLUDE
17 ANOTHER DIRECT PAYMENT TO MOST AMERICANS, BUT IT DOES PROVIDE
18 \$288 BILLION IN SMALL BUSINESS AID, \$160 BILLION IN STATE AND
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELIEF, AND \$188 BILLION TO FUND A \$300 PER
20 WEEK SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT THROUGH MARCH OF NEXT
21 YEAR. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO REAUTHORIZE THE PAYCHECK
22 PROTECTION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A SECOND ROUND OF SUBSIDIES TO
23 BUSINESSES STRUGGLING THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC. IT'S NOWHERE NEAR
24 ENOUGH, BUT IT'S SOMETHING, AND IT'S A START. THE BIDEN
25 ADMINISTRATION HAS CALLED THIS A DOWN PAYMENT ON SOMETHING

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1 THAT WE CAN HOPE WILL BE BIGGER NEXT YEAR. AND I'M HOPEFUL
2 THAT THE INCOMING BIDEN ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ABLE TO STRIKE
3 A MUCH LARGER DEAL NEXT YEAR THAT WOULD INCLUDE DIRECT
4 PAYMENTS TO MOST AMERICANS. SO THIS MOTION CALLS -- ASKS US TO
5 SEND -- FOR THIS BOARD TO SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER IN
6 SUPPORT OF THIS LATEST BIPARTISAN FEDERAL COVID RELIEF PACKAGE
7 AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL PROPOSALS THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE
8 CRITICAL RELIEF TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. I WANT US TO GO ON
9 RECORD TODAY SAYING THAT WE SUPPORT THIS COMPROMISE, AND WE
10 NEED IT DESPERATELY TO GET TO US BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
11 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
14 THANKS FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS MOTION. AND I'M STRONGLY
15 SUPPORTIVE OF THE \$908 BILLION AID PACKAGE THAT'S BEFORE THE
16 CONGRESS. THE AID PACKAGE, AS YOU KNOW, WILL NOT FIX
17 EVERYTHING, BUT IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN SHORING UP SUPPORT
18 FOR L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT IS
19 A BIPARTISAN FRAMEWORK THAT'S BEING PRESENTED, WHICH IS STILL
20 BEING NEGOTIATED, AND IT'S CRITICAL FOR US TO LOOK AT HOW WE
21 PROVIDE NEARLY 300 BILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, 180 BILLION
22 FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS AND 160 BILLION FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND
23 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL MEANING L.A. COUNTY. SO, YES, WE ARE
24 IN DIRE NEED OF THIS LIFESAVING MECHANISM, AND WE KNOW IT
25 WON'T BE THE LAST. UNEMPLOYMENT IS SKYROCKETING. WE STILL HAVE

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1 UPWARDS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES OF
2 COLOR. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECENTLY RELEASED THEIR
3 NOVEMBER DATA SHOWING THAT WE ONLY HAD 245,000 INDIVIDUALS
4 THAT ACTUALLY WERE -- SOUGHT NEW JOBS AND FOUND THEM, BUT THAT
5 DOESN'T ACCOUNT FOR THE MILLIONS THAT ARE OUT THERE LOOKING
6 RIGHT NOW AND NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY UNEMPLOYMENT
7 BENEFITS. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT YOU ON THIS. THANK YOU,
8 AND I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO SUPPORT THIS
11 MOTION, BUT I WOULD ALSO ASK THIS BOARD, OVER THE WEEKEND I
12 TALKED TO TWO PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY APPLIED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IN
13 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND TO SAY IT'S BEEN A NIGHTMARE, AND
14 THEY'RE STILL WAITING, AND THEY WERE LAID OFF FROM A JOB AND
15 HAVE TO SHOW DOCUMENTATION AND ALL, WHICH IS FINE, BUT THE RED
16 TAPE AND THE FRUSTRATION THAT I'M HEARING, EVEN AT THE STATE
17 LEVEL, WHICH I WOULD HOPE THAT WE'D BE WORKING WITH THE STATE
18 BECAUSE WHEN I OPEN THE PAPER TODAY AND READ THAT THERE'S \$2
19 BILLION OF FRAUD ALLEGEDLY, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S
20 ACCURATE OR NOT, I FEEL AS THOUGH WE ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
21 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY TO ASK THE STATE TO BEGIN TO SERIOUSLY
22 LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE APPLYING AND THE LENGTH
23 OF TIME IT IS TAKING THEM TO GET APPROVED FOR THAT
24 UNEMPLOYMENT BECAUSE, FOR MANY OF THESE PEOPLE, THAT IS WHAT
25 IS GOING TO PAY PARTIAL RENT FOR THEM OR FOOD OR WHATEVER IS

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1 NEEDED. AND SO, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ALSO APPLY PRESSURE TO
2 THE E.D.D. AND THE STATE TO GET IT TOGETHER AND FIND OUT HOW
3 WE CAN ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE, WHEN APPLYING, THE TURN
4 AROUND IS IN A TIMELY FASHION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WHO WANT TO BE
7 RECOGNIZED, YOU CAN UNMUTE YOUR MIC? IF NOT, I DON'T HEAR ANY,
8 THEN THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'LL SECOND IT.
9 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 16 IS BEFORE
12 YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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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:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. THAT MOTION PASSES. NOW
11 WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 65 HEARING ON THE
12 PROPOSED POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION OF RENEWABLE
13 EMERGENCY SYSTEMS AT TWO COUNTY FACILITIES. ARE THERE ANY
14 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** COUNTY COUNSEL.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. COUNTY COUNSEL, YOU HAD A
19 STATEMENT TO READ IN ON THIS?

20

21 **ATTORNEY:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS OUTLINED IN THE
22 BOARD LETTER, WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THE BOARD MAKE A
23 FINDING THAT THE IMPACTS AND MITIGATION HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN
24 THE PRIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS, AND NO FURTHER
25 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** COMMENTS BY MY COLLEAGUES? OKAY. HEARING
3 NONE --

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST ONE SENTENCE IF I MAY.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AS YOU KNOW, A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY
10 STARTED THE LARGEST COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATE, AND JUST SO WE
11 COULD USE GREEN ENERGY IN A LOT OF OUR CITIES THAT WOULD OPT
12 IN, AND VENTURA COUNTY JOINED US. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY
13 GOOD WAY FOR US TO GO, A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU CAN
14 INCREASE YOUR USE OF GREEN ENERGY AND SAVE MONEY AT THE SAME
15 TIME. SO I HOPE THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT AND THAT --
16 APPROVE THIS HEARING ITEM. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SO IT'S APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
19 PUBLIC HEARING NOW AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 65 IS BEFORE US.
20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE
21 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 65 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL?

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, 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:** AYE.

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD THAT ITEM IS APPROVED. NEXT
23 MEMBERS, ITEM 13, IS SPECIAL ITEMS. WE -- I UNDERSTAND THERE
24 AREN'T ANY THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED, SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY
25 SPECIALS TODAY. THEREFORE, WE MOVE ON TO ADJOURNMENTS, ITEM

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1 14. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR THOSE. SO,
2 I'LL BEGIN. I HAVE ONE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATHLEEN C. STEVENS. SHE WAS BORN AT
4 WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES IN 1960. SHE WAS A
5 PROUD L.A.U.S.D. STUDENT AND GRADUATED FROM FRANKLIN HIGH
6 SCHOOL IN 1977 BEFORE BECOMING THE FIRST IN HER IMMIGRANT
7 FAMILY TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE DEGREE, GRADUATING FROM CAL STATE
8 LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS A LONG TIME VOLUNTEER AND PUBLIC SERVANT,
9 SERVING AS THE P.T.A. PRESIDENT OF EAGLE ROCK ELEMENTARY
10 SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS. SHE ALSO RAN A MASSIVE TOY DONATION
11 PROGRAM FOR ORPHANS IN TIJUANA, MEXICO AND SUPPORTED NUMEROUS
12 STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS, NAMELY OPERATION KIDS HOPE AT
13 EAGLE ROCK ELEMENTARY. KATHY WAS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAIN,
14 L.A.U.S.D. CLASS MOM, SOFTBALL COACH AT THE LOCAL L.A. CITY
15 PUBLIC PARK, AND WAS A MOM TO EVERYONE SHE MET. KATHLEEN IS
16 SURVIVED BY BRUCE, HER HUSBAND, OF 43 YEARS, HER SON, JACOB,
17 DAUGHTER, AMBER, SON-IN-LAW, ADOLFO, AND GRANDDAUGHTER,
18 ALOUETTE. KATHY WAS A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT,
19 AND SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION TO HER
20 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW I WILL RECOGNIZE
21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HER ADJOURNMENTS.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS TODAY.
24 THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, MOVING ON TO
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE FOUR, AND I'LL SAVE
5 ONE TILL LAST BECAUSE I THINK OTHER DISTRICTS WISH TO JOIN ME,
6 BUT I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 MALCOLM MARMORSTEIN, A SCREENWRITER, WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER
8 21ST. HE STARTED HIS CAREER AS A STAGEHAND ON BROADWAY, WORKED
9 ON NOTABLE PRODUCTIONS, THE 1947 PRODUCTION OF "A STREETCAR
10 NAMED DESIRE," STARRING MARLON BRANDO, JESSICA TANDY, AND KARL
11 MALDEN. IN THE 60S, HE WORKED ON A NUMBER OF SOAP OPERAS. HE
12 WROTE 82 EPISODES OF "DARK SHADOWS" DURING THE SOAP'S FIRST
13 SEASON IN '66/'67. AND AS A SCREENWRITER, HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL
14 AND BIGGEST GROSSING FILM IS DISNEY'S "PETE'S DRAGON," WHICH
15 STARTED MICKEY ROONEY, HELEN REDDY, AND SHELLEY WINTERS. HE
16 ALSO WROTE DISNEY'S "RETURN FROM WITCH MOUNTAIN," WITH BETTE
17 DAVIS AND CHRISTOPHER LEE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
18 BARBARA, AND HIS CHILDREN, LARRY, WAYNE, DARRAGH, AND
19 MITCHELL. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I'M REALLY
20 SAD TO SAY THIS, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID LANDER, A
21 REALLY WONDERFUL ACTOR AND FRIEND, WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 4TH.
22 HE WAS A BROOKLYN NATIVE, AND HE MET HIS COMEDY PARTNER,
23 MICHAEL MCKEAN, AND CREATED THEIR LENNY AND SQUIGGY CHARACTERS
24 WHILE THEY WERE ACTING STUDENTS AT CARNEGIE MELLON IN
25 PITTSBURGH BEFORE "LAVERNE & SHIRLEY" PRODUCER, GARRY

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1 MARSHALL, HIRED THEM TO BRING THEIR WRITING TALENTS AND THEIR
2 SPECIAL BRAND OF COMEDY TO THE SHOW. LANDER AND MCKEAN
3 COSTARRED IN THE SHOW THROUGH ITS ENTIRE EIGHT YEAR RUN ON
4 A.B.C. AND AFTER "LAVERNE & SHIRLEY," DAVE LANDER WENT ON TO
5 APPEAR IN DOZENS OF TELEVISION SHOWS AND MOVIES, "LOVE BOAT,"
6 "TWIN PEAKS," "GALAXY HIGH," "STAR TREK: NEXT GEN," "THE
7 SIMPSONS," "BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL," "SCARY MOVIE," MANY,
8 MANY, MANY MORE. HE HAD MORE THAN 100 FILM AND T.V. CREDITS IN
9 ALL, BUT PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH
10 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IN 1984 AND DECIDED INSTEAD OF KEEPING THIS
11 TO HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY, HE WOULD SERVE AS A GOODWILL
12 AMBASSADOR FOR THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY, AND AS
13 HIS BODY GAVE OUT MORE AND MORE, HIS SPIRIT DID NOT, AND HE
14 SHOWED UP AND SHOWED UP. HE SHOWED UP AT A NUMBER OF EVENTS
15 FOR SINGLE PAYER. HE WAS FUNNY AND SERIOUS, A WONDERFUL
16 HUSBAND TO KATHY, A WONDERFUL FATHER TO NATALIE, AND HE WILL
17 BE SORELY MISSED. DAVID LANDER. AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
18 TODAY IN MEMORY OF L.G.B.T.Q. ADVOCATE, LAURIE MCBRIDE, WHO
19 DIED ON DECEMBER 4TH. SHE CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF A.I.D.S.
20 AND GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN 1984 WHEN SHE CHAIRED THE
21 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON A.I.D.S. FOR TWO YEARS. IN '86 AND
22 '87, SHE CO-CHAIRLED THE SUCCESSFUL GRASSROOTS NO ON 69 AND NO
23 ON 64, WHICH WAS KNOWN AS THE LAROCHE INITIATIVE THAT WANTED
24 TO QUARANTINE AND LIMIT EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH
25 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. FROM '88 TO '90, SHE CO-CHAIRLED THE

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1 MOBILIZATION AGAINST A.I.D.S. FROM '90 TO '91, SHE WAS THE
2 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL STONEWALL DEMOCRATIC CLUB. IN
3 1990, SHE JOINED L.I.F.E. LOBBY -- L.I.F.E. STANDING FOR LOBBY
4 FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND EQUALITY, AS THEIR EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR. I THINK MANY OF US KNEW HER IN OUR WORK IN
6 SACRAMENTO. SHE DRAFTED GROUNDBREAKING A.I.D.S. AND GAY RIGHTS
7 LEGISLATION, INCLUDING A.B.101, THE JOB EQUITY CENTERPIECE OF
8 THE L.G.B.T.Q. RIGHTS CALIFORNIA AGENDA, WHOSE VETO BY
9 GOVERNOR WILSON IN 1991 LAUNCHED MONTHS OF MILITANT STREET
10 PROTESTS BY OVER 100,000 PEOPLE. SHE WENT ON TO WORK FOR A
11 NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS, INCLUDING A STINT AS
12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN KEVIN SHELLEY WAS ELECTED
13 SECRETARY OF STATE IN 2003. SHE WAS A BELOVED MENTOR AND
14 FRIEND TO GENERATIONS OF L.G.B.T.Q.+ ACTIVISTS. SHE WAS A TRUE
15 WARRIOR FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY AND A FIERCE, FIERCE ALLY
16 DURING THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC. HER LEADERSHIP ON
17 POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS I KNOW SAVED
18 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF LIVES. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER WIFE
19 OF 35 YEARS, DONNA YUTZY. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
20 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAFER JOHNSON. YOU
21 KNOW, WE WOULD SAY OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST RAFER JOHNSON, LIKE
22 WE HAD TO TELL YOU WHO HE WAS. HE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 2ND,
23 NOT EVEN A WEEK AGO. IT WAS AN EVENTFUL LIFE. HE BROKE RACIAL
24 BARRIERS, PLAYED AN UNEXPECTED ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
25 RELATIONS OF THE COLD WAR, IMMERSED HIMSELF IN THE TURBULENT

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1 POLITICS OF THE 1960S. AT THE 1960 ROME OLYMPICS, HE WAS THE
2 U.S. TEAM'S FLAG BEARER, THE FIRST BLACK AMERICAN SO HONORED.
3 HIS DECATHLON BATTLE THAT YEAR WITH C.K. YANG, HIS TRAINING
4 PARTNER AT U.C.L.A., RANKS AMONG THE CLASSIC MOMENTS OF
5 OLYMPICS HISTORY. AND AFTER THAT VICTORY, HE HAD A CAREER AS A
6 T.V. REPORTER, COVERED THE '64 OLYMPICS FOR N.B.C. AND THEN A
7 SPORTS ANCHOR FOR K.N.B.C. IN LOS ANGELES. BUT RAFER'S LEGACY
8 WAS INTERWOVEN WITH L.A.'S HISTORY. BEGINNING WITH HIS
9 PERFORMANCES AS A WORLD CLASS ATHLETE AT U.C.L.A., HE WAS
10 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT JUST BEFORE I GOT THERE, AND WHEN HE
11 CAME BACK AS AN ALUM, HE WAS A MENTOR ABOUT ALL OF US WHO WERE
12 INTERESTED IN STUDENT POLITICS, JUST, YOU KNOW, A LEGENDARY
13 FIGURE. AND OF COURSE HIS PERFORMANCE AT U.C.L.A. WAS
14 PUNCTUATED BY THE NIGHT IN 1968 WHEN HE HELPED DISARM ROBERT
15 KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. TO HELP DISABLED
16 CHILDREN, HE CO-FOUNDED THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN
17 1969 AND SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT FOR 10 YEARS. IN 1979, L.A.
18 MAYOR TOM BRADLEY ASKED JOHNSON TO JOIN THE BOARD OF THE
19 COMMITTEE BRINGING THE '84 OLYMPICS TO THE CITY. HE IS
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, HIS CHILDREN, JENNIFER AND
21 JOSHUA, AND HIS BROTHER, JIMMY, A GREAT, GREAT ATHLETE, A
22 WONDERFUL MAN, A KIND MAN, AND A REALLY WONDERFUL LIFE. AND
23 NOW I KNOW THAT BOTH HOLLY AND JANICE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN
24 THIS. HOLLY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT RAFE?

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'D JUST
2 LIKE TO SAY THAT A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO AS A MEMBER OF THE
3 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
4 HAVE AUDIENCE WITH HIM, AND AS YOU'VE SAID, SUCH A FULL,
5 COMPLETE LIFE, SUCH A REGAL MAN. I WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH
6 HIM MANY, MANY YEARS AGO WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS HERE IN LOS
7 ANGELES, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN IN TO
8 COMMEMORATE HIS FULL LIFE. I KNOW THAT HE WAS A CONSTITUENT OF
9 YOURS, BUT REALLY A TRUE SYMBOL OF WHAT -- OF STELLAR
10 ATHLETICISM CAN LEAD INTO CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT CAN
11 REALLY LOOK LIKE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I JOIN YOU IN
12 ADJOURNING IN HIS MEMORY.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. JANICE?

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND YOUR ADJOURNMENT
17 WAS REALLY SO WELL SPOKEN AND PERFECTLY WORDED. THANK YOU FOR
18 THAT. I JUST WOULD SAY THAT I WAS THERE IN 1984 SITTING IN THE
19 STANDS, AND I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE REMEMBER, BUT IT WAS SORT
20 OF A SECRET ON WHO WOULD ACTUALLY BRING THAT TORCH INTO THE
21 COLISEUM AND THEN LIGHT THE CAULDRON, THE OLYMPIC CAULDRON IN
22 THE COLISEUM. SO IT WAS VERY EXCITED WHEN HE CAME THROUGH THE
23 TUNNEL BEARING THE OLYMPIC TORCH, AND YOU COULD JUST HEAR THE
24 MURMURS AND THE WAVE OF EXCITEMENT AND PEOPLE WERE LIKE IT'S
25 RAFAEL JOHNSON, AND WHAT A PERFECT SYMBOL OF ATHLETICISM, A

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1 PERFECT SYMBOL OF A BLACK AMERICAN WHO HAD ACHIEVED SO MUCH,
2 AND JUST A GREAT SYMBOL OF A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING. SO RAFER
3 JOHNSON WAS A GREAT AMERICAN, A GREAT HUMAN BEING, AND HE WILL
4 FOREVER BE INTERWOVEN WITH OUR HISTORY AND IS ONE OF L.A.
5 CITY'S MOST TREASURED ATHLETES. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
8 FOR ALL MEMBERS, PERHAPS?

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WAS GOING TO ASK. IF NO ONE OBJECTS, YES,
11 ABSOLUTELY.

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** GREAT. THANK YOU. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK
14 YOU.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. NEXT, SUPERVISOR
17 HAHN?

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, YES, COMING.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S OKAY.

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
24 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LARRY PEDERSEN, WHO WAS A SAN PEDRO
25 RESIDENT. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68. HE WAS A TRUE PEDRO

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1 BOY, BORN AND RAISED. HE WAS BORN IN THE ORIGINAL SAN PEDRO
2 HOSPITAL. HE ATTENDED POINT FERMIN ELEMENTARY, DANA JR. HIGH,
3 AND SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL. FRIENDS CALL HIM MR. CABRILLO BEACH
4 BECAUSE EVERY DAY AT 4 A.M. HE COULD BE FOUND WORKING OUT IN
5 THE CABRILLO BEACH WEIGHT ROOM. HE OWNED AND OPERATED NORDIC
6 GARDENING SERVICE FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND HIS CLIENTS CALLED
7 HIM THE GARDENER WITH THE DOG BECAUSE HE AND HIS DOG, MOLLY,
8 WERE INSEPARABLE FRIENDS. LARRY WOULD EVEN JOKE THAT MOLLY WAS
9 THE SUPERVISOR, AND HE WAS JUST THE EMPLOYEE. LARRY'S PHYSICAL
10 STRENGTH COUPLED WITH HIS FUN LOVING NATURE WERE WHAT HELPED
11 HIM SURVIVE LYMPHOMA THREE TIMES. HE LOVED LIFE AND LIFE LOVED
12 HIM BACK. LARRY'S PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS. HE'S
13 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TERRIE, SISTER, JUDI, AND HIS NIECES,
14 MICHELLE, BRIANA, NATALIE, AND ANDREA, AND, OF COURSE, HIS
15 BELOVED DOG, MOLLY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJROUN TODAY, WE
16 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY ROUPOLI, WHO WAS A SAN PEDRO
17 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS BORN AND
18 RAISED IN SAN PEDRO. A DEVOTED HOMEMAKER, MARY'S DEEPEST
19 PASSION WAS HER FAMILY. HER BIGGEST JOYS REVOLVED AROUND HER
20 CHILDREN AND HER HUSBAND. A LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER, MARY WAS
21 THE HEART OF HER FAMILY AND CREATED A HOME THAT WAS WELCOMING
22 AND FULL OF LOVE TO ALL WHO ENTERED. SHE HAD A TIGHT-KNIT
23 EXTENDED FAMILY AND ENJOYED LARGE FAMILY CELEBRATIONS. MARY
24 HAD A STRONG FAITH AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ROLLING
25 HILLS COVENANT CHURCH AND WORKED IN THE LIBRARY FOR 10 YEARS.

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1 MARY IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, LOU, AND SHE'S
2 SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN, AND TWO OF HER SONS, YOU CAN'T
3 LIVE IN LOS ANGELES AND NOT HAVE KNOWN TWO OF HER SONS, LOU,
4 WHO IS A RETIRED L.A. CITY FIRE CHIEF AND A SAN PEDRO BUSINESS
5 OWNER, AND RICH, WHO'S A RETIRED L.A.P.D. DEPUTY CHIEF. IN
6 FACT, I BELIEVE HE WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING ITALIAN AMERICAN IN
7 THE L.A.P.D. AT THAT TIME, 15 GRANDCHILDREN, 25 GREAT
8 GRANDCHILDREN, AND NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I ALSO MOVE
9 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY
10 TRUTANICH, WHO WAS ALSO A SAN PEDRO RESIDENT, AND SHE WAS 97
11 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. BORN TO ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS, MARY HAPPILY
12 CALLED SAN PEDRO HOME HER ENTIRE LIFE. THOSE WHO KNEW MARY
13 WOULD DESCRIBE HER AS A KIND, JOVIAL, AND, ABOVE ALL, STRONG.
14 MARY IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, STEVE, AND HER SON,
15 FRANK. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, ROSE MARY AND
16 MADELINE, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,
17 AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF C.H.P. OFFICER ANDY
23 ORNELAS, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL MOTORCYCLE OFFICER. HE WAS
24 ASSIGNED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA, AND HE PASSED AWAY ON
25 DECEMBER 2ND, NINE DAYS AFTER HE WAS INJURED IN ON DUTY CRASH

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1 IN PALMDALE. OFFICER ORNALES WAS 27 YEARS OLD. HE GRADUATED
2 FROM QUARTZ HILL HIGH SCHOOL IN 2011, AND FOUR YEARS AGO
3 BECAME A C.H.P. OFFICER. HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE ANTELOPE
4 VALLEY AREA SINCE DECEMBER OF 2019. HE FOLLOWED IN THE
5 FOOTSTEPS OF HIS MOTHER, KELLIE, WHO IS RETIRED FROM THE
6 C.H.P. FROM THE SAME ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA OFFICE, AND HIS
7 FATHER, ARTURO, A MOTORCYCLE OFFICER WITH THE LOS ANGELES
8 POLICE DEPARTMENT. OFFICER ORNALES BECOMES THE 232ND OFFICER
9 TO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE 91-YEAR HISTORY OF THE
10 C.H.P. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TAYLOR, BROTHER, CODY, WHO
11 IS ALSO A C.H.P. OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE CENTRAL LOS ANGELES
12 AREA OFFICE, HIS SISTER, NIKKI, AND AN UNCLE, RETIRED C.H.P.
13 CAPTAIN ANDREAS ORNELAS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
14 OF ELENA LEDFORD, A RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
15 THE AGE OF 49 ON NOVEMBER 24TH. AFTER GRADUATING GLENDALE HIGH
16 SCHOOL, ELENA ATTENDED COLLEGE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND LIVED
17 THERE FOR MUCH OF HER YOUNG ADULT LIFE. THREE YEARS AGO, SHE
18 RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA AND TOOK A JOB AS AN OUTREACH WORKER
19 AND PROGRAM MANAGER AT UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES IN
20 PASADENA. IN THIS ROLE, SHE LED A TEAM OF MENTAL HEALTH,
21 MEDICAL, AND SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ROUTINELY VISITED AND SERVED
22 THE LOCAL SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HOMELESS POPULATION. SHE QUICKLY
23 EARNED THE RESPECT, ADMIRATION, AND LOVE FROM HER COLLEAGUES
24 AT UNION STATION FOR HER DEEP COMPASSION AND UNCONDITIONAL
25 KINDNESS. SHE BELIEVED THAT EVERY PERSON DESERVES A LIFE OF

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1 DIGNITY AND A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME, AND SHE WORKED
2 TIRELESSLY TO CARE FOR AND SHELTER OUR MOST VULNERABLE. SHE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HER 14-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, VIOLET, BOTH PARENTS,
4 AND HER SISTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SARAH
5 FLORES, A WELL-RESPECTED SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COMMUNITY LEADER
6 AND A 41-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WHO WORKED FOR FIVE SUPERVISORS
7 AND PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT AT THE AGE OF 83. SARAH GREW UP
8 NEAR THE CIVIC CENTER IN A LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD AND GRADUATED
9 FROM JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. DETERMINED TO MAKE IT ON HER
10 OWN, SHE GOT A JOB AT THE COUNTY AS A SECRETARY AND WORKED FOR
11 SUPERVISORS ROGER JESSUP AND WARREN DOREN. EVENTUALLY, SHE
12 BECAME EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
13 FRANK BONELLI. HIS SUCCESSOR, SUPERVISOR PERTE SCHABARUM,
14 PROMOTED HER TO DEPUTY AND THEN TO ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY.
15 WHEN SUPERVISOR SCHABARUM DECIDED TO RETIRE, SHE RAN FOR HIS
16 SEAT AND RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF THE VOTE IN THE 1980 PRIMARY
17 ELECTION, MAKING HER A FAVORITE TO BECOME L.A. COUNTY'S FIRST
18 LATINA SUPERVISOR. HOWEVER, A FEDERAL JUDGE, IN RESPONSE TO A
19 VOTING RIGHTS ACT LAWSUIT, ORDERED A MANDATORY SUPERVISORIAL
20 REDISTRICTING AND SPECIAL ELECTION, WHICH GLORIA MOLINA
21 HISTORICALLY WON. SARAH WENT ON TO SERVE IN SUPERVISOR MICHAEL
22 ANTONOVICH'S SAN DIMAS OFFICE UNTIL HER RETIREMENT. IN LIFE,
23 SHE ADVOCATED TO EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR LATINOS AND WAS
24 A FOUNDER OF THE COUNTY CHICANO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. A MOVER
25 AND SHAKER IN HER COMMUNITY, SHE LIVED BY THE MANTRA, "I THINK

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1 I CAN DO THAT." SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, JEANETTE,
2 MICHELLE, YVONNE, JOSETTE, AND LUCRETIA, 11 GRANDCHILDREN, AND
3 THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN --

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** KATHRYN, CAN I BE ADDED AS ALSO ON THAT
6 ADJOURNMENT? I DID KNOW SARAH FLORES. I RECALL WORKING WITH
7 HER IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WHEN I WAS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL
8 BACK INDEPENDENT '90S. SHE WAS VERY NICE AND ADMIRABLE. THANK
9 YOU. OKAY. SORRY. CONTINUE.

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** ALSO JANA RAY ADKINS, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
12 SAUGUS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. SHE GREW UP AND
13 GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON AND ATTENDED THE
14 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, WHERE SHE STUDIED LIBERAL ARTS. SHE
15 WORKED BRIEFLY IN A PRODUCTION OFFICE AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
16 BEFORE JOINING THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, WHERE SHE WORKED IN
17 ADVERTISING SALES AND OPERATION FOR 30 YEARS. SHE HELD A
18 VARIETY OF POSITIONS AND QUICKLY ADVANCED TO MANAGEMENT. AS
19 TELEPHONE SALES MANAGER, SHE WAS ONE OF ONLY 23 WOMEN AT THE
20 TIMES AT THAT LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT. SHE BRIEFLY LEFT THE
21 NEWSPAPER BUSINESS IN 2009 BUT RETURNED IN 2010 WHEN SHE
22 JOINED THE NEWSROOM OF THE SANTA CLARITA SIGNAL NEWSPAPER.
23 THERE SHE SERVED AS BUSINESS EDITOR AND FINALLY AS MANAGING
24 EDITOR UPON RETIREMENT IN 2017. JANA IS SURVIVED BY HER
25 HUSBAND, JOHN AND DAUGHTER, MEGHAN, HER MOTHER, SHIRLEY, AND

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1 HER BROTHER, SHAWN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
2 BERNARD CLAYTON "EDDIE" BYERS, FATHER OF CAROL BYERS, OUR
3 LONG TIME STAFF MEMBER AT OUR WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE
4 OFFICE, WHO DIED NOVEMBER 29TH AT THE AGE OF 95 AT HIS HOME IN
5 FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA. BORN IN 1925, BERNARD SPENT HIS EARLY
6 CHILDHOOD LABORING ON LOCAL VIRGINIA FARMS WITH HIS PARENTS
7 AND SIBLINGS DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION. WHEN HE TURNED 18,
8 HE JOINED THE MANY BRAVE YOUNG MEN OF HIS GENERATION AND
9 ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR II. HE SERVED
10 HONORABLY IN THE PACIFIC THEATER. IN THE YEARS AFTER THE WAR,
11 BERNARD GOT A JOB AT THE OLMSTEAD MOTOR COMPANY IN ARLINGTON,
12 VIRGINIA. IT WAS THERE HE WORKED AS AN AUTO MECHANIC FOR 50
13 YEARS, RECEIVING VARIOUS AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES AND,
14 ULTIMATELY, A "DOCTOR OF MOTORS" DESIGNATION IN 1968. WHEN
15 OLMSTEAD CLOSED ITS SHOP IN 1990, BERNARD RETIRED AS WELL. HE
16 AND HIS WIFE, LILLIE, PROUDLY RAISED THEIR SIX CHILDREN IN
17 PIMMIT HILLS, A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DESIGNED BY FRANK LLOYD
18 WRIGHT FOR VETERANS RETURNING HOME, AND HE WAS COMFORTED TO
19 RESIDE IN HIS HOME UNTIL HIS DEATH. IN LIFE, HE DEMONSTRATED
20 WHY HIS WAS THE GREATEST GENERATION FOR HIS RESOLUTE
21 COMMITMENT TO FAMILY AND TO COUNTRY. BERNARD IS SURVIVED BY
22 HIS SIX CHILDREN, LEONARD, EDWARD, CAROL, SHIRLEY, LEE, AND
23 RICHARD, AS WELL AS NINE GRANDCHILDREN, THREE STEP
24 GRANDCHILDREN, AND SEVEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND I THINK YOU
25 ALL REMEMBER CAROL FROM OUR WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE. ALSO THAT

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1 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRIAN MCNERNEY, PAST C.E.O. OF THE LA
2 VERNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE COMMUNITY'S UNOFFICIAL MR.
3 LA VERNE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THANKSGIVING MORNING AT THE AGE
4 OF 76. RAISED IN QUEENS, NEW YORK, BRIAN STARTED HIS CAREER AS
5 A TEACHER BEFORE ENTERING CORPORATE SALES. A NATURAL BORN
6 SALESMAN, BRIAN QUICKLY ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME A
7 VICE PRESIDENTS OF SALES AND MARKETING WHERE HE STUDIED FOR
8 THREE DECADES. BRIAN DISCOVERED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORK WHEN
9 HE REPRESENTED HIS COMPANY IN THE SAN DIMAS CHAMBER OF
10 COMMERCE. THROWING HIMSELF WHOLEHEARTEDLY INTO BUSINESS
11 DEVELOPMENT, HE WON THE CHAMBER'S AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH SIX
12 CONSECUTIVE TIMES IN 2006 AND THEN WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR OF THE
13 YEAR. IN 2006, HE WAS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LA VERNE
14 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. BRIAN HELPED BRING BUSINESS, COMMUNITY,
15 SCHOOL, AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER THROUGH
16 PROJECTS HE EITHER INITIATED OR THE CHAMBER PARTNERED WITH
17 OTHERS TO STAGE. BRIAN WAS A STRONG PROPONENT OF THE GIVE BACK
18 PHILOSOPHY AND HIS GREGARIOUS PERSONALITY, WILLINGNESS TO JUMP
19 IN AND HELP WHENEVER NECESSARY, POSITIVE ATTITUDE, AND HIGH
20 REGARD FOR OTHERS WILL SORELY BE MISSED. BRIAN IS SURVIVED BY
21 HIS WIFE, CAROL ANN, OF 50 YEARS, HIS DAUGHTER, LEE ANN, SON-
22 IN-LAW, MATTHEW, AND GRANDSON, BRIAN. MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE
23 MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND
2 WE'LL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO
3 OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. NOW AT
4 THIS TIME, WE'RE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. I'LL ASK MADAM
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND
6 WE CAN TAKE, PERHAPS, MAYBE A THREE-MINUTE BREAK HERE. THAT
7 HELPS PEOPLE TRANSITION. THANK YOU.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
10 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
11 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS1, CONFERENCE WITH
12 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS2,
13 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE
14 POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 8, 2020

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

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

No reportable action was taken.

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors December 8, 2020,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction
7 and supervision;

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

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

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
15 6th day of January 2021, for the County records to be used only
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