



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

2 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 ON PAGE 154]**

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY THE 9TH, 2021, AND WE
8 WANT TO WISH OUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, A VERY HAPPY
9 BIRTHDAY. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE
10 CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL OF
11 US. AND I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. SO
12 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED.
13 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL?

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PRESENT.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** STILL HERE!

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL BE JOINING US LATER,
22 OR DID I HEAR HER? SHE WILL BE JOINING US LATER IN THE
23 MEETING. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** PRESENT.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA, COUNTY COUNSEL?

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8 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
16 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING THE MEETING. THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 2,000 WRITTEN
18 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND, AS THOSE WRITTEN
19 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
20 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH BROWN ACT
21 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
22 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
23 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
24 AGENDA.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD, TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER,
3 10:30AM. S1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED
4 TO COVID-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3,
5 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 5, CONSENT
7 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-20. ON ITEM 1, THIS
8 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
9 ON ITEMS 7 AND 9, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
10 BE HELD. ON ITEMS 15, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
11 BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021, AS INDICATED ON
12 THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT
13 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 15, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS
14 21-59. ON ITEM 22, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS
15 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021, AS
16 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 29.
17 ON ITEM 29, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
18 WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
19 AGENDA. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 22. ON ITEM 45, THE DIRECTOR
20 OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS TO REVISE THE BOARD LETTER TO ADD,
21 "UNTIL FURTHER DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES ITS USE," AT THE END OF
22 RECOMMENDATION NUMBER THREE. ON PAGE 36, THIS INCLUDES
23 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
24 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 57A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS

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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 57B, SUPERVISOR BARGER
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES
3 OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED THROUGH 57D ARE ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WILL MOVE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 37, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 60 IS A
9 RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT VANDER "TERRIE" HARDY TO THE
10 POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AT AN
11 ANNUAL SALARY OF \$285,000, EFFECTIVE MARCH 8TH, 2021. ON PAGE
12 38, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 39, NOTICES OF CLOSED
13 SESSION. MADAM CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
14 AGENDA.

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

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
24 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,
25 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER

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1 1336503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
2 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
3 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTION. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
4 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
5 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
6 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
7 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
9 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES
10 PER PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
12 ON ALL OF THE ITEMS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. IF
13 THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED,
14 WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
15 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL
16 BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS,
17 YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY
18 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC OR IF WE
19 CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL
20 GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO
21 NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF
22 TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE
23 CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE IF YOU ARE
24 ALSO LISTEN TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER
25 PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES

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

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

11

12 **WALDO GONZALES:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON TWO ITEMS IN
13 SUPPORT OF 7 AND 9. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
14 NAME IS WALDO GONZALES, AND I AM SPEAKING TO REPRESENT INNER
15 CITY STRUGGLE, AN ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON EMPOWERING YOUTH AND
16 RESIDENTS TO BRING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE EAST SIDE OF
17 LOS ANGELES. AT THIS MOMENT, OUR FAMILIES ARE SUFFERING
18 TREMENDOUS HARDSHIP, PARTICULARLY IN THE LATINX COMMUNITY,
19 BOTH DUE TO COVID-19'S ECONOMIC EFFECTS AND THE TRAGIC TOLL
20 THAT THIS VIRUS HAS HAD ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
21 OVERALL. MOURNING AND GRIEF HAVE BECOME EXTRA PAINFUL WHEN A
22 DIGNIFIED BURIAL FOR LOVED ONES IS SO OUT OF REACH FOR MANY.
23 THAT IS WHY WE STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 9 TO HAVE
24 THE COUNTY LEVERAGE FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST OUR HIGHEST
25 NEED FAMILIES WITH BURIAL EXPENSES IN THIS GREAT TIME OF NEED.

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1 WE ARE RELIEVED THAT THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL
2 RESIDENTS 65 YEARS AND OLDER. THAT BEING SAID, IT IS MORE
3 IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO EXPAND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE COUNTY'S
4 MEGA PODS OF DISPENSING. WE MUST REMOVE ANY OBSTACLES TO
5 RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION THAT OUR OLDER RESIDENTS MIGHT FACE
6 IN ACCESSING THIS LIFESAVING VACCINE. AS SUCH, INNER CITY
7 STRUGGLE ALSO STANDS IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 7 TO
8 BOLSTER EQUITABLE ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINE. THANK YOU,
9 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TO PROTECT OUR
10 COMMUNITIES AND FOR ADVOCATING FOR MORE RESOURCES FOR THE
11 AREAS HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH
12 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THESE URGENT EFFORTS. THANK
13 YOU.

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** JOHN TORRES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
18 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
19 MAY BEGIN.

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21 **JOHN TORRES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
22 57A IN SUPPORT OF IT. MY NAME IS JOHN TORRES. I REPRESENT THE
23 SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT ACTION, COMMUNITY HEALTH, IN DISTRICT 1. I
24 LIVE AND WORK IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT 1, AND I'M
25 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION, ITEM 57A. I

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1 AM GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS SUPPORTING DISTRICT 1. WE
2 DON'T HAVE ANY INTERVENTION SERVICES SINCE 1992. THANKS TO THE
3 SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY CRISIS
4 RESPONSE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY SINCE 2018.
5 JUST IN THE YEAR 2020, MY TEAM RESPONDED TO 47 CRISES IN
6 DISTRICT 1. 16 OF THE 47 INCLUDED LA PUENTE AND SURROUNDING
7 CITIES OF LA PUENTE, AND 25 ADDITIONAL (INDISCERNIBLE).
8 AND THIS RESPONSE WAS WITHOUT BEING INFORMED BY LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT, STRICTLY FROM THE COMMUNITY ITSELF, SEEKING
10 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES WERE
11 NEEDED HERE, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY
12 TRAUMA. BY DOING CRISIS RESPONSE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE
13 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES, THROUGH THE FORM OF
14 COUNSELING, MENTORING, AND VICTIMS OF CRIME AND SUPPORT. WITH
15 THIS MOTION --

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** MAYOR DREW BOYLES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
21 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
22 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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24 **MAYOR DREW BOYLES:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I AM
25 TALKING ABOUT GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. I AM THE FATHER OF FOUR

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1 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS FOR L.A. COUNTY. MY CONSTITUENTS AND MANY
2 CONSTITUENTS ALONG THE BEACH CITIES ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT A
3 RUMOR THE THAT PROGRAM WILL NOT CONTINUE AGAIN THIS SUMMER. IT
4 IS A GREAT PROGRAM THAT TRAINS THOUSANDS OF KIDS ON OCEAN
5 SAFETY, PHYSICAL RIGOR, AND DISCIPLINE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. I
6 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
7 PROGRAM RESUMES, AND I WANT TO WISH SUPERVISOR KUEHL A HAPPY
8 BIRTHDAY! THANK YOU.

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU
13 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR US AT THIS
14 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU ARE REMOVED
15 FROM THE QUEUE. KENZA ZOUE, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
16 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18

19 **KENZA ZOUE:** CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME? GOOD MORNING.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU, PLEASE BEGIN.

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23 **KENZA ZOUE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS KENZA ZOUE.
24 GOOD MORNING TO ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENZA
25 ZOUE. I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION.

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1 I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MOTION ITEM NUMBER 57B. THANK YOU
2 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR REPRESENTING
3 THIS MOTION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE
4 JUSTICE. I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE IMPORTANCE OF
5 MEETING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP
6 D.J.J. TRANSITIONAL TEAM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT
7 YOUTH VOICES BE A PRIORITY IN THIS MOTION. AS A YOUTH WHO
8 SPENT TIME IN D.J.J. AND THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE D.J.J.
9 TRANSITION TEAM REPORT, I BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT
10 THE J.J.C.C. MEET AND CENTER THE VOICES OF YOUTH THAT HAVE
11 DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH D.J.J. OR THAT WERE IMPACTED BY
12 INCARCERATION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS. AS I HIGHLIGHTED
13 IN THE D.J.J. REPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS, I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO END YOUTH FROM SIMPLY BEING THROWN INTO CELLS
15 BY INVESTING IN NEW ALTERNATIVES AND SOLUTIONS THAT INCLUDE
16 COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, COMMUNITY COUNSELING, YOUTH
17 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND JOB CREATION. WE MUST NOT REMODEL
18 INCARCERATION ENVIRONMENTS. TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND WE NEED --

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** BRAD MEADOW, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
24 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
25 MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **BRAD MEADOW:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME, SUPERVISORS?

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

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6 **BRAD MEADOW:** OKAY. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND A HAPPY
7 BIRTHDAY TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MY COMMENT IS ABOUT THE L.A.
8 COUNTY SCHOOL LABOR PROGRAM, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, WAS ABRUPTLY
9 FROZEN RECENTLY. OUR SCHOOL SPENDS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
10 MONEY AND TIME DOING ALL OF THE PREPARATIONS THAT THE COUNTY
11 ASKED US TO DO TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL SAFE FOR REOPENING, AND THEN
12 WITHOUT WARNING, THE COUNTY HAS CHOSEN TO FREEZE A REVIEW AND
13 GRANTING OF NEW WAIVERS, EVEN THOUGH MANY SCHOOLS IN THIS
14 COUNTY ARE NOW OPEN, AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL. AS YOU
15 KNOW, EVERYONE AGREES GETTING CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL,
16 ESPECIALLY K-2 GRADES IS CRITICAL, AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT
17 EVERYBODY SUPPORTS. BUT, FOR NO REASON, WITHOUT EXPLANATION,
18 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PUT TREMENDOUS TIME AND EFFORT INTO THEIR
19 EFFORTS TO REOPEN ARE NOW GETTING NO ABILITY TO DO SO.
20 RESTAURANTS WERE RECENTLY ALLOWED TO OPEN, AND THERE WAS NO
21 LIMIT ON HOW MANY RESTAURANTS COULD OPEN, JUST THAT THEY
22 COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASKED
23 FOR. WE ASK YOU PLEASE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE --

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** JESS ESTICE, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
5 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
6 MAY BEGIN.

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8 **JESS ESTICE:** HI, MY NAME IS JESS ESTICE, AND I AM A RESIDENT
9 OF DISTRICT 3. HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I AM
10 ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 23, 27, 29, AND THE DEPUTY DISTRICT
11 ATTORNEY LAWSUIT AGAINST GASCON. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, AS
12 A SURVIVOR OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ME PERSONALLY, I HAVE NEVER
13 FELT SUPPORTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR BY THE POLICE. IN FACT, I
14 FELT DIRECTLY MORE VICTIMIZED BY POLICE. AND I THINK THAT, YOU
15 KNOW, THE FINANCIAL COSTS OF DEALING WITH POLICE MISCONDUCT IS
16 NOT SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE SUPPORTING WITH OUR TAX
17 DOLLARS. THIS LAST YEAR, THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT HAVE GONE UP. THEY'VE FOLLOWED AN UPWARD TREND, AND
19 THEY ARE GOING TO SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN IN PAST YEARS.
20 SO WE ARE GOING TO GET A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SHERIFF
21 LIABILITY IN 2021. SO WE SHOULD NOT BE BANKROLLING THE
22 VIOLENCE AND MISCONDUCT OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT. I WOULD MUCH RATHER SEE MY TAX DOLLARS BEING
24 FUNNELED INTO SYSTEMS THAT CREATE OPPORTUNITY AND PROVIDE

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1 HEALTHCARE AND OTHER SYSTEMS OF CARE OTHER THAN THIS PUNITIVE,
2 SORT OF, SYSTEM OF PUNISHMENT. I YIELD MY TIME.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** SETH HARVEY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
7 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
8 MAY BEGIN.

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10 **SETH HARVEY:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 64. I WOULD
11 LIKE TO SPEAK IN REFERENCE TO THE STONEYARD LANDSCAPING CENTER
12 ON 525 WOODBERRY RD. I HAVE LIVED THERE FOR SIX YEARS, AND IT
13 HAS GOTTEN PROGRESSIVELY WORSE IN ILLEGALLY EXPANDING THEIR
14 BUSINESS INTO THE LOT THAT IS RIGHT NEXT TO MY HOUSE IN
15 SPAULDING PLACE. THEY HAVE NO REGARD FOR THE COMMUNITY. THEY
16 RUN LAND MOVERS TEN FEET FROM MY HOUSE, SHAKING MY HOUSE
17 STARTING AT 5:30AM, AND GOING ALL DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.
18 CLOUDS OF DUST CONSUME MY YARD, AND ARE FORCING ME INSIDE FROM
19 DOING ANYTHING IN MY BACKYARD, AND EVERYTHING IS COVERED IN
20 DUST IN MY PROPERTY. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IS A LACK
21 OF COOPERATION FROM THE ENFORCEMENT ENTITY. I HAVE TALKED TO
22 ZONING ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR YEARS THEY TOLD ME THERE IS
23 NOTHING THEY CAN CAN DO BECAUSE THEY ARE ZONED FOR IT. AND IN
24 RECENT MONTHS, I FOUND OUT THAT THEY MAY BE ZONED FOR WHAT
25 THEY ARE DOING, BUT THEY HAVE NO PERMITS TO DO ANYTHING, AND

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1 THEY ARE OCCUPYING THE LOT DIRECTLY NEXT TO MY HOUSE. IF THEY
2 HAD ACTED ON THIS, YEARS AGO, WHEN I VERY FIRST CALLED, WE MAY
3 BE FURTHER IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH -- BUT THEY ARE STILL
4 OCCUPYING THAT LOT TO THIS DAY. THE AIR QUALITY, WHEN I CALLED
5 THEM TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS --

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
11 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

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14 **DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIEGO
15 RODRIGUEZ, C.O.O. FOR ALMA, A SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION
16 PROVIDING A RANGE OF SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE FIRST
17 DISTRICT. I AM CALLING ON STRONG SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
18 MOTION, ITEM 57A. I CAN SHARE FROM EXPERIENCE THAT SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS HAS SUPPORT FROM MANY COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS EAST L.A., EL
20 MONTE, AND POMONA, HAVE BEEN CRITICAL FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY
21 VIOLENCE. WITH HER SUPPORT, WE HAVE DEVELOPED BEHAVIORAL
22 HEALTH PILOTS FOR AT RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES PROMOTING TRAUMA
23 INFORMED BEST PRACTICES, RESILIENCE, AND HEALING. THIS TIMELY
24 MOTION CAN EXPAND THIS VISION, DOING SO MUCH TO ADDRESS AND
25 PREVENT VIOLENCE. WE ARE EXCITED TO ENDORSE IT AND WORK WITH

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1 THE BOARD IN THIS EFFORT. AS A PRACTITIONER IN THE FIRST
2 DISTRICT WHO HAS OVERSEEN GANG REDUCTION PREVENTION PROJECTS
3 FOR OVER 11 YEARS, I KNOW THAT COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES MUST
4 GO BEYOND SIMPLY FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE NEED BOLD
5 EFFORTS, SUCH AS THIS MOTION, TO PROMOTE HEALTHIER AND SAFER
6 COMMUNITIES. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND
7 URGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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11 **MODERATOR:** MURRAY BRADLEE, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
12 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
13 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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15 **MURRAY BRADLEE:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MURRAY BRADLEY HERE. I'D
16 LIKE TO SPEAK ON 2, 3, S1, 68. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, REMOVING LOW
17 INCOME FAMILIES FROM LOW-COST HOTELS AND MOTELS WILL JUST PUT
18 THEM BACK ON THE -- PUT THEM ON THE STREET TO HOUSE NEW
19 HOMELESS. YOU WILL BE CREATING NEW HOMELESS BY TAKING PEOPLE
20 OUT OF THE ROOMS THAT THEY CAN AFFORD. HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE
21 PHILANTHROPY? LAST YEAR YOU CAME UP WITH \$500,000,000 IN CASH
22 TO HELP GREASE THE PALMS OF THE UNIONS. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU
23 COULD COME UP WITH ANOTHER \$500 MILLION IN CASH, MAYBE GET
24 SOME UNION FUNDS TO HELP OUT IN YOUR GOOD TROUBLE THAT YOU ARE
25 CREATING HERE FOR THE COUNTY. BY THE WAY, NET COUNTY COSTS,

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1 JUST ONE OF NET COUNTY COSTS OVER THAT -- THE -- WE HAVE THIS
2 VACCINE PROBLEM WITH COVID, COVID-19. WE HAVE THE NOVEL
3 CORONAVIRUS, WE HAVE THE CORONAVIRUS. WE HAVE S.A.R.S. WE
4 HAVE, LIKE, 67 DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF THIS VIRUS. DON'T YOU
5 THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE SOME KIND OF, I DON'T
6 KNOW, MEETING OF THE MINDS, MAYBE A PATH TO TAKE THAT WOULD
7 HELP US GET THIS VIRUS SITUATION SETTLED DOWN? IT HAS ONLY
8 BEEN 12 AND A HALF, WELL, GOING ON A YEAR. AND WE HAVE NO
9 DIRECT IDEA WHAT IS GOING ON. WE HAVE EFFICACY. WE HAVE GRANTS
10 THAT GO FOR 20 YEARS. WE HAVE BUILD YOUR DREAMS. I'M WONDERING
11 WHY DASH, THE BUILD YOUR DREAMS BUSES ARE RUNNING FOR DASH BUT
12 NOT IN METRO. WE HAVE PERCEPTIONS. WE HAVE POLICING OF THE
13 PUBLIC. WE HAVE AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT, BUT NOTHING IS OPEN,
14 AND NOTHING IS TRANSPARENT. WE HAVE --

15

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

18

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

25

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1 **ALEX CAVE:** HI, YES, I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 23, 27,
2 29, 57B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING AS
3 SOMEONE IMPACTED BY HARM. I AM CONCERNED THAT THE D.D.A.A.
4 AND THE SHERIFF HAVE TRIED TO CREATE THIS NARRATIVE THAT
5 GEORGE GASCON IS GOING TO HURT VICTIMS AND LET ALL OF THESE
6 BAD PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL. AND THIS IS AN OBVIOUS SCARE TACTIC
7 TO ANYONE WHO HAS STUDIED ANY DATA. AS SOMEBODY WHO HAS
8 SUFFERED HARM FROM FAMILY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS MY SISTER WHO
9 HAS SUFFERED HARM FROM A PARTNER, AS WELL AS SUFFERED HARM
10 FROM THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. WHEN I ASKED POLICE FOR HELP, THEY
11 HAVE TOLD ME THAT FAMILY IS FAMILY AND LEFT ME IN A
12 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AND NOT HELPED ME WHATSOEVER.
13 I AM GRATEFUL I WAS NOT HARMED, BUT IF I HAD BEEN, IT WOULD
14 HAVE BEEN THE POLICE'S FAULT. MY SISTER WAS NEVER GIVEN
15 JUSTICE FOR HER ASSAULT, AND THE CARCERAL SYSTEM HAS ONLY
16 CAUSED HER MORE PAIN AS SHE HAD TO FACE HER ABUSER AND LISTEN
17 TO HIM IN REAL-TIME. I'M SURE SINCE THIS BOARD IS HISTORICALLY
18 ALL FEMALE, YOU HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS
19 SUFFERED FROM HARM. POLICE ARE NOT TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH
20 SERVICES. I HAVE WATCHED AS MY SISTER HAD A CRISIS THAT THEY
21 ENTRAPPED HER AND JAILED HER. WE NEED TO HAVE CARE FIRST AND
22 JAIL AS A LAST RESORT. WE KNOW THAT OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM IN
23 AMERICA WAS NOT CREATED WITH BLACK, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF
24 COLOR IN MIND. IT USED THEM AS A SECOND RESORT AND STILL
25 CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. IF MY SISTER HAD THE COUNSELING SHE

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1 NEEDED, SHE MAY NOT HAVE SUFFERED FROM ADDICTION AND
2 HOMELESSNESS AND CURRENTLY IS STILL AFFECTED BY THIS. MY TAX
3 DOLLARS ARE LITERALLY FUNDING THE L.A.S.D. TO SHOOT RUBBER
4 BULLETS AT MY LOVED ONES. THEY ARE UNHINGED, AND THEY KILL
5 PEOPLE CONSTANTLY. IMAGINE IF THE \$850,000 IN MISCONDUCT THEY
6 HAVE USED COULD ACTUALLY GO TOWARD COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND
7 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED. L.A.S.D. ALWAYS ASKS FOR MORE MONEY,
8 AND THEY DO NOTHING TO STOP KILLING ANGELENOS. THEY ARE THE
9 SYSTEM OF HARM. THEY ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION. WE NEED TO FOCUS
10 ON PUTTING MONEY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SOCIAL
11 WORKERS. THE DATA IS THERE. IT IS YOUR JOB TO DO WHAT L.A.
12 COUNTY HAS VOTED FOR, WHICH IS CARE FIRST, NOT COPS. PLEASE DO
13 YOUR JOB AND PLEASE SUPPORT VICTIMS IN STOPPING POLICE HARM
14 AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM IN OUR YOUTH. AND I ASK THAT YOU
15 PLEASE STOP GIVING MONEY TO THE POLICE. THAT IS ALL, THANK
16 YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** MARIA ALAINA CHAVEZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
21 AND IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
22 MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **MARIA ALAINA CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
25 TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT REGARDING ITEM

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1 NUMBER 7, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS'S MOTION TITLED EQUITABLE ACCESS TO
2 THE COVID-19 VACCINE. WHY DO WE SAY GREATER LOS ANGELES IS
3 DEDICATED TO ELIMINATING RACISM, EMPOWERING WOMEN, AND
4 PROMOTING PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DIGNITY FOR ALL? WHY DO
5 WE SAY H.E.L.A. IS PROUD TO BE PART OF THE FABRIC OF LOS
6 ANGELES AND A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY THAT STEPS UP TO SUPPORT
7 ITS NEIGHBORS. SPECIFICALLY, WE COMMEND CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS'S
8 EFFORT TO GUARANTEE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CAN GET
9 THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION, REGARDLESS OF HAVING ACCESS TO
10 TRANSPORTATION, HAVING A CAR, OR BEING HOME BOUND. THIS MOTION
11 TO CREATE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE COVID VACCINE WILL BE
12 ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED BY RESIDENTS OF UNINCORPORATED LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY, MANY OF WHOM WALK. MANY OF OUR SENIORS, WHO
14 ARE AMONGST THE GREATEST OF THOSE AT RISK TO ILLNESS AND
15 DEATH DUE TO COVID HAVE LIMITED MOBILITY, MAKING IT MORE
16 DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES. WE CANNOT GET THROUGH THIS
17 PANDEMIC UNTIL EVERY RESIDENT WHO WANTS A VACCINE IS
18 GUARANTEED EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RECEIVE IT. MOTIONS LIKE THIS
19 ONE FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL ENSURE THAT SOME OF THE MOST
20 VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SUCH AS THOSE WHO ARE
21 NOT ABLE TO --

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** SARAH ANNE, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
2 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

4
5 **SARAH ANNE:** HI, I'M CALLING TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS
6 23, 27, AND PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENT. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 4,
7 REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. AS ALSO A SURVIVOR OF HARM, I
8 WANTED TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,
9 THE DEFUNDING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND SUPPORT FOR
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY GASCON, WHO WAS ELECTED BECAUSE WE WANTED
11 HIM TO IMPLEMENT THESE KINDS OF POLICIES THAT HE IS DOING
12 RIGHT NOW. AND I GREW UP IN A HOUSEHOLD FILLED WITH DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE AND ABUSE. I WILL FOREGO THE DETAILS, BUT SUFFICE TO
14 SAY THAT I SAW WHAT IT DID TO MY MOTHER AND SIBLING'S BODIES
15 AND THEIR STATES OF MIND. IT WAS A TIME OF EXTREME HEARTBREAK
16 AND FEAR AND ESPECIALLY FOR A LITTLE GIRL WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT
17 ELSE TO DO. AND PEOPLE LISTENING PROBABLY WILL ASK ME WHY I
18 ADVOCATE SO MUCH AGAINST INCARCERATION AND OTHER PUNITIVE
19 SYSTEMS. OF COURSE, I WANTED MY MOM TO LEAVE HER HUSBAND. OF
20 COURSE, I WANTED HER TO BE SAFE, AND IN RESPONSE TO PEOPLE WHO
21 HAVE ASKED WHY WE WOULDN'T WANT MORE POLICE, MY MOTHER'S
22 ABUSER WAS FRIENDS WITH POLICE OFFICERS. IN ARIZONA WHERE I
23 LIVED, 37 PERCENT OF POLICE OFFICERS' WIVES SAID THEY HAD
24 VIOLENCE IN THEIR MARRIAGE FROM THEIR POLICE OFFICER HUSBANDS.
25 TO BE PERFECTLY FRANK, IN MY OTHER INTERACTIONS WITH THE

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1 POLICE, THEY DID NOT TREAT MY MOTHER WELL AT ALL. SO WE DID
2 NOT SEE THEM AS OUR HEROES. SECONDLY, MY MOTHER'S ABUSER HAD
3 ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED AND IN JAIL FOR A NUMBER OF THINGS, AND
4 THAT DIDN'T HELP. SOME PEOPLE MAY SAY, THAT'S THE POINT. HE
5 SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN JAIL LONGER. IF THAT WERE TRUE, THEN WHY
6 IS IT THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PRISON ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO
7 COMMIT MORE CRIME. AND IF THAT IS TRUE, WHY DID MY SIBLING'S
8 ABUSER LEARN ABUSE BY PEOPLE WHO HAD ALSO BEEN IN JAIL, AND
9 WHY DID MY MOTHER GROW UP WHERE ABUSE WAS SO NORMAL THAT IT IS
10 JUST ANOTHER THING FOR HER TO DEAL WITH. RESEARCH AND DATA
11 SHOW THAT CURRENT PUNITIVE SYSTEMS PERPETUATE CYCLES OF
12 VIOLENCE AND ISOLATION THAT IN TURN NEGATIVELY AFFECT ALL OF
13 OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES NEED TO USE APPROACHES THAT
14 ARE TRANSFORMATIVE AND HEALING AND ENCOURAGE ACCOUNTABILITY.
15 SO DO I WANT TO BRING HEALING TO SURVIVORS LIKE MY MOTHER? OF
16 COURSE I DO. DO I WANT HER ABUSERS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE?
17 YES. BUT LOCKING SOMEONE AWAY FOR YEARS DOES NEITHER OF THOSE
18 THINGS, AND IT ALSO DOES NOT CHANGE THE ABUSER. I WILL YIELD
19 THE REST OF MY TIME, THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** JAMIE DAMON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
24 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **JAMIE DAMON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAMIE DAMON, AND THIS IS
3 A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
4 EMERGENCY MOTION TO OPEN THE LOS ANGELES JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
5 PROGRAM SAFELY. OUR CHILDREN ARE IN DIRE NEED OF EXERCISE AND
6 SOCIALIZATION. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO LIVE CLOSE TO THE BEACH,
7 AND WHAT A PERFECT SETTING FOR CHILDREN TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE
8 WHILE HAVING FUN. THE POTENTIAL TRANSMISSION OF COVID IN AN
9 OPEN AIR ENVIRONMENT IS EXTREMELY LOW, AND THE POTENTIAL
10 BENEFITS ARE GREAT. THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SENSE OF WELL BEING
11 WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED BY ATTENDING JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS. IT
12 IS TIME TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND GET THEM MOVING AND
13 SOCIALIZING ONCE AGAIN. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** ALEXIA CENA, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
18 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
19 MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **ALEXIA CENA:** HI, I'LL BE SPEAKING ON 57D AND GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEXIA
23 CENA, AND I AM A MEMBER AND YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE
24 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 57B,
25 PREPARING FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

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1 AS A YOUNG WOMAN THAT WAS INCARCERATED FOR 3 YEARS, I WISH I
2 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH ALTERNATIVES
3 OTHER THAN INCARCERATION. THE J.J.C.C. COULD HELP LEAD THAT
4 WAY IN BRINGING TO LIFE THE ALTERNATIVES HIGHLIGHTED IN THE
5 YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP AND D.J.J. REPORTS. ALLOWING FOR YOUTH
6 LIKE MYSELF AND THOSE FROM MANY OTHER C.B.O.S TO HELP GUIDE
7 THIS PROCESS IS ESSENTIAL, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE GOAL IS TO TO
8 ASSIST YOUTH WITH THEIR REENTRY ALONG WITH PROVIDING
9 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS. THE BOARD SHOULD ADOPT ALL THE
10 D.J.J. RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEGIN ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY
11 BODY THAT CAN SUPPORT AND GUIDE THE J.J.C.C. COMMITTEE. I ALSO
12 WANT TO REITERATE THE J.J.C.C. AND THE BOARD SHOULD NOT
13 CONSIDER USING BARRY J. JUVENILE HALL AS THE NEXT D.J.J.
14 ALTERNATIVE. WE CAN NO LONGER KEEP RELYING ON THE OLD SYSTEMS
15 OF PUNISHMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR YOUTH. I URGE THE BOARD TO
16 PASS THIS MOTION, THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OSCAR CANALIS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
21 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
22 MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **OSCAR CANALIS:** YES, HELLO?

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **OSCAR CANALIS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS OSCAR
4 CANALIS. I'M A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM
5 COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MOTION ITEM 57A, THE MOTION BY
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I SPENT 4 YEARS
7 INCARCERATED. NOW I LIVE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I SUPPORT THIS
8 MOTION BECAUSE I HAD THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AS A
9 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOR AN INTERNSHIP LAST YEAR, WHERE I
10 HAD THE EXPOSURE OF SEEING HOW MUCH RESOURCES AND SUPPORT MY
11 COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE NEEDED DURING CRISIS MOMENTS. WE NEED A
12 SYSTEM THAT CAN BE THERE FOR THEM AND BE ABLE TO BE RELATABLE,
13 AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TO THE SERVICE OUR COMMUNITY WHEN
14 SOMETHING OCCURS. CRISIS TEAMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE THERE TO
15 BE BETTER ASSIST OR, 9 TIMES OUT OF 10, DEESCALATE A
16 SITUATION, AND IN A MOMENT THE CRISIS TEAM WILL BE NOT ONLY
17 DIVERT YOUTH FROM INCARCERATION BUT ALSO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
18 AND BRING OUR COMMUNITY THE ATTENTION AND CARE. UNFORTUNATELY,
19 WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING OR RESOURCES, SO I ONLY WORKED
20 FOR ONE MONTH, AND THEN WE WERE LET GO. IF WE HAD MORE FUNDING
21 OPPORTUNITIES AND PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF CRISIS TEAMS, WE
22 CAN BE LEADING A NEW WAY, NOT ONLY FOR LOS ANGELES, BUT
23 NATIONALLY. WE CAN LEAD THE WAY AND SHOW THE WORLD THAT THE
24 COUNTY THAT HAS THE MOST PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN THE WORLD,

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1 THAT WE ARE MAKING CHANGE AND LEARNING FROM OUR PREVIOUS
2 MISTAKES THAT AFFECTED MANY GENERATIONS AND MANY FAMILIES.

3

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

6

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

13

14 **MICHELLE WETLAND:** THANK YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
15 ITEMS 23, 27, 29, 57D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A CRISIS
16 COUNSELOR VOLUNTEERING EVERY WEEK FOR THOSE IN CRISIS
17 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, AND AS A SURVIVOR OF HARM, I WOULD
18 LIKE TO START TODAY WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISORS, IF YOU
19 ARE FACING INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL PUSH BACK FOR YOUR CARE FIRST
20 PRIORITIES, I URGE YOU TO STAND STRONG IN CARE FIRST POLICIES,
21 NO MATTER THE PUSH BACK. FROM HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF BROKEN
22 THINKING, ACCEPT THE FUNDING, HEAL OUR YOUTH, CARE FOR TODAY'S
23 BUDGET AS WELL AS THE BROKEN LIVES, CREATING SAFETY FOR TODAY
24 AND TOMORROW. CYCLES OF HARM ARE CHALLENGING TO BREAK, BUT WE
25 CAN DO IT TOGETHER. I DID NOT CREATE OFFICIAL CHARGES AGAINST

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1 MY HARMER, AND AS SOMEONE WHO IS A DIRECT RELATIVE OF A
2 SURVIVOR OF HARM WHO IS INVOLVED IN STATE PROSECUTIONS THAT I
3 AM REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN, I CAN TELL YOU WITH COMPLETE
4 CONFIDENCE A TRANSFORMATIVE PROCESS THROUGH RESTORATIVE
5 JUSTICE WOULD HAVE CHANGED EVERYTHING FOR BOTH OF US AND OUR
6 HARMER. PLEASE DO NOT WAVER IN YOUR CARE FIRST STRATEGY FOR
7 A.T.I. WITH WHAT I HAVE LEARNED THROUGH MY STUDIES AND DIRECT
8 LIVED EXPERIENCE, SUPERVISORS, IT IS MY GUESS THAT SOME OF
9 YOUR OR ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO HARM AT SOME POINT
10 IN YOUR LIVES, OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS, OR POSSIBLY YOU
11 MAY EVEN KNOW OR LOVE A HARMER. BUT PEOPLE DO NOT SHARE THEIR
12 STORIES. SILENCE AND SHAME ENABLES CURRENT CARCERAL SYSTEMS TO
13 REMAIN, AND THE DATA SHOWS THAT OVER 90 PERCENT OF SEXUAL
14 ASSAULTS HAPPEN WITHIN SAFETY CIRCLES, PREDOMINANTLY, OUR OWN
15 HOMES. SURVIVORS DO NOT TELL THEIR STORIES IN A WAY THAT CAN
16 BRING HEALING BECAUSE OUR SPEAKING HOLDS THE POWER FOR THE
17 HARMER TO BE INCARCERATED, AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES WILL
18 BE PULLED THROUGH THE TRAUMA AND THE SHAME OF LITIGATION. MANY
19 OF THE HARMED MATURE IN THE SILENCE TO BECOME HARMERS BECAUSE
20 THEIR HARM WAS NEVER HEALED. DESTRUCTIVE STATE BINARY,
21 US/THEM, GOOD/BAD, CARCERAL SYSTEMS ARE HARMFUL AND STRONG,
22 YOU 5 SUPERVISORS HAVE THE POWER TO BE THE HEALERS WHO CREATED
23 THE SYSTEM TO STOP THE GENERATIONAL HARM WITHIN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY. YOU CAN BE THE CHANGE. YOU CAN DO IT. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OSCAR PARNIA, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
4 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
5 MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **OSCAR PARNIA:** ALRIGHT, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
8 NAME IS OSCAR PARNIA. I AM THE INSIDE COORDINATOR OF THE
9 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY.
10 I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 57A AND ON GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR
12 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM
13 BECAUSE I AM A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. AFTER SPENDING
14 14 YEARS INCARCERATED, I NOW WORK AT A.R.C. AND LIVE IN THE
15 BOYLE HEIGHTS AREA I SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE
16 WHOLEHEARTEDLY IT IS NOT WITH THE POLICE FORCE THAT WE ARE
17 GOING TO FIX THIS PROBLEM OF GANGS/GUN VIOLENCE. IT IS ONLY
18 THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE GOING TO
19 BE ABLE TO FIX THIS SITUATION. I KNOW THIS FIRSTHAND THROUGH
20 GROWING UP IN A GANG/GUN VIOLENCE INFESTED AREA THAT A
21 COLLABORATION IS NEEDED FOR THIS ISSUE. POLICE FORCE IS LIKE
22 FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE, AND THAT IS NOT ALWAYS EFFECTIVE. AT
23 TIMES IT CAN BE HARMFUL TO THE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE
24 YOUNG ONES GROWING UP IN THE AREA, HAVING TO SEE THE POLICE
25 RESPOND TO SUCH THINGS. IT CAN BE TRAUMATIC AS WELL. A

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1 COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HEAL FROM THE INSIDE AND BRING ABOUT CHANGE
2 THROUGH COLLABORATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES OF TACKLING
3 THIS ISSUE OF GANG AND GUN VIOLENCE. 9 TIMES OUT OF 10, GANGS
4 ARE STARTED BY YOUTH. IF WE CAN GET A PROGRAM STARTED THAT
5 DEALS WITH YOUTH, WE CAN HELP BRING ABOUT CHANGE. MANY YOUTH
6 ARE EASILY BRAINWASHED BY ADULT GANG MEMBERS, AND THIS IS HOW
7 IT STARTS. IF WE CAN SHOW THE YOUTH A DIFFERENT WAY OF
8 THINKING AND WHAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER, THEN I BELIEVE CHANGE
9 WILL HAPPEN. GROWING UP AS A YOUTH, I WAS INTRODUCED INTO
10 GANGS BY NUMEROUS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE OLDER, AND OLDER
11 GANG MEMBERS THAT SHOWED ME THAT KIND OF LIFESTYLE. IF ONLY
12 THERE WAS A PROGRAM THAT COULD HAVE SHOWN ME A DIFFERENT LIFE,
13 THEN I BELIEVE I WOULD NEVER HAVE FOLLOWED THE PATH, BUT
14 ACTUALLY CREATE ONE OF MY OWN AND BRING ABOUT CHANGE. THAT, TO
15 ME, IS CALLED BREAKING THE CYCLE AND CHANGE FOR THE GOOD. IT
16 TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO CHANGE, BUT --

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** BRADY COLLINS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
22 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **BRADY COLLINS:** JUST GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS BRADY
2 COLLINS. I AM WITH THE KOREATOWN IMMIGRANT WORKERS ALLIANCE,
3 AND WE SUPPORT THE HEALTHY L.A. PLATFORM. K.I.W.A.'S MISSION
4 IS TO BUILD POWER FOR LOW WAGE IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND TENANTS.
5 AND FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING RESIDENTS IN
6 L.A. COUNTY TO IMPROVE THEIR WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES. THOSE
7 WE WORK WITH ARE SEVERELY RENT BURDENED AND ARE EMPLOYED IN
8 LOW WAGE INDUSTRIES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN THROUGH
9 THE PANDEMIC. THEY ARE ACCUMULATING RENT DEBT, BUT THEY ARE
10 NOT ACCUMULATING THE INCOME NECESSARY TO PAY IT OFF. AT SOME
11 POINT, THE BILL WILL BE DUE, AND OUR MEMBERS WILL BE UNABLE TO
12 PAY FOR THE ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. THIS MOMENT DEMANDS A LONG
13 OVERDUE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE THAT MEETS THE NEED. S.B.91 IS NOT
14 THE POLICY WE NEED. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 TO OPT OUT OF THE S.B.91 FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENT A MORE
16 EFFECTIVE LOCAL PROGRAM. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN USE THE FUNDING
17 TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH L.A.'S COMPREHENSIVE RENT
18 AND MORTGAGE CANCELLATION PROPOSAL BY FORGIVING RENT DEBT AND
19 SUSPENDING RENT PAYMENTS WHILE USING RELIEF FUNDS TO SUPPORT
20 THE SMALL LANDLORDS --

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** JONATHAN MCCAVERTY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
2 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
3 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **JONATHAN MCCAVERTY:** GOOD MORNING, I'M ADDRESSING A SPECIAL
6 MOTION THAT I UNDERSTAND WILL BE INTRODUCED LATER TODAY BY
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN REGARDING THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM. MY
8 NAME IS JONATHAN MCCAVERTY. I'M A RESIDENT OF EL SEGUNDO AND A
9 PARENT OF JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS. I'M CALLING IN TO SUPPORT
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN IN MAKING SURE THAT THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
11 PROGRAM RESUMES SAFELY THIS SUMMER. CHILDREN FROM ALL FIVE
12 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. IT IS
13 CONSIDERED ONE OF THE CROWN JEWELS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
14 HAS BEEN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS A MODEL PROGRAM. I
15 THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF FOR THE SUPPORT OF
16 THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** BRANDY MOLSTELLAR, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
21 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
22 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **BRANDY MOLSTELLAR:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M
25 SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT IN FAVOR OF L.A. COUNTY HOLDING THE

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1 JUNIOR GUARD PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR. I HAVE SIX KIDS. MY OLDEST
2 FIVE HAD ATTENDED JUNIOR GUARDS EVERY YEAR THEY WERE ELIGIBLE,
3 AND TWO HAVE GONE ON TO GRADUATE OUT OF THE PROGRAM. MY
4 YOUNGEST AND ONLY GIRL IS 9. AND THIS WOULD BE HER FIRST YEAR
5 AS A J.G. THE J.G. PROGRAM IS MANY YEARS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY
6 IT IS A LIFE SAVER. THE J.G. PROGRAM SAVED MY OLDEST CHILD'S
7 LIFE. TY, WHEN HE WAS 14, AND PARIS, WHEN HE WAS 11, WENT
8 SURFING TOGETHER. AROUND 6:30PM ON A REALLY NICE SUMMER NIGHT,
9 I LET THEM GO WITHOUT ME BECAUSE THEY HAD J.G. TRAINING AND
10 WERE STRONG SWIMMERS. TY FELL OFF THE BOARD, AND A WAVE
11 SLASHED THE INSIDE OF HIS LEFT LEG, BLOOD GUSHED. HE LOST
12 CONSCIOUSNESS. PARIS, 11, USED HIS THREE YEARS OF J.G.
13 TRAINING AND 1) SCREAMED FOR HELP, 2) MADE SURE TY'S HEAD WAS
14 ABOVE THE WATER, AND 3) APPLIED PRESSURE TO THE DEEP WOUND,
15 ALL SKILLS HE LEARNED HE LEARNED IN JUNIOR GUARDS. LIFEGUARDS
16 ARRIVED QUICKLY, AND 47 STITCHES LATER, TY IS FINE. BUT IT
17 SHAPED OUR FAMILY. IT SHAPED TY, AND PARIS HAS GONE ON --

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** TERRIE CARGAS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
23 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
24 MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **TERRIE CARGAS:** HI, I'M ADDRESSING S1, AND I WILL BE SPAKING
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M TERRIE CARGAS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
3 THE PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM, AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU
4 CONSIDER RECATEGORIZING US SO THAT WHEN INDOOR MALLS, CARD
5 ROOMS, AND CASINOS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN, WE WILL BE PART OF
6 THAT GROUP. WE EXCEED SAFETY PROTOCOLS. WE HAVE TOTAL CONTROL
7 ON THE NUMBER OF VISITORS THAT WE CAN HAVE BY THE HOUR WITH
8 PREPROGRAMMED TICKETING. WE HAVE DOCENTS THROUGHOUT THE MUSEUM
9 FOR CONTROLLED TRAFFIC FLOW, AND WE PROVIDE A CULTURAL,
10 EDUCATIONAL, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE THAT REALLY HAS BEEN
11 MISSING IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST ALMOST A YEAR NOW. SO WE
12 WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER RECATEGORIZING US AND
13 APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUPERVISOR. THANK
14 YOU SO MUCH.

15

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

17

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

24

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE
2 CLAVREUL. I WANT TO SPEAK TO ITEM S1, AND 7, AND PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. ON S1, BETTER INFORMATION NEEDS TO COME OUT. WE
4 ALWAYS GET CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINE, THE
5 TESTING, AND SO ON. I THINK BETTER CLARITY IS IMPORTANT. ALSO,
6 ON ITEM 7, AT LAST WEEK SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED ABOUT
7 ADDING TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VACCINE, BUT ONE THING WOULD BE
8 BETTER. WE USED TO USE MOBILE UNITS. YOU KNOW, A COUPLE OF
9 YEARS AGO, WE GAVE MONEY TO L.A.H.S.A. TO BUY A VAN WITH
10 COMPUTER AND SO ON. THEY COULD USE THOSE VANS TO GO IN THE
11 NEIGHBORHOOD, WHERE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO WASTE THEIR ENTIRE
12 DAY GETTING TRANSPORTATION AND SO ON. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A
13 BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH THE VACCINE TO MAKE SURE THE POORER
14 COMMUNITY GETS A VACCINE WITHOUT A LOT OF STRESS AND SO ON. SO
15 I THINK, TO USE THE MOBILE UNIT LIKE WE NEED FOR H.I.V. AND SO
16 ON TO GO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT WOULD BE FANTASTIC. AND
17 LIKE I SAID, TWO YEARS BACK, WE PAID TONS OF MONEY TO
18 L.A.H.S.A. TO BUY VANS EQUIPPED WITH COMPUTERS AND SO ON SO
19 THEY COULD TAKE INTAKE ALSO TO PROVIDE MORE CARE TO THE
20 HOMELESS, SO I THINK WE SHOULD USE THOSE. ALSO, ON S2, IT
21 WOULD BE NICE IF WE KNEW WHICH DEPARTMENT HEAD IS BEING
22 REVIEWED. UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS, I WANT SUPERVISOR HOLLY
23 MITCHELL TO BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT M.L.K. THERE WAS A
24 DEVASTATING ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES YESTERDAY DEALING
25 ABOUT M.L.K. AND THE LACK OF TREATMENT, EVEN, TO PATIENTS WITH

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1 COVID, SPECIFICALLY REFUSING TO GIVE MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES.
2 AND THEIR EXCUSE WAS IF WE TEST THEM WE CAN GIVE MONOCLONAL
3 ANTIBODIES, WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE IT TO EVERYBODY. IT IS
4 TERRIBLE THAT PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THE INCOME AND SO ON DON'T
5 GET THE TREATMENT BECAUSE M.L.K. DON'T FEEL THEY WANT TO
6 BOTHER WITH IT. PLEASE REVIEW WHAT IS GOING ON AT M.L.K.,
7 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT. AND
8 ALSO, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHEILA KUEHL. ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL I HAVE
9 FOR TODAY. BYE.

10

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

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ANNE HALVERSON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA
14 ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
15 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **ANNE HALVERSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANNE
18 HALVERSON. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE, AND I'M SPEAKING
19 ON AGENDA ITEMS 23, 27, 29, 57D, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
20 LAST YEAR, I MADE THE DIFFICULT, DEEPLY COMPLICATED DECISION
21 TO FILE A POLICE REPORT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAT I INCURRED
22 THROUGHOUT A 7 YEAR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP. TO MAKE MY REPORT,
23 I WAS INTERVIEWED SEVERAL TIMES ON ONE OCCASION BY THE
24 RESPONDING OFFICERS AND ON ANOTHER TWO INSTANCES BY A
25 DETECTIVE SPECIALIZING IN SEXUAL ASSAULT. ONE LINE OF

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1 QUESTIONS I WAS ASKED ON EACH OF THESE OCCASIONS WAS WHAT DO
2 YOU WANT TO HAPPEN TO THIS PERSON. DO YOU WANT HIM TO GO TO
3 JAIL? MY ANSWER NOW IS THE SAME AS IT WAS THEN. NO, I DO NOT.
4 THERE'S A MISCONCEPTION ABOUT SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AS A GROUP
5 THAT TIES TIDILY INTO THE LARGER MYTH BEHIND MASS
6 INCARCERATION. IT IS THE PRESUMPTION THAT ALL SURVIVORS OF
7 VIOLENCE WANT THE PERSON WHO HARMED THEM LOCKED UP, AS A
8 MEANS OF PUNISHMENT, AS A CUT AND DRY MEANS OF DETAINMENT, AS
9 INSURANCE AGAINST RE-VICTIMIZATION, OR EVEN IN THE MISGUIDED
10 HOPE THAT, IN SPITE OF ALL THE DATA TO THE CONTRARY,
11 INCARCERATION CAN LEAD TO REHABILITATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
12 LET ME BE CLEAR, THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANT. THIS IS NOT WHAT I
13 NEED. IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS, IF THE WISHES OF SURVIVORS LIKE ME
14 WERE CENTERED, THERE WOULD BE ALTERNATIVES ALREADY IN PLACE
15 FOR SOMEONE LIKE MY FORMER PARTNER. RESTORATIVE JUSTICES
16 PRACTICES WOULD BE THE MAINSTREAM, AND SURVIVORS OF HARM LIKE
17 ME WOULD NOT HAVE TO RELY ON THIS DEEPLY BROKEN CRIMINAL
18 JUSTICE SYSTEM AT ALL. THIS IS THE DREAM OF REIMAGINE L.A. AND
19 A.T.I. IMPLEMENTATION, AND IN THE MEANTIME, AS WE WORK AS A
20 COMMUNITY TO REALIZE THAT DREAM, THE VERY LAST THING I WANT OR
21 NEED IS MY EXPERIENCE TO BE USED IN DEFENSE OF OUR CURRENT
22 SYSTEM. THE VERY IDEA INFURIATES ME BECAUSE, KNOWING MY
23 PARTNER AS WELL AS I DO, I KNOW THAT THE LAST THING THAT WILL
24 BREAK THAT PERSON'S CYCLE OF HARM IS TIME SPENT IN OUR TOXIC
25 MESS OF A PRISON SYSTEM. GIVEN THAT THIS SYSTEM IS SHOWN, IF

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1 ANYTHING, TO PERPETUATE VIOLENCE WITHIN LOS ANGELES, WITHIN
2 COMMUNITIES, AND WITHIN HOMES, WISHING SUCH AN OUTCOME ON MY
3 FORMER PARTNER IS TANTAMOUNT TO WISHING HARM ON THE WOMEN THAT
4 COME AFTER ME IN HIS LIFE, AND THESE ARE THE WOMEN THAT I
5 HOPED TO PROTECT WITH MY REPORT AND HOWEVER ELSE I AM ABLE.
6 THIS IS NOT ABOUT FORGIVENESS. I DO NOT FORGIVE THIS PERSON.
7 THIS IS ABOUT HEALING AND ACCOUNTABILITY, NEITHER OF WHICH I
8 TRUST THIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PURVEY. IF THAT PERSON
9 EVER STOPS HURTING PEOPLE, I AM CONFIDENT IT WILL BE BY WAY OF
10 PROFOUNDLY CARING REHABILITATIVE SERVICES. I DO NOT WISH THAT
11 PERSON WELL, BUT I WISH THAT HE WILL GET WELL, AND YOU CANNOT
12 GET WELL IN A CELL. THIS I DO KNOW. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY
13 TIME.

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** SAL MARTINEZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
18 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
19 MAY BEGIN.

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21 **SAL MARTINEZ:** ITEM 57A. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
22 SAL MARTINEZ. FOR THE LAST 9 YEARS, UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY
23 OF THIS YEAR, I REPRESENTED SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 ON THE
24 L.A. COUNTY PROBATION COMMISSION. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION, ITEM 57A, BECAUSE FOR THE LAST SIX

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1 MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN 15 TO 25 BOYS AND GIRLS IN JUVENILE
2 CUSTODY. THESE KIDS COME FROM CITIES LIKE EL MONTE, POMONA, LA
3 PUENTE, AND EAST L.A. THIS MOTION WILL BE ABLE TO DO MORE TO
4 ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE ARE
5 EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. DURING MY YEARS ON THE
6 PROBATION COMMISSION, I SERVED AND LEARNED FROM MANY
7 COMMISSIONERS, INCLUDING THE LATE, LEGENDARY SYLVIA JOHNSON.
8 WE CANNOT DO THIS JUST BY FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE NEED
9 MORE RESOURCES TO INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THIS MOTION
10 EMPHASIZES THAT POINT.

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** COUNCILMEMBER NILS NEHRENHEIM. PLEASE STATE THE
16 AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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19 **COUNCILMEMBER NILS NEHRENHEIM:** HI, THIS IS COUNCILMEMBER NILS
20 NEHRENHEIM. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER TWO AND PROJECT ROOM
21 KEY, NON AGENDA. SPEAKING ON BEHALF AS A COUNCILMEMBER FOR
22 REDONDO BEACH, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
23 INTENTION TO GET THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM BACK UP AND
24 RUNNING. I, MYSELF, AM A LIFEGUARD AFTER GOING THROUGH THE
25 PROGRAM FOR EIGHT YEARS. LAST SUMMER WAS DEVASTATING TO THE

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1 CHILDREN OF L.A. COUNTY. HAVING NO JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM
2 LEFT THE CHILDREN DIRECTIONLESS AND WITHOUT STRUCTURE. THEY
3 WERE CRAVING FOR A PROGRAM, GOING SO FAR AS TO ORGANIZING
4 THEIR OWN MINI PROGRAMS. THE BEACHES WERE PACKED IN OTHER
5 CITIES, SUCH AS HUNTINGTON BEACH, WHO WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE
6 THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS SAFELY. OTHER LIFEGUARD AGENCIES
7 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING LONG BEACH, NEWPORT,
8 HUNTINGTON, CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS, WILL ALL BE RUNNING
9 THEIR JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER. WE CAN DO THE
10 SAME. LASTLY, REGARDING PROJECT ROOM KEY, I SAW FIRSTHAND HOW
11 PROJECT ROOM KEY WORKS, GIVING PEOPLE HOPE FOR A BETTER
12 FUTURE. I WAS IN CHARGE OF A LOCATION FOR 30 DAYS. AS A
13 COUNCILMEMBER IN MY CITY, WHO HAS OPENED UP PALETTE SHELTER
14 PROGRAMS WITH 15 BEDS, THESE ARE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT MAKE
15 A DIFFERENCE TO HELP US ALL. PLEASE EXTEND THE PROGRAM. THANK
16 YOU GUYS FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** ADAM ZARAGOZA, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
21 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
22 MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **ADAM ZARAGOZA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
25 ADAM ZARAGOZA. I'M A GANG INTERVENTION SPECIALIST REPRESENTING

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1 SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT ACTION. I LIVE AND WORK IN SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS'S DISTRICT, AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS'S MOTION, ITEM 57A. I CAN SHARE FROM EXPERIENCES THAT
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S SUPPORT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT 1
5 HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME AND THE CLIENTS WE SERVICE,
6 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY TRAUMA. BECAUSE OF
7 HER SUPPORT, WE ARE ABLE TO DO GANG INTERVENTION SERVICES,
8 COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WITH THIS
9 MOTION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO MORE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF
10 VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE ARE EXCITED TO BE PART OF
11 THE SOLUTION. AS A RESIDENT AND SOMEONE WHO WAS RECENTLY
12 IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE, WE CANNOT JUST DO THIS ONLY BY FUNDING
13 LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES AND INVESTMENT IN THE
14 COMMUNITY, AND THIS MOTION EMPHASIZES THAT POINT. THANK YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. HAVE A GREAT
16 DAY.

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

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

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1 **JANE THAL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JANE THAL, AND I REPRESENT OUR
2 SAVIOR CENTER, A NONPROFIT LOCATED HERE IN EL MONTE SINCE
3 1985. I AM CALLING REGARDING SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THE
4 MOTION FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE COVID-19 VACCINE. OUR
5 OPERATION SITS IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT, AND WE ARE VERY
6 GRATEFUL FOR HER SUPPORT OF EVERYTHING IN OUR DISTRICT, AND I
7 WANT TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE GUARANTEE EVERY
8 RESIDENT OF L.A. ACTUALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE
9 COVID-19 VACCINE. AND THIS, OF COURSE, INCLUDES PEOPLE IN OUR
10 COMMUNITIES WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION. IT IS
11 IMPORTANT THAT THESE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON OUR MARGINS HAVE THE
12 SAME TYPE OF SUPPORT AND THE SAME TYPE OF RESOURCES TO RECEIVE
13 THE VACCINE AS IS NECESSARY FOR ALL OF US TO BE ABLE TO GET
14 THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. SO I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS AND THE ENTIRE SUPERVISORY BOARD FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON
16 THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** ATON GINSBERG, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
21 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.
22 YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **ATON GINSBERG:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM S1. I'M ATON GINSBERG,
25 C.F.O. WITH THE PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM AND WANTED ASK THAT

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1 THE SUPERVISORS CONSIDER ALLOWING INDOOR MUSEUMS TO REOPEN TO
2 THE PUBLIC IN THE SAME MANNER AS INDOOR STORES AND OTHER
3 BUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE MUSEUMS HAVE THE ABILITY TO
4 CONTROL ACCESS, CONTROL THE CONDITIONS AND THE FLOW OF PEOPLE,
5 BETTER THAN MOST STORES AND MALLS, ALLOWING THE MANY MUSEUMS
6 OF L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING OURS, TO REOPEN WITH PROPER SAFETY
7 PRECAUTIONS. IT WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO FAMILIES AND TO THE MANY
8 PEOPLE WHO WILL BE REHIRED TO STAFF OUR FACILITIES. WE
9 ACTUALLY WERE ABLE TO REOPEN FOR A BRIEF TWO WEEKS BACK IN
10 JUNE, UNDER SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND WE DEMONSTRATED THAT WE
11 REALLY COULD OPERATE SAFELY WITH LIMITED CAPACITY, ADVANCED
12 TICKET PURCHASES, SIX FOOT SPACING, DIRECTED AISLES, AND OTHER
13 TYPES OF SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT WE ARE WELL-EXPERIENCED ON HOW
14 TO DEAL WITH NOW. SO WE HOPE THAT --

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

18

19 **ATON GINSBERG:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** JANA PISALSKI, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
22 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **JANA PISALSKI:** HI, THANK YOU. THIS IS FOR S1, PUBLIC HEALTH
2 ORDER. MY NAME IS JANA PISALSKI, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
3 THIRD DISTRICT AND A PARENT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN. I
4 AM PLEADING WITH YOU THAT YOU REOPEN THE L.A. COUNTY COVID-19
5 SCHOOL WAIVER PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY AND GRANT WAIVERS TO THOSE
6 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS THAT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE PRECAUTIONS
7 NECESSARY TO SAFELY OPEN UP THEIR SCHOOLS. MANY SCHOOLS HAVE
8 ALREADY RECEIVED WAIVERS AND ARE NOW OPERATING IN PERSON. A
9 NUMBER OF OTHER SCHOOLS HAVE MADE THE PREPARATIONS NEED TO
10 SAFELY RETURN TO CAMPUS, HAVE SUBMITTED THE WAIVERS, AND ARE
11 SIMPLY WAITING FOR THEIR APPLICATIONS TO BE APPROVED. THESE
12 INSTITUTIONS HAVE WORKED HARD TO PREPARE THEIR CAMPUSES TO
13 SAFELY OPEN AND HAVE TEACHERS READY TO COME BACK. OUR KIDS ARE
14 MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND ACADEMICALLY SUFFERING. PLEASE
15 GRANT WAIVERS TO THE SCHOOLS WHOSE APPLICATIONS WERE PLACED ON
16 HOLD AND WHO'VE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PREPARE THEIR CAMPUSES
17 FOR IN PERSON LEARNING. YOUR DECISION TODAY TO REOPEN THIS
18 APPROVAL PROCESS CAN PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE POSITIVE LASTING
19 IMPACT TO HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN ACROSS L.A. THANK YOU SO MUCH
20 FOR LISTENING.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** ADRIAN MOON, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
2 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ADRIAN MOON:** OH PRAISE THEE LORD THE ALMIGHTY CREATED A GREAT
6 DAY. I AM ADRIAN MOON, AND I AM SPEAKING ON IN FAVOR OF --
7 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- AND MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT, PUBLIC
8 HEALTH SAFETY AT LARGE. I SENT YOU GIRLS, HOLLY, HILDA,
9 SHEILA, JANICE, AND KATHY, AN EMERGENCY MOTION TO AGENDIZE THE
10 DRAFTING OF --

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU SPEAK LOUDER, PLEASE,
13 SO WE CAN HEAR YOU.

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15 **ADRIAN MOON:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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

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19 **ADRIAN MOON:** I SENT YOU GIRLS, HOLLY, HILDA, SHEILA, AND
20 KATHRYN, AN EMERGENCY MOTION TO AGENDIZE THE DRAFTING OF
21 ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST KATHRYN BARGER -- (SPEAKER FAR
22 FROM MIC) -- AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND OTHERS. LET'S MEET AND
23 CONFER. CALL ME AT 626-360-9896 OR RESPOND TO THE EMAIL. FESIA
24 DAVENPORT FAILED TO INCLUDE THE \$7 BILLION JUDGMENT IN THE
25 BOARD'S BUDGET TO PAY MY EMINENT JUDGMENT. THERE ARE SIX

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1 THINGS THAT THE CREATOR HATES, SEVEN THAT ARE DETESTABLE TO
2 HIM -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- LYING TONGUE, HANDS THAT SHED
3 INNOCENT BLOOD, A HEART THAT DECEIVES, ADVISES WICKED SCHEMES,
4 FEET THAT ARE QUICK TO RUSH INTO EVIL, AND FALSE WITNESS WHO -
5 - (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). AMONG OTHERS. I'VE LOVED YOU ALL AND
6 THROUGH ETERNITY --

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** DAVID DIAZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
12 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **DAVID DIAZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY, AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT REGARDING ITEM 7,
18 CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS'S MOTION, TITLED EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE
19 COVID-19 VACCINE. MY NAME IS DAVID DIAZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
20 ACTIVE S.G.V. AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE
21 COUNCIL, ACTIVE S.G.V.'S MISSION IS TO CREATE A MORE
22 SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE, LIVABLE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE'VE
23 BEEN WORKING ON MOBILITY JUSTICE FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS,
24 WORKING TO INCREASE ACCESS FOR ALL USERS OF THE ROAD, NOT FOR
25 PEOPLE THAT HAVE CARS, TO COMMEND CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS'S EFFORT TO

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1 GUARANTEE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CAN GET THEIR
2 COVID-19 VACCINATION REGARDLESS OF HAVING ACCESS TO
3 TRANSPORTATION, HAVING A CAR, OR BEING HOMEBOUND. IT'S
4 IMPORTANT ALSO TO HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO VACCINATIONS WE
5 CANNOT GET. THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC UNTIL EVERY RESIDENT WHO
6 WANTS A VACCINE CAN GET THEIR VACCINE, MOTIONS LIKE THIS FROM
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL ENSURE THAT SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE
8 PEOPLE IN L.A., SUCH AS THOSE THAT AREN'T ABLE TO TRAVEL FAR
9 FROM HOME CAN GET THE VACCINE. THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** GABRIELLA MADOC, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
14 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16

17 **GABRIELLA MADOC:** HI, THIS IS ACTUALLY NINA MADOC, GABRIELLA'S
18 MOTHER. GABRIELLA HAD TO GO BACK TO CLASS. GABRIELLA AND I ARE
19 SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO
20 WISH MY FELLOW LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL ALUM, SHEILA KUEHL, A HAPPY
21 BIRTHDAY. SECONDLY, GABRIELLA AND I WERE MENTIONED IN THE
22 ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES LAST NIGHT, AND WE'RE SPEAKING IN
23 SUPPORT OF SAVING THE J.G. PROGRAM. I'M ASKING SHEILA KUEHL
24 AND SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO SAVE
25 THE PROGRAM. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL PROGRAM FOR MY 12-YEAR-OLD.

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1 SHE HAS PARTICIPATED IN IT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. IT IS ONE
2 OF THE MOST -- SHE GETS GREAT COACHING FROM THE LIFEGUARDS. IT
3 IS GREAT FOR KIDS OF ALL LEVELS AND FROM ALL PARTS OF THE
4 COUNTY, AND IT IS SAFE, OUTDOORS IT'S VERY FOCUSED ON THE
5 HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR KIDS FROM AGES 9 TO 16.

6

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** ELLEN GEESEY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
11 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
12 MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **ELLEN GEESEY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELLEN GEESEY. AND I AM A
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
16 ITEMS 23, 27, 29, 57D, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HAPPY
17 BIRTHDAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN EXTREMELY
18 STRONG OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM 23. I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED
19 TO THE COUNTY C.E.O.'S DECISION TO TRANSFER NEARLY \$90 MILLION
20 FROM THE P.F.U. BUDGET TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS SHOWN NO COMPLIANCE WITH THE B.O.S.
22 OR THE C.O.C., AND THE BOARD SHOULD NOT REWARD THE SHERIFF
23 WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO PAYING CHILDREN
24 THAT HAVE BEEN BAD THEIR ALLOWANCE WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN ABOUT
25 AS NAUGHTY AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE. AS FOR ITEM 27, I'M IN

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1 FAVOR OF THIS. THE COUNTY MUST ALIGN ITS STATE LEGISLATIVE
2 AGENDA WITH THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES BY ACCEPTING
3 THESE TWO SOURCES OF STATE FUNDING THAT WOULD SUPPORT THIS,
4 THIS PROGRAM, AND HELP THE PEOPLE TO HEAL BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY
5 WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW WITH OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM IS NOT
6 THE ANSWER. AS TO AGENDA ITEM 29, I'M STRONGLY OPPOSED. MY TAX
7 PAYING DOLLARS SHOULD NOT BE GOING TO A CORRUPT POLICE
8 DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE ITS CYCLES OF HARM AND PERPETUATE
9 VIOLENCE WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
10 SERVING. FOR AGENDA ITEM 57D, I'M IN EXTREME FAVOR OF THIS.
11 CLOSE THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. BLACK, BROWN, AND
12 INDIGENOUS YOUTH BEAR THE BRUNT OF ALL JUSTICE SYSTEM DECISION
13 MAKING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT PARTICULARLY THE MOST
14 PUNITIVE AND HARMFUL DECISIONS. THE FACT THAT IN 2019, 100
15 PERCENT OF YOUTH THAT WERE TRIED AS ADULTS, AND ALL BUT TWO OF
16 THESE COMMITTED TO THE D.J.J. WERE -- OF COLOR, THE INEQUITIES
17 THAT EXIST TODAY ARE EVIDENCE OF STRUCTURAL, INSTITUTIONAL,
18 AND HISTORICAL RACISM THAT STAIN OUR NOTION OF THE LEGAL
19 SYSTEM AS JUST AND FAIR. AND I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS TO SEGUE
20 INTO SUPPORTING GEORGE GASCON'S TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMS THAT
21 HE HAS PROPOSED, HIS PROMISE THAT CHILDREN WILL NOT TRIED AS
22 ADULTS. CLOSING DOWN OF THE D.J.J. SHOULD NOT MEAN THAT THESE
23 CHILDREN START GETTING TRIED AS ADULTS INSTEAD. THEY NEED
24 HELP. THEY NEED CARING. THEY NEED SUPPORT SO THEY CAN GROW TO
25 BE STRONG HUMAN BEINGS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD. LET

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1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON FULFILL THE PROMISES THAT ARE
2 WHY WE VOTED HIM INTO OFFICE AND MAKE THESE TRANSFORMATIVE
3 HISTORIC CHANGES IN OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** IVETTE ALE. PLEASE ADDRESS THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
8 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **IVETTE ALE:** HI, GOOD MORNING IVETTE ALE WITH DIGNITY AND POWER
12 NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'M SPEAKING ON 23, 27,
13 29, 57A, 57D, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND HAPPIEST OF
14 BIRTHDAYS TO YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU FOR BEING A
15 CHAMPION FOR CHANGE IN OUR COUNTY. ON AGENDA ITEM 23, I WANT
16 TO REITERATE WHAT THE LAST SPEAKER LIFTED UP, THAT I'M
17 STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COUNTY C.E.O.'S DECISION TO TRANSFER \$87.9
18 MILLION FROM THE P.F.U. BUDGET TO THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF HAS
19 NOT COMPLIED WITH THE B.O.S. OR C.O.C. THE C.E.O. JUSTIFIED
20 THIS DECISION ARGUING THAT THE L.A.S.D. IMPROVED OVER TIME
21 EXPENDITURES, BUT WHILE L.A.S.D. SHOULD BE CONTROLLING
22 OVERTIME, WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES DEMAND IS FOR THE L.A.S.D. TO
23 STOP THE VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION. WHAT L.A. VOTERS DEMANDED
24 THROUGH MEASURE R AND J IS TO REDUCE LAW ENFORCEMENT SPENDING.
25 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED BACK TO L.A.S.D. TO

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1 SUPPORT ROUTINE OPERATIONS. THESE ROUTINE OPERATIONS COST LOS
2 ANGELES TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH THEIR
3 MISCONDUCT. ITEMS 51, 53, AND 54 ON THE AGENDA ARE SETTLEMENTS
4 RELATED TO L.A.S.D. SETTLEMENTS AT THIS B.O.S. MEETING ALONE
5 TOTAL OVER -- ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS. THE BOARD KNOWS THIS
6 DEPARTMENT IS CORRUPT AND COSTLY, WHICH IS WHY YOU HAVE
7 EXPLORED WAYS TO HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE, BUT YOU HAVE
8 THE POWER TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH THE
9 BUDGET, AND NO SIGNIFICANT STEPS THROUGH REAL ACCOUNTABILITY
10 THROUGH THE BUDGET HAVE BEEN TAKEN, WHICH LEADS ME TO ITEM 29.
11 WHILE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS REQUESTED THE FILING OF THE ANNUAL
12 LITIGATION COST REPORT TO BE CONTINUED, I WOULD LIKE TO UPLIFT
13 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS LONG BEEN THE PRIMARY DRIVER
14 OF LITIGATION COSTS FOR L.A. COUNTY. THE EXCESSIVE USE OF
15 FORCE SETTLEMENTS ALONE IN 2018 THROUGH 2019 COST NEARLY \$19
16 MILLION. ON 57A, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ADDRESSING
17 THE ISSUE OF VIOLENCE HEAD ON WITH THIS MOTION. WHAT L.A.
18 RESIDENTS DESERVE ARE TRAUMA INFORMED, PUBLIC HEALTH DRIVEN,
19 COMMUNITY BASED SOLUTIONS. IT IS CLEAR THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
20 HAS FAILED TO KEEP US SAFE AND WILL NEVER KEEP US SAFE.
21 ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE SUCH AS ECONOMIC
22 DISENFRANCHISEMENT AND RACIAL INEQUALITY IS THE ONLY WAY TO
23 STOP THE CYCLES OF VIOLENCE. ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THE
24 COUNTY HAS COMMITTED TO CREATING A PLAN TO CLOSE M.C.J. AND TO
25 IMPLEMENT A.T.I., BUT THAT COMMITMENT TOWARDS A CARE FIRST

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1 VISION IS AN EMPTY PROMISE WITHOUT INVESTING IN PROVEN
2 DIVERSION MODELS LIKE O.D.R.'S FIST PROGRAM. I KNOW THAT THE
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGREES WITH THE CARE FIRST VISION,
4 OFFERING L.A. COUNTY NEARLY \$200 MILLION THIS YEAR FOR THE
5 COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND \$137 MILLION OF
6 ONGOING FUNDING EVERY YEAR. IF THE COUNTY TRULY BELIEVES IN
7 THE CARE FIRST VISION AS IT CLAIMS TO SUPPORT. THE BOARD
8 CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE REJECT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
9 DOLLARS THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY
10 MEMBERS. THE BOARD MUST GET ALL THE FACTS AND HAVE AN OPEN
11 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. OUR
12 COMMUNITIES DESERVE BETTER THAN BACK ROOM DISCUSSIONS THAT
13 UNDERMINE THE EFFORTS THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE SO
14 VEHEMENTLY SUPPORTED AND GIVEN THOUSANDS OF HOURS TO PASS AND
15 IMPLEMENT. REFUSING TO ACCEPT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF STATE
16 FUNDING FOR THE DIVERSION OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH
17 NEEDS IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE SPENT
18 COUNTLESS HOURS MAKING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION A REALITY
19 AND WORKED TO PASS MEASURE J. WE BELIEVE IN THE CARE FIRST
20 VISION. WE NEED OUR BOARD AND THE C.E.O. TO BELIEVE IT, TOO.
21 OUR COMMUNITIES LIVES ARE AT STAKE.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAM
24 CHAIR, THAT NOW CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THAT CALLED IN
2 AND ALSO THOSE THAT SUBMITTED THEIR COMMENTS. OUR TIME FOR
3 PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED, AND AGAIN THANK EVERYONE FOR YOUR
4 COMMENTS AND/OR YOUR SALUTATIONS AND GOOD WILL AND WISHES TO
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
6 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL ALSO
7 BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
8 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
11 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 1D-3D, ITEMS 1-6, 8, 10-15, 17, 19-21,
12 23-28, 30-44, 45, AS REVISED, 46-56, 57C, 57D, AND 60-62.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THOSE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MOVING ON, TODAY
14 WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE SET ITEM S1 AND THEN ITEM 7, FOLLOWED
15 BY ITEMS 9, 18, 57A, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 57B. WE ARE NOW
16 GOING TO BEGIN OUR SPECIAL SET ITEM, S1, AND THIS IS ON THE
17 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO
18 DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND THE PANDEMIC TRENDS. TODAY, WE HAVE
19 DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH UPDATES.
20 NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER AND THE DIRECTOR OF
21 HEALTH, AND DIRECTOR -- DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, THE DIRECTOR OF
22 HEALTH SERVICES. THANK YOU.

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** HI, THIS IS BARBARA. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD, BARBARA.

2

3 **DR. FERRER:** SORRY, WE ARE HAVING SOME -- OKAY. WE ARE HAVING
4 SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HERE. SO I AM HOPING THAT YOU CAN
5 HEAR, BUT LET ME KNOW IF NOT, AND I WILL TRY TO CALL IN. I DO
6 WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS
7 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY AND FOR YOUR
8 STEADFAST LEADERSHIP. I DO WANT TO START BY PROVIDING AN
9 UPDATE ON OUR CASES AND OUR METRICS AND THEN DISCUSS VACCINE
10 IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS. I DO HAVE SOME SLIDES. I DON'T KNOW IF
11 THEY ARE ABLE TO BE SHOWN, BUT IF THEY ARE, I WOULD BE ON THE
12 FIRST SLIDE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS IN REDUCING
13 THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY NEW CASES OF COVID-19, THOUGH AS
14 YOU KNOW, OUR DAILY NUMBERS --

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** BARBARA? DR. FERRER? JUST TO LET YOU KNOW
17 THAT THE DECK THAT YOU SENT OUT, WE DID RECEIVE. WE DID
18 RECEIVE A --

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** YES. YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE DECK? OH, IT IS
21 POSTED, YES IT IS, ON THE WEBSITE. GO AHEAD, THANK YOU.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY, GREAT. THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY
24 CASES PEAKED ON JANUARY 8TH, WITH MORE THAN 15,000 NEW CASES.
25 BUT IT HAS NOW DROPPED BY 77 PERCENT TO LESS THAN 5,000 NEW

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1 CASES A DAY. WE HOPE THIS TREND CONTINUES AND WE CAN REDUCE
2 THE DAILY CASE RATES ENOUGH TO ALLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO
3 MEET THE STATE THRESHOLD FOR REOPENING. HOSPITALIZATIONS OF
4 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL FROM COVID-19 INFECTION
5 ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO GRADUALLY DECLINE, ALTHOUGH IF OUR CASE
6 NUMBERS REMAIN HIGH, SO WILL OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS. WE REACHED
7 A PEAK OF 8,065 AVERAGE DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS ON JANUARY 6TH.
8 AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, THERE WERE 4,608 AVERAGE
9 DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS, AGAIN, A 42 PERCENT DECLINE.
10 UNFORTUNATELY, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE DYING FROM COVID-
11 19 REMAINS DISTRESSINGLY ELEVATED. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY
12 DEATHS FROM COVID-19 DID PEAK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH OF
13 JANUARY AT ABOUT 220 PEOPLE DYING EACH DAY. THAT'S AN INCREASE
14 OF MORE THAN 1,700 PERCENT FROM WHEN THE SURGE FIRST STARTED
15 AND WE WERE REPORTING ABOUT 13 DEATHS A DAY FROM COVID-19. AS
16 OF JANUARY 31ST, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PASSING AWAY FROM COVID-
17 19 HAS DROPPED ABOUT 40 PERCENT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I CONTINUE
18 TO HAVE TO REPORT MANY DAYS WHERE MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE PASSED
19 AWAY. AND ON THE NEXT SLIDE, I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT CASES,
20 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. THIS IS A GRAPH THAT COMBINES
21 THE TREND LINES FOR CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS
22 THROUGH JANUARY 31ST. AND IT DOES SHOW A RATE OF DECLINE FOR
23 ALL THREE METRICS BECAUSE THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OTHER.
24 CASES IN THE GREEN LINE ARE FALLING AT A VERY PROMISING RATE.
25 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS ARE NOT DROPPING AT A SIMILAR PACE

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1 BECAUSE THEY LAG BEHIND THE DROP WE SEE IN CASES. IT IS OUR
2 HOPE THAT PEOPLE CHOSE NOT TO GATHER FOR THE SUPER BOWL THIS
3 PAST WEEKEND. WE WILL ONLY BEGIN TO SEE THE IMPACT OF OUR
4 ACTIONS THAT WE TOOK THIS PAST WEEKEND TWO WEEKS FROM NOW IN
5 OUR DAILY CASES. WE ARE ALSO ASKING THAT FOLKS TAKE PARTICULAR
6 CARE OVER UPCOMING VALENTINE AND PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAYS.
7 PLEASE AGAIN AVOID HOSTING OR ATTENDING PARTIES AND TRAVELING
8 OUTSIDE THE REGION BECAUSE, IF CASES INCREASE,
9 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS WILL ALSO INCREASE SHORTLY
10 THEREAFTER. AND I DO REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR
11 INCREASES IN CASES IF WE ARE NOT TAKING EVERY PRECAUTION AND
12 ADHERING, BOTH AS INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES, TO ALL THE
13 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES. WE FACE TWO CHALLENGES. WE HAVE
14 CAREFULLY REOPENED ADDITIONAL SECTORS, BUT IT DOES ALLOW FOR
15 MORE INTERMINGLING AMONGST HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. IN ADDITION,
16 CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.K. VARIANT,
17 A STRAIN OF THE VIRUS THAT IS KNOWN TO BE MORE INFECTIOUS,
18 WHICH MEANS IT CAN MORE EASILY BE TRANSMITTED, HAVE BEEN FOUND
19 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND, WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEQUENCED ANY
20 SAMPLES WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN VARIANT, IT IS LIKELY THAT THIS
21 VARIANT IS ALSO CIRCULATING IN CALIFORNIA AND OUR COUNTY. WITH
22 THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE INFECTIOUS STRAINS OF THE VIRUS, AND
23 MORE PLACES OPEN WHERE TRANSMISSION CAN HAPPEN, THE ONLY WAY
24 THAT IT WORKS FOR US TO KEEP OUR CASE RATES GOING DOWN IS IF
25 EVERYONE CONTINUES USING ALL OF THE TOOLS AVAILABLE TO HELP

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1 STOP THIS PANDEMIC. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES. COVER YOUR
2 MOUTH AND YOUR NOSE WITH A MASK WHENEVER YOU ARE AROUND OTHERS
3 OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD. STAY SIX FEET AWAY FROM EVERYONE ELSE.
4 AVOID CROWDS, AND WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN. L.A. COUNTY DOES
5 REMAIN IN THE PURPLE TIER OF THE STATE'S TIER SYSTEM, AND THIS
6 IS BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO SEE WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION. OUR
7 RECENT ADJUSTED CASE RATE OF NEWLY CASE -- NEWLY -- DAILY NEW
8 CASES UNDER THE STATE'S METRICS FOR REOPENING, WHICH WAS
9 RELEASED LAST TUESDAY AND WILL BE UPDATED AT NOON TODAY, WAS
10 38.7 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. WE DO EXPECT WITH THE
11 UPDATE TODAY THAT THE NUMBER WILL HAVE DECREASED, GIVEN THE
12 CONTINUED DECREASES WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR CASE NUMBERS. BUT AS A
13 REMINDER, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO MOVE TO REOPENINGS FOR OTHER
14 ADDITIONAL SECTORS OR ACTIVITIES UNTIL OUR ADJUSTED DAILY CASE
15 RATE IS AT OUR BELOW 7 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, WHICH
16 MOVES US TO THE RED TIER, WHERE WE ONLY ARE EXPERIENCING AT
17 THAT TIME SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION. THE EXCEPTION TO THAT IS
18 AROUND SCHOOLS, AND I WANT TO TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO
19 UPDATE THE BOARD ON SCHOOLS AND THE WORK THAT IS CURRENTLY
20 HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOLS. I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE STATUS
21 OF SCHOOL WAIVERS FOR IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS IN
22 GRADES T.K.-2, SCHOOL SERVICES FOR HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS, AND
23 FUTURE SCHOOL REOPENINGS. THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THE SAFER
24 SCHOOLS FOR ALL PROGRAM, AND THE STATE RELEASED GUIDANCE FOR
25 THIS PROGRAM ON JANUARY 14TH. THIS PROGRAM ENDED THE STATE'S

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1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAIVER PROCESS AND ALL OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL
2 WAIVER PROCESSES AS WELL. THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
3 AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE COMMUNICATED TO SCHOOLS AND TO SCHOOL
4 DISTRICTS THAT NO ADDITIONAL T.K. THROUGH -- GRADES T.K.-2
5 WAIVERS CAN BE APPROVED, INCLUDING UNFORTUNATELY PENDING
6 WAIVER APPLICATIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED BUT NOT YET APPROVED.
7 ALL T.K.-GRADE 2 WAIVERS THAT WERE ALREADY GRANTED PREVIOUSLY
8 DO REMAIN VALID, AND THOSE SCHOOLS ARE ALLOWED TO BE OPEN. IF
9 YOUR SCHOOL HAS THAT APPROVED T.K.-GRADE 2 WAIVER, YOUR SCHOOL
10 CAN REMAIN OPEN FOR STUDENTS JUST IN THESE GRADES. SCHOOLS
11 THAT ARE OPEN UNDER A WAIVER, HOWEVER, NOW ARE REQUIRED BY THE
12 STATE TO POST SOME ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE COVID-
13 19 SAFETY PLAN, ON THEIR SCHOOL WEBSITE, THE SAFETY PLAN DOES
14 CONSIST OF A CAL-O.S.H.A. PREVENTION PROGRAM DOCUMENT AND THE
15 COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDANCE CHECKLIST. AS A REMINDER, ALL SCHOOLS
16 OPEN IN L.A. COUNTY MUST ALSO COMPLETE, POST, AND DISPLAY THE
17 L.A. COUNTY K-12 REOPENING PROTOCOLS. IF YOUR SCHOOL WAS NEVER
18 APPROVED FOR A WAIVER FOR GRADES T.K.-2, THE STATE WILL NOT
19 PERMIT ANY SCHOOLS TO REOPEN FOR IN PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR ANY
20 GRADE THROUGH ANY PROGRAM UNTIL THE CASE RATE IN THE COUNTY
21 FALLS BELOW 25 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. AND YOU CAN SEE THIS
22 ON THE NEXT SLIDE. AND IT HAS -- WE HAVE TO REMAIN AT THE CASE
23 RATE FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. SO THIS AGAIN WOULD INCLUDE
24 SCHOOLS THAT APPLIED FOR WAIVERS BUT WHERE THE WAIVER
25 APPLICATION WAS NOT APPROVED. AND THAT WAS BECAUSE THE CASE

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1 RATES WERE TOO HIGH IN DECEMBER. THE FINAL LIST OF ALL SCHOOLS
2 THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR WAIVERS IN L.A. COUNTY IS
3 AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. EVERY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY IS STILL
4 PERMITTED TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED IN PERSON SUPPORT AND
5 SERVICES FOR STUDENTS GRADES T.K.-12 WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS
6 HIGH NEED. THE SCHOOL DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL TO PROVIDE
7 THESE SERVICES, AND IT JUST NEEDS TO FILE A NOTIFICATION WITH
8 PUBLIC HEALTH LETTING US KNOW THEIR PLANS. THERE ARE OVER
9 1,700 INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS THAT HAVE FILED THEIR PLANS WITH US
10 SINCE SEPTEMBER. STUDENTS NEED TO BE SERVED EITHER
11 INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL COHORTS, AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
12 STUDENTS THAT ARE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS ANY TIME FOR THE PURPOSE
13 OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS
14 CANNOT BE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY. IF
15 YOU HAVE ALREADY FILED YOUR NOTIFICATION TO PROVIDE THESE
16 SERVICES, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO SO AGAIN. WITHIN THE NEXT
17 COUPLE OF WEEKS, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT L.A. COUNTY'S
18 ADJUSTED CASE RATE WILL BE BELOW 25 NEW CASES PER 100,000
19 RESIDENTS. THIS MEANS THAT UNDER THE STATE PROGRAM, SCHOOL
20 DISTRICTS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WILL HAVE AN OPTION TO
21 REOPEN THEIR CLASSROOMS FOR IN PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS
22 IN GRADES T.K.-6, PROVIDED TWO THINGS, THEY ARE IN FULL
23 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND COUNTY REOPENING DIRECTIVES, AND
24 THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR ONLINE EDUCATION FOR
25 STUDENTS NOT WISHING OR ABLE TO COME BACK TO THE SCHOOL. THIS

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1 AFTERNOON, WE WILL REVIEW THESE DIRECTIVES THAT THE STATE HAS
2 ISSUED WITH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF SO THAT THEY WILL
3 BE INFORMED ABOUT THE NEW REQUIREMENTS ON TESTING, STABLE
4 STUDENT GROUPS, AND SAFETY PLANS. NOW I WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE
5 ON OUR VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS, AND I WILL TAKE THE
6 NEXT SLIDE. REPORTING ON VACCINES RECEIVED AND ADMINISTERED AS
7 OF FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021, I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE NOW
8 ADMINISTERED OVER 1 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE IN THE COUNTY,
9 WITH OVER 80 PERCENT -- 82 PERCENT OF VACCINES THAT WE HAVE
10 RECEIVED ADMINISTERED WITHIN FOUR DAYS OF RECEIPT. TO DATE,
11 OVER 10 PERCENT OF OUR L.A. COUNTY POPULATION 16 AND OLDER AND
12 OLDER HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DOSES, AND ABOUT 3 PERCENT OF
13 OUR POPULATION HAS NOW BEEN FULLY VACCINATED. WE DO HAVE A
14 VACCINE DASHBOARD ON OUR WEBSITE THAT UPDATES INFORMATION
15 WEEKLY ON OUR ALLOCATIONS AND ADMINISTERED DOSES. THE STATE
16 ALSO HAS DEVELOPED A VACCINE DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS THAT L.A.
17 COUNTY HAS ADMINISTERED MORE DOSES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN
18 CALIFORNIA. THE SECOND TABLE ON THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE DOSES
19 SHIPPED TO L.A. COUNTY. YOU SEE IN THE THIRD COLUMN OUR WEEKLY
20 SHIPMENTS HAVE GONE UP AND DOWN. LAST WEEK, WE RECEIVED MORE
21 THAN 184,000 DOSES, AND A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THESE WERE
22 RESERVED FOR SECOND DOSES. THIS WEEK WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING
23 MORE THAN 218,000 DOSES. THEY WILL COME TODAY AND TOMORROW,
24 WITH 55 PERCENT OF THE DOSES WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE NEEDED FOR
25 SECOND DOSE VACCINATIONS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THERE'S AN

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1 INCREASE IN OUR WEEKLY SHIPMENTS, AND WE HOPE THE TREND
2 CONTINUES. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE BIGGEST ISSUE WE
3 CONTINUE TO FACE IN OUR ABILITY TO VACCINATE IS A SCARCITY OF
4 SUPPLY AND VARIABILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF VACCINE WE RECEIVE
5 FROM WEEK TO WEEK. THIS AN ISSUE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND IT
6 DOES MAKE PLANNING CHALLENGING. CURRENTLY, VACCINATIONS IN
7 L.A. COUNTY ARE OPEN TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS, RESIDENTS AND
8 STAFF AT LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, AND PEOPLE AGED 65 AND
9 OLDER. AND THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ROUGHLY 2.2 MILLION PEOPLE IN OUR
10 COUNTY. AND THIS WILL REQUIRE, AS YOU KNOW, MORE THAN 4
11 MILLION DOSES. WE ARE WORKING TO VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS
12 POSSIBLE EACH AND EVERY DAY WITH OUR PARTNERS, GIVEN THE
13 LIMITED SUPPLY. THE STATE HAS INDICATED THAT IN PHASE 1B, TIER
14 ONE, WHICH IS WHERE WE ARE, THE NEXT GROUPS THAT WILL BE
15 ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION INCLUDE EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE
16 WORKERS, FIRST RESPONDERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS, AND
17 FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS. WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN
18 PLANNING WITH OUR PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY OFFICE OF
19 EDUCATION, L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ALL THE OTHER
20 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS WELL AS LABOR AND OTHER COMMUNITY
21 PARTNERS, TO IDENTIFY THE STRATEGIES THAT WILL BE OPTIMAL FOR
22 REACHING THESE GROUPS OF WORKERS. WE ARE HOPEFUL IN THE COMING
23 WEEKS THAT MORE VACCINE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE, INCLUDING
24 ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF BOTH PFIZER AND MODERNA VACCINES AND
25 THE POSSIBILITY SOMETIME IN MARCH FOR ALSO RECEIVING A VACCINE

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1 FROM JOHNSON & JOHNSON. LAST WEEK, AS MANY PEOPLE KNOW,
2 JOHNSON & JOHNSON SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY USE
3 AUTHORIZATION, WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE F. D. A. ON
4 FEBRUARY 26TH, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING THE DATA THAT
5 HAS NOW BEEN PUBLICED, AS THESE ARE THE DATA THAT THEY
6 OBTAINED FROM THE PHASE THREE TRIAL OF THEIR VACCINE. IT DID
7 SHOW THAT MORE THAN 85 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE
8 ADMINISTERED DOSES, THE VACCINE WAS EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING
9 SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19 INFECTIONS, AND FOR EVERYONE
10 VACCINATED, IT WAS 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING
11 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS. WHILE THE PFIZER AND MODERNA
12 VACCINES REQUIRE TWO DOSES, THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE IS
13 ONE DOSE, AND THIS WILL BE VERY HELPFUL IN SETTINGS WHERE
14 ADMINISTRATION OF TWO DOSES IS CHALLENGING, BUT ALSO IT WILL
15 SPEED OUR PROCESS OF VACCINATING MORE RESIDENTS. I WILL TAKE
16 THE NEXT SLIDE. AS MORE PEOPLE ARE VACCINATED, WE HAVE BEEN
17 WATCHING VERY CLOSELY TO ASSESS PROGRESS IN ENSURING EQUITABLE
18 DISTRIBUTION OF THE VACCINE. WE ALREADY HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF
19 CONCERN ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE MORE RESOURCES HAVING BETTER
20 ACCESS TO THE VACCINE, EITHER BECAUSE THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCESS
21 TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION, THEY ARE ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME
22 GETTING AN APPOINTMENT, AND/OR THEY ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO MANY
23 AREAS OF THE COUNTY WHERE THEY CAN GET THEIR APPOINTMENTS.
24 THIS BECOMES WORRISOME, SINCE VACCINE IS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY.
25 WE ARE NOW RECEIVING DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FROM THE CALIFORNIA

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1 STATE VACCINATION REGISTRY, WHICH HAS HELPED US ANALYZE WHO IS
2 GETTING VACCINATED AND WHERE GAPS ARE OCCURRING. THIS DATA
3 NEEDS TO BE USED TO HELP US REALLOCATE SUPPLIES, INCLUDING
4 ADDITIONAL OUTREACH AND EDUCATION RESOURCES, TO ENSURE THAT WE
5 DO A BETTER JOB WITH AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VACCINE.
6 ON THIS TABLE, AND I WILL TAKE THE NEXT TABLE, YOU CAN SEE WHO
7 HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE BY RACE AND
8 ETHNICITY. THIS DATA INCLUDES DOSES THAT WERE ADMINISTERED
9 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4TH, AND THAT MEANS IT IS INCLUDING
10 VACCINATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS, RESIDENTS
11 AND STAFF AT LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, AND RESIDENTS AGED 65
12 AND OLDER WHO BEGAN GETTING VACCINATED ON JANUARY 20TH.
13 ROUGHLY A QUARTER OF VACCINE DOSES WERE ADMINISTERED TO WHITE
14 RESIDENTS, AND ANOTHER QUARTER WERE ADMINISTERED TO
15 LATINO/LATINA/LATINX RESIDENTS. 18 PERCENT OF DOSES WERE
16 ADMINISTERED TO ASIAN RESIDENTS, AND 17 PERCENT TO RESIDENTS
17 WHO IDENTIFIED AS MULTIRACIAL. SHOCKINGLY, BLACK RESIDENTS
18 HAVE RECEIVED ONLY 3.5 PERCENT OF ALL OF OUR ADMINISTERED
19 DOSES, HIGHLIGHTING A GLARING INADEQUACY IN THE VACCINE ROLL
20 OUT TO DATE, AND I WILL DISCUSS SHORTLY SOME ADDITIONAL
21 EFFORTS WE ARE TAKING TO ADDRESS THIS. THIS EARLY DATA SHOWS
22 US THAT WE NEED TO MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR BLACK AND LATINX
23 RESIDENTS, NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTS, AND WORKERS TO BE
24 VACCINATED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDERS THEY TRUST. THIS
25 IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE

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1 WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ENSURE WE
2 ARE NOT ONLY GETTING EVERYONE VACCINATED PERFECTLY, BUT WE ARE
3 ADDRESSING THE NEED TO PROVIDE EASIER ACCESS TO THE
4 NEIGHBORHOOD SITES AND ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
5 VACCINES. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING
6 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VACCINE. THIS WEEK, WE ADDED
7 ADDITIONAL VACCINATION SITES IN EAST L.A. AND SOUTH L.A.,
8 BRINGING TO 49 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACCINATION SITES IN THESE
9 TWO COMMUNITIES. AS THE VACCINATION PROGRAM CONTINUES, WE ARE
10 LOOKING AT STRATEGIES THAT IMPROVE ACCESS TO VACCINE FOR
11 PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER, WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, AND WHO NEED
12 ASSISTANCE SECURING APPOINTMENTS. WE ARE ORGANIZING MOBILE
13 TEAMS TO BRING VACCINATIONS NEXT WEEK DIRECTLY TO SENIORS
14 LIVING IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OR ACCESSING SENIOR CENTERS IN
15 OUR HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES. WE WILL ALSO HAVE COMMUNITY
16 HEALTH WORKERS IN THE HIGHLY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, WHO AT
17 TIMES WILL BE ABLE TO GO BLOCK BY BLOCK TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
18 TO RESIDENTS ABOUT HOW TO GET VACCINATED AND TO DISPEL MYTHS
19 AND MISINFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINE. IN ADDITION, WE ARE
20 WORKING TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VACCINATION SITES, AND AS
21 OF TODAY, WE HAVE PLACED 60 VOLUNTEERS FROM VARIOUS
22 UNIVERSITIES AT SITES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH DATA ENTRY,
23 COLD CHAIN SUPPORT, AND LICENSED CLINICAL VACCINATORS. PUBLIC
24 HEALTH OFFERS WEEKLY HOURS FOR VACCINATION SITES SO THAT WE
25 CAN ASSIST WITH ANY EMERGING CHALLENGES AND WE ARE ABLE TO

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1 COMMUNICATE CHANGES TO ALL OF THE VACCINATORS IN STATE DATA
2 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE GROUPS THAT
3 ARE MEETING WITH US, INCLUDING LOCAL, STATE, AND ELECTED
4 OFFICIALS, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY
5 ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR PARTNERS, AND OF COURSE, OUR SUPERVISORS
6 AND THEIR STAFF. THE SESSIONS AND ONGOING DIALOGUES HAVE
7 PROVIDED US WITH CRITICAL INFORMATION THAT WE USE TO DEPLOY
8 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, IMPROVE COLLABORATIONS, AND IDENTIFY
9 ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE EQUITY GAPS IN THE
10 VACCINE ROLL OUT. THE STATE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN THE NEXT
11 SELF WEEKS, THE VACCINATION EFFORTS STATEWIDE WILL BE
12 COORDINATED BY A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, BLUE SHIELD OF
13 CALIFORNIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH BLUE SHIELD AND
14 THE STATE TO ENSURE WE HAVE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE VACCINE
15 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES,
16 PARTICULARLY THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT. IF
17 YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE ONE OF OUR COMMITMENTS
18 HAS BEEN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VACCINATION SITES IN HARD
19 HIT COMMUNITIES. AND, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS MAP, THERE ARE
20 HUNDREDS OF SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH SCHEDULED
21 APPOINTMENTS FOR THIS WEEK. UNTIL THE NEW STATE SYSTEM IS IN
22 PLACE, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH THIS
23 EXTENSIBLE AND CAPABLE NETWORK OF PHARMACIES, HOSPITALS,
24 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AND OTHER HEALTH CLINICS,
25 AS WELL AS THE SIX LARGE CAPACITY SITES, MANAGED ONE BY THE

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1 CITY OF L.A. AND FIVE BY THE COUNTY. IN TOTAL THIS WEEK, THERE
2 ARE 365 SITES OFFERING VACCINATIONS TO THE PUBLIC. THIS
3 INCLUDES 129 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINICS, 208
4 PHARMACIES, 16 HOSPITALS, AND SIX SMALLER COMMUNITY SITES RUN
5 BY THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. DURING AND AFTER THE TRANSITION TO
6 BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA AS A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, THE
7 PUBLIC HEALTH'S WEBSITE, VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM, AND (SPEAKING
8 SPANISH), WILL REMAIN A PORTAL FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION
9 ABOUT COVID-19 AND THE VACCINE, AND THE WEBSITE WILL CONTINUE
10 TO LINK PEOPLE TO THE STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT REGISTRATION
11 SYSTEM. AND NOW, WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. JUST AS A
12 REMINDER, ONCE A PERSON IS VACCINATED AND WE HAVE HAD 10
13 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE 16 AND OLDER, 20 PERCENT
14 OF THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE 65 AND OLDER, I WANT TO
15 REMIND PEOPLE THAT IT IS STILL IMPORTANT TO AVOID INTERACTING
16 WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND THAT YOU NEED TO
17 CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU ARE AROUND PEOPLE NOT IN YOUR
18 HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE IT IS STILL POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE
19 VACCINATED TO SPREAD COVID-19, AND ACCORDING TO C.D.C., IT MAY
20 ONLY TAKE A COUPLE OF -- IT WILL TAKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AFTER
21 YOU HAVE GOTTEN YOUR SECOND DOSE FOR YOU TO BE FULLY PROTECTED
22 FROM THE VACCINE. AGAIN, AS A REMINDER, WE ARE VERY ASSURED
23 THAT THIS VACCINE PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SERIOUSLY ILL,
24 HOSPITALIZED, AND DYING FROM COVID-19, BUT WE ARE STILL
25 WAITING FOR MORE STUDIES TO BE DONE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR

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1 NOT PEOPLE CAN BE ASYMPTOMATIC WHO ARE VACCINATED AND, IN
2 FACT, SHED THE VIRUS ENOUGH TO INFECT OTHERS. WE ARE CONCERNED
3 ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR ANOTHER SURGE OF INFECTIONS OVER THESE
4 NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, SO WE ARE GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO
5 PROTECT YOURSELF, THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE, AND OUR COMMUNITY BY
6 ADHERING TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING, FACE MASKING, AND ALL OF THE
7 OTHER PRECAUTIONS THAT HELP US PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE
8 VIRUS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, TO PROVIDE THIS UPDATE. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY
10 IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR ALL THEY ARE DOING TO SLOW THE SPREAD.
11 WE ARE DEFINITELY ON THE RIGHT TRACK, AND I WANT TO APPRECIATE
12 ALL THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC
13 HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. AND THANK YOU, AGAIN. I'M AVAILABLE TO
14 ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BARBARA. WE WILL NEXT HEAR FROM
17 DR. CHRISTINA GHALY. DR. GHALY?

18

19 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, HI, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING, I WILL KEEP MY
20 UPDATES BRIEF THIS MORNING AND THEN HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.
21 AS DR. FERRER INDICATED, THE NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS
22 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTINUES TO DECLINE. ON A COUNTY-
23 WIDE BASIS, THE NUMBERS ARE DOWN IN TERMS OF THE SHARE OF
24 TOTAL IN-PATIENTS THAT COVID PATIENTS REPRESENT, AND ON A
25 WEEKLY AVERAGE, THOSE NUMBERS HAVE DECLINED IN TERMS OF TOTAL

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1 BEDS, QUITE A BIT. AS OF LAST WEEK, THE LAST WEEK FOR WHICH
2 FULL DATA IS AVAILABLE, ON A WEEKLY AVERAGE, COVID PATIENTS
3 ARE NOW COMPRISING ABOUT 1/3 OF ALL IN-PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS
4 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THIS IS DOWN A GREAT DEAL FROM
5 THE NUMBER THAT IT WAS AT THE PEAK OF THE SURGE, EARLIER IN
6 JANUARY, WHEN COVID PATIENTS WERE MAKING UP 54 PERCENT OF ALL
7 IN-PATIENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN THE I.C.U., THINGS ARE
8 FALLING MORE SLOWLY, AND WE KNOW THERE'S A LONGER TAIL ON THE
9 I.C.U. PATIENTS. AT THE PEAK OF THE SURGE, I.C.U. PATIENTS
10 WERE TAKING UP 8 OUT OF EVERY 10 BEDS IN THE I.C.U., SO AT 82
11 PERCENT OF ALL I.C.U. IN-PATIENTS HAD COVID. THAT NUMBER HAS
12 FALLEN A LITTLE BIT DOWN TO 72 PERCENT ON AVERAGE LAST WEEK.
13 SO IT HAS DECLINED, BUT AGAIN DECLINING MORE SLOWLY. FOR
14 D.H.S., OUR PEAK COVID CENSUS WAS AT 565, AND CURRENTLY, WE
15 ARE DOWN QUITE A BIT DOWN TO 279 COVID IN-PATIENTS AS OF THIS
16 MORNING, AND 1/3 OF THOSE ARE IN THE I.C.U. THE OVERALL
17 E.M.S. SYSTEM HAS STABILIZED A GREAT DEAL. DIVERSION RATES FOR
18 AMBULANCES ON ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT DIVERSION, THOSE ARE BACK
19 TO NORMAL LEVELS. AND THE OVERALL TIME IN WHICH HOSPITALS
20 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, THE
21 TOTAL AMOUNT OF TIME IN WHICH THEY ARE ON DIVERSION ACROSS THE
22 SYSTEM ON ANY GIVEN DAY IS NOW BACK TO LESS THAN 5 PERCENT,
23 WHICH IS NORMAL. ON THE STATEWIDE LEVEL, THE STATE HEALTH
24 OFFICER ORDERS THAT PROHIBITED THAT NON ESSENTIAL SURGERIES
25 AND PROCEDURES WAS LIFTED LATE LAST WEEK, SO HOSPITALS NOW, AS

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1 THEIR STAFFING ALLOWS, WILL START TO RESCHEDULE THE PROCEDURES
2 AND VISITS AND SURGERIES THAT WERE PUT ON HOLD DURING THE
3 SURGE. D.H.S. IS ALSO BEGINNING TO RAMP UP SOME OF THOSE OUT
4 PATIENT ENCOUNTERS, PROCEDURES, AND SURGERIES TO THE EXTENT
5 POSSIBLE BASED ON OUR STAFFING WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE
6 STILL HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF OUT PATIENT STAFF REDEPLOYED TO
7 SUPPORT EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES AND IN-PATIENT SERVICES. THERE
8 IS A TIERED SYSTEM THAT D.H.S. IS USING, AS WELL AS WHAT MANY
9 PRIVATE HOSPITALS USE AS WELL, WHERE YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
10 PATIENT NEED AS YOU BEGIN TO BRING THESE PATIENTS BACK FOR THE
11 SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. THE STATE HAS ALSO HALTED THE USE OF
12 THE EXPEDITED NURSE STAFFING RATIO AUTHORITY THAT THEY PUT IN
13 PLACE DURING THE SURGE. HOSPITALS NOW MUST EITHER OPERATE
14 FULLY WITHIN THE STATE MANDATED NURSE STAFFING RATIOS, OR IF
15 THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO SO, THEY HAVE TO SEEK A SEPARATE NURSE
16 STAFFING RATIO WAIVER THROUGH THE NORMAL C.D.P.H. APPROVAL
17 PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE STATE, BUT THERE IS NO LONGER
18 A BLANKET APPROVAL IN PLACE. D.H.S. IS BACK IN FULL NURSE
19 STAFFING RATIOS AS OF LAST WEEK, AND WE HAVE NO PLANS TO SEEK
20 AN ADDITIONAL NURSE STAFFING RATIO WAIVER AT THIS TIME. FOR
21 VACCINATIONS, OUR TOTAL FIRST DOSES OF D.H.S. WORKFORCE
22 MEMBERS IS 18,500 AND TOTAL SECOND DOSES IS AT 16,650. WE ALSO
23 HAVE RAMPED UP VACCINATIONS WITHIN THE PATIENT POPULATION, TO
24 THE EXTENT POSSIBLE BASED ON SUPPLY. AND AS OF THE END OF THE
25 DAY, YESTERDAY, WE HAD COMPLETED 11,000 VACCINATIONS OF FIRST

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1 DOSES AMONG D.H.S. OUT PATIENTS WITH THE FOCUS ON THOSE, OF
2 COURSE, WHO ARE OVER AGE 65 AS WELL AS THOSE HOW ARE
3 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING ABOUT 1,200
4 VACCINATIONS PER DAY, BUT THE VOLUME IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON
5 SUPPLY, AND WE ARE ABLE TO RAMP UP IF NEEDED AND IF SUPPLY
6 ALLOWS. THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC BREAKDOWN OF THE PATIENTS THAT
7 ARE VACCINATED WITHIN D.H.S. MIRRORS THAT OF OUR POPULATION,
8 WITH 61 PERCENT LATINO, 11 PERCENT ASIAN, 9 PERCENT BLACK, 3
9 PERCENT WHITE, AND 15 PERCENT EITHER MIXED RACE, OTHER RACE,
10 OR UNKNOWN RACE. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN STARTING TO, OVER THE LAST
11 COUPLE OF WEEKS, SLOWLY START VACCINATIONS WITHIN THE JAIL FOR
12 THOSE INMATES WHO OVER AGED 65 OR WHO ARE LOCATED WITHIN A
13 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY WITHIN THE JAIL, AS WELL AS IN THE
14 FORENSIC IN PATIENT UNIT, AND WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN RAMPING UP
15 TESTING, SORRY, VACCINATIONS AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING
16 HOMELESSNESS THROUGH HOUSING FOR HEALTH. THEY ARE CURRENTLY
17 VACCINATING A FEW HUNDRED EACH WEEK OF STAFF LOCATED,
18 HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE STAFF, THAT ARE LOCATED IN QUARANTINE AND
19 ISOLATION SITES, AS WELL AS SHELTER SITES, ARE DOING STREET
20 OUTREACH TEAMS, AS WELL AS PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
21 HOW ARE OVER AGE 65 AS WELL, AND AS WITH ALL THINGS, THE
22 VOLUME OF VACCINATIONS THAT THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAMS WILL
23 BE ABLE TO DO IS DEPENDENT ON VACCINE SUPPLY. VERY BRIEFLY, ON
24 TESTING, AND THEN I WILL CLOSE, WE -- D.H.S. HAS FOCUSED ON
25 INCREASING TESTING CAPACITY DURING THE SURGE EARLIER IN

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1 JANUARY AND ALSO TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF TESTING
2 CAPACITY AT SOME OF THE CITY OPERATED SITES. SINCE JANUARY
3 1ST, WE HAVE NOW ADDED 12,000 TESTS PER DAY, CAPACITY. WE WILL
4 BE ADDING ROUGHLY 12,000 OR SO BY FEBRUARY WITH THE ADDITION
5 OF 20 NEW SITES INCLUDING WALK-UP KIOSKS AS WELL AS DRIVE
6 THROUGH SITES WITH A FOCUS ON HARDER HIT COMMUNITIES TO BE
7 ABLE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO TESTING. WE WILL ALSO
8 BE MAINTAINING THE HOME TEST COLLECTION PROGRAM THROUGH AT
9 LEAST THE END OF FEBRUARY, AND WE WILL PROVIDE MORE UPDATES ON
10 HOW THAT PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE SHAPE AS IT EVOLVES.
11 THERE IS A LOT OF TESTING THAT IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE
12 COMMUNITY, WITH OVER 40 PERCENT OF SLOTS CURRENTLY UNFILLED.
13 WE DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SEEK TESTING, ALWAYS AS
14 PREFERABLE, THROUGH THEIR ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OR THE
15 PROVIDER TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY, BUT ABSOLUTELY, IF
16 PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A PROVIDER, AND THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN
17 A TEST FROM THEIR PROVIDER, THERE IS FREE TESTING AT MORE THAN
18 180 LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH THOSE SITES LISTED ON THE
19 COUNTY WEBSITE. PEOPLE SHOULD CONSIDER TESTING IF THEY HAVE
20 SYMPTOMS OF COVID, HAVE A KNOWN EXPOSURE TO SOMEONE WITH
21 COVID AS PART OF A CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM INITIATIVE, OR EVEN
22 IF THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID OR HAD A SUSPECTED
23 EXPOSURE. WITH THAT, WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.
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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION.
2 AND I WANT TO START, AND THEN I WANT TO GO IN THE FOLLOWING
3 ORDER. I HAVE SUPERVISOR BARGER AND KUEHL, AND THEN ANY OTHER
4 MEMBERS THAT WANT TO SPEAK, YOU CAN JUST LET ME KNOW. BUT
5 FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF, TO DR.
6 BARBARA FERRER AND DR. GHALY. THIS IS A MONUMENTAL TASK TO
7 TAKE ON, TO TRANSITION FROM TESTING, THE COVID TESTING, NOW TO
8 THE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION KNOWING THAT THE SUPPLY ISN'T ALWAYS
9 UNDER OUR CONTROL, AND THAT WE RELY HEAVILY ON THE FEDERAL
10 GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE TO HELP US MANEUVER THAT. THERE WILL
11 BE DIFFERENT ITERATIONS THAT WILL HELP US MOVE THROUGH THAT. I
12 KNOW BLUE SHIELD IS BEING TALKED ABOUT, KAISER. AND I JUST
13 WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW OUR EFFORT HERE WITH L.A. COUNTY IS
14 REALLY TO PROVIDE AND FOCUS ON THE SAFETY NET. AND YESTERDAY,
15 AS WE AT OUR PRESSER TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES,
16 IT IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO
17 COMMUNITIES ARE THE ONES THAT ARE REALLY SUFFERING THE MOST.
18 IT CONTINUES TO JUST BE EXPOUNDED IN THE NUMBERS. THE DATA
19 DON'T LIE. AND ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THAT
20 WE REALLY MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET OUT INTO
21 THOSE COMMUNITIES WITH BOOTS ON THE GROUND, AND THAT BEING
22 MOBILE UNITS, A FORCE OF INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE THAT CAN GO
23 DOOR AND DOOR AND ACTUALLY TALK TO PEOPLE, ELDERLY,
24 ESPECIALLY, THOSE THAT ARE LIVING BY THEMSELVES, AS WELL AS
25 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT DON'T HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE AT ALL,

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1 AND THOSE TEND TO BE IN THE AREAS THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED AND
2 LOW INCOME, AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION OUT
3 THERE, DR. FERRER, THAT YOU ARE PUTTING TOGETHER THAT YOU WILL
4 BE PRESENTING TO YOUR WORK GROUP ON A VACCINATION STRATEGY.
5 AND I AM VERY HOPEFUL AND SUPPORTIVE OF WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO
6 GO BECAUSE YOU ARE LISTENING TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND THAT, TO
7 ME, IS A REALLY STRIKING DIFFERENCE THAT WE LEARNED SOME
8 THINGS FROM THE COVID TESTING TO NOW TRANSITION INTO THE
9 VACCINE. HOWEVER, I WILL SAY THAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO MORE IN
10 TERMS OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS, THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT REMAIN
11 HIGHLY IMPACTED IN WORK PLACES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FOOD
12 INDUSTRY, THE MEAT PACKING, THE FOOD SERVICE DELIVERERS, THE
13 PEOPLE THAT ARE PACKAGING ALL OF THAT, AND THE ONES THAT WORK
14 IN THE GROCERY STORES. I THINK THOSE ARE THINGS I AM NOT
15 LOSING SIGHT OF, BUT I ALSO WANT TO, I WANT TO TELL YOU
16 PUBLICLY HOW INCREDIBLY HONORED I AM TO SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING
17 WITH THE LIMITED DOSAGE THAT WE HAVE. THAT IS ALSO
18 DISTRIBUTING TO PEOPLE OVER 65. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF THIS
19 SATURDAY, VISITING L.A.C.-U.S.C. AND ABOUT 300 SENIORS, 65
20 AND OLDER, WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE
21 BECAUSE THEY ARE PATIENTS OF OUR SYSTEM. AND I WAS JUST AMAZED
22 TO SEE PEOPLE, 85 YEARS OF AGE, DRIVING IN, SITTING THERE FOR
23 15 MINUTES, GETTING THEIR VACCINE, BUT ALSO GETTING
24 INFORMATION AND SERVICES ABOUT OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
25 THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES, ALONG WITH A BOX OF FOOD PROVIDED BY

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1 THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK, AS WELL AS SANITATION EQUIPMENT, MASKS
2 THAT WERE GIVEN BY THE WELLNESS CENTER. THAT, TO ME, IS THE
3 KIND OF HIGH TOUCH QUALITY SERVICE THAT SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
4 FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY, THAT IF WE CAN ONLY DO THAT, IN THE 15
5 MINUTES THAT WE HAVE WITH EACH PATIENT, TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT
6 REACTION OR LACK OF A REACTION THAT THEY HAVE, THAT THEY ARE
7 SITTING THERE, WE CAN TALK TO THEM ABOUT OTHER SERVICES AND
8 INFORM PEOPLE OF WHAT THE COUNTY ROLE IS HERE AND HOW WE ARE
9 VERY MUCH CONCERNED AND CARE ABOUT THEIR WELL-BEING. SO I
10 PERSONALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY BECAUSE I KNOW MUCH MORE IS
11 GOING TO BE UNVEILED, BUT I WILL SAY THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLING AND COMPLAINING, SAYING HOW OUTRAGEOUS
13 IT IS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE DYING. AND YET WHEN YOU LOOK AT
14 THE SLIDES, DR. FERRER, THAT YOU PRESENTED, THE FIRST ONE, TO
15 SHOW US OUR TREND AS WE STARTED IN LAST YEAR IN MARCH AND
16 WHERE WE ARE NOW AND HOW WE HAVE PEAKED IN JANUARY AND THEN
17 COME DOWN SO DRAMATICALLY, I THINK THAT SAYS IT ALL FOR US. WE
18 HAVE TO REMAIN VERY DILIGENT AND MAKE SURE WE STOP THE SPREAD
19 OF THIS VIRUS AND ESPECIALLY THE NEW VARIANT BECAUSE THAT IS
20 ANOTHER UNKNOWN. BUT IF WE CAN KEEP TO THE HEALTH ORDERS AND
21 DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, AND EVERYBODY WORKING TOGETHER, THAT
22 MEANS OUR UNION PARTNERS. THAT MEANS OUR BUSINESS INDUSTRY.
23 THAT MEANS OUR SCHOOL LEADERS, OUR COMMUNITY BASED LEADERS. I
24 AM PLEADING FOR THEM TO PLEASE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE FACED
25 WITH AND THAT WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. SO I JUST WANT TO

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1 THANK BOTH OF YOU AND YOUR TEAMS FOR DOING THE EXTRA ORDINARY
2 WORK THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU. WITH THAT, I WILL TURN TO
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I ALSO WANT TO
6 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND DR. GHALY. THIS HAS BEEN TRULY
7 DYNAMIC, AND I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS
8 SAID ABOUT MOVING -- WE HAD TO PIVOT FROM TESTING TO
9 VACCINATION AND PUT TOGETHER A VACCINATION PROGRAM BASED ON
10 ASSUMPTIONS OF WHAT OUR ALLOCATION WAS GOING TO BE. AND I
11 JUST, WHILE IT HAS NOT BEEN PERFECT, I BELIEVE THE FACT THAT
12 WE'VE GOT IN THE 80 PERCENTILE BEING ADMINISTERED, THAT SPEAKS
13 VOLUMES TO THE DEDICATION OF MANY WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING FROM
14 OTHER STATES THAT HAVE COME TO HELP US. AND I HAVE ONE COMMENT
15 ABOUT THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON. WHILE MOST COUNTIES AND STATES
16 EXPERIENCED A SLOW START TO THE VACCINE ROLL OUT, WE TRULY
17 HAVE QUICKLY PICKED UP THE PACE. AND IT HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO
18 ENSURING NO DOSES GO WASTED AND THAT WE CAN VACCINATE AS MANY
19 PEOPLE AS OUR SUPPLY WILL ALLOW. REGARDING THE VACCINE, I AM
20 OPTIMISTIC WE CURRENTLY HAVE THE SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO SCALE UP
21 WHEN WE HAVE THE INCREASED SUPPLY, AND I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO
22 YOU FOR BEING TRANSPARENT AND NOTIFYING EARLY THAT THIS WEEK
23 IS ABOUT SECOND DOSES. WHILE PEOPLE WERE DISAPPOINTED, THE
24 FACT WE PROVIDED CLARITY AND A CLEAR MESSAGE AS TO WHY IT MADE
25 SENSE. PEOPLE WERE NOT HAPPY, BUT IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. WE

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1 HAVE TO PROVIDE A SECOND DOSE FOR THOSE THAT HAVE ALREADY
2 RECEIVED THE FIRST. SO I APPLAUD YOU ON THE TRANSPARENCY AND
3 THE CLARITY IN THAT MESSAGE GOING OUT. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE
4 KEY TO THE NEXT PHASE IS GOING TO BE THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON
5 VACCINE, AND AS YOU SAID, IT IS BEING REVIEWED BY THE F.D.A.
6 AND IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26TH. AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT
7 THAT YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF THE JOHNSON &
8 JOHNSON. 85 PERCENT DECREASE IN SEVERITY, AND 100 PERCENT
9 PREVENTED HOSPITALIZATION. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
10 GET THAT MESSAGE OUT, DR. FERRER, SO WE CAN DISSUADE ANY OF
11 THE MISCONCEPTIONS THAT MAY BE OUT THERE REGARDING THE JOHNSON
12 & JOHNSON. IT IS ONE DOSE. IT IS -- IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE
13 STORED THE WAY WE DO WITH THE PFIZER AND WITH MODERNA, AND I
14 JUST BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO GET OUT IN FRONT AND LET PEOPLE
15 KNOW THAT THIS IS AS EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY FOR CERTAIN
16 POPULATIONS, AND THE -- AND IT ACCOMPLISHES WHAT WE WANT, AND
17 THAT IS TO PREVENT DEATH AND HOSPITALIZATION. AND I ALSO WANT
18 TO THANK YOU FOR THE CLARITY REGARDING THE SCHOOLS. I KNOW,
19 SIMILAR TO MY COLLEAGUES, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE
20 CONTINUED CLOSURE SCHOOLS. I HAVE GOTTEN MANY, MANY LETTERS,
21 NOT ONLY FROM PARENTS, BUT ALSO FROM STUDENTS. WHILE WE HAVE
22 TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AT SCHOOLS WHEN THEY OPEN, I DO BELIEVE
23 THAT WE HAVE TO ALSO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT MANY ARE
24 FACING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, ACADEMIC DEFICIENCIES, AND WE
25 NEED TO BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT ON BOTH OF THOSE LEVELS MOVING

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1 FORWARD. I HOPE AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT, GIVEN THE UPDATE AND
2 THE STATE CHANGES, WE CAN GET OUR CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL AND
3 INTO THE CLASSROOM SAFELY, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, AND I
4 KNOW THAT I AM WORKING ON A MOTION, AND I TALKED TO DR. SHERIN
5 REGARDING THE MENTAL HEALTH AND THE RECOVERY THAT IS GOING TO
6 BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS, MOVING FORWARD. AND I THINK
7 THAT WE NEED TO JUMP ON THAT, AS WELL, TO ENSURE THAT OUR
8 YOUTH HAVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED, RECOGNIZING THAT GOING BACK
9 INTO THE CLASSROOM IS GOING TO HAVE CHALLENGES AS WELL. SO
10 AGAIN, REALLY NO QUESTIONS OTHER THAN JUST TO SAY THANK YOU
11 FOR THE HARD WORK, FOR YOU AND YOUR HARD AND EVERYBODY THAT
12 GOES OUT TO THESE PODS, EACH AND EVERY DAY, OUR FEDERALLY
13 QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINICS, AND ALL OUR PARTNERS THAT ARE
14 ROLLING OUT THE VACCINE. IT HAS BEEN HARD. THERE HAS BEEN
15 CRITICISM, BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE TRULY HAVE STEPPED UP TO THE
16 PLATE. SO THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NEXT WE WILL
19 HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN JANICE HAHN, SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
23 ADD MY THANKS TO THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES ALREADY EXPRESSED, TO
24 DR. BARGER, DR. GHALY, ALL OF YOUR STAFF, AND ALL OF THOSE
25 ACROSS THE COUNTY WHO ARE TRYING SO HARD TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT

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1 PEOPLE GET THEIR VACCINES AND COME BACK, GET THE SECOND SHOT,
2 AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. LIKE THE
3 CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I FEEL HOPEFUL. I HAVE FELT HOPEFUL,
4 HONESTLY, EVER SINCE JANUARY 20TH, BUT I ALSO FEEL LIKE THIS
5 YEAR IS OPENING UP IN A WAY THAT THE OTHER PAST YEARS SEEMED
6 TO CLOSE DOWN. SO I DO HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO ALL PULL
7 TOGETHER, TO GET THERE. LIKE MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
8 I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT JOHNSON & JOHNSON AND ASK A
9 QUESTION ABOUT IT. I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE HEAR
10 LOUD AND CLEAR THAT, WHEN THIS VACCINE IS AVAILABLE, IF THEY
11 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, THEY SHOULD GET IT AND NOT WAIT AND
12 CHOOSE BETWEEN AND AMONG VACCINES. I HAD HEARD ON THE
13 INTERNATIONAL NEWS THAT BECAUSE JOHNSON & JOHNSON CONDUCTED
14 THEIR TESTS A BIT LATER THAN MODERNA OR PFIZER, THAT THERE'S A
15 POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN TESTING PEOPLE ALREADY
16 EXHIBITING ONE OF THE VARIANTS, AND THAT COULD EXPLAIN A
17 SLIGHT DIMINUTION IN PROTECTION IN THE LESS SERIOUS ARENAS. I
18 HAVE HEARD YOU SAY CLEARLY NO DIFFERENCE IN PROTECTION OF
19 SERIOUS ILLNESS, HOSPITALIZATION, OR DEATH. AND PEOPLE SHOULD
20 REALLY, REALLY HEAR THAT. BUT IT -- ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY
21 DIFFERENCES THAT COULD EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE IN NUMBERS
22 BECAUSE THERE'S A THEORY THAT IF MODERNA AND PFIZER HAD TESTED
23 LATER, THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD THE SAME NUMBERS AS JOHNSON &
24 JOHNSON. THAT'S A QUESTION.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. FERRER?

2

3 **DR. FERRER:** HI, SORRY, I WAS MUTED.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** HA HA, THE MOST OFTEN USED SENTENCE IN AMERICA
6 THESE DAYS.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I KNOW. I AM REALLY SORRY. YES, THANKS SO
9 MUCH FOR THE QUESTIONS ON JOHNSON & JOHNSON, AND I REALLY
10 APPRECIATE YOUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE
11 MESSAGING IS CLEAR ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE JOHNSON &
12 JOHNSON VACCINE. FOR ALL OF THE VACCINES, THE MOST IMPORTANT
13 THING IS IT PREVENTS SERIOUS ILLNESS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND
14 DEATHS, AND FRANKLY, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, WITH JUST ONE DOSE,
15 DOES BETTER THAN BOTH MODERNA AND PFIZER DO WITH JUST ONE
16 DOSE, BY FAR. AND FOR MANY PEOPLE, WE'VE EVEN HEARD THIS AS WE
17 ARE VACCINATING PEOPLE, COMING BACK FROM THAT SECOND DOSE
18 BECOMES A LITTLE BIT HARD FOR SOME FOLKS. AND, IN SOME CASES,
19 WE'VE HAD LOTS OF QUESTIONS, I'M NOT GOING TO GET BACK, I AM
20 DOING THIS, SO HAVING A ONE-DOSE VACCINE FOR MANY PEOPLE IS
21 GOING TO BE REALLY THE BEST OPTION POSSIBLE, AND THIS IS A
22 VERY POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE VACCINE. AND AGAIN, AS YOU NOTED,
23 SUPERVISOR, DEPENDING ON WITH WHO WAS IN YOUR CLINICAL STUDIES
24 AND WHERE THE TRIALS WERE HELD AND AT WHAT TIME YOU WERE
25 HOLDING YOUR TRIALS DEPENDS ON WHICH MUTATIONS THAT COVID-19

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1 MAY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN A COMMUNITY. SO I THINK YOU ARE
2 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT TO NOTE JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S CLINICAL TRIALS
3 CAME ON SLIGHTLY LATER THAN THE TRIALS FOR MODERNA AND PFIZER,
4 AND THAT VACCINE MAY HAVE BEEN TESTED ON NOT JUST THE TWO
5 VARIANTS WE TALK THE MOST ABOUT, THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND U.K.
6 VARIANTS, BUT OTHER VARIANTS AND OTHER MUTATIONS THAT HAVE
7 BEEN REALLY DOMINATING IN SOME COMMUNITIES MORE THAN IN
8 OTHERS. I THINK FOR ALL VACCINES, YOU KNOW, THE TEST REALLY IS
9 AND THE NUMBERS TO PAY ATTENTION TO IS, WHAT IS IT DOING IN
10 TERMS OF HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS BECAUSE, FOR ALL OF US,
11 THAT'S REALLY WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO AVOID. SO I THINK
12 JOHNSON & JOHNSON IS A VERY STRONG VACCINE.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT PEOPLE TO REALLY
15 UNDERSTAND THAT, EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY HAVE BEEN VARIANCE IN
16 THE TESTING, THE NUMBERS ARE VERY HIGH FOR JOHNSON & JOHNSON.
17 I REALLY REALLY HOPE THAT EVERYBODY WILL BE SMART ABOUT IT AND
18 JUST GET VACCINATED WHEN THEY CAN, WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY FINAL
19 THREE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS, WHICH I WILL DO ALTOGETHER.
20 FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU ARE SHOWING THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN
21 THE POPULATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, I THINK IT WOULD BE
22 HELPFUL TO HAVE AN EXTRA COLUMN THAT SHOWS THEIR PERCENTAGE IN
23 THE POPULATION. SO FOR INSTANCE, WHERE YOU SEE THAT LATINX AND
24 WHITE PEOPLE ARE THE -- ALMOST THE SAME PERCENTAGE OF VACCINES
25 RECEIVED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE WHITE POPULATION IS

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1 ONLY A QUARTER OF THE POPULATION IN THE COUNTY, WHEREAS LATINX
2 IS 50 PERCENT, SO PEOPLE CAN SEE THAT THE ROLL OUT AND THE
3 UPTAKE, I GUESS SHOULD SAY, IS LESS. SECONDLY, I WANTED TO ASK
4 TWO QUESTIONS, AND I WILL PUT THEM BOTH OUT TO YOU. ONE IS,
5 WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER WEEK, WHEN WE RECEIVE THE MOST AFFECTED
6 COMMUNITY INFORMATION, THREE OUT OF THE TOP FIVE ARE IN THE
7 NORTHEAST VALLEY, PACOIMA, SYLMAR, AND SAN FERNANDO. AND I
8 WANTED TO ASK YOU HOW THE ROLL OUT OF THESE VACCINATION SITES,
9 AND ESPECIALLY IN THE CLINICS IN THE F.Q.H.C.S, BUT I GUESS
10 PHARMACIES, IF WE ARE -- AND IN THE MOBILE UNITS, IF WE'RE
11 TARGETING THE NORTHEAST VALLEY. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS
12 POPULATION, ONLY PARTLY BECAUSE THEY ARE IN MY DISTRICT, BUT
13 BECAUSE THEY ARE SO HARD HIT. AND MY LAST QUESTION TO YOU,
14 THEN, WHICH MAY BE RELATED, IS WITH BLUE SHIELD TAKING OVER
15 THE ALLOCATION OF VACCINES, WHAT CAN THE FIVE OF US DO TO MAKE
16 CERTAIN THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR EQUITY AND GETTING
17 THESE VACCINES TO THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

18
19 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I WILL TRY TO GO
20 THROUGH THESE PRETTY QUICKLY. WE ACTUALLY ARE CALCULATING,
21 BOTH WHAT YOU SAID, THE PERCENT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING
22 VACCINATED, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE 100 PERCENT OF THE FOLKS
23 GETTING VACCINATING, BUT WE'RE ALSO DOING WHAT YOU SAID,
24 CREATING RATES. LIKE IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT
25 PERCENTAGE OF A PARTICULAR POPULATION IS GETTING VACCINATED.

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1 YESTERDAY, WE, IN FACT, PRESENTED INFORMATION ON PEOPLE 65 AND
2 OLDER BECAUSE WE KNOW THOSE ARE ACTUALLY RESIDENTS OF L.A.
3 COUNTY. TOMORROW I AM HOPING THAT ON OUR WEBSITE, EVERYBODY
4 WILL BE ABLE TO SEE BY CITY, AS WELL, THE PERCENT OF PEOPLE
5 THAT ARE GETTING VACCINATED. BUT WE DO COLLECT THAT
6 INFORMATION. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND AS I NOTED YESTERDAY,
7 AGAIN WE HAVE VERY BIG DIFFERENCES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE
8 AFRICAN-AMERICAN/BLACK COMMUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY IN TERMS OF
9 THE PERCENT OF FOLKS WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY THAT HAVE BEEN
10 VACCINATED COMPARED TO THE PERCENT OF FOLKS IN THE LATINX
11 COMMUNITY, WHITE COMMUNITY, ASIAN COMMUNITY, NATIVE HAWAIIAN,
12 PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. WHEN YOU
13 LOOK AT IT BY THAT RATE, THE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, NATIVE
14 AMERICANS, AFRICAN-AMERICANS, AND LATINX COMMUNITIES, AGAIN,
15 FALLING FAR SHORT, HAVE MUCH LOWER PERCENTAGES OF THEIR
16 POPULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED THAN ASIAN POPULATIONS
17 AND WHITE POPULATIONS HERE IN THE COUNTY. THAT IS WHY I AM
18 SAYING WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO FIX THIS BECAUSE HOWEVER
19 WAY YOU CUT THIS DATA, IT IS CLEAR IN THE HARDEST-HIT
20 COMMUNITIES, THERE ARE POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOT GETTING
21 VACCINATED AT THE SAME RATE AS OTHER GROUPS, AND WE HAVE TO
22 MAKE SURE WE BOTH UNDERSTAND THAT AND THEN MAKE ALL, YOU KNOW,
23 PUT IN PLACE ALL THE STRATEGIES THAT ARE GOING TO FIX IT. AND
24 WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN REAL-TIME VERY QUICKLY, WHICH BRINGS ME
25 TO THE SECOND QUESTION ABOUT SAN FERNANDO, SYLMAR, AND

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1 PACOIMA. AND YES, WE ARE TARGETING RESOURCES TO ALL THE HARD
2 HIT COMMUNITIES, AND WE LOOK AT THOSE LISTS AS WELL. AND WE
3 ARE MAKING SURE, WHICH IS WHY YOU SEE A NETWORK OF 365
4 VACCINATION SITES, SO WE CAN GET INTO HARD HIT COMMUNITIES,
5 WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THE COUNTY. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE
6 HAVE HAD A LOT OF VERY HARD HIT COMMUNITIES, . WE'VE HAD HARD
7 HIT COMMUNITIES UP NORTH. WE'VE HAD HARD HIT COMMUNITIES IN
8 THE NORTHEAST VALLEY, OBVIOUSLY SOUTH CENTRAL, EAST L.A., BUT
9 EVERYWHERE, BUT EVEN THERE ARE POCKETS OF HARD HIT COMMUNITIES
10 PRETTY MUCH IN EACH OF YOUR DISTRICTS AT THIS POINT. AND I
11 WANT TO NOTE THAT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER, MANY OF THEM ARE
12 LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE ISSUES AROUND
13 MOBILITY. I WOULD CONSIDER THEM AS WELL A VULNERABLE
14 POPULATION, AND WE HAVE BEEN REALLY TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT
15 BE ARE DOING OUR VERY BEST BY PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER AND NEED TO
16 HAVE ACCESS THAT LOOKS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN DRIVING
17 SOMEWHERE TO GET VACCINATED. AND IN TERMS OF BLUE SHIELD, I
18 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS LAST WEEK IN
19 THE MEETINGS OBVIOUSLY WITH STATE LEGISLATORS AND MEMBERS OF
20 THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF BECAUSE I THINK THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE
21 ALREADY. BLUE SHIELD HAS ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FOR OUR
22 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT SET
23 OF METRICS BY WHICH THEIR PERFORMANCE WILL BE MEASURED. AND
24 THAT IS GOOD NEWS BECAUSE WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS WE DON'T WANT
25 THROUGHPUT MEASURE FOR OUR SMALLER SITES, NOT JUST FEDERALLY

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1 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, BUT ALL OF OUR SMALLER SITES. WE
2 NEED THOSE SMALLER PROVIDERS TO REMAIN AS VACCINATION SITES IN
3 L.A. COUNTY. MANY OF THEM ARE TRUSTED BY THE VERY PEOPLE WHO
4 REALLY HAVE HAD A HARDEST TIME DURING THIS PANDEMIC, AND
5 THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE I THINK MANY PEOPLE WILL FEEL MOST
6 COMFORTABLE GETTING VACCINATED. SO WE -- YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'D
7 WELCOME IS YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
8 GETTING VACCINATED IS NOT, SORT OF A, WHAT IS IT, ONE-SIZE-
9 FITS-ALL APPROACH. THAT WILL NOT WORK IN L.A. COUNTY. I DON'T
10 THINK IT REALLY WORKS ANYWHERE, PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES
11 WHERE WE HAVE SEEN DISPROPORTIONALITY. WE HAVE GOT TO BOTH
12 RESPECT AND HONOR OUR TRUSTED COMMUNITY PROVIDERS BY MAKING
13 SURE THAT THEY HAVE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED TO VACCINATE THE
14 POPULATIONS THEY ARE ALREADY PROVIDING CARE TO.

15
16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
17 AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WISHED ME A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. I
18 CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SPEND IT THAN WITH ALL OF YOU.

19
20 **DR. FERRER:** I WANT TO WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALSO. SORRY,
21 SUPERVISOR, HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** HA, NO, NO, I WAS NOT CALLING YOU OUT FOR IT. I
24 WAS THANKING PEOPLE BECAUSE EVERYBODY SAID OH, YOU POOR THING.

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1 YOU HAVE TO GO TO A BOARD MEETING ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. AND I

2 SAID, YEAH, THAT'S GREAT!

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** HA, OKAY. SO, NEXT WE'RE WILL HEAR FROM

5 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND THEN SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR, AND YES, I WAS ATTENDING TOM

8 OBAGA'S SERVICE THIS MORNING. WE LAID HIM TO REST, AND I WAS A

9 LITTLE LATE GETTING TO THIS MEETING, AND I TOO WANT TO ADD MY

10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I

11 UNDERSTAND YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH NOW TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A

12 VACCINE. SO CONGRATULATIONS! AND HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. THANK

13 YOU, DR. FERRER, AND THANKS, KEVIN, AND OUR OFFICE OF

14 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR REALLY WORKING SO HARD IN

15 COORDINATING THE VACCINE ROLL OUT. WE DID HAVE SOME BUMPY

16 STARTS IN THE BEGINNING, BUT I WILL TELL YOU, AS STILL A

17 LITTLE BIT CONFUSING AS THE WEBSITE IS FOR MOST PEOPLE, ONCE

18 THEY GET THEIR APPOINTMENT AND END UP AT ONE OF OUR COUNTY

19 SITES, I HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT POSITIVE, POSITIVE, POSITIVE

20 REPORTS. PEOPLE ARE IMPRESSED WITH HOW ORGANIZED THEY ARE, AND

21 I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS THAT SHOW UP

22 EVERY DAY. IT IS AN INCREDIBLE ARMY OF NOT ONLY OUR OWN COUNTY

23 EMPLOYEES, BUT VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL OVER WHO ARE HELPING TO

24 MAKE THIS WORK. I DO HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK ON

25 IMPROVING PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS, I DO KNOW

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1 THIS WEEK IS, AS WAS MENTIONED, WE ARE REALLY FOCUSING ON THE
2 SECOND DOSES, BUT I STILL WORRY ACT MANY SENIORS WHO CANNOT
3 NAVIGATE THE WEBSITE, WHO DON'T WANT TO STAY ON HOLD AS THEY
4 HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE NUMBER TO CALL IN. SO I HOPE WE CAN STILL
5 WORKING ON MAKING THE ABILITY TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS EASIER.
6 AND I -- I KNOW WE WILL. AND I WANTED TO JUST FOCUS MY
7 QUESTIONS A LITTLE BIT ON GETTING KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL BECAUSE
8 I DO FEEL LIKE IT'S BECOMING KIND OF THE GROUNDSWELL OF PEOPLE
9 EVERYWHERE. I KNOW THAT'S WHAT MY OFFICE IS GETTING FLOODED
10 WITH IS HOW DO WE GET OUR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY. AND I DO
11 KNOW THAT PRESIDENT BIDEN IS NOW REALLY TALKING A LOT ABOUT
12 HOW HE CAN GET MORE RESOURCES TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND HE
13 ALWAYS SAYS TO HELP THEM REOPEN SAFELY. WE STAND BY THAT. WE
14 WANT THEM TO REOPEN, BUT WE WANT THEM TO REOPEN SAFELY. I DO
15 KNOW ONE OF THE STICKING POINTS, AND I THINK IT IS AS IT
16 SHOULD BE, IS MAKING SURE THAT THE TEACHERS AND THE STAFF GET
17 VACCINATED BEFORE THEY RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM. AND I WAS
18 GOING TO -- MY OFFICE ASKED OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF
19 EDUCATION TO SURVEY ALL THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND FIND OUT WHAT
20 THEIR PLAN IS TO GET THEIR TEACHERS VACCINATED, AND ABOUT 47
21 OF THE 80 SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE FLUMMOXED. THEY REALLY DIDN'T
22 KNOW. THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN, AND THEY WERE NOT SURE IN THE
23 1B WHERE TEACHERS WERE. SO I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK, DR.FERRER,
24 ARE YOU OR KEVIN GOING TO BE REACHING OUT TO THE SCHOOL

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1 DISTRICTS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEIR OPTIONS FOR GETTING
2 THEIR STAFF VACCINATED? FIRST QUESTION.

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND YES,
5 WE MEET EVERY THURSDAY WITH ALL OF THE DISTRICT
6 SUPERINTENDENTS, AND ONCE A WEEK, OR ONCE EVERY OTHER WEEK, WE
7 HAVE TELEBRIEFINGS AND OPEN FOR QUESTIONS WITH ALL OF THE
8 SCHOOLS, BOTH PRIVATE, INDEPENDENT, AND PUBLIC.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT ARE YOU TELLING THEM ABOUT HOW THEY GET THEIR
11 TEACHERS VACCINATED?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** SO, WE ARE WORKING -- WE ALSO HAVE A TEAM HEADED
14 UP BY DR. REUBEN AND DR. GILLCHICK THAT ARE WORKING ON
15 DISTRICT-WIDE PLANS, AND YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. SOME
16 DISTRICTS ARE READY TO GO, AND SOME DISTRICTS NEED OUR HELP
17 AND A LOT MORE HELP IN FINDING SITES. SO THERE'S THREE OPTIONS
18 OBVIOUSLY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, IN TERMS OF VACCINATING
19 TEACHERS AND STAFF, AND AGAIN WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
20 START VACCINATING EVERYBODY, ALL THE WORKERS THAT ARE IN TIER
21 ONE OF PHASE 1B IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS
22 THAT SCHOOLS HAVE, THE FIRST IS, AS LIKE L.A.U.S.D. HAS DONE,
23 THEY CAN BECOME A CERTIFIED AND APPROVED VACCINATION SITE
24 BECAUSE THEY CAN MEET THE STATE'S CRITERIA AND SIGN UP. AND
25 THEY CAN, AS L.A.U.S.D. HAS INDICATED, MANAGE PRETTY

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1 INDEPENDENTLY THE VACCINATION SITES THEMSELVES. THERE ARE ALSO
2 A BUNCH OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE OPTED TO CREATE A
3 PARTNERSHIP WITH A HEALTHCARE FACILITY, AND THAT HEALTHCARE
4 FACILITY WILL HELP THEM VACCINATE THEIR TEACHERS AND THEIR
5 STAFF, AND THEN THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
6 AND THIS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE SOME OF OUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS,
7 WHO WILL BE RELYING ON COMMUNITY SITES WHERE THEIR TEACHERS
8 AND STAFF CAN GET VACCINATED. SO JUST LIKE NOW WE HAVE 365
9 SITES THAT CAN VACCINATE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND PEOPLE 65 AND
10 OLDER, THOSE 365 SITES, OR SOME GROUP OF THEM, WILL ALSO BE
11 ABLE TO VACCINATE ANYBODY THAT IS IN THAT ELIGIBLE GROUP. WE
12 ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY TO ALSO, SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE
13 ALREADY OFFERED TO VACCINATE BOTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS,
14 TEACHERS AND STAFF FROM INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND EVEN OTHER
15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS PART OF THEIR ROLL OUT OF VACCINATION
16 CLINICS. SO WE WILL BE SPENDING THIS WEEK AND THE EARLY PART
17 OF NEXT WEEK FINALIZING THOSE PLANS SO THAT THAT CAN HELP
18 DRIVE THE ALLOCATION, THE ALLOCATIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE IN
19 SUBSEQUENT WEEKS, BUT I CAN PROMISE THIS THAT WE ARE WORKING
20 WITH EVERY DISTRICT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S A CLEAR PLAN FOR
21 TEACHERS AND STAFF IN THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ABOUT WHAT THEIR
22 OPTIONS ARE GOING TO BE FOR GETTING VACCINATED. I DO JUST WANT
23 TO ALSO SAY, THERE IS VERY LIMITED SUPPLY. I JUST WANT TO
24 NOTE THAT WITHIN THIS GROUP OF WORKERS IN TIER ONE, THAT IS
25 PROBABLY AT LEAST 1.5 MILLION WORKERS THAT WILL BECOME

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1 ELIGIBLE FOR GETTING VACCINATED. SO WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE
2 TO HAVE A LOT OF PATIENCE BECAUSE IT IS STILL GOING TO TAKE A
3 WHILE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THOSE WORKERS, AND ALL OF THE
4 PEOPLE WHO ARE 65 AND OLDER.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I HEAR YOU. I KNOW EVERYTHING WE ARE
7 SAYING THIS MORNING IS TOTALLY BASED ON OUR SUPPLY. AND I
8 THINK THAT WE HAVE TO JUST KEEP REITERATING THAT TO THOSE WHO
9 ARE DISAPPOINTED WHO THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WOULD BE OUR PARTNERS
10 IN DISTRIBUTING THE -- IN ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTING THE VACCINE,
11 WHETHER IT WAS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES OR SOME OF OUR CITIES. SO I
12 DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP TELLING THEM, IT'S WHEN WE GET
13 MORE, WE CAN DO MORE. AND I DO KNOW JUST ON THE TEACHERS AND
14 THE STAFF, A LOT OF THAT POPULATION IS ALREADY ON SOME
15 CAMPUSES BASED ON OUR PREVIOUS WAIVERS AND ALLOWING SOME
16 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ALLOW STUDENTS ON THEIR CAMPUS WHO WERE
17 SPECIAL NEEDS, OR ENGLISH LEARNERS, OR NEEDED -- REALLY NEEDED
18 THE IN PERSON LEARNING, SO WE KNOW THERE ARE SOME FOLKS
19 ALREADY ON CAMPUS. AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIGURE
20 OUT HOW TO PRIORITIZE THOSE WHO WILL BE, YOU KNOW, GOING TO
21 CAMPUS. AND, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET TO
22 HIGH SCHOOL OPENINGS PROBABLY FOR A WHILE. SO I DO HOPE THAT
23 THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THEMSELVES WILL PRIORITIZE THEIR K-8
24 FIRST BECAUSE, AGAIN, I THINK THAT'S HOW WE GET OUR KIDS BACK
25 TO SCHOOL, WHICH IS WHAT EVERYONE WANTS, AND I HOPE SOMEDAY WE

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1 GET TO, YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALLOWING SCHOOL CAMPUSES TO BE
2 VACCINATION SITES. THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EVERYBODY CAN WALK
3 TO THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. I THINK
4 THERE'S A LEVEL OF TRUST THERE. AND I KNOW THERE ARE SOME
5 PEOPLE THAT ARE TRUST CHALLENGED WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING THE
6 VACCINE, AND I DO THINK HAVING THEM ON THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL
7 CAMPUSES WOULD HELP ANSWER THAT. WE ARE IN THE PURPLE TIER IN
8 OUR STATE'S BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY, AND THANKFULLY OUR
9 RATES ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WHEN WE GET TO THE RED
10 TIER, I THINK THAT'S 2500 CASES -- NO, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT
11 IT IS. IT IS BELOW 700 -- IT'S 700

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** IT'S 7 CASES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THE STATE WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE MORE INDOOR
16 BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES TO OPEN. THERE'S A LOT OF TALK OUT
17 THERE OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF HOLDING OFF ON
18 REOPENING MORE INDOOR BUSINESSES IF THAT MEANT WE COULD OPEN
19 OUR SCHOOLS FASTER. IS THERE VALUE IN THAT, AND WHAT ROLE
20 WOULD THE COUNTY PLAY IN PRIORITIZING THE SCHOOLS? I JUST FEEL
21 LIKE EVERYBODY NOW IS SAYING LET'S GET OUR KIDS BACK TO
22 SCHOOL. MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT
23 MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AND HOW MUCH THEY ARE LOSING, AND A
24 LOT OF PEOPLE THINK REOPENING THE ECONOMY DEPENDS ON GETTING

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1 OUR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL. SO IS THERE A VALUE IN US TRYING TO
2 FIGURE THAT OUT WHEN WE GET TO THE RED TIER?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH. THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY IS
5 GOING TO COME PRETTY QUICK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS BECAUSE WE
6 WILL HIT THE THRESHOLD OF 25 NEW CASES PER 100,000. AND
7 THAT ACTUALLY WOULD ALLOW FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO REOPEN.
8 THERE'S A LOT OF QUALIFICATIONS. THERE'S A LOT OF PROTOCOLS
9 THAT HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED, BUT IT IS NO LONGER A WAIVER
10 PROGRAM. IT IS STATE-RUN PROGRAM, AND IT REALLY IS COMPLETING
11 A SERIES OF TASKS AND ALIGNING WITH BOTH THE STATE PROTOCOLS
12 AND OURS. SO THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY IS GRADES T.K.-GRADE 6, IN-
13 PERSON INSTRUCTION. THEY DO NEED TO PROVIDE -- CONTINUE TO
14 PROVIDE ONLINE INSTRUCTION, AS I NOTED BEFORE, FOR STUDENTS
15 WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO COME BACK TO CLASSES YET, BUT THAT SHOULD
16 HAPPEN IN THE COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE DO NEED TO GET, AS YOU
17 NOTED, WE DO NEED TO GET INTO A DIFFERENT TIER, THE RED TIER,
18 IN ORDER FOR 7-12TH GRADE TO BE ABLE TO OPEN. AND YOU ARE
19 RIGHT, IN THAT VERY SAME TIER, NOT ONLY WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO
20 OPEN YOUR HIGH SCHOOLS, BUT YOU WOULD, IN FACT, HAVE
21 OPPORTUNITIES TO REOPEN A FEW BUSINESS SECTORS INDOORS THAT
22 ARE CURRENTLY NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE INDOORS. AND THAT WOULD
23 BE A CHOICE THAT YOU ARE ALSO RIGHT, THE COUNTY CANNOT BE LESS
24 RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE, BUT WE CAN BE MORE RESTRICTIVE. SO
25 IF, IN FACT, IT MADE SENSE THAT THE POINT WE HIT THAT

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1 THRESHOLD OF 7 CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, IF IT MADE SENSE
2 AT THAT POINT TO SEQUENCE THIS, THE REOPENINGS, AND TO FIRST
3 START BY OPENING UP GRADES, SCHOOLS WITH GRADES 7-12, THAT
4 WOULD BE A PERMITTED DECISION BY THE COUNTY. WE CANNOT OPEN
5 THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN PURPLE, BUT ONCE WE GET TO RED, WE COULD
6 SAY WE ARE GOING TO OPEN HIGH SCHOOLS FIRST -- JUNIOR HIGHS
7 AND HIGH SCHOOLS FIRST, AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO REOPEN SOME
8 OF OUR SECTORS FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES AFTER WE GET THE HIGH
9 SCHOOLS SITUATED AND OPEN.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, AND AGAIN, I -- YEAH. OKAY. AND AGAIN, I AM
12 JUST FEELING THAT NOW MORE THAN I THINK I EVER HAVE THAT
13 THERE'S THIS REAL PUSH FOR US TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO OPEN OUR
14 SCHOOLS SAFELY, BUT I THINK THAT IS, IT GOES TANDEM WITH
15 VACCINATING THE TEACHERS AND THE STAFF. SO WE WILL HAVE TO
16 FIGURE THAT OUT, BUT I THINK THE PUBLIC WANTS TO KNOW THAT'S
17 THE DIRECTION WE ARE HEADING IN, AND WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO DO
18 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. GREAT, THANKS DOCTOR
19 AND MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND WELCOME BACK TO THE MEETING.
22 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL?

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
25 YOU AND WANT TO ECHO THE CONGRATULATORY AND AFFIRMATIVE

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1 COMMENTS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MADE TO DR. FERRER AND GHALY ON
2 YOUR FIERCE LEADERSHIP DURING THESE REALLY REALLY DIFFICULT
3 DIFFICULT TIMES. I APPRECIATE YOU, WAS PROUD TO JOIN THE
4 COUNTY FAMILY AND DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR
5 VIRTUAL LOBBYING WEEK LAST WEEK. AND I AGREE WITH DR. FERRER,
6 I THINK OUR ADVOCACY WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE WAY THE
7 BLUE SHIELD CONTRACT ROLLS OUT, OUR ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH
8 BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
9 HEALTH, THE SECRETARY OF GOV OPS WHO IS NEGOTIATING THE
10 CONTRACT I THINK WAS TIMELY, AND L.A. COUNTY'S PERSPECTIVE AND
11 VOICE WAS HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF
12 QUESTIONS, PRIMARILY WITH VACCINE BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR TO ME
13 THAT IN ORDER TO BE IN A POSITION AS A COUNTY WHERE WE CAN
14 OPEN OUR SCHOOLS, WHERE WE CAN OPEN BUSINESSES, WHERE WE CAN
15 DO THE THINGS THAT MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
16 CALLED IN WANT, AND WE ALL KNOW OUR COUNTY AND OUR COUNTY
17 RESIDENTS NEED, GETTING THE VACCINE SUPPLY AND EQUITABLE
18 DISTRIBUTION RIGHT IS CRITICAL. SO I WANT TO START THERE. I
19 APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SHE WAS READING MY MIND WHEN SHE
20 SUGGESTED STRONGLY WE HAVE CHARTS LIKE THE ONE WE WERE SHOWN
21 IN TERMS OF WHO HAS BEEN VACCINATED BASED ON RACE AND
22 ETHNICITY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THAT ADDITIONAL COLUMN
23 SO WE HAVE A CONTEXT BECAUSE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE
24 VACCINATED LESS THAN HALF OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION OF BLACK
25 RESIDENTS AND LATINX RESIDENTS IS SIGNIFICANT. AND WHILE I AM

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1 CLEAR AND HAVE CONTINUED TO SAY, AND WE'RE ALL CLEAR THAT
2 VACCINE SUPPLY IS THE ISSUE, WE HAVE TO BE CLEAR THAT IT'S
3 BOTH THE SUPPLY AND ITS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION WHICH WILL MAKE
4 THE DIFFERENT FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS. AGAIN, WITH REGARD TO
5 SCHOOLS, I WANT TO APPLAUD COMPTON UNIFIED AND COMPTON
6 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR BEING THE FIRST DISTRICT IN THE
7 COUNTY TO FOSTER A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE F.Q.H.C. AND SO THEY
8 WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ACTION QUICKLY BECAUSE THEY'VE FOSTERED
9 THAT PARTNERSHIP. MY QUESTION I THINK FOR DR. FERRER IS, WHILE
10 I FULLY APPRECIATE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL SITES,
11 THE NEED FOR MOBILE SITES, ALL THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT, ALL
12 I'VE HEARD YOU SAY TODAY AND IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, THAT
13 HAVE BEEN TARGETED FOR AND HAVE BEEN OPENED IN AREAS THAT ARE
14 EXPERIENCING A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE OF THIS VIRUS, I AM
15 CONCERNED THAT WE ARE LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO VACCINATE
16 THEIR ACTUAL CLIENTS OR NEIGHBORS. WE ALL TALK ABOUT HOW
17 IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD SITES, BUT IF WE ARE NOT
18 EMPOWERING THOSE COMMUNITY BASED TRUSTED SOURCES TO DO WHAT
19 THEY DO BEST, WHICH IS OUTREACH AND SERVE THE COMMUNITIES THEY
20 HAVE A HISTORY OF SERVING, THEN WE ARE ONLY MEETING HALF OF
21 THE EQUATION. SO I AM REALLY CURIOUS BECAUSE I AM HEARING FROM
22 F.Q.H.C.S THAT THEY CAN DO MORE IN TERMS OF HELPING US GET TO
23 TRUE EQUITY IN OUR DISTRIBUTION. AND SO, I AM WONDERING, DR.
24 FERRER, IF YOU BELIEVE THE TIER SYSTEM ESTABLISHED AT THE

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1 STATE LEVEL IS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING OUR ABILITY TO REACH TRUE
2 EQUITY IN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION.

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I THINK IT IS
5 A TOUGH QUESTION. I THINK WHAT HAS REALLY NOT WORKED IS THE
6 STATE SYSTEMS THAT WERE SET UP TO REALLY TRY TO MAKE IT EASIER
7 BUT ACTUALLY MAKE IT HARDER TO TARGET. SO I, TOO, SHARE THE
8 FRUSTRATION OF SOME OF OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS
9 THAT THEIR APPOINTMENTS ARE ALL OPEN TO THE ENTIRE PUBLIC,
10 AND, THEREFORE, THEY END UP SEEING NOT THEIR PATIENTS, NOT
11 THEIR NEIGHBORS, BUT PEOPLE COMING, AS I NOTED BEFORE, FROM 50
12 MILES AWAY, BECAUSE THEY MANAGED TO SNAG AN APPOINTMENT. AND
13 THAT'S WORKING AGAINST US. AND THERE SHOULD BE AN ABILITY FOR
14 THE NEIGHBORHOOD SITES TO PRIORITIZE VACCINATING THEIR
15 PATIENTS, WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, AND THEN VACCINATING THEIR
16 NEIGHBORS BECAUSE THESE ARE THE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE
17 LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A LOT OF MEANS FOR TRAVELING. SO IF WE
18 CAN'T REALLY CREATE A REGISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT SYSTEM THAT
19 HONORS THAT AND UNDERSTANDS THAT REALITY, WE ARE REALLY DOING
20 A DISSERVICE IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS. WE CAN HAVE A LOT OF
21 SITES, BUT IF THE COMPETITION FOR THE SITES IS STILL DRIVEN BY
22 THE MY TURN SYSTEM, IT IS NOT GOING TO WORK. SO WE ARE, AT
23 THIS POINT, TALKING WITH A LOT OF THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
24 HEALTH CENTERS AND CREATING FOR THEM A DIFFERENT KIND OF
25 REGISTRATION SYSTEM THAT THEY CAN USE THAT, IN FACT, DOES

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1 PRIORITIZE THEIR PATIENTS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS AND, IN A WAY,
2 LIMITS ACCESS FOR PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO
3 THOSE SITES WHILE WE HAVE THIS VERY LIMITED SUPPLY OF
4 VACCINES. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS NOT SUCH A BIG PROBLEM IF WE CAN
5 GIVE EVERYONE ALL OF THE VACCINES THAT THEY COULD USE TO MEET
6 THEIR OWN CAPACITY, BUT WHEN WE DON'T HAVE THAT, THEN I THINK
7 WE HAVE TO CREATE THESE OTHER, WHAT WE CALL, CLOSED SYSTEMS
8 THAT REALLY ARE TARGETING THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE HARDEST TO
9 REACH. SO I REALLY THINK THAT HAS BEEN REALLY THE HARDEST PART
10 OF THIS IS, YOU KNOW, FROM THE BEGINNING, WE'VE REALLY IN SOME
11 WAYS HAVE SAID, YOU KNOW, ONE STRATEGY THAT WE CAN ALL LOOK AT
12 WAS GETTING VACCINES INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE BEEN THE
13 HARDEST HIT. AND THOSE ARE NEIGHBORHOODS ALL AROUND THE COUNTY
14 AND THEN MOVING OUT FROM THERE. AND THAT IS NOT WHAT C.D.C. OR
15 STATE WENT WITH, BUT I THINK AT THIS POINT SINCE WE HAVE THIS
16 REALLY TREMENDOUSLY VAST NETWORK, I MEAN 365 SITES ARE ALREADY
17 VACCINATING, AND MORE SITES CAN COME ON ALL THE TIME, WHAT WE
18 NEED TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THE SITES THAT ARE IN THESE HARD
19 HIT NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PRIORITIZE THEIR
20 PATIENTS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS FOR THOSE LIMITED DOSES, AND THAT
21 IS WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK. HOPEFULLY,
22 THAT WILL HELP WITH ADDRESSING SOME OF THE EQUITY
23 DISPROPORTIONALITY THAT WE ARE SEEING IN THE ROLL OUT TO DATE.
24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** DR. FERRER, I APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION
2 BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE BOTH, AS I HAVE, ABOUT THESE 360 PLUS
3 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND I THINK WHEN WE SAY COMMUNITY PARTNERS
4 AND THAT WE ARE LOCATING VACCINATION SITES IN COMMUNITIES, I
5 THINK THE NATURAL ASSUMPTION IS AND THEREFORE PEOPLE HAVE
6 ACCESS, SO I APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION BECAUSE THAT IS WHY
7 OUR EQUITY NUMBERS ARE AS PALTRY AS THEY ARE. AGAIN, I THINK
8 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT IT AS A TWO-PRONG ISSUE. IT IS
9 SUPPLY, AND EQUITABLE IT'S DISTRIBUTION OF THAT ALBEIT VERY
10 LIMITED SUPPLY. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. I AM GLAD
11 TO HEAR THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE COMMUNITY-BASED SITES
12 TO AGAIN DO WHAT THEY DO BEST, WHICH IS SERVE THE COMMUNITY.
13 THAT'S WHY WE WANTED THEM. THAT'S WHY YOU AND COLLEAGUES
14 WORKED SO HARD TO IDENTIFY THIS 360, AND IT WILL ALL FOR
15 NAUGHT IF THEY ARE NOT EMPOWERED TO DO WHAT THEY DO REALLY,
16 REALLY WELL DURING THE TIME OF PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND
17 BEYOND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. I LOOK
18 FORWARD TO THESE NUMBERS REFLECTING A KEY DIFFERENCE ONCE WE
19 EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY SITES TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES,
20 INDEED. THANK YOU.

21
22 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU, AND TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS,
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTIONS AND, AGAIN, TO DR. CHRISTINA

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1 GHALY AND OBVIOUSLY DR. BARBARA FERRER FOR ALL THE HARD WORK
2 THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE PUT IN TO PROVIDING I THINK A
3 PROGRAM THAT WE KNOW WILL BE FLEXIBLE, THAT WILL BE REVISED,
4 AND THAT WILL HOPEFULLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES WE ALL KNOW ARE
5 FIRST AT HAND, WHICH IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE EQUITY, AND
6 THAT PEOPLE THAT DESERVE TO GET THE VACCINE GET IT, AND THAT
7 WE DON'T HAVE ANY IMBALANCES THAT WE ARE ALREADY SEEING IN THE
8 SOME OF THE DATA. SO I APPRECIATE YOU. AND WITH THAT, MEMBERS,
9 THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THEN
10 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 7,
11 EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE COVID-19 VACCINE. I HELD THIS ITEM.
12 AND LET ME BEGIN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, HAS
13 MOBILIZED ALL OF ITS RESOURCE IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
14 PANDEMIC AND NOW THE ROLL OUT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE.
15 ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY HAS STRATEGICALLY LAUNCHED 5 MEGA PODS OF
16 DISPENSING AND FACILITATED MANY OTHER SMALLER PODS THAT
17 HEALTHCARE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WE ARE STILL NOT ABLE TO
18 ADMINISTER VACCINES IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, AS WE HAVE JUST
19 HEARD. AND UNTIL WE CAN OFFER COVID VACCINES AT EACH
20 COMMUNITY, THERE IS STILL GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS AND
21 INEQUITIES REGARDING RESIDENTS' ABILITY TO TRANSPORT
22 THEMSELVES TO THE VACCINATION SITE FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT. WITH
23 INCLEMENT WEATHER, LIMITED APPOINTMENT AVAILABILITY, AND A
24 LIMITED BUT GROWING NUMBER OF SITES, THE COUNTY I BELIEVE HAS
25 A RESPONSIBILITY TO PARTNER WITH TRANSPORTATION OPERATORS,

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1 AUTHORITIES, AND COMPANIES TO ENSURE COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
2 PARTICULARLY THOSE 65 AND OLDER, SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE ACCESS
3 TO THE VACCINE SITES WITH EASE. WITH A COUNTY OUR SIZE,
4 OFFERING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO VACCINATION SITES IN MY
5 OPINION IS CRITICAL. THAT MEANS PARTNERING WITH RIDE-SHARING
6 COMPANIES SUCH AS LYFT AND UBER, BUT IT ALSO MEANS WORKING
7 WITH OUR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES, LIKE METRO, AS WELL AS
8 INCLUDING AND OFFERING TAP CARDS WHERE POSSIBLE.
9 TRANSPORTATION IS OFTEN A BARRIER TO LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES
10 THAT HEAVILY RELY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT FOR DAILY TASKS. AND JUST
11 TO GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION, THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF
12 THE AVERAGE METRO BUS RIDER IS JUST \$18,000 A YEAR. AND THE
13 VAST MAJORITY OF RIDERS COME FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND
14 JUST 25 PERCENT OF THE BUS RIDERS HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR. THESE
15 RIDERS HAVE BEEN MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC AND NEED, IN MY
16 OPINION, HELP IN ACCESSING VACCINATION SITES. ADDITIONALLY, WE
17 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THE VACCINE TO THOSE IN THE
18 COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY PUBLIC HOUSING SITES, SENIOR CENTERS,
19 AND THE HARDEST HIT NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE COUNTY. PRESIDENT
20 BIDEN'S ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE SUPPORT
21 ARRIVING IN L.A. COUNTY TO DEPLOY MOBILE VACCINE OPTIONS, AND
22 OUR COUNTY IS WORKING TO DEPLOY OTHER MOBILE UNITS REFLECTING
23 THE SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF SERVICE. MOBILIZING MORE
24 ACCESSIBLE OPTIONS TO THE VACCINE IS INTEGRAL TO A SUCCESSFUL
25 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN. IT IS A MATTER OF EQUITY BUT IT IN MY

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1 MIND, IT'S ALSO A MATTER OF ETHICS. IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO
2 DO. AND WE MUST ALL RECOGNIZE THAT WE WON'T SEE THE OTHER SIDE
3 OF THE PANDEMIC UNTIL WE VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE,
4 NOT ONLY THOSE WHO LIVE -- WHO HAVE THE MEANS TO DO SO, BUT
5 ALSO TO THOSE THAT ARE LESS FORTUNATE. WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT
6 EVERY RESIDENT IN L.A. COUNTY CAN GET THEIR VACCINATION
7 APPOINTMENT WHEN THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE, OR WE MUST BRING THE
8 VACCINATION TO THEM. WITH THIS MOTION, WE ARE MAKING SURE
9 THAT EVERYONE, EVEN OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND SOMETIMES HIDDEN
10 RESIDENTS CAN GET THAT VACCINE. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM
11 BOARD MEMBERS THAT, ANY MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
12 BEHALF OF THIS ITEM?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WOULD LIKE TO.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO MAKE
19 SURE, THERE ARE SO MANY BARRIERS OUT THERE FOR PEOPLE TO GET
20 VACCINATED, AND THIS IS GREAT THAT WE'RE MAKING SURE THAT
21 TRANSPORTATION IS NOT ONE OF THOSE. AND WE DO HAVE TO REMOVE
22 ALL OBSTACLES IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL ROLL OUT,
23 WHICH IS WHY I SAID IT EARLIER. I THINK THAT SCHOOL SITES
24 WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE TO OFFER VACCINES BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE
25 CAN WALK TO THEIR LOCAL ELEMENTARY CAMPUS. YOU KNOW, LAST

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1 WEEK, MY OFFICE WAS REACHED OUT TO BY UBER WHO SAID TO ME THAT
2 THEY WERE WILLING TO GIVE THE COUNTY 20,000 FREE RIDES AND
3 ANOTHER 40,000 RIDES AT A DISCOUNT. AND THEY WERE A LITTLE BIT
4 FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THEY JUST FELT LIKE THEY WEREN'T GETTING TO
5 THE RIGHT PERSON OR WEREN'T GETTING A GOOD RESPONSE, BUT I DO
6 KNOW THAT OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS MADE SOME
7 PROGRESS NOW ON THIS AND IDENTIFIED SOME CONTRACTS ALREADY IN
8 PLACE WITH SOME OF OUR RIDE-SHARE COMPANIES. I REALLY THINK
9 THIS MOTION WILL PUSH THIS FORWARD EVEN MORE, AND I LIKE TO
10 SEE US ACT QUICKLY ON THIS, AND THIS IS JUST A QUESTION IN THE
11 AIR, BUT IS IT POSSIBLE TO ADD A QUESTION TO THE APPOINTMENT
12 SYSTEM TO ASK THAT IF THEY NEED TRANSPORTATION, AND THEN WE
13 MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONE OF THESE RIDE-SHARE VOUCHERS. SO
14 HOPEFULLY THAT IS SOMETHING WE COULD AND SHOULD DO. I FEEL
15 LIKE OUR WEBSITE IS A LIVING, BREATHING, ORGANISM THAT KEEPS
16 CHANGING, BUT I DO THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT BOX TO CHECK
17 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED HELP GETTING TO THE VACCINE. SO
18 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, ARE YOU ASKING THAT WE
21 JUST -- WE CAN TAKE NOTE OF IT AND THEN SEND THAT WHEN THIS
22 COMES BACK.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, IS THERE A SECOND TO MY TAKE -- SOMEBODY
25 TAKING NOTE OF WHAT I JUST SAID?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** HA, OKAY, VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR HOLLY
3 MITCHELL?

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND COMPLETELY SUPPORT
6 THIS MOTION, JUST WANT TO RAISE THE ISSUE I RAISED UNDER THE
7 PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM. I FULLY SUPPORT MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE
8 WHO HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION HAVE A WAY TO GET TO
9 A VACCINATION SITE, BUT AGAIN IN MANY INSTANCES, IT'S THAT
10 SAME POPULATION WHO CANNOT NAVIGATE THE ONLINE APPOINTMENT
11 SYSTEM TO EVEN GET AN APPOINTMENT. AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE
12 SURE WE ARE CLEAR THAT, JUST BECAUSE WE ARE IDENTIFYING
13 COMMUNITY SITES, DOES NOT MEAN THAT THOSE COMMUNITY SITES ARE
14 ABLE TO OUTREACH AND PROVIDE VACCINE TO THE COMMUNITY
15 RESIDENTS. SO I JUST THINK THAT HAS ALWAYS GOT TO BE A PART OF
16 OUR ONGOING CONVERSATION AS WE TALK ABOUT OUTREACH, MAKING
17 SURE THAT THESE COMMUNITY SITES CAN ACTUALLY SERVE THE
18 COMMUNITIES THEY ARE ACTUALLY IN VERSUS ONLY BEING REQUIRED TO
19 PULL FROM THE ONLINE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM. I COMPLETELY SUPPORT
20 THIS MOTION.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I WILL SAY THAT I
23 DON'T DISAGREE WITH ANY OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE
24 ALREADY. I DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME SENIORS WHO ARE JUST
25 TRANSIT DEPENDENT, AND THAT IS THEIR ONLY MEANS OF GETTING

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1 AROUND, AND THIS CAME TO ME BECAUSE WHEN I WAS VISITING
2 L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND THEY WERE DISTRIBUTING VACCINATIONS A COUPLE
3 OF WEEKS AGO, MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT I SPOKE TO TOLD ME THEY
4 TOOK TWO OR THREE BUSES, AND SOME HAD TO FORGO GOING TO WORK
5 JUST MAKE THAT, AND IT TOOK THEM HOURS TO GET THERE. SO, FOR
6 ME, IT WAS A WAY OF HELPING TO THINK OUT LOUD ABOUT HOW WE
7 COULD ASSIST THEM, KNOWING FULLY THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF OUR
8 VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT DON'T HAVE CARS THAT ARE LIVING
9 ALONE AND THAT DO NEED TO HAVE OTHER ALTERNATIVES, MOBILE POP-
10 UP VACCINATION SITES, AND ACTUALLY HAVING OUR FEDERALLY
11 QUALIFIED CLINICS GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY AND ACTUALLY
12 VACCINATING PEOPLE. IT IS A MULTIPLE FRONT AS WE MOVE FORWARD.
13 SO IT'S JUST ONE LITTLE TOOL IN OUR TOOLKIT. SO IF THERE ARE
14 NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO
15 MOVE THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS.
16 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** KUEHL, AYE. SORRY.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
3 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 5-0.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM
14 NUMBER 9, BURIAL COSTS, DIGNITY FOR COVID-19 VICTIMS AND
15 SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES. MEMBERS, THIS IS AN ITEM THAT I
16 HELD. BRIEFLY, THERE ARE OVER 17,000 FAMILIES GRIEVING THE
17 LOSS OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO DIED IN OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
18 THEIR PROFOUND GRIEF IS OFTEN COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT THEY
19 CANNOT AFFORD THE SIGNIFICANT COST OF THEIR BELOVED ONE'S
20 BURIAL. IN CALIFORNIA, THE AVERAGE BURIAL COST IS \$8,000 TO
21 \$12,000, AND WE KNOW POVERTY RATES HAVE SKYROCKETED DUE TO
22 COVID-19 MAKING THESE BURIAL COSTS EVEN MORE OF A BURDEN FOR
23 THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR BASIC NEEDS, FOOD AND
24 RENT. THE ECONOMIC BURDEN IS PARTICULARLY FELT AMONG THOSE
25 PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, LATINX AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN,

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1 WHICH HAVE BEEN HIT VERY HARD BY ALL ASPECTS OF THE PANDEMIC.
2 DATA HOW THAT THE NUMBER OF LATINX RESIDENTS DYING FROM COVID
3 EACH WEEK INCREASED BY 1,000 PERCENT FROM THE NOVEMBER 2020 TO
4 PRESENT. AND TRAGICALLY, THESE FAMILIES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY
5 IMPACTED BY BOTH THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF
6 BURIAL COSTS. I HAVE HEARD FROM SO MANY OF MY OWN
7 CONSTITUENTS, AND PERHAPS SOME OF YOU HAVE TOO, AS WELL AS
8 STAFF FROM FUNERAL HOMES IN AND AROUND MY DISTRICT IN EAST LOS
9 ANGELES, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES WITH
10 THE REAL DEVASTATING TOLL THIS HAS HAD ON FAMILIES. THAT'S WHY
11 I WAS RELIEVED TO LEARN THAT THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND
12 RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 APPROPRIATES \$2
13 BILLION TO F.E.M.A. TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
14 INDIVIDUALS FOR COVID RELATED FUNERAL EXPENSES, COVERING
15 ELIGIBLE FUNERAL EXPENSES THAT WERE INCURRED DURING 2020.
16 THIS LEGISLATION REQUIRES F.E.M.A. TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE
17 THROUGH THE STATES AND WAIVES THE 25 PERCENT STATE MATCH AND
18 FURTHER SPECIFIES THERE IS NO COST SHARING REQUIREMENT
19 ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSISTANCE. AT THIS TIME, F.E.M.A. IS
20 REVIEWING THE LEGISLATION AND EVALUATING POTENTIAL OPTIONS
21 FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, BUT THERE'S AN URGENCY TO ASSESS THE
22 FEASIBILITY AND ENSURE THAT L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS DO RECEIVE
23 THIS RELIEF. L.A. COUNTY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY, IN MY OPINION,
24 TO HELP PROVIDE FOR A PROPER BURIAL, ALLOWING DIGNITY FOR
25 THOSE THAT HAVE DIED FROM COVID-19 AND CLOSURE FOR THEIR

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1 MOURNING FAMILIES. ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM DETAILS ARE
2 FORTHCOMING FROM F.E.M.A., THE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. WE
3 CANNOT DELAY HUMAN DIGNITY AND HEALING FOR OUR FAMILIES, SO I
4 URGE YOUR AYE VOTE. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM
5 MY COLLEAGUES?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SENATOR -- EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR SOLIS? THIS
8 IS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IF I MAY.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** A WONDERFUL MOTION, I'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO
13 SUPPORT IT TODAY. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE
14 CONTINUE TO GATHER MORE DETAILS ABOUT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
15 THAT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SHARE AS MUCH INFORMATION
16 AND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE PUBLIC ABOUT POTENTIAL
17 DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. I'M SURE IT
18 IS EXPECTED THAT A DEATH CERTIFICATE, A CERTIFICATE OF THE
19 CAUSE OF DEATH, PROOF OF KINSHIP, PROCEEDS ALL OF THAT WILL
20 PROBABLY BE NECESSARY FOR REIMBURSEMENT, AND I KNOW, QUITE
21 FRANKLY, WITH THE BACKLOG HERE AT THE COUNTY, GIVEN THE SHEER
22 NUMBER OF DEATHS WE'VE EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF COVID, THAT
23 GETTING A DEATH CERTIFICATE CAN REALLY TAKE QUITE A WHILE. I
24 REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS A
25 POSSIBILITY, AND SO THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORK TO GET THOSE

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1 DOCUMENTS EARLY AND TO KEEP THEM. SO ONCE WE GET THE REPORT
2 BACK AND KNOW WHAT THIS KIND OF PROGRAM CAN LOOK LIKE, PEOPLE
3 WILL HAVE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THEY NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
4 OF THIS F.E.M.A. SPONSORED PROGRAM, A GREAT IDEA, AND HAPPY TO
5 SUPPORT IT TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HEARING NO OTHER
8 COMMENTS, ITEM 9 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE AND SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** 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:** VERY GOOD. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO

11 ITEM 18, FOOD ACCESSORIES OFTEN REQUIRED FOR RESTAURANTS AND

12 THIRD PARTY APP BASED DELIVERY PLATFORMS, WHICH WAS HELD BY

13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE MAKE YOUR REMARKS.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. VERY BRIEFLY,

16 ONE OF THE SORT OF OFFSHOOTS OF WHAT WE'VE HAD TO DO OVER THE

17 PAST YEAR IN TERMS OF OUR RESTAURANTS AND FOOD CONSUMPTION AND

18 DELIVERY HAS MEANT THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE BEING DELIVERED,

19 BEING PICKED UP, BEING TAKEN OUT BECAUSE PEOPLE COULD NOT STAY

20 ON THE SITE AND EAT. AND ONE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THAT IS

21 THERE ARE TONS AND TONS AND TONS OF PLASTICWARE, ITSELF OFTEN

22 WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, THAT ARE INCLUDED WITH ALL OF THESE

23 TAKEOUTS THAT PEOPLE JUST TAKE OUT OF THE BAG AND THROW AWAY,

24 OR TAKE OUT OF THE BOX AND THROW AWAY, BECAUSE THEY ARE TAKING

25 IT HOME, OR THEY ARE HAVING IT DELIVERED AT HOME. SO THIS

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1 ORDINANCE WOULD REQUIRE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE
2 PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE THOSE KINDS OF DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE
3 ACCESSORIES ONLY IF THE CUSTOMER ASKS FOR THEM, AND ALSO IT
4 WOULD REQUIRE FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES TO HAVE CUSTOMERS OPT IN
5 IF THEY WANT ACCESSORIES WITH THEIR ORDER. RESTAURANTS ARE
6 ALLOWED TO ASK PEOPLE IF THEY WANT IT, OF COURSE, THAT WOULD
7 MAKE IT THE EASIEST. AND I HOPE IT IS A WIN-WIN SOLUTION TO
8 BENEFIT BOTH BUSINESSES BECAUSE THEY WILL SAVE A TON OF MONEY
9 AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE COUNTY. I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE A
10 BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT FOR THIS TRANSITION, INCLUDING THE
11 CALIFORNIA RESTAURANTS ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL
12 GROUPS. AND I AM REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THIS ROLL
13 OUT, AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL HELP CONTINUE THE WORK THAT THE
14 COUNTY IS TRYING TO DO TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PLASTIC IN THE
15 WASTE STREAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
16 VOTE.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
21 BRINGING THIS MOTION IN. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE. I KNOW WHEN I
22 ORDER FROM THESE APPS, THE RESTAURANTS WILL ASK ME IF I WANT
23 UTENSILS, AND I SAY NO, AND IT DRIVES ME CRAZY WHEN I GET THEM
24 BECAUSE, NUMBER ONE, THE OVERHEAD COST FOR THE RESTAURANT WHO
25 IS BARELY ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET DURING THESE TIMES, BUT ALSO

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1 IT IS A WASTE. SO I THINK IF THAT CAN BE BUILT INTO THE APP,
2 THAT WOULD BE IDEAL BECAUSE THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IT IS --
3 IT IS A WASTE. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS AND HOPE THAT
4 THEY WILL TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION AND MAKE THE CHANGES.
5 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** QUESTIONS, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM BOARD
8 MEMBERS? I JUST WANT TO PERSONALLY SAY I THINK THIS IS A GREAT
9 IDEA, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT IT, AND I
10 AM HAPPY THAT WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS. IT IS A WIN-WIN FOR
11 THE COUNTY, BUSINESSES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. SO I KNOW THAT
12 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE FOUGHT FOR, AND WE ALL LOOK
13 FORWARD TO SEEING THIS HAPPEN SOON. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO
14 WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM, THEN
15 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US, ITEM 18, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

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

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

23

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

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

11

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

13

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

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON NOW TO ITEM 57A,

19 PILOTING A CRISIS RESPONSE IN TRAUMA-INFORMED SYSTEM OF CARE.

20 MEMBERS, I HELD IT THIS ITEM, AND I WANT TO THANK THE

21 INDIVIDUALS THAT CALLED IN EARLIER AT THE BOARD MEETING AT THE

22 TOP TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM. THE REASON I AM BRINGING THE MOTION

23 TO THE BOARD IS BECAUSE MY DISTRICT HAS BEEN REELING WITH NOT

24 ONLY THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF COVID-19, BUT ALSO THE

25 INEQUITIES IN RESOURCES AND SERVICES. AND IN RESPONSE, FROM

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1 THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, I HAVE CONDUCTED OVER, JUST AN
2 F.Y.I., OVER 30 FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS, 60,000 HOUSEHOLDS TO
3 HELP COMBAT THE FOOD INSECURITIES THAT RECEIVE THAT AID, SET
4 UP 15 COVID TESTING CENTERS, INCLUDING POP UP TEST CENTERS IN
5 WEST COVINA, COMMERCE, AND CUDAHY, AND AT MY DIRECTION, D.P.H.
6 LAUNCHED A \$30 MILLION COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS PROGRAM KNOWN
7 TO MANY OF US AS THE PROMOTORAS TO BE OUT THERE AND ASSIST OUR
8 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN THEIR LANGUAGE. I HAVE ENSURED THAT
9 PART OF THE \$13 MILLION IN FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY WAS
10 MOVED TO OUR DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE TO ENSURE
11 THAT OUR STUDENTS GET ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND
12 INTERNET ACCESS. I HAVE CONTINUOUSLY ADVOCATED FOR THE
13 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT
14 PEOPLE OF COLOR HAVE BEEN HIT THE HARDEST AND HAVE ADDITIONAL
15 CHALLENGES THAT MAY PRECLUDE THEM FROM ACCESSING VACCINE.
16 UNFORTUNATELY, IN MY DISTRICT, THE FIRST, IT IS OVERWHELMED
17 WITH ANOTHER LAYER OF TRAUMA, TAKING THE FORM OF GUN AND GANG
18 RELATED VIOLENCE AND HOMICIDES, WHICH HAVE INCREASED ANYWHERE
19 FROM 20 TO 40 PERCENT IN THE COUNTY ACCORDING TO SEVERAL
20 SOURCES THAT TRACK HOMICIDE RATES. THESE SENSELESS ACTS ARE
21 TAKING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE LIKE GABRIELLA FROM WEST
22 COVINA AND OTHERS, LEAVING A TRAIL OF SURVIVORS WHO ARE
23 SUFFERING FROM DEEP LOSS. SINCE I HAVE TAKEN OUT THIS ITEM, I
24 HAVE MADE SURE THAT COUNTY RESOURCES WERE INVESTED IN THE
25 FIRST DISTRICT AND CONSTANTLY PUSHED FOR AN EQUITABLE AND NOT

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1 JUST EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICES, BUT REALLY PUSHING THE
2 ENVELOPE. AND AS OF 2018, I HAVE ENSURED THAT MORE THAN \$20
3 MILLION WAS PUT INTO MY DISTRICT IN THE FORM OF FUNDING FOR
4 THE SHERIFF'S COPS PROGRAM BUREAU, CIVIC CENTER, EQUESTRIAN
5 AND BIKE PATROL, AND PARK SECURITY. FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY
6 THROUGH SUPPORT AND GANG INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION
7 PROGRAMMING AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE IN OUR
8 COMMUNITIES. ONE OF THE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT
9 WORKS DIRECTLY IN MY DISTRICT IS KNOWN AS SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT
10 ACTION. THEY HAVE A LONGSTANDING HISTORY OF WORK WITH HIGH
11 RISK INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND GANG-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.
12 THEY SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF GANG INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS INTO
13 A MORE PRODUCTIVE LIFESTYLE BY LINKING THEM TO COMPREHENSIVE
14 SERVICES, RESPONDING TO GRIEVING FAMILIES, AND PROVIDE CRISIS
15 RESPONSE AND SERVICES. ANOTHER SERVICE PROVIDER IS KNOWN AS
16 ALMA FAMILY SERVICES THAT WORK WITH YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO
17 ADVANCE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH SUPPORT THAT ADDRESSES NEEDS
18 RELATED TO LIFE STRESSORS, MENTAL HEALTH, TRAUMA, SUBSTANCE
19 ABUSE DEPENDENCY, AND OTHER CHALLENGES. AND WE'VE ALSO ENGAGED
20 WITH OUR FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS VICTORY OUTREACH,
21 WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATION ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS
22 ABOUT THE NEED FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. MORE NEEDS TO
23 HAPPEN TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ADVANCE OUR COMMUNITY DRIVEN
24 PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS, AND THAT IS WHAT THIS MOTION IS
25 ABOUT. IT WOULD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S

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1 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO EXPAND THEIR TRAUMA
2 PREVENTION INITIATIVE IN REGIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT BY
3 GUN AND GANG VIOLENCE, SUCH AS IN EAST LOS ANGELES, THE SAN
4 GABRIEL VALLEY, AND IN PARTICULAR CITIES LIKE LA PUENTA. THEY
5 WOULD COLLABORATIVELY WORK WITH OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS W.D.A.C.S., PARKS AND RECREATION, A.T.I.,
7 THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVERSION, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
8 COPS BUREAU, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY AND
9 FAITH BASED STAKEHOLDERS THAT IS INCLUSIVE OF THE VOICES AND
10 EXPERIENCES OF SURVIVORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY
11 TRAUMA. WITH EVERYONE AT THE TABLE, THIS COLLECTIVE WILL HELP
12 PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ON HOW TO ADDRESS GANG VIOLENCE
13 AND HOW OUR COMMUNITIES CAN START HEALING THROUGH EVIDENCE-
14 BASED STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS. WE NEED TO UTILIZE ALL THE
15 TOOLS IN OUR TOOLBOX TO CREATE A SAFER, MORE PEACEFUL
16 COMMUNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS. AND CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED WITH THE
17 INTENTIONAL COLLABORATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY. AND AT THIS
18 TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S FRIENDLY
19 AMENDMENT, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVE FOR THE MOTION,
20 WHICH I ACCEPT. AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS, THE REPORT BACK
21 SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS HOW THIS PLAN WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO
22 THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION AND
23 FUNDING PLAN AS OUTLINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
24 REPORT TITLED IMPLEMENTING THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION
25 STRATEGIC PLAN AND CREATING A COORDINATED COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, DATED JANUARY 27TH, 2021. THANK YOU,
2 AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS THAT WANT
3 TO BE RECOGNIZED? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
6 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION AND FOR ACCEPTING OUR FRIENDLY
7 AMENDMENT. AS YOU KNOW, WE ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
8 PREVENTION, IT SEEMS LIKE A DECADE AGO, IN 2019, TO IDENTIFY
9 GAPS IN THE CURRENT ARRAY OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND
10 ADOPT A MORE STRATEGIC, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, COMMUNITY
11 CENTERED APPROACH TO PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN ALL OF OUR VARIED
12 COMMUNITIES. YOUR MOTION ACCOMPLISHES THESE GOALS BY
13 IDENTIFYING A GAP IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND CALLING
14 FOR A STRATEGIC RESPONSE TO THE INCREASE IN GANG VIOLENCE THAT
15 WE'VE SEEN OVER THE PAST YEAR. AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTED GANG RELATED HOMICIDES WENT UP
17 BY ALMOST 50 PERCENT AND GANG RELATED SHOOTINGS INCREASED BY
18 66 PERCENT BETWEEN 2019 AND 2020. SO OF COURSE IT REQUIRES
19 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FROM THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION,
20 ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST.
21 WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE KIND OF RESPONSE THAT'S NEEDED,
22 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF TRAUMAS PEOPLE HAVE
23 SUFFERED AND THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY CAUSE. SO WE FIGURE O.V.P.
24 WILL BRING A HEALTH-CENTERED APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM THAT IS
25 QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY WE HAVE APPROACHED IT IN THE

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1 PAST. THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I
2 THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TRY TO INCORPORATE THE DIRECTIVES
3 IN THIS MOTION INTO THE LARGER IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING
4 PLAN. I WANT TO PRAISE THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. THEY
5 HAVE DONE REALLY IMPORTANT WORK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
6 WITH ALL OF YOU AND WITH THEM TO CONTINUOUSLY REDUCE VIOLENCE,
7 ALONG ALL OF THE AXES, IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, MADAM
8 CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND ARE THERE
11 ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? SEEING NONE --

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, THIS IS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
14 IF I MAY.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE!

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I JUST AGAIN WANT TO APPLAUD YOU FOR
19 THE WORK. THIS IS AN AREA OF FOCUS FOR ME, PERSONALLY AND
20 PROFESSIONALLY, MY DECADE OF SERVICE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE,
21 SO I'M PROUD TO JOIN A BOARD THAT HAS TAKEN A REAL HOLISTIC
22 VIEW OF HOW WE POSITIVELY IMPACT SYSTEMS-TOUCHED RESIDENTS OF
23 THE COUNTY. THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, I APPRECIATE
24 THEIR REPORT BACK FROM PREVIOUS ACTIONS. AND, YOU KNOW, I LOOK
25 FORWARD TO THIS REPORT BACK TO REALLY FIGURE OUT HOW A MODEL

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1 FOR A CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM COULD REALLY BE PUT INTO EFFECT
2 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THERE WAS A LEGISLATION AT THE STATE
3 LEVEL TO CREATE ONE THAT UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T MAKE IT THROUGH
4 THE ENTIRE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. I BELIEVE IT WAS VETOED BY THE
5 GOVERNOR. SO HOPEFULLY IF SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE
6 LEVEL ARE LOOKING AT THE SAME KIND OF MODEL, PERHAPS THERE CAN
7 BE STATE RESOURCES IDENTIFIED BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE HAS
8 BEEN AN IDENTIFIED NEED OF WELL OVER, DOING MY QUICK MATH
9 HERE, ABOUT \$6 MILLION TO EXPAND THE TRAUMA PREVENTION
10 INITIATIVE TO AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY EXPERIENCING THE MOST
11 VIOLENCE, WHICH INCLUDES AREAS IN MY DISTRICT, AND SO AGAIN
12 RESOURCES WILL BE AN ISSUE, BUT I THINK AS WE ALL KNOW
13 VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS THE BEST INVESTMENT WE CAN ENGAGE IN,
14 AS A GOVERNMENT, TO CREATE HEALTHIER, SAFER COMMUNITIES FOR
15 ALL. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING WORK AND THE REPORT BACK
16 AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN IDENTIFY THE NEEDED RESOURCES TO MAKE
17 THIS PROGRAM A REALITY FOR EVERY RESIDENT. I WILL BE
18 SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
21 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS. THIS IS AN
22 AREA THAT HAS BEEN OF MUCH CONCERN FOR ME IN THE LAST 5 AND A
23 HALF YEARS, AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN AS MUCH FUNDING
24 COME THROUGH SACRAMENTO AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT I KNOW
25 NOW THAT PRIORITIES ARE CHANGING. I THINK IT IS AN OPPORTUNE

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1 TIME FOR US TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION, AND I THANK YOU AND ASK
2 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. IF THERE IS NO OTHER COMMENTS, THEN, I MOVE
3 THE ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM,
4 57A. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 57A AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

10

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

25

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

2

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

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. WE'LL NOW
6 MOVE ON TO 51B, A COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY FOR EQUITABLE ECONOMIC
7 RECOVERY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
8 BARGER, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I APPRECIATE THE
12 TIMING OF THIS MOTION AS WE ARE SEEING GREATER DISTRIBUTION OF
13 VACCINES AND GENERAL DROP IN THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES.
14 WHILE WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET, AS WE HEARD FROM DR.
15 FERRER, WE DO NEED TO BEGIN PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PHASE OUR
16 EFFORTS TO HELP THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE
17 REPORT FROM THE L.A.E.D.C. REPRESENTS A GRIM PICTURE OF THE
18 STATE AND OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. I BELIEVE IT'S ABSOLUTELY
19 PRUDENT THAT WE TAKE EVERY STEP POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM
20 RECOVERY AND SPUR JOB AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. I DO WANT TO NOTE
21 THAT AMIDST ALL THE WORK THAT WENT INTO THIS REPORT THAT WE
22 WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT THE CRITICAL WORK PERFORMED BY THE
23 COUNTY'S ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE. THE ECONOMIC
24 RESILIENCY TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT, WHICH OUTLINED
25 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY, PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT

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1 INPUT FROM BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, AND LABOR PARTNERS, AND
2 WOULD BE VITAL TO THE EFFORTS OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION.
3 THEREFORE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS A COAUTHOR, I WOULD LIKE TO
4 PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT, UNDER ITEM NUMBER 1, THAT THE
5 LANGUAGE INCLUDE, AFTER LISTING THE DEPARTMENTS, IT WOULD
6 INCLUDE THE L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND OTHER
7 RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY CONSULTATION
8 WITH THE SECTOR LEADS FOR THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC RESILIENCY
9 TASK FORCE, AND THAT ALSO INCLUDED IN THE LANGUAGE BE AN
10 UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
11 COUNTY'S ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT AND ANY
12 PROGRESS TO DATE ON ACCOMPANYING EACH RECOMMENDATION. I WOULD
13 JUST ASK FOR THAT FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE THOSE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS IN, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ACCEPT THOSE. I HAVE NOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL
17 AND THEN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM,
18 IN THAT ORDER. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, VERY BRIEFLY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
21 THE REALLY GREAT WORK OF L.A.E.D.C. TO CAPTURE IN ONE REPORT
22 THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID ON OUR REGION. AND ALMOST A YEAR
23 IN, SADLY, THERE WERE VERY FEW SURPRISES IN THE DATA BECAUSE
24 IT'S BEEN CLEAR PRETTY MUCH SINCE LAST SUMMER, AT LEAST, THAT
25 WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF TWIN DEVASTATING CRISES, A PUBLIC HEALTH

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1 CRISIS AND AN ECONOMIC CRISIS. AND IN MANY WAYS, THEY HAVE
2 BEEN SEEN AS HAVING SUCH AN IMPACT ON EACH OTHER BUT ALSO SEEN
3 AS BEING SOMEHOW PLAYED AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND WE HAVE HAD TO
4 MAKE SO MANY CHOICES. AND CERTAINLY DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY
5 HAVE HELPED, AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW, THE STATE OFTEN TELLING US
6 WHAT TO DO. BUT I FEEL, AS WE SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF S.D.1,
7 I AM FEELING MORE OPTIMISTIC. I HAVE SEEN SO MANY OF THE SMALL
8 BUSINESSES ALONG, YOU KNOW, THE VALLEY, THE EAST VALLEY, THE
9 EAST HOLLYWOOD AREA, REALLY HARD HIT EVERYWHERE, I MEAN, EVEN
10 IN CITIES ON THE WEST, MAKING PLANS, TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY
11 CAN DO, TRYING TO PIVOT IN SOME WAYS WHILE THEY WERE CLOSED,
12 AND EVERYONE ANXIOUS TO HELP OUT. SO, AS WE LOOK TOWARD A
13 RECOVERY FOR THE WHOLE REGION, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE
14 FOCUSING EFFORTS AND RESOURCES ON THOSE AREAS MOST IMPACTED BY
15 COVID AND OF COURSE IMPACTED BY THE SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES THAT
16 PRE-DATED COVID. SO WE WANT TO PRIORITIZE INVESTMENTS AS
17 RECOMMENDED IN TRAINING, IN PLACING DISPLACED WORKERS, WITH
18 WORKING WITH RESIDENTS WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, GETTING
19 PEOPLE INTO THE HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRIES THAT TO SOME EXTENT
20 HAVE MAINTAINED THEMSELVES AND IN OTHERS ARE COMING BACK. I
21 CERTAINLY WANT TO PRIORITIZE ANY INVESTMENTS IN OUR SMALL AND
22 MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. THEY ARE THE LIFEblood OF ANY
23 COMMUNITY. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, JUST A BLOCK FROM THE
24 COLISEUM, YOU KNOW, I'M SO OLD, AS YOU ALL NOW KNOW TODAY,
25 MOST OF THE SHOPS WERE ONE-ITEM THINGS. YOU'D GO TO THE

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1 BUTCHER SHOP. YOU'D GO TO THE BAKERY. THE DAIRY OFTEN
2 DELIVERED BY DRIVING THROUGH THE ALLEYS AND DROPPING OFF MILK
3 AT OUR BACK DOOR. THERE REALLY WERE NO SUPERMARKETS. AND SO IT
4 WAS ALL SMALL BUSINESS, EVEN THE DRUG STORES WERE NOT CHAINS.
5 AND SO I GREW UP WITH THAT MODEL AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO
6 WORKING SPECIFICALLY WITH THESE BUSINESSES TO HELP STABILIZE
7 THEIR WORKERS AND WORKFORCE HOUSING, VERY IMPORTANT TO EXPAND
8 CHILDCARE ACCESS FOR THESE FAMILIES, AND MOVING TOWARD
9 UNIVERSAL BROADBAND, WHICH WE HAVE NOW LEARNED IS CRITICAL IN
10 SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M REALLY HOPING THAT THE NEW
11 PRIORITIES IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL WILL ALIGN WELL WITH OUR
12 PRIORITIES. AND WE HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING SO THAT OUR REGION
13 GETS THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO ADVANCE THEM. SO THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND I AGREE WITH THE
15 AMENDMENTS, AS WELL, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE MOTION
16 WHEN WE VOTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
19 RECOGNIZE NOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO CONCUR WITH
22 YOUR STATEMENTS AND THE STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WOULD
23 JUST ADD I THINK EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE WILL BE
24 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS WE TALK ABOUT A TRUE RECOVERY FOR
25 OUR COUNTY, RECOGNIZING WHICH COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN

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1 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THIS DUAL PANDEMIC, ONE OF
2 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC. AND WE ARE CLEAR THAT AFFORDABLE
3 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IS CRITICAL FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION, TO
4 LOOK FOR A JOB, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES, SUCH AS ACTUALLY
5 ACCESSING HEALTHCARE AND THE EXAMPLE WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME
6 TALKING ABOUT TODAY, ACCESSING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT. SO, AS
7 THE DEPARTMENTS PREPARE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THEIR
8 RECOVERY, I HOPE THEY'LL REACH OUT TO OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, BOTH
9 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, WHO ARE WORKING REALLY IN OUR OWN, VERY
10 OWN REGION TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. THEY INCLUDE THE
11 SOUTH BAY COG. AND THEY LED A BROADBAND PROJECT FOR THE SOUTH
12 BAY. THERE ARE OTHER CITIES IN OUR REGION THAT ARE WORKING ON
13 BROADBAND PROJECTS SUCH AS THE CITY OF L.A. S.C.A.G., WHICH
14 I'M NOW A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WHICH IS WORKING ON STRATEGIES
15 FOR OUR ENTIRE REGION, THE CALIFORNIA BROADBAND COUNCIL, AND
16 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
17 AND MANY OTHERS. YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IS
18 REAL, AND THE DIVIDE IS PROBABLY GETTING BIGGER RATHER THAN
19 CLOSING. AND SO, OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING AND
20 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES MUST BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN ADDITION TO
21 CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN-
22 OWNED ENTERPRISES. AND THE WAY DO THAT IS FOR US DO A BETTER
23 JOB AT CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE TRULY. THE GOAL FROM MY
24 PERSPECTIVE IS TO BUILD BACK BETTER WITH A COMMITMENT TO

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1 DIVERSITY AND EQUITY. AND FOR THOSE REASONS, I'M PROUD TO
2 SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
5 AND TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
6 FOR YOUR FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. JUST BRIEFLY, I WANT TO JUST
7 MENTION THAT TODAY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND
8 W.D.A.C.S. RELEASED THEIR REPORT THAT LAYS OUT THE ECONOMIC
9 IMPACTS. PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFIES THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP
10 ACCELERATE OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY. THIS MOTION BEFORE US BUILDS
11 ON THAT REPORT AND ALL THE WORK THAT THIS BOARD AND THE COUNTY
12 HAS DONE TO SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR BUSINESSES. SINCE
13 THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, WE LOST OVER 700,000 JOBS TO
14 DATE. AND WE HAVE ONLY REGAINED ABOUT 500,000 OF THOSE JOBS.
15 OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES THAT RELY ON FOOD SERVICE AND
16 HOSPITALITY FOR THEIR LIVELIHOODS HAVE BEEN SEVERELY IMPACTED.
17 AND MOVING FORWARD, THE COUNTY MUST DO ITS PART TO CREATE
18 LIVING WAGE JOBS FOR EVERY RESIDENT TO ENSURE EVERY HOUSEHOLD
19 CAN FEED THEIR FAMILY AND PAY THEIR RENT. THE MOTION WILL
20 FOCUS ON HOW TO MAKE THIS A REALITY. OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
21 WILL FORM A WORKGROUP CONSISTING OF W.D.A.C.S., D.C.B.A.,
22 L.A.C.D.A., PUBLIC HEALTH, AND OUR LABOR PARTNERS, AND OTHER
23 AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN
24 THE L.A.E.D.C. REPORT WITHIN 45 DAYS. THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS
25 ARE CENTERED AROUND THE FOLLOWING, ENGAGING IN TRAINING

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1 DISLOCATED WORKERS, INCENTIVIZING HIRING IN HIGH GROWTH
2 INDUSTRIES, PROVIDING REOPENING ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES,
3 ADDRESSING, YES, THE DIGITAL DIVIDE THAT IS IN EXISTENCE, AND
4 SUBSIDIZING CHILDCARE SERVICES, AND SUPPORTING THE HARDEST HIT
5 COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR
6 PATH TO RECOVERY, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ACTION PLAN. IF
7 THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS, MEMBERS, THEN I WOULD MOVE THIS
8 ITEM, SECONDED AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I WOULD
9 ASK THAT MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 57B AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE. MITCHELL, AYE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, WE LOST HER.

17

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

7

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

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW MOVING ON TO
13 SPECIAL ITEMS NUMBER 58. I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS AN
14 ITEM FOR US TO READ IN, AND THEN WE HAVE OTHER MEMBERS THAT
15 HAVE ITEMS, AS WELL. SO SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A READ-IN MOTION TO
18 INTRODUCE TODAY. AND I'D LIKE TO START BY THANKING ALL OF THE
19 FOLKS WHO CONTACTED MY OFFICE OVER THE WEEKEND. I RECEIVED
20 MORE THAN 500 EMAILS FROM PARENTS AND KIDS WHO WERE VERY UPSET
21 TO HEAR THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S JUNIOR
22 LIFEGUARD PROGRAM WAS BEING CANCELED THIS SUMMER. AND TO BE
23 HONEST, I THINK THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE UPSET. OUR KIDS HAVE
24 BEEN THROUGH ALMOST A FULL YEAR NOW WITHOUT THEIR REGULAR
25 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, THEIR SCHOOLS, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. MANY

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1 OF THEM ARE STRUGGLING. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT
2 WE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, FIGURE OUT HOW TO ALLOW SAFE
3 ACTIVITIES DURING THIS COVID PANDEMIC TO CONTINUE. THE JUNIOR
4 LIFEGUARD PROGRAM TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE ON OUR BEACHES, AND THE
5 PROGRAM CAN EASILY BE ADAPTED SO THAT IT'S SOCIALLY DISTANCED
6 AND COMPLIANT WITH OUR HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. THIS IS ONE
7 PROGRAM THAT REALLY ALIGNS WITH THE SCIENCE AND CAN MOVE
8 FORWARD DURING THIS PANDEMIC. SO WE NEED DO EVERYTHING WE CAN
9 TO MAKE SURE IT DOES GO FORWARD. I'M GOING TO READ IN MY
10 MOTION RIGHT NOW TO SAFELY RESUME THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM
11 THIS SUMMER. FOR MORE THAN 90 YEARS, THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT HAS WELCOMED CHILDREN AGES 9 THROUGH 17 THROUGHOUT
13 ALL L.A. COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
14 PROGRAM EACH SUMMER. THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM TAKES PLACE
15 ON L.A. COUNTY BEACHES AND INSTRUCTS YOUTH IN BEACH AND OCEAN
16 SKILLS, INCLUDING SWIMMING, BODY SURFING, FIRST AID, RESCUE
17 TECHNIQUES, AND C.P.R. YOUTH FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY
18 PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM EACH YEAR, LEARNING VITAL WATER
19 SAFETY SKILLS AND GETTING A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT THE IMPORTANT
20 WORK THAT OUR L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS DO. LAST SUMMER, THE
21 JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM WAS CANCELED BECAUSE OF COVID-19. THE
22 DECISION MADE SENSE AT THE TIME, BUT WE'RE NOW IN A VERY
23 DIFFERENT PLACE THAN WE WERE ONE YEAR AGO. WE KNOW MUCH MORE
24 ABOUT HOW THE VIRUS IS SPREAD AND WHAT IT TAKES TO PARTICIPATE
25 IN ACTIVITIES SAFELY. THE SCIENCE SUPPORTS OUTSIDE SOCIALLY

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1 DISTANT NON-CONTACT ACTIVITIES WITH LOW COHORT SIZES AND
2 PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM LENDS
3 ITSELF PERFECTLY TO THESE SAFETY MEASURES. OUR YOUTH HAVE
4 LIVED THROUGH ALMOST A YEAR OF RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL,
5 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS BECAUSE OF THIS
6 PANDEMIC. AND SO, NOW IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO ALLOW
7 YOUTH TO RETURN TO ACTIVITIES LIKE THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
8 PROGRAM. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9 DIRECT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION
10 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF
11 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON HOW TO
12 SAFELY RESUME THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIFEGUARD -- JUNIOR
13 LIFEGUARD PROGRAM IN THE SUMMER OF 2021. AND THE REPORT BACK
14 SHOULD INCLUDE, 1) PUBLIC SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE JUNIOR
15 LIFEGUARD PROGRAM AND 2) STAFFING REALLOCATIONS REQUIRED TO
16 RESUME THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM BY ITS INTENDED START
17 DATE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL WISHES TO BE
20 RECOGNIZED ON THIS.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION TO SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN. I REALLY UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE. WE'RE ALL HEARING AND
24 ALL VERY, VERY AWARE OF HOW WONDERFUL THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
25 PROGRAM IS. IN THE REPORT BACK, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN

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1 SAFELY RESUME THE PROGRAM IN THE SUMMER AND THE STAFFING
2 REALLOCATIONS, I HAVE A CONCERN, AND I WONDER IF THERE COULD
3 BE SOME REFLECTION IN THE REPORT BACK. ALL OF OUR LIFEGUARDS,
4 LIKE ALMOST ALL OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, ARE NOW
5 WORKING AT THE MEGA PODS. AND IT'S NOT REALLY CLEAR TO ME
6 WHETHER WE WILL BE FINISHED, AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT'S LOOKING
7 MORE AND MORE CLEAR THAT WE'RE NOT, WITH OUR VACCINATION
8 PROGRAMS BY THE SUMMER BECAUSE THAT'S ONLY FOUR MONTHS AWAY.
9 AND, YOU KNOW, AS WE OPEN UP THESE VARIOUS CATEGORIES, IT'S
10 JUST GOING TO ADD LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT NEED TO BE
11 VACCINATED. I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GO TO MUCH MORE
12 LOCAL VACCINATION AND DIFFERENT WAYS OF DOING IT, BUT I THINK
13 OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND LIFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY BASIC IN
14 TERMS OF ALSO GOING OUT TO SOME OF OUR OLD AGE HOMES TO DO
15 SOME MOBILE DELIVERY. SO I WONDER IF AT LEAST THE REPORT BACK
16 CAN KIND OF REALISTICALLY LET US KNOW HOW THE STAFF ARE BEING
17 USED NOW AS A PART OF THE THE STAFFING REALLOCATION REPORT, IF
18 THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. POINT 2 IS STAFFING REALLOCATIONS REQUIRED TO
21 RESUME IT. SO I'M SURE WE'LL FIND OUT ALL THESE ANSWERS IN THE
22 REPORT BACK.

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO IN TERMS OF STAFFING ALLOCATION OR
25 REALLOCATION, IT WOULD REFLECT WHERE THEY MIGHT BE REALLOCATED

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1 FROM BECAUSE YOU CAN'T HAVE A JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM WITHOUT
2 LIFEGUARDS, YOU KNOW. THAT WAS JUST WHY I WANTED TO MAKE SURE
3 THAT WE GO THAT INFO.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO THAT WILL BE NOTED. THIS ITEM CAN
6 BE VOTED ON TODAY SINCE IT IS A REPORT BACK. SO IF THERE ARE
7 NO OTHER QUESTIONS, THEN THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 HAHN, SECONDED BY BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** TO APPROVE THE MOTION FOR A REPORT BACK AS
12 RECORDED, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

6

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND I HAVE TWO MOTIONS THAT I WOULD
10 LIKE TO READ IN THAT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO US IN THE
11 FOLLOWING MEETING. THE FIRST ONE, MEMBERS, COLLEAGUES, AS YOU
12 KNOW, THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, KNOWN AS
13 F.E.M.A., REIMBURSES PUBLIC ABOUT ENTITIES FOR UP TO 75
14 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR A DECLARED DISASTER OR
15 EMERGENCY. SINCE TAKING OFFICE, PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN HAS
16 INCREASED F.E.M.A.'S REIMBURSEMENT FROM 75 PERCENT TO 100
17 PERCENT FOR COVID-19 MEASURES AND MADE ELIGIBLE F.E.M.A.
18 EXPENSES REIMBURSABLE RETROACTIVELY TO THE START OF THE
19 PANDEMIC. ALTHOUGH THE INCREASED F.E.M.A. REIMBURSEMENT RATE
20 FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS IS WELCOME NEWS, LOCAL JURISDICTIONS MUST
21 STILL FUND OTHER COSTS UPFRONT BEFORE SEEKING THAT
22 REIMBURSEMENT. AND GIVEN THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19, THE
23 COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD TO FRONT THE COST OF MANY PROJECTS THAT
24 WOULD LIKELY BE ELIGIBLE FOR F.E.M.A. REIMBURSEMENT. MY MOTION
25 IS COAUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND IT DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING,

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1 1) DIRECTS THE C.E.O. OF SACRAMENTO WASHINGTON D.C. ADVOCATES
2 TO SUPPORT PROPOSALS THAT IS WILL PROVIDE UPFRONT FUNDING FOR
3 F.E.M.A. REIMBURSEMENT, 2) INSTRUCT THE COUNTY OFFICE OF
4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO CONSULT WITH F.E.M.A. AND REPORT BACK
5 IN 14 DAYS WITH A LIST OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBJECT
6 TO THE NEWLY ANNOUNCED GUIDELINES AND DETERMINATION OF THE
7 DURATION AND LEVELS OF REIMBURSEMENT AND UPFRONT FUNDING
8 PROVIDED BY F.E.M.A., 3) IT INSTRUCTS THE C.E.O. TO REPORT
9 BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH A LIST OF COUNTY ASSETS PROVIDING NON-
10 CONGREGATE SHELTER, WHICH COULD FUNDED BY F.E.M.A. AND CURRENT
11 PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES WHILE HONORING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF
12 PROJECT ROOM KEY LOCATIONS AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF INTERIM
13 BEDS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AT EACH SITE. I
14 THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AND WE'LL BRING
15 THAT BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE SECOND ITEM THAT I WOULD
16 LIKE TO READ THIS IS A MOTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S
17 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. PRESIDENT BIDEN, AS YOU KNOW, IS ACTING
18 WITH GREAT URGENCY TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED RESPONSE TO COVID-19
19 PANDEMIC AND MUCH NEEDED ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS,
20 FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PACKAGE WOULD GO
21 A LONG WAY TOWARD SHORING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ECONOMIC
22 RECOVERY EFFORTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC. THE
23 PROPOSAL, AS YOU KNOW, IS STILL IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT AMONG THE
24 KEY COMPONENTS ARE \$400 BILLION TOWARDS EFFORTS TO FIGHT THE
25 SPREAD OF COVID-19, INCLUDING A NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAM

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1 AND AN EXPANSION OF TESTING CAPACITY, A DIRECT PAYMENT OF
2 \$1,400 PER PERSON TO HELP FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS PAY FOR
3 BASIC HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES, SUCH AS RENT AND FOOD, AND \$15
4 BILLION IN GRANTS TO 1 MILLION OF THE HARDEST HIT SMALL
5 BUSINESSES, AND 350 BILLION IN MUCH-NEEDED AID TO STATE AND
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THIS AID PACKAGE WILL HOPEFULLY PROVIDE A
7 BRIDGE FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES AS WE CONTINUE
8 WORKING TOWARDS LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RECOVERY. THE DIRECTIVE OF
9 THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS, I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD
10 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE WASHINGTON D.C. ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT
11 PRESIDENT BIDEN'S \$1.9 TRILLION AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROPOSAL
12 AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
13 LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS, VACCINATIONS, AND RELIEF TO THOSE
14 IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS. THANK YOU, AND WE'LL TAKE
15 THIS ITEM UP, AS I SAID, AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU.
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
17 TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS BY MEMBERS, AND WE'LL START
18 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE. OH, ADJOURNMENTS, SORRY. THANK YOU, MADAM
21 CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE
22 MEMORY OF DR. JEANNE MARIE YUGAR, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK
23 UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19. FOR
24 MANY YEARS, DR. YUGAR COMMITTED HERSELF TO HELPING OTHERS. SHE
25 HAD A DOCTORATE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND SERVED AS A SCHOOL

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1 PSYCHOLOGIST FOR THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
2 OVER 20 YEARS. IN THIS ROLE, SHE HELPED ENCOURAGE AND GUIDE
3 MULTIPLE GENERATIONS OF LONG BEACH STUDENTS BY PROMOTING
4 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS. DR. YUGAR DEDICATED MUCH OF HER TIME
5 VOLUNTEERING IN HER COMMUNITY. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HER SISTER,
6 THERESA, THEY INFORMED AND REGULARLY ATTENDED A COMMUNITY
7 WATCH GROUP IN THE WRIGLEY NEIGHBORHOOD. FRIENDS SAY SHE SPENT
8 COUNTLESS HOURS WORKING ALONGSIDE OTHER NEIGHBORS TO IMPROVE
9 THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD OFTEN VOLUNTEER HER TIME AT FOOD
10 DRIVES AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED EVENTS. SHE WAS EXTREMELY
11 COMPASSIONATE TOWARD ANIMALS AND WOULD OFTEN FOSTER AND ASSIST
12 ANY STRAY ANIMAL SHE WOULD COME ACROSS AND THAT SHE ABSOLUTELY
13 LOVED THE DODGERS. DR. YUGAR'S SELFLESS DEDICATION AND
14 ADVOCACY WORK HAS FOREVER LEFT A MARK ON LONG BEACH. DR. YUGAR
15 IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTERS, THERESA AND PAM, AND MANY FAMILY
16 AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:**.. THANK YOU, NEXT WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR
19 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 HECTOR ELIZALDE, DEPUTY
23 DISTRICT DIRECTOR/VETERANS LIAISON FOR CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE
24 NAPOLITANO, AND MY APPOINTEE TO THE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY
25 COMMISSION, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 7TH OF COMPLICATIONS

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1 FROM COVID-19 AT THE AGE OF 74. HECTOR WAS BORN IN CHICAGO IN
2 1946. HE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY IN 1964 AND PROUDLY SERVED UNTIL
3 HIS DISCHARGE IN 1967. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS SERVICE, HECTOR
4 ENROLLED IN A CLASS THROUGH U.C.L.A. AIMED AT ASSISTING
5 TRANSITIONING VETERANS, WHICH HAD A LASTING IMPACT ON HIS
6 LIFE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY WENT ON TO ATTEND CAL STATE L.A., WHERE
7 HE COMPLETED HIS B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE WENT ON TO WORK
8 FOR VARIOUS COMPANIES, SUCH AS ANHEUSER-BUCH, STROH BREWERY
9 COMPANY, PEPSI, AND DON KING PRODUCTIONS, DURING WHICH HE
10 LIVED ACROSS THE U.S. UNTIL HIS RETURN TO CALIFORNIA IN 1997.
11 HECTOR LATER WORKED FOR CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD IN
12 2006 AND SUBSEQUENTLY BEGAN WORKING FOR CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE
13 NAPOLITANO IN 2010 AS HER VETERANS LIAISON AND THEN AS HER
14 DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN 2015. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
15 APPOINTING HECTOR TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION IN 2017,
16 WHERE HE WAS ELECTED CHAIR IN 2020. HECTOR WAS A TRUE CHAMPION
17 FOR VETERANS ISSUES, NOT ONLY IN THE 32ND CONGRESSIONAL
18 DISTRICT, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THROUGH HIS
19 WORK, HE HELPED TO GET THE V.A. TO OPEN A COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT
20 CLINIC IN ARCADIA. HE ADVOCATED FOR THE VETERANS ADVISORY
21 COMMISSION TO HOLD MEETINGS IN AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTY, TO
22 BRING THE COMMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDE THE
23 LEADERSHIP TO HOST NUMEROUS EVENTS FOR VETERANS. IN HIS SPARE
24 TIME, HECTOR WAS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 804,
25 WHICH HE PROUDLY DEMONSTRATED BY WEARING HIS LEGION CAP AT

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1 EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. HECTOR IS SURVIVED BY HIS EX-WIFE,
2 ELAINE, SONS, PHILIP AND EDWARD, AND GRANDCHILDREN, ISABELLA
3 AND AIDEN. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO
4 I KNOW WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** VERY, VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. HECTOR WAS
7 POSSIBLY THE MOST ENGAGED INDIVIDUAL I'VE EVER, EVER MET ON
8 VETERANS ISSUES ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTY. HE NEVER MISSED A
9 MEETING THAT I EVER HEARD ABOUT PERTAINING TO VETERANS,
10 INCLUDING THE WEST L.A. V.A. MASTER PLAN TOWN HALLS, MEETINGS
11 WITH EVERY ELECTED OFFICIAL, INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH
12 VETERANS, AND IN EVERY POLICYMAKING CONVERSATION, HE WAS A
13 GREAT CONTRIBUTOR, GIVING US THE VETERAN PERSPECTIVE. HE NOT
14 ONLY SERVED YOU, AS YOU SAID, DURING HIS TIME WITH THE UNITED
15 STATES ARMY BUT IN SERVICE TO VETERANS WITH GRACE, WITH
16 LUCILLE, WITH EVERYONE WITH WHOM HE WORKED. AND HE SAW NO
17 GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES IN HIS SERVICE. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
18 APPOINTING HIM BECAUSE HE WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MY DISTRICT
19 ON THE WEST L.A. CAMPUS, THE SEPULVEDA CAMPUS, AND OFTEN WAS
20 THE GUY WHO COULD IDENTIFY THE EXACT ISSUES BEFORE LOCAL STAFF
21 KNEW HOW TO ENGAGE. HE'S A LOSS TO US ALL. THE PARTNERSHIP,
22 THE CAMARADERIE THAT HE BROUGHT TO VETERANS SERVICES AND
23 VETERAN POLICY IN L.A. WAS UNMATCHED. AND HE LEAVES A HUGE
24 VOID. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU IN THIS
25 REMEMBRANCE OF HECTOR.

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED ON
5 THAT, AS WELL. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH HIM MANY
6 YEARS AS HE WAS WORKING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN YOUR OFFICE
7 BUT ALSO WITH SUPERVISOR NAPOLITANO AND LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, AN AMAZING MAN, A TRUE GENTLEMAN AND
10 SOMEONE WHO IS REALLY GOING TO BE MISSED. SO, ABSOLUTELY. I
11 ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY ISABEL ALVAREZ, WHO
12 PASSED AWAY IN HER SLEEP ON FEBRUARY 3RD. SHE WAS BORN ON JUNE
13 8TH, 1933 IN MEXICO, AND MIGRATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1964 TO
14 PROVIDE HER FIRST SON, FRANCISCO, WITH BETTER OPPORTUNITY IN
15 LIFE. SOON AFTER MOVING, HER SECOND SON, ROBERT "BOB" FRUTOS
16 WAS BORN. ISABEL WAS A DEDICATED HARD WORKER, AND SHE WAS
17 EMPLOYED WITH ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SANTA MONICA. SHE RETIRED
18 AFTER 41 YEARS AS A HOUSEKEEPER. HER DREAM OF RAISING HER TWO
19 SONS WAS REWARDED WHEN HER YOUNGEST, BOB, GRADUATED FROM THE
20 LOS ANGELES POLICE ACADEMY AT THE AGE OF 23. BOB MOVED TO
21 BURBANK AND WOULD LATER GET ELECTED TO THE BURBANK CITY
22 COUNCIL. EVENTUALLY, ISABEL MOVED IN WITH BOB AFTER HER
23 HUSBAND DIED. BOB IS NOW SERVING THE BURBANK COMMUNITY AS
24 MAYOR FOR HIS SECOND TERM. ISABEL WAS A QUIET, SOFT SPOKEN,
25 STRONG, AND LOVING MOTHER. FAMILY WAS EVERYTHING TO HER. A

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1 DEVOTED CATHOLIC, ISABEL LOVED TO ATTEND CHURCH. SHE ENJOYED
2 WORKING IN HER GARDEN AND FEEDING HER HOUSE PETS, WHICH
3 INCLUDED TWO CHICKENS, A PARROT, FISH, AND HER SON'S TWO DOGS.
4 SHE LIVED A LONG LIFE AND ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO BEGAN A LONG
5 JOURNEY OF SUFFERING WITH ALZHEIMER'S. SHE IS SURVIVED HER
6 SONS, FRANCISCO AND BOB. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BEA
7 BERMAN, WHO WAS A CHAMPION FOR THE CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY AND
8 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY COORDINATING
9 COUNCIL. SHE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 23RD AT THE END OF 94.
10 BEA'S EXTENSIVE VOLUNTEERISM DATES BACK TO HER MOVE TO THE
11 WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN THE 1960S WHEN HER LATE HUSBAND,
12 MARSHALL GOT A JOB, TRANSFERRED FROM THEIR HOMETOWN IN
13 CHICAGO. IN A NEW CITY WITH FOUR KIDS AND NO FAMILY
14 CONNECTIONS, SHE BEGAN VOLUNTEERING AT HER KIDS' SCHOOL AND
15 JOINED SEVERAL LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF
16 THE CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR 12 YEARS AND
17 ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR.
18 SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERED FOR A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING
19 THE CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
20 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADES. BEA WAS THE STATION MOM FOR THE L.A.
21 FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 96 AND REGULARLY BAKED FOR THE
22 FIREFIGHTERS. SHE ALSO HELPED COORDINATE THE LOCAL SPARK OF
23 LOVE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE. HER BELOVED HUSBAND, MARSHALL, PASSED
24 AWAY IN 2012, AND SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER SON, JEFF, DAUGHTERS,
25 ADIE, RANDI, AND MINDY, GRANDDAUGHTERS, SAMMIE, KELLIE, AND

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1 JESSICA, AND GREAT GRANDSON, DYLAN. AND I KNOW SHE IS GOING TO
2 BE MISSED BY EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT
3 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN
4 MEMORY OF ALLAN CAMERON, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
5 CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75 AFTER A SHORT BATTLE
6 WITH COVID-19. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES AND ATTENDED BEVERLY
7 HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, U.C.L.A., U.S.C., NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY,
8 COLBURN SCHOOL CONSERVANCY, ACTORS' INSTITUTE, DICK GROVE
9 SCHOOL OF MUSIC, AND THORNTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC. HE LIVED A
10 MUSIC-FILLED LIFE PERFORMING WITH BIG BANDS, DESIGNING
11 INSTRUMENTS, AND SINGING AS A BASS SOLOIST IN CHARITY
12 PERFORMANCES OF HANDEL'S "MESSIAH." KNOWN FOR HIS DEEP
13 BARITONE VOICE, HE WAS ALSO A VOICE-OVER ARTIST. LOCALLY,
14 ALLAN EXCELLED IN BALANCING STRONG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH
15 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS THROUGH HIS COMPANY COMPREHENSIVE
16 DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CITY FORMATION
17 COMMITTEE AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SANTA CLARITA
18 ORGANIZATION PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. ALLAN SUPPORTED
19 POLICIES THAT RAISED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
20 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS SANTA TO THE ANIMALS AT CHRISTMAS
21 TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THROUGH
22 THE CASTAIC LIONS' CLUB, HIS LEGACY WILL FOREVER BE CONNECTED
23 TO THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST AT THE SANTA CLARITA SENIOR
24 CENTER. ALLAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAREN. ALSO, WE ADJOURN
25 IN THE MEMORY OF ROB MCFERREN, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA

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1 CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64. HE WAS BORN AND
2 RAISED IN VENICE, CALIFORNIA. HE EARNED HIS ENGINEERING DEGREE
3 AT U.S.C. AND HIS MASTER'S FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH. ALONG
4 WITH HIS WIFE, LAINA, HE CO-FOUNDED WOLF CREEK BREWERY NEARLY
5 24 YEARS AGO. BOTH THE RESTAURANT AND THE BREWERY HAVE BECOME
6 A STAPLE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, NOT JUST FOR DINING OUT,
7 BUT ALSO FOR HOSTING FUNDRAISERS AND PROVIDING CATERING, VENUE
8 SPACE, AND DONATIONS FOR NONPROFITS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
9 SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. ROB ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO
10 HELPING AND GIVING BACK THROUGH THE BUSINESS. FAMILY FOOD AND
11 BEER WERE HIS PASSIONS. HE SERVED AS A SINGLE NEWSPAPER BEER
12 COLUMNIST, OFTEN CLOSING THE ARTICLE WITH THE PHRASE "LIFE'S
13 SHORT, DRINK CRAFT." ROB IS SURVIVED HIS WIFE, DAUGHTERS,
14 MANDY, GILLIAN, MCKENNA, AND SARA, AND HIS BROTHERS, RICK AND
15 MICHAEL. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DORA PADILLA,
16 FORMER ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, WHO
17 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 8TH FROM COVID-19 AT THE AGE OF 83. A
18 DAUGHTER OF MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS, DORA ATTENDED BISHOP CONATY
19 HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT TO WORK AS A SECRETARY FOR AN
20 ARCHITECTURE FIRM RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION. SHE SETTLED DOWN
21 AFTER MARRYING ALBERT "AL" PADILLA, WHO WOULD GO ON TO BECOME
22 A WELL KNOWN EAST L.A. FOOTBALL COACH. AS THEIR THREE CHILDREN
23 GREW UP AND STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL, DORA VOLUNTEERED IN THE
24 CLASSROOM AND EVENTUALLY ATTENDED FUNDRAISERS AND ATTENDED
25 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES. HER EXPERIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

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1 AND ON CAMPUS HELPED HER SEE WHAT STUDENTS NEEDED TO SUCCEED.
2 IN 1978, SHE RAN FOR THE ALHAMBRA SCHOOL BOARD AND WAS
3 ELECTED. SHE WOULD GO ON TO SERVE FIVE TERMS. IN 1995, SHE AND
4 A GROUP OF EDUCATORS FORMED THE ALHAMBRA LATINO ASSOCIATION, A
5 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ASSISTING LATINO SCHOOL
6 CHILDREN IN THE ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. DORA WAS A
7 DEDICATED CHAMPION FOR STUDENTS, THE ARTS, AND EQUAL
8 OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, LISA, A
9 MUSIC TEACHER IN ALHAMBRA UNIFIED, AND HER SON, STEVE, AN
10 EDITOR AT THE L.A. TIMES. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO I KNOW WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ALLOWING
14 ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS ADJOURNMENT. YOU KNOW, I HAD THE
15 PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH DORA PADILLA FOR YEARS WHILE SHE WAS
16 ON THE SCHOOL BOARD AND I REPRESENTED IN THE SENATORIAL
17 DISTRICT ALHAMBRA. AND I ALWAYS ADMIRER HER TENACITY AND
18 ADVOCATING ALWAYS ON BEHALF OF OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN.
19 SHE WAS SUCH A SKILLED POLICY MAKER AND KNEW HOW TO GET THINGS
20 DONE, BUT SHE ALSO HAD THAT SWEET PART ABOUT HER, CARING,
21 LOVING, AND YOU COULD TELL THAT SHE REPRESENTED SO MANY OF THE
22 VALUES THAT WE SEE IN OUR OWN FAMILIES. DORA WAS ALSO AN
23 ADVOCATE FOR THE ARTS AND MORE LATINX REPRESENTATION, AS YOU
24 KNOW. HER LIFE AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WILL BE VERY
25 DEARLY MISSED. WHEN I READ ABOUT HER PASSING, I COULDN'T

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1 BELIEVE IT BECAUSE SHE WAS SO -- SUCH A NICE AND LOVING PERSON
2 AND SO SWEET TO SO MANY PEOPLE AND HELPED TO MENTOR MANY, MANY
3 INDIVIDUALS LIKE MYSELF WHO WERE JUST STARTING OUT IN POLITICS
4 BACK IN THE 1990S ON THE SCHOOL BOARD AT RIO HONDO. SO I HAD
5 THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING HER. AND I WISH HER FAMILY THE BEST.
6 AND I KNOW SHE'S IN PEACE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
10 IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM, "BILL" REYNOLDS, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
11 VALENCIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74. HE WAS BORN IN
12 TEXAS BUT WAS RAISED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE WAS
13 DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY AT 19 YEARS OLD AND WAS SENT TO VIETNAM,
14 WHERE HE WAS AWARDED A PURPLE HEART AND A BRONZE STAR. BILL
15 SERVED IN CHARLIE COMPANY AS ONE OF THE BOYS OF '67. IT'S THE
16 SUBJECT OF AN ACCLAIMED 2012 BOOK AND DOCUMENTARY, "BROTHERS
17 IN WAR." FOLLOWING HIS HONORABLE DISCHARGE IN 1968, HE
18 ATTENDED COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS AND RECEIVED A DEGREE IN
19 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT. AS PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
20 VETERANS MEMORIAL, HE CONTINUOUSLY ADVOCATED FOR HIS FELLOW
21 VETERANS AND ESTABLISHED THE FALLEN WARRIOR MONUMENT AT THE
22 VETERANS HISTORICAL PLAZA IN NEWHALL, A MEMORIAL WALL HONORING
23 SANTA CLARITA'S MILITARY VETERANS. AS THE SIGNAL NEWSPAPER'S
24 DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND LATER K.H.T.S., BILL HELPED
25 TELL THE STORIES OF THE WAR HEROES WHO RESIDED IN THE SANTA

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1 CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS ON THE COMMITTEES THAT HOSTED THE
2 ANNUAL VETERANS DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES AND WAS A
3 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GREATEST GENERATION, WHICH ASSISTS WORLD
4 WAR II AND VIETNAM VETERANS TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER BATTLE
5 SITES, AND HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THE TRAVELING
6 VIETNAM WALL TO SANTA CLARITA. BILL IS SURVIVED HIS WIFE, MEG,
7 DAUGHTER, LISA, SON, MICHAEL, HIS SISTER, JOANN, AND HIS
8 BROTHER, ROBERT. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
9 BAYRON SALGUERO, ONE OF SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
10 NEWEST MEMBERS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 30 ON JANUARY
11 16TH FROM COMPLICATIONS DUE TO COVID-19. BAYRON HAD JUST
12 STARTED WORK AS A CERTIFIED DISPATCHER AFTER JOINING THE
13 DEPARTMENT LESS THAN A YEAR AGO. HE HOPED TO ONE DAY TO BECOME
14 A DISPATCH SUPERVISOR. BAYRON HAD AN EASYGOING PERSONALITY AND
15 AN INFECTIOUS SMILE. HE QUICKLY EARNED THE RESPECT AND
16 FRIENDSHIP OF HIS SUPERVISORS AND COLLEAGUES FOR HIS
17 PROFESSIONALISM AND HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE. AT HOME, HE WAS A
18 FAMILY MAN AND WAS DEDICATED TO HELPING HIS NEPHEWS WITH
19 DISTANT LEARNING. HE LIKED TO SPEND HIS LEISURE TIME HIKING OR
20 EMBARKING ON OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND LISTENING TO MUSIC.
21 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, ABILIO AND OLGA, AND HIS
22 SISTERS, JOCELYNE AND JACQUELINE. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THOSE
23 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IF MY
3 COLLEAGUES WOULD ALLOW ME, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
4 OF THREE COUNTY RESIDENTS. CAROLYN PYLES, DONELLA GRAHAM
5 SEABROOK, AND LOUISE ZAKHEIM. MS. PYLES WAS A LONG TIME SECOND
6 DISTRICT RESIDENT AND COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 38 YEARS. SHE WAS
7 BORN IN SWEETWATER, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES
8 JANUARY 25TH. SHE SERVED AS A RECRUITER FOR U.C. RIVERSIDE AND
9 A COUNSELOR AT JUVENILE HALL IN RIVERSIDE BEFORE MARRYING HER
10 HUSBAND, MICHAEL, AND MOVING TO LOS ANGELES. SHE RECEIVED HER
11 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY FROM U.C.
12 RIVERSIDE AND COMPLETED HER MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK AT CAL
13 STATE LONG BEACH IN 1996. MS. PYLES WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER
14 LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
15 TO BETTER THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. FROM '81 TO HER
16 RETIREMENT IN 2019, SHE SERVED AS A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER
17 AND A SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. SHE SERVED THE HYDE PARK
19 EXPOSITION OFFICE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT BEFORE TRANSFERRING
20 TO THE WEST L.A. OFFICE FROM WHERE SHE RETIRED. MS. PYLES WAS
21 DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HER COMMUNITY. SHE IMMERSED HERSELF IN
22 PROJECT FATHERHOOD, PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP, AND THE EMERGENCY
23 RESPONSE IN THE COMMUNITY PILOT PROJECT. BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND
24 OUT, SHE EARNED THE HONOR OF MS. SAN BERNARDINO IN 1972 AND IN
25 1976. SHE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AS A

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1 PROUD MEMBER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATED. SHE
2 ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF JACK AND JILL OF THE INGLEWOOD
3 CHAPTER. HER DEEP TIES TO HER COMMUNITY WILL LEAVE A LASTING
4 IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT. MS. PYLES' MEMORY WILL BE CHERISHED BY
5 HER DAUGHTER, TAMEKA AS WELL AS EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
6 DONELLA GRAHAM SEABROOK PASSED AWAY THIS PAST JANUARY, JANUARY
7 5TH, AT THE AGE OF 99. SHE, TOO, WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER
8 LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE. SHE WAS
9 BORN IN CLAYTON, ALABAMA BEFORE MOVING TO CUTHBERT, GEORGIA.
10 SHE ATTENDED MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE AND COMPLETED HER MASTER'S
11 DEGREE AT CLARK UNIVERSITY. MS. SEABROOK HAD A PASSION FOR
12 EDUCATION AND THUS EXCELLED IN THE CLASSROOM. SHE BEGAN HER
13 TEACHING CAREER AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT SAVANNAH STATE
14 COLLEGE, WHERE SHE JOINED THE GRADUATE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA
15 THETA SORORITY INCORPORATED AND SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT IN
16 1954. MS. SEABROOK MET HER HUSBAND, ALVIN, IN 1953 AND MOVED
17 TO LOS ANGELES TO START HER FAMILY AND CONTINUE HER CAREER IN
18 EDUCATION. SHE COMPLETED ADDITIONAL GRADUATE SOURCES AT THE
19 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEFORE RETIRING IN 1984
20 AFTER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING KINDERGARTEN AT MY OWN ALMA MATER,
21 42ND STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND
22 THAT'S WHERE I PERSONALLY REMEMBER HER FROM. MS. SEABROOK MADE
23 SURE TO STAY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY POST RETIREMENT,
24 VOLUNTEERING WITH THE DELTA SISTERS OF LOS ANGELES ALUMNI
25 CHAPTER, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN,

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1 FRIENDLY EDUCATORS, ST. BERNADETTE SENIORS, AMONG MANY OTHER
2 ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS ALSO A LONG-STANDING MEMBER OF F.A.M.E.
3 SHE WAS KNOWN FOR ALWAYS LOVING A FUN TIME, HER SOUTHERN
4 HOSPITALITY, HER SENSE OF FASHION, AND FOR ENJOYING PLAYING A
5 GOOD GAME OF BID WHIST. MS. SEABROOK'S MEMORY WILL BE
6 CHERISHED BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, ALVIN, HER DAUGHTER,
7 TAMMARA, TWO GRANDSONS, AS WELL AS EXTENDED FAMILY AND
8 FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HER. AND, FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO
9 INVITE SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO JOIN ME IN THIS ADJOURNMENT FOR
10 MISS LOUISE ZAKHEIM, A CULVER CITY RESIDENT, ALSO KNOWN AS
11 LUCKY LOUISE, AND, EVEN BETTER, THE DANCER. SHE PASSED AWAY
12 PEACEFULLY ON DECEMBER 15TH AT THE AGE OF 104. SHE WAS BORN
13 THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE SIBLINGS IN CAIRO, ILLINOIS, ON MAY 21ST.
14 SHE COMPLETED PART OF HER EDUCATION IN L.A., ATTENDING JOHN
15 MUIR HIGH SCHOOL AND MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE GRADUATING
16 FROM CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL IN HER HOMETOWN. MS. ZAKHEIM WILL BE
17 REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE OF DANCE, HENCE HER NICKNAME. SHE AND
18 HER OLDER SISTER TOOK BALLET AND TAP DANCE LESSONS, AND ONE OF
19 HER PROUDEST MOMENTS WAS SEEING HER NAME IN LIGHTS AT THE
20 WILSHIRE EBELL THEATRE, AND SHE SHARED THE STAGE WITH JUDY
21 GARLAND AND OTHER PRESTIGIOUS PERFORMERS. WHEN HER HUSBAND,
22 BENJAMIN, RETURNED TO THE U.S. FROM EUROPE AFTER THE SECOND
23 WORLD WAR, THEY DECIDED TO SETTLE FOR GOOD IN L.A., MOVING
24 FROM ATLANTA. MS. ZAKHEIM'S CHILDREN BECAME THE CENTER OF HER
25 LIFE. SHE LOVED DANCING AND EXERCISING WITH HER CHILDREN AND

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1 GRANDCHILDREN, ALL OF WHOM SHE WAS IMMENSELY PROUD FOR THEIR
2 MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. SHE WOULD OFTEN WALK MILES EACH DAY
3 AROUND THE STREETS OF L.A. SHE LEARNED TO PLAY POKER IN HER
4 90S, AND BESTED HER FAMILY MEMBERS EVERY HOLIDAY. SHE KEPT HER
5 AGE A SECRET FROM ANYONE OUTSIDE OF HER FAMILY UNTIL SHE
6 TURNED 100, THEN SHE HOSTED A MASSIVE CELEBRATION WITH FAMILY
7 AND FRIENDS. HER ADVICE FOR LIVING A LONG LIFE WAS TO USE IT
8 OR LOSE IT. HER MEMORY WILL BE CHERISHED BY HER BELOVED
9 CHILDREN, ROSALYN AND IRV, HER SISTERS-IN-LAW, MARY AND MOLLY,
10 GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS EXTENDED FAMILY
11 AND FRIENDS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12
13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR
14 LETTING ME JOIN YOU. MS. ZAKHEIM WAS THE MOTHER OF A WOMAN
15 THAT I FIRST MET IN THE WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MORE THAN 40
16 YEARS AGO, ROZ ZAKHEIM. ROZ HAS BEEN A CLERK TO APPELLATE
17 COURT JUSTICES AND REALLY SO ACTIVE IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY.
18 AND AS YOU KNOW, WE REFLECT OUR PARENTS, FOR BETTER OR FOR
19 WORSE. AND WITH ROZ, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY FOR BETTER. I THINK
20 THAT HER MOM PROBABLY WAS A MEGLIN KIDDIE AT THE MEGLIN
21 STUDIOS ABOUT 25 YEARS BEFORE I WAS, IT SOUNDS LIKE. I KNEW
22 ABOUT THOSE SHOWS AT THE WILSHIRE EBELL ONLY A GENERATION
23 LATER, BUT SHE WAS A REAL LIGHT IN THE WORLD. AND I WAS SO --
24 YOU KNOW, SHE CERTAINLY LIVED A LONG LIFE, 104, AND I JUST
25 WANTED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ROZ AND THE FAMILY KNOW THAT WE

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1 WANTED TO HONOR HER TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR
2 ADJOURNING IN HER MEMORY.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES
5 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'RE
6 NEXT.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN REID BROWN,
10 WHO DIED JUST FIVE DAYS AGO ON FEBRUARY 4TH. IN 1934, HELEN
11 AND HER YOUNGER BROTHER, JACK, WERE AMONG THOUSANDS OF
12 UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE CHILDREN FLEEING NAZI PERSECUTION, WHO
13 ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 1933 AND 1945. SHE THEN,
14 AFTER COLLEGE, ENTERED THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AT
15 U.C.L.A., GOT HER M.S.W. IN 1961. AND HER WORK OVER HER CAREER
16 WAS HONORED IN 1998 WHEN SHE WAS AWARDED THE DANIEL E.
17 KOSHLAND AWARD FOR CALIFORNIA'S BEST SOCIAL WORK PRACTITIONER.
18 THIS HONOR WAS GIVEN FOR HER LIFELONG WORK HELPING PARENTS AND
19 TODDLERS. SHE HELPED ESTABLISH THE WARM LINE, AN INFANT
20 COUNSELING SERVICE TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL CLINICALLY-BASED
21 GUIDANCE TO PARENTS BY PHONE, WHICH GREW OVER THE YEARS AND
22 EVENTUALLY BECAME THE PRESCHOOL INFANT PARENTING SERVICE. THE
23 SUCCESS OF THESE PROGRAMS LED TO THE CHEERFUL HELPERS TRAINING
24 PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE-LEVEL PROFESSIONALS IN MENTAL HEALTH, WHO
25 HAD AN INTEREST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD. IN 1989, SHE EXPANDED THE

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1 PROGRAM TO SERVE LOW INCOME, HIGH RISK FAMILIES FROM DIVERSE
2 CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, WHICH LED TO THE DAYCARE CONSULTATION
3 PROJECT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, MARK. AND I MOVE THAT
4 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GROVER HEYLER,
5 WHO DIED ON JANUARY 19TH. AFTER GRADUATING BERKELEY LAW, HE
6 JOINED THE LAW FIRM OF LATHAM & WATKINS, WHERE HE WAS ACTIVE
7 IN THE FIRM'S MANAGEMENT, LEADING THEIR CORPORATE AND
8 SECURITIES DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 27 YEARS AND SERVING ON THE
9 FIRM'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVE
10 SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WERE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS
11 OF HIS LIFE. A U.C.L.A. PARTISAN THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE
12 SERVED ON THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AS
13 ITS GENERAL COUNSEL. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE L.A.
14 CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND, DUE PRIMARILY TO THE MENTAL ILLNESS OF
15 HIS ELDEST SON, HE BECAME COMMITTED TO ORGANIZATIONS FOSTERING
16 MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH BY SERVING ON AND EVENTUALLY CHAIRING
17 THE BOARDS OF BOTH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF L.A.
18 COUNTY AND THE BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION. HE'S
19 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, RICHARD, SUE, AND RANDY, AND HIS
20 SISTER, MARGARET. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FILM EDITOR ROBERT JONES. HE WAS
22 ACCLAIMED FOR EDITING CLASSICS LIKE "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO
23 DINNER" AND "LOVE STORY." HE WON AN OSCAR FOR SCREENWRITING
24 FOR THE 1979 WAR DRAMA "COMING HOME." HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS
25 FREQUENT COLLABORATIONS WITH DIRECTORS LIKE ARTHUR HILLER AND

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1 HAL ASHBY AND WORKED WITH ESTEEMED FILMMAKERS, LIKE WARREN
2 BEATTY AND STANLEY KRAMER. FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
3 FILM BUSINESS, JONES BECAME A PROFESSOR AT THE U.S.C. SCHOOL
4 OF CINEMATIC ARTS, WHERE HE TAUGHT GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE
5 STUDENTS FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
6 SYLVIA AND HIS DAUGHTERS, LESLIE AND HAYLEY. AND I MOVE THAT
7 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN HONOR OF SEAMAN 1ST CLASS
8 DOMINICK PIZZULLI. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. COAST GUARD DURING
9 WORLD WAR II, AND HE WAS ONE OF THE HEROES HIGHLIGHTED IN OUR
10 75TH ANNIVERSARY DOCUMENTARY "UNSUNG HEROES - THE GREATEST
11 GENERATION" BECAUSE HIS MISSION WAS PICKING UP TROOPS IN
12 ENGLAND AND THEN LANDING ON THE BEACHES IN NORMANDY FOR WHAT
13 IS NOW KNOWN, OF COURSE, AS D-DAY. FROM NORMANDY, DOMINICK WAS
14 SHIPPED OVER TO THE PHILIPPINES TO WORK IN THAT INVASION UNDER
15 GENERAL MCARTHUR BY UNLOADING TROOPS. HIS CREW LATER CARRIED
16 THE OCCUPATION TROOPS TO JAPAN AT THE SIGNING OF THE END OF
17 THE WAR, AND HE WAS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THE SIGNING. HE
18 WAS A GRAND KNIGHT FOURTH DEGREE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
19 MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE ALHAMBRA, WHICH IS A FRATERNAL
20 ORGANIZATION OF CATHOLIC MEN DEDICATED TO ASSISTING PEOPLE
21 WITH DISABILITIES. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON, COSIMO. AND,
22 FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
23 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN WERBER, WHO PROUDLY SERVED HIS
24 COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II ON NAVAL VESSELS IN THE PACIFIC
25 WAR THEATER. AFTER THE WAR, HE BECAME AN ARMY RESERVE OFFICER,

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1 RETIRED WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE
2 AND HIS BUSINESS PARTNER OF 69 YEARS, JOSEPH FREED, CREATED
3 TELECOLOR INCORPORATED IN LOS ANGELES IN 1952 AND GREW THEIR
4 STUDIO AND MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY BUSINESS INTO AN ORGANIZATION
5 THAT HAD OFFICES ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. BEN WAS VERY
6 ACTIVE WITH THE JEWISH FREE LOAN ASSOCIATION, SERVING ON THE
7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND WAS PAST PRESIDENT. HE WAS ALSO AN
8 AVID SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL, REGULARLY DONATED TO THE AMERICA
9 ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE TECHNION INSTITUTE OF
10 TECHNOLOGY IN ISRAEL. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
11 OF THE L.A. BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU. HE'S SURVIVED HIS
12 CHILDREN, FRED AND ROBIN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK
13 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, FINALLY, I HAVE A
16 FEW ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN SWEENEY. HE WAS A LEGEND IN THE
18 LABOR MOVEMENT. JOHN SWEENEY WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS CONSTANT
19 AND LIFELONG ADVOCACY FOR WORKING ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE
20 EVERYWHERE. AS A.F.L.-C.I.O.'S FORMER PRESIDENT, HE USED ALL
21 THE LESSONS THAT HE LEARNED ON THE GROUND TO DRIVE FORWARD THE
22 ENTIRE MOVEMENT. WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, HE CEMENTED S.E.I.U.'S
23 REPUTATION AS A POWERHOUSE AND DOUBLED ITS MEMBERSHIP. I WAS
24 HONORED TO HAVE BEEN IN HIS PRESENCE DURING MY TIME AS
25 SECRETARY OF LABOR AND PROUD TO HAVE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE HIM TO

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1 ADVANCE THE RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING OF WORKERS AND THEIR
2 FAMILIES. HE TRULY WAS A PIONEER IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT,
3 WORKING TOWARDS JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSIVITY THROUGHOUT
4 HIS LIFE. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH JOHN'S FAMILY,
5 FRIENDS, AND THE MANY PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED. MAY GOD
6 BLESS HIS SOUL.

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED ON THAT ONE.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** ME, TOO, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE TODAY THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNADETTE ECHOLS. SHE WAS
14 BORN ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1956 AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 28TH,
15 2021 DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM COVID-19. MS. ECHOLS COMMITTED
16 HER CAREER AND LIFE TO PUBLIC SERVICE. SHE WAS PART OF THE
17 D.D.F.S. CLERICAL TEAM FOR 32 YEARS AND PROVIDED CLERICAL
18 SUPPORT. HER SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION TO HER PEERS ALONG WITH
19 HER PLEASANT DEMEANOR GAINED HER RECOGNITION, RESPECT, AND
20 MUCH APPRECIATION DURING HER TENURE IN THE DEPARTMENT. SHE
21 WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FROM
22 1989 TO 2021 AS A CLERK AND ADVANCING TO SENIOR CLERK IN THE
23 CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE. MS. ECHOLS COMMITTED HER EXPERIENCE
24 AND EFFORTS TO UPHOLD THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT. HER
25 LIFE'S WORK IS TRULY COMMENDABLE AS HER LEGACY LIVES ON IN THE

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1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT SHE CONTRIBUTED TO. SHE IS SURVIVED
2 BY HER DAUGHTER, LISA, AND SISTER, SANDRA. MAY SHE REST IN
3 PEACE. AND, FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUBY DE VERA. SHE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
5 DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM COVID-19 JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS SHY
6 OF HER 75TH BIRTHDAY. RUBY WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE EAST
7 AREA PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS CLUB AND WAS A LONG-TIME COMMUNITY
8 ACTIVIST AND LEADER. A PROUD FILIPINA AMERICAN, RUBY SPENT
9 DECADES BUILDING BRIDGES AND BEING A CONVENER. SHE WAS A
10 COALITION BUILDER WHO KNEW THE POWER OF UNITY. I ATTENDED A
11 TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT AT HER HOUSE BACK IN 2019, AND HER
12 COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES WAS
13 MADE VERY CLEAR. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER LOVING DAUGHTER,
14 THERESA. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU. AND WE'LL TAKE ALL
15 THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
16 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. NOW, WE WILL GO INTO
17 CLOSED SESSION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO
18 CLOSED SESSION.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
21 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
22 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
23 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AND ITEM
24 CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AS INDICATED ON
25 THE POSTED AGENDA.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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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