



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 23, 2021 ON PAGE 226]**

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, TO
6 TODAY'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021.
8 OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE CURRENT
9 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW
10 TAKE THE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR
11 MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** I AM HERE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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

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8 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** I'M 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 SEPARATELY, FOR REGULAR
17 AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
18 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 2,100 WRITTEN
19 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
20 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
21 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
22 ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
23 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
24 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 AGENDA.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
3 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER,
4 11:00 A.M. ITEM S-1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
5 RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
6 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. ON
7 ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
8 TO MARCH 23RD, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE
9 REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 6,
10 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6 THROUGH 25. ON
11 ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO REVISE HER AND
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S JOINT MOTION TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD BY MARCH 31ST, 2021, ON
14 THE CONFIRMED FINANCING SOURCES FOR FISCAL 2021 AQUATICS,
15 RECREATION, AND LAKE PROGRAMS, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
16 DURING THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET ON THE IDENTIFIED FINANCING
17 SOURCES FOR FISCAL 2021-22 AQUATICS, RECREATION, AND LAKE
18 PROGRAMS, AND THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM. ON ITEM 8, THIS
19 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
20 ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
21 THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 36. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 20, THIS IS A
24 SUBSTITUTE MOTION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, AND
25 INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL

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1 AGENDA. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
2 BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
3 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 24 AND 25, SUPERVISOR HAHN
4 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 21, ADMINISTRATIVE
5 MATTERS, ITEMS 26 THROUGH 44. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR BARGER
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO MARCH 9TH,
7 2021. ON ITEM 35, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REQUESTS THAT THIS
8 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO MARCH 9TH, 2021, AS INDICATED
9 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 10. ON PAGE
11 29, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
12 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
13 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 42-C, SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 42-D,
15 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 42-
16 E, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
17 42-J, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
18 REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK, THROUGH
19 42-N, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE
23 ORDER.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 30, ORDINANCE FOR
2 INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 31, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT
3 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS
6 FOR OUR AGENDA ITEMS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, 4,
7 AND 5. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
8 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN
9 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
10 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
14 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
15 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
16 6503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE
17 MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW
18 THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT
19 IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA
20 ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
21 ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
22 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
23 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL
24 MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON FOR
25 ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL

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

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

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, PLEASE. PLEASE SPEAK.

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3 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. CAN WE HAVE THE SPANISH
10 TRANSLATION NOW, PLEASE?

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12 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW INTERPRET
13 WHAT THE SPEAKER JUST SAID. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARY
14 CORTEZ. I REPRESENT BOYLE HEIGHTS. I SUPPORT ITEM 7, THAT
15 WOULD RESTORE HEALTH TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THANKS TO THIS ITEM,
16 WE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE OPEN SPACE, AND BRING BALANCE TO
17 US AND OTHER FAMILIES. OPEN SPACES WILL PROMOTE LOWER LEVELS
18 OF STRESS. WE WILL BE ABLE TO PASS THIS LOWER LEVEL OF STRESS
19 TO OUR KIDS. THANK YOU. MR. MODERATOR, WE TURN BACK FOR MORE
20 SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.

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22 **MODERATOR:** KEVIN HARBOUR, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
23 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY,, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
24 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **KEVIN HARBOUR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEVIN HARBOUR. I AM
2 SPEAKING TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
3 TAKE THE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. WE ARE
4 CONTACTING YOU ON BEHALF OF BIZFED INSTITUTE, OF WHICH I AM
5 THE PRESIDENT, WHOSE MISSION IS TO EDUCATE, ENGAGE, AND EQUIP
6 BUSINESS AND THOUGHT LEADERS, STAKEHOLDERS AND ELECTED
7 OFFICIALS, WITH THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, CONNECTIONS, AND
8 RESOURCES NEEDED TO CREATE A REGIONAL ECONOMY THAT IS ROBUST,
9 AND TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES. WE RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD YOU,
10 HONORABLE CHAIR SOLIS, AND ALSO SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, KUEHL,
11 HAHN, AND BARGER, FOR TAKING UP THE MOTION TODAY TO ORGANIZE
12 THE COUNTY AROUND THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, TO STREAMLINE ACTION IN
13 ORDER TO MAKE IT EQUITABLE FOR ALL CITIZENS IN L.A. COUNTY. IN
14 NOVEMBER, AFTER MONTHS OF DISCUSSION UNDER THE REINVENTING OUR
15 REGION WORKING GROUP, BIZFED INSTITUTE, CALIFORNIA EMERGING
16 TECHNOLOGY FUND, AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
17 GOVERNMENTS DECIDED TO REESTABLISH THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
18 BROADBAND CONSORTIUM, AND ALSO ADD ORANGE COUNTY, WHO
19 PREVIOUSLY WAS WITHOUT A CALIFORNIA BROADBAND SERVICES FUNDED
20 CONSORTIUM. OUR EFFORTS ARE INCLUSIVE, AND SPAN ALL INDUSTRIES
21 AND SECTORS.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
24 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **KEVIN HARBOUR:** OUR EFFORTS INVOLVE ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC
2 ASSOCIATIONS, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND BUSINESS. AT
3 THE END OF THE DAY, WE WANT TO BRING TOGETHER ALL OF OUR
4 RESOURCES TO HELP YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO
5 YOU: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, STREAMLINE
6 PROCESSES FOR PERMIT POLLING TO INCLUDE I.S.P.S IN THIS
7 PROCESS FOR BUILD-OUT. WE HAVE A STRONG CONSORTIUM OF MEMBERS
8 FROM ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY AND BUSINESS AND NONPROFITS, FROM
9 EDUCATION, LIKE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE,
10 L.A. CARE, ALSO WITH OUR EXISTING CONSORTIUM MEMBERS,
11 MANCHESTER TECHNOLOGIES, AND SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
12 CORPORATION. WE WANT TO HELP YOU. WE WANT TO BE INCLUDED. WE
13 WANT A SEAT AT THE TABLE. AGAIN, IF THERE IS NO SINGLE POINT
14 OF FAILURE, WE CAN DEFINITELY--

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
17 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

22
23 **PAUL STANSBURY:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 24 AND 25.
24 GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
25 SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. I AM PAUL STANSBURY, PRESIDENT OF N.A.M.I.

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1 SOUTH BAY NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, PART OF
2 N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON BEHALF N.A.M.I.
3 MEMBERS, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR VERY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE
4 MOTIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR THE ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL
5 SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE, AND THE CO-SPONSORING OF THE
6 MILES HALL LIFELINE ACT, BY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER. AS A
7 N.A.M.I. MEMBER, AND AS A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, WE
8 OFTEN PROVIDE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION TO OUR MEMBERS AND THE
9 COMMUNITY ABOUT DEALING WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. WE ARE
10 ALWAYS ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. WE PROVIDE A LIST OF CRISIS
11 PHONE NUMBERS TO CALL, INCLUDING THE D.M.H. HELP LINE, THE
12 ACCESS NUMBER 2-1-1 AND 9-1-1, AND OTHERS. IT CAN ALSO BE VERY
13 OVERWHELMING TO DEAL WITH ALL THESE PHONE NUMBERS. IN THE
14 SOUTH BAY, WE HAVE MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS, MAKING IT EVEN MORE
15 OVERWHELMING. WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORTS TO
16 PROVIDE MEMBERS. GETTING THE HELP OF MENTAL HEALTH
17 PROFESSIONALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IS VERY CRITICAL IN
18 SITUATIONS, AND WE KNOW THE NUMBER OF SUICIDES HAS BEEN
19 INCREASING WITH THE PANDEMIC, AND WE FELT IT'S EVEN MORE
20 IMPORTANT TODAY TO HAVE THIS SUPPORT. SO THE MOTION FOR THE
21 ACCESS TO NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HELP LINE WILL BE VERY
22 HELPFUL AS A NEXT STEP TO TRY TO REDUCE THE FRAGMENTATIONS OF
23 THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM. WITH REGARD TO THE CO-SPONSOR OF
24 THE MILES HALL LIFELINE ACT, N.A.M.I. HAS BEEN AN ARDENT
25 SUPPORTER OF 9-8-8 FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

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1 CRISIS. WE THINK THIS NATIONAL NUMBER WILL BE AN INVALUABLE
2 TOOL FOR CONNECTING PEOPLE AND FAMILIES DEALING WITH MENTAL
3 HEALTH CRISES. AND SO, THEREFORE, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT
4 THE 9-8-8 NUMBER BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY AT THE LOCAL
5 LEVEL, SO THAT PERSONS CAN GET THE CARE THEY NEED, 24/7.
6 THEREFORE, WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO
7 IMPLEMENT THE PLANNING PROCESS OF THE 9-8-8 SYSTEM. THANK YOU
8 FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** NICHOLAS COOPER, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
13 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
14 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME'S NICHOLAS COOPER. I'M SPEAKING ON 42-E AND
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M CALLING FROM DISTRICT 5, AND I'M
18 SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM 42-E. STRENGTHENING
19 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND SERVICES IS A VITAL PART OF ACHIEVING
20 JUSTICE, BUT DOING SO BY FURTHER EMPOWERING LAW ENFORCEMENT
21 AND THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM IS NOT ONLY INEFFECTIVE, BUT
22 DANGEROUS. BY REQUIRING WOMEN AND GENDER NONCONFORMING VICTIMS
23 OF ABUSE TO REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, YOU NOT ONLY
24 STATISTICALLY LOWER THE NUMBER OF REPORTS, BUT YOU
25 RETRAUMATIZE THESE VICTIMS, PARTICULARLY BLACK AND INDIGENOUS

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1 WOMEN, WHO ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE AT
2 THE HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. ADD TO THIS THAT 40 PERCENT OF
3 POLICE OFFICERS ARE SPOUSAL ABUSERS, AND THIS MEASURE STANDS
4 TO PERPETUATE A CULTURE OF SILENCE THAT PROTECTS THE
5 PERPETRATORS, AND NOT THE VICTIMS. WOMEN IN THIS VERY
6 DISTRICT, THE GLENDALE-BURBANK AREA, ON TONGVA-GABRIELINO
7 LAND, HAVE CONFIDED IN THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY, COLLEAGUES, AND
8 CLIENTS MORE THAN THEY WOULD EVER SHARE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT,
9 DUE TO A HISTORY OF VIOLENT EXPLOITATION AND DISTRUST OF LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT. THIS MEASURE IGNORES THE REALITIES OF THE MOST
11 VULNERABLE, AND EMPOWERS THE AUTHORITY THAT THESE VULNERABLE
12 VICTIMS FEAR THE MOST. THANK YOU. I'LL YIELD THE REST OF MY
13 TIME.

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

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

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21 **TRISTA RAMIREZ:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT
22 OF ITEMS 24 AND 25. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THESE
23 ITEMS TODAY. AGAIN, MY NAME IS TRISTA RAMIREZ, AND I AM THE
24 COORDINATOR OF STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT IN PALOS
25 VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AS AN EDUCATOR FOR

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1 THE PAST 20 YEARS, FOCUSED ON SCHOOL COUNSELING AND MENTAL
2 HEALTH SERVICES, I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE SIGNIFICANT
3 INCREASES IN MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS FOR OUR YOUTH. THE TWO
4 MOTIONS BEING CONSIDERED TODAY, REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH
5 SERVICES IN OUR AREA, ARE CRITICAL FOR US TO ADDRESS SERVICE
6 GAPS, THE CURRENT SILO SERVICE MODEL, AND LONG WAIT TIMES FOR
7 OUR RESIDENTS. REACHING OUT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS AND
8 SERVICES CAN BE A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUTH AND
9 THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH CAN DELAY OR INHIBIT THEM FROM REACHING
10 OUT FOR HELP. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN THE ONLY RESOURCE
11 AVAILABLE TO THEM MAY BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT PROVIDER, AS
12 OPPOSED TO A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US
13 TO MAKE THESE SERVICES MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO NEED
14 THEM, PARTICULARLY OUR YOUTH, WHO ARE CURRENTLY INCREDIBLY
15 VULNERABLE DURING THIS CRISIS, AND NEED TO HAVE EASILY
16 ACCESSIBLE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. I URGE YOU TO
17 SUPPORT THESE MEASURES, SO THAT WE CAN GET MUCH-NEEDED MENTAL
18 HEALTH SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS, AS ANOTHER STEP IN FURTHER
19 EXPANDING AND EXPEDITING THESE SERVICE PROVIDERS, CONNECTING
20 AREAS ACROSS OUR COUNTY, AND STREAMLINING SERVICES FOR OUR
21 COMMUNITY. OUR YOUTH ARE COUNTING ON US. THIS MENTAL HEALTH
22 CRISIS CONTINUES TO INCREASE, AND IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US, AS
23 THE ADULTS, TO ADDRESS THIS URGENT NEED FOR OUR KIDS. THANK
24 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** LAWANDA HAWKINS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
4 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
5 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **LAWANDA HAWKINS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAWANDA HAWKINS. I'M
8 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 42-E, AND I WILL BE MAKING GENERAL
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH THE INCREASE IN GUN VIOLENCE AND MURDER,
10 WE NEED AN INCREASE IN SERVICES IN ALL COMMUNITIES, TO ASSIST
11 WITH THE INCREASE IN VICTIMS' FAMILIES. I AM ONE OF THE THREE
12 SIGNERS OF MARSY'S LAW, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 42-E. WE
13 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF
14 CRIME VICTIMS, AND FOR THE MOTION ON BEHALF OF PROTECTING OUR
15 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND STRENGTHENING VICTIM SERVICE, AND WE SAY
16 CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS SHOULD REMAIN AS A TOP PRIORITY FOR OUR
17 COUNTY, AND WE SAY WE SUPPORT ITEM 42. THANK YOU.

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

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

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2 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 15 ON THE REGULAR
5 AGENDA. MY NAME IS ROSE VENEGAS, AND I AM SPEAKING AS A FORMER
6 CO-CHAIR OF THE ALIGNING RESOURCES FOR MASS VACCINATION
7 COMMITTEE, CONVENED BY THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 HEALTH. THE COMMITTEE IS SHARING IN THE EQUITY GOAL, AS STATED
9 IN ITEM 15, AND A MOTION AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE
10 WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT L.A. COUNTY EFFECTIVELY BENEFITS
11 FROM EMERGENT FEDERAL AND STATEWIDE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION
12 EFFORTS THAT HAVE PRIORITIZED EQUITY, AND WE SUPPORT THE
13 APPLICATION OF EXPERTISE FROM TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SO
14 THAT WE CAN ALIGN VACCINE RESOURCES. AND FINALLY, WE ALSO
15 SUPPORT THE ENGAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS, WHO CAN
16 REACH COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE LANGUAGES THEY PREFER TO
17 RECEIVE HEALTH INFORMATION, AND ACROSS THE GEOGRAPHIES AND
18 RACE ETHNICITIES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
23 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
24 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY. I'M A RESIDENT OF
2 DISTRICT 5, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 12
3 AND 24, IN OPPOSITION TO 28, AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. ON ITEM 12, 20 YEARS AGO, I WAS UNHOUSED, EVICTED,
5 AND CLINICALLY DEPRESSED. FOR MOST OF MY DECADE ON THE
6 STREETS, I AVAILED MYSELF OF WHAT SERVICES THERE WERE, PARTLY
7 BECAUSE OF THE ADVANTAGES AFFORDED TO MY BEING EDUCATED AND
8 WHITE. EVEN SO, A LACK OF ADEQUATE SHELTER AND UTILITIES
9 CREATED CASCADING HEALTHCARE CHALLENGES THAT IMPACT MY LIFE TO
10 THIS DAY, AND I SAW MANY OTHERS GET SICK AND DIE, SOLELY
11 BECAUSE THEIR MOST BASIC NEEDS WERE UNMET. NOW, IN THE MIDST
12 OF A PANDEMIC, THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY
13 ARE GREATER THAN I COULD HAVE IMAGINED. SHELTERS WERE NOT SAFE
14 BACK THEN; THEY ARE WORSE NOW. FOR ME, IT WAS TRENCH MOUTH AND
15 HEP "A." TODAY, IT'S C.O.V.I.D.-19. SO I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD
16 OF PROJECT ROOMKEY. IT MADE ME PROUD TO LIVE HERE. IT MAKES ME
17 SAD TO SEE IT FAIL, DUE TO BIAS AND GREED. NOW THAT 100
18 PERCENT OF COSTS WILL BE REIMBURSED BY F.E.M.A., THERE IS NO
19 EXCUSE, BUT WE CAN'T WAIT FOR HOTEL OWNERS TO CARE. EMPTY
20 ROOMS MUST BE COMMANDEERED. A PROGRAM LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE
21 RADICALLY IMPROVED THE TRAJECTORY OF MY LIFE, AND SAVED THE
22 LIVES OF MY FRIENDS. ON ITEM 24, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN
23 AND BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. POLICE RESPONSES TO
24 MENTAL HEALTH CRISES ARE OFTEN VIOLENT AND USUALLY PUNITIVE,
25 PUNISHING PEOPLE FOR OUR FAILURE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. YOU WILL

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1 HEAR TODAY HOW MANY MORE TIMES LIKELY IT IS FOR PEOPLE WITH
2 UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS TO BE HARMED OR KILLED BY POLICE.
3 THAT IS REAL. I SAW IT ON THE STREETS, I SAW IT IN SHELTERS, I
4 SAW IT ON THE STEPS OF CLINICS: MENTALLY ILL POOR FOLKS,
5 PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND MY FELLOW QUEER AND TRANS COMMUNITY
6 MEMBERS BEING CRIMINALIZED, COERCED, AND CONFINED, INSTEAD OF
7 CARED FOR. I HAVE ALSO SEEN, IN THE WAKE OF A FAMILY MEMBER'S
8 SUICIDE ATTEMPT, THAT WEALTHIER WHITE POPULATIONS ARE LESS
9 LIKELY TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE SAME ABUSE, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF
10 CULTURALLY BIASED LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT BECAUSE THESE
11 COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO LEGITIMATE TREATMENT THAT MINIMIZE
12 THE EXPOSURE TO COPS, IN THE FIRST PLACE. PLEASE CO-SPONSOR
13 THE MILES HALL LIFELINE ACT TO AFFIRM EQUAL ACCESS TO CRISIS
14 INTERVENTION FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS. WHICH BRINGS ME TO ITEM 28,
15 WHICH I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE. IT IS PITIFUL AND MADDENING TO COME
16 BEFORE YOU, PLEADING FOR FUNDING FOR BASIC NEEDS, FOR HUMAN
17 DIGNITY, FOR SOME OF OUR--

18
19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WHILE \$81.5 MILLION IN ONE YEAR IS SPENT
23 TO BAIL OUT VIOLENT COPS. PERSONALLY, I FIND IT BAFFLING. NOW
24 THAT I AM A TAXPAYING, PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY, I WANT TO
25 HELP UNHOUSED FOLKS WHO CONTINUE TO SUFFER AND DIE, ASSIST

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1 PEOPLE IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISES WHO SUFFER VIOLENCE AND UNREST,
2 BUT I FIND MYSELF BANKROLLING POLICE MISCONDUCT. I UNDERSTAND
3 THAT THESE ITEMS ARE FED BY DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAMS, BUT
4 THEY ALL CONVERGE IN THE SAME POOL. FUNDING SPEAKS TO OUR
5 PRIORITIES. THE LEAST THE COUNTY MIGHT DO TO BRING OUR BUDGET
6 IN LINE WITH OUR VALUES IS TO CUT THE L.A.S.D.'S ANNUAL BUDGET
7 TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S ANTICIPATED MISCONDUCT COSTS. PERHAPS
8 THIS MIGHT SET US ON A PATH TO ELIMINATING SUCH MISCONDUCT
9 ALTOGETHER. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO. I AM CONSTANCE M. I AM HERE TO TALK AT
18 42-E, IN SUPPORT OF MORE PROTECTION, BUT I AM MOSTLY HERE TO
19 TALK ON GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT MY OBJECTION TO MR. GASCON'S
20 POLICY. I HAVE A HARD TIME REFERRING TO HIM AS THE HONORABLE
21 GEORGE GASCON, BECAUSE I DO NOT SEE HONOR IN WHAT HE IS DOING
22 TO CRIME VICTIMS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO PAROLE.
23 FIRST, THOUGH, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER
24 TREMENDOUS SUPPORT IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, AND THE OTHER
25 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ATTENTION AND FOCUS ON IT. I AM VERY

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1 CONCERNED ABOUT HIS RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER REGARDING HIS
2 PAROLE POLICY, BECAUSE IT IS VERY DISINGENUOUS, AND IT'S
3 CONFUSING. HE TAKES AWAY, AND HE KNOWS IT'S DISINGENUOUS. HE
4 SAYS THAT THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR STOPS AT SENTENCING, AND
5 HE KNOWS THAT THAT IS NOT TRUE, AND THEIR ROLE IS IMPORTANT
6 THROUGHOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS. THEIR ACCESS TO
7 INFORMATION DOES NOT END AT SENTENCING. INFORMATION SUCH AS
8 INMATES' RISK ASSESSMENT, PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS, BEHAVIOR
9 RECORDS, IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ANY VICTIM REPRESENTATIVE.

10

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** EXCEPT AVAILABLE TO THE PROSECUTOR ALONE. BY DENYING
15 PROSECUTOR REPRESENTATION, HE IS BLOCKING EARLY ACCESS TO
16 PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL [INAUDIBLE] FOR THE VICTIMS AT PAROLE
17 HEARINGS, AND REVICTIMIZES THEM ONCE AGAIN. I WILL NOT ALLOW
18 MY CHILDREN TO BE FURTHER VICTIMIZED BY HIS DATA AND
19 EXPERIMENTS WITH PROGRESSIVE PROSECUTION. THEY'RE NOT DATA
20 POINTS. THIS IS NOT A HARVARD OR A STANFORD STUDY GROUP.
21 VIOLENT CRIME IS REAL. VIOLENT, PEDOPHILE RAPISTS ARE NOT
22 CURABLE, AND HIS POLICY RESULTS IN A DERELICTION OF HIS DUTY
23 TO REPRESENT VICTIMS OF CRIME AND PROTECT OUR CITIZENS, IN
24 GENERAL. I YIELD. THANK YOU.

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** RACHEL TORRES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
4 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL
5 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **RACHEL TORRES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RACHEL TORRES. I AM
8 CALLING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 10, IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HERO PAY FOR
9 GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS. ON BEHALF OF U.F.C.W. LOCAL
10 770, WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT. THIS POLICY HAS
11 BEEN WELL VETTED AND INSTITUTED IN SEATTLE, LONG BEACH,
12 OAKLAND, BERKELEY, MONTEBELLO, COACHELLA, AND SAN JOSE AND
13 WEST HOLLYWOOD. POLICIES ARE MOVING ELSEWHERE IN SANTA MONICA,
14 IRVINE, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE NOT SEEN PRICES
15 RISE OR MASS LAYOFFS IN THE CITIES IN WHICH THIS POLICY HAS
16 ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED, YET OVER 5,800 MEMBERS OF U.F.C.W.
17 LOCAL 770 HAVE BECOME INFECTED IN THE REGION. THE MAJORITY
18 BECAME INFECTED IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. 12 OF
19 OUR MEMBERS DIED, LOCALLY; 200 MEMBERS HAVE DIED, NATIONWIDE.
20 WHILE THE VACCINE IS ON THE HORIZON FOR THESE ESSENTIAL
21 WORKERS, WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS. BUSINESSES SUCH AS
22 KROGER, WALMART, C.V.S., AND NORTHGATE GONZALEZ CAN AFFORD IT,
23 STAYING OPEN SINCE THE PANDEMIC WHILE ENJOYING RECORD PROFITS.
24 NORTHGATE GONZALEZ SAW SALES OF \$1.08 BILLION IN 2020.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
2 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

3

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

7

8 **BRITTNEY WEISSMAN:** GOOD MORNING. I AM BRITTNEY WEISSMAN,
9 C.E.O. OF N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SPEAKING IN
10 SUPPORT OF ITEMS 24 AND 25. I'M REALLY GLAD TO HAVE THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THIS MORNING, BECAUSE AS YOU
12 PROBABLY KNOW, N.A.M.I. HAS BEEN INVOLVED ACTIVELY IN THE
13 COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH REFORMS FOR
14 DECADES. AND I COULDN'T SAY IT BETTER THAN PAUL STANSBURY, THE
15 BOARD CHAIR FROM N.A.M.I. SOUTH BAY, SAID IT EARLIER IN
16 TODAY'S TESTIMONY. WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THESE
17 TWO RELATED MOTIONS THAT ADVANCE OUR COUNTY'S CARE FIRST, JAIL
18 LAST APPROACH. BOTH ITEMS ARE ACTUALLY IN LINE WITH THE
19 N.A.M.I. NATIONAL POLICY PLATFORM AND OUR 5-YEAR STRATEGIC
20 PLAN TO DECRIMINALIZE MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THEY WILL MAKE A
21 POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO EVERYONE SEEKING CARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
22 EMERGENCIES IN L.A. COUNTY. IN FACT, WE KNOW WE NEED A MENTAL
23 HEALTH RESPONSE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, AND THESE MOTIONS
24 WILL ACTUALLY ADVANCE OUR COUNTY'S ABILITY TO GET CARE TO
25 PEOPLE IN NEED QUICKER, AND WILL SAVE AND IMPROVE LIVES. THE

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1 TWO MOTIONS TOGETHER WILL REDUCE FEAR AND STIGMA ASSOCIATED
2 WITH SEEKING HELP FOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS. SO WE REALLY THANK
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THE COMBINED
4 MOTIONS, AND WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THEM WITH ENTHUSIASM,
5 BECAUSE, AGAIN, THESE BOTH MOVE US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR
6 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU
7 SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

8

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

10

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, PLEASE CONTINUE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1

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

5

6 **DAYANA MOLINA:** HI. DAYANA MOLINA. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA
7 ITEMS 7 AND 20. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU VIA CONFERENCE. I AM A
9 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, AND PART
10 OF THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE. AS YOU KNOW, THE PANDEMIC HAS
11 FURTHER EXACERBATED THE INEQUITIES IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES
12 ALL ACROSS THE BOARD. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN IT COMES TO
13 PARKS AND THEIR FUNDING. PARKS HAVE BECOME A LIFELINE, AND WE
14 SEE THAT EVERY DAY IN INTERACTIONS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN
15 SOUTH L.A., SOUTH GATE, AND SO MANY OF THE OTHER HIGH-NEED AND
16 VERY-HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE WORK WITH. IT IS THE
17 NATURE CENTERS, THE PARKS, AND OTHER ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACES,
18 WHERE SO MANY LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES CAN AFFORD TO ACCESS AND
19 SEEK RESPITE, EXERCISE, AND RELAX, GIVEN THAT EVERYTHING ELSE
20 IS PRETTY MUCH CLOSED, GIVEN THE PANDEMIC. THESE ITEMS ON THE
21 AGENDA AND YOUR APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT CONSENT CALENDAR
22 MOTIONS TODAY, PLUS A FUTURE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PENDING
23 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, WILL LITERALLY SAVE LIVES. SO, FOR THAT,
24 I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE ITEMS. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** ELLEN GESIE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
4 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
5 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELLEN GESIE. I AM A RESIDENT OF
8 DISTRICT 5 [INAUDIBLE]. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
9 12, 24, 28, 42-E, 42-I, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR AGENDA
10 ITEM 12, IN STRONG FAVOR. OVER 5 UNHOUSED PEOPLE IN L.A.
11 COUNTY ARE DYING EVERY DAY. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BECOMING
12 HOMELESS WILL ONLY GROW. ACCORDING TO A U.C.L.A. STUDY,
13 120,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE LIKELY TO BECOME HOMELESS. WITH
14 F.E.M.A. OFFERING TO GIVE 100 PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT, YOU HAVE
15 ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSE FOR NOT SEIZING THESE HOTELS AND MAKING
16 SURE THAT OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS ARE SAFE. WITH REGARDS TO
17 AGENDA ITEM 24, IN VEHEMENT, STRONG FAVOR OF THIS ITEM. MENTAL
18 HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT A HUGE CHUNK OF THE POPULATION, BUT
19 DEPENDING ON WHETHER YOU'RE PRIVILEGED OR NOT, HAVING MENTAL
20 HEALTH ISSUES CAN GO IN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. IF
21 YOU ARE LUCKY, YOU CAN PAY FOR THERAPY, MEDICATION, TREATMENT,
22 COUNSELING, AND THE SERVICES YOU NEED TO GET BETTER. IF YOU
23 ARE NOT, YOU LIVE WITH AN UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS, WHICH
24 TENDS TO ONLY PROGRESS, THE LONGER IT IS LEFT UNTREATED.
25 EVENTUALLY, YOU HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, THE POLICE ARE

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1 CALLED, AND YOU END UP IN PRISON, IF YOU ARE NOT KILLED.
2 CRIMINALIZING MENTAL HEALTH DIFFERENCES IS DANGEROUS, BUT IT
3 IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS WHEN MEDICAL RACISM IS TAKEN INTO
4 ACCOUNT. B.I.P.O.C. ARE FAR LESS LIKELY TO HAVE ACCESS TO
5 ADEQUATE TREATMENT FOR PSYCHIATRIC NEEDS, AND ARE FAR MORE
6 LIKELY TO HAVE THEIR NEEDS IGNORED, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO SEEK
7 HELP AT ALL. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MENTION THE FACT THAT POLICE
8 AND PRISONS ARE PRODUCING MENTAL ILLNESS. INHUMANE TREATMENT,
9 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, COERCION, RESTRAINT, AND LACK OF
10 TREATMENT ARE TORTURE, AND RESULT IN SEVERE HARM TO PEOPLE'S
11 EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL, BIOCHEMICAL WELLBEING. WITH REGARD TO
12 AGENDA ITEM 28, AND I CANNOT STATE THIS STRONGLY ENOUGH,
13 OPPOSE THIS ITEM. I AM A TAXPAYING CITIZEN, AND THIS IS NOT
14 HOW I WANT MY MONEY SPENT.

15

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HIGHLIGHT THE LITIGATION COSTS OF THE SHERIFF'S AND
20 PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRIOR FISCAL YEARS. THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT HAS LONG BEEN THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF LIABILITY COSTS
22 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OF THE 148.5 MILLION LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY SPENT ON LIABILITY IN FISCAL YEAR OF '18-'19, THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 55 PERCENT OF THOSE
25 COSTS. THE EXCESSIVE FORCE SETTLEMENTS ALONE COST 18.5

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1 MILLION, AND ACCOUNTED FOR 31 PERCENT. I CANNOT, AGAIN, STATE
2 VEHEMENTLY HOW OPPOSED I AM TO THIS. AND ALSO, WITH REGARDS TO
3 AGENDA 42-E, AGAIN, OPPOSED. STRENGTHENING VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND
4 SERVICES IS AN IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
5 VICTIMS' ADVOCATES AND EXPANDING THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE
6 TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE IS ESSENTIAL. THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM
7 IS ABSOLUTELY NOT THE AVENUE THROUGH WHICH TO PROVIDE SUPPORT-
8 -

9

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES. AGENDA ITEM 11, IN SUPPORT, AND ALSO COMMENTS ON
18 THE GENERAL PUBLIC. GOOD MORNING. LET ME BEGIN. I AM
19 REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FUND. WE WANT
20 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD. WE WANT TO
21 ACKNOWLEDGE AND SAY THANK YOU FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MUCH-
22 NEEDED RESOLUTION, OR MOTION. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A LETTER. WE
23 ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE CALIFORNIA EMERGING
24 TECHNOLOGY FUND AND THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL BROADBAND
25 CONSORTIUM BE INCLUDED, AS THIS ITEM BEGINS TO DEVELOP, AND

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1 BEGINS TO SHAPE THE POLICY CONSIDERATIONS. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A
2 LETTER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT
3 INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES THAT INCORPORATE DIGITAL
4 INCLUSION INTO ALL COUNTY SERVICES. THAT INCLUDES THE
5 DISABILITY SERVICES, DEPARTMENTS OF SENIOR CITIZENS, AND THE
6 ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, IF YOU WILL, THAT DELIVERS--

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
9 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WE ALSO WOULD ASK THAT DIGITAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP
12 FRAMEWORKS, THE PILOT PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ADVANCED IN LONG
13 BEACH, IN DISTRICT 4, AS WELL AS IN DISTRICT 1, IN THE ORCHARD
14 ACADEMIES, AND JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN DISTRICT 2, BE
15 IMPLEMENTED AND FURTHER ADVANCED. THESE ARE PROJECTS THAT ARE
16 COORDINATING SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
17 AND THE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE SUPERVISORS' DISTRICTS. LASTLY, LET
18 ME SAY THAT C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS ILLUMINATED THE URGENT NEED FOR
19 HIGH-SPEED, AFFORDABLE OFFERS. WE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD AND
20 FORGET THAT, WITH ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE DEVICES,
21 AFFORDABLE PLANS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND WE WOULD ASK THAT
22 A RECOMMENDATION BE REQUIRED OF THE VENDORS, TO ENSURE THAT--

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
25 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1

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

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. COULD WE HAVE THE NEXT
7 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

8

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

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I'LL ADDRESS ON 26, 28,
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND PERHAPS SOME OTHER ONES, AS WELL.
15 YOU READY?

16

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

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THESE TWO ITEMS, THE COUNTY RISK
20 AND COST OF LITIGATION ITEMS, ARE ONES THAT I TAKE SORT OF
21 SPECIAL INTEREST IN, AND I AM HOPING THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO
22 GET BETTER SOON. OBVIOUSLY, THE TWO NUMBERS TOGETHER, COUNTY
23 RISK AND LITIGATION, WERE UP 4 PERCENT TO \$725 MILLION, WHICH
24 IS SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO COVER THE COST OF BEING
25 SUED. NOW, PEOPLE KNOW THAT BIG AGENCIES DO GET SUED FROM TIME

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1 TO TIME, BUT HOW IS THE COUNTY DOING? WELL, THE BUDGET IS
2 GROWING. SINCE 2016-17, THE BUDGET WAS \$28 BILLION. THIS YEAR,
3 THE BUDGET IS ALMOST \$35 BILLION, SO THAT'S A 22-PERCENT
4 INCREASE. BUT THE COUNTY KEEPS SAYING THAT IT IS DOING OKAY,
5 BECAUSE ONLY ABOUT 2 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL BUDGET GOES TO THE
6 COST OF THESE THINGS. AND THESE THINGS INCLUDE THOSE HORRIBLE
7 THINGS LIKE, RECENTLY, MR. KIZZEE WAS DETAINED AND WAS KILLED,
8 AND IS NOW SUING THE COUNTY AND SEEKING \$35 MILLION IN
9 DAMAGES. SO THE BAD NEWS IS ALSO THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
10 LAWSUITS OVER THE LAST PERIOD, THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF 2019, IS
11 UP 11 PERCENT, SO 844 NEW LAWSUITS COME THROUGH THE DOOR. AND
12 COUNTY COUNSEL IS DOING A TERRIBLE JOB. THEY ONLY PREVAILED IN
13 3 OF 8 TRIALS DURING THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR, OR FISCAL YEAR,
14 WITH A SUCCESS RATE OF 38 PERCENT, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY
15 LOWER THAN THE 4-YEAR AVERAGE. SO, WHY IS IT GOING SO BADLY?
16 AND ALSO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE SHERIFF'S
17 LIABILITY, WHO THEY FIGHT WITH CONSTANTLY-- THIS GROUP,
18 SHEILA, AND THE BOARD-- HAD A VERY GOOD YEAR, WHERE, IF YOU
19 CAN BELIEVE IT, LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY WAS DECREASED BY 38
20 SUITS TO--

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
23 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, WELL, I'M GOING TO CONTINUE ON THIS POINT,
2 WHICH REPRESENTS A 6.3-PERCENT DECREASE OVER 2018-19, AND THE
3 COST OF HIS LAWSUITS DECREASED BY \$20 MILLION TO \$38 MILLION,
4 WHICH REPRESENTS A 35-PERCENT DECREASE. SO HE'S TO BE
5 APPLAUDED THERE, BUT HE IS NOT TO BE APPLAUDED RIGHT AWAY,
6 BECAUSE THIS ENDLESS BACK-AND-FORTH IS KILLING US. AND, OF
7 COURSE, THERE ARE SOME CASES THAT ARE VERY WORRISOME. THERE IS
8 ONE CASE WHERE THEY STOPPED A PERSON FOR NO REASON, AND
9 L.A.S.D. KILLED HIM, AND THEN LIED ABOUT IT. ANOTHER ONE
10 WHERE, WHILE THEY WERE KILLING A DOG, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT,
11 THEY INADVERTENTLY KILLED THE OWNER, AND THEN LIED TO HIS
12 FAMILY ABOUT IT. SO WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. THERE'S ALSO A
13 FEMALE SERGEANT AT LAKEWOOD, WHO SUED FOR DISCRIMINATION AND
14 RETALIATION, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY GIVEN A RUBBER STAMP. AND,
15 OBVIOUSLY, SACHI HAMAI IS GOING TO GET \$1.5 MILLION, BECAUSE
16 SKIP MILLER SAID SO. THESE ARE WHY WE DON'T WANT YOU IN THE
17 BACK ROOM DISCUSSING THOSE THINGS.

18

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

21

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

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

3

4 **MATTHEW BRACH:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MATTHEW
5 BRACH, PRESIDENT OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, TO ITEM 42-J. I
7 SUPPORT THE REOPENING ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS MOTION BY
8 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL, WHICH WOULD INCREASE SAFETY FOR
9 STUDENTS AND STAFF BY PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY MASKS AND
10 INFORMATION TO SCHOOLS ON H.V.A.C. UPGRADES AND TESTING
11 OPTIONS. I DO ASK THAT, AS PART OF THE MOTION, THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS ALSO CONSIDER PROVIDING TIMELY CASE RATE DATA TO
13 DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS. CURRENTLY, DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS ARE
14 ONLY UPDATED ONCE A WEEK, WHICH IMPEDES THEIR ABILITY TO
15 ACCURATELY AND EXPEDIENTLY MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING SCHOOL
16 REOPENINGS. A DAILY UPDATE TO SUPERINTENDENTS WOULD ALLOW FOR
17 CRITICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHOOL AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS. AGAIN,
18 I THANK YOU FOR THE TIME, AND I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM 42-J.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
23 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
24 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** HI. MY NAME IS LYNNE PLAMBECK. I'M
2 REPRESENTING THE SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING THE
3 ENVIRONMENT. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
4 REGARDING THE INABILITY TO ACCURATELY RELAY TO YOU THE NUMBER
5 OF COMMENTS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS
6 BOARD MEETING. YOU SAID YOU RECEIVED OVER 2,000 COMMENTS, AND
7 I WANT TO SAY THAT MANY OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE MADE,
8 REGARDING HEARING ITEM NUMBER 5, WERE NOT LOGGED IN. AND I
9 REALIZE THE STAFF MUST HAVE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK TO
10 DO, TO LOG IN OVER 2,000 COMMENTS, BUT THERE HAS TO BE A WAY
11 WHERE THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, CAN
12 GET TO YOU, TO PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION. I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT
13 MANY COMMENTS WERE NOT RECORDED, BECAUSE THEY COPIED ME ON THE
14 COMMENTS WHEN THEY SENT THEM TO PUBLIC HEARING. THIS IS
15 SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE RESOLVED, AND IF IT REQUIRES HIRING
16 MORE STAFF, I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO DO, TO BE
17 ABLE TO-- AND THE COMMENTS ARE NOT PUT UP UNTIL THE DAY OF THE
18 HEARING, SO IT IS A MYSTERY TO ME AS TO HOW YOU ACTUALLY CAN
19 READ THOSE COMMENTS. I CALLED THREE TIMES TO HAVE OUR
20 S.C.O.P.E. COMMENT POSTED TO THE HEARING ITEM, AND--

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

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

4

5 **JOSE OSUNA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING THE
6 BOARD ON ITEM 42-I. MY NAME IS JOSE OSUNA. I AM THE APPOINTEE
7 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM FOR DISTRICT 4, UNDER
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION THAT HAS BEEN LONG
10 OVERDUE, ESPECIALLY ON A BODY THAT IS SO SYSTEM-HEAVY. I AM
11 REALLY PLEASED THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL NOW HAVE SEVERAL
12 REPRESENTATIVES ABLE TO BE ACTUAL VOTING MEMBERS ON THE BODY.
13 THIS ACT HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE. WE HAVE HAD TROY VAUGHN THERE
14 BY HIMSELF, WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS, FOR 10 YEARS NOW. SO I
15 APPLAUD THE SUPERVISORS FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND I
16 IMPLORE THE ENTIRE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS MOTION, UNANIMOUSLY
17 AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** VIVI LEE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
22 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA
2 ITEM 10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEMBERS. MY NAME IS VIVI LEE. I AM A
4 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, AND I'M A FORMER TARGET EMPLOYEE, AND
5 A MEMBER OF [INAUDIBLE] L.A. COALITION. I'M URGING YOU TO VOTE
6 IN FAVOR OF ITEM 10, AND GIVE MUCH-DESERVED HAZARD PAY TO
7 ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL, LIKE MYSELF, WHO
8 WORK IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. AS A TARGET WORKER, I WORK
9 IN A HAZARDOUS WORKING ENVIRONMENT, FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE
10 PUBLIC DURING A DEADLY PANDEMIC, INDOORS. I REGULARLY
11 INTERACTED WITH DOZENS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORKDAY, AND
12 NOT EVERYONE WANTED TO FOLLOW SOCIAL-DISTANCING PROTOCOL AND
13 WEAR A MASK, AND I WAS THE ONE WHO HAD TO WALK UP TO THOSE
14 MASKLESS PEOPLE, PUTTING MY LIFE AT RISK. I FELT UNSAFE, AND
15 ULTIMATELY HAD TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT FOR MY HEALTH, THE HEALTH
16 OF THOSE IN MY HOUSEHOLD, AND LEFT THE JOB, EVENTUALLY, THAT
17 WAS JEOPARDIZING ME. AND THIS WAS A PRIVILEGE THAT I HAD AS A
18 YOUNG WORKER, WITH A SUPPORT SYSTEM AT HOME, AND A COLLEGE
19 DEGREE. BUT MANY OF MY FORMER COWORKERS ARE STILL THERE, AND
20 THEY DON'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE, BEING THE
21 PRIMARY BREADWINNER, OR OTHERWISE CAN'T BE THEIR MAIN SOURCE
22 OF INCOME TO SHELTER AT HOME.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WHEN I WAS WORKING AT TARGET, I DESERVED
3 HAZARD PAY WHILE WORKING THERE FOR THIS WORK, AND OUR
4 ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL STILL DESERVE
5 HAZARD PAY, WHO DON'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND CHOICE LIKE I
6 DID. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SIMPLY SAY THANK YOU, AND [INAUDIBLE]
7 VOUCHERS OR EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS. OR, FOR EXAMPLE, JUST
8 RECENTLY, SMART AND FINAL'S WAY OF THANKING THEIR EMPLOYEES,
9 CALLING THEM GROCERY STORE HEROES, OFFERED THEIR ASSOCIATES AN
10 INCREASE IN THEIR EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT FROM 10 TO 20 PERCENT, FOR
11 ONLY TWO DAYS, THE LAST LINE SAYING, "HAPPY SHOPPING," AS IF
12 THAT 10- TO 20-PERCENT DISCOUNT FOR TWO DAYS IS GOING TO
13 DRASTICALLY IMPROVE THEIR LIVES UNDER THE CONDITIONS THEY ARE
14 WORKING IN. HAZARD PAY IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RISKS THAT
15 WORKERS LIKE ME FACE IN THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, AND IT'S
16 THE LEAST THAT RICH COMPANIES LIKE EL SUPER, WALMART, WHOLE
17 FOODS, KROGER, AND TARGET CAN DO TO SAY THANK YOU. WE HEAR ALL
18 THE TIME THAT WE ARE HEROES, BUT IT IS ABOUT TIME TO TREAT US
19 LIKE SOME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES
20 ON ITEM 10. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ROBERTO GUZMAN. I AM ADDRESSING
6 ITEM 10. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH UNITED PARENTS AND STUDENTS,
7 AND I AM READING THIS PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF JULIANA
8 ANAYA, A SENIOR AT [INAUDIBLE] CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, WHO
9 COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, DUE TO HER SCHOOL SCHEDULE. "GOOD
10 MORNING, BOARD. I AM AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, AND UNITED
11 PARENTS AND STUDENTS, U.P.A.S., STUDENT LEADER. I URGE YOU TO
12 VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE HERO PAY MOTION. I STAND WITH THOUSANDS
13 OF FRONTLINE GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL STORE WORKERS, MANY OF
14 WHOM ARE U.P.A.S. MEMBERS, WHO HAVE BEEN TIRELESSLY LABORING,
15 DESPITE STORE OUTBREAKS, RISING C.O.V.I.D.-19 NUMBERS, AND
16 COUNTYWIDE DEATHS. NOW IS THE TIME TO SUPPORT WORKERS RISKING
17 THEIR LIVES EACH AND EVERY DAY. THEY ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES
18 AND HEALTH TO PROVIDE EVERYONE ELSE'S NEEDS. I PERSONALLY
19 UNDERSTAND, DUE TO FAMILY PREVIOUSLY WORKING IN SUPERMARKET
20 STORES, HOW TEDIOUS IT CAN BE WORKING AT SUPERMARKETS. IT IS
21 FRUSTRATING, BUT MANY HAVE TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO EARN THEIR
22 INCOME. I REPEAT: THEY ARE HEROES, AND DESERVE EXTRA FOR THEIR
23 HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IN PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR
24 THIS COMMUNITY.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
2 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** 42-E, AND IT IS ABOUT GEORGE GASCON AND THE VICTIMS'
9 FAMILIES THAT IT AFFECTS. AND YES, I WILL BE MAKING A GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, GEORGE GASCON, SHAME ON YOU.
11 SHAME ON YOU, THAT YOU WOULD BE USING THE BROKENNESS OF THE
12 BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES AS A LOOSE CANNON TO CATAPULT YOUR
13 POOR, PATHETIC, SELF-SERVING POLITICAL AGENDA, AN AGENDA THAT
14 IS USED TO MAKE IT SEEM AS THOUGH THAT YOU ARE FOR THE PEOPLE.
15 BUT IN ALL ACTUALITY, YOU ARE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT MURDERED,
16 MOLESTED, RAPED, AND ROBBED THE INNOCENT VICTIMS IN YOUR
17 COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOUR MINUSCULE ATTEMPT AT
18 CORRECTING THE INJUSTICES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE NOT ONLY
19 LAUGHABLE, BUT DOWNRIGHT DISRESPECTFUL. YOU CANNOT DISMANTLE
20 JUSTICE, IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF INJUSTICE. YOU HAVE TO FIGURE
21 OUT A WAY TO EAT THE MEAT AND SPIT OUT THE BONE. JUSTICE
22 SHOULD NOT PAY THE PRICE FOR THE INJUSTICE. MARQUIS LEBLANC,
23 MY SON, 18 YEARS OLD, 146 POUNDS, MURDERED BY A MINIMUM OF 14,
24 AND A MAXIMUM OF 20, RACIST, DEMONIC, EVIL GANG MEMBERS WITH A
25 MOB MENTALITY.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
3 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA TO THE HEAD, MULTIPLE FATAL STAB
6 WOUNDS, MULTIPLE NONFATAL STAB WOUNDS. THEY ROBBED HIM,
7 DISROBED HIM, STOLE HIS SHOES, AND SHOT HIM POINT-BLANK IN THE
8 HEAD, MERELY FOR BEING THE ONLY BLACK AT A PARTY, AND THESE
9 ARE THE MONSTERS GASCON WANTS OUT ON PAROLE. MY SON WAS
10 NOTHING LESS THAN A MODERN-DAY EMMETT TILL, BUT NO ONE WANTS
11 TO TALK ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE MY SON'S MURDERERS WERE NOT WHITE.
12 MY SON'S MURDERERS WERE NOT ROGUE COPS. SO HIS STORY DOES NOT
13 GENERATE OUTRAGE AND MILLIONS OF FOLLOWERS AND BIG BUCKS. THE
14 FACT THAT I HAD TO ASK FOR MY SON'S MURDER FILE, AS AN ATTEMPT
15 TO ENSURE THAT I COULD PUT A VOICE, FACE, AND ACTIONS TO MY
16 SON'S MURDER CASE, AND THE INTRICATE DETAILS OF THE
17 DEVASTATION AND PAIN THIS HORRENDOUS JOURNEY ENTAILS, IS
18 ABSOLUTELY ASININE. I HAD NEVER SEEN MY SON'S MURDER PHOTOS
19 BEFORE, BUT IT WAS THE MOST HEARTBREAKING AND HORRIFIC THING I
20 HAD EVER SEEN AND DONE IN MY LIFE. IT LITERALLY ALMOST MADE ME
21 HAVE A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. BUT I HAD NO CHOICE, BECAUSE GASCON
22 PUTS HIS POLICIES ON THE PEOPLE THAT ONLY BENEFIT, REPRESENT,
23 AND SUPPORT THE EVIL, LEAVING MY FAMILY ZERO SUPPORT AT THE
24 PAROLE HEARING.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
2 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SHELBY PONCE. I AM GOING TO BE
9 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 24, 25, AND 42-J. I APOLOGIZE. ONE SECOND.
10 MY COMPUTER IS HAVING SOME GLITCHES.

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'M SORRY. I AM A SENIOR STUDENT ATHLETE OF
15 PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL, AND I WILL BE DISCUSSING MY
16 EXPERIENCES OF DETERIORATING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGHOUT DISTANCE
17 LEARNING, AND HOW THESE ITEMS WILL HELP. SO, I AM CALLING
18 TODAY TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR ALL THREE MOTIONS, AND WOULD
19 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THESE MOTIONS. I STRONGLY
20 AGREE WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFELY REOPENING SCHOOLS WITH THE
21 PROPER RESOURCES AND NECESSITIES. I AM A SENIOR WHO HAS BEEN
22 LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE A PART OF THE WELLNESS PODS PROGRAM AT MY
23 SCHOOL. I CAN DEFINITELY SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN SUCH A BENEFIT
24 TO MY LEARNING, AS WELL AS MY MENTAL HEALTH. STUDENTS ARE NOT
25 USED TO GRASPING INFORMATION THROUGH A SCREEN, AND THE

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1 EXCITEMENT LEVELS TO SEE OUR CLASSMATES' FOREHEADS EVERY
2 SINGLE DAY JUST ISN'T THERE. THIS MOTION COULD POSITIVELY
3 BENEFIT SO MANY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. IF WE ARE FOCUSED ON
4 THE FUTURE, RATHER THAN THE PRESENT, THE BENEFITS INCLUDE
5 STUDENTS BEING PROPERLY PREPARED FOR FUTURE COURSES, STUDENTS
6 CREATING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR PEERS, TEACHERS
7 ADJUSTING LEARNING MATERIAL BASED ON LOST KNOWLEDGE, TEACHERS
8 BEING MORE CAPABLE OF HELPING STUDENTS WITH MATERIAL, AND SO
9 MUCH MORE. AS I ADDRESS THE NEXT MOTION, L.A. COUNTY CO-
10 SPONSOR OF THE MILES HALL LIFELINE ACT, I WILL BE SPEAKING OF
11 SOME OF MY OWN MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES. I AM ALL ON BOARD FOR
12 THIS MOTION, AS IT WILL MAKE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT MUCH EASIER
13 FOR EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY TO ACCESS. EVERY YEAR, MY HIGH
14 SCHOOL GIVES US A CARD WITH A FEW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
15 NUMBERS TO TEXT OR CALL, IF AND WHEN YOU ARE EXPERIENCING A
16 CRISIS. THIS YEAR, WITH EVERYTHING SUDDENLY SWITCHING TO
17 ONLINE, COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN MUCH HARDER. SEVERAL STUDENTS,
18 INCLUDING MYSELF, HAVE BEEN CONFUSED ON WHAT RESOURCES ARE
19 STILL AVAILABLE, HOW TO ACCESS THEM, AND MORE. IF THE 9-8-8
20 NUMBER IS IMPLEMENTED, THIS WILL DEFINITELY HAVE A BENEFICIAL
21 EFFECT ON MANY PEOPLE, AS IT'LL BE EASIER TO MEMORIZE, AND
22 EASY TO USE.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE
25 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1

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

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
7 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO S-1, 15, 16, 42-C, AND
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. ON S-1, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT DR. FERRER AND
9 HER STAFF TO BE RESPONDING, EVEN DURING THE WEEKEND, TO
10 CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS. I AM VERY IMPRESSED BY THAT,
11 AND I REALLY WANT TO COMPLIMENT THEM. ON ITEMS 15 AND 16, I AM
12 TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THOSE ITEMS, AND YOU NEED TO REALLY FOCUS
13 ON HOW WE CAN PROVIDE VACCINES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LESS
14 FORTUNATE, OR WHO HAVE LESS ACCESSIBILITY TO CARE. ON 42-C, I
15 APPRECIATED SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION ON MENTAL HEALTH
16 RECOVERY, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE
17 HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND
18 WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT. MY PUBLIC COMMENT
19 HAS TO DO WITH THE ITEM ABOUT M.L.K. M.L.K. IS GETTING A LOT
20 OF [INAUDIBLE] TO WORK ON A LAB. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE, A FEW
21 DAYS AGO, IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, SAYING THAT AT M.L.K., THEY
22 REFUSED TO PROVIDE MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO PEOPLE, BECAUSE IF
23 THEY TOLD THEM THAT IT WAS AVAILABLE, EVERYBODY WILL WANT IT.
24 ON THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY, THERE WERE 600 DOSES OF MONOCLONAL
25 ANTIBODIES NOT BEING USED IN THE COUNTY. I MEAN, IT IS

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1 CRIMINAL THAT, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE POOR, ALL BECAUSE THEY ARE
2 GOING TO M.L.K., THEY CANNOT RECEIVE MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES,
3 WHICH CAN PREVENT HOSPITALIZATION. I REALLY, REALLY HOPE THAT
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL REALLY LOOK AT THAT. I REALLY
5 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR TIME AND YOUR CARE, AND I MISS SEEING YOU
6 ALL IN PERSON. ANYWAY, I HOPE WE GO BACK TO THAT SOON. HAVE A
7 GOOD DAY AND A GOOD WEEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** LAURIE ARCH, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
12 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
13 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. ITEM NUMBER 21, REGARDING THE EVICTION
16 MORATORIUM. I'M REQUESTING, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND OTHER
17 PEOPLE THAT WANT TO OWNER-OCCUPY THEIR RESIDENCE. JUST A
18 BACKSTORY ON MYSELF: SOME ARE REQUESTING I PROVIDE AN
19 EXEMPTION FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED EVICTIONS FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY
20 RESIDENCE. JUST SOME BACKGROUND: I HAVE A 3-YEAR-OLD AND A 5-
21 YEAR-OLD, AND WE ARE LIVING OUT OF A HOTEL, AN AIRBNB. IT IS
22 VERY TRAUMATIC FOR ME, AND STRESSFUL, AND VERY TRAUMATIC FOR
23 MY KIDS. MY SALARY WAS IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D. THAT'S WHY I
24 DOWNSIZED MY HOME. THE TENANT OF WHICH I BOUGHT THE HOUSE IS A
25 SINGLE, 35-YEAR-OLD GUY, WHO IS NOT IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D. HE

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1 IS PAYING RENT, AND HAS NO REASON FOR NOT LEAVING. HE WANTS TO
2 STAY THERE SO HE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE HIS PARTIES AND DO
3 WHATEVER HE DOES, AND THE MORATORIUM IS PREVENTING ME FROM
4 GIVING HIM A 60-DAY NOTICE. IF YOU EXTEND THE MORATORIUM TILL
5 THE END OF JUNE, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO ENROLL MY 5-YEAR-OLD
6 IN SCHOOL FOR THE FALL. LIKE I SAID, IT IS VERY STRESSFUL FOR
7 ME, AND TRAUMATIC. HE IS ABUSING THE SYSTEM.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** GARY GONZALEZ, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
13 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
14 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **GARY GONZALEZ:** I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 42-J, AND I WILL NEED
17 THE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GARY GONZALES. I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT
19 OF SOUTH WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME
20 TO ADDRESS YOU THIS MORNING ON ITEM 42-J. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO
21 THANK SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING SOUTH
22 WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SOUTH
23 WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVES OVER 2500 STUDENTS IN THE
24 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER. ITEM 42-J WOULD ASSIST
25 DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE A SAFER TRANSITION AND ENVIRONMENT FOR

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1 STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS AS WE REOPEN SCHOOLS. WE HOPE TO
2 REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS SOON, BUT WE FACE SIGNIFICANT GENERAL FUND
3 EXPENDITURES, AND THOSE EXPENDITURES MAY CREATE BARRIERS IN
4 DELIVERING A QUALITY EDUCATION TO OUR STUDENTS. THE SUPPORT
5 THAT ITEM 42-J WOULD PROVIDE, IN THE FORM OF P.P.E.,
6 ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVING H.V.A.C. SYSTEMS, AND ESTABLISHING
7 [INAUDIBLE], WILL MAKE FOR A POTENTIAL SAVINGS TO OUR GENERAL
8 FUND.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

13 **GARY GONZALEZ:** BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, PROVIDE FOR A SAFE
14 TRANSITION BACK TO THE CLASSROOM, AND PROVIDE PEACE OF MIND TO
15 PARENTS AS THEY SEND THEIR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL. I SUPPORT
16 ITEM 42-J, AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE THAT
17 YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AS WE REOPEN SOUTH WHITTIER SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** WILLIAM SASAKI, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
23 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
24 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M WILLIAM SASAKI, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
2 ITEMS 24 AND 25 TODAY.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I AM AN 11TH-GRADE STUDENT AT PALOS VERDES HIGH
7 SCHOOL, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 24 AND 25, AND I WOULD
8 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THESE MOTIONS. AND I WOULD
9 LIKE TO ADDRESS THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCESS TO
10 THE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE, AS WELL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION
11 OF THE 9-8-8 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE. THIS IS A MATTER OF
12 LIFE AND DEATH. MENTAL HEALTH WILL STALK AND PREY UPON PEOPLE
13 AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST VULNERABLE, ESPECIALLY TEENS, WHO
14 EXPERIENCE A DRASTIC CHANGE, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY,
15 WHICH MAKES THEM MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO MENTAL HEALTH DISEASES.
16 AND IN THE U.S., SUICIDE IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH
17 IN YOUNG ADULTS. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 9-8-8 LINE IS
18 NECESSARY, AS IT IS SHOWN BY POLICE THAT MANY OFFICERS DO NOT
19 HAVE THE SKILL SET AND CAPABILITY TO HANDLE MENTAL HEALTH
20 CRISES. OVER THE PAST MONTH, HEADLINES HAVE APPEARED, SHOWING
21 OFFICERS NOT HAVING THE ABILITY TO HANDLE THESE CRISES
22 PROPERLY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PREFACE THIS, BUT THESE STORIES
23 MIGHT BE HARD TO HEAR FOR SOME. A 9-YEAR-OLD BLACK GIRL IN NEW
24 YORK WAS PEPPER-SPRAYED AFTER BEING ALREADY HANDCUFFED BY
25 POLICE AS SHE WAS GOING THROUGH A SUICIDAL EPISODE. AND IN

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1 ANOTHER INCIDENT, CHRISTIAN HALL, AN ASIAN TEENAGER WHO WAS
2 SUICIDAL, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE, AND VIDEO EVIDENCE
3 SHOWS THAT HIS HANDS WERE CLEARLY ABOVE HIS HEAD. AND IN MY
4 OWN EXPERIENCE, IT BROKE ME WHEN ONE OF MY LOVED ONES, WHO WAS
5 EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, TOLD ME THAT HE WAS
6 SCARED FOR HIS LIFE WHEN POLICE CAME, AFTER I WAS THE ONE WHO
7 CALLED THE POLICE TO HELP HIM. THESE INCIDENTS CLEARLY SHOW
8 THE POLICE'S INABILITY TO HANDLE MENTAL HEALTH CRISES AND THE
9 PUBLIC'S DISTRUST IN POLICE, WHICH IS WHY THE 9-8-8 NUMBER,
10 LED BY MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS, IS NEEDED. AND POLICE BIAS
11 TOWARDS [INAUDIBLE] SHOULD NOT HAVE TO INTERFERE WITH ONE'S
12 REACHING OUT FOR HELP, INSTEAD OF BEING BEATEN, JAILED, OR
13 EVEN KILLED FOR REACHING OUT FOR HELP. AND THIS PUBLIC HEALTH
14 CRISIS IS AN EMERGENCY, AND DESERVES TO BE HANDLED AS ONE. AND
15 I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEMS 24 AND 25, AND I YIELD THE
16 REST OF MY TIME TO THE BOARD.

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

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

23
24 **FRANCISCO ROMERO:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, STAFF.
25 I AM CALLING AS A GENERAL PUBLIC MEMBER FROM EAST LOS ANGELES,

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1 IN RELATION TO ITEMS 7 AND 20. BRIEFLY, ON ITEM 20, IT IS A
2 GOOD-SENSE PROGRAMMATIC CHANGE OF BRINGING THE WATER PROGRAM
3 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF MANAGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 BEACHES AND HARBOR, SO THAT THEY CAN REALLY TAKE IT ON AND DO
5 THE AMAZING WORK AROUND EXPANDING THAT EXCELLENT PROGRAM,
6 HELPING YOUTH ACROSS THE COUNTY. FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
7 HOLDING IT FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND THEY'VE DONE AMAZING WORK,
8 BUT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBOR, THEY CAN TAKE
9 IT A STEP FURTHER. ON ITEM 7, REALLY, I WANT TO POINT TO A
10 LETTER WE'VE SUBMITTED IN PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE REFER TO THE
11 LETTER FOR THE DETAILS BY THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE, SUPPORTING
12 THE RESTORATION OF THE FUNDS FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER AQUATICS,
13 LAKES, AND BEACHES PROGRAM. IT IS AN ESSENTIAL PIECE FOR
14 SURVIVAL FOR OUR YOUNG CHILDREN AND SENIORS, THAT CAN DO
15 EXERCISE IN THESE TIMES THAT ARE VERY STRESSFUL. YOU WOULD BE
16 GIVING THE TOOLS AND THE RESOURCES TO PARK LEADERSHIP, TO
17 REALLY PROVIDE THAT FOR OUR FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTY, BUT IN
18 PARTICULAR FOR THOSE THAT ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THE
19 C.O.V.I.D.-19 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, AND LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH,
20 PHYSICAL, [INAUDIBLE]. SO WITH THAT, WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE
21 SUPPORT ITEMS NUMBER 7 AND 20. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I WILL ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 10 ON GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SUSAN ISAACS. I AM A VOLUNTEER WITH
8 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, LOS ANGELES. ON BEHALF
9 OF N.C.J.W. L.A., I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR
10 AGENDA ITEM 10, THE PROPOSED URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE \$5 HERO
11 PAY FOR FRONTLINE GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS IN L.A.
12 COUNTY. FIGHTING FOR EQUITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND
13 FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY WOMEN CONSIDERED ABOVE THE POVERTY LINE
14 BY OUR GOVERNMENT, BUT WHO DON'T EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO AFFORD
15 THE BASIC NECESSITIES, N.C.J.W. L.A. OFFERS PROGRAMS RANGING
16 FROM FINANCIAL LITERACY, TO EMERGENCY CLOTHING AND RENTAL
17 ASSISTANCE, TO SCHOLARSHIPS, TO LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY.
18 REQUIRING GROCERY STORES TO PAY THIS \$5 WAGE INCREASE IS A
19 MATTER OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE. THE STORES HAVE MADE RECORD
20 PROFITS DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHILE GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL
21 WORKERS CONTINUE TO WORK--

22

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** UNABLE TO SHELTER AT HOME, RISKING THEIR LIVES TO
2 MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO THE GOODS NEEDED TO
3 SURVIVE. THE VAST MAJORITY OF WORKERS ARE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD,
4 BLACK, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THE MAJORITY OF THESE
5 WORKERS ARE WOMEN OF COLOR. THE URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR \$5 HERO
6 PAY IS THE RIGHT POLICY IN THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY MUST LEAD, AS IT ALWAYS HAS, IN FIGHTING FOR
8 THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF WORKING PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 TIME.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** ALMA QUINONES, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
15 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
16 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALMA QUINONES. I AM A RESIDENT
23 IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR JANICE HAHN, AND I SUPPORT THE
24 HEALTHY L.A. PLATFORM. I'M A MEMBER OF A.C.E. THIS IS A
25 COMMENT FOR ITEMS 14, 15, AND 21, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,

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1 ALSO. I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS' EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING
2 HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT AT NO
3 FAULT OF THEIR OWN, DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19 ECONOMIC SHUTDOWNS.
4 TENS AND THOUSANDS OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE AT RISK OF EVICTION IN MY
5 COMMUNITY, AND HOMELESSNESS, IF THE MORATORIUM EXPIRES AND
6 RENTER RELIEF IS NOT ADMINISTERED. I SUPPORT ITEM 21 BECAUSE
7 IT EXTENDS PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS THROUGH JUNE OF 2021, AND
8 INCREASES PENALTIES FOR LANDLORDS THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THESE
9 GUIDELINES, AS WE HAVE SEEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, GIVEN THE
10 SPOTLIGHT DUE TO THE HIGH NUMBERS OF C.O.V.I.D. INFECTIONS IN
11 HIGH- AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE
12 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY BOTH C.O.V.I.D. INFECTIONS AND
13 RENT DEBT. YOU MUST DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP PEOPLE
14 HOUSED AND HEALTHY. AND AS TO MY PUBLIC COMMENT, I'M A TENANT
15 OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, AND I HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF
16 VIOLENT EVICTION CRIMES AT THE HANDS OF MY LANDLORD DURING
17 C.O.V.I.D.-19. MY LANDLORD LIVES AT 818 WEST 8TH STREET, IN
18 WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA. HER NAME IS GUADALUPE IZQUIERDO. IN
19 THE PAST MONTH, SHE HAS USED HER OFF-DUTY L.A.P.D. POLICE
20 OFFICER SON, RICARDO IZQUIERDO, WHO WORKS AS A WEST L.A. MOTOR
21 PATROL OFFICER, TO PERPETRATE THE UNLAWFUL EVICTION CRIMES,
22 LIKE VERBALLY TRYING TO EVICT ME THROUGH INTIMIDATION,
23 HARASSMENT, AND DESTRUCTION OF MY PROPERTY, USING OTHERS'
24 COURT PAPERS AS THREATS TO EVICT ME AND INCARCERATE ME IF I
25 DON'T VACATE WITHIN 24 HOURS, CALLING ON CHILD SOCIAL SERVICES

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1 WORKERS AGAINST ME, AND REMOVING MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, LIKE I
2 SAID, AS MY MAILBOX. THESE FOLKS ARE ALSO AIDING AND ABETTING,
3 IN ORDER TO HINDER A COURT HEARING PROCESS DATE TO A
4 RESTRAINING ORDER THAT I FILED. MY ELECTRICITY WAS SHUT OFF
5 FOR 7 DAYS, SPOILING ALL OF MY FOOD. ALL THIS HAS FURTHER
6 CAUSED ME ILLNESS AND MENTAL DISTRESS AND INSECURITY. PLEASE
7 EXPAND AND CLARIFY THE TENANT PROTECTIONS IN OUR FAVOR.
8 FURTHERMORE, THE L.A.P.D. OFFICERS AT HARBOR DIVISION WHO HAVE
9 RESPONDED TO MY CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE NOT EDUCATED ON
10 TENANT RIGHTS DURING THE MORATORIUM. MOST OF THE OFFICERS SIDE
11 WITH THE LANDLORDS BY NOT ENFORCING THE LAW. NOT ONLY ARE WE
12 BE HARASSED BY LANDLORDS, WE ARE ALSO MADE TO FEEL IMPOTENT AT
13 THE HANDS OF THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, BECAUSE THEY ARE
14 NOT ENFORCING THE LAW WHEN LANDLORDS BREAK THEM. ADDITIONALLY,
15 WE NEED PANDEMIC COUNTY SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON.
16 THERE'S ABOUT 56,000-PLUS RESIDENTS LIVING IN ABOUT A THREE-
17 MILE RADIUS IN WILMINGTON, MOSTLY MINORITIES. DURING THE
18 PANDEMIC, THERE IS NO STREET OR MEDIA PUBLIC ADVERTISING IN
19 OUR CITY. AS TO WHO OUR COUNTY SUPERVISOR IS, OR WHO OUR CITY
20 COUNCIL REP IS--

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAM
23 CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE ONE HOUR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
24 TESTIMONY.

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

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM
11 6, 7 AS REVISED, 8 AND 9, 12 THROUGH 14, 16 THROUGH 20, 22
12 THROUGH 23, 26, 28 THROUGH 34, 37 THROUGH 42-B, 42-F THROUGH
13 42-I, 42-K THROUGH 42-N, AND 45.

14

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

18

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

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

22

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

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON NOW TO ITEM NUMBER 5.
19 BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,
20 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT TITLES OF EACH
21 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN
22 THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC
23 HEARING ITEMS.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
2 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
3 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1 IS A
4 HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS
5 AND REVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
6 FACILITY RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF COUNTY PARK FACILITIES,
7 EFFECTIVE MARCH 2021. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND
8 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON AN
9 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE PROPRIETARY PETROLEUM
10 PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY TO EXTEND
11 THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE THROUGH FEBRUARY 22ND, 2036. NO
12 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
13 4 IS A HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-003550 TO
14 AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED SALE OF A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC
15 BEVERAGES FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN
16 EXISTING CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 16038 EAST GALE AVENUE,
17 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WITHIN
18 THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS ZONED DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
19 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE APPELLANTS' REPRESENTATIVE, WILL
22 NIEDES, WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. MR. NIEDES, PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. I REPRESENT THE
25 APPLICANTS, WHO HAVE FILED AN APPEAL ON THE APPROVAL OF THIS

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1 PROJECT, BUT WE ONLY APPEALED CONDITIONS NUMBER 33 AND NUMBER
2 38. NUMBER 33 WAS IN REGARDS TO SOME LANGUAGE IN REGARDS TO
3 THE TYPE OF ALCOHOL THAT CAN BE SOLD IN CANS AND BOTTLES.
4 THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION IN REGARDS TO THE WAY THE CONDITIONS
5 WERE WRITTEN, AND WE TRIED TO CLARIFY SOME OF THAT LANGUAGE BY
6 PROPOSING OUR OWN CONDITION. AND FROM WHAT I SEE, THE PLANNING
7 DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED THAT THE WAY WE HAVE WRITTEN UP THE
8 CONDITION MEETS THEIR REQUIREMENTS, SO I AM HOPING THAT THE
9 CONDITION IS APPROVED THE WAY WE PROVIDED IT. IN REGARDS TO
10 CONDITION NUMBER 38, WE WANTED TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF
11 OPERATION FROM WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED, WHICH WAS 10:00 A.M. TO
12 10:00 P.M. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE FLEXIBILITY, AND
13 HAVE ONE HOUR PRIOR AND ONE HOUR AFTER, FOR A TOTAL OF 9:00
14 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M., THE REASON BEING THAT WE WERE APPROVED,
15 BACK IN 1999, WITH LONGER HOURS, UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT, AND
16 UNTIL 1:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. SO WHAT'S HAPPENED IS,
17 DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND THIS QUITE ONEROUS CHANGE IN HOURS, IT
18 IS GOING TO BE VERY HARD FOR THE MARKET TO BE ABLE TO SUCCEED
19 IN THE FUTURE, AND WE HOPE, WITH FAIRNESS AND EQUITY, THAT WE
20 BE ALLOWED THE ADDITIONAL HOUR ON EACH END OF THE SPECTRUM,
21 FOR THE MORNING AND THE EVENING HOUR. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A
22 TWO-TIERED SYSTEM, SINCE THIS IS A GRANDFATHERED USE. IT IS A
23 USE THAT HAS EXISTED FOR 20 YEARS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. THAT
24 HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED IN THE C.U.P. AND SOME OF THE STAFF

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1 REPORTS AND THE SHERIFF'S REPORT, SO WE WERE HOPING THAT THE
2 ADDITIONAL HOUR--

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ITEM 5
5 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2020-001427 AMENDING COUNTY
6 CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, WITH THE TITLE 22 TUNE-UP
7 ORDINANCE TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS WHERE NECESSARY. A WRITTEN
8 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
9 RECEIVED.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
12 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. MADAM EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
14 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO
15 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE
16 BOARD.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5
20 SHOULD CALL 844-767-5651, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-
21 3836. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 844-767-5651, AND USE PARTICIPANT
22 CODE NUMBER 100-3836. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT
23 TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-
24 8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR

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

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

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1 ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU
2 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA 42-E, ON THE
5 VICTIM SUPPORT. I AM IN FAVOR OF IT. I NEED TO HAVE... WE ARE
6 VICTIMS OF DINO AQUATRO. WE WANT AQUATRO AND JUAREZ TO BE HELD
7 LIABLE FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY, MISS. YOU ARE NOT ON
10 TOPIC. SO YOU CAN PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AND WE WILL
11 TAKE THOSE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WILL DO.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

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

18

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 5. MY
24 NAME IS DIANA NICOLE. I'M A LANDSCAPE ECOLOGIST, AND I ALSO
25 PERFORM FIRESCAPING. A SINGLE OAK TREE SUPPORTS OVER 800

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1 SPECIES OF WILDLIFE, PROTECTS HOMES FROM FLYING WILDFIRE
2 EMBERS, AND IS SUPERIOR TO OTHER TREES, IN TERMS OF ECOSYSTEM
3 SERVICES. SO WHEN YOU REMOVE AN OAK, BY DEFINITION, THAT IS A
4 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, ANALYSIS
5 OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS BY PLANNING HAVE BEEN CHRONICALLY
6 INEFFECTUAL WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED, IN TERMS
7 OF TRUE NECESSITY, UNLESS THERE IS EXTERNAL PRESSURE FROM
8 OUTSIDE GROUPS. EVEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO PRIORITIZES
9 DEVELOPMENT OVER TREES, NOTIFIES THE PUBLIC WHEN THERE IS A
10 SINGLE OAK TREE REMOVAL REQUEST. SO I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON
11 AGENDA ITEM 5, OR AMEND THE ITEM TO CONTINUE TO NOTIFY THE
12 PUBLIC FOR ALL OAK TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 TIME.

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
18 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
19 MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** ITEM 5. REPRESENTING SANTA CLARITA
22 ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT, LYNNE PLAMBECK.
23 OPPOSE THIS ITEM, IN RESPECT TO THE OAK CHANGES. THIS IS NOT
24 WHAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION SAID THEY WOULD DO. THEY SAID
25 THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO NOTIFY PEOPLE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A

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1 BROWN ACT VIOLATION. YOU DID NOT INDICATE THAT THERE WERE
2 GOING TO BE CHANGES TO THE OAK ORDINANCE. IT IS NOT
3 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER C.E.Q.A., BECAUSE THERE MAY BE
4 SUBSTANTIAL IMPACTS FROM REMOVING INDIVIDUAL OAKS, WHICH WILL
5 NOW BECOME REALLY EASY TO DO. AND WE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS
6 PORTION OF THE TITLE 22, AND ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE IT, AND
7 EITHER REMOVE THIS PART OR AMEND IT TO ELIMINATE THE-- TO
8 INCLUDE NOTIFICATION AND FINDINGS FOR SINGLE OAK REMOVALS.
9 THANK YOU. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. ALSO, PEOPLE ARE NOT
10 ABLE TO GET THEIR COMMENTS IN, AS I STATED EARLIER IN PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. THERE WERE 9 OPPOSED, AND MANY WEREN'T EVEN RECORDED.
12 AND SO SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T-

13 -

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** LANCE ROBERTS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
20 MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WAS GOING TO ADDRESS THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
6 AND RECREATION PROPOSED NEW AND REVISED FEES, BUT I ALSO
7 WANTED TO ADDRESS A DIFFERENT ONE. I SIGNED UP FOR THREE, AS
8 YOU KNOW, SO THIS IS A VERY APPROPRIATE PROCESS. ANYWAY, I
9 WILL GET TO IT. I THINK CHARGING \$10 A LANE FOR A SWIMMING
10 POOL, FOR A SHORT LANE, TO AN ANGELENO, IS SOMETHING LIKE A
11 SLAP DIRECTLY ACROSS THE FACE, SO I THINK WE NEED TO RETHINK
12 THAT. NORMA GARCIA IS GOOD AT MOVING THE NUMBERS AROUND SO
13 THAT THEY COME UPWARD, AND IT MAKES IT LOOK GOOD, BUT THIS
14 DOES NOT LOOK GOOD TO ME, SO THERE'S A BUNCH OF ONES THAT NEED
15 TO BE CAREFULLY SCANNED. ALSO, I WANT TO CONCUR. TITLE 22, YOU
16 NEED TO REVISE OR AMEND TO INCLUDE BOTH NOTIFICATION AND
17 FINDINGS FOR ANY KIND OF OAK REMOVALS. THIS SHOULD BE
18 CONTINUED. I MEAN, I THINK PEOPLE KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON THERE,
19 AND IT IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. AND I WANT TO JUST SAY
20 THAT PARKS AND REC, WHO DO A BETTER THAN AVERAGE JOB OF
21 GRABBING AS MUCH MONEY AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN, RENEGOTIATED THE
22 GOLF CONTRACTS MORE OR LESS OUT OF VIEW. AND I AM CONCERNED.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
25 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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2 **MODERATOR:** FRANCISCO ROMERO, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE
3 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.
4 YOU MY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I'M CALLING TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC
7 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 1, THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND FEE
8 ADJUSTMENT ITEM. ON BEHALF OF THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE, WE
9 HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THIS VERY CREATIVE
10 WAY TO SUPPLEMENT MORE FUNDING, IN LIGHT OF THE SERIOUS CUTS
11 THAT MAY TAKE 5, 7, 8 YEARS TO COME BACK FROM. SO THE
12 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PIECE IS EXCELLENT, IN THE SENSE THAT
13 YOU ARE EXTENDING YOUR HAND OUT TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO
14 SUPPORT THE PROGRAMMING THAT IS GOING TO BE NEEDED DURING
15 THESE TRYING TIMES. AND LASTLY, THE FEE ADJUSTMENT IS
16 COMPARABLE TO REGIONAL COSTS. SO, IN GENERAL, THE PLAN IS
17 SOMETHING WE SUPPORT, AS THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE. SO PLEASE
18 REFER TO OUR LETTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND WE URGE YOU TO
19 SUPPORT THIS ITEM.

20

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

22

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

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON
2 THE PUBLIC HEARINGS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN
3 TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS, YOU MAY
4 SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE
5 WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT CAME IN
6 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF OUR RECORD.
7 TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS NUMBER 1, 2, 4,
8 AND 5, THEN SET ITEMS S-1, ITEM 10, WHICH RELATES TO ITEM 36,
9 FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 11, 15, 21, THEN 42-D, 42-E, AND FINISHING
10 WITH ITEM 42-J. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER
11 1, HEARING ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND ADJUSTMENTS OF
12 FACILITY RENTAL FEES. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD
13 LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? IF SO, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN
14 SPEAKING. OKAY, I DON'T SEE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS
15 ITEM. IT WOULD APPROPRIATE, THEN, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
16 AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 1 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE
17 THAT ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
18 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

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

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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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-
17 0.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE'LL TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING
20 ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PROPRIETARY
21 PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY.
22 ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? IF
23 SO, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN SPEAKING. OKAY. AGAIN, I
24 DON'T SEE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. IT WOULD BE
25 APPROPRIATE, THEN, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE

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1 ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
5 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER
6 2019-003550 FOR THE CONTINUED SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT
7 THE CONVENIENCE STORE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF
8 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO
9 MAKE REMARKS? IF SO, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC. OKAY. SEEING
10 NONE, THEN I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
11 HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** NO.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** CAN I HAVE A CLARIFICATION ON THE--

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. IS AYE DENYING THE VOTE?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AN AYE VOTE IS TO DENY THE APPEAL, YES.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, SO AN AYE VOTE IS TO DENY THE APPEAL. THIS
9 IS KUEHL. I VOTE AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

18

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

20

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

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES--

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO TO AYE, PLEASE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES.

5

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW
10 TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 5, HEARING ON COUNTY CODE,
11 TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY
12 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS ON THIS ITEM?
13 SEEING NONE, THEN IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
16 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

15 0.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE

18 ON TO OUR SET MATTER, THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. WE WILL NOW

19 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS OUR BOARD,

20 TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC CLEANSE UNDER THE PUBLIC

21 HEALTH ORDER. WE'VE INVITED DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF

22 PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF

23 HEALTH SERVICES. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THEIR PRESENTATION, AND

24 WITH THAT, WE WILL GO INTO ANY DISCUSSION THAT MEMBERS WOULD

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1 LIKE TO BE HEARD ON, AND WE CAN START, THEN, WITH DR. BARBARA
2 FERRER.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** HI. YES, GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU,
5 MADAM CHAIR, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS, FOR THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
7 YOUR TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP DURING THIS PANDEMIC, AND YOUR
8 EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A ROBUST, EQUITABLE RESPONSE.
9 AS YOU KNOW, THE NATION SURPASSED A HEARTBREAKING FIGURE
10 YESTERDAY OF HALF A MILLION PEOPLE THAT LOST THEIR LIVES FROM
11 THIS DEADLY VIRUS. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY TODAY, WE HAVE
12 APPROACHED A TERRIBLE MILESTONE OF 20,000 DEATHS. THIS IS A
13 REMINDER TO ALL OF US THAT THERE ARE COLLECTIVE ACTIONS THAT
14 WE MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE. THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND THEY
15 SAVE LIVES. I WOULD LIKE TO START TODAY BY PROVIDING YOU AN
16 UPDATE ON OUR CASES AND OUR METRICS, THEN DISCUSS SCHOOL
17 REOPENINGS, AND THEN DESCRIBE OUR VACCINATION IMPLEMENTATION
18 PLAN EFFORTS FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF ELIGIBILITY. WHILE WE HAVE
19 A LOT OF WORK TO DO, OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS DO PROVIDE A
20 GLIMMER OF HOPE. I WILL TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE
21 TO MAKE PROGRESS IN REDUCING THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY NEW
22 CASES OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. ALTHOUGH, AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR NUMBERS
23 ARE STILL ELEVATED. THE 7-DAY AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES
24 PEAKED ON JANUARY 18TH, WHERE WE HAD MORE THAN 15,000 NEW
25 CASES IN ONE DAY, AND IT'S NOW DROPPED BY 90 PERCENT, TO ABOUT

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1 1600 NEW CASES A DAY. THE DROP IN OUR CASES DOES REFLECT
2 ACTIONS AND CHOICES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY MILLIONS OF
3 RESIDENTS, WORKERS, AND EMPLOYERS. IF WE CONTINUE TO SEE LESS
4 CASES, WE WILL MOVE FORWARD IN OUR RECOVERY, AS LOWER CASE
5 RATES ALLOW FOR OTHER SECTOR REOPENINGS. AS I WILL DISCUSS
6 LATER TODAY, THE LAST WEEK'S DECLINE IN DAILY CASE RATES DID
7 ALLOW SCHOOLS THE OPTION OF REOPENING FOR IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION
8 FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES T.K. THROUGH 6. WHEN THE CASE RATE
9 DROPS TO 7 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, SCHOOLS WOULD HAVE
10 AN OPTION OF ALLOWING IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS IN
11 GRADES 7 THROUGH 12. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS NEXT SLIDE
12 SHOWS THE TREND LINES OF CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS
13 SINCE MARCH 1ST OF 2020, LAST YEAR. FORTUNATELY, ALL THREE
14 METRICS CONTINUE TO DECLINE. THIS WEEK AND NEXT, WE WILL GET A
15 BETTER SENSE OF WHETHER THERE IS GOING TO BE ANY INCREASE IN
16 CASES RESULTING FROM GATHERINGS OVER THE SUPER BOWL AND THE
17 HOLIDAY WEEKEND. WE DO HOPE THAT PEOPLE HAD CHOSEN TO
18 CELEBRATE BOTH HOLIDAYS SAFELY, AND JUST WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR
19 OWN FAMILY. WE RECENTLY REPORTED ADDITIONAL CASES OF THE U.K.
20 VARIANT IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE WILL UPDATE THOSE NUMBERS ONCE
21 A WEEK, ON WEDNESDAYS. AND THIS IS CONCERNING. THIS IS A
22 VARIANT THAT IS KNOWN TO BE MORE INFECTIOUS. IF WE LET OUR
23 GUARD DOWN, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS MORE INFECTIOUS STRAIN
24 CAN BECOME DOMINANT, AND THAT JUST MAKES IT EASIER FOR THE
25 VIRUS TO SPREAD. SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO CONTINUE

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1 USING ALL THE TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO STOP THE PANDEMIC.
2 PLEASE COVER YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR NOSE WITH A MASK WHEN YOU ARE
3 AROUND OTHERS OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD. ALWAYS STAY SIX FEET
4 AWAY FROM OTHERS, AVOID CROWDS, AND WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN. WE
5 REALLY DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY GROUND IN SLOWING THE SPREAD OF
6 THE VIRUS, ESPECIALLY AS SOME OF OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL STAFF
7 ARE NOW RETURNING TO CLASSROOMS. WHILE L.A. COUNTY DOES REMAIN
8 IN THE PURPLE TIER, OR WHAT IS CLASSIFIED AS HAVING WIDESPREAD
9 TRANSMISSION IN THE STATE'S TIERED SYSTEM, OUR RECENT ADJUSTED
10 RATE OF DAILY NEW CASES FELL SIGNIFICANTLY, AND I THINK WILL
11 FALL AGAIN WHEN THE STATE POSTS THE METRICS LATER ON TODAY.
12 LAST TUESDAY, IT WAS 20 NEW CASES PER 100,000. IT WILL GET
13 UPDATED AT NOON, AND WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE NUMBER WILL
14 HAVE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, GIVEN THE DECREASES WE HAVE SEEN
15 IN THE DAILY CASE NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SHARING WITH ALL
16 OF YOU. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO SPEND A
17 MINUTE JUST DISCUSSING THE STATUS OF SCHOOL REOPENINGS. AS YOU
18 MAY RECALL, UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S SAFER SCHOOLS FOR ALL
19 PROGRAM, EVERY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE PERMITTED
20 TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED IN-PERSON SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR
21 HIGH-NEEDS STUDENTS IN ANY GRADES, T.K. THROUGH 12. THE SCHOOL
22 DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM EITHER THE STATE OR THE LOCAL
23 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUT THEY DO NEED TO FILE A
24 NOTIFICATION WITH US, SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE.
25 1,750 INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS HAVE ALREADY DONE SO SINCE SEPTEMBER.

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1 STUDENTS WHO ARE COMING INTO SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR SERVICES
2 NEED TO GET SERVED EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN THEIR SMALL
3 COHORTS, AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT ARE ALLOWED
4 ON CAMPUS AT ANY ONE TIME FOR THIS PURPOSE-- SERVICES FOR
5 HIGH-NEEDS STUDENTS-- SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF
6 THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, AT ANY ONE TIME. IF YOU'VE ALREADY
7 FILED A NOTIFICATION TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES, YOU DO NOT
8 NEED TO DO SO AGAIN, IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE
9 SERVICES. THERE ARE ALSO SCHOOLS THAT WERE PERMITTED TO APPLY
10 FOR AND WERE APPROVED FOR A WAIVER TO OPEN IN-CLASSROOM
11 INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES T.K. THROUGH 2. 298 SCHOOLS
12 WERE APPROVED FOR WAIVERS LAST FALL. THESE SCHOOLS ALSO ARE
13 ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO BE OPEN, AND CAN, IN FACT, AS LONG AS
14 THEY POST THEIR NEW C.O.V.I.D. SAFETY PLAN, THEY CAN EXPAND
15 THEIR ACCESS FOR IN-CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS IN THEIR
16 SCHOOL FOR GRADES 3 THROUGH 6, AS WELL. THAT IS BECAUSE WE DID
17 REACH THE THRESHOLD LAST WEEK THAT DOES PERMIT ALL T.K.-
18 THROUGH-6 SCHOOLS TO REOPEN FOR IN-CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, AS
19 LONG AS THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE STATE AND THE
20 COUNTY ORDERS. SCHOOLS ARE ALL REQUIRED, IF THEY ARE NOT
21 ALREADY OPEN, TO SUBMIT THEIR C.O.V.I.D.-19 SAFETY PLANS TO
22 THE STATE AND TO THE L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE SAFETY
23 PLAN INCLUDES A CAL/O.S.H.A. PREVENTION PROGRAM DOCUMENT, AND
24 THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 GUIDANCE CHECKLIST. THE STATE AND L.A.
25 COUNTY THEN HAVE 7 DAYS TO REMOVE THE PLANS, AND TO NOTE ANY

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1 DEFICIENCIES. EVERY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY MUST ALSO COMPLETE
2 AND POST AND DISPLAY THE L.A. COUNTY T.K. THROUGH GRADE 12
3 REOPENING PROTOCOLS BEFORE THEY CAN RESTART OPERATIONS. AS OF
4 LAST FRIDAY, 31 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE APPROVED FOR IN-PERSON
5 INSTRUCTION OF ALL THEIR STUDENTS IN GRADES T.K. THROUGH 6.
6 THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT ALL OF THOSE SCHOOLS HAVE REOPENED YET.
7 AS A MATTER OF FACT, MANY HAVE NOT. AND THERE ARE 170
8 INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ALSO ARE APPROVED,
9 AS WELL. THERE ARE 9 SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHERE WE ARE STILL
10 REVIEWING THEIR C.O.V.I.D. SAFETY PLANS, ALONG WITH 125
11 INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS. OUR TEAMS HAVE
12 CONDUCTED ALMOST 1400 SCHOOL SAFETY SITE VISITS SINCE
13 SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, AND OBVIOUSLY WE ARE CONTINUING THOSE
14 SITE VISITS AS I SPEAK TODAY. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE.
15 THERE ARE MORE THAN 120 PUBLIC HEALTH EMPLOYEES THAT ARE
16 ASSIGNED FULL-TIME TO WORK ON THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESPONSE WITH
17 THE EDUCATION SECTOR. THIS INCLUDES OUR SCHOOL TECHNICAL
18 ASSISTANCE TEAMS, CASE EXPOSURE INVESTIGATORS, AND OUTBREAK
19 INVESTIGATORS. THE SCHOOL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS HAVE MORE
20 THAN 50 HEALTH EDUCATORS THAT HAVE BEEN FULLY TRAINED ON THE
21 SCHOOL REOPENING PROTOCOLS, AND THEY DO IN-PERSON SITE VISITS
22 AT EVERY SCHOOL THAT HAS REOPENED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.
23 THESE TEAMS ALSO PROVIDE ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE
24 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. THE NUMBER OF VISITS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
25 SCHEDULED FOR SCHOOLS WILL START TO INCREASE RAPIDLY OVER THE

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1 NEXT FEW WEEKS, AS MANY SCHOOLS ARE LETTING US KNOW THAT THEY
2 WILL BE READY TO OPEN THEIR T.K. THROUGH GRADE 6 CLASSROOMS,
3 PARTICULARLY AFTER MARCH 1ST. IN SOME CASES, WE DO NEED TO
4 REVISIT A SCHOOL THAT, ON THEIR INITIAL VISIT, DID NOT SCORE
5 AS WELL ON OUR SAFETY COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST, AND THIS IS TO
6 ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT OUR
7 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COME INTO FULL COMPLIANCE. OUR TEAMS ARE
8 FOCUSED ON SUPPORTING FACILITIES TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN SAFE
9 ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE ACUTE
10 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL EDUCATION SECTOR TEAMS HAVE MORE
11 THAN TWO DOZEN EMPLOYEES THAT FOCUS ON CASE AND EXPOSURE
12 INVESTIGATIONS AT SCHOOLS. THESE TEAMS ARE ASSIGNED TO BOTH
13 THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SECTOR, AS WELL AS THE K THROUGH
14 12 SECTOR, AND THERE IS ONE TEAM THAT IS ASSIGNED SOLELY TO
15 WORK WITH L.A.U.S.D. THE EDUCATION SECTOR OUTBREAK TEAM HAS
16 THREE DOZEN MULTIDISCIPLINARY EMPLOYEES, AND THEY, IN FACT,
17 ARE ALSO HELPING TO INVESTIGATE C.O.V.I.D.-19 OUTBREAKS AT
18 EVERY LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR. OUTBREAK INVESTIGATORS
19 WORK CLOSELY WITH ANY FACILITY WHERE AN OUTBREAK IS
20 IDENTIFIED, AND WE DON'T CLOSE THAT OUTBREAK UNTIL CESSATION
21 OF DISEASE TRANSMISSION IS DOCUMENTED, AND THAT USUALLY IS
22 WHEN 14 DAYS HAVE PASSED AT THE SITE WITHOUT ANY NEW
23 ASSOCIATED CASES. ALL OF OUR TEAMS COLLECT SITE-LEVEL
24 INFORMATION. THIS HELPS BOTH UNDERSTAND AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE
25 WITH THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS. IT ALSO MAKES SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE

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1 TO UNDERSTAND THE FIRST AND LAST CONFIRMED CASE DATES OF
2 ANYBODY WHO IS INFECTED, AS WELL AS WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING AN
3 OUTBREAK. THERE HAVE BEEN, TO DATE, 86 K-TO-12 SCHOOL-
4 AFFILIATED OUTBREAKS. THIS GOES BACK TO SEPTEMBER 1ST OF LAST
5 YEAR. ONLY TWO OF THESE OUTBREAKS HAD MORE THAN 12 CASES
6 ASSOCIATED WITH THE OUTBREAK. 77 PERCENT OF THE OUTBREAKS HAD
7 FIVE CASES OR LESS. ANOTHER STRATEGY THAT WE ARE USING IN
8 COORDINATION WITH SCHOOLS AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS THE
9 SCHOOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. WE ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
10 L.A.U.S.D. AND THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO TRAIN PARENTS
11 AS CAMPUS-BASED COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND PARENT
12 VOLUNTEERS, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO EACH OTHER ON
13 C.O.V.I.D.-19. EFFORTS WITH L.A.U.S.D. WILL BEGIN IN MARCH,
14 AND WE ARE PLANNING TO ENGAGE OVER 1500 PARENTS. EFFORTS WITH
15 L.A.C.O.E. ARE UNDERWAY, AND THERE ARE 60 PARENTS ALREADY
16 WORKING WITH US AT THREE DIFFERENT CAMPUSES. WE ARE ALSO
17 DEVELOPING A STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, WITH MORE THAN 200
18 STUDENTS WHO ARE BEGINNING THEIR TRAINING AS PEER EDUCATORS
19 THIS WEEK. THERE ARE STUDENTS FROM 37 HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT
20 THE COUNTY THAT ARE PARTICIPATING. THESE STUDENTS GAIN AN
21 UNDERSTANDING OF C.O.V.I.D. AND PROVEN PREVENTION MEASURES,
22 SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES
23 RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC, ROOT CAUSES OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 HEALTH
24 INEQUITIES, AND SKILLS FOR DISCUSSING PREVENTION MEASURES WITH
25 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OTHER STUDENTS. THESE STUDENTS ARE GOING

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1 TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS ON INFECTION PREVENTION THAT
2 WILL BE WRITTEN, DIRECTED, AND PRODUCED BY THE STUDENTS
3 THEMSELVES, AND THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH ELEMENTARY AND
4 SECONDARY AUDIENCES. AND OBVIOUSLY, HAVING THESE STUDENT
5 AMBASSADORS IS OUR WAY OF ALSO PREPARING FOR, SOMETIME SOON,
6 BEING ABLE TO OPEN, AS APPROPRIATE, AND OF COURSE WITH THE
7 FULL SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY, FOR IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION
8 FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 12. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT
9 SLIDE, BECAUSE I WANT TO SHIFT NOW TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR
10 VACCINATION IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS. AS OF THIS WEEK, I AM
11 HAPPY TO REPORT WE HAVE NOW ADMINISTERED NEARLY 1.8 MILLION
12 DOSES OF THE VACCINE IN THE COUNTY. OF THESE, OVER 500,000 ARE
13 SECOND DOSES. OF THE 2.2 MILLION PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY
14 ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, 80 PERCENT HAVE
15 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE, AND 23 PERCENT ARE FULLY
16 VACCINATED. TO DATE, OVER 15 PERCENT OF OUR L.A. COUNTY
17 POPULATION 60 AND OLDER HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DOSES, AND
18 ABOUT 6 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION HAS NOW BEEN FULLY
19 VACCINATED. WE DO CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE A SCARCITY OF SUPPLY
20 AND VARIABILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF VACCINE WE RECEIVE FROM WEEK
21 TO WEEK. AS OF LAST SATURDAY, WE HAD RECEIVED 1.8 MILLION
22 DOSES OF VACCINE, AND RIGHT NOW, AS MORE VACCINE IS COMING
23 INTO L.A. COUNTY THIS WEEK, OUR PRIORITY IS TO ENSURE THAT
24 ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES
25 HAVE MUCH EASIER ACCESS TO VACCINES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE.

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1 THIS TABLE SHOWS THE DISTRIBUTION OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES BY
2 THE TYPE OF SITE THAT IS, IN FACT, DISTRIBUTING THE VACCINES.
3 AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU
4 LOOK AT THIS SLIDE, THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF UNUSED CAPACITY.
5 THERE IS ALMOST 500,000 APPOINTMENT SLOTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE
6 THIS WEEK, AND WE ONLY HAVE ENOUGH DOSES FOR 209,000
7 APPOINTMENTS. THE LARGE POINTS OF DISPENSING, RUN BY BOTH
8 PUBLIC HEALTH AND L.A. CITY, RECEIVED ABOUT HALF OF THE
9 ALLOCATION. THIS IS PRIMARILY TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ABLE TO
10 MEET THE SECOND DOSE APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS. OUR FEDERALLY
11 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS RECEIVED ALMOST 18 PERCENT OF THE
12 DOSES, AND PHARMACIES RECEIVED A LITTLE OVER 10 PERCENT OF THE
13 DOSES. ON FEBRUARY 8TH, PHARMACIES HAD RECEIVED, REALLY, SO
14 MUCH LESS-- I MEAN, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS HAD
15 RECEIVED LESS THAN 20,000 DOSES, AND TODAY THEIR AMAZING
16 PARTNERS NOW RECEIVING CLOSE TO 40,000 DOSES, AND WITH
17 CAPACITY, AS I NOTED EARLIER, TO GO UP TO 60,000 DOSES. WE ARE
18 EXTRAORDINARILY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP. AND OUR
19 PHARMACIES ALSO HAVE BEEN INCREASING THEIR CAPACITY TO
20 ACTUALLY VACCINATE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL
21 TO THE OVER 250 PHARMACIES THAT ARE IN OUR NETWORK. ACROSS THE
22 SECTORS, AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS MUCH MORE CAPACITY TO
23 VACCINATE. AND WHILE WE DON'T HAVE THE SUPPLY RIGHT NOW, WE
24 WILL HAVE THE SUPPLY IN THE FUTURE. AND SO WE FEEL VERY LUCKY
25 TO HAVE THIS EXTENSIVE NETWORK ACROSS THE COUNTY. I ALSO WANT

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1 TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE NOW INCLUDED ON OUR MAP OF THE
2 VACCINATION SITES THAT ARE BEING RUN BY WHAT WE CALL THE
3 MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES. THESE ARE THE KAISERS, U.C.L.A.,
4 PROVIDENCE NETWORKS, THAT ALSO OFFER VACCINE OPPORTUNITIES,
5 NOT JUST FOR THEIR MEMBERS, BUT ALSO FOR THE PUBLIC. AND WE
6 HAVE OUR RETAIL FEDERAL PHARMACY PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE ALSO
7 NOW ON THE MAP; AGAIN, PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO
8 GET VACCINATED CAN, IN FACT, GO AND MAKE THEIR APPOINTMENTS.
9 I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS TABLE SHOWS THE DEMOGRAPHIC
10 BREAKDOWN OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. IT IS A
11 BUSY SLIDE, BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER NOW
12 ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THOSE VACCINATED, TO DATE.
13 FEMALES ACCOUNT FOR 59 PERCENT, AND MALES FOR 41 PERCENT, OF
14 THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. THIS IS LIKELY TO JUST
15 REFLECT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO GET
16 VACCINATED, AND AS YOU RECALL, A LARGE PORTION OF THE FOLKS
17 WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED ARE OUR HEALTHCARE
18 WORKFORCE. AMONG THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, WHITES RECEIVED
19 34 PERCENT OF THE VACCINATIONS TO DATE, FOLLOWED BY LATINX AT
20 23 PERCENT. ASIANS RECEIVED 19 PERCENT OF ALL VACCINES, AND
21 THERE IS AN "OTHER" CATEGORY THAT WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND,
22 THAT ACCOUNTS FOR 13 PERCENT OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED
23 VACCINATIONS. BLACKS ACCOUNT FOR ONLY 5.2 PERCENT, AND I WANT
24 TO NOTE THEY ACCOUNT FOR 9 PERCENT OF THE GENERAL POPULATION
25 16 AND OLDER. LATINX RESIDENTS ARE ALSO UNDERREPRESENTED, AS

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1 THEY ACCOUNT FOR 46 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION 16 AND OLDER.
2 WHILE THESE FIGURES ARE DEEPLY CONCERNING, WE ARE MAKING
3 PROGRESS WEEK BY WEEK, AND THAT, IN FACT, IS A TESTAMENT TO
4 THE HARD WORK BEING DONE BY MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.
5 THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS TABLE HIGHLIGHTS THE INEQUITIES
6 MORE STARKLY. AMONG THOSE 65 AND OLDER, WE'VE ACHIEVED A VERY
7 HIGH VACCINATION RATE. HOWEVER, ONLY 24 PERCENT OF BLACKS, 29
8 PERCENT OF LATINX, AND 32 PERCENT OF AMERICAN INDIAN RESIDENTS
9 HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. THIS COMPARES TO 39 PERCENT OF ASIANS
10 AND 43 PERCENT OF WHITE RESIDENTS. AND AGAIN, THIS TABLE JUST
11 REFLECTS COUNTY RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER. I THINK WE'LL GO ON. I
12 JUST WANT TO NOTE, IN TERMS OF THE DATA HERE, WE DO NEED TO
13 WORK WITH THE STATE TO TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THIS DATA.
14 THIS IS STATE-COLLECTED DATA, PARTICULARLY THAT GROUP WHICH 13
15 PERCENT OF THE FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, WHERE WE DON'T
16 HAVE AN IDENTIFIED RACE OR ETHNICITY. SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO
17 WORK WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CAPTURING AS MUCH OF
18 THIS INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. DESPITE THE
19 LIMITATIONS IN THE DATA, AND THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT COMPLETE,
20 THE FINDINGS CLEARLY INDICATE VERY SIGNIFICANT INEQUITIES
21 CONTINUE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINE. THE INEQUITIES ARE
22 UNACCEPTABLE, AND THEY DEMAND US TO CONTINUE TO RENEW OUR
23 EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE INEQUITIES. WE HAVE BEGUN THIS
24 PROCESS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS: WE ARE PRIORITIZING NEW
25 VACCINATION SITES IN COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST VACCINATION

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1 COVERAGE RATES. EVERY WEEK, FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS, WE HAVE
2 WORKED TO ONBOARD PROVIDERS IN THESE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND
3 WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS, OUR STATE
4 PARTNERS, AND OUR MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES, SO THAT THEY, TOO,
5 JOIN US IN EXPANDING VACCINATION EFFORTS FOR THOSE MOST AT
6 NEED. WE ARE FURTHER PRIORITIZING VACCINE ALLOCATIONS THIS
7 WEEK, AND MOVING INTO THE FUTURE TO THOSE VACCINATION
8 PROVIDERS THAT ARE MOST TRUSTED IN THESE UNDERSERVED
9 COMMUNITIES, AND THAT INCLUDES OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
10 CENTERS, OTHER COMMUNITY CLINICS, AND COMMUNITY PHARMACIES.
11 FOR EXAMPLE, THIS WEEK, WE ARE ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL 6,000
12 DOSES FOR VACCINE FOR FIRST DOSES AMONGST RESIDENTS IN SOUTH
13 L.A., AND OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS ARE IDENTIFYING
14 RESIDENTS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THOSE APPOINTMENTS. WE ARE
15 ALSO ADDING ANOTHER 1,000 TO 2,000 DOSES FOR RESIDENTS LIVING
16 IN OR NEAR BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND AGAIN, WORKING WITH OUR
17 COMMUNITY PARTNERS-- THAT INCLUDES OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY--
18 TO IDENTIFY RESIDENTS IN THOSE AREAS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
19 THOSE APPOINTMENTS. AND THEN THERE'S AN ALLOCATION OF 1,000 TO
20 2,000 ADDITIONAL DOSES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
21 TRYING AGAIN TO USE THESE SAME STRATEGIES, WORKING WITH OUR
22 PARTNERS SO THEY CAN IDENTIFY OUR RESIDENTS LIVING IN THESE
23 AREAS WHO HAVE HAD PROBLEMS GOING THROUGH MY TURN TO GET THEIR
24 APPOINTMENTS, AND CAN IN FACT GET HELP NOW, GETTING
25 APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ADDITIONAL DOSES. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON

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1 STRATEGIES FOR RESERVING APPOINTMENT SLOTS AT OUR LARGE AND
2 SMALL COMMUNITY SITES, THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY SITES, FOR
3 RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. AND I KNOW YOU
4 HAVE HEARD THAT WE USE THESE CODES, AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET
5 HOLD OF THE CODES WHO AREN'T IN THE TARGET COMMUNITIES. AGAIN,
6 WE WORK REALLY HARD TO TRY TO PROTECT THE ABILITY FOR US TO,
7 AGAIN, RESTRICT APPOINTMENTS IN SOME OF OUR SITES FOR THOSE
8 WHO REALLY, AT THIS POINT, HAVE BEEN SHUT OUT OF GETTING
9 APPOINTMENTS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE ALSO EXPANDING OUR
10 MOBILE VACCINATION UNITS TO BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS OF SENIORS
11 AND OTHERS IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND NEXT WEEK WE ARE
12 ADDING ADDITIONAL CAPACITY ON MOBILE TEAMS, AS WELL. WE'VE
13 BEEN WORKING WITH A LARGE CADRE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
14 AND PROMOTORES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS IN
15 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, SO THAT THEY GET HELP SCHEDULING
16 APPOINTMENTS, AND ALSO ACCESSING VACCINATION SERVICES. AND FOR
17 THAT, WE ARE ALSO EXPANDING TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT SERVICES TO
18 THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO SECURE A RIDE TO A VACCINATION SITE.
19 WE ARE GOING TO BE EXPANDING OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS
20 WITH INFORMATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES ON VACCINE SAFETY, AND
21 ALSO ON AVAILABLE VACCINATION SERVICES. WE RECOGNIZE THE
22 COMPLEXITY OF FACTORS THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE OBSERVED
23 INEQUITIES IN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION, BUT WE WANT TO SAY THAT
24 THE BIG PRIORITY RIGHT NOW IS TO MAKE SURE THAT VACCINE
25 APPOINTMENTS ARE BOTH AVAILABLE AND EASY TO MAKE IN THE HARD-

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1 HIT COMMUNITIES. AND FOR THIS, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF OUR
2 COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE HELPING US. WE ARE ALSO THANKFUL
3 FOR THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE WORK GROUP, AND THE VACCINE
4 EQUITY COMMITTEE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFYING
5 ADDITIONAL STRATEGICS THAT THEY THINK WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN
6 ENSURING MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES. I'M GOING TO
7 GO TO THE LAST SLIDE NOW. BEGINNING MARCH 1ST, THERE ARE NEWLY
8 ELIGIBLE WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT CAN GET VACCINATED, IN
9 ADDITION TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS, RESIDENTS AND STAFF AT LONG-
10 TERM CARE FACILITIES, AND PEOPLE WHO ARE 65 AND OLDER. THIS
11 INCLUDES WORKERS IN CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION, FIRST
12 RESPONDERS, EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND
13 FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS. I WANT TO BRIEFLY JUST DESCRIBE
14 THE STRATEGIES WE'LL BE USING TO REACH THIS ESTIMATED
15 POPULATION OF ABOUT 1.7 TO 1.8 MILLION WORKERS. WE ARE WORKING
16 WITH MANY PARTNERS IN THESE SECTORS-- LABOR PARTNERS, BUSINESS
17 PARTNERS, HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
18 PARTNERS, AND OUR SCHOOLS-- TO FINALIZE VACCINATION
19 STRATEGIES, WITH THE GOAL OF OFFERING MULTIPLE SITES WHERE
20 ELIGIBLE WORKERS CAN GET VACCINATED. THESE WILL INCLUDE WHAT
21 WE CALL CLOSED TARGETED COMMUNITY SITES, AND THESE WILL BE IN
22 PARTNERSHIPS, PRIMARILY, WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. A CLOSED
23 SITE ALLOWS US TO REACH THE INTENDED COMMUNITY, RATHER THAN
24 OPENING APPOINTMENTS TO EVERYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE. AND THESE
25 CLOSED SITES WILL BE HELD AT WORKSITES, COMMUNITY SITES, AND

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1 HEALTHCARE SITES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING, AS I NOTED EARLIER, AT
2 RESTRICTING APPOINTMENTS AT THE EXISTING COUNTY VACCINATION
3 SITES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD HOST TARGETED DAYS AT SOME OF OUR
4 EXISTING LARGE-CAPACITY SITES, OR AT OTHER COMMUNITY SITES,
5 SPECIFICALLY FOR APPOINTMENTS FOR AN ELIGIBLE GROUP OF WORKERS
6 WHO MAY NOT HAVE A DEDICATED SITE, AS WHAT I DESCRIBED ABOVE--
7 ONE OF THOSE CLOSED PODS. ANOTHER STRATEGY WE'RE USING IS OUR
8 PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR PHARMACIES, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
9 CENTERS, HOSPITAL CLINICS, AND L.A. CITY SITES, TO HOST
10 TARGETED DAYS AIMED AT PARTICULAR GROUPS OF WORKERS, TO ENSURE
11 THAT THE APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. AND FOR OUR HEALTHCARE
12 PARTNERS, WE ARE ENCOURAGING THEM TO ASK FOR AN ALLOCATION OF
13 DOSES THAT ALLOWS THEM TO BEGIN TO COVER THEIR PATIENTS WHO
14 NOW MEET THE EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. FOR THE EDUCATION
15 AND CHILD CARE SETTING, WE ESTIMATE THAT UPWARDS OF 690,000
16 PEOPLE MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE IN THIS SECTOR. MANY SCHOOL
17 DISTRICTS-- AS A MATTER OF FACT, ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS-- HAVE
18 PARTNERSHIPS AND CAPACITY AT THIS POINT TO VACCINATE THEIR
19 WORKFORCE. AND I WANT TO GIVE A LOT OF THANKS TO THE L.A.
20 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THAT HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY
21 SINCE DECEMBER TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE CAPACITY TO
22 ROLL OUT A PLAN FOR ALL OF THE DISTRICTS' SCHOOLS. ALL OF
23 THESE SCHOOLS HAVE PARTNERED WITH A HEALTHCARE FACILITY THAT'S
24 ABLE TO RECEIVE THE ALLOCATIONS OF VACCINES, SPECIFICALLY FOR
25 THE EDUCATION SECTOR. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT MANY OF THE

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1 HEALTHCARE PARTNERS INCLUDE BOTH FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
2 CENTERS. LOTS OF HOSPITALS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THIS,
3 AS HAVE SOME PHARMACIES. SO THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNERSHIP,
4 BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK EVERYBODY AT L.A.C.O.E.
5 WHO HAS BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. I ALSO
6 WANT TO NOTE THAT INDEPENDENT AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS ARE GOING
7 TO BE PARTNERING WITH A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THEIR AREA, WHERE
8 THEY TOO WILL HAVE RESERVED APPOINTMENTS AT ONE OF THE COUNTY
9 SITES FOR THEIR WORKFORCE. AND CHILD CARE WORKERS, AS WELL,
10 ARE GOING TO BE VACCINATED AT BOTH CLOSED PODS, WHERE WE ARE
11 PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, BUT THEY, TOO, WILL HAVE
12 RESERVED APPOINTMENTS AT THE COUNTY'S LARGE-CAPACITY
13 VACCINATION SITES AND OUR SMALL COMMUNITY SITES. WE ARE STILL
14 REVIEWING SURVEY DATA FROM THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND
15 THAT WILL GUIDE FINAL PLANS FOR THIS GROUP OF EDUCATORS AND
16 STAFF. FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICE FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT SECTOR, THIS INCLUDES THE COURTS AND CORRECTIONAL
18 FACILITIES. THEIR PARTNERSHIPS-- ALSO, THANKS A MILLION TO
19 EVERYBODY WHO WORKED ON THIS-- INCLUDE FIRE DEPARTMENTS,
20 POLICE DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND LOCAL HOSPITALS. BUT ALL OF
22 THOSE PARTNERSHIPS, AT THIS POINT, HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, AND WE
23 ESTIMATE THAT THERE'S ABOUT 150,000 PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING IN
24 THIS SECTOR THAT, STARTING NEXT WEEK, WILL BEGIN TO GET
25 VACCINATED. AND FOR THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, IT IS

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1 GOING TO BE SLIGHTLY OVER 500,000 PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THIS
2 SECTOR IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS SECTOR INCLUDES A VARIETY OF
3 OCCUPATIONS, SO I WANT TO NOTE THE ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH
4 WON'T BE ADEQUATE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FOOD SERVICES AND
5 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WHO MAY NOT BE EASILY REACHED, AND SO WE
6 ARE NOT GOING TO ONLY PARTNER WITH EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEE
7 ORGANIZATIONS, AND UNIONS, BUT WE ARE GOING TO ALSO COORDINATE
8 WITH SOME TRUSTED SOURCES OF PEOPLE, TRUSTED ORGANIZATIONS
9 WITH THESE GROUPS: WORKPLACE LEADERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND
10 OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND I WANT TO THANK
11 EVERYONE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THIS UPDATE. I DO
12 ENCOURAGE ALL L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO
13 VISIT PUBLIC HEALTH'S WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION FOR
14 VACCINATIONS. THAT'S VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. AND I AM AVAILABLE
15 TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM DR. CHRISTINA GHALY.

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19 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANKS
20 FOR THE CHANCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE SURGE-RELATED ISSUES
21 IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM HAVE BEEN FULLY
22 RESOLVED SINCE DECEMBER AND JANUARY, WITH ALL OF THEIR
23 OPERATIONS RETURNING TO NORMAL IN THE PRE-HOSPITAL FIELD. ALL
24 HOSPITALS ARE BACK TO WHAT IS TYPICAL DIVERSION LEVELS, AND
25 THERE HAVE BEEN NO INTERNAL DISASTERS DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. IN THE

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1 MONTH OF FEBRUARY, TO DATE. WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 SERVICES, WE HAVE, CURRENTLY, APPROXIMATELY 150 C.O.V.I.D. -
3 POSITIVE PATIENTS. 40 PERCENT OF THOSE ARE IN THE INTENSIVE
4 CARE UNIT, AND WE ARE STILL SEEING A LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS
5 WITH VERY LONG I.C.U. STAYS. WE HAVE HAD, AT THE HEIGHT, A
6 TOTAL OF A LITTLE OVER 1,200 STAFF THAT WERE REDEPLOYED TO
7 SUPPORT PRIMARILY IN-PATIENT CARE. WE HAVE REDUCED THAT NUMBER
8 OF REDEPLOYED STAFF DOWN TO JUST UNDER 300; AND THOSE 300
9 STAFF, ABOUT 200 OF WHOM ARE REGISTERED NURSES, ARE SUPPORTING
10 A VARIETY OF FUNCTIONS, AND THAT INCLUDES A VERY SMALL NUMBER
11 THAT ARE STILL IN THE IN-PATIENT UNITS, MAINLY IN THE I.C.U.S,
12 BUT THEY'RE ALSO SUPPORTING A NUMBER OF OTHER C.O.V.I.D. -
13 RELATED AREAS, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES WITHIN HOUSING FOR HEALTH;
14 C.O.V.I.D. TESTING OPERATIONS THAT ARE PERFORMED BY D.H.S.;
15 C.O.V.I.D., PATIENT, AND STAFF VACCINATION EFFORTS; AND A LOT
16 OF NEED STILL WITHIN EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICES. WE ALSO, WITHIN
17 THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS, STILL HAVE OVER 200 STAFF FROM THE STATE
18 REGISTRY CONTRACTS, AND NO MORE STAFF FROM THE FEDERAL
19 DEPLOYMENTS. ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STAFF HAVE LEFT
20 OUR HOSPITALS, AND WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR SERVICE.
21 AS THE STAFF RETURN TO THEIR PRIMARY WORK LOCATIONS, WE ARE
22 RAMPING BACK UP OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES THAT WERE PUT ON HOLD
23 DURING THE SURGE, AND THAT INCLUDES A MIX OF CLINIC VISITS,
24 WHICH ARE BOTH FACE-TO-FACE VISITS, AS WELL AS TELEHEALTH
25 VISITS, DEPENDING ON THE PATIENT NEED, AND SURGERIES AND

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1 PROCEDURES. ON THE TESTING FRONT, WE WITHIN THE COUNTY HAVE
2 ADDED OVER 60,000 TESTS PER WEEK. A MAJORITY OF THOSE ARE
3 WITHIN COUNTY-OPERATED SITES, AND A FEW ARE WITHIN STATE-
4 OPERATED SITES, AND ADDED A NUMBER OF KIOSKS AND MOBILE UNITS
5 TO BE ABLE TO IMPROVE ACCESS WITHIN THE MOST AT-RISK
6 COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE A LOT OF TESTING ACCESS THAT IS
7 AVAILABLE. ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF ALL OF THE TESTING SLOTS RIGHT
8 NOW THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING SITES
9 ARE CURRENTLY GOING UNFILLED, AND THE HOME TEST COLLECTION KIT
10 OPTION IS ALSO STILL AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. FOR
11 VACCINATIONS, D.H.S. HAS DONE JUST OVER 60,000 VACCINATIONS TO
12 DATE, SINCE THE VACCINES FIRST CAME ON IN DECEMBER. OF THESE,
13 ALMOST 37,000 ARE AMONG D.H.S. STAFF, WITH 19,000 D.H.S. STAFF
14 HAVING RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE, AND ALMOST 18,000 D.H.S.
15 STAFF HAVING RECEIVED BOTH DOSES. GENERALLY, IT'S THE PFIZER
16 VACCINE THAT WE ARE USING FOR D.H.S. STAFF. WE'VE ALSO
17 PERFORMED OVER 21,000 VACCINATIONS AMONG D.H.S. PATIENTS, AND
18 THAT INCLUDES ALMOST 6,000 PATIENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BOTH
19 DOSES OF THE TWO-DOSE VACCINE SCHEDULE, AND ARE NOW FULLY
20 VACCINATED. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE PERFORMED OVER 1200
21 VACCINATIONS BY THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAMS. ABOUT 2/3 OF
22 THOSE ARE ELIGIBLE PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND
23 ABOUT 1/3 OF THOSE ARE OUR HOMELESS HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE, WHO
24 WORK FOR A VARIETY OF AGENCIES. AND THEN ABOUT 500 INMATES IN
25 THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM WHO ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE

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1 VACCINE HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, TO DATE. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
2 CONCERNS, MANY OF WHICH WERE SHARED BY DR. FERRER, ABOUT THE
3 PENDING TRANSITION TO MY TURN. WE ARE CONCERNED FOR A NUMBER
4 OF REASONS. FIRST, MY TURN IS NOT INTERFACED TO OUR ELECTRONIC
5 HEALTH RECORDS, CERNER. AND SO BECAUSE OF THAT, IT WILL
6 REQUIRE REALLY BURDENSOME DOUBLE DATA ENTRY PROCESSES THAT ARE
7 BOTH REALLY AN INEFFICIENT USE OF STAFF TIME, AND ALSO
8 INTRODUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR DATA ENTRY ERRORS. THE BIGGEST
9 PROBLEM IS THAT, AS DR. FERRER SHARED, IT WILL BE VERY
10 CHALLENGING TO MAINTAIN ACCESS FOR THOSE POPULATIONS
11 THAT ARE MOST AT RISK OF BEING EXPOSED TO C.O.V.I.D., OR
12 SUFFERING SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF C.O.V.I.D., AND THAT'S
13 REALLY THE D.H.S. PATIENTS. OUR PATIENTS DON'T HAVE EASY
14 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, OR THE EASY ABILITY TO JUST DRIVE TO
15 ANY LOCATION IN THE COUNTY. WE DON'T YET HAVE FIRM COMMITMENT
16 THAT WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO REMAIN A CLOSED POD, THOUGH THERE
17 IS DISCUSSION OF THAT. AND IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR
18 ENHANCING EQUITY EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTY THAT D.H.S. CAN
19 CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON ITS PATIENTS. VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR
20 450,000 PATIENTS THAT ARE EMPANELED WITHIN D.H.S. ARE EITHER
21 UNINSURED OR ON MEDICAID, OR I.H.S.S. WORKFORCE. OVER 80
22 PERCENT OF OUR PATIENTS ARE PERSONS OF COLOR. OVER 25 PERCENT
23 OF OUR PATIENTS HAVE CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AND
24 RECEIVE SERVICES WITHIN D.M.H. IF WE AREN'T ABLE TO RESERVE
25 VACCINATION OPTIONS FOR OUR PATIENTS, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED

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1 THAT THEY'LL BE PUSHED OUT BY THOSE WITH MORE FREE TIME, MORE
2 RESOURCES, THE ABILITY TO SIT IN FRONT OF THEIR COMPUTER ALL
3 DAY, AND THE ABILITY TO DRIVE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY FOR A
4 VACCINE. THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD,
5 INCLUDING, AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, THE SPECIAL ACCESS CODES
6 THAT ARE POSSIBLE TO GIVE TO OUR PATIENT POPULATION, ARE JUST
7 NOT ACCEPTABLE OR SUFFICIENT SOLUTIONS. THOSE SYSTEMS CAN BE
8 EASILY GAMED BY PEOPLE WITH BETTER ACCESS. THERE IS ALSO A
9 CONTINUED LACK OF CLARITY FOR HOW SPECIAL AT-RISK POPULATIONS,
10 INCLUDING INMATES IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, AS WELL AS
11 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO ARE VACCINATED BY
12 HOUSING FOR HEALTH, AND HOW THESE POPULATIONS WILL BE MANAGED
13 IF THEY CAN'T EASILY GO TO A PUBLIC POD. BUT WE DON'T HAVE
14 CLARITY ABOUT HOW THEIR VACCINE SUPPLY WILL WORK UNDER THIS
15 NEW SYSTEM. WE ARE VERY COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH SECRETARY
16 RICHARDSON FROM THE STATE, AND WITH THE STATE'S THIRD-PARTY
17 ADMINISTRATOR. THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS, AND WE ARE
18 COMMITTED TO TRYING TO WORK TO RESOLUTION IN A WAY THAT
19 SAFEGUARDS ACCESS FOR THE PATIENTS THAT REALLY NEED AND
20 DESERVE THE PROTECTION THAT A VACCINE CAN PROVIDE. AND AGAIN,
21 THESE ARE SOME OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE REALLY MOST AT RISK
22 THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC. THEY ARE EXPOSED IN HIGHER LEVELS, AND
23 THEY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES AND A HIGHER RATE OF SERIOUS
24 ILLNESS AND DEATH FROM C.O.V.I.D., AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO

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1 MAKING SURE THAT THEY GET EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THIS VACCINE. BE
2 HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. THANK YOU, BOTH DR.
5 FERRER AND DR. GHALY. I'M GOING TO BEGIN THE COMMENT AND
6 QUESTION, AND THEN I'M GOING TO TURN TO SUPERVISOR BARGER,
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I AM ASSUMING THAT
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS. BUT THAT'S THE
9 ORDER THAT YOU HAVE NOTED TO ME THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK
10 QUESTIONS, FROM MY BOARD COLLEAGUES. SO I'M GOING TO BEGIN,
11 AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU. WE DO THIS EVERY TIME THAT WE
12 MEET. YOU ALL HAVE BEEN WORKING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF
13 DUTY, HELPING TO COLLECTIVELY HELP OUR RESIDENTS. AND
14 PARTICULARLY, I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU, AND ESPECIALLY DR.
15 GHALY, FOR UNDERSCORING OUR CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO THE LACK
16 OF ACCESS TO THE VACCINE FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. I AM NOT
17 SURPRISED; I AM DISGUSTED. I AM DISGUSTED. AND I AM NOT
18 DISGUSTED AT THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING, BUT I'M MORE
19 DISGUSTED ABOUT THE BEHAVIOR OF PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC THAT ARE
20 NOT BEING RESPONSIBLE, AND ACTUALLY ALLOWING FOR THOSE
21 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE THE HARDEST HIT TO BE ABLE TO STAND IN
22 LINE AND GET THEIR VACCINE. IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION JUST THIS
23 PAST WEEK, WHILE I WAS IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AT RAMONA GARDENS, A
24 PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITY THAT'S BEEN THERE FOR DECADES, PEOPLE
25 DON'T USUALLY GO IN AND VISIT FROM OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES LIKE

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1 BEVERLY HILLS, OR THE WEST SIDE, OR OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY.
2 BUT ON THIS OCCASION, I HAPPENED TO SEE PEOPLE THAT I KNOW DO
3 NOT LIVE AND RESIDE THERE. THIS PARTICULAR POD WAS SET UP FOR
4 250 INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF SENIORS
5 65 AND OLDER. THE MAJORITY OF THE FOLKS THAT LIVE IN THAT
6 COMPLEX-- WELL OVER 600-- THE MAJORITY OF THEM LIVE IN
7 POVERTY, THEY HAPPEN TO BE LATINX, SOME ASIAN, AND SOME
8 AFRICAN-AMERICAN. I CAN TELL YOU, OFF THE BAT, I WAS VERY
9 ALARMED TO HEAR THAT INDIVIDUALS HAD GAINED ACCESS FROM THE
10 CODE: A CODE THAT IS JUST GIVEN, I THINK, A DAY OR MAYBE EVEN
11 HOURS BEFORE THE ACTUAL POD IS SET UP. AND SOMEHOW, THEY WERE
12 ABLE TO GET IN LINE AHEAD OF THE PEOPLE THAT THIS WAS INTENDED
13 FOR. I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE REMARKS THAT THE GOVERNOR MADE
14 WHEN WE STARTED THIS, AND HE SAID, VERY CLEARLY, HE DID NOT
15 WANT TO SEE PEOPLE JUMP THE LINE. WELL, FOLKS, THIS IS MUCH
16 MORE THAN JUMPING THE LINE. THIS MEANS THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS
17 BEING PUSHED OUT. AND WHEN I SEE THE DATA THAT'S BEING
18 PRESENTED BY OUR STAFF, BY DR. FERRER, AND HEAR THE STORIES
19 THAT YOU ALL JUST HAVE TALKED ABOUT, IT REMINDS ME THAT HERE
20 WE ARE, AGAIN IN A SITUATION WHERE LACK OF ACCESS TO THE
21 INTERNET, AND THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO STAY HOME
22 AND WORK FOR 8 HOURS ON THE INTERNET, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO GO
23 OUT AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE FOOD ON THE TABLE, AND IN
24 SOME WAYS EVEN GIVE US THAT FOOD, I AM REMINDED THAT THIS IS A
25 SOCIETY OF UNEQUALNESS, INEQUITY, AND-- I HATE TO SAY IT--

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1 DISCRIMINATION. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THE HIGH
2 NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE DYING ARE STILL REFLECTED IN THOSE
3 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT RECEIVING; THOSE THAT HAVE ALREADY
4 BEEN IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOSE THAT
5 HAVE DIED, AND THOSE THAT REMAIN NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE
6 INOCULATION. AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF US HERE KNOW THAT THIS IS
7 NOT THE INTENT THAT WE HAD TO BEGIN WITH. BUT THE WAY THAT I
8 SEE THIS GOING, I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE BETTER
9 MECHANISMS PUT IN PLACE, SO THAT WE CAN SAY AT OUR SITES, AS
10 WELL AS THOSE RUN BY OTHER ENTITIES, KNOW THAT WE NEED TO HAVE
11 SOME CHECKS AND BALANCES HERE, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN ATTEST
12 THAT PEOPLE ARE INDEED COMING FROM THE AREA THAT IS MOST
13 IMPACTED, WHILE THOSE PODS ARE BEING SET UP. GRANTED, I KNOW
14 THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING TO OUR BIGGER PODS. BUT AGAIN, EVEN IN
15 THE DATA THAT WE'VE SEEN THERE AT THE FAIRPLEX, AT DODGER
16 STADIUM, AND IN INGLEWOOD, MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUMPED
17 TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE, OR GOTTEN IN THE FRONT OF THE LINE,
18 DO NOT RESIDE IN THOSE AREAS. AND I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT I AM
19 VERY PERPLEXED, READING AN ARTICLE THAT I SAW TODAY IN THE
20 L.A. TIMES, TELLING US-- AND SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN
21 TALKING ABOUT, AND WE ALREADY KNOW-- THE HARDEST HIT
22 COMMUNITIES ARE WHERE THE LACK OF ACCESS HAS OCCURRED, AND
23 THOSE ARE IN THE SOUTHEAST AREAS, LIKE BELL GARDENS,
24 HUNTINGTON PARK, WHERE THEY HAVE LESS THAN 8 PERCENT OF THEIR
25 RESIDENTS VACCINATED, BUT WHEREAS MORE AFFLUENT AREAS ARE

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1 NEARING 30 PERCENT. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE
2 CITY OF CUDAHY. THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST HARDEST HIT
3 COMMUNITIES RIGHT NOW. THEY HAVE A VACCINATION RATE OF 5.7,
4 AND DESPITE HAVING 6 TIMES THE CASES OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES,
5 WHICH IS 25-PERCENT VACCINATED; THE CITY OF BELL, WHICH IS IN
6 THE FIRST DISTRICT, 7.2 PERCENT VACCINATED, DESPITE HAVING
7 OVER 6 TIMES THE CASES AS THE CITY OF SAN MARINO, WHICH IS 27-
8 PERCENT VACCINATED. I CAN GO ON AND ON, BUT IT IS NOT WORTH MY
9 TIME. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AS A COUNTY AND AS MEMBERS
10 OF THE BOARD, IS TO BEGIN TO ASK THOSE HARD QUESTIONS, AND TO
11 BEGIN TO HAVE MORE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS TO TRULY VERIFY AND
12 ENLIST THE INDIVIDUALS THAT THESE VACCINES HAVE TO GO TO, TO
13 SAVE LIVES. AND I TOTALLY AGREE WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW,
14 WITH RESPECT TO MOVING ON TO OTHER TIERS. I REALLY WANT TO
15 RESPECT THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO GET OUR TEACHERS, AND
16 ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE HELPING OR SERVE IN OUR HARDEST
17 PRESSED COMMUNITIES, SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT I JUST
18 LISTED. THEY DO NEED TO HAVE VACCINATION, AND THEY NEED
19 ASSURANCES, AS WELL. I AM HERE TO WORK ALONGSIDE TO SEE THAT
20 THAT HAPPENS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO
21 EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS AN EQUITABLE
22 PROCESS. I AM NOT BLAMING THE COUNTY. I AM BLAMING THOSE
23 INDIVIDUALS THAT DON'T ABIDE BY THE RULES. AND THAT IS WHAT
24 HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE THINK THAT, FOR SOME REASON, THEY CAN STEP
25 OVER OTHER COMMUNITIES. AND AT THIS TIME, THAT IS NOT WHAT

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1 THIS COUNTY SHOULD BE REPRESENTING. SO, INDEED, I AM UPSET. I
2 AM DISGUSTED, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WORK WITH THE
3 STATE, THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR PROGRAM, MY TURN,
4 IS NOT GETTING A CHANCE AND A TURN FOR MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES
5 OF COLOR. I HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CALLS COME INTO MY DISTRICT
6 OFFICES, AS WELL AS HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
7 REPRESENTING THAT PEOPLE CANNOT GET THROUGH ON THE INTERNET IN
8 MANY WAYS, AND IN OTHERS, THE LINE, THE PHONE LINES, ARE NOT
9 RECEIVING CALLS. THEY GET DROPPED. AND IT HAPPENS TO BE
10 IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THAT GOES FOR SOUTH
11 CENTRAL L.A., AS WELL AS THE SAN FERNANDO AND PACOIMA AREAS.
12 WE COULD GO ON AND ON. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT NOW IS OUR
13 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DR. BARBARA FERRER, I
14 AM HAPPY TO WORK ALONGSIDE WITH YOU, AS WE'VE DISCUSSED,
15 GETTING VACCINATIONS, BOOTS ON THE GROUND, WORKING WITH
16 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR FEDERALLY
17 QUALIFIED CLINICS, AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL SCHOOL SITES, TO OPEN
18 UP VACCINATIONS, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE IN THAT
19 COMMUNITY RECEIVE THE CARE AND DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT THEY
20 DESERVE. AND THAT MEANS PROVIDING, ALSO, LINGUISTICALLY
21 COMPETENT INFORMATION AND TRUSTED ALLIES, AND THAT MEANS
22 UTILIZING THE PROMOTORES, AMBASSADORS, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO
23 CALL THEM. BUT WE NEED TO READY THIS PROGRAM NOW. THIS CAN'T
24 WAIT. I STAND WITH YOU TO DO THAT, AND HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE
25 ON TO MAKE A BETTER PLAN AND HEADWAY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES THAT

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1 ARE SO DISTRESSED AT THIS TIME. I KNOW THIS IS MORE OF A
2 COMMENT, I KNOW YOU ARE WORKING, BUT I JUST HAVE TO LEAVE YOU
3 WITH THIS, BECAUSE TODAY WAS A DAY OF RECKONING. IT'S A DAY OF
4 RECKONING, AND THIS IS A BAD MARK ON ALL OF US-- ON THE STATE,
5 AND ON THE FACT THAT WE ENTRUST PEOPLE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES.
6 BUT, SIMPLY SAID, PEOPLE ARE NOT ABIDING BY THE RULES, AND WE
7 HAVE TO HAVE BETTER ENFORCEMENT TOOLS TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE
8 THAT ARE HARDEST HIT AND VULNERABLE GET THE ACCESS TO THE
9 VACCINE AND THE HEALTHCARE THAT THEY DESERVE. I DON'T IF, DR.
10 FERRER, YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO ANYTHING I'VE SAID, OR DR.
11 GHALY.

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
14 AND I 100-PERCENT AGREE WITH YOU. I AM VERY DISTRESSED, AS IS
15 EVERYONE, ABOUT SORT OF OUR INABILITY TO ACTUALLY MAKE THE
16 KIND OF HEADWAY THAT WE NEED TO MAKE. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK
17 THERE IS PROBABLY A COMPLEX WEB OF CONDITIONS THAT AREN'T
18 HELPING US, INCLUDING, AS YOU NOTED, AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM
19 THAT WE'RE ALL MANDATED TO USE, THAT REALLY DOESN'T ALLOW US
20 THE LEVEL OF FLEXIBILITY WE NEED TO DO TARGETED VACCINATIONS.
21 BUT I DO, ALSO, HONESTLY THINK WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH
22 DIFFERENT STRATEGIES. YOU JUST CAN'T JUST BLAME THE
23 TECHNOLOGY, OR THAT THIS ISN'T WORKING. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WE
24 ARE ALL EXTRAORDINARILY GIFTED, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WITH
25 WONDERFUL COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND WONDERFUL BOARD LEADERSHIP,

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1 AND IT IS A PROBLEM-SOLVING TASK IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW. AND
2 YOU ARE RIGHT. YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME WE CREATE WHAT WE THINK IS
3 A WAY TO RESERVE SLOTS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE
4 COMMUNITIES THAT NEED TO GET VACCINATED THE MOST, THE CODES
5 GET STOLEN OR THEY GET DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER PEOPLE, AND WE'VE
6 GOT PROBLEMS. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T KEEP TRYING, AND
7 SOME OF THE EFFORTS HAVE REALLY PAID OFF. THE MOBILE SITES,
8 THE POP-UP SITES, NOT REQUIRING PREREGISTRATION, TAKING IT
9 RIGHT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS, WORKING WITH THE FAITH
10 COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY SETTING
11 UP SITES THAT PEOPLE CAN GET IT TO. WE ARE ABOUT TO BE ABLE TO
12 OFFER TRANSPORTATION VOUCHERS TO FOLKS THAT NEED TO GET TO OUR
13 SITES. SO I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT
14 THAT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ACTUALLY FIX THIS, AND FIX THIS
15 QUICKLY. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. I AM HERE, WELCOMING
16 YOUR INSIGHT, AND THE INSIGHT OF OTHER BOARD MEMBERS. YOU
17 KNOW, EVERY WEEK, WE DO SWITCH IT UP. WE TRY SOME NEW THINGS.
18 AND I REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. I
19 THINK THEY ARE THE HEART AND SOUL OF WHAT IS GOING TO ACTUALLY
20 MAKE THIS WORK, AND I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR THEM, BECAUSE
21 EVEN IF THEY ARE JUST ABLE TO VACCINATE 30 OR 40 PEOPLE, THEY
22 ARE A TRUSTED PROVIDER IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE STEPPING
23 UP IN A COMPLICATED SYSTEM, WITH LOTS OF APPROVALS THAT ARE
24 REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO VACCINATE, TO DO THEIR PART.

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1 AND I THINK THAT NETWORK IS WHAT, ULTIMATELY, IS GOING TO MAKE
2 A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. DR. GHALY, IF YOU DON'T
5 HAVE ANY COMMENTS, THEN I WILL MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR KATHRYN
6 BARGER.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** GO AHEAD, DR. GHALY.

9

10 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SORRY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I COULD NOT
11 AGREE MORE WITH YOUR COMMENTS. AND I'LL KEEP IT BRIEF, BUT I
12 THINK THIS IS THE ISSUE OF OUR TIME. WE HAVE SEEN, SADLY, THE
13 RACE OF EXPOSURE OF ILLNESS AND OF DEATH ACROSS THE BOARD ARE
14 NOT THE SAME AMONG INDIVIDUALS, BASED ON THEIR RACE AND
15 ETHNICITY, AND BASED ON THEIR INCOME. AND THAT IS DUE TO
16 LONGSTANDING REASONS THAT ARE A PART OF THE VERY FABRIC AND
17 BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR SOCIETY, AND NEEDS TO BE
18 ADDRESSED. BUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO NOW IS MAKE SURE THAT THIS
19 LIFESAVING RESOURCE OF THE VACCINE CAN BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE
20 WHO ARE MOST IN NEED. AND I, AS WELL AS DR. FERRER, AND I AM
21 SURE EVERYONE LISTENING ON THE BOARD, SHARES JUST THE DEEP
22 CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN POPULATIONS WHO ARE
23 TRYING TO JUMP THE LINE AND GET ACCESS TO THIS VACCINE IN A
24 WAY THAT IS REALLY NOT EQUITABLE. AND WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO

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1 RECTIFY THAT, AND TO SAFEGUARD THE ACCESS OF THOSE WHO MOST
2 NEED IT, WE WILL DO.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU ARE RECOGNIZED, SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I GET INTO MY REMARKS, IN TERMS
8 OF THE CODES THAT WERE BEING IMPROPERLY USED, WHO CREATED
9 THOSE CODES? WAS IT THE STATE? THE COUNTY? I MEAN, I HAVE TO
10 BELIEVE THERE WAS A THOUGHT PROCESS BEHIND THAT. AND I AM JUST
11 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT PROCESS WAS, BECAUSE I WAS
12 EQUALLY OUTRAGED, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHEN I FOUND THIS OUT,
13 ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT THIS BOARD HAS BEEN UNITED IN
14 THE WHOLE EQUITY ISSUE, AND GETTING IT INTO THE HARD-TO-HIT
15 AREAS-- THE VACCINE. AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FOR DR.
16 FERRER OR FOR DR. GHALY.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER. THE CODES IS A
19 WAY TO BYPASS WHAT REALLY IS, AT THIS POINT, STILL, A FAILURE
20 OF MY TURN. I MEAN, IDEALLY, YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM
21 THAT IS SET UP THAT ALLOWS YOU TO USE THAT APPOINTMENT SYSTEM
22 FOR WHAT WE WOULD CALL A CLOSED REGISTRATION, SO THAT YOU
23 COULD CREATE A CLINIC, FOR EXAMPLE, AND JUST BE ABLE TO HAVE
24 THE PEOPLE YOU WANT MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT THAT CLINIC, WHATEVER
25 SITE IT IS. YOU KNOW, YOU WOULD CLOSE THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

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1 RIGHT NOW, MY TURN DOES NOT ALLOW ANYBODY TO DO THAT, BUT WE
2 ALL ARE REQUIRED TO USE MY TURN. SO WHAT IT MEANS IS COMING UP
3 WITH ANOTHER WAY TO USE MY TURN, BUT RESTRICT THE APPOINTMENTS
4 TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO YOU ARE TRYING TO TARGET FOR APPOINTMENTS.
5 SO, ACCENTURE, WHO'S THE COMPANY THAT HELPS DESIGN MY TURN,
6 AND WORKS REALLY HARD ON TRYING TO MAKE SOME OF THE CHANGES,
7 CAME UP WITH A STRATEGY THAT ALLOWS US TO USE THESE CODES, AND
8 THEN, YOU KNOW, AT THIS POINT, THE WAY IT IS WORKING RIGHT
9 NOW, IS YOU GIVE, FOR EXAMPLE, A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
10 A CODE, AND YOU SAY TO THEM, "LOOK, YOU USE THIS CODE FOR
11 EVERYBODY YOU ARE TRYING TO REGISTER FOR YOUR SITE, AND ONLY
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THAT CODE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE
13 APPOINTMENTS AT THAT SITE. SO THE CODE IS LIKE YOUR KEY FOR A
14 RESTRICTED SIGN-UP. BUT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: THE CODES,
15 UNFORTUNATELY, THEY GET OUT, AND OTHER PEOPLE USE THEM, AND
16 THERE'S REALLY NO WAY FOR THE SYSTEM TO ACTUALLY KNOW THAT
17 SOMEBODY WHO SHOULDN'T BE USING IT IS USING IT, THE WAY THE
18 CODES ARE SET UP. SO I THINK IT IS A TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO A
19 PROBLEM THAT HAS A MUCH BETTER TECHNOLOGY FIX. BUT UNTIL WE
20 ARE ABLE TO HAVE CLOSED REGISTRATIONS OR CLOSED APPOINTMENTS
21 FOR CLINICS IN THE SYSTEM, WE ARE FORCED TO KEEP DOING THESE
22 CRAZY THINGS. IT'S CODES, OR SOME SITES WILL TELL YOU THAT
23 WHAT THEY DO IS THEY JUST TAKE THEIR DOSES, THEY REGISTER
24 PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN SYSTEM, THEY THEN TAKE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT
25 THEY'VE REGISTERED AND MADE APPOINTMENTS FOR, AND SOMETIME AT

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1 THE END OF THE DAY-- BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DO THIS EVERY DAY, OR
2 YOU LOSE YOUR ALLOCATIONS-- AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY'LL
3 TAKE ALL OF THAT INFORMATION AND REENTER IT INTO MY TURN, SO
4 THERE'LL BE A RECORD OF IT, WITHOUT EVER HAVING OPENED UP FOR
5 APPOINTMENTS. BUT ULTIMATELY, THE STATE WILL NEED TO FIX THIS.
6 AND I THINK THEY ARE WORKING TO FIX IT. WE ARE NOT THE ONLY
7 COUNTY THAT'S STRUGGLING.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, KNOWING THAT IT'S THE STATE, AND THEY ARE
10 TRYING TO REMEDY IT, BUT IT IS GOING ON, AND WE'VE GOT A LACK
11 OF VACCINE, IS THERE A WAY FOR THE COUNTY TO REMEDY IT,
12 LOCALLY? I MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS TALKS ABOUT
13 GOING OUT INTO, I THINK SHE SAID, EAST L.A., AND IS THERE A
14 WAY OF DEFINING CATCHMENT AREAS? I KNOW THAT PEOPLE COME FROM
15 NEAR AND FAR TO GO TO POMONA, TO OUR SUPERPODS, BUT FOR THOSE
16 TYPE OF VACCINATION CLINICS, CAN WE KEEP IT LOCAL?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT IN THE SYSTEM
19 IS TO CREATE THESE CODES, BUT I WILL TELL YOU, AS WE MOVE TO
20 EXPAND ELIGIBILITY-- AND I THINK DR. GHALY SPOKE TO THIS, AND
21 IT'S A CORE STRATEGY FOR US, AND WE THINK IT'S A GOOD
22 STRATEGY-- IS TO TELL PROVIDERS WHO ARE WORKING WITH PATIENTS
23 WHO ARE IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES TO JUST VACCINATE THEIR
24 PATIENTS. DON'T EVER OPEN IT UP. DON'T EVER CREATE AN OPEN
25 APPOINTMENT SYSTEM. USE YOUR ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS TO

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1 ACTUALLY MAKE THESE APPOINTMENTS, AND THEN YOU CAN TRY TO
2 STILL UPLOAD ALL THAT INFORMATION INTO THE STATE'S DATABASE.
3 SO THAT CREATES ONE OPPORTUNITY. THE ONLY OTHER WAY WE'VE
4 FIGURED OUT TO DO THIS IS EITHER, YOU KNOW, DO ALL THE DATA
5 ENTRY AT THE END OF THE DAY, OR USE THESE CODES. WE ARE TRYING
6 TO USE CODES THAT MAKE IT HARDER FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY BE
7 MISUSED. BUT YOU ARE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. I MEAN, THE SOLUTION,
8 WHICH I AM HOPING COMES NEXT WEEK-- BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD
9 THAT THERE SHOULD BE CAPACITY; IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS
10 WEEK, AND I'M HOPING IT HAPPENS NEXT WEEK-- IS TO BE ABLE TO
11 USE THIS SYSTEM AND CLOSE YOUR POD, AND ONLY REGISTER THOSE
12 PEOPLE YOU WANT TO REGISTER IN THE SYSTEM.

13
14 **SUP. BARGER:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT, GIVEN THE CONSTANT
15 CHANGING DIRECTIVES FROM THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
16 I JUST WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR TEAM ON WHAT YOU HAVE
17 DONE, AND WHAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO, TO GET THE VACCINES OUT
18 QUICKLY. I CONTINUE TO LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS, AND I TRULY AM
19 PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THIS COUNTY, I THINK, IS AT THE TOP, AS
20 IT RELATES TO VACCINATION RATES, AND REALLY TRYING TO BE AS
21 EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE IN GETTING THE VACCINE OUT INTO THE
22 COMMUNITIES. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO IN
23 HARD-TO-HIT COMMUNITIES. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ONCE WE
24 RECEIVE OUR ALLOCATION DOSES AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, WE CAN
25 DECIDE HOW THESE DOSES ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE VARIOUS POINTS

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1 OF DISTRIBUTION ACROSS THE COUNTY. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE PROCESS
2 FOR HOW WE DECIDE HOW MANY DOSES GO TO EACH VACCINATION SITE?

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH, AND IT IS A GREAT
5 QUESTION. SO, FIRST, JUST TO NOTE, THE COUNTY GETS AN
6 ALLOCATION, BUT TAKEN OFF THE TOP OF THAT ALLOCATION ARE THE
7 DOSES THAT ARE GOING TO WHAT WE CALL THE MULTI-COUNTY
8 ENTITIES, AND THAT IS ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF OUR DOSES. SO I JUST
9 WANT TO NOTE, WE ARE A BIG COUNTY, BUT KAISER ALONE GOT 23
10 PERCENT OF OUR DOSES FOR THIS WEEK, AND THEN, BETWEEN ALL THE
11 OTHER MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES, THEY TOOK ANOTHER 2 TO 3 PERCENT
12 OFF THE TOP. AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE NO VISIBILITY TO HOW THOSE
13 DOSES ARE GETTING USED. I MEAN, THOSE ARE MULTI-COUNTY
14 ENTITIES. THEY WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE STATE ON DETERMINING
15 THEIR PLANS. I MEAN, THEY HAVE ALL BEEN GREAT PARTNERS, BUT,
16 FOR EXAMPLE, YOU SAW THIS WEEK WE MADE A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO
17 TAKE EVERY DOSE THAT WE HAD, THAT WASN'T ALREADY ALLOCATED,
18 AND PUSH IT INTO THESE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, ONCE WE SAW THE
19 MAP. BUT WE CAN'T REALLY SAY TO KAISER, "KAISER"-- WE CAN ASK
20 THEM, BUT WE CAN'T REALLY SAY, "KAISER, YOU NEED TO DISTRIBUTE
21 YOUR DOSES THE SAME WAY." THEY OBVIOUSLY HAVE THEIR PATIENT
22 POPULATION, AS WELL, THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO VACCINATE. SO I
23 JUST WANT TO NOTE, WE GET ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF OUR ALLOCATION
24 TAKEN OFF THE TOP AND DISTRIBUTED TO THESE LARGE MULTI-COUNTY
25 ENTITIES, FOR THEM TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PRIORITIES. AND THEY

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1 HAVE ALL BEEN GREAT PARTNERS, BUT THEY ARE NOT OUR DOSES TO
2 ALLOCATE. THEY GET TAKEN OFF THE TOP. WITH THE DOSES THAT ARE
3 LEFT, WHAT WE HAVE DONE SINCE THE BEGINNING IS, AS PARTNERS
4 COME ON, THERE'S A SURVEY EVERY WEEK THAT THEY FILL OUT. THEY
5 HAVE TO TELL US HOW MANY DOSES THEY HAVE LEFT, BECAUSE, YOU
6 KNOW, AT THIS POINT, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T HAVE ANY
7 DOSES LEFT AT THE END OF THE WEEK, OR WE GET PENALIZED. BUT
8 THEY NEED TO TELL US, "DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR INVENTORY?
9 HOW MANY SECOND-DOSE APPOINTMENTS DO YOU NEED FOR THE NEXT
10 WEEK, AND WHAT IS YOUR CAPACITY TO ALSO DO ADDITIONAL FIRST
11 DOSES, FIRST APPOINTMENTS?" AND WE GET EVERYONE'S REQUESTS,
12 AND THEY'RE ON THE TABLE. I'LL ACTUALLY SHOW YOU WHAT PEOPLE
13 SAY TO US THEY CAN DO. AND THEN WE TRY TO SORT OF FIGURE OUT,
14 YOU KNOW, HOW TO ALLOCATE. AND YOU CAN SEE, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE
15 HAVE DONE WITH THE COUNTY SINCE WE STARTED BUILDING THE
16 NETWORK IS, WE REALLY HAVE ONLY BEEN TAKING THE DOSES FOR THE
17 LAST FEW WEEKS THAT WE NEEDED FOR SECOND DOSES, TO PUSH OUT
18 MORE FIRST DOSES TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. BUT THERE IS A
19 CAPACITY ISSUE, AS WELL, AND SOME OF IT IS THE VARIABILITY.
20 LIKE, IF EVERYBODY KNEW FOR SURE HOW MANY DOSES WE WERE GOING
21 TO GET FOUR WEEKS OUT, FOR EVERY WEEK, PEOPLE WHO DO MORE
22 PLANNING, IT WOULD BE A LOT EASIER TO STAFF, SO THAT YOU
23 COULD, IN FACT, EXPAND. SO THERE IS A LOT OF CAPACITY THAT
24 WE'VE GOT IN THE SYSTEM. WE STILL DON'T HAVE ENOUGH VACCINES.
25 WE ALSO, OBVIOUSLY, LOOK TO MAKING SURE THAT, FOR EXAMPLE,

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1 D.H.S., THEY ARE ONE OF OUR BIGGER PARTNERS, AND THEY HAVE A
2 POPULATION THAT IS REALLY HIGH-NEED, SO WE TRY TO MEET THEIR
3 NEEDS. THE SAME THING WITH OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
4 CENTER PARTNERS. THEY'LL GET PRIORITY TRYING TO MEET THEIR
5 NEEDS, BECAUSE THEY ARE BOTH GREAT PARTNERS, BUT ALSO HAVE
6 ALWAYS SERVED A POPULATION IN HIGH NEED; AND IN THIS CASE, A
7 POPULATION DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED ALREADY BY C.O.V.I.D.-
8 19. YOU KNOW, WE BROUGHT ON PHARMACIES THAT ARE IN SOME OF THE
9 HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND OBVIOUSLY WORKING FOR THEM TO BE
10 ABLE TO RAMP UP. THINGS WILL CHANGE A LITTLE BIT THIS UPCOMING
11 WEEK, SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE WE ARE BRINGING ON, ESSENTIALLY, NOT
12 SO MUCH NEW PARTNERS, BUT PARTNERS WHO ARE GOING TAKE ON A LOT
13 OF ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. SO ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL,
14 FOR EXAMPLE, IS PARTNERING, I THINK, WITH... I WANT TO SAY 8
15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO DO TEACHERS AND STAFF AT THOSE SCHOOLS.
16 SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED TO INCREASE THEIR ALLOCATION, SO THAT
17 THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT. NOW, THAT WILL COME OUT OF THE
18 EDUCATION SECTOR'S ALLOCATION, BUT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE SOME
19 DIFFERENT ALLOCATIONS MADE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, BECAUSE WE
20 HAVE A WHOLE NEW SET OF PARTNERS THAT ARE STEPPING UP TO HELP
21 WITH, YOU KNOW, ALLOCATING ELIGIBLE WORKERS. THE SAME THING,
22 CURATIVE, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WERE HELPING US WITH THE NURSING
23 HOMES, BUT THEY ARE PARTNERED WITH ONE OF OUR UNIONS, 777, TO
24 DO GROCERY STORE WORKERS. SO THEY'LL BE GETTING ADDITIONAL
25 DOSES, TOO, SO THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY GET THAT WORK DONE. SO I

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1 THINK THINGS ARE GOING TO LOOK A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, BECAUSE
2 WE HAVE SOME NEW PARTNERSHIPS. THEY'RE NOT REALLY NEW
3 PARTNERS, BUT THEY'VE CREATED PARTNERSHIPS TO START WORKING
4 WITH THESE NEW ELIGIBLE WORKERS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT A.V.
7 I KNOW WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY QUITE A BIT,
8 AND SO I AM GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL
9 PARTNERING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I WOULD ASK THAT WE
10 COMMUNICATE A LITTLE MORE ON THINGS LIKE THAT, BECAUSE I HAVE
11 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT, UP IN THE ANTELOPE
12 VALLEY, IF YOU LOOK AT THE CENSUS, 69 PERCENT NONWHITE, AND
13 YET THEY HAVE RECEIVED, FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, THE SMALLEST
14 PERCENTAGE OF VACCINATION. I WOULD ASK THAT WE TAKE A SERIOUS
15 LOOK AT THE WHOLE EQUITY ISSUE, AND INCORPORATING EQUITY INTO
16 OUR VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION, AND THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT,
17 GIVEN IT IS OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
18 EXPERIENCED THE HARSHTEST EFFECTS OF THE VIRUS, IT WILL NOT BE
19 UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO VACCINATE THESE COMMUNITIES THAT WE WILL
20 GET PAST THIS VIRUS. I MEAN, I WAS WATCHING SOMETHING THIS
21 MORNING THAT SAID THAT IF WE CAN GET MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED,
22 WHICH SEEMS LIKE AN OBVIOUS, WE CAN STOP THE SPREAD, AND
23 THEREFORE STOP THE VARIANTS, AND THEN THE MUTATION INTO,
24 MAYBE, SOMETHING ELSE. AND SO I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
25 FOR US TO DO THAT.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I TOTALLY AGREE. AND KAISER, YOU KNOW,
3 AGAIN, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT PARTNER TO THE COUNTY.
4 THEY ARE GOING TO OPEN A SITE UP, I THINK, ON MARCH 8TH IN
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY, I BELIEVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS, AND I THINK-- I
6 FORGET WHAT THE CAPACITY IS, BUT IT IS THOUSANDS OF DOSES A
7 WEEK THERE.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** IT IS 5,000, AND I AM ASKING THAT THEY ACTUALLY
10 OPEN IT UP AND BECOME A MEGA-POD, NOT JUST FOR KAISER
11 PATIENTS, BUT ALSO FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY UP THERE, BECAUSE
12 KAISER IS GETTING THEIR OWN ALLOCATION.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THEY ARE. THIS IS GOING TO BE A
15 COMMUNITY SITE. SO IT WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. AND EARLY ON, THEY WERE NOT DOING 65 TO 75,
18 SO A LOT OF KAISER PATIENTS WERE COMING OVER TO THE COUNTY TO
19 GET THE 65 TO 75. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE
20 ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, AND THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET
21 THE VACCINE OUT THERE IS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS ACCESS TO
22 THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT. AND, YOU KNOW, I AM ALL
23 FOR THE TEACHERS GETTING THE VACCINATION. I AM ALL FOR LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT GETTING THE VACCINATION. I DON'T WANT TO PIT ONE
25 COMMUNITY AGAINST ANOTHER. I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT

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1 WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON, HOPEFULLY, ON FRIDAY GETTING APPROVED,
2 THAT'S GOING TO BE A GAME CHANGER, AS WELL. DO YOU KNOW WHAT
3 THE STATUS ON THAT IS RIGHT NOW?

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. WELL, ASSUMING THAT THEY GET
6 APPROVED, THEY SAID THEY WILL HAVE DOSES GOING OUT IN MARCH.
7 SO, YOU KNOW, IT IS A RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT. BUT WE SHOULD
8 GET-- YOU KNOW, I MEAN, WE ARE DESPERATE FOR MORE DOSES, SO
9 OUR HOPE IS THAT WE WOULD GET OUT OF WHATEVER THOSE
10 ALLOCATIONS ARE-- YOU KNOW, WE'RE HOPING 20,000 TO 50,000 MORE
11 DOSES A WEEK WOULD END UP COMING TO L.A. COUNTY. BUT WE HAVE
12 TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE APPROVAL PROCESS IS, AND HOW FAST
13 THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE THOSE DOSES OUT TO THE
14 STATES, AND THEN-- WELL, IT DOESN'T GO TO THE STATES. HOW FAST
15 THEY'RE GOING TO MOVE THEM OUT, BECAUSE THEY'LL COME DIRECTLY
16 TO PROVIDERS AND THE NETWORK, AT THIS POINT. IT IS A GAME
17 CHANGER. AND IT ADDS DOSES. AND IT IS ONE DOSE. SO, YOU KNOW,
18 YOU MOVE MUCH FASTER WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON, GETTING PEOPLE
19 VACCINATED. MUCH FASTER.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT. WELL, AGAIN, I DO THANK YOU, BUT I WANT
22 TO REALLY HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT THERE IS A DISPARITY IN THE
23 DISTRIBUTION, AND IT IS NOT JUST THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. IT IS
24 OTHER POCKETS. AND YOU HEARD OUR CHAIR TALK ABOUT WHAT SHE
25 SAW, FIRSTHAND. I'M GOING TO BE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON

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1 SATURDAY AT ONE OF OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINICS, AND
2 I WILL BE TAKING NOTES, AS WELL, BECAUSE I THINK THAT, IN
3 TERMS OF EQUITY, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL, TO ENSURE
4 THAT IT IS BEING DONE. AND I KNOW IT IS OUT OF YOUR HANDS, OUT
5 OF OUR HANDS, AS IT RELATES TO MY TURN. BUT AS SOON AS WE SEE
6 OR HEAR THAT THERE IS ISSUES UNDERMINING THE EQUITY ISSUE, AS
7 IT RELATES TO HOW WE PRIORITIZE GETTING THE VACCINE OUT, I
8 THINK WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION. I KNOW WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
9 FIX IT. IF NOT THROUGH THE STATE, WE CAN DO IT LOCALLY. SO I
10 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION TODAY. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR
16 COMMENTS. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
19 ADD MY THANKS TO BOTH OF THESE DOCTORS AND THEIR EXTENSIVE
20 STAFF, AS WELL AS ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE JOINED IN TO TRY
21 TO DISTRIBUTE THESE VACCINES. I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT THE
22 FIVE OF US HAVE BEEN ADAMANT ABOUT EQUITY, ABOUT THE ATTEMPT
23 TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE VACCINE GETS TO THE COMMUNITIES, AS
24 WE'VE INDICATED, HARDEST HIT. BUT I DO WANT TO ASK US, AS I
25 THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER JUST SAID, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE

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1 CASE THAT A COMMUNITY IS TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF ANOTHER
2 COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT EVERYBODY'S SCARED. AND, YOU KNOW, THE
3 THIRD IS AN INTERESTING DISTRICT, BECAUSE ON THE WEST END,
4 I'VE GOT, YOU KNOW, ALL THOSE CITIES THAT PEOPLE CHARACTERIZE,
5 I THINK, NOT QUITE ACCURATELY AS ALL BEING VERY RICH, LIKE,
6 YOU KNOW, MALIBU OR BEVERLY HILLS, OR ALL OF THOSE WORDS THAT
7 MEAN "RICH PEOPLE." AND YET, IN THE EASTERN END OF MY
8 DISTRICT, I'VE GOT SOME OF THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES, IN
9 SYLMAR AND PACOIMA AND SAN FERNANDO. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
10 INDICATED, IN THE SAN FERNANDO AND SAN GABRIEL AREAS, VERY
11 HARD-HIT. SO I DON'T THINK PEOPLE GENERALLY ARE SEEN TO BE
12 JUMPING AHEAD OF OTHER PEOPLE SORT OF ILLEGALLY. IT'S MORE
13 LIKE, AS THE OLD SONG ABOUT "GOD BLESS THE CHILD" GOES, "THEM
14 THAT'S GOT SHALL GET, THEM THAT'S NOT SHALL LOSE." AND IT IS
15 TRUE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR WHOLE AGENDA TODAY, WHERE WE'RE
16 LOOKING AT TRYING TO GET INTERNET ACCESS MORE BROADLY
17 DISTRIBUTED, WE TALK A LOT ABOUT SCHOOLS. WE TALK A LOT ABOUT
18 BEING ABLE TO WORK AT HOME. WE HAVE NOT TALKED ABOUT HOW
19 IMPORTANT THAT IS FOR ACCESSING SERVICES. AND IT'S NOT JUST
20 VACCINES, THOUGH THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY. I
21 THINK THAT THE ANSWER, AS DR. FERRER HAS INDICATED, IS REALLY
22 TARGETING. AND I GUESS THE FIRST QUESTION I HAVE IS, I WONDER
23 IF YOU MIGHT CLARIFY OUR RELATIONSHIP AT THE MOMENT WITH BLUE
24 SHIELD, AND WHAT CAPABILITY WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR PARTNERS, GET

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1 DISTRIBUTION TO OUR PARTNERS, AND WHETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO
2 MAINTAIN THAT.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND,
5 OF COURSE, BLUE SHIELD SIGNED A CONTRACT, SO THEY ARE THE
6 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND THEY ARE TO WORK TO CREATE A
7 STATEWIDE SYSTEM. WE'LL HAVE OUR FIRST MEETING WITH THEM ON
8 FRIDAY, TO REALLY DISCUSS BOTH WHAT THEIR VISION IS, FROM
9 WHERE THEY ARE FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND TO PRESENT TO THEM WHAT
10 WE'VE BEEN DOING IN L.A. COUNTY. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE OVER
11 400 PARTNERS RIGHT NOW. I CAN JUST SPEAK TO WHAT THEY'VE DONE
12 WITH OTHER COUNTIES THAT THEY'VE BEEN ONBOARDING, WHICH IS
13 THAT THEY'RE GENERALLY TAKING FIVE OR SIX PARTNERS, INITIALLY,
14 INTO THE NETWORK. AND OBVIOUSLY, L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE MUCH
15 BIGGER, BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE MOST EXTENSIVE NETWORK, SO THAT
16 STRATEGY WOULDN'T BE SUITABLE FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND I THINK
17 BLUE SHIELD RECOGNIZES THAT. ONE POSSIBILITY MAY BE FOR THE
18 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THIS NETWORK THAT
19 WE'VE CREATED WITH MOST OF THESE SMALLER PARTNERS, AND WE
20 WOULD JUST END UP KEEPING THE RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE NOW FOR
21 MAKING SURE-- I MEAN, THEY'RE REALLY INSISTENT THAT, YOU KNOW,
22 THERE BE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING DOSES INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS
23 QUICKLY, FOR NOT HAVING ALLOCATIONS THAT CARRY FROM ONE WEEK
24 TO THE NEXT, FOR USING THE DATA SYSTEMS TO ENTER IN THAT
25 INFORMATION, SO THAT THERE'S GOOD "ACCOUNTABILITY,"

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1 QUOTE/UNQUOTE. SO I THINK WE MAY NEED TO BE LOOKED AT
2 DIFFERENTLY, BECAUSE WE ARE, FRANKLY, THE ONLY COUNTY THAT HAS
3 THIS BIG AND EXTENSIVE NETWORK. I THINK WE'RE DOING THINGS
4 RIGHT. I MEAN, IF YOU SEE WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS
5 DOING, THEY'RE PROMOTING PHARMACIES, AND TRYING TO ONBOARD A
6 LOT OF PHARMACIES, AND WE ALREADY HAD DONE THAT. THEY'RE
7 PROMOTING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS. WE ALREADY HAD
8 DONE THAT. SO WE CAN'T REALLY LOSE THOSE PARTNERS. EVERYONE
9 UNDERSTANDS THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF HOW
10 WE'RE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH GETTING PEOPLE VACCINATED NOW, IN
11 THE SHORT TERM, BUT ALSO, JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, OVER THE MONTHS
12 TO COME. AND I THINK BLUE SHIELD IS GAINING A DEEPER
13 UNDERSTANDING THAT, WHERE YOU HAVE TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
14 YOU DON'T NEED TO REPLACE THEM BY HAVING YOUR LARGE, FOR
15 EXAMPLE, MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES SWOOP IN AND DO A SET OF
16 CLINICS IN SOUTH L.A. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF WONDERFUL PROVIDERS
17 IN SOUTH L.A. THEY JUST NEED MORE VACCINE. SO, AND THERE NEEDS
18 TO BE A WAY TO RESTRICT THOSE VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS TO THE
19 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THAT COMMUNITY.

20
21 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, THAT, I THINK-- I'M SORRY.

22
23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, NO, GO AHEAD.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT, I THINK, IS ONE OF THE ISSUES I WANTED TO
2 ASK. AND MAYBE, IN AN INTERESTING WAY, THE FIVE OF US CAN
3 HELP, BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE GENERALLY HAVE USED
4 THROUGH HISTORY ARE OUR DISTRICT OFFICES, WHO ARE CLOSEST FOR
5 THE BOARD TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO FAITH
6 ORGANIZATIONS. I MEAN, WE KNOW THESE AREAS, AND I THINK
7 TARGETING IS THE ANSWER. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE'VE HAD IS
8 THAT PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE IDENTIFICATION OR SOMETHING TO
9 SHOW, YOU KNOW, THAT THEY LIVE THERE IN THAT PROJECT, IN THAT
10 TOWN, IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, ALTHOUGH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BEING A
11 LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE, LIKE, "WELL, DO YOU HAVE A UTILITY
12 BILL?"

13
14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. A LETTER.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, THAT KIND OF THING. AND I THINK THAT THE
17 TARGETING ASPECT IS A BIG PART OF THE ANSWER. THERE ARE TWO
18 OTHER THINGS I WANT TO MENTION, AND THEN I'M DONE. ONE IS,
19 THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE AN URBAN MYTH ABOUT JOHNSON &
20 JOHNSON. PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY OPPRESSED, AND PEOPLE WHO ARE
21 ALREADY MISTRUSTFUL, WILL SEIZE ON ANY "INFORMATION"-- AND
22 I'LL PUT THAT IN QUOTES-- THAT JOHNSON & JOHNSON WAS NOT AS
23 PROTECTIVE IN ITS TESTS, ET CETERA. AND I HONESTLY THINK THAT
24 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US-- FOR THE FIVE OF US, FOR THE
25 DEPARTMENTS, AND FOR EVERYBODY-- TO TARGET THEIR MESSAGING AS

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1 THOUGH JOHNSON & JOHNSON IS BETTER. IT'S BETTER BECAUSE IT
2 TESTED 100-PERCENT EFFECTIVE AGAINST SERIOUS ILLNESS,
3 HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH; IT DOESN'T NEED REFRIGERATION; AND
4 YOU ONLY NEED ONE SHOT. SO THIS IS THE ONE YOU SHOULD WANT.

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** SERIOUSLY. I MEAN, WAITING FOR A SECOND SHOT AND
9 TRYING TO GET YET ANOTHER APPOINTMENT, IT'S DIFFICULT. IT
10 REALLY IS. AND YOU NEVER KNOW, HONESTLY. PEOPLE ARE
11 FRIGHTENED. AND WHEN I COMPARED THIS TO THE HUNGER GAMES TWO
12 WEEKS AGO, I WASN'T JOKING. IT SORT OF FEELS LIKE THAT. I HAVE
13 PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED IN STATEWIDE
14 ORGANIZATIONS FOR FOSTER KIDS, AND THEY'VE BEEN REALLY GOOD.
15 BUT WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, THEY WANT THEIR KID BACK IN
16 SCHOOL. AND YOU CAN'T BLAME PEOPLE, IN A WAY, FOR THEIR OWN
17 FEAR AND THEIR OWN HOPE. SO I THINK THE BEST THING WE CAN DO
18 IS TARGET OUR SEVERELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AND SEE IF
19 THERE'S SOME WAY TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CAN IDENTIFY
20 THEMSELVES, THE SAME WAY AS WE HAVE TO SHOW THAT WE'RE OLDER
21 THAN 65, OR SOMETHING, YOU KNOW. AND THAT MESSAGING, I THINK,
22 IS IMPORTANT. THE LAST POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS ANOTHER KIND OF
23 MESSAGING. SOMETIMES WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT VACCINE RESISTANCE,
24 AND TALKED ABOUT NUMBERS IN VACCINE RESISTANCE, AND I THINK
25 THAT WE WOULD WANT TO FLIP THAT AND ADVERTISE HOW WIDELY

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1 ACCEPTED VACCINATION IS GETTING TO BE. AND, YOU KNOW, USE
2 EXAMPLES AND TRUSTED COMMUNITY PEOPLE, ET CETERA. BECAUSE I
3 THINK IT'S ALSO CONVINCING PEOPLE THEY NEED TO MAKE THE
4 EFFORT TO GET IT AND BE VACCINATED. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU
5 AGAIN FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK. EMPHASIZE, AS YOU KNOW, TARGETING
6 IS THE ANSWER FOR EQUITY, I THINK, AND CERTAINLY COMMIT TO
7 HELPING IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
8 CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I AGREE
11 WITH YOU THAT WE DO HAVE TO HAVE BETTER TARGETING. AND IT
12 MIGHT BE WISE FOR US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE PROVIDE THAT
13 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ALONGSIDE WITH OUR CLINICS, FEDERALLY
14 QUALIFIED, OR OTHER GROUPS THAT ARE SERVING THE HARD-TO-
15 SERVE, BECAUSE THE ACCESS POINT IS, AS YOU TALK ABOUT IT, IS
16 VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE, IN
17 MANY CASES, THE INTERNET. AND SOME DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY,
18 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER. THEY USE THEIR PHONE, AND
19 THEIR CALLS ARE DROPPED. SO WE HAVE TO HAVE ALMOST A THIRD-
20 PARTY HELPING THEM DO THAT, AND THAT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING WE
21 NEED TO EXPLORE, SO I'M GOING TO BE LOOKING INTO THAT. SO
22 THANK YOU FOR THAT. NEXT, WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR JANICE
23 HAHN, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, IF SHE'D LIKE TO
24 SPEAK. SO, IN THAT ORDER. GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.
2 IT WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION THIS MORNING, AND A LOT ABOUT THE
3 NEW PLANS. BUT I WILL START OUT BY SAYING, I TOTALLY AGREE
4 THAT WE-- IF THERE'S SOME WAY THAT WE CAN HELP BARBARA WITH
5 THE IDEA OF TARGETED, MOBILE VACCINATION INITIATIVES. JUST
6 LISTENING TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS TALK ABOUT RAMONA GARDENS, IT
7 SEEMS TO ME WE, REALLY NEED TO JUST GO DOOR TO DOOR. AND IF
8 THAT MEANS MORE STAFF, IF THAT MEANS MORE VOLUNTEERS, MORE
9 VACCINATORS, IT SEEMS TO ME THE ULTIMATE TARGETING IS DOOR TO
10 DOOR-- SENIOR CENTERS, PUBLIC HOUSING. WE CAN WORK WITH OUR
11 OWN HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REALLY GO DOOR TO DOOR INTO THESE
12 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HARDEST HIT, BECAUSE I DO SORT OF AGREE
13 WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, RIGHT? YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY IS SCARED.
14 EVERYBODY IS SCARED, AND RIGHTLY SO, BECAUSE WE SPENT THE LAST
15 YEAR REALLY EMPHASIZING HOW HORRIBLE THIS VIRUS IS, HOW
16 HORRIBLE THE DEATHS ARE, HOW TRAGIC IT IS FOR YOUR PARENTS TO
17 GET THIS, AND NOT BE THERE IN THE I.C.U. WHEN THEY PASS AWAY.
18 SO YOU'RE RIGHT: EVERYBODY IS SCARED ABOUT THIS. THAT DOES NOT
19 EXCUSE PEOPLE WHO CLEARLY KNOW THEY'RE, YOU KNOW, BREAKING
20 FAITH BY GETTING THIS ACCESS CODE, AND REALLY GOING AND
21 GETTING THEIR VACCINATIONS, WHEN THEY KNOW IT WAS INTENDED FOR
22 ANOTHER POPULATION. BUT PEOPLE ARE SCARED. MY OFFICE IS
23 INUNDATED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. WELL, THEY'RE NOT THAT YOUNG, BUT
24 THEY'RE TRYING TO GET VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS FOR THEIR
25 PARENTS, WHO ARE IN THEIR 80S. AND THEY'RE SCARED. EVERYBODY

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1 IS SCARED. WE NEED MORE VACCINATIONS, NUMBER ONE. BUT I'M
2 WONDERING, CAN WE DO A BETTER JOB OF, IN OUR HARDEST-HIT
3 COMMUNITIES, LITERALLY GOING DOOR TO DOOR? FIRST QUESTION.

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN.
6 WE'VE BEEN LIMITED IN GOING DOOR TO DOOR JUST IN A GENERAL
7 COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE CAN'T VACCINATE EVERYBODY IN THE
8 HOUSEHOLD YET. BUT THAT'S WHY, AS YOU NOTED, THE WAY WE'VE
9 BEEN USING THE MOBILE UNITS IS TO GO TO SENIOR CENTERS AND
10 SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, WHERE MOST OF THE PEOPLE LIVING
11 THERE ARE, IN FACT, PEOPLE WHO WE CAN VACCINATE. I TOTALLY
12 AGREE WITH YOU. SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES, IT IS GOING TO TAKE A
13 VERY TARGETED APPROACH, AND MAKING IT REALLY, REALLY EASY FOR
14 PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE VERY COMPLICATED, ALREADY, TO GET
15 VACCINATED. I THINK THE OTHER STRATEGY THAT HAS WORKED IS ALSO
16 NOT REQUIRING AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE. SO, FOR MANY OF US,
17 THAT MAY SEEM LIKE, "OH THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL, BECAUSE I CAN
18 PLAN WHEN I'M GOING TO GO." BUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE, WHO HAVE
19 VERY LITTLE SPARE TIME, IT'S MUCH EASIER TO ADJUST IF
20 SOMETHING POPS UP FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY SAY, "OH, RIGHT NOW I'M
21 FREE, AND I CAN GO DO THIS." SO I THINK WE HAVE TO BE MUCH
22 MORE FLEXIBLE ON THAT. WE'RE ACTUALLY TRYING, EVEN AT OUR
23 LARGER SITES, TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO MORE WALK-INS-- PEOPLE
24 WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR US TO BE ABLE DO
25 THAT IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T END UP WITH THOSE LONG LINES,

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1 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TRYING TO GET A HANDFUL OF
2 DOSES? BUT AGAIN, THE ABILITY TO TARGET PEOPLE AND INVITE
3 PEOPLE IN FOR THOSE APPOINTMENTS IS WHAT ALL OF THIS, I THINK,
4 REALLY DEPENDS ON. AND IT'S NOT THE TECHNOLOGY. IT'S JUST
5 FIGURING OUT HOW TO DO THE TARGETING, AS YOU NOTED, MUCH
6 BETTER. AND, YOU KNOW, SO I THINK IT HAS TO BE A COMBINATION,
7 THOUGH, BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO AN URGENCY, AS YOU ALL HAVE
8 NOTED. PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE TO GET VACCINATED. SO WE'RE GOING
9 TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO RUN SITES THAT HAVE LARGER CAPACITY OR
10 LARGE CAPACITY, AND DO TARGETED INTERVENTIONS IN COMMUNITIES
11 WHERE YOU MIGHT NOT VACCINATE THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF
12 PEOPLE EACH DAY THAT YOU CAN AT THE LARGER SITES, BUT YOU'RE
13 VACCINATING THE RIGHT PEOPLE, WHO REALLY NEED TO GET
14 VACCINATED.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, RIGHT, RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT STRATEGY
17 WOULD PROBABLY WORK. IT'S GOING TO WORK BETTER WITH THE ONE-
18 DOSE J&J. AND THAT'S WHERE WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF TARGETING
19 OUR BLACK CHURCHES AND LATINO CHURCHES. IT'S KIND OF LIKE ONE
20 SUNDAY. AND THE ONE DOSE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO WORK BETTER IN
21 THAT SCENARIO, AS OPPOSED TO THEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW--
22 BECAUSE MAYBE NOT EVERYBODY COMES BACK TO CHURCH THE SECOND
23 TIME. IS THAT SOMETHING WE'RE WORKING WITH THE FAITH-BASED
24 COMMUNITY ON?

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. DR. DAVIS HAS BEEN
2 MEETING WITH BOTH THE LATINX CHURCH LEADERS AND THE BLACK
3 CHURCH LEADERS, AND ALL FAITH. I MEAN, ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES,
4 AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WOULD PLAY INTO THE TARGETED.
7 AND MAYBE THAT'S WHAT YOU DO NEXT TIME YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE.
8 MAYBE YOU REALLY DRILL DOWN FOR US ON SORT OF YOUR PLAN GOING
9 FORWARD, FOR REAL. AND WHEN WE SAY "TARGETED," YOU KNOW, WE
10 MEAN LIKE EITHER DOOR TO DOOR IN THE COMMUNITY AT A PARTICULAR
11 LOCATION, SO THAT WE MAYBE CAN MITIGATE FOLKS COMING FROM
12 OUTSIDE AND TAKING THOSE VACCINES. BUT AGAIN, WE NEED MORE
13 VACCINES. I WAS WITH THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY, AND THAT'S THE
14 BIG MESSAGE. I KNOW EVERYBODY'S SAYING THE SAME THING. WE
15 WOULDN'T HAVE TO HAVE COMMUNITIES COMPETING AGAINST EACH
16 OTHER, OR AGE GROUPS, OR UNIONS, OR JOB SECTORS, IF WE HAD
17 MORE VACCINES. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO, YOU KNOW, THE J&J BEING
18 APPROVED AND DISTRIBUTED TO US. I THINK THAT WILL HELP. ON
19 THIS TARGETED IDEA FOR TEACHERS-- AND AGAIN, I THINK, YOU
20 KNOW, WE'VE HEARD THE PUBLIC, LOUD AND CLEAR. WE'RE WORKING
21 WITH OUR TEACHERS' UNIONS. BUT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC,
22 LOUD AND CLEAR, THAT THEY REALLY DO WANT THEIR KIDS BACK IN
23 SCHOOL. AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR PLAN WOULD BE TO SET ASIDE
24 SPECIFIC DAYS AT OUR MEGA-SITES FOR TEACHERS. NOW, BASED ON
25 WHAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, OF PEOPLE GRABBING THE WRONG

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1 APPOINTMENTS, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT? IS THAT GOING TO BE
2 AN ACCESS CODE? HOW DO YOU PLAN TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S ONLY
3 TEACHERS, ON THOSE TWO DAYS, THAT GET THE VACCINES?

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE DISTRICT
6 SCHOOLS, BECAUSE OF ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT L.A.C.O.E. HAS
7 BEEN DOING, ALL THOSE TEACHERS WILL GET VACCINATED IN CLOSED
8 PODS. EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A HEALTHCARE PARTNER TO
9 HELP VACCINATE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, SO THAT WAS FOR THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND THE
12 CHARTER SCHOOLS?

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** EXACTLY. SO, IT'S PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND
15 E.C.E., AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ASSURE THEM?

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR BEST WITH THE CODES.
20 I MEAN, OUR HOPE IS-- THERE'S A LOT OF SORT OF DIFFERENT WAYS
21 THAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT USING THE CODES. I MEAN,
22 IDEALLY, WE WERE HOPING THAT BY NEXT WEEK WE COULD DO THE
23 CLOSED PODS, AND THAT MY TURN WOULD ALLOW FOR THAT. BUT IF IT
24 DOESN'T, IT REALLY IS SORT OF A RESTRICTED REGISTRATION FOR A
25 DAY, FOR A SET OF DAYS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I MEAN, YEAH, I THINK EVERYBODY'S NERVOUS
3 ABOUT THE CODES, BECAUSE ONCE YOU PUT OUT A CODE, IT'S GOING
4 TO GET LEAKED. AND AGAIN, PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE. HEY, SO BACK
5 TO THE EQUITY AND THE DIVERSITY AND MAKING SURE OUR HARDEST-
6 HIT COMMUNITIES ARE GETTING VACCINATED. WASN'T THAT ONE OF
7 BLUE SHIELD'S PILLARS, PRINCIPLES, THAT THEY WERE GOING TO
8 ENSURE THAT? IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH YET?
9 AND I KNOW YOU'RE MEETING WITH THEM ON FRIDAY. IS THAT
10 SOMETHING, MAYBE, WE COULD FEEL BETTER ABOUT JOINING THE BLUE
11 SHIELD DISTRIBUTION, IF THEY CAN REALLY HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW
12 THAT WILL BE A PRIORITY FOR THEM?

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I REALLY WOULD WELCOME HEARING MORE
15 FROM THEM ON THEIR IDEAS. I MEAN, WE CLEARLY HAVE OUR IDEAS
16 ABOUT WHAT EQUITY MEANS. IT MEANS SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY-
17 BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC,
18 DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND WILL BE HERE AFTER THE PANDEMIC, AND
19 MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE GETTING THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BE
20 HELPFUL. AND I ALSO THINK IT MEANS MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE,
21 YOU KNOW, GETTING ALL OF THE RESOURCES WE NEED TO HELP WORKERS
22 GET VACCINATED. SO, YOU KNOW, THESE ARE STRATEGIES TO MAKE
23 SURE WORKERS GET TIME OFF, WHETHER THESE ARE STRATEGIES TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN DO POP-UP CLINICS AT SOME OF THE LARGER
25 WORKSITES, WHETHER THESE ARE STRATEGIES THAT ALLOW US TO, AS

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1 YOU NOTED, BE ABLE TO OFFER MORE OF THESE CLOSED PODS WITH THE
2 TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN, I WOULD MAKE THAT A KEY PART OF YOUR
5 MEETING WITH THEM ON FRIDAY IS GETTING THEM TO TELL YOU WHAT
6 THEIR IDEA IS OF MAKING SURE THAT OUR HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES
7 GET VACCINATED. BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS ONE OF THEIR, AGAIN,
8 THEIR PRINCIPLES. I KNOW WE WERE TALKING ABOUT SCHOOLS AND
9 TEACHERS, AND THERE'S A PLAN NOW, AND L.A.C.O.E. AND YOU HAVE
10 BEEN WORKING ON THAT. BUT WE ALSO KNOW, KIND OF OFF TO THE
11 SIDE, L.A.U.S.D., AUSTIN BEUTNER HAS ASKED FOR 25,000 DOSES.
12 HE THINKS HE CAN REOPEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ALLOW 250,000
13 KIDS IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES BACK IN CLASS. IS THIS
14 STILL PART OF THE PLAN? DO THEY GET THAT KIND OF AN ALLOTMENT
15 IN THIS NEW PLAN?

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, I THINK IT WOULD BE
18 UNREALISTIC FOR ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THINK THEY ARE GOING TO
19 GET 25,000 DOSES NEXT WEEK, UNLESS WE GET A LOT MORE DOSES IN
20 L.A. COUNTY, GIVEN ALL THE SECOND-DOSE ALLOCATIONS THAT HAVE
21 TO HAPPEN. BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF CREDIT TO DR.
22 DUARDO AND HER TEAM. THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A GROUPING OF
23 SCHOOLS. I KNOW DR. DUARDO IS FINALIZING IT AND, I THINK,
24 GETTING READY TO SORT OF MEET WITH HER SUPERINTENDENTS TO LET
25 THEM KNOW WHAT THAT PLAN IS. AND IT IS PROPORTIONAL,

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1 SUPERVISOR, SO SCHOOLS GET PROPORTIONAL DOSES TO THEIR
2 PARTNERS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** DEPENDING ON HOW LARGE. L.A.U.S.D. CLEARLY IS THE
5 LARGEST ONE IN THE COUNTY.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, BUT THEY ALSO GET RANKED FROM EQUITY
8 MEASURES, SO IT'S A COMBINATION OF THE TWO. BUT IT IS
9 PROPORTIONAL IN L.A.U.S.D., BECAUSE THEY ARE SO LARGE, WILL
10 RECEIVE A LOT OF DOSES. I MEAN, WHATEVER THE PIECE OF A PIE IS
11 THAT GOES TO THE EDUCATION SECTOR, L.A.U.S.D. ENDS UP GETTING
12 A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF DOSES, JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE SO LARGE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. AND THEN, JUST MORE ABOUT THIS PLAN WAS MY
15 LAST QUESTION. SO, I HEARD THAT OUR BEACH CITIES HEALTH
16 DISTRICT WAS GOING TO GET A THOUSAND DOSES, AND THEY WANT TO
17 BEGIN VACCINATING 8,000 SCHOOL STAFF IN THE SOUTH BAY, IN
18 CITIES LIKE INGLEWOOD, LAWDALE, HAWTHORNE, LENNOX. CAN THEY
19 COUNT ON THAT WEEKLY ALLOTMENT OF A THOUSAND? I MEAN, TO YOUR
20 KNOWLEDGE, BASED ON ALL FACTORS-- WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE
21 MIDWEST-- ONCE THEY GET A THOUSAND DOSES A WEEK, IS THAT
22 SOMETHING THEY SHOULD PLAN ON, IS A THOUSAND EVERY WEEK?

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, WE WISH WE COULD DO IT THAT WAY, BUT
25 IF WE DON'T GET THE SAME AMOUNT EVERY WEEK, IT PUTS EVERYONE

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1 AT A LITTLE BIT OF RISK. BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE BEACH
2 CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT HAS AGREED TO BE THE VACCINATOR FOR A
3 LOT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THEY'RE ON RECORD.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND THEY, TOO, WILL GET THEIR PROPORTIONAL
8 DOSES, BASED ON WHATEVER THE FINAL, YOU KNOW, L.A.C.O.E.
9 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS. SO, YES, THEY WILL GET DOSES. AND IT
10 WILL BE AS, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, AS SMOOTH AS WE CAN MAKE IT.
11 WE ALWAYS TRY TO SORT OF SAY, "YOU'RE GETTING 1,000 DOSES ONE
12 WEEK."

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THEY'RE AGREEING TO VACCINATE 8,000 TEACHERS
15 AND SCHOOL STAFF. AND AGAIN, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THEY ARE
16 GETTING 1,000 DOSES THIS WEEK.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I DON'T THINK THEY'VE BEEN-- I DON'T THINK
19 THEY'VE RECEIVED 1,000 DOSES YET, AND I THINK THIS REALLY IS
20 FINALIZING THE L.A.C.O.E. DISTRIBUTION ABOUT HOW MANY DOSES
21 WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THEN WHAT'S
22 THE PROPORTION THAT WOULD END UP GOING, YOU KNOW, FOR THE
23 BEACH CITIES, TO BE ABLE TO USE FOR VACCINATIONS. BUT I KNOW
24 THAT, YOU KNOW, DR. DUARDO WILL RELEASE THAT, SO EVERYBODY
25 WILL SEE EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A

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1 SECRET. IT WILL BE VERY TRANSPARENT, AND IT WILL HELP PEOPLE
2 AT LEAST REALIZE WHAT PROPORTION OF AVAILABLE DOSES SHOULD BE
3 COUNTED ON.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND AGAIN, AS A REMINDER, IT STILL IS A
8 TWO-DOSE VACCINE THAT WE'RE USING.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT.

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SO WE DO HAVE TO GUARANTEE FIRST DOSES.
13 AND THEN, WHETHER IT'S PFIZER, IF IT'S PFIZER, IT'S THREE
14 WEEKS LATER. FOUR WEEKS LATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET THE SECOND
15 DOSE. WITH MODERNA, IT'S FIVE WEEKS LATER. SO, FOR THIS
16 INITIAL ROLLOUT, WHEN WE HAVE MOSTLY PFIZER AND MODERNA-- OR
17 ONLY PFIZER AND MODERNA-- WE'RE GOING TO BE NEEDING TO DO
18 THOSE SECOND-DOSE APPOINTMENTS, AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. AND AGAIN, I GET IT, BECAUSE ONCE WE'RE INTO
21 1-B, TIER 1, WE'VE GOT GROCERY WORKERS WHO, BY THE WAY,
22 REALLY-- AND I KNOW WE HAVE ANOTHER ITEM TO SORT OF TALK ABOUT
23 HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THEM, BUT THEY'VE BEEN GOING TO WORK
24 SINCE-- THEY'VE NEVER STOPPED GOING TO WORK. AND THEY'RE THERE
25 EVERY DAY WITH SORT OF A THIN SHEET OF PLEXIGLAS, AND ALL

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1 SORTS OF PEOPLE COMING THROUGH THEIR LINE, AND SO I KNOW THAT
2 THEY'RE UP, AND I HOPE WE CAN DO THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
3 WE'VE GOT OUR PORT WORKERS, OF COURSE, OUR DOCKWORKERS,
4 FRONTLINE WORKERS. WE GOT A LOT IN THIS NEXT GROUP.

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE GOT A LOT IN THIS GROUP.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. BUT I WILL SAY, LONG BEACH, THE CITY OF LONG
9 BEACH, HAS DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB. I KNOW YOU'VE WORKED WITH
10 THEM VERY CLOSELY IN MAKING SURE THEY HAD THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF
11 DOSES, TOO. AND I KNOW THEY ALSO BEGAN TO BE VACCINATING
12 DOCKWORKERS, AS OF LAST FRIDAY, I THINK. THEY'RE REALLY
13 HELPING OUT. OKAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. LAST, BUT NOT
18 LEAST, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM BOARD CHAIR. AND LET
21 ME JUST START BY SAYING THAT I WANT TO ALIGN MYSELF WITH YOUR
22 VERY POWERFUL, EMOTIONAL, STRONG OPENING STATEMENT OF SHEER
23 FRUSTRATION, AND SAY THAT I SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION. I WILL GO
24 A LITTLE FURTHER, HOWEVER, TO SAY THAT I AM NOT SURPRISED BY
25 WHAT WE'RE WITNESSING AND EXPERIENCING, BASED ON A LIFETIME

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1 PERCEPTION OF PRIVILEGE EXERCISING PRIVILEGE WHEN THEY CAN.
2 AND I THINK THAT'S YET A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF GOVERNMENT TO
3 INTERVENE AND SET UP, STEP IN AND MAKE SURE THAT GOVERNMENT
4 ESTABLISHES SYSTEMS TO GUARANTEE EQUAL ACCESS AND PROTECTION
5 UNDER THE LAW. AND SO I THINK WHAT'S FRUSTRATING TO ME IN THIS
6 INSTANCE IS WHEN WE SEE GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS THAT ARE NOT DOING
7 THAT; THAT WE ARE FAILING OUR FUNDAMENTAL ROLE. THE CODE THEFT
8 SCENARIO THAT WE SAW IN THE NEWS COVERAGE, IN THE L.A. TIMES
9 ARTICLE, WAS DISTURBING. BUT WHAT WAS ALSO DISTURBING TO ME
10 WAS TO READ SOME OF THE ONLINE COMMENTS. AND I AGREE WITH MY
11 COLLEAGUES WHO TALK ABOUT PEOPLE ARE AFRAID. I COMPLETELY
12 UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT FEAR SHOULD NEVER THEN LEAD YOU TO
13 EXPRESS CLEAR BIAS ABOUT OTHER COMMUNITIES. AND SO IF YOU READ
14 THE ONLINE COMMENTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE SUGGESTING THAT, "WHY
15 SHOULDN'T I CIRCUMVENT A PROCESS AND STEAL CODES, WHEN OTHER
16 COMMUNITIES ARE AFRAID OF THE VACCINE?" I THINK THAT THERE ARE
17 URBAN MYTHS, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL INFERRED, THAT WE PROBABLY
18 HAVE A REAL COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP BUST. AND SO IN
19 THAT CONTEXT, YOU KNOW, THIS NOTION THAT VACCINE WILL GO
20 UNUSED BY OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND THEREFORE I SHOULD, YOU
21 KNOW, CROSS COMMUNITIES AND STAND IN LINE WITHOUT AN
22 APPOINTMENT, AND WAIT, AND THAT I'M JUSTIFIED IN DOING SO,
23 BASED ON MY ASSUMPTION THAT VACCINE WILL GO UNUSED, IS SIMPLY
24 FALSE. OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAVE SYSTEMS IN PLACE. THEY KNOW
25 THE CONSTITUENTS THEY SERVE. THEY HAVE PLANS THAT THEY'VE HAD

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1 IN PLACE FOREVER, TO MAKE SURE THAT NO VACCINE IN THEIR
2 POSSESSION GOES UNUSED. SO, FOR PEOPLE TO ASSUME THAT THERE IS
3 A SYSTEM IN PLACE, AND TO JUSTIFY THEIR BEHAVIOR TO GO STAND
4 IN LINE BECAUSE VACCINE MAY GO UNUSED, IS JUST INAPPROPRIATE
5 AND FALSE. I THINK THE STATE'S NEW SUGGESTION THAT WE DON'T
6 NEED TO LIMIT VACCINE BY COUNTY WILL BE HUGE UNFORTUNATE FOR
7 A COUNTY OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE. WE ALREADY HAVE NEIGHBORING
8 COUNTIES. I HAVE HEARD FROM COLLEAGUES IN SANTA BARBARA
9 COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO KNOW THAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS ARE
10 COMING INTO L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE OF A DIFFERENT POLICY DECISION
11 THAT THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT MADE VERSUS OURS. AND SO
12 WHEN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DECIDED NOT TO GO YOUNGER THAN THE
13 74 AND OLDER, BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO STRATEGICALLY VACCINATE
14 ALL THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FIRST, AND THEN MOVE INTO THE
15 NEXT PHASES, THEY KNOW THAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS CAME INTO L.A.
16 COUNTY BECAUSE WE MADE A DIFFERENT POLICY DECISION. AND SO
17 IT'S GOING TO BE VERY HARMFUL TO US IF THE STATE SAYS THERE
18 ARE NO COUNTY-BY-COUNTY RESTRICTIONS, AND YET WE, AS THE
19 LARGEST COUNTY, ALREADY KNOW WE'RE NOT GETTING OUR FAIR SHARE,
20 BASED ON SHEER POPULATION. I THINK THAT'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE
21 WHERE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PUTTING IN PLACE SYSTEMS TO GUARANTEE
22 EQUITY AND PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE
23 ACCESS. I THINK MY LAST COMMENT WOULD GO TO THE JOHNSON &
24 JOHNSON OPPORTUNITY THAT'S AVAILABLE TO US, AND OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITY TO KIND OF BUST THAT URBAN MYTH, AS WELL. AND

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1 MY QUESTION FOR EITHER ONE OF THE DOCTORS IS, DO WE CURRENTLY
2 KNOW WHAT OUR TWO-DOSE COMPLIANCE RATES ARE NOW, AND DO WE
3 KNOW THAT BASED ON, YOU KNOW, LOCATION OF WHERE SOMEONE GOT
4 THEIR VACCINE? IS THAT THE KIND OF DATA WE'RE KEEPING, BY ANY
5 CHANCE?

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE'RE ABLE TO LOOK AT COMPLETION RATES,
8 AND IT'S OBVIOUSLY EASIER IN SOME SETTINGS THAN OTHERS. WE
9 WON'T BE READY TO DO A LOT OF REPORT OUT ON THIS, ALTHOUGH
10 WE'RE TRYING TO GET SOMETHING OUT JUST ON HEALTHCARE WORKERS,
11 BECAUSE WE'RE ALMOST DONE THERE, AT LEAST WITH THIS SORT OF
12 WHO IS WILLING TO GET IN THIS FIRST GROUP. BUT YEAH, I MEAN,
13 WE OBVIOUSLY TRACK ON THIS, BECAUSE WE NEED PEOPLE TO GET TO
14 THEIR SECOND DOSE. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, THOUGH, THAT YOU CAN
15 GET YOUR SECOND DOSE UP TO TWO WEEKS LATER THAN THE DATE THAT
16 YOU'RE GIVEN YOUR APPOINTMENT-- RIGHT NOW, 21 DAYS OR 28 DAYS--
17 - SO PEOPLE DO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A WINDOW. AND I CAN TELL
18 YOU, ANECDOTALLY, FROM OUR SITES, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE
19 JUST BEEN DOING SECOND-DOSE APPOINTMENTS, WE'VE HAD VERY FEW
20 PEOPLE NOT SHOW UP FOR A SECOND-DOSE APPOINTMENT AT THESE
21 LARGER SITES. I ALSO WANTED TO NOTE, SUPERVISOR, ON THAT ISSUE
22 ABOUT SHOULD THERE BE A COUNTY RESTRICTION, AT THE HEART OF
23 EQUITY IS NOT ADVANTAGING PEOPLE WHO HAVE MORE MEANS THAN
24 OTHERS. AND ONCE YOU ALLOW PEOPLE TO DRIVE IN TO L.A. COUNTY
25 SITES, REMEMBERING THAT WE HAVE 400 SITES AND MOST COUNTIES

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1 HAVE 15 SITES, YOU CREATE ANOTHER HUGE DISADVANTAGE FOR PEOPLE
2 HERE WHO AREN'T AS MOBILE, AND CAN'T GO DRIVING AROUND FOR AN
3 HOUR TO GET TO AN APPOINTMENT. SO, I MEAN, I THINK 100 PERCENT
4 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTIES HAVE RAISED
5 WITH BLUE SHIELD THAT THIS WOULD REALLY SET BACK EQUITY. AND
6 ALSO, COUNTIES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
7 PEOPLE IN THEIR COUNTY HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO DO
8 WELL, AND IT WOULD BE VERY HARD DO THAT IF THE DOORS ARE WIDE
9 OPEN.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT'S WHY I RAISE IT, AND I COULDN'T AGREE
12 WITH YOU MORE. THAT REALLY WOULD BE A PROBLEM. CAN I ASK ABOUT
13 THE TWO-DOSE COMPLIANCE RATE? BECAUSE I THINK THE COUNTY
14 DECISION ON WHERE J&J IS OFFERED, WHEN IT DOES, SHOULD BE
15 BASED ON SCIENCE.

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT'S A GREAT SOLUTION.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** BECAUSE I WOULD ASSUME THAT PEOPLE ARE PROBABLY
20 LESS LIKELY TO RETURN TO PLACES THEY HAVE NO CONNECTION TO,
21 FRANKLY, LIKE A MEGA-SITE, AS OPPOSED TO SOMEPLACE I WOULD
22 ROUTINELY RETURN TO, LIKE MY HOUSE OF WORSHIP OR A VACCINATION
23 SITE IN MY COMMUNITY. AND SO THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S REALLY
24 IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT THE TWO-DOSE COMPLIANCE RATES TO
25 HELP US DECIDE WHERE J&J GOES, AS OPPOSED TO US KIND OF MAKING

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1 ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHERE PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO RETURN-- OR WHO
2 IS LIKELY TO RETURN-- FOR A SECOND DOSE. SO, IN OUR EFFORT TO
3 COMBAT OR GET AHEAD OF ANY URBAN MYTHS ABOUT JOHNSON &
4 JOHNSON, I THINK OUR DECISION ON WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE SHOULD
5 BE BASED ON SCIENCE, WHERE WE KNOW PEOPLE ARE LESS LIKELY TO
6 RETURN FOR A SECOND DOSE, AS OPPOSED TO WHERE THEY ARE LIKELY
7 TO RETURN, BE THAT A HOUSE OF WORSHIP, BE THAT A COMMUNITY-
8 BASED SETTING. AND JUST LASTLY, I WOULD SAY THANK YOU. THANK
9 YOU, THANK YOU, TO OUR DOCTORS WHO HAVE PUT IN PLACE, AS YOU
10 JUST SAID, A COMMUNITY OF 400-PLUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS, VERSUS
11 SOME OF OUR BROTHER AND SISTER COUNTIES WHO HAVE NOT, AND THAT
12 WE HAVE GOT TO MAKE SURE THE STATE AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE
13 VALUE AND ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND LET THEM DO
14 WHAT THEY DO. LET THEM SET UP WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN GO INTO
15 COMMUNITIES TO REACH PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY WE PARTNER WITH THEM,
16 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY. SO
17 I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO EDUCATE THE STATE. YES, THE
18 GOVERNOR'S BEEN HERE. HE SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN L.A. COUNTY
19 THE LAST 10 DAYS. HE WAS AT KEDREN LAST TUESDAY, HE WAS AT
20 INGLEWOOD SUNDAY, AND I HOPE THAT HE IS ABLE TO TAKE BACK TO
21 HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE LEVEL WHAT HE EXPERIENCED AND SAW
22 FIRSTHAND, IN TERMS OF WHEN YOU PUT THESE VACCINATION SITES IN
23 COMMUNITY SETTINGS, THE COMMUNITY WILL COME, IF WE DON'T
24 REQUIRE THAT THEY SIGN UP ON MY TURN, A SYSTEM THAT IS FLAWED
25 AT BEST. I THINK HE ALSO SAW-- I KNOW HE SAW, AT KEDREN, OUR

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1 CAPACITY TO DO MORE. HE SAW AT KEDREN THREE EMPTY TENTS--
2 TENTS THAT ARE THERE AND READY, THAT IF WE HAVE VACCINE, WE
3 HAVE THE VOLUNTEERS IN PLACE, PEOPLE WILL COME. SO THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH AGAIN FOR BOTH OF YOU, FOR WHAT YOU DO. WITH REGARD
5 TO J&J, I HOPE THAT WE USE SCIENCE, IN TERMS OF DECIDING WHO
6 GETS J&J VERSUS A TWO-DOSE OPTION, AND I HOPE THAT THEY WILL
7 CONTINUE TO EMPOWER OUR 400-PLUS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
8 TO DO WHAT THEY DO: SERVE THE COMMUNITY, JUST AS WE DO AS
9 GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HOLLY
12 MITCHELL. VERY ON POINT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. BEFORE
13 WE CHANGE THE SUBJECT HERE, I DO WANT TO THANK OUR STAFFS
14 AGAIN, BOTH BARBARA FERRER AND DR. GHALY, AND ESPECIALLY MAKE
15 A NOTE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE THE SAFETY NET, BY AND LARGE,
16 FOR MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT DON'T NORMALLY HAVE ACCESS
17 TO GOOD HEALTHCARE. IN MANY WAYS, WE PROVIDE THEM GOOD
18 STANDARD OF HEALTHCARE, BECAUSE THAT'S OUR JOB. AND SOMETIMES
19 WE'RE GIVEN MANDATES, AND WE'RE NOT GIVEN THESE SUFFICIENT
20 FUNDS TO DO IT. BUT I WANT TO SAY, IN THIS INSTANCE, AS WAS
21 SAID EARLIER BY DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, WE SERVICE OVER 450,000
22 PATIENTS IN OUR SYSTEM OF CARE ALONE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE, AND
23 OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO MAKE SURE, THAT EVERY SINGLE PATIENT
24 THAT WANTS A VACCINE GETS THAT VACCINE. AND I AM PROUD OF THE
25 WORK THAT OUR STAFFS ARE DOING. I SEE IT WHEN I GO UP TO

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1 L.A.C.+U.S.C. I'M SURE, MEMBERS, YOU SEE IT WHEN YOU GO OUT TO
2 YOUR HOSPITALS THAT THE COUNTY HAS STOOD UP. BUT WE NEED TO
3 MAKE SURE THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE A SHOT AT GETTING THAT
4 VACCINE RIGHT AWAY, BECAUSE THEY DO REPRESENT THE FACE OF THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ESPECIALLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE
6 BEEN HARDEST HIT, AND THEY HAVE LOST FAMILY MEMBERS. SO I JUST
7 WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING ALL OF
8 THESE ITEMS UP TODAY. I THINK THERE'S A LOT THAT WE'RE GOING
9 TO BE PREPARING FOR ON FRIDAY, ALSO, WHEN WE MEET WITH BLUE
10 SHIELD. A LOT OF GOOD POINTS THAT WERE RAISED TODAY. SO THANK
11 YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR STAFFS, AND ALSO FOR THE PRESENTATIONS.
12 AND NOW, SINCE THIS IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE REPORT, WE DON'T
13 HAVE TO TAKE ANY VOTES, SO IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL
14 BE THE ORDER ON THIS ITEM. NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO TURN NOW TO
15 ITEM NUMBER 10. THIS IS THE HERO PAY FOR FRONTLINE GROCERY
16 WORKERS AND DRUG RETAILERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND IT WILL
17 ALSO BE COMBINED WITH ITEM NUMBER 36, COUNTY CODE, TITLE 8,
18 CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS AMENDMENT.
19 SO NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO THIS ITEM. I HELD THIS ITEM, SO I WILL
20 BEGIN, AND THEREAFTER I WILL ASK FOR MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL, IF SHE'D LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS. SO WITH THAT, I
22 FIRST OFF WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING
23 THE MOTION, BUT I IN PARTICULAR WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY-
24 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS WORKERS IN THE GROCERY
25 INDUSTRY, INCLUDING MY STAFF. A YOUNG MAN, MR. PASA BONI,

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1 WHO'S GIVEN A LOT OF HIS TIME AND EFFORT DOING RESEARCH ON
2 THIS ITEM, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE HIM, AND ALL OF THE STAFF, FOR
3 WORKING ON THIS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN A GLOBAL HEALTH
4 PANDEMIC, AND IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE OF MANY
5 INDUSTRIES THAT ARE DEEMED ESSENTIAL. AND WE HEARD QUITE A BIT
6 ABOUT THAT TODAY. WHEN I THINK ABOUT "ESSENTIAL," I THINK
7 ABOUT THE INDUSTRIES THAT COME TO MIND RIGHT AWAY, AND THAT'S
8 THAT GROCERY STORE, THE DRUG RETAIL EMPLOYEES, THE SMALL MOM-
9 AND-POP AREAS THAT ARE THERE, PUTTING THEIR LIVES AT RISK FOR
10 US. THESE ARE OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO
11 REPORT TO WORK FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, AND THEY SERVE OUR
12 COMMUNITIES DESPITE THE ONGOING HAZARDS AND THE DANGER OF
13 BEING EXPOSED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19 OVER THIS PAST YEAR. THEY DEALT
14 WITH THE RUSH OF CUSTOMERS PANICKING IN THE BEGINNING OF THE
15 CRISIS, STOCKING UP ON FOOD SUPPLIES, AND SOME HOARDING. AND
16 IF YOU RECALL, THIS WAS BEFORE THE USE OF MASKS WAS TOLD TO
17 US, THAT WE NEEDED TO USE THOSE AS PROTECTION. GROCERY AND
18 DRUG RETAIL WORKERS HAVE SERVED THEIR COMMUNITIES DESPITE THE
19 ONGOING DANGER OF BEING EXPOSED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. AND BECAUSE
20 OF THEM, THEY HAVE KEPT THE COUNTY'S FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN
21 RUNNING, AND HAVE ENABLED ACCESS TO MEDICINE FOR FAMILIES THAT
22 NEED THIS DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND WHILE THERE IS A LIGHT AT
23 THE END OF THE TUNNEL, WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACCINE
24 FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS-- IT'S GOING TO BE STARTING
25 ON MARCH THE FIRST-- THE HEALTH THREATS THAT GROCERY AND DRUG

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1 RETAIL WORKERS FACE ARE VERY REAL, AND THEY WERE AT THE
2 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, AND CONTINUE TODAY. GROCERY AND
3 DRUG RETAILERS HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED, AS YOU KNOW, A SURGE IN
4 DEMAND DURING THE PANDEMIC, WITH A BROOKINGS INSTITUTE STUDY
5 SHOWING THAT THERE WAS A 40-PERCENT INCREASE IN PROFITS IN
6 2020. SEVERAL GROCERY CORPORATIONS OFFERED, SOME OF THEM,
7 ADDITIONAL \$2 TO \$4 HOURLY RAISES TO EMPLOYEES IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY AT THE OUTSET OF THE PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, THIS INCREASE,
9 KNOWN AS HERO PAY, LAPSED SIX WEEKS LATER IN MAY, WHILE THE
10 WORK OF THESE ESSENTIAL WORKERS HAS INCREASED IN SALES AND
11 HIGHER PROFITS SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN. THESE MAJOR PUBLICLY
12 TRADED AND NATIONAL CHAINS CELEBRATED THEIR WORKFORCE AS FIRST
13 RESPONDERS ON THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC. WORKERS IN THE
14 GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL INDUSTRIES, AS YOU KNOW, ARE
15 DISPROPORTIONATELY LOW-INCOME, WOMEN, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR.
16 MANY ARE OLDER ADULTS, MANY ARE SINGLE MOTHERS, MANY ARE
17 SENIORS, AND ALSO ARE THE PRIMARY EARNERS IN THEIR HOUSEHOLDS.
18 THE U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER'S HOUR CRISIS REPORT FOUND THAT
19 PEOPLE OF COLOR REPRESENT 77 PERCENT OF FRONTLINE RETAIL
20 WORKERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WITH LATINOS MAKING UP
21 56 PERCENT, ASIANS REPRESENTING 12 PERCENT, AND AFRICAN
22 AMERICANS REPRESENTING 7 PERCENT. AND AS I SAID EARLIER, MANY
23 ARE WOMEN. THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ECONOMIC UNRAVELING
24 HAS WIDENED THE ALREADY DEEP DIVIDE BETWEEN LOW-WAGE HOURLY
25 FRONTLINE WORKERS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS. WHILE THESE COMPANIES

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1 HAVE SEEN THEIR PROFITS GROW, AND TOP EXECUTIVES RECEIVE STEEP
2 PAY BONUSES, WORKERS SUCH AS CASHIERS, STOCKERS, BAGGERS, AND
3 DELI WORKERS CONTINUE TO WORK UNDER SOME OF THE MOST HIGH-RISK
4 CONDITIONS. AND MANY OF THESE WORKERS ARE WORKING IN FEAR, AS
5 WELL. THEY'RE WORKING WITH INCREASED ANXIETY. AND SOME ARE
6 WORKING WITHOUT ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND RESPECT FROM
7 THEIR EMPLOYERS. I BELIEVE IT'S IMPERATIVE FOR THE COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES TO ACT WITH URGENCY TO SUPPORT THESE WORKERS TO BE
9 JUSTLY COMPENSATED FOR THE UNPRECEDENTED RISKS THAT THEY
10 ENCOUNTER EVERY SINGLE DAY AT THE JOB. THAT'S WHY I INTRODUCED
11 THIS MOTION, ALONGSIDE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO I ASKED TO
12 JOIN ME, TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE GROCERY AND
13 DRUG RETAIL STORES WHO ARE PUBLICLY TRADED, OR HAVE 300 OR
14 MORE EMPLOYEES NATIONWIDE, AND MORE THAN 10 EMPLOYEES PER
15 STORE SITE, TO PROVIDE FRONTLINE, NONEXEMPT HOURLY EMPLOYEES
16 IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY WITH HERO PAY. THIS WOULD BE AN
17 ADDITIONAL \$5 PER HOUR IN WAGES, TO SUNSET IN 120 DAYS. ACROSS
18 THIS COUNTRY, CITIES HAVE INTRODUCED SIMILAR URGENCY
19 ORDINANCES FOR HERO PAY, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BEACH,
20 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTA MONICA,
21 OAKLAND, BERKELEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, IRVINE, COACHELLA, AND EVEN
22 MONTEBELLO. THE COUNTY REMAINS, AS YOU KNOW, COMMITTED TO
23 CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF OUR MOST
24 VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S OUR WORKING PEOPLE. I ASK
25 MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR AYE VOTE, WHICH WILL PROVIDE RELIEF TO

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1 ROUGHLY OVER 2,000 HOURLY FRONTLINE GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL
2 WORKERS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
3 LET ME REMIND YOU, MEMBERS, THAT THIS CLOSELY ALIGNS WITH THE
4 CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S ORDINANCE. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK
5 OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, RODRIGO CASTRO, TO MAKE
6 HIMSELF AVAILABLE, SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUESTIONS BY THE
7 SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE ORDINANCE. WITH THAT,
8 I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
11 THE INVITATION TO CO-AUTHOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION, AND
12 I'M PROUD TO DO SO. I'M VERY HAPPY TO HAVE JOINED A BOARD THAT
13 HAS THE COURAGE TO MAKE BOLD MOVES TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL
14 WORKERS IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC. WHILE
15 MANY OF US ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK FROM HOME, WE KNOW
16 THAT FRONTLINE WORKERS, GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL EMPLOYEES,
17 HAVE CONTINUED TO SHOW UP FOR ALL OF US EVERY SINGLE DAY,
18 AGAINST GREAT ODDS, WAY BEFORE THE STORES STARTED INSTALLING
19 PLEXIGLAS, AND EVEN TODAY, AS THERE CONTINUE TO BE SHOPPERS
20 WHO INSIST ON ENTERING THOSE PUBLIC SPACES WITHOUT THE SAFETY
21 PRECAUTION OF WEARING MASKS. SO WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE RISK
22 AND THE SACRIFICE THESE WORKERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE MAKING,
23 AND COMPENSATE THEM ACCORDINGLY. THE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
24 SOUGHT BY THIS MOTION WILL NOT FIX ALL INEQUITIES, BUT WILL
25 PROVIDE SOME REPRIEVE. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE

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1 ORDINANCE PROVIDES AN OPTION TO AVOID WORKERS WHO, QUITE
2 FRANKLY, WHILE WORKING IN MANY INSTANCES FULL-TIME, EARN SO
3 LITTLE THAT THEY STILL QUALIFY FOR MANY PUBLIC BENEFITS. I
4 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT BY ADDING THIS TEMPORARY-- BECAUSE,
5 AS THE CHAIRWOMAN SAID, IT WILL SUNSET IN 120 DAYS-- I WANTED
6 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DIDN'T SET PEOPLE UP TO FALL OFF THE
7 PROVERBIAL CLIFF, IF, BASED ON THEIR INCOME, THEY STILL
8 QUALIFY FOR HOUSING SUBSIDY, OR FOOD SUBSIDY, OR EVEN
9 CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES, WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO ENABLE THEM TO GO
10 TO WORK EVERY DAY. SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO STRESS THAT THIS IS AN
11 OPTION THAT THE EMPLOYEE CAN CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES; THAT THEY
12 CAN INSTEAD OPT FOR PAID LEAVE, AS OPPOSED TO THE INCREASED
13 PAY, IF INDEED THIS ADDITIONAL PAY WILL COMPROMISE THEIR OTHER
14 PUBLIC BENEFITS. AGAIN, THE IRONY. ESSENTIAL FRONTLINE
15 WORKERS, WHO ARE TAKING GREAT RISK TO SUPPORT US ALL BY GOING
16 TO WORK EVERY DAY, WHO STILL QUALIFY FOR MANY PUBLIC BENEFIT
17 PROGRAMS, BASED ON THEIR EARNINGS. I KNOW THAT WE RECEIVED
18 WRITTEN COMMENT, WRITTEN OPPOSITION, PEOPLE BRINGING TO OUR
19 COLLECTIVE ATTENTION THE DECISION OF A COUPLE OF GROCERY STORE
20 CHAINS TO CLOSE, AS A RESULT OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES PASSING
21 HERO PAY. I THINK THAT OUR POLICY IS A RESPONSIBLE ACTION TO
22 TAKE. IT WILL SUNSET IN 120 DAYS. AND I CAN'T IMAGINE A
23 BUSINESS, ONE THAT HAS MADE THE KIND OF EARNINGS AND PROFITS
24 THAT OUR GROCERY STORES HAVE OVER THE LAST YEAR, MAKING THE
25 DECISION TO CLOSE, AS OPPOSED TO COMPENSATING THEIR HOURLY

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1 WORKERS AN ADDITIONAL \$5 AN HOUR FOR 120 DAYS. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND URGE MY
3 COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME, AS WE CONTINUE TO SEEK NEW AND
4 INNOVATIVE WAYS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT THAT THIS VIRUS IS
5 IMPOSING ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE. I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE
6 MOTION. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HOLLY
9 MITCHELL. I'D LIKE TO NOW RECOGNIZE JANICE HAHN. SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO YOU, AND
13 TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TODAY. YOU
14 KNOW, IT'S TRUE THAT SO MANY OF US HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS
15 PANDEMIC, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, BUT IT'S TRUE THAT SOME HAVE
16 BORNE MORE OF THE BRUNT OF THE RISK THAN OTHERS. AS SUPERVISOR
17 MITCHELL SAID, THERE'S MANY PEOPLE WHO HAD THE LUXURY OF
18 WORKING FROM HOME. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT OUR FRONTLINE
19 HEALTHCARE HEROES, OUR GROCERY STORE, DRUGSTORE WORKERS, HAVE
20 NOT BEEN ABLE TO WORK FROM HOME, AND HAVE BEEN RISKING THEIR
21 HEALTH AND SAFETY JUST BY GOING TO WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND
22 WHEN L.A. COUNTY WENT UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER, AND
23 ALMOST EVERYTHING SHUT DOWN, THESE WORKERS STILL REPORTED TO
24 THEIR JOBS. AND FOR THE PAST 11 MONTHS, THEY'VE BEEN SERVING
25 ON THE FRONT LINES AND DOING WHAT THEY NEED TO DO, NOT JUST TO

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1 KEEP L.A. COUNTY RUNNING, BUT TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR
2 FAMILIES DURING WHAT HAS BEEN A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC
3 CRISIS. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A RESPONSIBLE ORDINANCE,
4 TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE WORKERS ARE COMPENSATED APPROPRIATELY
5 FOR THE DANGER THEY PUT THEMSELVES IN, WORKING ON THE FRONT
6 LINES OVER THIS PAST YEAR. AND WE HAVE MANY GROCERY AND
7 DRUGSTORE RETAILERS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND BY
8 PASSING THIS MOTION, I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
9 TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THESE WORKERS. I
10 REMEMBER SHOPPING IN MY LOCAL VONS, I WANT TO SAY, JUST MAYBE
11 A COUPLE MONTHS AFTER WE GOT INTO THE THICK OF THE STAY AT
12 HOME ORDER, AND THE CORPORATE VONS HAD DECIDED THAT THEY
13 WANTED TO, QUOTE, "GET BACK TO NORMAL," SO THEY REMOVED ALL
14 THE MARKERS ON THE FLOOR, AND THEY BEGAN STOPPING COUNTING THE
15 NUMBER OF CONSUMERS THAT WERE IN, IN ANY ONE TIME. AND I
16 COMPLAINED TO THE MANAGER, AND I SAID, "WE'RE IN L.A. COUNTY,
17 RIGHT? WE'RE STILL ONE OF THE HARDEST-HIT COUNTIES IN THE
18 COUNTRY. WHY WOULD VONS CORPORATE REMOVE SOME OF THESE SAFETY
19 PROTOCOLS THAT HAD BEEN IN PLACE?" AND I WAS TOLD, "WELL THEY
20 WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE WE'RE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL." SO,
21 WHEN I GO THROUGH THE LINE, I AM... WHAT'S THE WORD I'M
22 LOOKING FOR? NOT SHOCKED, BUT JUST TAKEN ABACK BY, REALLY, ONE
23 SHEET OF PLEXIGLAS BETWEEN THE CHECKER AND THEIR CONSUMERS
24 THAT WALK THROUGH, THE JOINT HANDLING OF ALL THE GROCERY
25 ITEMS, THE HANDLING OF BAGS. AND I LIKE IT THAT WE'RE DOING

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1 THIS. IT WAS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABOUT THE STORES
2 THAT HAD CLOSED, AND I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. LONG
3 BEACH, OF COURSE, PASSED THIS ORDINANCE. I BELIEVE THEIRS WAS
4 EVEN \$4 AN HOUR, AND YET TWO STORES IN LONG BEACH DECIDED TO
5 CLOSE. AND I KNOW, FOR A FACT, THEY WERE LOW-PERFORMING
6 STORES, BUT IT DOES FEEL A LITTLE BIT LIKE THEY WERE CLOSING
7 THEM WITH SOME SORT OF RETRIBUTION. I HOPE THAT DOES NOT
8 HAPPEN TO ANY OF OUR STORES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. I
9 THINK MOST OF OUR STORES ARE HIGH-PERFORMING STORES, AND SO
10 THIS SHOULDN'T HAPPEN, BUT I KNOW I'VE HEARD FROM CONSTITUENTS
11 WHO WERE WORRIED THAT THIS WOULD BACKFIRE ON US. THE ONLY
12 QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK OF COUNTY COUNSEL WAS, THERE'S ALSO A
13 LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, FILED BY THE
14 CALIFORNIA GROCERS ASSOCIATION, OVER THIS ADDITIONAL... THEIRS
15 WAS \$4 HAZARD PAY. IS THIS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE
16 CONCERNED WITH? BY THE WAY, THIS HAS MY COMPLETE SUPPORT. I AM
17 DEFINITELY VOTING FOR THIS. I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO
18 DO. BUT JUST IN THE SENSE OF, YOU KNOW, GOING INTO THIS WITH
19 OUR EYES WIDE OPEN, IS THAT SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALSO BE
20 CONCERNED ABOUT?

21
22 **ATTORNEY:** SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS
23 ASSOCIATION HAS, IN FACT, STATED PUBLICLY THAT THEY WOULD FILE
24 A LAWSUIT IF THE COUNTY ENACTS THIS STATUTE. THEY, AS YOU'VE
25 INDICATED, HAVE ALSO SUED LONG BEACH, MONTEBELLO, OAKLAND, AND

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1 OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AS WELL. WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT NONE
2 OF THOSE LAWSUITS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. IN THE LITIGATION
3 AGAINST LONG BEACH, THEY SOUGHT A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND
4 THAT WAS DENIED. THE CASE IS STILL ONGOING. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE
5 BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THE BOARD HAS, UNDER ITS POLICE POWER,
6 THE AUTHORITY TO ENACT THIS ORDINANCE, AND WE WOULD, OF
7 COURSE, DEFEND THE COUNTY IF A LAWSUIT IS FILED.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE THAT ANSWER.
10 THIS POLICY, I BELIEVE, IS THE RIGHT THING FOR US TO DO, AND
11 IT HAS MY FULL SUPPORT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE I RECOGNIZE
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT THIS IS LIMITED
15 TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND AS I MENTIONED, IT'S A MUCH
16 SMALLER AMOUNT THAN EVEN IN COMPARISON TO THE CITY OF L.A. THE
17 UNINCORPORATED AREA HAS LESS THAN 2500 EMPLOYEES THAT WOULD BE
18 IMPACTED. IN THE CITY OF L.A., IT'S 26,000. SO THAT'S JUST A
19 POINT OF REFERENCE. BUT WITH THAT, LET'S RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
20 KATHRYN BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY
23 THANK OUR MANY ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAVE WORKED DAY IN AND
24 DAY OUT IN GROCERY AND DRUGSTORES, OFFICE ENVIRONMENTS, IN
25 HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC AND PUTTING

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1 THEMSELVES AT HIGHER RISK. EACH OF THESE PEOPLE ARE HEROES,
2 AND I THINK, COLLECTIVELY, WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL, SO I DO WANT
3 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. BUT I FEEL THAT TODAY'S MOTION DOESN'T
4 ADDRESS ALL OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS. IT ADDRESSES A SMALL SLIVER
5 OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE
6 DEEMED ESSENTIAL UNDER GOVERNMENT HEALTH ORDERS DO NOT RECEIVE
7 A BONUS PAY, BECAUSE THEY WENT TO WORK, WORKED WITH, IN MANY
8 CASES, PUTS THEM IN CLOSE QUARTERS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. I
9 APPRECIATE THE INTENTION OF THIS MOTION, BUT I AM CONCERNED
10 WITH THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION. I AM MORE
11 CONCERNED THAT WE ARE FREELY INSERTING OURSELVES INTO
12 FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING DECISIONS MADE BY PRIVATE COMPANIES.
13 ALTHOUGH MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE PUBLIC OFFICIALS, I DOUBT
14 THAT ANY OF US HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE ENTIRE
15 FINANCIAL RECORDS OF A NATIONAL GROCERY STORE, IN ORDER TO
16 REALLY VERIFY WHAT THEIR PROFITS ARE. I'M TOLD, ALTHOUGH I DO
17 NOT KNOW, THAT CALIFORNIA GROCERS ASSOCIATION HAS TOLD ME THAT
18 THEY MAKE AN AVERAGE OF 2.2% PROFIT, ANNUALLY. GROCERY STORE
19 WORKERS ARE INDEED FRONTLINE HEROES, MAKING SURE CALIFORNIANS
20 HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE, RELIABLE FOOD AND SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE
21 PANDEMIC. UNDER THE STATE EMERGENCY ORDERS, GROCERY STORES
22 HAVE COMPLIED WITH PRICE-GOUGING RULES, MAKING AN AVERAGE
23 PROFIT, AS I SAID, OF 2.2%, BUT ARE REQUIRED TO INVEST IN
24 P.P.E., PLEXIGLAS, DECREASED NUMBER OF SHOPPERS ALLOWED IN
25 STORES, AND MORE. AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WOULD

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1 HOPE THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD GO OUT THERE, BECAUSE I THINK
2 THAT IS A MANDATE FOR THEM TO HAVE ALL THAT STILL IN PLACE. I
3 DO NOT CHALLENGE THAT, NATIONALLY, MAJOR RETAILERS, SUCH AS
4 AMAZON, HOME DEPOT, TARGET, AND OTHER GROCERY STORES DID MAKE
5 MORE PROFIT AND SOLD THEIR STOCKS FOR HIGHER PRICES, AS WAS
6 STATED IN ONE OF THE MOTIONS. IF WE COLLECTIVELY ESTABLISH
7 THESE RULES ON COMPANIES TO UPHOLD PUBLIC HEALTH, WE COULD BE
8 SURE THEIR STOCK AND PROFITS MAY DROP. AND THEN I WOULD ASK,
9 WOULD WE THEN FLUCTUATE THIS POLICY BASED ON PROFITS? IF YOU
10 LOOK AT OUR OWN L.A. COUNTY BUDGET-- OR EVEN THE STATE BUDGET,
11 FOR THAT MATTER-- YOU WOULD SEE THE SAME THING, AS IT RELATES
12 TO PROFIT. IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD COME FROM AN INFUSION OF
13 FEDERAL DOLLARS-- DOLLARS WE PUT TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY,
14 PROVIDING LOANS, GRANTS, EMERGENCY FOOD, P.P.E. AND MORE,
15 SOMETHING THAT I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT THIS COUNTY HAS DONE.
16 BUT OUR OWN EMPLOYEES HAVE ALSO SEEN RAMPANT C.O.V.I.D. SPREAD
17 AMONGST THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY EACH
18 AND EVERY DAY, AND WHOSE OFFICES ARE OPEN TO MEET WITH CLIENTS
19 WITH AN APPOINTMENT. WHY WOULDN'T WE FIRST PROVIDE LEADERSHIP
20 IN THIS REALM, BY GIVING EVERY EMPLOYEE A SIMILAR HAZARD PAY
21 BENEFIT DURING THE DURATION OF THIS PANDEMIC? WHEN L.A. COUNTY
22 INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE, IT DID THRUST THOSE IN THE LOWEST JOB
23 OUT OF WORK. I DON'T WANT TO SEE A REPEAT OF THAT. I KNOW
24 FIRSTHAND, IN SOME OF MY UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE FOUGHT TO
25 GET A MARKET. ALTADENA, FOR ONE. GROCERY OUTLET FINALLY WENT

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1 IN, AND HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE PARTNER DURING THIS PANDEMIC,
2 DONATING FOOD FOR FOOD DRIVES. I WOULD HATE TO THINK THAT
3 WE'RE DRIVING THE VERY BUSINESSES THAT WE FOUGHT SO HARD TO
4 LOCATE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, MANY OF WHICH ARE WORKING-
5 CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS, OUT OF BUSINESS, OR, WORSE YET, EMPLOYEES
6 LOSING HOURS, OR POSSIBLY THEIR JOB. AND THAT IS WHY I CANNOT
7 VOTE FOR THIS. I FEEL THAT IF WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS, WE
8 SHOULD, FIRST OF ALL, CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME. WE SHOULD BE
9 LOOKING WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYEE GROUP. BUT
10 SECOND OF ALL, I THINK THAT THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF
11 DOING THIS, YOU KNOW, WILL THE COST BE PASSED ON TO SHOPPERS?
12 WILL THEY LAY OFF WORKERS? WHAT TYPE OF MANDATORY PAY HIKES
13 ACCELERATE WITH THE MORE DISTURBING TREND OF COMPANIES
14 REPLACING EMPLOYEES WITH INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS? WILL
15 EMPLOYEES NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK OVERTIME HOURS, IN ORDER TO
16 SAVE ON THOSE COSTS? WHAT HAPPENS TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS
17 AND INDEPENDENT FRANCHISES? AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I KNOW
18 MCDONALD'S HAS BEEN LOOKING AT IS, DO EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO BE
19 REPLACED BY MACHINES? SO, I AM A NO, BUT IT IS NOT OUT OF LACK
20 OF RESPECT FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE
21 BEEN COMING TO WORK EACH AND EVERY DAY. MY CONCERN IS THE
22 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF AN ACTION LIKE THIS. THANK YOU,
23 MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO REMIND MEMBERS THAT IT WAS
2 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE C.E.O. OF KROGER, THIS LAST
3 YEAR, MADE \$20 MILLION. THAT, IN FACT, WOULD PAY FOR A WHOLE
4 YEAR'S WORTH OF OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. THOUSANDS AND
5 THOUSANDS. INSTEAD OF REINVESTING, ALSO, IN TERMS OF THE MONEY
6 THAT THEY MADE LAST YEAR-- 989 MILLION IN STOCK ALONE-- THEY
7 BOUGHT BACK THAT STOCK.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I COMPLETELY HEAR YOU, BUT L.A.
10 COUNTY ALSO PAYS OUR EXECUTIVES VERY WELL.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** 20 MILLION? I DON'T THINK SO. I'M SORRY.
13 LET'S MOVE ON. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I CERTAINLY HATE TO GET IN THE MIDDLE
16 OF THIS CROSSTALK, BUT I SIMPLY WANTED TO ADD THAT I VERY
17 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU AND
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAVE BROUGHT IT, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THAT
19 EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT HEROES THE PEOPLE ARE.
20 AND, OF COURSE, THEY DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF CHOICE,
21 BECAUSE IT WAS LIKE, "WE'RE OPEN. YOU'RE ESSENTIAL WORKERS.
22 YOU HAVE TO GO TO WORK." VERY MUCH LIKE OUR HEALTHCARE
23 WORKERS, WHERE WE PRAISE THEM, BUT WE ARE DEMANDING, YOU KNOW,
24 THAT THEY BE THERE. SO, IN ADDITION TO MY GRATITUDE, I AM VERY
25 HAPPY TO SUPPORT ADDING A LITTLE REALISTIC GRATITUDE IN THE

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1 FORM OF A FEW DOLLARS HERE AND THERE TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH,
2 AS WELL. BECAUSE IT'S NOT AS THOUGH IT'S EASY TO DO. MANY OF
3 THEM HAD TO ISOLATE FROM THEIR FAMILIES. MANY OF THEM HAD TO
4 FIND OTHER PLACES TO STAY. OFTEN, TRANSPORTATION DIDN'T FEEL
5 SAFE TO THEM. THOUGH, IN MY OPINION IT WAS, IT DIDN'T FEEL
6 SAFE. AND SO THEY'VE HAD TO EXPEND EXTRA MONEY TO GET TO WORK,
7 AND TO GET BACK FROM WORK. SO I THINK THIS IS PERFECTLY
8 APPROPRIATE, AND NOT AT ALL GENEROUS ENOUGH, BUT MAYBE THE
9 BEST THAT WE CAN REQUIRE AT THE MOMENT. SO THANK YOU FOR
10 BRINGING THIS, AND I TOTALLY SUPPORT IT.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND,
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'M SORRY. I'M NOT TRYING TO GET IN
14 CROSSHAIRS WITH YOU. I'M JUST STATING INFORMATION.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I RESPECT YOUR POSITION.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO HEARING NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM
23 OUR MEMBERS, THEN ITEM 10 AND 36 ARE BEFORE US. AND I WILL
24 MOVE, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE
25 ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEMS 10 AND 36 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
3 MITCHELL?

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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

25 1.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON, MEMBERS, TO THE NEXT
3 ITEM: ITEM NUMBER 11, DEVELOPING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE REGIONAL
4 STRATEGIC PLAN. I HELD THIS ITEM, ALONG WITH MY CO-AUTHOR
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO I WILL ASK TO MAKE COMMENTS AFTER I
6 BEGIN. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-
7 AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION ALONGSIDE WITH ME. COLLEAGUES, AS YOU
8 KNOW, THE INTERNET HAS CHANGED THE WAY THE WORLD INTERACTS,
9 AND WE'RE NOW MORE CONNECTED THAN EVER BEFORE. THE COUNTY OF
10 LOS ANGELES HAS DONE A GOOD JOB OF MAKING MORE OF ITS SERVICES
11 ACCESSIBLE ONLINE, SUCH AS HOUSING, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND
12 TELEHEALTH. HOWEVER, THIS ONLY BENEFITS PEOPLE WHO HAVE
13 INTERNET ACCESS, TO BEGIN WITH. SO, FOR FAR TOO LONG,
14 COMMUNITIES IN OUR MOST DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE HAD
15 NO OR POOR ACCESS TO INTERNET CONNECTION. AND BASED ON OUR
16 MOST RECENT DATA, 5.5 PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT HAVE A
17 COMPUTER OR INTERNET ACCESS, AND 11.9 PERCENT DON'T HAVE
18 BROADBAND INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION. THE COUNTY HAS MADE STRIDES
19 TO REDUCE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, BUT THOSE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN
20 SILOED AMONG COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND OFTEN DUPLICATIVE. THAT'S
21 WHY THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP AN APPROACH FOR
22 EQUITABLE BROADBAND ACCESS, DEVICES, AND DIGITAL LITERACY FOR
23 ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. FIRST, THE COUNTY MUST ASSESS ITS OWN
24 EFFORTS, INTERNALLY, TO IDENTIFY THE GAPS AND DETERMINE HOW
25 BEST TO CONSOLIDATE AND DIRECT OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCES. THEN WE

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1 MUST ALSO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL STRATEGY TO
2 LEVERAGE ALL OUR RESOURCES BEYOND THE COUNTY, SO WE CAN ENSURE
3 SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS. THIS REGIONAL STRATEGY WILL REQUIRE
4 WORKING WITH A CONSULTANT TO ENGAGE EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS,
5 INCLUDING OUR CITIES. AND WE HEARD FROM SOME FOLKS THAT SPOKE
6 EARLIER ABOUT EXPANDING THIS, IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION.
7 THE PRIVATE SECTOR NEEDS TO BE MORE ENGAGED; ACADEMIA,
8 NONPROFITS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS
9 AND PHILANTHROPY. THE COUNTY CANNOT DELETE THE DIGITAL--
10 CANNOT-- HOW COULD I SAY? IT CAN'T BE THE SOLE SOURCE OF
11 HELPING TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US,
12 ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER, AND THE PLAN MUST
13 INCLUDE SHORT-, MEDIUM-, AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES, SO THAT
14 WHILE A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION IS BEING DEVELOPED, WE CAN
15 DELIVER SOME IMMEDIATE RESULTS, AS WELL, BECAUSE THE NEED IN
16 OUR COMMUNITIES IS DIRE. AS YOU HEARD EARLIER IN THE
17 PRESENTATIONS PROVIDED, COMMENTS DURING OUR ITEM 1, OUR
18 SPECIAL HOUR TALKING ABOUT ACCESS TO TESTING SITES AND
19 RECEIVING THE VACCINE, ONE OF THE MOST PROHIBITIVE FACTORS HAS
20 BEEN THE FACT THAT MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY OF COLOR DON'T HAVE
21 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET OR WI-FI. C.O.V.I.D. HAS EXPOSED THE
22 MANY LAYERS OF THE DISPARITIES THAT NOW EXIST, THAT WE SEE
23 JUST GLARING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THEY'VE CONTINUED ON,
24 NOW, FOR GENERATIONS. WE MUST MAKE THIS INITIAL INVESTMENT TO
25 DELETE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, ONCE AND FOR ALL. AND IF WE ARE

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1 TRULY TO HAVE AN EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR EVERYONE, WE NEED TO
2 MOVE QUICKLY. AND I HAVE ONE QUESTION, AND I'VE ASKED OUR
3 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, BILL KEHOE, IF HE COULD PLEASE TAKE
4 THE QUESTIONS. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S HERE, ON BOARD. YES? MR.
5 BILL KEHOE? I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION TO OUR CHIEF
6 INFORMATION OFFICER. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATE WILL BE
7 CONTRACTING WITH AN AGENCY SOON, TO DO A VERY SIMILAR
8 ASSESSMENT. CAN YOU PLEASE CLARIFY HOW THAT WORK WILL
9 COMPLEMENT, OR NOT DUPLICATE, THIS INITIATIVE THAT THE BOARD
10 IS CONSIDERING TODAY?

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12 **BILL KEHOE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD AFTERNOON,
13 SUPERVISORS. FOR THE RECORD, BILL KEHOE, COUNTY CHIEF
14 INFORMATION OFFICER, WORKING WITHIN THE C.E.O.'S STRATEGIC
15 INTEGRATION DIVISION. THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, AND THE ANSWER IS THAT THIS STRATEGIC PLAN WILL NOT
17 DUPLICATE OR BE IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT THE STATE OF
18 CALIFORNIA'S DOING WITH ANY OF THEIR INITIATIVES, INCLUDING
19 THEIR BROADBAND CONSORTIUM, OR ANY OTHER REGIONAL, STATE, OR
20 FEDERAL PROGRAM. THIS STRATEGIC PLAN IS REALLY FOCUSED ON
21 LEVERAGING AND COLLABORATING WITH ALL THE EXISTING EFFORTS,
22 INCLUDING THE STATE-FUNDED INITIATIVES, AS WE LOOK TO BUILD A
23 HOLISTIC AND SUSTAINABLE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, AND PULL
24 TOGETHER SOME OF THESE REALLY GREAT, SILOED EFFORTS INTO A
25 HOLISTIC PLAN THAT'S SUSTAINABLE, WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO

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1 REVISIT THIS, TIME AND TIME AGAIN. SO THE STATE'S EFFORTS ARE
2 FOCUSED ON BROADBAND ACCESS, A VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT TO
3 SOLVING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. BUT IT'S ONLY ONE OF THREE
4 COMPONENTS THAT ARE REALLY NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL
5 DIVIDE, THE OTHERS BEING ACCESS TO DEVICES AND DIGITAL
6 LITERACY, WHICH IS THE TRAINING ON THOSE DEVICES. ALL THREE OF
7 THESE COMPONENTS WILL BE PART OF OUR PLAN, AND WE'RE GOING TO
8 LEVERAGE THE GREAT EFFORTS THAT ARE OCCURRING WITHIN THE
9 COUNTY, AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS AND ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS
10 THE STATE. SO THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR RESPONSE. AND
13 NEXT, I'D LIKE TO CALL ON MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SHEILA
14 KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH
17 FOR LETTING ME JOIN YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. WE'VE BEEN
18 TALKING ABOUT THIS VIRTUALLY IN EVERY AREA THAT WE'VE COVERED
19 TODAY AND, OF COURSE, OVER THE PAST YEAR. BECAUSE WHEN WE
20 TRANSITIONED, FOR INSTANCE, FROM IN-PERSON SCHOOL TO VIRTUAL
21 SCHOOL, IT BECAME EVEN MORE EVIDENT THAT A MAJORITY OF OUR
22 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY STUDENTS DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO A DIGITAL
23 DEVICE OR TO THE INTERNET. AND SO, TO THEIR CREDIT, SCHOOL
24 DISTRICTS REALLY SCRAMBLED TO PROVIDE DIGITAL DEVICES AND
25 HOTSPOTS. AND WE CONTRIBUTED, AS WELL, AND GOT THOUSANDS AND

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1 THOUSANDS OF LAPTOPS AND HOTSPOTS OUT. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT JUST
2 IS NEVER ENOUGH. OUR COUNTY PUT IN A GOOD DEAL OF C.A.R.E.S.
3 FUNDING TO L.A.C.O.E. FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT ACCESS STILL
4 REMAINS LIMITED. THE HOTSPOTS AND DEVICES PROVIDED TO THE
5 STUDENTS ARE REALLY TEMPORARY. YOU KNOW, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT
6 THEIR ACCESS WILL BE WHEN THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL. A HUGE PART
7 OF THE POPULATION'S STILL LEFT OUT, INCLUDING, YOU KNOW, THE
8 OTHER END OF THE AGE SPECTRUM. WHERE WE'RE DISCOVERING THAT
9 MANY OF OUR SENIORS ARE HAVING SOME PROBLEM ACCESSING THE
10 INTERNET. AND EVERYBODY ALWAYS LAUGHS AND SAYS, "OH, WELL,
11 THEY DON'T KNOW HOW," BUT NO. MANY OF THEM ARE IMPOVERISHED,
12 AS WELL, IN THE VERY SAME COMMUNITIES, AND EVEN MORE ISOLATED.
13 AND SO I WANT US TO PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR ACCESS, AS WELL. IF
14 THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CONTACT, FOR INSTANCE, WITH SCHOOL-AGED
15 CHILDREN, THEY'RE NOT CALLED UPON TO HAVE THIS ACCESS. AND
16 IT'S NO LONGER A LUXURY. WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING IT ABOUT
17 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS; EARLIER, TESTING APPOINTMENTS. BUT IT
18 ALSO CAN PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH VISITS, HEALTH SERVICE VISITS,
19 SOCIAL SERVICES. YOU SIGN UP FOR A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS IN
20 D.P.S.S. ONLINE, ACCESS TO FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS. YOU
21 GET, YOU KNOW, E-MAIL ALERTS WHEN YOUR TRIAL, FOR INSTANCE, IS
22 COMING UP, HOUSING THAT'S AVAILABLE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. SO,
23 THIS BOARD HAS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING
24 THESE DISPARITIES, AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO HEAR-- WELL, I WAS
25 REALLY HAPPY WHEN BILL KEHOE WAS HIRED, IN THE FIRST PLACE,

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1 AND SECONDLY THAT WE EVEN HAVE A C.I.O. THAT CAN CONCENTRATE
2 ON THIS INITIATIVE AND STRATEGICALLY DEVELOP A PLAN THAT
3 INCORPORATES EVERYTHING WE'RE ALREADY DOING, BUT IN A
4 STRATEGIC, COMMUNITY-BASED WAY. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, WHEN YOU
5 WERE TALKING ABOUT THE LONG TERM, IT'S LONG BEEN MY DREAM, IN
6 THE SAME WAY AS WE STARTED THINKING ABOUT COMMUNITY CHOICE
7 AGGREGATES IN THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY, AND WE'VE BEEN
8 VERY SUCCESSFUL AT THAT; THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A UTILITY
9 FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICE THAT THE COUNTY COULD
10 REALLY ORGANIZE AND PROVIDE, OR AT LEAST REGULATE. SO I LOOK
11 FORWARD TO MORE WORK, BUT I CERTAINLY AM HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR
12 THIS MOTION AND ASK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU,
13 MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE THERE ANY
16 QUESTIONS? YES, I SEE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST DO
19 HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE. CLEARLY, THE
20 DIGITAL DIVIDE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS JUST BEEN AN OVERWHELMING
21 OBSTACLE FOR MANY OF US, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND ONLY
22 AMPLIFIED BY OUR CURRENT EXPERIENCE WITH KIDS ATTEMPTING TO DO
23 SCHOOL FROM HOME, PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO WORK FROM HOME; AND
24 AGAIN, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL TALKED ABOUT, ALL OF THE PUBLIC
25 BENEFITS, GOVERNMENT SERVICES, THAT ARE REQUIRING PEOPLE TO

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1 UTILIZE, TO ACCESS THEM VIA ONLINE. SO I COMPLETELY AM
2 SUPPORTIVE. I THINK HOW WE DO IT, AND HOW WE CREATE A SYSTEM,
3 TRULY, COUNTYWIDE IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL. SO MY QUESTION IS,
4 IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH ANY OF THE
5 REGIONAL ENTITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEGUN DOING SOME OF THIS
6 WORK? FOR EXAMPLE, THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G. AS THEY BUILD OUT
7 THEIR NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE, YOU KNOW, CAN WE COLLABORATE?

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DON'T SEE WHY NOT. BUT DO WE WANT TO HEAR
10 FROM MR. KEHOE? I MEAN, I AGREE. I DON'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE
11 A PROBLEM. I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS, AS WE SAID,
12 SHORT-TERM, LONG-TERM, AND REALLY COLLABORATE WITH ALL THE
13 ENTITIES, INCLUDING CITIES, AND YES, REPRESENTING THE C.O.G.S
14 AND ALL OF THAT, IN TERMS OF BUILDING OUT THEIR
15 INFRASTRUCTURE. WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT NOW, I THINK, ALSO,
16 WITH METRO. I THINK SOME OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS HERE HAVE BEEN
17 REALLY PUSHING THAT OUT, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ACCESS IN
18 EVERY SINGLE WAY. SO I DON'T THINK THAT IS PROHIBITIVE AT ALL.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **BILL KEHOE:** SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THAT'S A GREAT
23 QUESTION. IT'S REALLY THE ESSENCE OF HOW WE'RE APPROACHING
24 THIS PLAN, IS WE DON'T WANT TO REINVENT THE WHEEL, FROM A
25 COUNTY PERSPECTIVE. WE WANT TO UTILIZE AND LEVERAGE ALL THE

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1 GREAT WORK THAT'S OCCURRING IN THE COMMUNITIES-- BECAUSE EVERY
2 COMMUNITY HAS A DIFFERENT NEED AROUND THE DIGITAL DIVIDE-- AND
3 THEN BRING THOSE ORGANIZATIONS TO THE TABLE, UNDERSTAND WHAT
4 THEY'RE DOING, WHAT'S WORKING, WHAT'S NOT, WHERE THEY HAVE
5 GAPS, AND THEN INCLUDE THEM IN THE PLAN TO PUT SUSTAINABLE
6 SOLUTIONS IN THE FUTURE. SO WE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO ALL OF
7 THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, YES.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM
12 THE BOARD MEMBERS, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS ITEM UP,
13 ITEM 11, AND I WOULD MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
14 APPROVE THE ITEM, AND WE'LL ASK MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
15 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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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?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

15 0.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MOVING ON NEXT TO ITEM
18 15, ENSURING C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES GET TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE
19 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT I HELD, AND I HAVE A FEW
20 REMARKS; VERY BRIEF, BECAUSE I KNOW WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT
21 THIS ALREADY. WE ALREADY KNOW THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT THAT
22 C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS HAD ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF OUR LATINX
23 AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES. IT'S VERY CLEAR,
24 THE DATA HAS REALLY SHOWN THAT. AND A SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATE
25 OF VACCINATION AMONG THOSE ELIGIBLE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES

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1 ARE ALSO REINFORCING THIS INEQUITY. CURRENTLY, ONLY 29 PERCENT
2 OF LATINX AND 24 PERCENT OF BLACK RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY HAVE
3 RECEIVED A VACCINE DOSE, AS WE SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER, THIS
4 DESPITE THE FACT THAT BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS ACROSS THE
5 COUNTY AND THE STATE HAVE BEEN GETTING INFECTED AND DYING AT
6 MUCH HIGHER RATES FROM THE VIRUS, WITH LATINX RESIDENTS ALONE
7 MAKING UP 47% OF THE COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D. DEATHS THIS PAST
8 WEEK. AS DESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY
9 COMMITTEE REPORT, WE MUST ACT NOW TO PREVENT OUR VACCINE
10 DISTRIBUTION PLANS FROM MAGNIFYING THE ALREADY INEXCUSABLE
11 DISPARITIES CREATED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. TO ENSURE EQUITABLE
12 ALLOTMENT OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES, WE MUST FOCUS ON
13 DENSELY POPULATED AND VULNERABLE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE BEEN
14 PARTICULARLY HARD-HIT, MANY OF WHICH ARE HOMES TO HIGHER
15 PERCENTAGES OF LATINX, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND NATIVE RESIDENTS.
16 THESE, AS YOU KNOW, ARE OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHO CANNOT STAY
17 HOME, AND ARE RISKING THEIR OWN HEALTH TO HELP PROTECT THE
18 LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS OF SO MANY ACROSS OUR COUNTY. MANY OF
19 THEM ARE ALSO LIVING IN OR NEAR POVERTY, AND HAVE LESS ACCESS
20 TO HEALTHCARE AND OTHER RESOURCES TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE.
21 THEY ARE HOME TO PEOPLE WITH OVERALL WORSE HEALTH OUTCOMES,
22 DUE TO LONGSTANDING SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL DISPARITIES. IN
23 ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT VACCINES GET TO THESE UNDERSERVED
24 COMMUNITIES, WE MUST CONTINUE TO UTILIZE APPROPRIATE DATA
25 SOURCES TO GUIDE OUR DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS, AND CONNECT WITH

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1 COMMUNITY PHARMACIES AND OTHER LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO
2 MAKE SURE THAT NO COMMUNITY IS UNDERSERVED, WHEN IT COMES TO
3 C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE DELIVERY. ONLY WITH MASS ACCESS AND
4 UPTAKE OF THIS VACCINE WILL IT REACH ITS INTENDED EFFECT: TO
5 STOP SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19, SO PEOPLE
6 CAN AGAIN SAFELY VISIT LOVED ONES, GATHER WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE
7 THEIR HOUSEHOLD, AND RETURN TO WORK AND SCHOOL. CRUCIAL TO
8 ACHIEVING THE GOAL IS IDENTIFYING WHAT CHARACTERISTICS
9 CONTRIBUTE TO A NEIGHBORHOOD'S HEALTHCARE VULNERABILITY. FOR
10 EXAMPLE, THERE ARE OVER 4 MILLION LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS
11 WHO ARE BEST SERVED IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. EARLY
12 REPORTS FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION SITES INDICATE THAT
13 LANGUAGE BARRIERS ARE AMONG THE CHALLENGES THAT PREVENT
14 EFFECTIVE VACCINE ADMINISTRATION. SPEAKING MULTIPLE LANGUAGES,
15 OR PRIMARILY LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH, IS ONE OF THE
16 CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKES L.A. COUNTY'S TAPESTRY SO UNIQUE
17 AND ROBUST. BUT IT ALSO CREATES BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE
18 PROVISION, HEALTH LITERACY, AND ACCESS TO CARE, AND THAT'S WHY
19 LANGUAGE SHOULD BE A KEY COMPONENT OF OUR EQUITABLE VACCINE
20 DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS DIVERSE, NOT ONLY
21 IN LANGUAGE, BUT IN MANY RACES AND ETHNICITIES WHO CALL L.A.
22 COUNTY THEIR HOME. AND THAT'S WHY IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE
23 INCORPORATE FURTHER CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN OUR RESPONSE, TO
24 HELP TO BUILD TRUST IN MANY OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. WE
25 KNOW THAT C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS NOT IMPACTED ALL PEOPLE EQUALLY.

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1 DAILY C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASE RATES FOR LATINX PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TWO
2 TO FOUR TIMES THAT OF WHITE RESIDENTS. HOSPITALIZATIONS SHOW A
3 SIMILAR TREND. LATINX RESIDENTS ARE HOSPITALIZED AT LEAST TWO
4 OR THREE TIMES THE RATE OF WHITE AND ASIAN RESIDENTS, AND THEY
5 DIE AT THREE TIMES THE RATE OF WHITE RESIDENTS. SIMILARLY,
6 HIGH RATES OF INFECTION AND MORTALITY ARE SEEN AMONG AFRICAN
7 AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, PACIFIC ISLANDERS, AND NATIVE
8 AMERICANS IN OUR COUNTY. BECAUSE C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS VARYING
9 IMPACTS ON DIFFERENT RACES AND ETHNICITIES, RACE AND ETHNICITY
10 ARE OTHER KEY COMPONENTS TO AN EQUITABLE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION
11 CAMPAIGN. SHOCKINGLY, THE DATA SOURCES GUIDING CURRENT VACCINE
12 DISTRIBUTION DO NOT ADEQUATELY REPORT ON THE RACE OR
13 ETHNICITY, LANGUAGE, EXPOSURE RISK, OR OTHER RELEVANT
14 CHARACTERISTICS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. FOR INSTANCE,
15 ESSENTIAL WORK, WHICH PREVENTS RESIDENTS FROM WORKING FROM
16 HOME, AND INCLUDES REPEATED OR SIGNIFICANT INTERACTION WITH
17 OTHERS, MUST ALSO BE A PART OF A PLAN DETERMINING EQUITABLE
18 VACCINATION. AND IMPROVING OUR DATA SOURCES WILL ALSO ALLOW US
19 TO MEET THE GOALS IN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR
20 C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESPONSE AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS, ESPECIALLY
21 REGARDING GOAL 6: TO PROTECT THOSE MOST AT RISK AND ADVANCE
22 EQUITY, INCLUDING ACROSS RACIAL AND ETHNIC RURAL AND URBAN
23 LINES. ANOTHER IMPORTANT LAYER IN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION
24 INCLUDES WHAT TYPES OF DISPENSING POINTS ARE UTILIZED. FOR
25 INSTANCE, IF WE FOCUS ONLY ON LARGE CHAIN PHARMACIES AS A

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1 MAJOR SOURCE OF VACCINE DISTRIBUTION, NEIGHBORHOODS LACKING
2 CHAIN PHARMACIES, OR THOSE IN FOOD DESERTS, WILL BE
3 OVERLOOKED. THAT IS CLEARLY REPRESENTED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.
4 FOR THIS REASON, WE MUST UTILIZE PLACES SUCH AS INDEPENDENT
5 PHARMACIES. IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THERE ARE 930
6 INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES, AND EACH ONE SERVES AN ESTIMATED
7 AVERAGE OF 4,700 PATIENTS. THESE NUMBERS, BASED ON A SURVEY
8 DONE LAST YEAR BY THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY PHARMACY ASSOCIATION,
9 MEAN THAT OVER 4.3 MILLION PEOPLE COULD BE VACCINATED IN THEIR
10 NEIGHBORHOODS BY TAPPING INTO INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES, MANY OF
11 WHICH EXIST IN UNDERSERVED AREAS. THESE PHARMACIES ARE ALREADY
12 ADEPT AT ADMINISTERING VACCINES, AND THEY ARE ACCUSTOMED TO
13 COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE IN THEIR PREFERRED LANGUAGE. IF
14 WE'RE GOING TO BEAT THE PANDEMIC, WE MUST GET VACCINES, AS YOU
15 KNOW, TO THE MOST VULNERABLE. WE HAVE TO USE THE BEST
16 INFORMATION WE CAN, AND WE MUST BRING IN APPROPRIATE AND
17 CAPABLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT KNOW OUR COMMUNITIES BEST. AND
18 ALTHOUGH CURRENT VACCINE SUPPLIES REMAIN LIMITED, IN THE
19 COMING MONTHS, IT'S ANTICIPATED THAT SUPPLY WILL BEGIN TO
20 OUTSTRIP DEMAND. AND IT'S EVEN MORE CRITICAL THAT WE ARE
21 PROVIDING IMPORTANT OUTREACH TO OVERCOME ANY MISINFORMATION
22 AND VACCINE HESITANCY. WE MUST ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE IN L.A.
23 COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF RACE, LANGUAGE, DOCUMENTATION STATUS,
24 INCOME, ZIP CODE, CAN GET VACCINATED, IF WE HOPE TO EVER
25 ACHIEVE A TRULY HEALTHY LOS ANGELES. I HOPE THIS MOTION HELPS

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1 TO ENSURE THAT. I WOULD ASK IF ANY MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
2 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I DIDN'T TEXT YOU, BUT THANK YOU FOR
5 BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AGAIN, WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THIS IN
6 THE SET ITEM, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS BOARD IS SOLIDLY BEHIND
7 EQUITY AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
8 GET THIS VACCINE. AND I'M HOPING, AS I SAID IN THE SET ITEM,
9 I'M HOPING WE CAN REALLY DRILL DOWN ON COMMUNITY-BASED OPTIONS
10 FOR HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR APPOINTMENTS. BECAUSE I REALLY
11 THINK THIS BOILS DOWN TO APPOINTMENTS, UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO
12 GO DOOR TO DOOR, OR THE NO-APPOINTMENT-NECESSARY MODEL. AND
13 LET'S FACE IT: ESPECIALLY WITH OUR ITEM PREVIOUSLY ON THE
14 DIGITAL DIVIDE, RIGHT, THERE'S JUST A HUGE GAP IN PEOPLE WHO
15 CAN NAVIGATE THESE WEBSITES, AND THOSE WHO CAN'T. AGAIN, I
16 HAVE A PERSON IN MY OFFICE FULL-TIME. SHE'S TRYING TO HELP
17 PEOPLE MAKE APPOINTMENTS, BECAUSE THEY JUST CAN'T DO IT. AND I
18 THINK THIS ONLINE VACCINE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM IS REALLY DOING A
19 DISSERVICE TO OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, SO I'M HOPING THAT
20 WE CAN SEE MORE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE FIELD OFFERING
21 NONDIGITAL WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR VACCINES. AND AGAIN, I SUPPORT
22 THIS MOTION. I'M HOPING THAT WE'LL SEE A REAL PLAN ON SORT OF
23 NONDIGITAL WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR PEOPLE'S VACCINE APPOINTMENTS.
24 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER COMMENTS
2 FROM BOARD MEMBERS, THEN I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS ITEM UP. ITEM
3 15. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
4 THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

21

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-
4 0.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, MEMBERS, WE'LL TURN TO
7 ITEM NUMBER 21, UPDATING THE COUNTY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM TO
8 EXTEND AND EXPAND AND CLARIFY TENANT PROTECTIONS. THIS ITEM
9 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE ON.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'M VERY HAPPY
12 TO BRING THIS, AS WE HAVE KIND OF A MONTH AT A TIME, BUT THIS
13 TIME WE'RE EXTENDING ALL THE WAY TO THE NEW STATE DEADLINE. I
14 THINK WE KNOW THAT THIS C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS CREATED, REALLY, A
15 PERFECT STORM, IN THE WORST SENSE, FOR STRUGGLING RENTERS, AND
16 IT'S A STORM THAT HASN'T SUBSIDED YET, WITH HUNDREDS OF
17 THOUSANDS OF OUR RENTERS STILL PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM ANY KIND
18 OF RECOVERY. DESPITE THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, THOUGH, MANY
19 RENTERS HAVE TRIED TO PAY A PORTION OF THEIR RENT DURING THIS
20 DIFFICULT TIME, AND SOME HAVE CONTINUED TO PAY RENT AS THEY
21 CAN. LAST MONTH, CALIFORNIA ADOPTED S.B. 91, WHICH EXTENDS THE
22 STATEWIDE EVICTION MORATORIUM PROTECTIONS ALL THE WAY THROUGH
23 JUNE 30TH, AND THOSE STATEWIDE PROTECTIONS PROTECT RESIDENTIAL
24 TENANTS AND MOBILE HOME SPACE RENTERS FROM EVICTIONS, IF THEY
25 ARE NOT ABLE TO PAY RENT. AND WHILE THE STATE'S EVICTION

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1 MORATORIUM PREEMPTS THE COUNTY FROM DOING ANYTHING WITHIN THE
2 SPECIFICS THAT THE STATE COVERS-- SO WE CANNOT, THEN, CONTINUE
3 OUR LOCAL PROTECTION FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT-- WE ARE STILL
4 ALLOWED TO EXTEND AND STRENGTHEN OTHER CRITICAL PROTECTIONS
5 THAT GO BEYOND THE STATE LEGISLATION. AND SO, INCLUDED IN THIS
6 MOTION, THESE EXTENDED PROTECTIONS WOULD INCLUDE PROTECTION
7 AGAINST NO-FAULT EVICTIONS. THAT MEANS, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE
8 SERVED WITH AN EVICTION NOTICE, IT HAS TO BE FOR CAUSE.
9 SECONDLY, PROTECTION FOR TENANTS WHO HAVE UNAUTHORIZED
10 OCCUPANTS OR PETS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW, DURING THE
11 PANDEMIC, IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO BECOME A POD, MOVE IN
12 TOGETHER, TAKE CARE OF THE PETS OF OTHERS WHO CAN'T. AND ALSO,
13 IT PROTECTS TENANTS FROM EVICTION, WHO REASONABLY DENY ENTRY
14 TO THEIR LANDLORDS DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THERE ARE
15 STILL HEALTH CONCERNS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT
16 LANDLORDS AREN'T HARASSING BY COMING INTO YOUR UNIT. IN
17 ADDITION, TENANTS AND TENANT ORGANIZERS AND LEGAL SERVICES
18 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ALL REPORTED THAT SOME UNSCRUPULOUS
19 PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN HARASSING RENTERS, TRYING TO GET
20 THEM OUT, THROUGH PHYSICAL INTIMIDATION, ILLEGAL RENT HIKES,
21 REMOVAL OF SECURITY GATES AND LIGHTS, AND JUST THREATENING
22 EVICTION, CONSTANTLY. AND THAT IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE IN A
23 TIME WHEN ALL OF US ARE GOING THROUGH SO MUCH ALREADY. SO, IN
24 ADDITION TO EXTENDING OUR PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED PROTECTIONS
25 THROUGH JUNE 30TH, THIS MOTION ALSO INCREASES ADMINISTRATIVE

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1 FINES AND CIVIL PENALTIES RELATED TO MORATORIUM VIOLATIONS;
2 SETS A BASELINE OF \$1,000 PER VIOLATION PER DAY; AND
3 TEMPORARILY INCREASES MAXIMUM PENALTIES UP TO \$10,000, IF THE
4 VIOLATIONS RELATE TO HARASSMENT OR ARE DIRECTED AT SENIOR OR
5 DISABLED TENANTS. SO, AS A REMINDER, THESE PROTECTIONS ARE A
6 MINIMUM BASELINE FOR RESIDENTS IN EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY,
7 AND OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE EMERGENCY
8 AUTHORITIES, WE HAVE EXTENDED OUR PROTECTIONS TO ALL CITIES.
9 CITIES ARE ALLOWED TO GO FURTHER, BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO
10 HAVE FEWER PROTECTIONS. WITHOUT THIS EXTENSION AND THE RELATED
11 STATE LEGISLATION, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS
12 COULD BE FACING EVICTION BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO PAY
13 RENT, CAUSED BY LOST OR REDUCED INCOME. NOW, WE TOTALLY
14 UNDERSTAND THAT PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN FACED WITH
15 CHALLENGES, AS WELL, OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, SO THIS MOTION
16 ALSO AUTHORIZES THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
17 AFFAIRS TO WAIVE ANY PAYMENT OF THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL RENT
18 REGISTRATION FEE BY PROPERTY OWNERS, SO LONG AS THEY JUST
19 REGISTER THEIR UNIT IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS BY THE END
20 OF SEPTEMBER. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
21 CO-AUTHORING. I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR CONSIDERING THIS MUCH-
22 NEEDED EXTENSION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND
25 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR WITH YOU ON

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1 THIS MOTION. SINCE THE LAST TIME WE CONSIDERED CHANGES TO OUR
2 EVICTION MORATORIUM, THE STATE, AS WAS STATED, HAS PASSED AN
3 EXTENSION OF ITS OWN MORATORIUM THROUGH JUNE OF THIS YEAR.
4 WHILE SEVERAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROTECTIONS OF OUR MORATORIUM
5 ARE PREEMPTED BY SENATE BILL 91, I BELIEVE OUR PROVISIONS FOR
6 COMMERCIAL TENANTS ARE LARGELY STILL EFFECTIVE. THIS MOTION
7 WILL HELP BETTER ALIGN OUR MORATORIUM WITH THE STATES TO
8 CONTINUE PROVIDING THOSE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO OUR
9 STRUGGLING BUSINESSES AND OUR HOUSEHOLDS. THE MOTION ALSO
10 PROVIDES STRONGER PROTECTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT AND LANDLORDS
11 THAT VIOLATE OUR MORATORIUM. THE COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS
12 PENALTIES UP TO 5,000 PER VIOLATION PER DAY, AND AN ADDITIONAL
13 5,000 PER VIOLATION PER DAY, IF THE TENANT IS A SENIOR. THIS
14 IS A CRUCIAL TOOL TO PREVENT BAD ACTORS FROM HARASSING OR
15 MISTREATING TENANTS THAT ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO PUT FOOD ON
16 THEIR TABLE. THE MOTION ALSO ALLOWS TENANTS TO UTILIZE A
17 PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION GIVING RENTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE
18 A STAND AGAINST MISTREATMENT. THESE PROTECTIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY
19 NECESSARY UNTIL OUR ROLLOUT OF VACCINATIONS IS COMPLETE. WITH
20 THE INTERESTS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AT HEART, I ASK
21 ALL OF YOU TO JOIN SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I IN SUPPORTING THIS
22 MOTION. AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ALSO WANT TO
2 COMMEND BOTH OF YOU ON THIS MOTION. I ESPECIALLY LIKE THE
3 DIRECTIVE ABOUT THE REGISTRATION FEE. I THINK THAT THIS TRULY
4 DOES SHOW A PARTNERSHIP. MY QUESTION IS MORE, WITH THE RENT
5 RELIEF THAT'S GOING TO BE ROLLED OUT BY THE STATE, DO WE KNOW
6 WHAT THE TIMING IS ON THAT? I KNOW THAT IT HAS TO BE SPENT, I
7 THINK, BY THE END OF AUGUST, OR AT LEAST THE MONEY'S GOT TO
8 START GETTING OUT THERE. AND MY OFFICE HAS BEEN GETTING A LOT
9 OF CALLS FROM PEOPLE THAT WANT TO KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR IT,
10 AND I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE TIMELINE IS, AT THIS POINT.
11 AND IT RELATES TO THIS, IN THE SENSE THAT IF WE CAN GET
12 PEOPLE'S RENT COVERED, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
13 EVICTION, AS IT RELATES TO NOT PAYING THEIR RENT. SO I DON'T
14 KNOW WHO THAT QUESTION WOULD GO TO, IF IT GOES TO... FESIA, DO
15 YOU KNOW?

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE QUESTION IS FOR THE C.E.O.

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21 **JOE NICCHITTA:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** FESIA?

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1 **JOE NICCHITTA:** YES, THIS IS JOE NICCHITTA, SUPERVISORS. GOOD
2 AFTERNOON. THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR BARGER-- AND I'M SORRY, I
3 RAN OVER TO THE MICROPHONE HERE. THE QUESTION RELATES TO-- CAN
4 YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION? I'M SORRY.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST WANT TO KNOW, BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
7 EVICTIION MORATORIUM TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM BEING EVICTED IF
8 THEIR RENT IS NOT BEING PAID, AND I KNOW WE'VE GOT THE RENT
9 RELIEF COMING FORWARD. AND I WAS SPEAKING LAST NIGHT TO A
10 GROUP, AND THEY ASKED ME WHEN THE ROLLOUT IS GOING TO BE, AND
11 I ACTUALLY DON'T-- I'M NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WHEN THE ROLLOUT IS
12 GOING TO BE, TO APPLY FOR IT AND GET THE MONEY OUT ON THE
13 STREET THE.

14

15 **JOE NICCHITTA:** WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE'RE
16 STILL DISCUSSING WITH THE STATE.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. BECAUSE I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, BUT
19 I THINK THAT WE ALSO HAVE TO RECOGNIZE WE'VE GOT HELP ON THE
20 WAY, IF THE STATE ROLLS IT OUT THE WAY THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE
21 ROLLED IT OUT, IF WE WERE ROLLING OUT. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR.

23

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, I THINK ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS
2 THAT WE WERE KIND OF DICKERING WITH THE STATE ABOUT HOW THEY
3 WERE ROLLING IT OUT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** BECAUSE WE ALLOWED, WHERE LANDLORDS REFUSED TO
8 PARTICIPATE, WE ALLOWED THE MONEY TO GO TO TENANTS, TO PAY
9 THEIR RENT. WHEREAS THE STATE, IT PAYS DIRECTLY TO LANDLORDS,
10 LIKE WE DO. BUT IF LANDLORDS REFUSE, THEY WERE ONLY GIVING 25%
11 TO THE TENANTS. SO IT MADE IT A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR THE
12 LANDLORDS, AS WELL. AND, OF COURSE, THE ANSWER IS, WE WANT TO
13 ENCOURAGE ALL THE LANDLORDS TO SAY, "YOU BET I'LL TAKE THE
14 RENT FROM THE STATE."

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT.

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT I THINK THAT IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM. AND
19 THEN JOE WILL GET BACK TO US, I THINK, ABOUT THE TIMING,
20 BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW, EITHER, WHEN IT STARTS AND WHEN IT
21 STOPS.

22

23 **JOE NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS, I'M SORRY. THIS IS JOE AGAIN. WE
24 DO HAVE AN EXISTING PROGRAM THAT IS OPERATED BY L.A.C.D.A.,
25 THAT IS UP AND RUNNING NOW, SO THERE IS RENT RELIEF GOING OUT

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1 ON THE STREET THAT IS FUNDED WITH C.R.F. IT IS FUNDED WITH
2 \$110 MILLION YOUR BOARD ALLOCATED, AND THAT IS AN ONGOING
3 PROGRAM, AND IT IS ACTIVE RIGHT NOW.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW. THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
6 MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY, WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL,
12 VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. IT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO,
13 GIVEN THE ECONOMIC PANDEMIC WE'RE ALSO IN THE MIDDLE OF. I
14 HAVE A PROCESS QUESTION, AS WELL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID THAT
15 OUR MOTION WILL PROVIDE THESE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR EVERY
16 CITY WITHIN THE COUNTY. AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE WAIVER OF
17 THE ANNUAL RENT REGISTRATION FEE, AND THE TIMING, BECAUSE I
18 KNOW FOR SOME OF OUR CITIES, CITY OF L.A., THAT REGISTRATION
19 FEE IS DUE ALREADY. IT'S DUE FEBRUARY OR MARCH. AND SO HOW
20 WILL THIS APPLY, OR WILL THIS ELEMENT OF THE MOTION ONLY APPLY
21 TO COUNTIES AND THE PROPERTY THAT PAID THEIR REGISTRATION FEE
22 TO D.C.B.A.?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO WAIVE THAT FEE IN
25 OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOT IT.

3

4 **JOE NICCHITTA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR
9 KUEHL, DID YOU WANT TO CLOSE, OR YOU'RE FINE?

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE, AND THEN I'LL BE FINE.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GOOD. OKAY. THIS ITEM, 21, IS BEFORE
14 US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND YOU'LL SECOND?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. I'LL SECOND.
19 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL?

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

25

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

13

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

15

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

17

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

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE YOU GO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
22 OKAY, NOW MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 24, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CO-
23 SPONSOR THE MILES HALL LIFELINE ACT. AND ACCESS, ITEM 25.
24 THESE TWO HAVE BEEN COMBINED. ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL SUICIDE
25 PREVENTION LIFELINE. WITH THAT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR

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1 HAHN, WHO HAS HELD THE ITEM, SO PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC,
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I'LL GIVE MY COMMENTS,
5 AND THEN I DO KNOW DR. JON SHERIN IS ON, AND WANTS TO ADDRESS
6 US, AS WELL, MAYBE AFTER MY COMMENTS, OR, MADAM CHAIR, YOU CAN
7 DO IT HOWEVER YOU WANT, IF YOU WANT TO CALL ON OTHER BOARD
8 MEMBERS. OKAY. SO, COLLEAGUES, A FEW WEEKS AGO, THERE WAS
9 ANOTHER DEVASTATING ARTICLE ABOUT FAMILIES WHO CALLED FOR
10 MENTAL HEALTH HELP FOR THEIR CHILDREN WHO WERE IN CRISIS, BUT
11 GOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. THE "ATLANTIC" ARTICLE FROM
12 JANUARY 30 TELLS THE STORY OF TWO FAMILIES, ONE IN THE BAY
13 AREA AND ONE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WHO BOTH CALLED 9-1-1 WHEN
14 THEIR ADULT SONS WERE HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. WHEN THE
15 POLICE ARRIVED AT THE HOUSES, THEY FAILED TO DE-ESCALATE THE
16 SITUATION, AND INSTEAD TOOK BOTH MEN TO JAIL. LUCKILY, THE MAN
17 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY WAS ABLE TO EVENTUALLY GET DIVERTED FROM
18 JAIL INTO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, THROUGH OUR OFFICE OF
19 DIVERSION AND REENTRY, BUT ONLY AFTER THE FIERCE ACTIVISM OF
20 HIS SISTER, WHO HAPPENED TO BE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. OTHERS IN
21 THIS SITUATION ARE NOT SO LUCKY. MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE
22 SISTERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM AND HOW TO
23 GET HELP. TOO MANY TIMES, PEOPLE IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS END
24 UP IN OUR JAILS. AND TOO OFTEN, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THEIR STORIES
25 END IN TRAGEDY. THAT'S WHY L.A. COUNTY'S BEEN TRYING TO

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1 STRENGTHEN OUR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS GET THE HELP THAT THEY NEED,
3 ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THESE TWO
4 MOTIONS THAT I'VE INTRODUCED TODAY ARE PART OF THAT EFFORT.
5 THE FIRST MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO CO-SPONSOR THE MILES
6 HALL LIFELINE ACT, ALSO KNOWN AS A.B. 988, AND I WANTED TO
7 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CO-AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION WITH
8 ME. A.B. 988 BEGINS THE PROCESS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT 9-8-8 AS
9 THE OFFICIAL NUMBER FOR ALL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND SUICIDE
10 PREVENTION HOTLINES. 9-8-8 IS GOING TO BE A GAME CHANGER.
11 EVERYONE KNOWS TO CALL 9-1-1 IN AN EMERGENCY, WHEN THEY NEED
12 THE POLICE OR AN AMBULANCE, AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN
13 EQUIVALENT, EASY-TO-REMEMBER THREE-DIGIT PHONE NUMBER
14 DEDICATED SOLELY TO MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES. BY CO-
15 SPONSORING THE BILL, L.A. COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN ON
16 THE DETAILS, AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR FEEDBACK IS INCORPORATED,
17 SO THAT WHEN 9-8-8 GOES LIVE, WE WILL BE READY. SO, THIS FIRST
18 MOTION IS ABOUT THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
19 RESPONSES IN OUR COUNTY, BUT THE 9-8-8 NUMBER DOESN'T GO LIVE
20 UNTIL SUMMER OF 2022. SO MY SECOND MOTION TODAY IS ABOUT DOING
21 SOMETHING NOW, TO MAKE SURE THE INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS GET THE
22 RESPONSES THEY NEED. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TOO MANY CALL CENTERS
23 THAT BASICALLY EXIST IN SILOS, AND OPERATE SEPARATELY FROM
24 EACH OTHER. BACK IN SEPTEMBER, WE BROKE DOWN ONE OF THOSE
25 SILOS BY DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO

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1 ESTABLISH A DIRECT LINE WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT, SO THAT 9-1-1 CALLS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE CAN BE REROUTED DIRECTLY TO OUR
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. MY MOTION TODAY IS BREAKING DOWN
5 ANOTHER SILO BY DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO
6 SIMILARLY ESTABLISH A DIRECT LINE WITH THE NATIONAL SUICIDE
7 PREVENTION HOTLINE, OPERATED BY DIDI HIRSCH, SO THAT CALLS CAN
8 BE REROUTED BETWEEN THE TWO, AS NEEDED. THE DIDI HIRSCH
9 COUNSELORS WHO OPERATE THE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE ARE
10 SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OVER THE
11 PHONE TO PEOPLE IN SUICIDAL CRISIS, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE
12 ABILITY TO DISPATCH PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE UNITS. ON THE
13 OPPOSITE END, OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S HELP LINE CAN
14 DISPATCH MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE STAFF
15 TO PROVIDE THE SAME TYPE OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN
16 SUICIDAL CRISIS AS DIDI HIRSCH. SO WE NEED TO CONNECT THESE
17 TWO LINES TOGETHER, AND ALLOW FOR BOTH DIDI HIRSCH AND OUR
18 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BE ABLE TO REROUTE CALLS TO ONE
19 ANOTHER, WHEN NEEDED. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE NOW,
20 TO STREAMLINE OUR CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE
21 9-8-8 TO BE IMPLEMENTED NEXT YEAR. AND I'VE INVITED DR. SHERIN
22 TO SPEAK ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TWO MOTIONS, AND HOW THEY
23 FIT INTO OUR BIGGER ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE WORK THAT
24 WE'VE ALREADY BEEN DOING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, DR. SHERIN,
25 IF YOU'RE ON, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU SAY A FEW WORDS.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE HOLD A MINUTE? I DID HAVE YOUR CO-
3 AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO WANTED TO SPEAK, AND THEN WE'LL
4 TURN TO DR. SHERIN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND ALLOWING ME
10 TO BE A CO-AUTHOR. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS LONG OVERDUE,
11 QUITE FRANKLY, AND I THINK THAT PROVIDING TARGETED MENTAL
12 HEALTHCARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVES A KEY PRIORITY OF THIS
13 BOARD. IT'S A CRITICAL PART IN ENSURING THOSE EXPERIENCING
14 ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES RECEIVE THE MOST APPROPRIATE
15 CARE THEY DESERVE. AND I SAY "APPROPRIATE CARE" BECAUSE, AS
16 YOU POINTED OUT WITH YOUR EXAMPLE, LOVED ONES REACH OUT FOR
17 HELP; AND IN THE END, WE'VE HEARD HORRIFIC STORIES ABOUT THE
18 INDIVIDUALS BEING SHOT AND KILLED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW
19 TO DE-ESCALATE THE SITUATION. AS WE CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY NEW
20 RESOURCES FOR LOVED ONES OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL
21 ILLNESS, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE
22 CALL LINES IS RELIANT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES. AND I
23 KNOW DR. SHERIN HAS BEEN A BIG PROPONENT, AND CONTINUES TO
24 FOCUS ON GROWING SERVICES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY
25 IN COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU'VE GOT CULTURAL ISSUES, AND YOU

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1 REALLY NEED TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST. I HOPE WE WILL
2 CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY NEW AND IMPROVED OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
3 THOSE MOST IN NEED, SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALLOWING
4 ME TO BE A CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. SHERIN?

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

9

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

11

12 **DR. SHERIN:** GREAT. WELL, THANKS. IT'S REALLY NICE TO BE WITH
13 YOU, REMOTELY. AND I WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD AND EXTEND
14 A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CO-AUTHORS, WHO REALLY ARE ON TO
15 SOMETHING VERY, VERY BIG AND IMPORTANT HERE. SO THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF MENTAL HEALTH REALLY SALUTES YOU FOR YOUR RELENTLESS
17 EFFORTS TO HELP THE COUNTY AND OUR DEPARTMENTS STREAMLINE MANY
18 OF THE COMPLEX PROCESSES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH, AND TO
19 PUSH FOR SYSTEMS REFORM MORE BROADLY. AND THIS EFFORT FOR US
20 TO CONSOLIDATE OUR CRISIS RESPONSE FUNCTIONS THROUGH THE
21 ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE INITIATIVE, AND FOR THIS CRISIS LINE ARE,
22 I THINK, EMBLEMATIC OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO
23 TAKING ACTION, AND ACTIONS THAT WILL MAKE PROGRESS POSSIBLE
24 SOONER THAN LATER. WITH RESPECT TO 24, YOU KNOW, SIDE BY SIDE
25 WITH THE KENNEDY FORUM AND THE STEINBERG INSTITUTE, WHO ARE,

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1 IN MY MIND, THE PREEMINENT ADVOCACY GROUPS AT THE FEDERAL AND
2 STATE LEVELS, CREATING THIS EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBER, AND
3 HOUSING IT, AND DESIGNING IT FOR SOMEONE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL
4 HEALTH CRISIS HAS BEEN A PRIORITY FOR THIS DEPARTMENT. WE'VE
5 ADVOCATED FOR IT, AND WE'RE VERY, VERY HONORED AND PLEASED TO
6 BE PARTICIPATING AS A SPONSOR. THE POWER OF ONE UNIFIED
7 NATIONAL RESPONSE NUMBER IS GOING TO SAVE LIVES. WITH RESPECT
8 TO 25, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO WORK WITH DIDI HIRSCH, SIDE BY
9 SIDE, TO HELP DESIGN AND STREAMLINE ON THE SUCCESSFUL
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF 9-8-8; BUT, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN POINTS OUT,
11 NOT WAIT FOR THE F.C.C. AND OTHER ENTITIES, BUT INSTEAD TO
12 BEGIN THAT PROCESS NOW, BY EXPANDING AN EXISTING CONTRACT THAT
13 WILL HELP US TRANSFORM OUR CRISIS RESPONSE ON THE FRONT SIDE.
14 ALL OF THIS STUFF IS CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
15 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IT'S ALSO CORE TO THE JUSTICE REFORM
16 INITIATIVES THAT WE ARE ALL PUSHING TOGETHER AND, I THINK, IN
17 MANY WAYS, LEADING THE COUNTRY IN DOING. SO THANK YOU FOR
18 INVITING ME TO SPEAK, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND WE
19 WILL PUSH ON THESE EFFORTS AS QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS WE
20 POSSIBLY CAN.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS
23 THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANY
24 FURTHER COMMENTS. THEN WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE HAVE TWO ITEMS
25 BEFORE US. OUR FIRST VOTE WILL BE ON ITEM 24. THIS ITEM HAS

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1 BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
3 CALL THE ROLL.

4

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

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** ARE WE DOING 24 AND 25 TOGETHER?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, SEPARATE. 24.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1

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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 25, WHICH IS BEFORE
10 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
11 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
12 ROLL.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 25 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL?

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

18

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS ITEM IS APPROVED. MOVING ON
15 NOW, MEMBERS, TO ITEM NUMBER... 42-D? I'M SORRY, 42-C. THIS IS
16 MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY, AND THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
17 BARGER. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND BEGIN.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I KNOW
21 THE EMOTIONAL AND THE MENTAL HEALTH TOLL ON THIS COUNTY HAS
22 WEIGHED HEAVILY ON ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF
23 PUBLIC HEALTH. THE DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT ON OUR CHILDREN HAS
24 BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED, BUT WE MUST ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE MENTAL
25 HEALTH CHALLENGES FACED BY THOSE THAT HAVE FACED ECONOMIC

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1 ISOLATION AND OTHER SOCIAL STRESSES, INCLUDING-- AND I WAS
2 TALKING TO SOMEONE AGAIN LAST NIGHT, WHO TALKED ABOUT THE
3 IMPACT OF THE DEATH OF THEIR LOVED ONE, BUT ALSO THE IMPACT OF
4 NOT BEING ABLE TO VISIT THEIR LOVED ONE IN THE HOSPITAL
5 BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D., AND THEN FINDING OUT THAT THEY DIED.
6 AND SO I REALLY HAVE HEARD, FIRSTHAND, FROM INDIVIDUALS THE
7 EMOTIONAL IMPACT THIS HAS HAD ON THEM. I HOPE THAT THE
8 DEPARTMENT WILL COME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY AND
9 MESSAGING THAT WILL ADDRESS THOSE CHALLENGES, BUT ALSO GUIDE
10 US, AS WE ENTER RECOVERY AND TRANSITION OUR COMMUNITIES
11 THROUGH THIS NEXT PHASE. AND IF YOU LOOK AT MOVING FORWARD, IN
12 TERMS OF WHAT TELEWORK IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE, I'VE ALSO TALKED
13 TO MANY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT COMING BACK TO WORK,
14 BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF ANXIETY. AND SO I KNOW THAT WE HAVE
15 TO BUILD SUPPORT PROGRAMS ACROSS THE BOARD, TO HELP EACH
16 INDIVIDUAL GET THROUGH THIS TRANSITION. AS I'VE SAID FROM THE
17 BEGINNING, THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP, AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY
18 TO ENGAGE ALL THE RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL TO BEST SERVE OUR
19 COMMUNITIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 MENTAL HEALTH, AND I AM GRATEFUL, DR. SHERIN, TO YOU AND YOUR
21 STAFF FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO CARING FOR ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS.
22 SO WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK FOR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION. THANK
23 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I SEE THAT
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN IS YOUR CO-AUTHOR. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DO YOU
3 WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION
7 WITH YOU. I WILL SAY, DURING THIS ENTIRE PAST YEAR, YOU HAVE
8 CONSTANTLY BEEN RAISING THE AWARENESS LEVEL OF THE IMPACT THAT
9 THIS PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S
10 DISRUPTED SO MANY LIVES IN SO MANY WAYS, AND FOR MANY PEOPLE,
11 THIS DISRUPTION HAS CAUSED INCREASED ANXIETY, STRESS; IN SOME
12 CASES, DEPRESSION. WE KNOW EVEN SUICIDES HAVE RESULTED BECAUSE
13 OF THIS PANDEMIC. MY OFFICE GETS E-MAILS EVERY WEEK FROM
14 STUDENTS AND PARENTS DESCRIBING THE WAYS THAT OUR YOUTH ARE
15 STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH FROM LACK OF INTERACTION
16 WITH THEIR PEERS AFTER ALMOST A YEAR OF DISTANCE LEARNING. AND
17 THE NEW YORK TIMES RECENTLY DID AN EYE-OPENING SERIES ON HOW
18 WORKING MOTHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE STRETCHED THIN BY
19 TRYING TO BALANCE THEIR JOBS AND CARING FOR THEIR CHILDREN
20 WITHOUT SCHOOL. AND, OF COURSE, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A
21 LOVED ONE, OR LOVED ONES, TO THIS HORRIBLE VIRUS, THE PAIN IS
22 IMMEASURABLE. SO, AS WE'RE FINALLY BEGINNING TO ROUND THE
23 CORNER IN FIGHTING THIS VIRUS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
24 PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THE WAYS THAT IT HAS NEGATIVELY AFFECTED
25 OUR RESIDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH. DR. SHERIN HAS BROUGHT THIS

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1 ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION BEFORE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO READING
2 HIS REPORT BACK AND COMING UP WITH OUR OWN PLAN TO HELP OUR
3 RESIDENTS HEAL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, NOW, SUPERVISOR
7 SHEILA KUEHL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU BOTH
10 FOR THIS MOTION, WHICH I SUPPORT, BUT I WANTED TO CALL TO OUR
11 ATTENTION, AND MAYBE ADD A QUESTION, BECAUSE THOSE WHO HAVE
12 SUFFERED IN TERMS OF STRESS, DEPRESSION, SUICIDAL THOUGHT, ET
13 CETERA, GOES REALLY BEYOND THOSE WHO WERE SHUT OUT FROM WORK,
14 OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SHUT OUT FROM SCHOOL. AND I'M THINKING
15 PARTICULARLY OF THOSE WHO WERE TOLD, "YOU'RE AN ESSENTIAL
16 WORKER. GO TO WORK." OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. I MEAN, YOU KNOW,
17 THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM IN THE COUNTY. 37,000,
18 I THINK, LAST MONTH-- IT'S PROBABLY MUCH HIGHER NOW--
19 THEMSELVES CONTRACTED C.O.V.I.D., 65 PERCENT OF WHOM WERE
20 WOMEN. I IMAGINE THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME P.T.S.D., GIVEN WHAT
21 THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH IN OUR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES-- SO MANY
22 DEATHS THAT THEY HAD TO WITNESS AND TRY TO PREVENT, OFTEN
23 FAILING. AND IN A SENSE, EVEN WHEN THE DEMAND TO GET BACK TO
24 SCHOOL, WHICH I SUPPORT, KIND OF HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR
25 TEACHERS. I MEAN, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT, AS YOU DID, I THINK,

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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABOUT WORKERS WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT
2 RETURNING, WE REALLY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT TEACHERS NEED TO
3 FEEL SAFE-- REALISTICALLY SAFE. AND WE ALL AGREE ON THIS. SO
4 I'M WONDERING IF THERE MAY BE STUDIES THAT WE COULD ALSO BE
5 AWARE OF, THAT MAY HAVE BEEN DONE ALREADY, ABOUT THE IMPACT TO
6 OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS, THOSE WHO HAVE
7 ESSENTIALLY BORNE THE BRUNT OF CARING ABOUT THIS PANDEMIC; OUR
8 FOOD SERVICE WORKERS. I KNOW THERE MUST BE STUDIES, AND I
9 WONDER IF WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE MADE AWARE OF THOSE, AS WELL.
10 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE.
13 AND I WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS, BECAUSE, AGAIN, IN TALKING TO
14 SOMEONE LAST NIGHT, HER MOTHER PASSED AWAY IN THE HOSPITAL,
15 AND THE HOSPITAL WOULDN'T LET HER IN TO HOLD HER HAND AND SAY
16 GOODBYE; AND THE TRAUMA SHE'S EXPERIENCING, AND THE ANXIETY
17 SHE HAS, AND THE GUILT SHE HAS FOR NOT BEING THERE FOR HER
18 PARENT, BY NO FAULT OF HER OWN. SO I THINK THIS IS NOT A ONE-
19 SIZE-FITS-ALL. I WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS, BECAUSE I REALLY DO
20 BELIEVE THAT WHEN I TALK ABOUT RECOVERY, IT'S ABOUT RECOVERY
21 FOR THE ENTIRE 10 MILLION PEOPLE. I THINK EVERYBODY HAS A
22 STORY TO TELL ABOUT THE IMPACT IT'S HAD. AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
23 RIGHT ABOUT TEACHERS HAVING ANXIETY GOING BACK INTO THE
24 CLASSROOM, BECAUSE WE DON'T WHAT WE DON'T KNOW. AND I KNOW
25 THAT, BECAUSE THIS IS A LIFE-THREATENING VIRUS, PEOPLE ARE

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1 TERRIFIED. SO I WELCOME ALL INPUT TO REALLY BRING A PLAN
2 FORWARD THAT'S GOING TO REALLY HELP US ALL HEAL AND SUPPORT
3 ONE ANOTHER.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO
6 P.T.S.D., SOMETHING THAT DR. SHERIN HAS REALLY EDUCATED ME
7 ABOUT, IN THIS CASE ABOUT OUR HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS. BUT IT
8 MAY BE THE CASE FOR THOSE WHO JUST HAD TO SHOW UP EVERY DAY AT
9 THE MARKET, OR, YOU KNOW... I'M JUST SAYING IT WOULD HELP US,
10 BECAUSE I'M CERTAIN THERE HAVE BEEN STUDIES, JUST TO HAVE THE
11 INFORMATION ACROSS THESE COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. AND I KNOW THAT
12 YOU WELCOME THAT, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
15 WON'T BELABOR THE POINT. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, THANK THE
16 AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR, AND JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT
17 HERE'S A GOOD WAY THAT WE CAN ALSO UTILIZE OUR AMBASSADORS,
18 AND OUR NAVIGATORS, AND THOSE THAT ARE KNOWN AS PROMOTORES, TO
19 GO INTO OUR COMMUNITY TO ASSIST IN THE OUTREACH TO PEOPLE THAT
20 ARE GOING THROUGH THIS STRESS. SO, I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT.
21 AND IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM ANY OTHER BOARD
22 OFFICES OR MEMBERS, THEN WE WILL CALL THIS UP FOR A VOTE. THE
23 ITEM, 42-C, IS BEFORE US. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
25 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 42-C IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
3 MITCHELL?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

19

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

21

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

23

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS APPROVED. MOVING ON NOW TO ITEM
3 42-D, REVITALIZING THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** HI. I'LL TRY TO BE SHORT. I WANT TO THANK
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING WITH ME THIS MOTION. THE
9 COUNTY IS HOME TO MORE THAN 24,000 RESTAURANTS, OF WHICH 92%
10 HAVE FEWER THAN 25 EMPLOYEES. L.A. COUNTY ALSO HAS THE LARGEST
11 CONCENTRATION OF MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE
12 NATION. BOASTING ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE FOOD SCENES,
13 REPRESENTING DOZENS OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, CULTURES, AND
14 CUISINES, THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY EXEMPLIFIES THE MELTING POT
15 OF THE COUNTY. THIS INDUSTRY ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE
16 ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF THE COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS
17 COMMUNITY. MANY RESTAURANTS ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY
18 IMMIGRANTS, OR FIRST- AND SECOND-GENERATION IMMIGRANTS,
19 CONTINUING THE LEGACY THAT THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES HAVE
20 BUILT. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS UNFORTUNATELY DECIMATED
21 THIS INDUSTRY, FORCING THE CLOSURE OF A GROWING NUMBER OF
22 BUSINESSES, DUE IN PART TO THE VERY REAL PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS
23 POSED BY THIS VIRUS, AND IN PART DUE TO THE CHANGING PUBLIC
24 HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. THIS INDUSTRY, MORE THAN ANY OTHER, HAS
25 ADAPTED, EVOLVED, AND SURVIVED ON THE SHEER WILL OF THE

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1 ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO OVERCOME EACH CHALLENGE
2 THROWN THEIR WAY. THIS, HOWEVER, COMES AT A STEEP AND
3 SIGNIFICANT COST. ON TOP OF THE COST AND OVERHEAD THEY
4 CONTINUE TO ACCRUE, THE CHALLENGES OF ADAPTING TO NEW
5 RESTRICTIONS HAS CREATED SIGNIFICANT BURDENS. IN DECEMBER
6 2020, A SURVEY BY THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION SHOWED
7 THAT NEARLY A THIRD OF THOSE SURVEYED CONSIDERED TEMPORARILY
8 CLOSING THEIR RESTAURANT UNTIL THE END OF THE PANDEMIC, WITH
9 TWO-THIRDS EXPECTING STAFFING LEVELS TO DECLINE IN EARLY 2021.
10 A STATEWIDE STUDY ESTIMATES THAT ONE IN FIVE RESTAURANTS WILL
11 PERMANENTLY CLOSE. AS MANY MAKE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO
12 CLOSE THEIR DOORS TEMPORARILY-- AND SOME, UNFORTUNATELY,
13 PERMANENTLY-- IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE COUNTY TO FIND WAYS TO
14 SUPPORT THE RECOVERY AND REVITALIZATION OF THESE BUSINESSES.
15 THEREFORE, I AM ASKING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW THE
16 MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED BY THE
17 RESTAURANT SECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE
18 IN THEIR FINAL REPORT. THE MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE
19 POTENTIALLY WAIVING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTION FEES. IN
20 ADDITION, TO FACILITATE THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY OF THE
21 INDUSTRY, WE ARE CALLING ON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLORE
22 POLICY CHANGES NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT REUSE OF
23 EXISTING COMMERCIAL SPACES TO HELP NEW BUSINESSES GET UP AND
24 RUNNING QUICKLY, TO REPLACE THOSE THAT WERE FORCED TO CLOSE
25 PERMANENTLY. THIS INCLUDES STREAMLINING PERMITTING, AND

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1 ADAPTING CURRENT COUNTY PRACTICES TO RESPOND TO THE HOPEFULLY
2 LARGE VOLUME OF NEW BUSINESSES THAT WANT TO OPEN THEIR DOORS
3 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHEN THE TIME AND CONDITIONS ALLOW THEM
4 DO SO. IN ADDITION, WE ARE DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO ENSURE THAT
5 ANY FUTURE ELIGIBLE STATE AND FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDS INCLUDE
6 SPECIFIC SET-ASIDES FOR THIS INDUSTRY, IN LINE WITH THE
7 TREMENDOUS NEED. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT FINDING WAYS TO BRING
8 JOBS BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WE MOVE OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC.
9 THERE IS SO MUCH THAT THIS COUNTY CAN DO, AS WE CONTINUE TO
10 SEE DECREASING CASES-- KNOCK ON WOOD-- AND INCREASED
11 VACCINATIONS, TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE CRITICAL WORK AHEAD. SO
12 WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK FOR SUPPORT. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 HAHN, FOR CO-AUTHORING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DOES SUPERVISOR HAHN WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED?

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS, SUPERVISOR
18 BARGER. WE KNOW THAT OUR RESTAURANTS HAVE SUFFERED HUGE LOSSES
19 THIS LAST YEAR. SOME OF THEM MAY NOT MAKE IT, MAY NOT REOPEN,
20 BUT WE REALLY WANT THEM TO. AND I DO HOPE THAT WE CAN DO
21 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THEM REOPEN. MANY OF THEM ARE IN
22 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY'VE BEEN SORT OF
23 THE GATHERING SPOT FOR MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND HAVE
24 KEPT, REALLY, COMMUNITIES TOGETHER. AND I HOPE WE CAN FIND
25 CREATIVE WAYS, LIKE WE'VE OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION, TO REMOVE

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1 SOME BARRIERS FOR THESE RESTAURANTS TO REOPEN WHEN IT'S SAFE.
2 I KNOW OTHER CITIES, LIKE NEW YORK, HAVE A PATHWAY FOR
3 RESTAURANTS TO SELF-CERTIFY THEIR ARCHITECTURAL PLANS, AND IT
4 CAN BE A GREAT WAY TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. I THINK WE SHOULD
5 LOOK FOR WAYS TO REMOVE RED TAPE. SOME OF THESE RESTAURANTS
6 HAVE INVESTED A LOT OF THEIR OWN MONEY FOR, YOU KNOW, A
7 COMPLETE OUTDOOR DINING SETUP; AND SOME OF THESE SMALLER
8 RESTAURANTS, THAT REALLY TOOK A TOLL OUT OF THEIR INVESTMENTS.
9 AND RESTAURANT OWNERS, COOKS, WAIT STAFF, HAVE BEEN SO HEAVILY
10 IMPACTED BY THIS PANDEMIC. AND AS WE'VE HEARD, CALIFORNIA'S
11 NEW BUDGET PLAN INCLUDES \$70 MILLION FOR FEE WAIVERS TO
12 INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING
13 RESTAURANTS. AND I WOULD LIKE OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
14 HEALTH'S ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW,
15 MAYBE, WE CAN WAIVE FEES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO ASSIST THOSE
16 RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OPERATE, OR ARE
17 OPERATING AT REDUCED CAPACITIES. WE NEED TO LOOK AT ANY WAY TO
18 REDUCE THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF DOING BUSINESS, INCLUDING HOW WE
19 MIGHT BE ABLE TO WAIVE YEARLY PERMIT FEES. AND I KNOW THIS IS
20 ONE OF THOSE LINES THAT WE'RE WALKING, BECAUSE CLEARLY OUR
21 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS SPENDING MORE TIME, THEY'RE
22 SENDING MORE INSPECTORS OUT, BECAUSE, OF COURSE, WE WANT THESE
23 RESTAURANTS TO OPEN SAFELY, AND WE WANT CERTAIN SAFETY
24 PROTOCOLS TO BE IN PLACE. SO THEY'RE PROBABLY SPENDING MORE
25 TIME AND MORE INSPECTORS TO DO THIS. AND YET, IF WE CAN FIND A

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1 WAY IN OUR COUNTY'S BUDGET TO OFFSET THESE PERMIT FEES BY OUR
2 RESTAURANTS, SO THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS NOT
3 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, BUT IT ALSO REMOVES ONE BARRIER TO SOME
4 OF THESE RESTAURANTS IN REOPENING. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS
5 REPORT BACK, AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEE HOW WE CAN HELP
6 OUR RESTAURANTS, AND HOW THIS MIGHT TIE INTO THE STATE'S PLAN
7 TO ALSO HELP THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WISHES TO BE
11 RECOGNIZED.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I SUPPORT THIS, BUT I WANTED TO
14 UNDERSCORE WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST SAID ABOUT WAIVING THE
15 FEES, BECAUSE, AS WE KNOW, THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
16 DEPARTMENT HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT, NOT
17 ONLY BECAUSE WE WANT EVERYONE TO OBEY THE RULES AND MAKE SURE
18 THAT THEY ARE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE'RE
19 ALL GOING TO STAY SAFE. AND THEY HAVE TO GET OUT. THEY HAVE TO
20 HAVE THE PEOPLE DOING IT. WHEN BARBARA SAYS WE VISITED 4,000,
21 WHATEVER, LAST WEEKEND, THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO I WANT TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT THE PUBLIC
23 HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAN SIMPLY KIND OF EAT IT; AND, AS
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN INDICATED, MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS SOME
25 EITHER BACKFILL, OR NOT REALLY BE ABLE TO WAIVE THIS FEE.

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1 ANYWAY, I THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT HAPPENS
2 NEXT.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. I WANT TO
5 RECOGNIZE MYSELF, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND
6 HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. I THINK WE ALL KNOW SMALL
7 BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY. THEY MAKE UP OVER
8 90 PERCENT OF THE BUSINESSES IN L.A. COUNTY. RESTAURANTS AND
9 FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE ALSO LARGE EMPLOYERS OF LATINX
10 AND BLACK RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED
11 BY THE PANDEMIC. SO I DO BELIEVE WE NEED TO DO MORE TO HELP
12 GET THESE PEOPLE BACK TO WORK, AND THAT INCLUDES HELPING
13 RESTAURANTS REOPEN AND ESTABLISH NEW BRICK-AND-MORTAR
14 LOCATIONS. AND AS PART OF THE REPORT BACK, I WANT TO MAKE SURE
15 THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS REACH OUT TO THOSE STAKEHOLDERS AND
16 BUSINESS OWNERS TO COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOP WAYS TO STREAMLINE
17 PERMITTING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR RESTAURANTS, TO REDUCE COSTS,
18 AND TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SET UP SHOP IN THE COUNTY. REDUCTION
19 OF FEES FOR RESTAURANTS CAN ALSO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND
20 THE WORKERS THAT THEY EMPLOY. AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS CAME
21 DIRECTLY FROM OUR ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, SO WE KNOW
22 WE HAVE A GOOD REPORT THAT WILL COME BACK TO US. SO I LOOK
23 FORWARD TO THAT, AND FULLY SUPPORT THE MOTION. ARE THERE ANY
24 OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. I
25 DON'T SEE ANY. OKAY, WITH THAT, THIS ITEM, 42-D, IS BEFORE US.

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1 IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN
2 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
3 ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 42-D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
6 MITCHELL?

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

24

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

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THAT ITEM IS PASSED. NEXT,
6 MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 42-E, PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING
7 THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND SERVICES. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I JUST WANT TO THANK
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY GASCON FOR HIS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THIS
12 MOTION TODAY, AND HIS TEAM FOR WORKING WITH MY STAFF, AS WELL.
13 I APPRECIATE D.A. GASCON'S STATEMENT IN SPECIAL DIRECTIVE
14 2012, WHERE HE SAID SUPPORTING VICTIMS IN THEIR JOURNEY TO
15 BECOMING SURVIVORS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO COMMUNITY SAFETY, AND THE
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL PURSUE A
17 SYSTEM OF PARALLEL JUSTICE WHERE WE'LL NOT ONLY SEEK LEGAL
18 PROSECUTION OF OFFENDERS, BUT ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORTS FOR
19 VICTIMS IN THE EVOLUTION TO BECOMING SURVIVORS. SO I WOULD
20 JUST ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS, AND JUST, AGAIN, THANK YOU,
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY GASCON, FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN A LETTER YOU
22 SENT IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS THAT WANT
25 TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NONE, THIS ITEM,

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1 42, IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR BARGER MOVES. SUPERVISOR HAHN
2 SECONDS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 42-E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS ITEM'S APPROVED. ITEM 42-J,
5 REOPENING ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, I JUST KNOW THAT
9 WE'RE ALL REALLY WORKING TOWARDS REOPENING OUR SCHOOLS. WE'RE
10 WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WILL BE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
11 FOR THE KIDS AND THE SCHOOLS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING MORE
12 AND MORE FROM STUDENTS, AS WELL AS PARENTS, ON HOW IMPORTANT
13 IT IS TO REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT WE NEED TO
14 HAVE THE TOOLS, AND WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES, FOR
15 THESE SCHOOLS TO REOPEN SAFELY. AND IT'S GOING TO BE-- THERE'S
16 GOING TO BE SO MANY DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING OUR KIDS BACK IN
17 SCHOOL. MANY OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE BEHIND, ACADEMICALLY, AND
18 IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN
19 CATCH UP, SOME OF THEM. BUT IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO REOPEN
20 OUR ECONOMY AND GET BACK TO SOME SENSE OF NORMALCY, WE DO NEED
21 TO REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS, GET OUR KIDS BACK, AND MAKE SURE THAT
22 OUR TEACHERS ARE SAFE WHEN THEY'RE IN THE CLASSROOM. AND IT
23 TAKES A LOT OF RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOLS TO MEET THESE HEALTH
24 AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS. SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE GOING TO BE
25 OKAY, AND THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES, ALREADY, TO MAKE SURE THAT

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1 EACH CLASSROOM IS SAFE, WHETHER IT BE THE AIR FILTERS, OR THE
2 PLEXIGLAS, OR, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE ENOUGH ROOM, SO THAT THEY
3 CAN SEPARATE THE DESKS. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF SCHOOL
4 DISTRICTS THAT NEED HELP. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THAT WE DO
5 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS, WITH THE RESOURCES
6 AND THE INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE THEIR REOPENING
7 PLANS. THIS INCLUDES DISTRIBUTING 1 MILLION MASKS TO 81
8 DISTRICTS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE
9 E.O.C. AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND L.A.C.O.E. FOR
10 ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
11 ABOUT HOW EACH OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE GETTING ACCESS TO
12 SURPLUS MASKS THAT HAVE BEEN STOCKPILED IN SOME OF OUR COUNTY
13 WAREHOUSES, AS WELL AS, AGAIN, A CONSTANT REPORT BACK TO US ON
14 HOW EACH OF OUR 80 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS PREPARING TO REOPEN.
15 THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
18 RECOGNIZED?

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INVITING ME
21 TO CO-AUTHOR THIS, AND I DO SO, ENTHUSIASTICALLY. GIVEN THE
22 FACT THAT I THINK WE HAVE SOME ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SHARE, I
23 THINK IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING TO DO, AND I ASK FOR YOUR
24 AYE VOTE.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO LEND MY SUPPORT,
2 AND JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE BOTH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
3 YOURSELF FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM BEFORE US. CAN'T THINK OF
4 ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT. AND AS YOU KNOW, ON TODAY'S AGENDA,
5 WE ALSO HAVE A MOTION THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD, TO PROVIDE A
6 PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S STOCKPILE OF FACE COVERS AND MASKS TO
7 OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING RESIDENTS, TRANSIT
8 OPERATORS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES, AND OTHERS. SO, AGAIN, THANK
9 YOU. SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE
10 RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME, THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 42-J IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL?

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

18

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT ITEM IS APPROVED. AT THIS
15 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON
16 ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO
17 STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE DO
18 NOT HAVE ANY SPECIALS TODAY. THEREFORE, MEMBERS, WE WILL
19 QUICKLY MOVE, NOW, ON TO ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH
20 THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF DR. LEONARDO ORTIZ, A
24 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
25 77. HE GREW UP IN GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR, AND ATTENDED ANTILLEAN

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1 ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY, IN PUERTO RICO. HE WENT ON TO RECEIVE A
2 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM ANDREWS UNIVERSITY IN MICHIGAN, AND A
3 MEDICAL DEGREE FROM U.A.G. IN GUADALAJARA, AND THEN PARTOOK IN
4 THE FIFTH PATHWAY PROGRAM, THROUGH LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY AND
5 GLENDALE ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER. HE COMPLETED HIS FAMILY
6 PRACTICE RESIDENCY AT U.S.C., CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES,
7 AND GLENDALE ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER. IN 1980, DR. ORTIZ
8 BEGAN HIS 40-YEAR PRIVATE PRACTICE IN FAMILY MEDICINE, WITH AN
9 OFFICE IN EAGLE ROCK FOR 35 YEARS, AND THEN IN VAN NUYS. HE
10 ALSO SERVED ON THE STAFF AT GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND
11 GLENDALE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL. HIS DEVOUT FAITH INSPIRED HIM TO
12 USE HIS MEDICAL DEGREE IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS. HE
13 VOLUNTEERED AT CHURCH CAMPS WITH ADVENTIST HEALTH HOSPITALS
14 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, AND DONATED FOOD, FUNDS, AND TIME TO
15 PROJECT G.A.N.G.S, A GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM STARTED BY HIS
16 FRIEND AND FELLOW ADVENTIST, HARRY BEY. SINCE 1980, DR. ORTIZ
17 ADMINISTERED MEDICAL CARE AND SUPPLIES TO THE UNDERSERVED IN
18 GREATER LOS ANGELES, AND, LATER IN HIS LIFE, MADE MISSIONARY
19 TRIPS TO HIS HOME COUNTRY OF ECUADOR TO DO THE SAME. DR. ORTIZ
20 WAS FEATURED ON NUMEROUS NEWSCASTS THROUGH THE YEARS BY
21 HISPANIC TELEVISION BROADCASTERS, TO INFORM MILLIONS OF
22 VIEWERS ABOUT MEDICAL CONCERNS RELEVANT TO THE LATINO
23 POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BEYOND. HE ALSO WROTE A
24 REGULAR COLUMN ON THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MAGAZINE "EL
25 CENTINELA," TITLED "HABLANDO CON EL DOCTOR," IN WHICH HE

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1 ANSWERED MEDICAL QUESTIONS. AT HOME, DR. ORTIZ ENJOYED THE
2 SIMPLE PLEASURES OF READING AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY,
3 WHO LOVED HIM DEARLY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY THE COUNTLESS LIVES
4 HE IMPACTED THROUGH HIS GENEROSITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
5 OF 56 YEARS, DR. MARIA ORTIZ, HIS DAUGHTERS RUTH, LYNDIA, AND
6 ROSA, HIS SON LEONARDO II, HIS EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE
7 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY
8 PEDRO ROMO, A 25-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 14TH FROM
10 COMPLICATIONS DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. HE WAS 49 YEARS OLD. HE
11 JOINED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN JULY OF 1995, AND RECEIVED
12 PATROL TRAINING AT LAKEWOOD STATION. HIS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED
13 NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, COURT SERVICES, AND
14 ULTIMATELY THE SANTA CLARITA SHERIFF'S STATION, IN 2004. HE
15 SERVED AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL
16 FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS. DEPUTY ROMO TOOK PRIDE IN PROVIDING
17 SECURITY AND SAFETY TO STUDENTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.
18 HE ALSO ASSISTED WITH OFF-ROAD OPERATIONS AT THE SANTA CLARITA
19 STATION. HE WAS A GREAT PARTNER, A DEDICATED FAMILY MAN, AND A
20 HEARTWARMING FRIEND. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THE SPIRIT HE
21 BROUGHT INTO THE STATION, WITH HIS SMILE AND HIS POSITIVE
22 ATTITUDE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. ALSO,
23 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANE SHANKS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT
24 OF BURBANK, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95, ON JANUARY 10TH.
25 SHE GREW UP IN WEST TEXAS, NEAR THE RIO GRANDE BORDER, IN A

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1 SMALL RAILROAD TOWN CALLED SIERRA BLANCA. SHE EARNED A
2 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,
3 AUSTIN. WHILE ATTENDING U.T., JANE MET FUTURE HUSBAND ROBERT
4 ELLSWORTH SHANKS, WHO WAS STATIONED THERE FOR NAVAL FLIGHT
5 TRAINING. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1945, AND MOVED TO CALIFORNIA,
6 WHERE ROBERT FINISHED HIS SCHOOLING AT U.S.C. IN HER 20S, JANE
7 WAS BUSY AS A YOUNG MOTHER TO FOUR CHILDREN, BORN BETWEEN 1948
8 AND 1953. THEY SPENT MANY HAPPY YEARS LIVING IN ANAHEIM. IN
9 1967, THE FAMILY MOVED TO BURBANK, AFTER ROBERT BECAME
10 SUPERINTENDENT OF BURBANK UNIFIED. IN HER 52 YEARS AS A
11 BURBANK RESIDENT, JANE DREW UPON HER CONSIDERABLE ENERGY TO
12 SERVE OTHERS, TO MENTOR, AND TO BE A FRIEND. JANE AND ROBERT
13 JOINED BURBANK FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHERE JANE REMAINED
14 ACTIVELY INVOLVED AS AN ATTENDING MEMBER, SUNDAY SCHOOL
15 TEACHER, VOLUNTEER, ELDER, AND DEACON, FOR THE REMAINDER OF
16 HER LIFE. JANE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH LA PROVIDENCIA GUILD
17 FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND P.E.O. SISTERHOOD, BURBANK
18 CHAPTER. SHE TAUGHT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AT BURBANK
19 SCHOOLS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND PLAYED PIANO AT
20 PROVIDENCE ST. ELIZABETH NURSING HOME FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.
21 WHEN ASKED, AT AGE 83, TO SUM UP HER LIFE IN SIX WORDS OR
22 LESS, JANE RESPONDED, "BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, WORTH IT." SHE
23 IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, WYMAN STEPHEN SHANKS, JAMES
24 HENRY SHANKS, JANE ANNE CHAMBERS, AND PRISCILLA CLAIRE SHANKS
25 CHATTAH; THEIR SPOUSES; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN; AND NINE GREAT-

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1 GRANDSON. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARION "MIMI"
2 SWIFT, WHO WORKED 30 YEARS FOR THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS
3 A SECRETARY TO SIX SUPERINTENDENTS, WHO PASSED AWAY JANUARY
4 25TH, AT THE AGE OF 80. MIMI BEGAN WORKING FOR PALMDALE SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT IN 1972. SHE WORKED FOR SUPERINTENDENTS RALPH LOVIK,
6 LAURENCE KEMPER, CARL KRAUSE, FORREST MCELROY, AND NANCY
7 SMITH, BEFORE RETIRING IN 2002. MIMI PROVIDED ADDITIONAL
8 SERVICES AS A CLASSIFIED EARLY RETIREE WITH THE SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT UNTIL 2005. BORN IN 1940, SHE WAS THE LOVING WIFE OF
10 BILL SWIFT FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS, BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY IN 2018.
11 MIMI MADE HER HOME IN WRIGHTWOOD FROM 1990 TO 2018, WHEN SHE
12 MOVED BACK TO LANCASTER TO BE CLOSER TO HER CHILDREN. SHE'S
13 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN LAURIE WOOLERY, DAN SWIFT, AND DAVID
14 SWIFT, THEIR SPOUSES, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.
15 AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
17 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY
19 AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH:
20 THOMAS OSCAR DAVIDSON, ARMY; WALTER FRANK, ARMY; LLOYD HAROLD
21 GILLESPIE, MARINE CORPS; STEPHEN JOEL GLAZER, NAVY; BILL LEE
22 JOHNSON, NAVY; MARC ARNOLD LOVE, AIR FORCE; DANIEL JAMES MAUS,
23 AIR FORCE; JAIME MORENO, AIR FORCE; RICHMOND J. NORMAN, ARMY;
24 WALTER TODD ROBERTSON, ARMY; HENRY SHAW, NAVY; LANALEA
25 SHELTON, ARMY; GEORGE RAY VAUDRIN, MARINE CORPS; JOHANN BURTON

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1 VON PREUSSEN, ARMY; RICHARD ALLEN WALLAKER, ARMY; WILLIS RAY
2 WILLIAMS, NAVY; MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN
3 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM
4 CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL RECOGNIZE MYSELF
7 NOW FOR MY ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
8 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY ORTIZ G. RAMIREZ. SHE
9 WAS BORN ON MARCH 31ST, 1924, IN TOLTEC, COLORADO, AND PASSED
10 AWAY ON FEBRUARY THE 10TH, 2021, AT THE AGE OF 96. MS. RAMIREZ
11 MIGRATED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE 1940S, AND EVENTUALLY
12 SETTLED IN CITY TERRACE FOR OVER 60 YEARS. SHE LIKED TO SHARE
13 HER STORIES OF WORLD WAR II, AND THE CHALLENGING TIMES OF THE
14 ERA. ALTHOUGH SHE ONLY HAD A SECOND-GRADE EDUCATION, SHE WAS
15 AN AVID READER. SHE WOULD READ "LA OPINION" NEWSPAPER EVERY
16 MORNING, AND KNEW HER POLITICS. SHE VALUED THE RIGHT TO VOTE,
17 AND SUPPORTED THE FARM WORKERS. HER DAUGHTER, MARY LOU
18 HERNANDEZ, AN EAST L.A. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, REMEMBERS WALKING
19 INTO LUCKY'S MARKET, AND HER MOTHER TELLING HER, "TODAY WE'RE
20 NOT BUYING LETTUCE OR GRAPES, IN SUPPORT OF THE WORKERS'
21 STRIKE." MS. RAMIREZ WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING AND
22 DEVOTED WIFE, SISTER, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT-GRANDMOTHER,
23 AUNT, AND FRIEND. SHE DISPLAYED KINDNESS TOWARDS ALL WHO KNEW
24 HER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 60 YEARS, PABLO H.
25 GONZALEZ; HER CHILDREN, MARY LOU G. HERNANDEZ, AND GILBERT AND

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1 MICHAEL GONZALEZ; AND HER GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY LOVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MAY SHE
3 REST IN PEACE. SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AMELIA BACLIG. AMELIA PASSED AWAY LAST
5 MONTH, DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19. SHE WAS A
6 BELOVED NURSE FROM QUEEN OF THE VALLEY HOSPITAL IN WEST
7 COVINA, KNOWN TO HER COWORKERS AS "MAMA AMY." TRAGICALLY, SHE
8 CONTRACTED THE VIRUS BEFORE SHE HAD A CHANCE TO BE VACCINATED.
9 HER FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES DESCRIBE HER AS A TRULY
10 COMPASSIONATE HUMAN BEING. AMY WAS A NURSE FOR ALMOST 30
11 YEARS, AND CARED FOR HER PATIENTS LIKE THEY WERE HER OWN
12 FAMILY. SHE SPOKE THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND ALWAYS HAD A
13 GOOD SPIRIT, DESPITE THE HARDSHIPS OF HER JOB DURING THE
14 PANDEMIC. MAMA AMY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE AND
15 DEDICATION TO THOSE AROUND HER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
16 NESTOR; HER THREE CHILDREN, JAMES, AUBREY, AND JOANNE; AND HER
17 TWO GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR SISTERS, AND TWO BROTHERS. MAY SHE
18 REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
19 IN MEMORY OF MARGARET ROMAN. SHE WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY THE
20 SEVENTH, 1957, IN THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK. SHE PASSED AWAY ON
21 JANUARY 25TH, 2021, AT THE AGE OF 63. MS. ROMAN SPENT 43 YEARS
22 SERVING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS A VALUED TEAM
23 MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
24 WHERE SHE WORKED BEFORE SHE SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH.
25 SHE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL

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1 AS TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE'S
2 SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, DAVID AND RICHARD, AND SIX
3 GRANDCHILDREN. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
4 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL HURTADO, A
5 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
6 FEBRUARY 15TH AFTER COMPLICATIONS FROM CARDIAC SURGERY AND
7 C.O.V.I.D.-19. MICHAEL WAS BORN IN AUGUST OF 1941, IN
8 CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, AND AFTER BECOMING A NATURALIZED CITIZEN,
9 HE SERVED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FOR FOUR YEARS AS A CORPSMAN.
10 AFTER BEING DISCHARGED, HE STUDIED MATH AND TAUGHT FOR 31
11 YEARS IN THE MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AT BELL
12 GARDENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND SCHURR HIGH SCHOOL. WHILE IN
13 COLLEGE, HE MET JANICE UMADE, WHILE BOTH WERE WORKING AT CITY
14 VIEW HOSPITAL. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1969, AND RAISED TWO SONS.
15 HE LOVED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, KENKEN PUZZLES, FRIDAY NIGHT
16 POKER, PLAYING TENNIS, AND GOING TO LAS VEGAS. HE'S SURVIVED
17 BY HIS DEVOTED WIFE JANICE, HIS SON PHILIP, AND DAUGHTER-IN-
18 LAW KELLY, THEIR CHILDREN MICHAEL, KAI, TAKESHI, AND HIS SON
19 GABRIEL AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW LEELANA, AND THEIR CHILD MAX, AS
20 WELL AS HIS BROTHER JAY, HIS SISTER COCO, AND SEVERAL OTHER
21 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND I MOVE
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GERARD R.
23 LEWIS. HE WAS 65 YEARS OLD WHEN HE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
24 21ST, 2021, FROM AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK. HE WAS THE BELOVED
25 SON OF RUTH LEWIS MCCANN AND THE LATE THOMAS J. LEWIS. DURING

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1 HIS YOUTH, THE FAMILY VACATIONS TO MAMMOTH MOUNTAINS, MOUNT
2 WHITNEY, AND BAJA CALIFORNIA NURTURED HIS UNWAVERING LOVE AND
3 PASSION FOR PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT
4 INTERESTS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN THE SIERRA CLUB. GERARD
5 RECENTLY CELEBRATED HIS TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT LA PLAZA DE
6 CULTURA Y ARTES, AS ONE OF THE MUSEUM'S ORIGINAL EMPLOYEES,
7 SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND SECURITY.
8 GERARD EXEMPLIFIED AN UNSUNG HERO, WHO WAS ALWAYS SELFLESSLY
9 PRESENT FOR HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES, AND THOSE IN
10 NEED. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS TRINI AND BARBARA, BROTHER-
11 IN-LAW PAUL, HIS BROTHER JOHN, AND HIS NEPHEW AND NIECE. MAY
12 HE REST IN PEACE. AND LASTLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
13 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDA RAMOS. I'D LIKE TO ASK
14 ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN IN THE MEMORY OF LINDA RAMOS, A DEVOTED
15 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. LINDA WAS A LONGSTANDING EMPLOYEE
16 WITH THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, WHERE SHE SUPERVISED THE
17 LEGAL SUPPORT UNIT AND COLLECTION SERVICE SECTION. LINDA WILL
18 BE REMEMBERED FOR HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS TO
19 HELP COWORKERS WHO NEEDED HER ASSISTANCE. SHE WAS A PASSIONATE
20 AND ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND EQUITY FOR ALL. SHE
21 SERVED EIGHT YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE
22 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE FAT ACCEPTANCE, A CIVIL RIGHTS
23 ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
24 THE OBESE. I EXTEND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER, HER FAMILY,
25 FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I BELIEVE

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1 WE'LL ADD ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. AND NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO
2 NOW TURN TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR HER ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. APPRECIATE
5 YOU. COLLEAGUES, I ASK TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 JENNIFER MANJARREZ, GARY MIYATAKE, AND THE REVEREND DR.
7 FREDERICK K.C. "FRED" PRICE. MS. MANJARREZ PASSED AWAY ON
8 JANUARY 9TH OF COMPLICATIONS FROM C.O.V.I.D. AT THE AGE OF 30.
9 SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY IN THE
10 SECOND DISTRICT. SHE WAS A LONGTIME EMPLOYEE OF THINK
11 TOGETHER, A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO
12 CHANGE THE ODDS FOR KIDS THROUGH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS,
13 EXPANDED LEARNING SERVICES, AND OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT
14 SERVICES. DURING HER TIME AT THINK TOGETHER, MS. MANJARREZ
15 SERVED AS A SITE LEADER AT ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IN THE
16 LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR BEING A
17 PHENOMENAL LEADER WHO EXHIBITED A PASSION FOR YOUTH
18 DEVELOPMENT, AND HAD A CLOSE BOND WITH HER STAFF AND
19 COLLEAGUES IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. MS. MANJARREZ'S MEMORY WILL
20 BE CHERISHED BY HER PARENTS, RAMON AND ROSA; HER SIBLINGS,
21 VANESSA, MARIA, AND RAMON JR.; HER BELOVED THINK TOGETHER
22 COLLEAGUES; THE YOUTH WHOSE LIVES SHE POSITIVELY AFFECTED; AS
23 WELL AS HER EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HER
24 DEARLY. GARY MIYATAKE WAS A THIRD-GENERATION PHOTOGRAPHER IN
25 THE REVERED MIYATAKE FAMILY. HE PASSED AWAY IN TORRANCE ON

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1 DECEMBER 29TH, AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE AT THE AGE OF 69. MR.
2 MIYATAKE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS KEEN EYE AND PHOTOGRAPHY
3 SKILLS, HIS ICONIC PORTRAITS OF POLITICAL LEADERS AND
4 ACTIVISTS, AND FOR SUPPORTING VARIOUS EVENTS AND MILESTONES IN
5 THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, BY MEMORIALIZING EVENTS AND
6 PEOPLE THROUGH HIS PHOTOGRAPHY. HE WAS THE FIRST GRANDSON OF
7 THE LEGENDARY PHOTOGRAPHER TOYO MIYATAKE, WHO SMUGGLED A
8 CAMERA LENS INTO THE MANZANAR INTERNMENT CAMP, WHERE JAPANESE
9 AMERICANS WERE INCARCERATED DURING WORLD WAR II, THUS
10 DOCUMENTING THE HARSH AND UNJUST CONDITIONS THEY ENDURED. MR.
11 MIYATAKE LEARNED THE BEST TECHNIQUES, FIRSTHAND, FROM HIS
12 GRANDFATHER, AS WELL AS FROM HIS FATHER, ARCHIE, A WELL-KNOWN
13 PHOTOGRAPHER IN HIS OWN RIGHT. HE GRADUATED FROM THE ART
14 CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN, AND EVENTUALLY OPENED HIS OWN
15 STUDIO, TOYO PHOTOGRAPHY, IN THE HEART OF GARDENA. ONE OF HIS
16 MOST FAMOUS PORTRAITS IS THAT OF CESAR CHAVEZ, WHICH HE SHOT
17 IN 1993 AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED FARM
18 WORKERS. CHAVEZ PASSED AWAY A MONTH LATER. THE PHOTO IS
19 BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE VERY FEW OF CHAVEZ WEARING A U.F.W.
20 JACKET. IN MARCH 2015, THE PORTRAIT WAS ACQUIRED BY THE
21 SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, TO BE PART OF ITS CIVIL RIGHTS AND
22 REFORM COLLECTION. GARY BECAME THE GO-TO FOR L.A.'S MOST
23 PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES. HIS CLIENTELE INCLUDED MAYOR TOM
24 BRADLEY, CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS, AS WELL AS SPORTSCASTER
25 VINCE SCULLY AND HIS WIFE. AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN HIS COMMUNITY,

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1 HE ALSO SUPPORTED MANY NONPROFIT LOCAL EVENTS IN GARDENA, AND
2 HAD THE EAR OF MANY CIVIC LEADERS. MR. MIYATAKE IS SURVIVED BY
3 HIS MOTHER TAKEKO, DAUGHTERS JOY AND JACQUELINE, BROTHER ALAN,
4 AS WELL AS EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL ALL
5 MISS HIM DEARLY. THE REVEREND DR. FREDERICK K.C. "FRED" PRICE
6 WAS BORN JANUARY 3RD, 1932, IN SANTA MONICA, AND PASSED AWAY
7 THIS PAST FEBRUARY IN L.A., AGAIN, FROM COMPLICATIONS FROM
8 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AT THE AGE OF 89. REVEREND DR. PRICE AND HIS
9 WIFE, DR. BETTY PRICE, FIRST OPENED CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER
10 IN 1973, IN INGLEWOOD, BEFORE MOVING TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION
11 AT THE CORNER OF 79TH AND VERMONT AVENUE, THE FORMER CAMPUS OF
12 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. CONSIDERED A PIONEER OF MEGA-CHURCHES,
13 HE EXPANDED THE CHURCH'S CONGREGATION FROM 300 TO MORE THAN
14 28,000. CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER IS BEST KNOWN FOR ITS
15 MASSIVE, 10,000-SEAT "FAITHDOME," A PROJECT HE SPEARHEADED. HE
16 WAS INSPIRED BY THE VISION OF HAVING ENOUGH SEATS IN THE DOME
17 TO SEAT ALL OF HIS CONGREGATION, TO ALLOW THEM TO WORSHIP
18 TOGETHER, ALL AT ONCE. IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST BLACK MEGA-
19 CHURCHES OF ITS TIME. THE PRICE FAMILY OPENED F.K.C.P. III
20 CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, WHICH STARTED AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
21 1986, AND EXPANDED TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN 1992.
22 DR. PRICE ALSO HAD A TELEVISION SHOW ENTITLED "EVER INCREASING
23 FAITH," WHICH AVERAGED A WEEKLY VIEWERSHIP OF 15 MILLION
24 HOUSEHOLDS. HIS VAST MINISTRY INCLUDED 16 AUXILIARIES, THE
25 APOSTLE FREDERICK PRICE MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE, AND THE

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1 CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER NEW YORK. HE ALSO WROTE OVER 50
2 FAITH-BASED BOOKS. AFTER BEING NAMED AN APOSTLE IN 2008, HE
3 RETIRED AS HEAD PASTOR AND PASSED HIS LEGACY ON TO HIS SON,
4 FREDERICK PRICE, JR. DEMONSTRATING ITS ABILITY TO FULFILL A
5 COMMUNITY NEED, CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER HAS SERVED AS A
6 LARGE-SCALE C.O.V.I.D.-19 TESTING CENTER DURING THE PANDEMIC,
7 TESTING THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS PER DAY. REVEREND PRICE WILL
8 BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS CHARISMA AND LOVE FOR THE GOSPEL. HE WAS
9 PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON, FREDERICK PRICE III, IN 1962. HE
10 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BETTY, OF 67 YEARS; HIS FOUR
11 CHILDREN, ANGELA EVANS, FREDERICK PRICE JR., STEPHANIE
12 BUCHANAN, AND CHERYL CRABBE; 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT-
13 GRANDCHILDREN; EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS; AND THOUSANDS OF
14 CONGREGATION MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT, WORLDWIDE, WHO WILL ALL
15 HONOR HIS LEGACY AND MISS HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
16 MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR HAHN WANTED TO
21 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY FOR DR. PRICE. SUPERVISOR
22 HAHN?

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, THANK YOU. WELL, I WAS GOING TO-- YES, IF YOU
25 DIDN'T CALL ME, I WAS GOING TO JUST ADD IT TO MINE, TOO, BUT

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1 THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME JOIN. OF COURSE, JUST SUCH A GREAT
2 COUPLE. DR. FREDERICK AND DR. BETTY PRICE WERE JUST REALLY THE
3 EPITOME OF A POWER COUPLE. MY FAMILY WENT WAY BACK WITH THE
4 PRICES, WHEN ORIGINALLY, THEY WERE AT, AS YOU SAID, THE
5 CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THERE ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN
6 INGLEWOOD. AND THEN, AS PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY TRANSITIONED TO
7 MALIBU, IT WAS THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR HIM TO BUILD HIS
8 FAITHDOME. AND I ALWAYS ENJOY FLYING INTO L.A.X., AND IF I'M
9 ON THAT SIDE OF THE AIRPLANE, I CAN LOOK DOWN, AND THEY HAVE
10 "THE FAITHDOME" WRITTEN ON TOP OF THAT, SO THAT PEOPLE FLYING
11 INTO L.A.X. CAN ACTUALLY SEE WHERE IT IS. AND AS YOU SAID,
12 10,000 SEATS IN THIS FAITHDOME. AT THE TIME, I BELIEVE IT WAS
13 THE LARGEST CHURCH STRUCTURE IN L.A., AND HIS SERMONS WERE
14 FULL OF HOPE AND COURAGE AND THE PROSPERITY THEOLOGY, AND HE
15 REALLY GAVE HIS PARISHIONERS THE COURAGE AND THE FAITH TO ASK
16 GOD FOR WHAT IT WAS THAT THEY NEEDED IN THEIR LIVES. I WILL
17 PARTICULARLY SAY THAT FRED AND BETTY PRICE WERE SO KIND TO MY
18 FAMILY WHEN MY FATHER PASSED AWAY IN 1997, AND WE WERE TRYING
19 TO FIND A LOCATION THAT WOULD, YOU KNOW, BE A PLACE WHERE AS
20 MANY OF MY DAD'S CONSTITUENTS AND ADMIRERS COULD COME AND GIVE
21 THEIR RESPECTS TO HIM. AND FRED AND BETTY PRICE GRACIOUSLY
22 OFFERED UP THE FAITHDOME TO BE THAT LOCATION, AND WORKED WITH
23 US, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE LOGISTICS FOR THAT FUNERAL
24 SERVICE. AND THEY WERE JUST SO GRACIOUS AND SO PRECIOUS. I
25 JUST SPOKE TO BETTY, RECENTLY. THEY DID RESIDE IN THE PALOS

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1 VERDES PENINSULA, AND I SPOKE TO BETTY, AND I TOLD HER THAT
2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD BE ADJOURNING OUR BOARD IN FRED'S
3 MEMORY. AND AGAIN, I THANKED HER, PERSONALLY, FOR HOW GRACIOUS
4 SHE WAS TO MY FAMILY IN OUR TIME OF NEED. DR. PRICE LEAVES AN
5 INCREDIBLE LEGACY, AN INCREDIBLE MODEL OF WHAT A CHARISMATIC
6 PREACHER CAN MEAN TO HIS CONGREGATION, SO MAY HE REST IN
7 PEACE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT, WE'LL RECOGNIZE
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
13 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALLAN BURNS, A
14 WONDERFUL SCREENWRITER, WHO DIED AT THE END OF JANUARY. HE
15 CEMENTED HIS NAME AND HIS FAME IN THE INDUSTRY WHEN HE CO-
16 CREATED "THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW" WITH JAMES L. BROOKS. THE
17 SHOW DEBUTED ON C.B.S. IN 1970' MADE T.V. HISTORY, ACTUALLY,
18 AT THE TIME, FOR ITS PROGRESSIVE PORTRAYAL OF WOMANHOOD IN
19 AMERICA, WHEN FEMINISM WAS STILL PLANTING ITS SEEDS. HIS
20 IMPACT PERMEATED, HOWEVER, BEYOND THE TELEVISION SCREEN. HE
21 WAS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE MUSIC CENTER, THE JAZZ BAKERY, THE
22 RAPE TREATMENT CENTER OF SANTA MONICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER,
23 NOW KNOWN AS THE RAPE FOUNDATION. AND AT THAT FOUNDATION, HE
24 AND FREEMAN CREATED THREE SHORT FILMS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND
25 COLLEGE PROGRAMS, AIMED TO EDUCATE MEN AND WOMEN ABOUT RAPE,

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1 AND HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE AND TWO SONS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RACHAEL FINEGOOD, WHO DIED ON JANUARY
4 20TH. SHE WAS KNOWN TO MOST OF US AS RAE, A PILLAR OF
5 STRENGTH, NOT ONLY TO HER FAMILY, BUT TO THE LARGER JEWISH
6 COMMUNITY, AND IN LIFE. RAE AND HER HUSBAND DAVE WERE
7 PHILANTHROPIC IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN L.A.; HELPED PURCHASE
8 PROPERTY IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, SO THAT CAMP J.C.A.
9 SHALOM COULD BE BUILT. THEY WERE REGARDED AS CAMP J.C.A.
10 SHALOM'S FIRST FAMILY. RAE ALSO ESTABLISHED THE FINEGOOD
11 GALLERY ON THE BERNARD MILKEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS (NOW DE
12 TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL) IN WEST HILLS, HIGHLIGHTING THE
13 CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWISH ARTISTS. IN THE 1980S, DAVE AND RAE
14 WERE AMONG A CORE GROUP OF LOS ANGELES JEWISH LEADERS WHO
15 HELPED SETTLE HUNDREDS OF RUSSIAN JEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY. RAE
16 ENJOYED THE ARTS, MUSEUMS, AND WAS A VOLUNTEER AT L.A.C.M.A.'S
17 LIBRARY FOR OVER 40 YEARS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
18 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH KLEINERT, WHO GREW UP ON
19 THE LOWER EAST SIDE OF MANHATTAN; AND AFTER MEETING HIS FUTURE
20 WIFE AT THE 92ND STREET Y, AND PROPOSING ON THEIR THIRD DATE,
21 THEY MOVED TO L.A. HE WAS A SELF-MADE MAN. HE OWNED A NUMBER
22 OF BASKIN ROBBINS ICE CREAM STORES, WHICH HE LIKED TO SAY MADE
23 HIS GIRLS VERY POPULAR. LATER IN HIS LIFE, AS HE DESCRIBED IT,
24 HE DABBLED IN REAL ESTATE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SIMONE,
25 AND HIS DAUGHTERS MICHELLE, NINA, AND JENIFER. AND I MOVE THAT

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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE LOZANO, WHO
2 WAS BORN IN PACOIMA, JOINED THE MARINES IN '54, SERVED DURING
3 THE KOREAN WAR ERA. AFTER THE SERVICE, JOE MARRIED THE LOVE OF
4 HIS LIFE, VIRGINIA, WHO PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH, AND THEY HAD
5 SIX CHILDREN. HE WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST INVOLVED WITH
6 GRAFFITI CLEANUP, HIS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, THE COMMUNITY
7 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD, AND FRANKLY ANYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDED
8 TO GET DONE IN MISSION HILLS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN
9 MARIE, JO ANN, JOE JR., VINCENT, PATRICK, AND REGINA. AND I
10 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED
11 PEARL, WHO OWNED THE LANDMARK FOLK AND BLUES HOT SPOT THE ASH
12 GROVE IN THE 1960S. THE VENUE BECAME A TRAINING GROUND FOR NEW
13 ARTISTS AT THE TIME, LIKE RY COODER, JACKSON BROWN, AND LINDA
14 RONSTADT. THE ASH GROVE HOSTED EVENTS AND WAS A MEETING
15 PLACE FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF CAUSES, INCLUDING
16 THE EMERGING CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. IT SERVED AS THE CENTER OF
17 L.A.'S HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL FOLK MUSIC SCENE WHEN IT WAS IN WEST
18 HOLLYWOOD, FROM 1958 UNTIL 1973. HIS VENUE EVENTUALLY LIVED ON
19 AS THE ASH GROVE FOUNDATION, A PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION THAT
20 STAGES CONCERTS, LECTURES, AND COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES TO
21 SUPPORT YOUNG ARTISTS. I WENT TO THE ASH GROVE QUITE A BIT IN
22 MY YOUTH. I REMEMBER SEEING JANIS IAN THERE. I THINK SHE MIGHT
23 HAVE BEEN ABOUT 16. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER JOLIE, AND
24 HIS BROTHERS BERNIE, STANLEY, AND SHERMAN. AND I MOVE THAT
25 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LARRY ROBBINS,

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1 WHO MOVED FROM TORONTO TO L.A. IN 1969, ENJOYED A VERY
2 REWARDING CAREER-- OVER 50 YEARS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
3 INDUSTRY. HE WORKED WITH NATALIE COLE, WITH PETER, PAUL, &
4 MARY, DELANEY & BONNIE, BILL MEDLEY, AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL
5 MUSICAL ARTISTS, FILM AND T.V. WRITERS, PRODUCERS, AND ACTORS.
6 HE WAS A REGULAR AT THE ORIGINAL FARMERS MARKET ON FAIRFAX,
7 JOINING FRIENDS THERE EVERY WEEKEND. THE FARMERS MARKET WILL
8 BE INSTALLING A PLAQUE DEDICATED TO HIS MEMORY AT, QUOTE, "HIS
9 TABLE," CLOSE QUOTE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CATHERINE. AND
10 FINALLY-- AND I BELIEVE OTHERS WILL WANT TO JOIN IN THIS
11 ADJOURNMENT-- I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
12 MEMORY OF PAT RUSSELL, FORMER L.A. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WHO
13 DIED ON FEBRUARY 11TH. SHE WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST WHO BECAME
14 THE VERY FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO THAT POWERFUL POST, AND
15 REPRESENTED THE SIXTH DISTRICT FOR 18 YEARS, UNTIL 1987. SHE'S
16 REMEMBERED AS A RARITY: A POLITICIAN WHO WAS MORE OR LESS
17 APOLITICAL. SHE DISDAINED SELF-PROMOTION IN FAVOR OF BEHIND-
18 THE-SCENES CONSENSUS BUILDING. SHE BALANCED THE INTERESTS OF
19 HER DIVERSE CONSTITUENTS WITH GREAT SKILL. FOR THE FIRST SIX
20 YEARS OF HER TENURE, SHE WAS THE ONLY WOMAN ON THE 15-MEMBER
21 BODY. SHE NUMBERED AMONG HER ACHIEVEMENTS THE SPONSORSHIP OF
22 CITY NOISE REGULATIONS FOR THE L.A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
23 WHICH BECAME THE STANDARD FOR FEDERAL LAW; SUPPORT OF ZONING
24 REFORMS THAT MADE IT EASIER TO ESTABLISH MORE CHILD CARE
25 CENTERS; AND HER ADVOCACY OF THE METRO RAIL SUBWAY PROJECT.

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1 FOLLOWING HER POLITICAL CAREER, SHE ORGANIZED THE REGIONAL
2 INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
3 THAT EXPLORED A VARIETY OF LOCAL PROBLEMS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
4 HER CHILDREN STEVEN, DAVID, AND MERCEDES. I DON'T KNOW IF
5 ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT PAT.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I JUST WANT TO JOIN YOU.
8 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING HER, AND WHAT AN HONORABLE
9 WOMAN SHE WAS. SORRY TO SEE THE LOSS. A TRUE TRAILBLAZER. SO I
10 HOPE ALL OF US WILL JOIN ON THIS ONE.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO JOIN
13 ON THAT. I, OF COURSE, YEAH, GREW UP, SHE WAS ONE OF THE FEW
14 WOMEN IN POLITICS. BUT AS YOU SAID, SHE WAS SORT OF
15 APOLITICAL, AND JUST SORT OF DID HER JOB. SHE WAS VERY WELL
16 KNOWN IN SOME OF THE LARGER ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE S.C.A.G. AND,
17 I THINK, NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES. I THINK SHE EVEN BECAME
18 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES. AND THEN, OF
19 COURSE, SHE WAS DEFEATED BY RUTH GALANTER, WHO REALLY WAS SORT
20 OF AN UNKNOWN POLITICIAN, BUT WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, AND
21 WAS AN ENVIRONMENTALIST AND A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, AND THAT'S
22 WHO FINALLY BEAT HER. BUT YEAH, SHE REALLY WAS A TRAILBLAZER.
23 HERE WE SIT, WITH FIVE WOMEN ON THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 IT'S HARD TO REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS LIKE, OR WOULD HAVE BEEN
25 LIKE, FOR THE SOLE WOMAN ON A BODY LIKE THE 15-MEMBER CITY

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1 COUNCIL. SO SHE WAS A TRAILBLAZER, AND MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR
2 ALL OF US TO BE ELECTED SOMEDAY. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THIS IS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IF I MAY, ALSO,
7 I'D LOVE TO ADD ON, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. PROUD TO SAY THAT
8 COUNCILWOMAN RUSSELL REPRESENTED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SECOND
9 DISTRICT DURING HER TIME ON THE CITY COUNCIL-- THE COMMUNITIES
10 OF WESTCHESTER, MAR VISTA, BALDWIN HILLS, AND MY OWN HOME
11 COMMUNITY OF THE CRENSHAW AREA. I HAVE TO SAY, SHE'S THE FIRST
12 CITY COUNCILMEMBER I JUST PERSONALLY KIND OF RECALL. AND IT
13 WAS UNIQUE, AS A YOUNG WOMAN THEN, HAVING, YOU KNOW, EARLY
14 INTEREST IN GOVERNANCE AND DECISIONS THAT WERE BEING MADE THAT
15 IMPACTED MY COMMUNITY, THAT THERE WAS A WOMAN ON THE CITY
16 COUNCIL IN MY COMMUNITY. FAST-FORWARD MANY YEARS LATER, WHEN I
17 WAS WORKING FOR DIANNE, AND BEGAN TO WORK WITH OUR MUTUAL
18 FRIEND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CHARLES STEWART, THAT I REALLY
19 LEARNED, UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, ABOUT THE UNIQUE WORK THAT PAT
20 DID AS A COUNCILWOMAN, BECAUSE CHARLES WORKED FOR HER FOR MANY
21 YEARS, AND ONE OF HER SONS IS HIS GOOD FRIEND. WHEN I THINK
22 BACK, MANY OF THE ISSUES SHE FACED IN THE '70S AND '80S ARE
23 MANY OF THE SAME ISSUES WE ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, FROM RACISM
24 AND SEXISM TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AND CONFLICTS IN LAND USE,
25 POLICE REFORM, NOISE POLLUTION, MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT WE

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1 CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS TODAY. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
2 SHE REALLY WAS THE EPITOME OF A STRONG, INDEPENDENT WOMAN
3 POLICYMAKER. AS YOU ALL HAVE STATED, SHE WAS KNOWN NOT TO
4 COMPROMISE ON HER VALUES OR HER POSITIONS. AND EVEN WITH THAT,
5 SHE WAS ELECTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT BY HER PEERS, I THINK WHICH
6 SPEAKS VOLUMES TO HER CHARACTER AND HER INTEGRITY. THANK YOU
7 SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE MY PERSPECTIVE AND ADD MY
8 VOICE TO HER ADJOURNMENT. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, VERY GOOD. NOW WE WILL
11 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER ADJOURNMENTS.

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN
14 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
15 EUNICE SATO, WHO WAS 99 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. EUNICE SERVED AS
16 THE FIRST FEMALE MAYOR, AND THE FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN MAYOR, OF
17 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, AND OF ANY MAJOR AMERICAN CITY. THE
18 DAUGHTER OF JAPANESE PARENTS, EUNICE GREW UP IN THE BAY AREA;
19 AND WHILE SHE WAS ATTENDING MODESTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SHE AND
20 HER FAMILY WERE FORCED TO FLEE TO COLORADO TO LIVE WITH
21 RELATIVES, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN THE JAPANESE INTERNMENT
22 CAMPS. AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER, AND AS A TEACHER, SHE WORKED IN
23 MICHIGAN, AND THEN SPENT THREE YEARS AS A MISSIONARY, TEACHING
24 ENGLISH IN YOKOHAMA, JAPAN. IN 1950, SHE MARRIED THOMAS
25 TAKAHASHI SATO. THE COUPLE HAD A DAUGHTER AND TWIN SONS BEFORE

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1 MOVING TO LONG BEACH IN 1956. IN 1975, SHE RAN FOR CITY
2 COUNCIL AND SERVED UNTIL 1986, INCLUDING THE TWO YEARS WHEN
3 SHE WAS MAYOR. GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN APPOINTED HER TO
4 THREE STATE COMMISSIONS, AND PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH
5 APPOINTED HER TO THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL
6 RESEARCH IN 1991. LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OPENED
7 THE SATO ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE IN 2015, MAKING IT
8 THE FIRST SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT NAMED FOR AN ASIAN AMERICAN.
9 EUNICE SATO IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER CHARLOTTE, AND TWIN
10 SONS DOUGLAS AND DANIEL. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
11 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. MILFORD WYMAN, WHO WAS
12 92 WHEN HE JUST RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. DR. WYMAN REVOLUTIONIZED
13 ACUTE CORONARY CARE IN COMMUNITY HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE
14 UNITED STATES, THROUGH HIS TWO-PRONGED APPROACH. FIRST,
15 THROUGH AGGRESSIVE USE OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA DRUGS, HIS
16 ALGORITHMS PREVENTED SUDDEN DEATH IN HEART ATTACK VICTIMS.
17 SECOND, THROUGH A RIGOROUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, HE EMPOWERED
18 UNDERUTILIZED, HIGHLY TRAINED CORONARY CARE UNIT NURSES MAKING
19 THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS THAT, BEFORE, HAD BEEN UNDER THE PURVIEW
20 OF DOCTORS. AFTER ATTENDING MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY
21 OF ILLINOIS, DR. WYMAN BEGAN HIS INTERNAL MEDICINE INTERNSHIP
22 AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL, KNOWN TODAY AS THE L.A. COUNTY
23 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS RESIDENCY AT THE
24 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, HE RETURNED HOME TO LOS ANGELES TO
25 BEGIN HIS CARDIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP AT U.S.C. IN 1959, DR. WYMAN

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1 AND HIS FAMILY SETTLED IN THE SOUTH BAY, AND IT WAS THE SAN
2 PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL WHERE HE OPENED THE FIRST CORONARY
3 CARE UNIT IN 1966. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE SONS, THREE
4 DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-
5 LAW MEL; AND HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, WHO WAS MARRIED TO HIS
6 BROTHER, IS THE FORMER LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILWOMAN ROZ
7 WYMAN; AND HIS BELOVED COMPANION IN HIS FINAL YEARS, MARDALIA.
8 AND I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE
9 MEMORY OF KITTY MADELYN DETILLA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
10 95 IN LA MIRADA. MADELYN AND HER FAMILY MOVED TO SOUTHERN
11 CALIFORNIA DURING THE 1930S DUST BOWL. MADELYN GRADUATED FROM
12 EXCELSIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1943 IN NORWALK, AND SHE MARRIED
13 LAURENCE DETILLA, A U.S. NAVY PILOT, AND MOVED TO DOWNEY IN
14 1950, WHERE THEY RAISED THEIR THREE CHILDREN. SHE WAS A
15 CHRISTIAN WOMAN. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN FOREST HOME WOMEN'S
16 AUXILIARY, CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP,
17 WOMAN'S CLUB, P.T.A., GIRL SCOUTS, AND LATER UNITED METHODIST
18 CHURCH. MADELYN WAS PREDECEASED BY LAURENCE DETILLA. SHE IS
19 SURVIVED BY CHILDREN CHERYLE STEDDOM, PAUL DETILLA, LAUREL
20 ANDERSON, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, 21 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE
21 GREAT-GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE
22 MINE.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS.
25 WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO

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1 OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AT
2 THIS TIME, MEMBERS, I WILL ASK MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
3 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 23, 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.