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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 ON PAGE 202]

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS YOU KNOW, TODAY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2021. OUR MEETING TODAY, AS YOU KNOW, IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM OUR ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: PRESENT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: HERE.

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

FESIA DAVENPORT: PRESENT.

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

RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA: HERE.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. MEMBERS, BEFORE WE BEGIN, I'M SADDENED TO START TODAY'S MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE LIVES OF 10 PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED YESTERDAY IN A MASS SHOOTING AT A GROCERY STORE IN BOULDER, COLORADO. THERE IS AN EPIDEMIC OF GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA THAT REQUIRES ALL OF US, BUT ESPECIALLY FEDERAL LEADERS, TO ACT. I GRIEVE FOR THE VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. THIS SHOOTING HAPPENED ON THE HEELS OF ANOTHER HORRIFIC MASSACRE, IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHERE EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED, SIX OF WHOM WERE ASIAN WOMEN. THE NEXT DAY, I STOOD RIGHT HERE ON THE

STEPS OF OUR COUNTY HALL, WITH OTHERS, TO DENOUNCE MORE ACTS OF HATE. MARCHES OF SOLIDARITY HAPPENED NATIONWIDE OVER THE WEEKEND, AND I KNOW SOME OF YOU ON THE BOARD PARTICIPATED IN THEM. AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE CONTINUE TO STAND UNITED AGAINST HATE. I WANT TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO HONOR AND UPLIFT THE VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND SURVIVORS OF BOTH THE ATLANTA AND BOULDER SHOOTINGS. MAY THEIR MEMORY INSPIRE TO STOMP OUT THE HATE AND VIOLENCE THAT, FOR FAR TOO LONG, HAS INFECTED OUR SOCIETY. I'M GOING ASK EACH MEMBER IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT, AND THEN WE WILL BEGIN A MOMENT OF SILENCE. SO I'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

SUP. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, I WOULD, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. HORRIFYING TRAGEDIES LIKE THESE REMIND US HOW RACIST STEREOTYPES NOT ONLY KILL, BUT ALSO CAN EXONERATE AND WHITEWASH THAT VIOLENCE. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE KILLED LAST WEEK WERE IMMIGRANT ASIAN WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 74 AND 44: FOUR MASSAGE THERAPISTS OR SHOP OWNERS, WOMEN AT WORK. THIS PARTICULAR INTERSECTION OF CLASS, GENDER, RACE, AND AGE MADE SOME OF THEM THE MOST INVISIBLE PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY, AND HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO VIOLENCE THAT STEMS FROM MISOGYNY AND RACISM. AND LET'S BE CLEAR: AS WOMEN, WE KNOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SEX WORKER TO BE TREATED AND KILLED LIKE ONE. IN FACT, THESE WOMEN WERE MOTHERS,

GRANDMOTHERS, SHOP OWNERS, JUST HARDWORKING WOMEN. AND WE ALL MUST ABOUT BE OUTRAGED. EVERY WEEK, INCLUDING THIS WEEK, WE SEE ANOTHER STORY ABOUT MASS MURDERS, AND IN THE INSTANCE OF ATLANTA, AN ASIAN PERSON, MANY OF WHOM WERE ELDERLY, BEING TARGETED IN RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE; THAT WOMEN, PARTICULARLY WOMEN OF COLOR, ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE WITH THEIR LIVES WHEN A MAN SUPPOSEDLY CAN'T CONTROL HIMSELF; THAT SOME IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD REDUCE THIS TRAGEDY TO A KILLER'S, QUOTE, "BAD DAY"; THAT ANYONE WOULD FRET ABOUT CALLING THIS A HATE CRIME, WHEN THE KILLER WAS CLEARLY MOTIVATED BY PREJUDICE ON THE BASIS OF RACE AND SEX. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET THOSE EXAMPLES SHAPE THIS NARRATIVE NOR DEFINE THIS IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS THE MURDERER. IT WAS A HATE CRIME, PLAIN AND SIMPLE. AND LIKE MANY OTHERS AND MANY OF YOU, I'M OUTRAGED. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT IS REALLY STRAINING UNDER THE FEAR AND PAIN THAT COMES FROM THIS TRAGEDY AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER HATE CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED OVER THE PAST YEAR. I STAND WITH THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY AND ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND WE'RE WITH YOU, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS THAT WE CAN BE A BETTER RESOURCE, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. I WAS PROUD AT OUR LAST MEETING THAT THE BOARD VOTED TO EXPAND THE L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM AGAINST HATE CRIMES, BUT, AGAIN, WE CANNOT HESITATE TO REPORT TO 2-1-1 AND ASK CONSTITUENTS TO CONTACT MY OFFICE, ALL OF OUR OFFICES, IF THERE ARE OTHER WAYS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE FOR US TO HELP OR BE

INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING YOU. FREDERICK DOUGLASS SAID IN 1867, WHEN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE BAN ON CHINESE IMMIGRATION, THAT THE VOICE OF CIVILIZATION SPEAKS IN UNMISTAKABLE LANGUAGE AGAINST THE ISOLATION OF FAMILIES, NATIONS, AND RACES. IN OTHER WORDS, WE STAND WITH YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. NEXT, I'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I FEEL SO SIMILAR IN EMOTION TO MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AT THIS MOMENT: THIS COMBINATION OF DEEP GRIEF AND ANGER AT HOW REPETITIOUS THIS IS, AND HOW COMMUNITIES ARE TARGETED. THE WOMEN WHO WERE KILLED IN ATLANTA, FOR ANYONE TO THINK THIS WAS NOT A HATE CRIME, OR NOT TARGETED AT ASIAN WOMEN, AND INDEED THE ENTIRE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN SUFFERING SO MUCH HATRED AND INVECTIVE FOR YEARS, AND WE KNOW, OF COURSE, FOR A CENTURY. RIGHT HERE ON THE LAND THAT WE CROSS IN OUR CARS EVERY DAY, ASIAN AMERICANS WERE LYNCHED. LYNCHED! WHAT WAS THE REASON? THEY WERE TAKING JOBS AWAY FROM WHITE PEOPLE. SOUNDS VERY FAMILIAR TO ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR. OR MY FELLOW STUDENTS AT DORSEY, A.A.P.I. STUDENTS WHO WOULD SAY TO ME, "WHY DOES EVERYBODY ASK ME, 'WHERE ARE YOU FROM?'" AS THOUGH THEY'RE NOT FROM L.A. OR AMERICA. THIS KIND OF CHARACTERIZATION OF PEOPLE

AS THE "OTHER" MAKES IT SO EASY TO DEHUMANIZE IN THE MIND, AND FOR THOSE WITH TWISTED MINDS AND MOTIVES TO EASILY GET A GUN AND KILL. WE SAW AGAIN IN BOULDER, NOT THE SAME KIND OF TARGETING, AND YET, WHO KNOWS? AND PEOPLE SAYING, "WELL, THESE PEOPLE MAY HAVE SOME MENTAL PROBLEMS." WELL, IF THEY HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS, THEY SHOULDN'T BE GETTING A GUN. AND I THINK THOSE OF US WHO HAVE WORKED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK, AND STAND WITH COMMUNITIES AGAINST HATRED, AGAINST RACISM, AGAINST SEXISM, AGAINST TARGETING ON THE BASIS OF OTHERNESS, ALSO HAVE BEEN THE PEOPLE TO SAY THERE MUST BE REASONABLE GUN LAWS. AND I'M PROUD OF L.A. COUNTY FOR THE STEPS THAT THEY'VE TAKEN SO FAR. LIKE MY COLLEAGUES, I AM ALSO PROUD OF US FOR THE WAY THAT WE HAVE CONTINUOUSLY STOOD UP AGAINST HATRED, AND I PERSONALLY COMMIT TO DOING MORE AND EVER MORE TO STAND WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN TARGETED, AS A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY WHO WAS TARGETED IN THE PAST, AND SOMEWHAT CONTINUES TO BE; YOU KNOW, SOMEONE WHO HAD TO WEAR A BULLETPROOF VEST WHEN I WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE, OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION AND MANY DEATH THREATS. I GRIEVE, AND I AM ANGRY. AND I AM SO PROUD OF OUR BOARD AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE WAY WE HAVE STOOD UP, AND WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP, AGAINST HATRED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU CARE TO BE RECOGNIZED?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE THIS MOMENT OF SILENCE THIS MORNING. YOU KNOW, MY STAFF AND I WERE TALKING THIS MORNING ABOUT HOW IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE HAD A MASS SHOOTING, AND WE DEDUCTED THAT IT WAS BECAUSE EVERYONE WAS, QUOTE, "SAFER AT HOME" LAST YEAR, AND PEOPLE WEREN'T GOING OUT. PEOPLE WEREN'T SHOPPING IN GROCERY STORES. THEY WEREN'T IN SCHOOLS. AND NOW WE FEAR THAT, EVEN WITH OUR OPENINGS, WE CERTAINLY FEAR THE VIRUS, BUT WE HOPE THAT THIS IS NOT ALSO A GETTING BACK TO SOME SENSE OF NORMALCY BY HEARING ABOUT THESE MASS SHOOTINGS. YOU KNOW, THIS SHOOTING IN ATLANTA DOES SEEM TO BE THIS HORRIFYING ESCALATION OF THE HATE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS THAT WE'VE SEEN ESCALATE OVER THIS PAST YEAR. THESE LAST FEW WEEKS, I KNOW I'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF THE ASIAN RESIDENTS IN MY DISTRICT WHO HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN VICTIMS OF HATE AND CRIME AND VIOLENCE. I'VE HEARD FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID TO WALK AROUND THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, OR TO BE ALONE IN THEIR BUSINESSES. AND I'VE HEARD FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE, OR EVEN LEAVE THEIR HOMES. AND THIS KIND OF MASS SHOOTING, SEEMINGLY TARGETING ASIAN AMERICANS, WILL MAKE THEM EVEN MORE FEARFUL. ON SUNDAY, I ATTENDED AN ANTI-HATE RALLY IN DIAMOND BAR. AND RIGHT AFTER I LEFT, THERE WAS A MAN WHO DROVE THROUGH THE CROWD AND HURLED HATE SPEECHES AT THESE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS, AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THE SHERIFF'S

DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATING IT AS A HATE CRIME. BUT I AM, LIKE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SO PROUD OF THIS BOARD FOR STANDING WITH OUR A.A.P.I. RESIDENTS AGAINST THIS KIND OF HATE AND DISCRIMINATION. AND I WANT US TO COME TOGETHER, ALWAYS, AS A COUNTY TO CALL OUT HATE WHEREVER WE SEE IT, AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS AREN'T JUST SAFE, BUT THEY FEEL SAFE AND SECURE IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS. WE STAND THIS MORNING WITH ATLANTA. WE STAND WITH THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES, WHO WILL FOREVER BE CHANGED. AND ALSO, TO THINK THAT WE THEN HAD A SUBSEQUENT SHOOTING IN COLORADO AGAIN, WE ARE REACHING OUT TO THOSE FAMILIES AGAIN, WHO GOT THE HORRIFYING CALL OF, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER'S NOT COMING HOME. MY DAUGHTER AND FAMILY AND MY GRANDKIDS LIVE ABOUT 30 MINUTES AWAY FROM BOULDER, IN COLORADO. THE KING SOOPERS IS THE GROCERY STORE THAT EVERYBODY SHOPS AT. I KNOW, WHEN I GO THERE, I GO WITH MY FAMILY TO THAT GROCERY STORE, CLOSE TO WHERE THEY LIVE. AND IT'S UNTHINKABLE THAT YOU WOULD BE GOING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WITH YOUR GROCERY LIST, YOU KNOW, GETTING YOUR MILK AND EGGS, AS I THINK SOMEBODY SAID THIS MORNING, AND TO BE GUNNED DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. IT'S HORRIBLE. I'M GLAD THAT WE ARE TAKING THIS MOMENT TO STAND WITH BOTH OF THESE CITIES IN THEIR TIME OF GRIEF AND CONFUSION AND SOLIDARITY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT, I'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BEGINNING THIS MORNING'S BOARD MEETING IN RECOGNITION OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SHOOTINGS IN ATLANTA. SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE SEEN HATE CRIMES AGAINST THE ASIAN COMMUNITIES SKYROCKET. AND NOW, THE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED IN ATLANTA IS TRULY BEYOND COMPREHENSION. AND ON THE HEELS OF THIS HEARTBREAKING ATTACK, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WE LEARNED OF ANOTHER TRAGEDY IN COLORADO, WHERE 10 INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE KILLED, INCLUDING THE FIRST POLICE OFFICER TO ARRIVE AT THE SCENE. WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE MOTIVE OF YESTERDAY'S SHOOTING, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT IT'S ANOTHER HORRENDOUS CRIME, BRINGING MORE PAIN TO COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED SO MUCH OVER THE PAST YEAR. I JOIN WITH COUNTLESS OTHERS IN OFFERING MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE VICTIMS WHOSE LIVES WERE CUT SHORT BY THESE SENSELESS SHOOTINGS. I KNOW THEIR LOVED ONES ARE SUFFERING UNSPEAKABLE PAIN AND SORROW. IN THE BEGINNING OF LAST WEEK, AS I REFLECTED ON HATE CRIMES AGAINST THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, I WAS REMINDED OF A CHINESE PROVERB THAT SAYS, "BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS." I'D LIKE TO COMMIT TO BEING A PART OF THE SOLUTION, AND HELP BRING LIGHT INSTEAD OF HATE TO ALL COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AT THE VERY LEAST, THAT IS WHAT WE OWE TO SOCIETY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT, AS A RESULT OF THESE TWO TRAGIC INCIDENTS, I HAVE ASKED THAT WE HAVE OUR FLAGS HALF-STAFF, AND ALSO THAT WE LIGHT THE FOUNTAIN IN GRAND PARK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK, TILL SUNDAY, TO RECOGNIZE THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED, AS WELL AS PAYING HOMAGE TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, THEN WE WILL GO ON TO OUR AGENDA. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS, SEPARATELY, FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, RECEIVED OVER 1800 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SEPARATE MATTER, 11 A.M. ITEM S-1 IS A DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR

DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-D WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ITEM 2-D IS AN ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING AND ISSUANCE OF A TAX-EXEMPT, MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES AND BONDS, NOT TO EXCEED $12,591,000, BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TO FINANCE THE REHABILITATION OF THE CASA BONITA SENIOR APARTMENTS PROJECT, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK. ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 5 THROUGH 19. ON ITEM 5, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 13, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 37. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 18, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 21, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES FOR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK, THROUGH 35-E, ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ON PAGE 22, SEPARATE MATTER. ITEM 38 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATED NOTES, SERIES C, ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR SALE OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 276 MILLION. ON PAGE 23, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-B, 1, 2, 3, AND 4. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-

6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS, EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BRITTNEY WEISSMAN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BRITTNEY WEISSMAN: HI, GOOD MORNING. I'M BRITTNEY WEISSMAN, C.E.O. OF N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 10, AND EXPRESSING DEEP THANKS TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC. I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS DEVOTED ITSELF EXPLICITLY TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, LIKE COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT IN ALL POSSIBLE CASES, AND USING JAIL AS A SETTING OF LAST RESORT; DECRIMINALIZING MENTAL ILLNESS; AND PERSON-CENTERED CARE, AS OPPOSED TO SYSTEM- OR DEPARTMENT-CENTERED CARE. AND TAKING CARE OF THIS F.I.S.T. POPULATION IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COUNTY TO UPHOLD ALL OF THESE IDEALS. THE COUNTY, WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO LEAN INTO THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND DO RIGHT BY THIS CRITICAL

POPULATION. THAT IS PART OF OUR OVERALL A.T.I. PLAN. THE MOTION GIVES US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND CARE AND COVERAGE, BUT WE SHOULD DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO CONSIDER CARE FOR ALL F.I.S.T. INDIVIDUALS. WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO WAIT ON THE STATE FOR SOLUTIONS, BECAUSE THAT CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH OUR VERY HOMEGROWN, COUNTYWIDE ATTITUDE ON A.T.I. WE ARE PROVEN INNOVATORS AND REFORMERS HERE. THIS IS WITHIN OUR GRASP, AND O.D.R. HAS A SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD.

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

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

NICOLAS MONGIARDO-COOPER: HI, MY NAME IS NICOLAS MONGIARDO-COOPER. I'M CALLING FROM DISTRICT 5, AND I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 35-D, 35-E, AND IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I CANNOT SPEAK WITH ENOUGH URGENCY ON THE SUBJECT OF HOUSING FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE. OF THE NEARLY 5,000 UNHOUSED YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES, MANY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE BLACK, LATINO, FEMALE, OR L.G.B.T.Q.+-IDENTIFYING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. YOUTHS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ARE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO FACE VIOLENCE FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IF

YOU FACTOR IN THE EXTREME RACISM OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, EVIDENCED TODAY BY THE NAMING OF OVER 47 ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS IN THE SUIT EXPOSING SHERIFF GANGS, YOU NEED ONLY IMAGINE WHAT THE NATURE OF THOSE ENCOUNTERS ARE. YOUTHS WHO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE, AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY OVERNIGHT, FACE INSURMOUNTABLE CHALLENGES, AND ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO END UP UNHOUSED. BY PROVIDING AID IN THEIR HOUSING SEARCH, AND BY PROVIDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ITSELF, YOU CAN AVOID PERPETUATING A CYCLE THAT LEAVES MORE YOUNG, MARGINALIZED ANGELENOS VICTIMS OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. AS A HUSBAND IN A SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, BIOLOGICAL CONCEPTION IS NOT AN OPTION WITHIN MY MARRIAGE. I HAVE OFTEN LOOKED TO THE MERITS OF L.A.'S FOST-ADOPT PROGRAM, AND SHOULD MY HUSBAND AND I FIND OURSELVES IN THE CIRCUMSTANCE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORT TO A YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, AS WELL AS HELP THEM TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD AS MANY FAMILIES DO, I WOULD BE HONORED AND OVERJOYED TO BE ABLE TO USE THIS SYSTEM TO BENEFIT MY VISION FOR A FAMILY, AND TO HELP WITH RESOURCES FOR ONE CHILD. ONE CHILD. THIS SYSTEM, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE ABILITY, BY PASSING AGENDA ITEMS 35-D AND 35-E, TO HELP THOUSANDS. FINALLY, WHAT THE C.E.O. HAS PROPOSED, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE L.A. COMMUNITY'S EXHAUSTIVE AND GOOD-FAITH EFFORT IN PROVIDING A REASONABLE BUDGET FOR FOR MEASURE J, AMOUNTS TO, AT BEST, A SAD JOKE THAT AFFIRMS EVERY POLITICAL ANECDOTE ABOUT A BROKEN CAMPAIGN PROMISE, AND AT

WORST, A SLAP IN THE FACE TO AN ENTIRE POPULATION OF A CITY THAT CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF A MEASURE THAT WOULD CHANGE THE WAY WE CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE J, BUT THE PROPOSAL FROM THE C.E.O. IS NOT SERIOUS. THE FLOOR OF THIS PROPOSAL WITH 10 PERCENT, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ANYWHERE BETWEEN $360,000,000 AND $900,000,000-- I REPEAT, THAT IS THE FLOOR THAT THE COUNTY--

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

NICOLAS MONGIARDO-COOPER: 100 MILLION IS AN INSULT TO VOTERS, AND REPRESENTS THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO SHOW BUT DISHONESTY AND FAILURE WHEN WE FACE THE COMMUNITIES WHOM WE PASSED MEASURE J IN ORDER TO PROTECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: NANCE GOGGER, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NANCE GOGGER. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, AND TODAY I'M CALLING TO EXPRESS MY

SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEMS 35-D AND 35-E, AND PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WORKED AT AN AGENCY THAT SERVES TEENS IN FOSTER CARE AND THOSE EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND I CANNOT THINK OF A SINGLE CLIENT WHO WASN'T TERRIFIED OF TURNING 18. FOR MY CLIENTS, THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY DIDN'T SYMBOLIZE ADULTHOOD AS MUCH AS ABANDONMENT BY A SYSTEM THAT, OFTENTIMES, HAD ALREADY FAILED THEM. MANY OF MY CLIENTS DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO SPEND THEIR FIRST NIGHT OF ADULTHOOD UNTIL JUST DAYS BEFORE THEIR BIRTHDAY, AND MOST OF THE TIME, THAT HOUSING WAS MERELY TEMPORARY. THIS LACK OF SECURITY HAS DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES. 40 TO 50 PERCENT OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BECOME HOUSELESS WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF AGING OUT. ONE IN FOUR WILL BECOME INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WITHIN TWO YEARS OF LEAVING CARE. WE SHOULD BE SETTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE UP FOR SUCCESS, NOT SHUNTING THEM TOWARDS HOUSELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION. EXPANDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE THE FIRST STEP IN RECTIFYING THIS BETRAYAL. WITHOUT STABLE HOUSING, IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT, PURSUE EDUCATION, OR MAINTAIN THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. IT IS TIME FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO STEP UP AND SHOW UP FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG ADULTS, BECAUSE TURNING 18 DOESN'T MAKE SOMEONE LESS DESERVING OF CARE OR SUPPORT OR RESOURCES, AND THE RESOURCE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED, FIRST AND FOREMOST, IS HOUSING.

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

MODERATOR: MARK GALE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARK GALE: GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 10 AND ITEM 6. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 10 FIRST. AS CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAIR OF N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TOTALLY SUPPORTING BRITTNEY WEISSMAN'S PREVIOUS COMMENTS. THE THREE AFFILIATES OF N.A.M.I. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SENT A LETTER TO YOU, TOTALLY SUPPORTING ITEM 10 IN THE EXPANSION OF OUR CURRENT F.I.S.T. PROGRAM. A COMMUNITY-BASED FELONY INCOMPETENCE TO STAND TRIAL COMPETENCY RESTORATION IS IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH OUR COUNTY'S A.T.I. INITIATIVES, AND ACTUALLY BRINGS THE CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH TO ITS NATURAL CONCLUSION. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS PROVEN THAT THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF SOLVING THIS DILEMMA. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT WE CAN MANAGE THIS POPULATION SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH OUR O.D.R. PROGRAM AND D.M.H. PROGRAMS, AND THIS IS WHY WE BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT JUST GO FORWARD WITH THE EXPANSION OF 200 MORE BEDS, BUT COMPLETELY TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE POPULATION, AS TO BENEFIT ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THE F.I.S.T. POPULATION IN THE JAIL. ANYBODY THAT CAN BE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY SAFELY SHOULD BE, AND THAT IS IN HARMONY WITH A.T.I. ON ITEM 6, ON

OUR M.I.S.T. PROGRAM, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MINUTE TO SPEAK AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, NOT REPRESENTING MY ORGANIZATION IN THIS COMMENT. I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH EVERYTHING IN THE M.I.S.T. MOTION, EXCEPT FOR THE LAST PARAGRAPH, WHICH IS RESCINDING THE AUTHORITY TO TREAT PEOPLE IN THE JAIL AT THIS TIME. IT'S ALREADY VERY APPARENT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BEDS. AND YOU SAY THAT, ACTUALLY, IN THE MOTION: THAT EVEN NOW, FOR YOUR O.R. PROGRAM, THERE'S INSUFFICIENT HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS TIME. I DON'T BELIEVE IN RESCINDING TREATMENT AUTHORITY WHEN NOT ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED. A COMMUNITY SYSTEM OF CARE HAS NOT BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS POPULATION. YOU CAN'T RESCIND APPROVAL. IT'S DANGEROUS. IT WILL HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

MODERATOR: AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JOSEPH MAIZLISH: COMMENTING ON 6, 35-B, AND 10, WITH A LITTLE BIT ON 35-D AND -E. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND ALL

ATTENDING. PREPARING PEOPLE TO FACE TRIAL FOR DURESS-LOADED PLEA BARGAINING DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A GREAT WAY TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT, BUT PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY SURE BEATS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE WELL IN A CELL. SO, SUPPORT FOR TODAY'S MOTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROGRAMS IS A HUMAN-RIGHTS OBLIGATION I SUPPORT, AND I HOPE YOU WILL. AND THE PROGRAMS HAVE VALUABLE POTENTIALS. ONE, TREATMENTS ARE MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN PROVIDED IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING POSSIBLE AND PEOPLE FEEL SAFE ENOUGH TO CHANGE. TWO, THE SUCCESS WE CAN EXPECT, AND WHICH IS ALREADY BEING ACHIEVED BY COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT, WILL BE A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR STILL GREATER USE OF TREATMENT AND SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY COMMUNITY-BASED ONES, AT ALL THE INTERCEPTS AND WITH OTHER POPULATIONS, INCLUDING IN SENTENCING AND IN EARLY, UP-FRONT PREVENTION. THE WORK YOU HAVE STARTED WITH DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES WILL NEED GREATER SHIFTS OF STAFFING, GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL, AND OF COMMUNITY WEALTH TO SUPPORT THE IMMENSE NEED FOR THE REVERSAL OF THE DISINVESTMENT IN THE SYSTEM-VICTIMIZED COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE. ALONG THE WAY, EVERY STEP LIKE THIS ONE TODAY, AND 35-D AND -E FOR YOUTH, WILL HELP MANY DIRECTLY INVOLVED PEOPLE, AND THEREBY ALL OF US, AND WILL HELP OUR SOCIAL SYSTEM ITSELF BECOME AN EXAMPLE OF THE RESPECT FOR PEOPLE'S HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH I HOPE IT IS OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SHOW. THANK YOU, AND GOOD DAY.

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

MODERATOR: LORI ARCHIE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, I'M LORI ARCHIE, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M IN JANET HAHN'S DISTRICT, AND NO ONE HAS CONTACTED ME FROM THE OFFICE, THIS LAST WEEK. JUST TO REMIND YOU GUYS, I'M THE WORKING MOM WITH TWO TODDLER BOYS, WHO'S HOMELESS, SINCE I CAN'T SERVE MY TENANT A 60-DAY NOTICE THAT HE'S CURRENTLY OCCUPYING THE HOUSE THAT WE PURCHASED. THE TENANT IS A SINGLE, 35-YEAR-OLD WHITE MALE WITH HIGH INCOME, NOT IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D. HE OWNS A COLLISION CENTER IN LONG BEACH, AND THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM NOT TO MOVE, OTHER THAN THAT HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT. HIS INCOME IS SO HIGH THAT HE'S REFUSED OUR OFFER OF FOUR MONTHS' RENT AND A BUYOUT. SO WE'VE TRIED TO MAKE IT RIGHT, AND HE COMPLETELY REFUSES, SO AT THIS POINT, MY FAMILY'S FATE FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE MORATORIUM. TO ALLOW MY FAMILY TO OCCUPY THE HOME WE PURCHASED. NOT ALLOWING OWNERS TO OCCUPY THEIR PROPERTIES ISN'T ABOUT THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D. ANYMORE. DISNEYLAND IS OPEN. DODGER

STADIUM CAN HAVE FANS. PEOPLE GOING TO RESTAURANTS. PEOPLE GOING TO MOVIE THEATERS. IF THIS CAN HAPPEN--

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

SUP. HAHN: MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST INTERRUPT? THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE HAVE, IN FACT, REACHED OUT TO THIS WOMAN SEVERAL TIMES. I'M RIGHT NOW SPEAKING TO MY STAFF MEMBER, WHO TALKED TO HER PERSONALLY, AND I HAVE TWO OTHER DISTRICT PEOPLE WHO HAVE TALKED TO HER PERSONALLY. SO THAT IS NOT TRUE, THAT WE HAVE NOT REACHED OUT TO HER. WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE PROBLEM, THOUGH, AS I'M SURE SHE SPEAKS FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS SITUATION. BUT WE, IN FACT, HAVE SPOKEN TO HER, PERSONALLY. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: EMILY BELL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EMILY BELL: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMILY BELL, AND I JOIN TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 10, IN ADDITION TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD, AND TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS, FOR AUTHORING THIS MOTION. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT 180, A DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS. WE ARE THE LARGEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER FOR THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION IN THE COUNTY, AND HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR 14 YEARS. WE CURRENTLY PROVIDE C.B.R. SERVICES TO BOTH THE M.I.S.T. AND F.I.S.T. POPULATIONS. IN FACT, WE WERE THE VERY FIRST PROVIDER FOR THIS POPULATION IN THE COUNTY, BEGINNING WITH THE M.I.S.T. C.B.R. PILOT PROGRAM IN 2015. OUT OF THE FIRST 10 PILOT PARTICIPANTS, 5 ARE STILL RECEIVING VOLUNTARY SERVICES FROM US TODAY. FOR OUR F.I.S.T. PROGRAM, ALL GRADUATES THAT REMAINED IN OUR SERVICE AREA, 21 INDIVIDUALS, ARE ALSO RECEIVING VOLUNTARY SERVICES FROM US. I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH HOW CRUCIAL CONTINUITY OF CARE IS FOR THIS POPULATION. TOO OFTEN, THEY FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS, AND EXITING THE STATE HOSPITAL SYSTEM CAN BE ONE OF THOSE CRACKS. THERE IS MUCH MORE HAPPENING IN OUR C.B.R. PROGRAM BEYOND COMPETENCY RESTORATION. PARTICIPANTS ARE TAKING ROOT IN COMMUNITY. THEY RECONNECT WITH FAMILY.

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

EMILY BELL: THEY RECONNECT WITH FAMILY, THEY FORM FRIENDSHIPS WITH THEIR PEERS, AND THEY BUILD A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP WITH US, AS THE PROVIDER. LIVING WITH A SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS CAN BE INCREDIBLY ISOLATING. BEGINNING TO WEAVE A FABRIC OF SOCIAL SUPPORT AND CONNECTION TO SERVICES, DURING COMPETENCY RESTORATION, IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM STABILITY AND WELLBEING FOR THIS POPULATION. WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THE WORK OF O.D.R., AS WELL AS THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY: MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 6, 10, 35-D, 35-E, AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE J MADE IT CLEAR THAT L.A. COUNTY WANTS COMMUNITY-BASED CARE, NOT MORE INCARCERATION, AND THE M.I.S.T. AND F.I.S.T. PROGRAMS EMBODY THE CARE-FIRST PRINCIPLES THIS BOARD HAS SWORN TO ADVANCE. PUTTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN LOCKUP ONLY CAUSES FURTHER HARM. BY OPENING A PATH FOR THEM TO RECEIVE CARE WITHIN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, THIS

BOARD WILL SAVE LIVES, PRESERVE FAMILIES, AND HELP STEM THE TIDE OF C.O.V.I.D. INSIDE PRISON FACILITIES. WITH 6,000 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS, WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, NEARLY 400 AWAITING TRANSFERS TO HOSPITAL, THERE'S AN URGENT NEED FOR THESE PROGRAMS. THE O.D.R. HAS MORE THAN PROVEN ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN SERVING INCARCERATED PEOPLE WHO CANNOT ASSIST IN THEIR OWN DEFENSE. MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO DO MORE, BUT NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, EVEN AS THE PROPORTION OF PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS WITH SUCH NEEDS INCREASES. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR DELAYING THE FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF SUCH PROGRAMS. FAILING TO ACCEPT THE STATE'S OFFER WOULD AMOUNT TO A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SO I URGE YOU TO APPROVE IT, ALONG WITH 35-B, THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTERS OF AGREEMENT FOR D.H.S. AND O.D.R. TO CONTINUE PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO M.I.S.T. AND F.I.S.T. PROGRAMS. REGARDING ITEMS 35-D AND 35-E, I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS SOMEONE WHO SPENT 10 BRUTAL YEARS AS AN UNHOUSED, YOUNG QUEER PERSON. EVEN WITH THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING WHITE AND EDUCATED, SECURING A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AFTER THAT TIME WAS A HERCULEAN TASK. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR YOUNG BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE TRANSITIONING OUT OF FOSTER CARE TODAY. THE WAY OUR SOCIETY FAILS THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, IT'S NO WONDER THAT 25 PERCENT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE CARCERAL SYSTEM WITHIN TWO YEARS OF AGING OUT OF CARE. THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE BLACK, LATINO, FEMALE, AND L.G.B.T.Q.+, AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE ADDICTION

AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. AS BLACK CHILDREN ARE MORE OFTEN PLACED WITH FOSTER CARE THAN WHITE KIDS, AND AS BLACK YOUTH ARE MORE HEAVILY TARGETED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, TRANSITION TO HOUSING IS A MATTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE. IN ORDER TO INTERRUPT THE FOSTER-CARE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE, WE MUST GIVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT THEY NEED, AND THAT MEANS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE. THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND HOUSING NAVIGATORS PROGRAMS PROVIDE AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE LIVES AND KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL. IT IS CRUSHING FOR ME TO THINK--

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

J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY: IT IS CRUSHING FOR ME TO THINK OF THOSE I KNEW ON THE STREETS, WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN HELPED BY INITIATIVES LIKE THESE. EVERYTHING-- EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT-- IT ALL HINGES ON BEING ADEQUATELY HOUSED. AS A COUNTY WITH ONE OF THE MOST CRUELLY COMPETITIVE REAL-ESTATE MARKETS IN THE WORLD, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO AT-RISK YOUNG PEOPLE TO FUND AND EXPAND THESE PROGRAMS, WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO MEASURE J. TO LEARN THAT THE COUNTY WOULD ALLOCATE ANYTHING LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOWED IS BEYOND DISAPPOINTING. THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES MADE IT CLEAR LAST NOVEMBER, THE COUNTY MUST DISTRIBUTE, FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, A MINIMUM OF

$360,000,000 TO $900,000,000 TO RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY-BASED CARE-FIRST INITIATIVES. ANYTHING LESS WOULD BE A BETRAYAL.

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

MODERATOR: ELLEN GEESEY, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELLEN GEESEY: HELLO, MY NAME IS ELLEN GEESEY. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 6, 10, 35-B, 35-D, 35-E, ITEM 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SPEAKING IN FAVOR FOR 6, 10, AND 35-B: COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL-BASED TREATMENT. TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY ALLOWS CLINICIANS TO MATCH THE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATE TYPE OF TREATMENT. COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT OFFERS A LESS RESTRICTIVE AND MORE HOSPITABLE ENVIRONMENT, WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN MAINTAIN THEIR CONNECTION TO FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS. IT IS PROVEN TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM. BY MAKING COMMUNITY-BASED, HOLISTIC TREATMENT AVAILABLE TO THE ENTIRE M.I.S.T. POPULATION, THE BOARD CAN END THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN OUR JAILS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT POSE A SERIOUS RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY. WE CAN HELP THEM IN OUR COMMUNITIES, INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM LANGUISH IN PRISON. AS

FOR 10, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGREES WITH THIS CARE-FIRST VISION, OFFERING L.A. COUNTY NEARLY $200 MILLION THIS YEAR FOR THE COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATIONS PROJECT, AND $137 MILLION OF ONGOING FUNDING EVERY YEAR. IF THE COUNTY TRULY BELIEVES IN THE CARE-FIRST VISION IT CLAIMS TO SUPPORT, THE BOARD CANNOT, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, REJECT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. REFUSING TO ACCEPT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE DIVERSION OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS MAKING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION A REALITY, AND WORKING TO PASS MEASURE J. WE BELIEVE IN THIS CARE-FIRST VISION. WE NEED OUR BOARD AND THE C.E.O. TO BELIEVE IN IT, TOO. OUR COMMUNITIES' LIVES ARE AT STAKE. THE BOARD NEEDS TO RECLAIM AND REIMAGINE THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF RACE EQUALITY, AND NOT CONTINUE WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL. WE DESERVE BETTER. AS FOR AGENDA ITEM 26, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT LOS ANGELES LAW ENFORCEMENT FACE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR ACTIONS. NOT ONLY DOES L.A.S.D. BRUTALIZE OUR COMMUNITY, BUT EQUALLY REPREHENSIBLE IS THE FACT THAT THEY--

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

ELLEN GEESEY: L.A.S.D. COMPLETES THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS INTO SHOOTINGS, AND SENDS IT TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE. THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS NO OVERSIGHT OR POSSESSION OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND CANNOT INDEPENDENTLY VERIFY THE INFORMATION. IN ALMOST EVERY ONE OF THESE SHOOTINGS, THE D.A. FOUND THAT THE OFFICER ACTED LAWFULLY, IN SELF-DEFENSE. WHEN THESE SHOOTINGS ARE TOLD ONLY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, OF COURSE IT BECOMES SELF-DEFENSE. L.A.S.D. CANNOT EXIST TO PROTECT PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES, WHEN THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE THREAT. THE PEOPLE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS ENTRUSTED WITH KEEPING US SAFE TOOK SIX LIVES IN THREE MONTHS. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT ANY ROUTINE ENCOUNTER WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD TURN FATAL. FOR AGENDA ITEMS 35-D AND -E, I WILL SIMPLY UPLIFT PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, WHO HAVE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB OF COVERING IT. AND AS FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, ON MEASURE J FUNDS, IT IS AN INSULT TO BE OFFERED A MEASLY 100 MILLION FOR THIS FIRST YEAR, WHEN THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY WERE GUARANTEED A MINIMUM OF 10 PERCENT. MINIMUM.

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

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

QUEUE. TEDMAN CHEUNG, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TEDMAN CHEUNG: HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS TEDMAN CHEUNG. I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER FROM AMITY FOUNDATION, AND I JOIN TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 10. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR AUTHORING THIS MOTION. I'VE HAD DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE F.I.S.T. PROGRAM, BOTH AS A CLINICIAN AND A SUPERVISOR, AND HAVE SEEN THE CHANGES THAT CAN HAVE ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. AS YOU KNOW, A SINGLE INTERACTION WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE, OFTEN CREATING CYCLES OF TRAUMA, TRAPPING INDIVIDUALS IN HIGH FEES, STIGMA, AND OTHER HARMFUL COMPONENTS OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH IS IN LINE WITH O.D.R.'S SCOPE OF WORK, AND WILL PROVIDE RESOURCES IN THESE POPULATIONS, IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND IN FACILITIES THAT WILL CARE FOR THEM AS NEEDED. ACCORDING TO THE RAND STUDY, ESTIMATING THE SIZE OF L.A. COUNTY'S JAIL MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION APPROPRIATE FOR RELEASE INTO COMMUNITY SERVICES, UP TO 68 PERCENT OF FELONS COULD BE TREATED IN A LESS RESTRICTIVE, THERAPEUTIC SETTING IN THE COMMUNITY. THE REMAINING 32 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WITH VERY SERIOUS MENTAL

ILLNESS, WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY PLACEMENT, WILL NEED ADEQUATE BEDS IN THE JAIL SYSTEM, TO RECEIVE THEIR--

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

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

SPEAKER: YEAH, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEVIN ASLANIAN, AND JUST AS A GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT THE G.A.I.N. PROGRAM. AND WE'RE JUST TRYING TO UPDATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO KNOW THAT IN DECEMBER OF 2020, IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE WERE 11,549 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE G.A.I.N. PROGRAM, AND THERE WERE 9,657 FAMILIES WHO WERE SANCTIONED BY THE G.A.I.N. PROGRAM. AND 4,533 OF THEM WERE SANCTIONED FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THAT IS A 46-PERCENT SANCTION RATE FOR L.A. COUNTY. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS BEEN SENDING OUT MEMOS TO THE COUNTY, SAYING HOW THEY COULD CURE THESE SANCTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC, BUT L.A. COUNTY HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO CURE ALL THE SANCTIONS. TULARE COUNTY JUST CURED ALL OF THE SANCTIONS IN ONE BIG SWOOP, BUT L.A. COUNTY IS PETRIFIED OF DOING THAT. THE SANCTION MEANS THAT THESE FAMILIES ARE LIVING IN DEEP, DEEP POVERTY, AND THAT IS BASICALLY--

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

MODERATOR: MICHAEL HUNT, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I'M MICHAEL HUNT. IT'S SOMEWHAT IRONIC. I WAS READING "THE RANSOM OF RED CHIEF," AND LOOKING AT SOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT $100 MILLION FOR SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS, AND YET THE COUNTY IS SPENDING $100 MILLION PER DAY. THEY HAVE A $36 BILLION BUDGET. THEY'RE SPENDING $100 BILLION PER DAY. SO I'M WONDERING ABOUT EXCESS FUNDS FROM A.B. 1290, BUS BENCH REVENUE, MAYBE USING M.I.C.L.A. BONDS TO REFURBISH SOME HOSPITALS TO USE FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE. I'M ALSO WONDERING ABOUT LEASE REVENUE BONDS TO HELP PEOPLE UPGRADE THEIR HOMES TO MEET SOME OF THE CODINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED. I'M WONDERING ABOUT PIPELINE REVENUE THAT SHOULD BE GOING TO SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS, AND UNFILLED FUNDED POSITIONS THAT ARE FUNDED BUT NOT FILLED. I'M ALSO WONDERING ABOUT THE NAVIGANT PROGRAMS THAT WE USED TO HAVE IN THE COUNTY, AND THE SOURCE OF REVENUES. I MEAN, IF YOU WALK AWAY OUT OF THIS BUILDING-- I'M OUTSIDE THE BUILDING-- AND YOU SEE

SOME OF THE MESS THAT'S AROUND HERE, IT'S ABSOLUTELY DISGRACEFUL.

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

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

RICHARD DIAZ: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICHARD DIAZ, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 10 AND GENERAL COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. I WORK WITH DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA, AN AGENCY DESIGNATED UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO PROTECT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF CALIFORNIANS WITH DISABILITIES. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAM. PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL ARE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THAT CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY TREATED IN JAIL OR DETENTION SETTINGS. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY'S M.I.S.T. AND F.I.S.T. PROGRAMS WERE CREATED AND CHARGED WITH PROVIDING TREATMENT TO THIS OFTEN OVERLOOKED POPULATION. O.D.R.'S SUCCESS AT GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL AND INTO TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE CELEBRATED AND REWARDED WITH THIS

MUCH-NEEDED EXPANSION. ALSO, O.D.R. SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN THE AUTONOMY AND FLEXIBILITY IT NEEDS TO KEEP THESE PROGRAMS RUNNING, TO ACHIEVE THE SAME RATES OF SUCCESS. FINALLY, WE ALSO ASK THE BOARD TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR FELONY I.S.T., THAT WAS PROVIDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. THIS PROJECT WOULD GIVE O.D.R. ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SIGNIFICANTLY--

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

RICHARD DIAZ: -- OF GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL, INTO COMMUNITY TREATMENT. PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO DETERIORATE AND LANGUISH IN A JAIL WHILE WAITING FOR TREATMENT. THE C.C.D.P. IS A WAY TO EXPAND THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: LAURIE ROBERTS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

MODERATOR: ERNIE COWELL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: ON ITEM 15. NOT GENERAL COMMENT, ITEM 13 ONLY. THIS IS ERNIE COWELL. I AM WITH THE COALITION FOR MOBILE IN-HOME TESTING AND VACCINES, AS WELL AS REPRESENTING SOCIAL SECURITY WORKS. SOME OF YOU REMEMBER ME FROM MY 20 YEARS WITH A.A.R.P., AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY. WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR THIS ITEM, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SENIORS IN OUR COUNTIES THAT ARE HOMEBOUND, AND THAT CANNOT GET TO A TESTING LOCATION OR A VACCINATION LOCATION. THERE'S SOME VERY, VERY COMPELLING STATISTICS, THE DOCUMENT THAT CAME OUT YESTERDAY, AND WE SUPPORT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION THAT, ESSENTIALLY, YOU ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT THEY REPORT, I BELIEVE, IN THE NEXT 21 DAYS, THAT ACCOMMODATES SENIORS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND; SENIORS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND IN LOS ANGELES. SO IT'S ITEM NUMBER 13, AND WE URGE A YES VOTE TODAY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: NICOLE PARRISH, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS NICKY PARRISH, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, LICENSED AESTHETICIAN [INAUDIBLE] COUNCILWOMAN, AND I'M COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEM S-1, IN FAVOR, AND I'M ALSO TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT. L.A. COUNTY HAS ALREADY APPROVED INDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR EVENTS, AND WHILE I APPRECIATE THIS, THERE IS A FORGOTTEN INDUSTRY THAT IS BEING LARGELY LEFT OUT OF THE CONVERSATION, SPECIFICALLY FACIALS AND SKINCARE PROVIDED BY BOARD-CERTIFIED, LICENSED AESTHETICIANS. WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT THIS? BECAUSE OUR INDUSTRY IS PRIMARILY WOMEN, B.I.P.O.C., A.A.P.I., L.G.B.T.Q.A. LICENSEES. I CLOSED MY BUSINESS ONE YEAR AGO, ON MARCH 16TH, AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REOPEN SINCE. TWO TIMES, THE COUNTY HAS REMITTED FACIALS, AND WE WERE NOT THE CENTER OF OUTBREAKS. AT THIS POINT, I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, AS BOTH A MAKEUP ARTIST AND A LICENSED AESTHETICIAN. I PERSONALLY FEEL SAFER GIVING A FACIAL IN MY SANITIZED TREATMENT ROOM, WITH MY TRUSTED CLIENTS, THAN I DO WORKING WITH STRANGERS ON SET AND IN RANDOM HOUSES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. WHY IS IT I CAN DO MAKEUP ON SET, FOLLOWING THE EXACT PROTOCOLS I LEARNED AT AN AESTHETICIAN SCHOOL, AND I'M REQUIRED TO PASS AN EXAM THROUGH THE BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY, AND YET I CAN'T WORK SAFELY IN MY CONTROLLED

TREATMENT ROOM? PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT MY BUSINESS IS ALREADY $60,000 IN DEBT BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, AND AT THIS POINT, MY ONLY PATH FORWARD IS TO REOPEN. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SAFELY AND LEGALLY REOPEN. THE NEW CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS REQUIRE THAT YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL LOCATION. I, PERSONALLY, [INAUDIBLE] ON MY STUDIO LAST YEAR, AND WON'T QUALIFY FOR A GRANT THAT I DESPERATELY NEED. IN FACT, WHEN THE EMERGENCY ORDER IS LIFTED, I WILL HAVE THE THREAT OF A LAWSUIT FROM A PREVIOUS LANDLORD.

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SPEAKER: I AM WILLING TO WEAR A KN95 MASK AND A FACE SHIELD. I PROCURED A NEW SPACE THAT HAS WINDOWS THAT OPEN TO THE OUTSIDE, AND CONTROL A.C. UNITS PER TREATMENT ROOM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE C.D.C. I HAVE A FACE SHIELD FOR MY FACIAL BED. I PURCHASED A $400 HOSPITAL-GRADE AIR PURIFIER THAT IS F.D.A.-APPROVED TO KILL VIRUSES AND BACTERIA IN MY TREATMENT ROOM. I'M AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE VIRAL LOAD. I KNOW HOW TO STEP AWAY FROM A CLIENT WHEN THEY HAVE A MASK ON, AND TO LEAVE THE TREATMENT ROOM. THERE ARE ALREADY GUIDELINES IN PLACE TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF C.O.V.I.D. OUTBREAK. PLEASE LET ME PROVE THAT MY $22,000 EDUCATION AND LICENSE TO SANITIZE, FROM THE BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY, IS

WORTH IT AND MAKES OUR SPACE STAFF. PLEASE DON'T FORCE MY BUSINESS, THAT I WORKED SO HARD ON, TO FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY, OR TO OPERATE UNLAWFULLY. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

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

MODERATOR: GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO S-1, 11, 13, 21, AND 6. ON S-1, I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR. I AM SEEING A LOT OF PROGRESS IN THE VACCINATION. ON ITEM 13, WHERE YOU DEAL WITH THE HOMEBOUND ADULTS, IS A GREAT ISSUE. ON ITEM 6, ON OBSERVATION, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN IN TAKING THAT ISSUE, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO HOLD PEOPLE FOR SO LONG. ALSO, ON ITEMS 20 AND 21, THOSE ARE TWO REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED FOR A LONG TIME, ESPECIALLY THE ONE ON L.A.H.S.A. I AM SO CONCERNED, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN MONTHS SINCE WE HAD A REPORT, AND THERE'S SOMETHING NOT TO KOSHER TO WHAT'S GOING ON. SO, PLEASE LOOK AT IT. AND ALSO, ON W.T.I., I THINK YOU NEED TO DO BETTER [INAUDIBLE], BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THAT MUCH FOR THE MONEY INVOLVED IN THAT. ANYWAY, HAVE A NICE WEEK. MISS YOU GUYS. BYE.

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

MODERATOR: MARIA HOLZER, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA S-1, PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIA HOLZER, AND I'M THE UTILIZATION REVIEW SPECIALIST AT THE WATTS HEALTH CENTER. I AM HONORED THAT MY COWORKERS ELECTED ME TO REPRESENT THEM ON THE BARGAINING TEAM. I NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS THAT ALLOW US TO TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILIES, WHILE WE CARE FOR OUR WATTS COMMUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, INSTEAD OF BARGAINING WITH US IN GOOD FAITH, WATTS HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN STALLING AT THE TABLE, BREAKING LAWS AND WASTING PRECIOUS TIME AND RESOURCES. WE WENT INTO BARGAINING WITH ALL OUR POSTS READY ON DAY ONE. INSTEAD OF WORKING WITH US, MANAGEMENT HAS RESPONDED SLOWLY, AND HAS MADE NUMEROUS AND UNNECESSARY PROPOSALS THAT THEY REFUSE TO TAKE OFF THE TABLE. THEY HAVE ALSO FAILED TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ATTAINING [INAUDIBLE], WHICH HAS CAUSED MONTHS OF DELAYS. OUR CONTRACT HAS NOW BEEN EXPIRED SINCE DECEMBER. SUPERVISORS, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE KNOW THIS PANDEMIC HAS BEEN HARD ON EVERYONE. WE SEE THE STRESS AND PAIN IN THE FACES OF

OUR PATIENTS, AND I CAN SEE IT ON THE FACES OF OUR OWN FAMILIES, TOO. FOR OVER A YEAR, WE SACRIFICED--

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SPEAKER: IN THAT TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE C.O.V.I.D.-19 OUTBREAKS AMONG WATTS STAFF. DESPITE [INAUDIBLE] WITH DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY, WE MET AT THE BARGAINING TABLE WITH RESPECT AND NOT HOSTILITY. WE ARE NOT BEING GREEDY OR UNREASONABLE, WHICH IS ONE POLICY THAT WILL KEEP OUR CLINICS STAFFED AND RETAIN LONG-TERM EXPERIENCE IN THE WORKPLACE. SUPERVISORS, WE NEED YOUR HELP. INTERVENE AND HELP US TO REACH A STRONG AND FAIR CONTRACT. THERE IS NO MORE TIME TO WAIT. WE HAVE 100 STRIKE VOTE BUT THAT'S THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO. WE WANT TO REMAIN ON THE FRONT LINE. WE NEED YOUR HELP, AND WE NEED IT NOW. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: ELISE KAPAYAN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELISE KAPAYAN, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I'M CALLING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 6, 10, 26, 35-B, 35-D, AND 35-E, AND I HAVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT 35-D AND 35-E, WHICH ADDRESSED THE FOSTER-CARE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE. IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT YOUTH RECEIVE THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THEY NEED AND HAVE LACKED. AGENDA ITEM 35-D WILL HELP FOSTER YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY WHO HAVE FEW OR NO RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO FIND HOUSING, AND AGENDA ITEM 35-E WILL HELP YOUTH FIND SECURE HOUSING AS THEY TRANSITION OUT OF FOSTER CARE, AND WILL THEREFORE SET THEM UP FOR SUCCESS IN EVERY OTHER AREA, BECAUSE HOUSING IS THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH OTHER SOCIETAL BENEFITS BECOME POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SET THEM UP FOR SUCCESS. MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT RELATES TO USES OF MEASURE J FUNDS. THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS MUST REFLECT THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO ALL ITS RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR COMMUNITIES NEED AND DESERVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR MEASURE J, TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS OF CARE. THIS MEANS FULLY FUNDING PROGRAMS BEYOND THE REQUIRED 10 PERCENT, AND CREATING A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS OUT OF CAGES AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: ELLEN FISHLAGOVA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ELLEN FISHLAGOVA, AND I'M ADDRESSING ON S-1 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I'VE BEEN A LICENSED AESTHETICIAN, CALIFORNIA-LICENSED AESTHETICIAN, FOR 20 YEARS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING WHY WE ARE THE ONLY INDUSTRY THAT'S NOT ALLOWED TO FULLY OPEN AT THIS POINT. CALIFORNIA'S GOT 58 COUNTIES, AND LOS ANGELES IS THE ONLY ONE THAT'S NOT ALLOWING AESTHETICIANS TO DO FACIALS. AND THERE'S ALREADY NO EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE THE SOURCE OF THE SPREAD. EVERY OTHER COUNTY IS ABLE TO DO IT. WHY ARE WE NOT, WHEN ALL OF OUR CLIENTS CAN JUST CROSS THE BORDER, GET A FACIAL, AND COME BACK? SO, IF THERE'S SUCH A WORRY OF SPREAD, THAT'S GOING TO DEFEAT THE PURPOSE. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HELP. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE STILL CAN'T DO FACIALS, AND WHEN WE WERE IN RED TIER LAST TIME, WE WERE ALLOWED TO DO FACIALS. SO, AFTER A YEAR OF NOT BEING ABLE TO WORK, I'M FREAKING OUT. SO THAT IS MY PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND PLEASE HELP US. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: PAMILA LEW, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PAMILA LEW: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAMILA LEW, AND I'M A SENIOR ATTORNEY WITH DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN'S MOTION FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PERSONS CONSIDERED FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. WE FURTHER RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WOULD ALLOW L.A. COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL PILOT PROGRAM, AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. AS CALIFORNIA'S DESIGNATED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY, WE REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN ALL SETTINGS, INCLUDING JAILS. THE FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL POPULATION HAS REPRESENTED SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE, UNDERSERVED, AND OVERLOOKED CLIENTS. THE COMBINATION OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM, ALONG WITH THEIR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, HAS PROVEN DIFFICULT FOR JURISDICTIONS NATIONWIDE TO ADDRESS. O.D.R. REPRESENTS A CREATIVE, COMPASSIONATE MODEL THAT HAS DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION FOR

THESE INDIVIDUALS. IT IS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR WHICH L.A. COUNTY SHOULD BE RIGHTLY PROUD. WE URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS--

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PAMILA LEW: -- TO PASS THE MOTION TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE FUNDING FOR O.D.R., AND TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL POPULATION, TO INCREASE THE IMPORTANT AND IMPACTFUL WORK OF O.D.R. THE BOARD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAM THAT IMPROVES THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, REDUCES CRIME, AND HELPS MAKE L.A. COUNTY A SAFER PLACE FOR EVERYONE. WE ASK THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD AND APPROVE MORE FUNDING FOR O.D.R. TO CONTINUE ITS INVALUABLE WORK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: PETER ELIASBERG, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PETER ELIASBERG: GOOD MORNING. PETER ELIASBERG, CHIEF COUNSEL AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 6, 10, 35-B, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO THE BOARD FOR PUTTING FORTH MOTIONS TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND O.D.R.'S PROVISION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PEOPLE CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS AND PEOPLE CHARGED WITH FELONIES, FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. THESE MOTIONS WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF FURTHERING THE HUMANE AND EFFECTIVE WORK THAT O.D.R. HAS ALREADY DONE WITH ITS COMMUNITY-BASED PLACEMENTS. THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS OF A.T.I. AND THE BOARD, AND THE COUNTY'S STATED COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST APPROACH TO THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM, AND THEY FURTHER SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION AND CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE CONTEXT OF THIS. WHILE THE JAIL POPULATION HAS GONE DOWN SOMEWHAT DURING C.O.V.I.D., THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAILS HAS GONE UP. THAT'S NOT AN ACCEPTABLE PLACE FOR THE COUNTY TO BE, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE RAND REPORT SHOWED THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE JAIL DO NOT NEED TO BE THERE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE BOARD FOCUS ON THIS POPULATION, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL, AND WORK TO GET THEM OUT OF JAIL, IN THE WAYS THAT O.D.R. IS ALREADY DOING, AND EXPAND THE WORK THAT O.D.R. DOES. A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT

THE BOARD GO BEYOND THESE TWO MOTIONS, AND STRONGLY CONSIDER ACCEPTING AND OPTING INTO THE COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. AT MINIMUM, THIS BOARD SHOULD HAVE AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS WHEREBY O.D.R. DOES A PUBLIC REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, IDEALLY WITH TESTIMONY AND HEARING IN FRONT OF THE BOARD, ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING PROVIDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET, THE EFFECTS THAT THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE SERVICES THAT O.D.R. IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING, AND THE EFFECT THAT PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM WOULD HAVE IN THE JAIL POPULATION, PARTICULARLY WITH PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. AND THE LAST POINT, WITH RESPECT TO 35-B AND THE M.O.A.S, PERHAPS THEY WERE ATTACHED, BUT I DIDN'T SEE THEM. BUT I DO HAVE ONE SPECIFIC CONCERN. O.D.R. HAS BEEN DOING EFFECTIVE AND REALLY FANTASTIC WORK FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND I DO HAVE A CONCERN THAT ANY M.O.A.S THAT O.D.R. HAS TO ENTER INTO IN THE FUTURE, WITH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MAY LEAD TO TOO MUCH BUREAUCRACY, TOO MUCH RESTRICTION ON O.D.R. AND THE PROVIDERS, WHO CURRENTLY USE THIS VERY SUCCESSFULLY. AND I WOULD URGE THAT THE BOARD MAKE SURE THAT ANY ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO ALLOW O.D.R. TO CONTINUE ITS WORK NOT NECESSARILY BE IN THE FORM OF M.O.A.S, BUT PERHAPS ORDINANCE OR OTHER CODE CHANGES; BUT IF THEY ARE IN THE FORM OF M.O.A.S, THAT THERE BE AN INSURANCE THAT O.D.R. IS ABLE TO CONTINUE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND NIMBLE, AND NOT BECOME SOME OVERLY BUREAUCRATIZED AGENCY THAT IS FORCED TO BASICALLY UPHOLD AND

FOLLOW A WHOLE BUNCH OF REGULATIONS BEING SET FORTH IN AN M.O.A., WITH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: GREG DURFEE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: 35-B AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I'VE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR 23 YEARS. I WORKED WITH BACA, WITH THE CHIEFS, AND MAYBE 17, 18 POLICE TRAINING [INAUDIBLE], WHERE IT WAS CONFUSED WITH MENTAL HEALTH. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE LOOK UPON THE THERAPY OF PSYCHIATRY TO BE [INAUDIBLE] THERAPY LICENSED BY J.F.K. UNIVERSITY IN SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH HAS BEEN PROVEN TO REDUCE 71 PERCENT OF THE PROBLEMS. OUR KIDS ARE NOW BECOMING ENTRENCHED IN TECHNOLOGY; SUICIDE, WHICH HELPS THEM BECOME POTENTIAL JAIL ISSUES. AND WE NEED TO REFORM THE WAY WE PERCEIVE THE TECHNOLOGY AND OUR THERAPY, IN TERMS OF GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SELF-HELP THEMSELVES THROUGH VARIOUS FORMS THAT WE'RE NOT IMPLEMENTING. AND MY WEBSITE IS SOCIALEMOTIONALPAWS. SOCIALEMOTIONALPAWS [INAUDIBLE]. I'M IN HAHN'S DISTRICT. I'M ALSO ALSO THE [INAUDIBLE] FOR SANCHEZ.

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

SPEAKER: I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE STAFF OF HAHN TO GET WITH ME ON WORKING WITH THE CHIEFS OF ORANGE COUNTY, AS AN ADVOCATE, AND WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE HAHN'S STAFF TO WORK WITH ME IN MY RESEARCH. I'M VERY WELL KNOWN IN SACRAMENTO, WHICH IS ATKINS AND THE SPEAKER AND OTHERS, AND I HOPE THAT WE'LL BRING CHANGE IN THE DENSITY, AS WE INCREASE THE DENSITY [INAUDIBLE]. IN OUR STUDY, WE INCREASED DRUG ADDICTION AND A FORM OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS BY 55 PERCENT. SO I'M TRYING TO DO THIS WITHIN THE TWO-MINUTE WINDOW, ALL OF YOU, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU. BUT I DEFINITELY THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW S.C.A.G. PUTS THE DENSITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT GREEN SPACE AND WATER FEATURES. SO, THAT'S JUST KIND OF THE ESSENCE WHY WE'RE IN TROUBLE. IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE, BECAUSE OF THE TECHNOLOGY BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, AS A PANDEMIC SUICIDE [INAUDIBLE]. SO I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THIS GREAT BOARD. I HAVE PROPERTY IN LONG BEACH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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

MODERATOR: AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. I'LL ADDRESS ON 6. I'M SORRY. I HAVE TO OPEN UP [INAUDIBLE]. SEVERAL ITEMS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IF THAT'S OKAY. 35-C, AS AN EXAMPLE. OKAY, SO I'LL JUST GO RIGHT INTO IT. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR THE IDEA OF THE VILLAGE AND THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE CARE DOWN ON VIGNES STREET. AND THE IDEA OF CALLING THE HILDA SOLIS HAS COME UP, AND HAS BEEN APPROVED, I GUESS. I DIDN'T SEE IT AT FIRST, BUT MAYBE IT WAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF A MOTION, SO I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ADDRESS THAT. IT'S COME UP BEFORE, AND HILDA SOLIS HAS DONE A GREAT JOB. SHE WAS CERTAINLY THE ONE THERE WHO BOUGHT THE PROPERTY FROM THOSE GUYS AT... NOT APOLLO. I FORGET THE NAME OF THE COMPANY, BUT THEY ARE BIG PLAYERS DOWNTOWN. THEY DO A VERY, VERY, VERY NICE JOB. JEFFREY GOLDBERGER AND ANDREW COHEN, AND THOSE GUYS FROM... I'LL TELL YOU IN ONE SECOND. IT'S BUBBLING UP. ATLAS. THANK YOU. ATLAS, WHO ARE ALWAYS AT THE [INAUDIBLE] CITY ASSOCIATION, WHERE HERB WESSON IS KICKING GLASS, AND ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE THERE DAZZLING EVERYBODY. SO I DO REMEMBER CUTTING THE CHECK

FOR 24 MILLION TO HIM. I WAS THINKING MAYBE WE COULD NAME IT FOR HIM, OR BEHIND THAT STORY AND THE REAL NEED FOR THIS PLACE TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE EDGE, AND WE'RE SPENDING 50-SOMETHING MILLION DOLLARS IN MOSTLY FEDERAL MONEY, WHICH IS GREAT. ONLY 5 MILLION COMES OUT OF THE COUNTY COFFERS, BECAUSE IT'S RELATED TO RELIEF. BUT BEHIND IT IS THE STORY OF HOW WE ALTOGETHER KILLED MIRA LOMA, WHICH WAS A TERRIBLE IDEA TO DEPORT ANGELENOS TO THE DESERT, WHERE THERE WAS VALLEY FEVER. WE, ALL TOGETHER, AND THERE'S A LITTLE HELPER WHO WAS THERE AT THE TIME, AND MAYBE WE COULD CONSIDER NAMING IT, ALONG WITH ATLAS, WE COULD CALL IT THE ATLAS AND PATTI GIGGINS, BECAUSE SHE WAS THE HEAD OF THE COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE AT THE TIME, AND SHE ONBOARDED FROM THE PUBLIC A VERY IMPORTANT DETAIL, WHICH WAS THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING AND NEEDED TO BE STOPPED. AND SHE PUT IT ON THE DESK, AND THEN THE ADVOCATES WENT AND TOOK IT--

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ERIC PREVEN: RIGHT. AND SO IT WAS A LITTLE INITIATIVE IN THE PUBLIC THAT, CONNECTED TO ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS THAT THE SUPERVISORS PUT TOGETHER, MAKE BIG CHANGE. AND HERE WE ARE, ALL THESE YEARS LATER, SEEING THAT IT'S GOING TO BE CALLED THE HILDA SOLIS VILLAGE. YOU KNOW, THINK ABOUT AN ALTERNATE NAME,

BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE NAMED THESE THINGS WHILE THEY'RE CURRENTLY FUNCTIONING, BECAUSE IT'S EMBARRASSING, FRANKLY. I THINK IT'S MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE TO NAME THINGS AFTER FOLKS, ONCE THEY HAVE REALLY RETIRED, YOU KNOW. SO, THAT'S MY THING. NOW, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD DISAGREE, BECAUSE HE HAS A COMMUNITY CENTER AND A CONSTITUENT CENTER AND A TREE, AND SHEILA HAS A PARK. PEOPLE LIKE TO NAME STUFF AFTER THEMSELVES, BUT THE PUBLIC DOESN'T REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I CERTAINLY DON'T. I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MYSELF ON THAT ONE. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE DO LIKE IT. BUT, ANYWAY, ATLAS AND GIGGINS FAIR CENTER. ALSO, I WOULD RESUME MEETING REGULARLY, OR I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FILE ANOTHER LAWSUIT. IT'S AN OUTRAGE. PETER ELIASBERG WAS LISTENING, AND HE MADE A GREAT COMMENT. I HOPE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT BY MAKING ONE OF THE--

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

MODERATOR: LILY MANINI, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, THERE. S-1, AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENT, DISTRICT 3. I HAVE BEEN A LICENSED AESTHETICIAN FOR OVER 15 YEARS, IN SANTA MONICA. I HAVE NO FINANCIAL HELP. I HAVE LOST MY LIFE

SAVINGS TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. MY BUSINESS HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR OVER A YEAR NOW, WITH NO PROOF THAT FACIALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY C.O.V.I.D.-19 OUTBREAKS. I'M A SOLO AESTHETICIAN. I PROVIDE A ONE-ON-ONE ENVIRONMENT, WHERE I HAVE FULL CONTROL OVER MY ENVIRONMENT. I DO NOT WORK ON THE PUBLIC. I HAVE UPDATED MY SPACE, MY VENTILATION SYSTEM. I HAVE IMPLEMENTED GUIDELINES FOR MY CLIENTS. IN JANUARY OF 2020, I OPENED A SECOND LOCATION. MARCH OF 2020, I CLOSED IT. I INVESTED $30,000, WHICH I AM NOW IN DEBT FOR. I HAVE MOVED OUT OF MY HOME. I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN MY COMMERCIAL SPACE IN SANTA MONICA. MS. SHEILA KUEHL, I HAVE EMAILED YOU. I HAVE CALLED YOU. I HAVE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT JUST ABOUT EVERY MEDICAL SPA IN YOUR DISTRICT IS PROMOTING FACIALS, AND THE NURSES ARE WORKING INCHES FROM CLIENTS.

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

SPEAKER: WITH ONE MASK AND NO SHIELD. MY RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING IS BEING VIOLATED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE, PLEASE, YOU GUYS, STAND UP FOR OUR BUSINESSES. WE ARE AN INDUSTRY THAT ALLOWS WOMEN TO FIND INDEPENDENCE, AND WE ARE BEING HIT THE HARDEST. PLEASE! LOOK, WE ARE DESPERATE! WE HAVE LOST EVERYTHING! THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AGENDA ITEMS 10, 6, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK AND JUSTICE L.A. JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR EXPANDING THE M.I.S.T. PROGRAM. I THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT IT WAS DOCUMENTED, IN THE MOTION, THE WAYS IN WHICH THE M.I.S.T. POPULATION HAD EXPANDED IN THE JAILS, AND HOW WE HAD TO COORDINATE VERY QUICKLY TO GET FOLKS OUT. WE HEARD FROM CLINICIANS IN OUR MEMBERSHIP THAT FOLKS WERE SUFFERING IN OUR JAILS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THAT COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PIECE WORKS, AND IS IN LINE WITH OUR CARE-FIRST VISION. AND SO WE ARE VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE EXPANSION OF THIS PROGRAM, AND WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED BY THE EXPANSION OF THE F.I.S.T. PROGRAM. AND SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, AS WELL, FOR REALLY LEANING INTO THIS PARTICULAR EXPANSION. O.D.R. HAS BEEN DOING INCREDIBLE WORK. WE'VE SEEN IT. YOU'VE HEARD FROM CLINICIANS. YOU'VE HEARD FROM PROVIDERS TODAY, LIKE PROJECT 180, AND WE THINK THIS IS SUCH A CRITICAL PIECE OF THE PUZZLE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT JUST TO

REMIND US, AS WE ARE EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION, WHICH WE, AGAIN, KNOW WORKS, THAT WE HAVE TO SEE THIS AS A STEP TOWARDS CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BUT ALSO A STEP TOWARDS MAKING SURE BLACK COMMUNITIES GET THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND THE DIGNITY THAT THEY NEED. WE'VE SEEN REALLY IMPORTANT WORK SET UP. WE'VE SEEN REALLY IMPORTANT REFORMS HAPPEN. AND, AS WAS REPORTED TO YOU BY THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AS WAS REPORTED TO YOU BY THE COUNTY'S OWN DATA, THE FOLKS WHO HAVE SEEN THE LEAST LIKELY AVENUES FOR RELEASE, LEAST LIKELY AVENUES FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION, ARE BLACK FOLKS, WHO MAKE UP THE LARGEST PORTION OF THE COUNTY JAIL'S MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. RIGHT? AND SO, AS WE SEE THIS AS A STEP TOWARDS CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE LONGER WE DELAY IN MOVING ON THAT PARTICULAR CRISIS, THE LONGER THE EXISTENCE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CONTINUES TO BE A SYMBOL OF BLACK SUFFERING AND BLACK LANGUISH. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE REALLY HOPE YOU LOOK INTO RECEIVING THE STATE FUNDS TO EXPAND F.I.S.T. EVEN FURTHER. AGAIN, IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT O.D.R.--

SPEAKER: YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON: AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO ACCEPT THOSE DOLLARS, TO ACTUALLY EXPAND THIS PROGRAM, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN SO MUCH SUCCESS IN? AND LASTLY,

WITH REGARD TO MEASURE J, SIMPLY $100 MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH. WE KNOCKED ON DOORS. WE HAD THE CONVERSATIONS. WE GRINDED HARD. COMMUNITIES REALLY BELIEVE THAT MEASURE J IS GOING TO PRODUCE THE PROMISE THAT WE NEED TO REALLOCATE FUNDS. BUT $100 MILLION, AT THIS MOMENT, IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH. WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE METHODOLOGY, WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THAT NUMBER CAME FROM, AND WE WANT MORE TRANSPARENCY FROM THE C.E.O., IN TERMS OF WHERE THAT NUMBER CAME FROM, AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO ACTUALLY INCREASE THE NUMBER TO WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE, AND WHAT THE HISTORIC DIVESTMENT FROM BLACK COMMUNITIES DESERVE. SO WE'RE CALLING ON YOU TO GET THOSE ANSWERS FOR US, TO HELP US ADVOCATE FOR THE CARE-FIRST APPROACH, AS WE ADVOCATE AND MOVE FORWARD ON THE PROMISE OF MEASURE J, AS WAS VOTED ON BY 2.7 MILLION VOTERS IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: STAR SANDERS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS STAR SANDERS. I AM A SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR AND HOUSE ABUSE GURU FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, THESE 12 MONTHS

HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING FOR MY FAMILY, LOVED ONES, AND FRIENDS. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF TWO, AND WHILE A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SHELTER AT HOME, MY COWORKERS AND I HAVE BEEN AT WATTS HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, STAYING ON THE FRONT LINES. WE'RE ESSENTIAL WORKERS. THAT MEANT THAT I HAD TO CONTINUE PAYING FOR CHILDCARE, WHICH, BY THE WAY, I DON'T QUALIFY FOR FUNDING, DUE TO THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ON WELFARE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. SO, I'M AN ALL-CASH-PAYING PARENT, WHICH COSTS $750 EVERY MONTH. AT ONE TIME, I HAD TO TAKE FIVE MONTHS OFF TO TAKE CARE OF MY FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON, WHICH USED UP ALL MY VACATION AND SICK TIME. AFTER GOING BACK TO WORK, I AND ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR PATIENTS-- BECAUSE I DO WORK AT A 24-HOUR RESIDENTIAL INPATIENT PROGRAM-- CONTRACTED CORONAVIRUS, AND WAS OUT FOR 16 DAYS WITHOUT PAY, DUE TO THE LACK OF FUNDING. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE STRUGGLES--

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: FRANCISCO ROMERO, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FRANCISCO ROMERO: HI. YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JUST CALLING THIS MORNING AS A RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES. AND FIRST,

GENERAL COMMENT, NOT RELATED TO ANYTHING ON THE AGENDA. YESTERDAY MORNING, THOUSANDS OF EAST L.A. UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND PERHAPS OTHER UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, RECEIVED A SMALL SLIP THAT, STARTING NEXT WEEK, ALL CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS ARE GOING TO BE ENFORCED. THE SLIP WAS ONLY IN ENGLISH, HERE IN EAST L.A., FOR SURE. THERE NEEDS TO BE A REALLY THOROUGH PROCESS IN COMMUNICATING WHAT'S HAPPENING, BECAUSE THIS COULD LEAD TO THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOSING THEIR VEHICLES. A LOT OF FOLKS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET OUT TO THE D.M.V. TO REGISTER THEIR VEHICLES, AND IF YOUR VEHICLE HASN'T BEEN REGISTERED FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS, YOUR VEHICLE COULD PROBABLY BE TOWED AWAY NEXT THURSDAY MORNING, AT 12:01 A.M., ACCORDING TO THE SLIP. SO THIS IS VERY CONCERNING. I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A MORATORIUM ON ANY TOWING, BECAUSE ONCE YOUR VEHICLE GETS TOWED INTO A YARD, THAT'S IT. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TO TRY TO RESCUE YOUR VEHICLE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: JESSICA AHERN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I'LL BE SPEAKING ON RESOLUTION 13. MY NAME IS JESSICA AHERN, L.C.S.W., AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION C.O.M.I.T.T., WHICH IS THE COALITION FOR MOBILE IN-HOME TESTING AND TREATMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND ALSO HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR SIGNING ON WITH HER SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 13, A PROPOSAL TO VACCINATE HOMEBOUND SENIORS AND DISABLED PEOPLE WHO ARE UNABLE TO GET TO THE COUNTY VACCINATION SITES, AND INSTEAD TO VACCINATE THESE PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES OR AT SENIOR HOUSING PROJECTS. THIS RESOLUTION WILL TRULY SAVE THE LIVES OF SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE ANGELENOS, WHO, UP UNTIL NOW, HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN, AND THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN CANNOT REACH A MASS VACCINATION SITE. WE AGREE THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY, WITH THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A TASK. I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR--

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE ONE HOUR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS YOU KNOW, OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. AND IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS

THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE 2-D, 5 THROUGH 7, 9 THROUGH 12, 14 THROUGH 19, 22 THROUGH 34, 35-A THROUGH 35-E, AND 38.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT TITLES OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1-D IS A HEARING ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, TO UPDATE PROGRAM GOALS, MAJOR POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. NO

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 1 IS A HEARING ON THE TRANSFER OF THE HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL EASEMENTS WITHIN THE MEADOWS COURT TRACT NO. 40912, FROM THE COUNTY TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON THE WEED ABATEMENT AND BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREES' REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, WEEDS, RUBBISH, ILLEGAL DUMPING, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION ON DESIGNATED IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN FILM L.A.'S PERMIT FEES FROM $699 TO $795. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON THE CALL FOR REVIEW OF PROJECT NO. 03-263-(1), TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF AN EXISTING RECYCLING FACILITY CONDUCTING CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE RECYCLABLE COLLECTION, LOCATED AT 1583 FISHBURN AVENUE, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CITY TERRACE, WITHIN THE CITY TERRACE ZONED DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE SAL MARTINEZ WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. MR. RAMIREZ, PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. GOOD MORNING, FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY SIMPLY STATING THAT OUR OPERATION HAS RESIDED AT OUR CURRENT LOCATION FOR THE PAST 28 YEARS. FROM THAT TIME, THIS LOCATION HAS HAD NO ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY OR WITH ANY OF ITS SUPERVISING ENTITIES. BEGINNING WITH THE APPLICATION ITSELF, WE HAVE ATTACHED COPIES OF OUR UPDATED LICENSES AND PERMITS, AS WELL AS UPDATED SITE PLANS, THAT ADHERE TO ALL THE REQUIREMENTS SET OUT BY THE COUNTY. AND PERTAINING TO THOSE ITEMS, AND WITHIN THOSE LICENSES, YOU WILL FIND THE PUBLIC WORKS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMISSION HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMITS, AS WELL AS [INAUDIBLE], ALL PERMITS AND LICENSES WHICH MONITOR OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, DUE TO THE WASTE GENERATED AND DISPOSED OF VIA OUR SITE, EITHER BY DIRECT INSPECTION OR THIRD-PARTY REPORTS. THOSE REPORTS WILL SHOW THAT WE'VE HAD A NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT IN OUR SURROUNDING AREA. AN ADDITIONAL ITEM WE HAVE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION ARE THE CLAIMS-- I'M SORRY. OUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, WHICH NEGATE THE CLAIMS OF IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS TO THE SURROUNDING AREA. SECONDLY, WE HAVE ATTACHED MANY PETITIONS, BOTH PUBLIC AND FROM PUBLIC ENTITIES, THAT SUPPORT THE OBTAINING OF OUR C.U.P. THOSE PETITIONS ARE SIGNED BY HUNDREDS OF PUBLIC CENTERS, FROM THE NEIGHBORS, AS WELL AS IMMEDIATE AREA'S BUSINESS. THOSE PETITIONS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS

WELL AS TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. THE PETITIONS INCLUDE CONTACTS FOR THOSE SIGNATURES, WHICH CAN BE VALIDATED. OUR THOUGHTS ARE THAT THESE, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, NEGATE THE NOTION FOR WHICH THE APPEAL WAS PROCESSED ON, THAT OUR OPERATION IMPACTS NOT ONLY--

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SPEAKER: -- BUT L.A. COUNTY, AS A WHOLE, IN A NEGATIVE--

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-D, AND 1 THROUGH 4. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON 1-D, AND 1 THROUGH 4, SHOULD CALL 844-767-5651, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-3836. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 844-767-5651, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 100-3836. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LARRY BLOCK. YOU HAVE ONE

MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LARRY BLOCK: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS LARRY BLOCK. I AM PROPERTY MANAGER FOR COLUMBIA DEVELOPMENT, A WELL-MAINTAINED INDUSTRIAL PARK LOCATED DIRECTLY ALONG THE APPLICANT'S WEST PERIMETER, IN PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 4. I AM HERE DUE TO AN URGENT AND LONG-STANDING SECURITY CRISIS CAUSED BY THE APPLICANT. WE SHARE A 400-FOOT PERIMETER BEHIND OUR BUILDING THAT IS MARKED WITH A CHAIN-LINK FENCE THAT WE HAD BUILT. OUR SUBMITTALS FROM JULY 2020 AND LAST MONTH SHOW THE CONDITION OF THE FENCE AND PROPERTY LINE OVER THAT SEVEN-MONTH PERIOD. COMPARING THE TWO CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE APPLICANT CONTINUES TO DAMAGE THE FENCE TO THE POINT WHERE VERY LITTLE OF IT NOW REMAINS. THAT FEBRUARY 6TH LETTER ALSO PRESENTS OUR CASE IN FIVE REASONABLE STATEMENTS WE HOPE TO BE ADDED AS REQUIREMENTS TO THE C.U.P., WHICH, IN EFFECT, STATE THAT WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR FENCE SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH A BLOCK WALL. THE APPLICANT HAS CLEARLY PROVEN THAT REPLACING THE CHAIN-LINK FENCE WITH ANOTHER, OR ANY OTHER POST-BASED FENCING SYSTEM, WOULD BE A POOR, SHORT-TERM SOLUTION. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD THOSE FIVE STATEMENTS, AND PROMPTLY BE SUPPLIED A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REQUIRED SURVEY, IMMEDIATELY--

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: JOHN DILLO, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: PLEASE BEGIN. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: ALMA JIMENEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: PLEASE BEGIN. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: JANET VALENZUELA, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JANET VALENZUELA, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF INCORPORATED EAST L.A. I'M A MEMBER OF EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, SPEAKING ON ITEM 4, TO OPPOSE THE PERMIT FOR GUS'S RECYCLING ON 1583 FISHBURN AVENUE. I WAS MADE AWARE OF A PETITION GUS HAS CREATED TO SHOW COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THEIR BUSINESS, SO I WENT AHEAD AND

FOLLOWED UP WITH 46 OF THOSE CONTACTS. AND IT TURNS OUT 50 PERCENT DID NOT KNOW WHO GUS'S RECYCLING IS, AND LATER IN THE CONVERSATION, THEY REALIZED THAT THEY KNEW THE OWNER, BUT 95 PERCENT WERE NOT AWARE THAT THEY WERE OPERATING ILLEGALLY, AND LATER MAYBE ASKED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PETITION, AS HIS BUSINESS POSES A TOXIC THREAT TO MY COMMUNITY, AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO SET THE PRECEDENT BY RECOGNIZING THE INTENTIONS OF THIS BUSINESS DOES NOT REFLECT THE ETHICS OR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: KARINA SANCHEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: PLEASE BEGIN. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: TIFFANY SANCHEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TIFFANY SANCHEZ: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIFFANY SANCHEZ, AND I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF EAST YARD

COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. GUS'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MUST BE REJECTED. WE'VE MADE THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL AWARE OF THE SITE, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN REGULATED, BECAUSE GUS'S HAS BEEN OPERATING UNPERMITTED, AKA ILLEGALLY, AS AN AUTO DISMANTLING SITE FOR DECADES. D.T.S.D. HAS NOW DONE OUT AND INSPECTED THE SITE, AND IS NOW INVESTIGATING THE HARM THAT GUS'S HAS ALREADY CAUSED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD TO REJECT THE C.U.P. AND PROTECT THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY FROM FURTHER HARM. SOMETHING THAT STILL HAUNTS ME IS AN EAST YARD MEMBER THAT LIVES NEAR GUS'S, SAYING THAT HE CAN TASTE THE METAL IN THE AIR, SOME DAYS. IT MAKES ME SICK TO THINK OF WHAT THE LASTING HEALTH EFFECTS FROM THESE [INAUDIBLE] HAVE DONE TO OUR COMMUNITY. REJECT THE C.U.P., PROTECT THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: ALESSANDRO NEGRETE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ALESSANDRO NEGRETE: HI, GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ALESSANDRO NEGRETE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, AND I'VE BEEN A LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF BOYLE

HEIGHTS. I'M CALLING TODAY IN OPPOSITION OF A CONDITIONAL PERMIT FOR GUS'S RECYCLING. THIS IS NOT A RECYCLING PLANT. THIS IS AN ILLEGAL DUMPING SITE, AND THAT NEEDS TO BE [INAUDIBLE]. FOR YEARS, IT HAS BEEN POLLUTING MY NEIGHBORS AND MY COMMUNITY. THE PROXIMITY TO AN ALREADY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY OF THE RAMONA GARDENS PROJECT IS A HAZARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH. TO GRANT THE CONDITIONAL PERMIT WOULD BE AGAINST THE COUNTY'S PLAN FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE THAT WOULD LET US THRIVE, AND WOULD ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE AND RACISM THAT YOU SAY RESIDENTS HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH. I YIELD MY TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: JORDAN SISSON, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JORDAN SISSON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JORDAN SISSON. I'M A C.E.Q.A. LAND USE ATTORNEY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF EAST YARD COMMUNITIES, WHO OPPOSE THIS PROJECT. IN SHORT, YOU HAVE DISCRETION AND AMPLE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO DENY THE C.U.P. ON BOTH ZONING OR C.E.Q.A. GROUNDS. IN MY LIMITED TIME, I WANT TO MAKE THREE POINTS. FIRST, EAST YARD HAS SUBMITTED INTO THE RECORD FIVE DECLARATIONS, WITH PHOTOS OF FIRSTHAND

OBSERVATIONS OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, SUCH AS NOISE, EXHAUST, SMOKE, ODOR, TRAFFIC, MULTIPLE FIRES, INCLUDING ONE THIS YEAR, OPERATIONS AFTER HOURS, AND SEEMINGLY THE MASKING OF POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT SOIL ON SITE. THIS IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT DIRECTLY CUTS AGAINST THE CODE REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR THE REQUESTED C.U.P. SECOND, THE APPLICANT HAS NO VESTED RIGHT TO CONTINUE THIS UNLAWFUL OPERATION. THE ORIGINAL C.U.P. DID NOT ALLOW THE EXISTING OPERATION. ADDITIONALLY, THAT C.U.P. EXPIRED 20 YEARS AGO, AND THE FACILITY HAS BEEN CITED AT LEAST FIVE VIOLATIONS SINCE THEN. FURTHERMORE, THE RECORD SHOWS SERIAL NUISANCE BEHAVIOR. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, NO REASONABLE PERSON COULD FIND A VESTED RIGHT TO CONTINUE THIS OPERATION. MOREOVER, THE COUNTY HAS DISCRETION TO STOP THIS ILLEGAL OPERATION, BY DENYING THE C.U.P.--

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: ROBERTO SALAZAR, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROBERTO SALAZAR: HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

ROBERTO SALAZAR: I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 4. LET ME START. GUS'S RECYCLING DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTS. I CAN BET ANY MONEY THAT PEOPLE WHO OWN THIS BUSINESS DO NOT LIVE HERE. THEY HAVE VIOLATED THE PERMITTED USE FOR YEARS. THE SCIENCE IS UNDISPUTED. ANYONE WHO LIVES NEAR THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS IS SUFFERING SIGNIFICANT ILLNESSES. TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, WE ARE VERY LIKELY TO GET CANCER BECAUSE OF GUS'S. YES, CANCER. LET THAT SINK IN. THE SOIL ADJACENT TO FAMILIES IS POLLUTED, AND WILL BE POLLUTED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. WE ALREADY HAVE TO DEAL WITH OTHER HEALTH HAZARDS, SUCH AS THE 16-LANE FREEWAY, THE LANDFILL, AND SO ON. WE ARE OVERBURDENED WITH POLLUTION, AND WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER ONE. GUS'S, LIKE OTHERS, HAS EXPLOITED THIS AREA. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE HOW BLACK AND BROWN NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THIS NEGLIGENCE. MOST OF THE DIESEL TRUCKS THAT OPERATE AROUND HERE ARE NONCOMPLIANT, AND THROW INSANE AMOUNTS OF BLACK SMOKE ONTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. LET'S BE REAL. THE JOBS THEY CREATE ARE INSIGNIFICANT AND UNDESIRABLE. POLLUTION AND COMPROMISED HEALTH OF THE RESIDENTS SHOULD NEVER BE THE PRICE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: CLARA SOLIS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CLARA SOLIS: CLARA SOLIS, NUMBER 4. I'M OPPOSED TO GUS'S RECYCLING RECEIVING A PERMIT. AT GUS'S, I OBSERVED VEHICLES AND FLATBEDS FILLED WITH JUNK, SUCH AS CARS, ENGINES, APPLIANCES, FREEZER BOXES, MACHINES, AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, METAL, AND I OBSERVED IDLING VEHICLES WAITING TO ENTER. I AM CONCERNED THAT THE REFRIGERATORS I OBSERVED WERE DUMPED WITHOUT THE FREON BEING PROPERLY OBSERVED. I OBSERVED SMOKE COMING FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE FACILITY. ONE PROBABLE FIRE PRODUCED SMOKE FOR QUITE A WHILE. ONE EXCAVATOR, BUT OFTEN TWO, AND A FORKLIFT ARE IN OPERATION. THERE WERE CONSTANT BACKUP ALARMS OF VEHICLES AS THEY BACKED OUT OF THE FACILITY. THESE BACKUP ALARMS, EXCAVATORS, AND DROPPING-OFF AND MOVING OF JUNK PRODUCE SUBSTANTIAL AND CONSTANT NOISE. THERE WAS A STRONG CHEMICAL SMELL COMING FROM THIS FACILITY, IN ADDITION TO DIESEL EXHAUST FROM TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT. CONSTANT DUST WAS PRODUCED BY THE DROPPING-OFF AND MOVING OF JUNK. I OBSERVED OIL SPOTS, DUST, AND DEBRIS ON THE STREET OUTSIDE THE FACILITY, AND LIQUID BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE TIRES OF VEHICLES EXITING THROUGH THE FACILITY.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: HENRY TSO, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 4. AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY OF CITY TERRACE FOR 15 YEARS, AND A CUSTOMER, AS WELL, OF GUS'S RECYCLING, I CAN ASSURE YOU THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER BEEN THERE. TO ME, IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE CRISIS ACTORS. BUT I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS GUS RECYCLING CENTER. THEY'VE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 15 YEARS. THEY PROVIDE ME WITH [INAUDIBLE] FOR MY FAMILY. I'M ABLE TO TAKE MY METALS AND PLASTICS TO RECYCLE THERE, AND IT'S JUST AMAZING, THE WORK THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE THERE, WITH THEIR SERVICES. I YIELD MY TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: MARK LOPEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

MARK LOPEZ: HI. I'M CALLING IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM NUMBER 4. NOT ONLY ARE WE REAL PEOPLE WHO ARE RESIDENTS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT SOME OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF, ARE FOUR GENERATIONS DEEP IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND FOUR GENERATIONS DEEP IN FIGHTING POLLUTERS EXACTLY LIKE GUS'S, WHO OPERATE ILLEGALLY. UNDER C.E.Q.A., THIS PROJECT DOES NOT FALL SQUARELY WITHIN THE PROPOSED CLASS-I CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, OR THE EXAMPLES PROVIDED IN THE STATE OR COUNTY C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES. THE COUNTY HAS BROAD DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE BASELINE HERE. THE APPROPRIATE BASELINE IS THE LAWFUL USE OF THE SITE, NOT REWARDING THE APPLICANT'S WILLFUL, UNLAWFUL USE OF THE SITE THAT CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH. ADDITIONALLY, THE RECORD DEMONSTRATES NUMEROUS UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT DEFEAT THE USE OF THE C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION. FURTHERMORE, MANY OF THE PROPOSED CONDITIONS ARE FORMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES, WHICH CAN ONLY BE USED VIA A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OR E.I.R., NOT AN EXEMPTION. IN CLOSING, PLEASE USE YOUR DISCRETION AND DENY THE C.U.P. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-B, 1, 2, 3, AND 4; AND THEN THE SET ITEMS, S-1, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 8, 13, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 20. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1-D, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS? IF SO, UNMUTE YOUR MIC. HAVING SEEN NONE, IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 1-D IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY ME. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 1-D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1, HEARING ON TRANSFER OF THE HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL EASEMENTS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE

REMARKS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 2, 2021, BRUSH CLEARANCE/WEED ABATEMENT REFEREES' HEARING REPORT. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN FILM L.A. PERMIT FEES. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND LASTLY, WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING ON THE CALL FOR REVIEW

OF PROJECT NUMBER 03-263-(1), FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A RECYCLING FACILITY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CITY TERRACE. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? I CERTAINLY DO. THIS IS IN MY DISTRICT. SO, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO'S PROVIDED INPUT ON THIS MATTER. IT IS APPRECIATED. WE APPRECIATE THE STAFF'S WORK, AS WELL, BUT THE TESTIMONY AND RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS ARE VERY COMPELLING, AND I HAVE TO WEIGH THE BENEFITS OF ALL MY CONSTITUENTS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BUSINESSES BE WELL MAINTAINED, AND THAT THEY ARE GOOD NEIGHBORS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL WHEN A BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN AN AREA WHERE THERE IS A MIX OF INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USES. COLLEAGUES, I'VE RECEIVED VARIOUS EMAILS, LETTERS, AND PHOTOS OF THE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS THAT GUS'S RECYCLING IS CAUSING FOR QUITE SOME TIME TO THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THE RECYCLING BUSINESS IS NOT WELL MAINTAINED, AND A HISTORY OF NONCOMPLIANCE AMONGST MANY OTHER CONCERNS. THERE'S A LACK OF CONFIDENCE THAT, EVEN WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, THE BUSINESS WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. IN LIGHT OF THE REVIEW OF THE CASE, THE RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MOTION: THIS PROJECT IS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF AN EXISTING RECYCLING FACILITY IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE PREVIOUS

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, WHICH HAS EXPIRED, ONLY ALLOWED THE FACILITY TO ACCEPT VARIOUS METALS, PAPER, CARDBOARD, PLASTICS, GLASS, AND CANS FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE. THE CURRENT REQUEST WOULD ADD SCRAP- METAL PROCESSING, IN ADDITION TO COLLECTION, AUTO DISMANTLING AND SALVAGE, AND TRUCK STORAGE. ALTHOUGH THE BUSINESS ALREADY ENGAGES IN THESE ACTIVITIES, THEY WERE ESTABLISHED IN VIOLATION OF THE PRIOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND NEVER AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY. THEREFORE, THE CURRENT REQUEST REPRESENTS AN INTENSIFICATION OF AN EXISTING LAND USE. THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN ONLY ALLOWS THE INTENSIFICATION OF LAND USES IF IT DOES NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT EXISTING USES, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THE EXISTING CHARACTER AND DENSITY OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS. THE PUBLIC COMMENTS, ALONG WITH OTHER CONCERNS, DEMONSTRATE THAT THE LAND USE INTENSIFICATION ALREADY, WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT, ADVERSELY IMPACTED THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THEREFORE GRANTING THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN. ONE IMPORTANT CONCERN IS ACCESS TO THE PROJECT SITE. THE SITE CAN BE ACCESSED FROM THE EAST, VIA MEDFORD STREET, A DESIGNATED SECONDARY HIGHWAY, BUT IT CANNOT BE ACCESSED FROM THE WEST, NORTH, OR SOUTH, VIA A DESIGNATED HIGHWAY. VEHICLES MUST USE LOCAL STREETS. AND MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED PHOTOS FROM THE COMMUNITY WHICH SHOW LARGE TRUCKS TRAVELING TO AND FROM THIS BUSINESS, DEPOSITING OIL AND DEBRIS ONTO THE LOCAL STREETS IN THE RESIDENTIAL

NEIGHBORHOODS. ANOTHER CONCERN IS AN OVERCONCENTRATION OF SIMILAR USES IN THE AREA. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY WITHIN A 500-FOOT RADIUS SOUTH OF THE PROJECT SITE, WHICH TAKES IN ACCESS FROM THE SAME LOCAL STREET. GIVEN THIS OVERCONCENTRATION/INTENSIFICATION OF THIS LAND USE, I BELIEVE IT'S INAPPROPRIATE. ADDITIONALLY, OPERATORS OF ADJACENT INDUSTRIAL USES HAVE REPORTED THAT THE LAND USE HAS BEEN POORLY MAINTAINED, AND HAS THEREFORE RESULTED IN NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE BUSINESSES. THE POORLY MAINTAINED LAND USE CONFLICTS WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN GOAL OF ENCOURAGING REHABILITATION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES IN INDUSTRIAL USE AREAS. A THIRD AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CONCERN IS ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTS. RAMONA GARDENS, A RESIDENTIAL USE, IS IN THE CITY WITHIN A 500-FOOT RADIUS WEST OF THE PROJECT SITE. OTHER RESIDENTIAL USES ARE LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE PROJECT SITE, JUST OUTSIDE THE 500-FOOT RADIUS. AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENTS REGARDING NOISE, ODORS, POTENTIAL FIRE RISK, AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BUSINESS'S OPERATION, THAT HAVE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THESE RESIDENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, LARGE TRUCKS, MANY LOADED WITH DISMANTLED VEHICLES AND SCRAP-METAL ITEMS, INCLUDING LARGE APPLIANCES, AND SOMETIMES POORLY SECURED, MUST TRAVEL ON LOCAL STREETS THROUGH THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

INDICATE ITS INTENT TO FIND THE PROJECT IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 15270 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES, PROJECTS WHICH ARE DISAPPROVED; NUMBER 2, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO DENY PROJECT NUMBER 03-263-(1), WHICH INCLUDES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 03-263-(1); AND THREE, INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' DENIAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 03-263-(1), WHICH INCLUDES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 03-263-(1), FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WISH TO MAKE ANY REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? IF THERE ARE NO SUPERVISORS TO MAKE ANY REMARKS, THEN IT'S APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 4, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM, AS AMENDED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 4, AS AMENDED, TO DENY THE PROJECT IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. NOW WE WILL TURN TO OUR SET MATTER ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND THE PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AFTER WHICH WE WILL ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD. DR. FERRER?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS WE CELEBRATE SPRING AND THIS TIME OF RENEWAL AND HOPE, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PERSEVERANCE THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, AND APPRECIATE HOW VERY MUCH THIS BOARD HAS GUIDED OUR RECOVERY AND PROGRESS, AND ENSURE THAT WE GET VACCINATION EFFORTS MOBILIZED QUICKLY, EFFICIENTLY, AND WITH A LASER FOCUS ON ENSURING EQUITY. AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY, IN WHICH WE HAVE REOPENED MANY SECTORS, I DEEPLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ONGOING ASSISTANCE IN MESSAGING THAT WE DO NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT IN ALL OF OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT EACH OTHER. TODAY I'LL BE PROVIDING UPDATES ON OUR CURRENT L.A. COUNTY C.O.V.I.D.-19 DATA, POTENTIAL RISKS TO OUR PROGRESS, MODIFICATIONS TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, AND LASTLY, AN UPDATE ON VACCINATION EFFORTS. AND FOR THE FIRST SLIDE, THIS GRAPH SHOWS A TREND LINE OF CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS SINCE LAST MARCH 2020, THROUGH MARCH 14TH OF 2021. AS YOU CAN SEE, ALL OF OUR METRICS HAVE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE SURGE BEGAN, IN NOVEMBER. OVER THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN MARCH, CASES DECREASED 35 PERCENT, HOSPITALIZATIONS DECREASED 41 PERCENT, AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, DEATHS DECREASED 60 PERCENT. THESE DECREASES REPRESENT ACTIONS WE ALL TOOK A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND WE'LL NEED TO CONTINUE TAKING PRECAUTIONS IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO SEE FALLING

CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. ON MARCH 12TH, L.A. COUNTY MOVED TO THE RED TIER IN THE STATE'S BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY, AND THIS ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO REOPEN SEVERAL KEY SECTORS. AND YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE STATE ANNOUNCED UPDATES TO THEIR BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY. THE STATE BEGAN TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED IN THE LOWEST-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS STATEWIDE, AND USED THIS STATEWIDE METRIC TO CHANGE THE CASE RATE THRESHOLDS FOR COUNTIES TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FROM ONE TIER TO ANOTHER. THE FIRST THRESHOLD WAS 2 MILLION VACCINES BEING ADMINISTERED IN THE LOWEST-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS, AND WE MET THAT THRESHOLD, WHICH ACCELERATED THE MOVEMENT FROM THE PURPLE TIER TO THE RED TIER. ONCE 4 MILLION VACCINE DOSES HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED IN THE STATE, TO COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST SCORE AND HEALTHY PLACES INDEX, THE THRESHOLD TO MOVE FROM THE RED TIER TO THE ORANGE TIER WILL GO FROM WHAT IT IS NOW, AT BELOW 4 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE, TO BELOW 6 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. LAST WEEK, THE STATE REPORTED THAT L.A. COUNTY HAD AN ADJUSTED CASE RATE OF 4.1 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. OUR SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE WAS 2 PERCENT, AND IN AREAS WITH THE FEWEST HEALTH-AFFIRMING RESOURCES, THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE WAS 2.8 PERCENT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WHEN THE STATE POSTS L.A. COUNTY METRICS THIS MORNING, THAT THEY WILL HAVE AGAIN DECLINED, AND WE WILL ACTUALLY MEET THE CURRENT

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ORANGE TIER. BUT AS A REMINDER, THE STATE REQUIRES THAT WE REMAIN IN THE RED TIER FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS BEFORE WE CAN MOVE TO THE LESS RESTRICTIVE ORANGE TIER, EVEN IF THE COUNTY MEETS THE STATE METRICS BEFORE THAT TIME. IF THESE TRENDS CONTINUE, HOWEVER, IT'S POSSIBLE, IN EARLY APRIL, FOR THE COUNTY TO MOVE INTO THE ORANGE TIER. IN THE ORANGE TIER, THE STATE INCREASES CAPACITY LIMITS AT VARIOUS BUSINESSES, INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, RETAIL, MUSEUMS, AND MOVIE THEATERS, AND OFFERS OTHER BUSINESSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ACTIVITIES BACK INDOORS AT LIMITED CAPACITY. THIS WOULD INCLUDE CARD ROOMS AND FAMILY AMUSEMENT CENTERS. SHOULD WE QUALIFY FOR THE ORANGE TIER IN EARLY APRIL, WE'LL WORK WITH THE BOARD AND SECTOR PARTNERS TO REVIEW OPTIONS AND, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REFLECTING PERMITTED ACTIVITIES IN THE ORANGE TIER. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AND IT'S CERTAINLY GOOD NEWS THAT WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS REDUCING TRANSMISSION ACROSS THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RISKS THAT CAN THWART OUR PROGRESS. THE RISKS INCLUDE INCREASED CIRCULATION OF VARIANTS OF CONCERN, INCREASED CASE NUMBERS ACROSS MUCH OF EUROPE AND IN MANY STATES, REOPENINGS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY INDIVIDUALS RELATED TO SPRING BREAK AND TO SPRING HOLIDAYS. THE KNOWN VARIANTS OF CONCERN INCLUDE THE U.K. VARIANT, THE BRAZIL VARIANT, THE SOUTH AFRICAN VARIANT, THE NEW YORK VARIANT, AND THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT. ALL OF THESE

VARIANTS ARE KNOWN VIRUS MUTATIONS THAT ARE PROBABLY MORE INFECTIOUS THAN THE MORE COMMON STRAIN OF THE VIRUS THAT WAS CIRCULATING PREVIOUSLY. IN L.A. COUNTY, OF THE 43 SPECIMENS THAT WERE SEQUENCED THIS PAST WEEK, 5 PERCENT WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE U.K. VARIANT, 16 PERCENT WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE NEW YORK VARIANT, AND 40 PERCENT WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT. WHILE THIS IS A VERY SMALL SAMPLE SIZE, THE RESULTS DO INDICATE THAT VARIANTS ARE WIDELY CIRCULATING, AND IT MAY MAKE IT EASIER FOR VIRUS TRANSMISSION TO OCCUR, IF WE'RE NOT VIGILANT IN PRACTICING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. WE KNOW THAT IF THERE'S MORE TRANSMISSION OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, THERE'S MORE RISK OF VARIANTS OF CONCERN DOMINATING. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. DURING THE PANDEMIC, TRENDS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN IMPACT ON L.A. COUNTY. CASE COUNTS HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN RISING QUICKLY IN ITALY, GERMANY, AND FRANCE, AS SHOWN BY THE BLUE, GREEN, AND ORANGE LINES ON THIS CHART. GERMANY JUST EXTENDED A STRICT NATIONAL LOCKDOWN THROUGH MID-APRIL, DUE TO THE RISING CASELOAD. ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN, AND THE U.K. HAVE ALSO EXTENDED RESTRICTIONS AMIDST WORRIES OF A THIRD WAVE THAT REFLECTS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN CASES. SEVERAL PROBLEMS ARE LIKELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE RESURGENCE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 IN THESE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SPREAD OF VARIANTS, WHICH CONTAIN GENETIC MUTATIONS THAT INCREASE THEIR TRANSMISSIBILITY, AND MAY EVEN INCREASE THEIR ABILITY TO CAUSE

A HIGHER RATE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS, OR EVEN DEATH. A RECENT REPORT IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL ESTIMATED THAT THE U.K. VARIANT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A 64-PERCENT HIGHER MORTALITY RATE THAN THE VIRUS THAT HAD BEEN CIRCULATING EARLIER. THE RED CURVE IN THIS FIGURE, WHICH REPRESENTS THE CUMULATIVE C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASE COUNTS IN THE U.K., DISPLAYS WHAT WE CALL AN UNUSUAL DOUBLE CURVE, AND THIS IS A RAPID ACCELERATION OF CASES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY THAT'S BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASED TRANSMISSION OF THIS VARIANT. SPREAD OF THIS VARIANT TO OTHER COUNTRIES IS LIKELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASES THAT HAVE BEEN SEEN MORE RECENTLY ACROSS EUROPE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE'VE ALSO SEEN AN INCREASE IN CASES IN MANY PARTS OF THE U.S. AT LEAST 15 STATES REPORTED INCREASES OF CASES OF AT LEAST 10 PERCENT THIS PAST WEEK ALONE: ALASKA, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, IDAHO, MAINE, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSISSIPPI, NEVADA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, OREGON, AND WEST VIRGINIA. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE THE CHANGE IN NEW CASES IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS PER 100,000 PEOPLE WAS UP 3 PERCENT IN THE UNITED STATES AS A WHOLE, IT WAS UP 47 PERCENT IN MICHIGAN, 23 PERCENT IN DELAWARE, 20 PERCENT IN PENNSYLVANIA, 15 PERCENT IN CONNECTICUT, AND 12 PERCENT IN NEW YORK AND MASSACHUSETTS. MANY OF THESE STATES HAD RECENTLY RELAXED RESTRICTIONS, AND THEY'VE ACCELERATED THEIR REOPENINGS. THIS PAST YEAR INDICATES THAT OFTEN THE EAST COAST EXPERIENCES INCREASES IN CASES BEFORE THE WEST COAST, AND THAT

TYPICALLY L.A. COUNTY IS A FEW WEEKS BEHIND NEW YORK. WHILE CONDITIONS HAVE DEFINITELY CHANGED, PARTICULARLY AS WE'VE VACCINATED MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, WE DO NOT YET HAVE ENOUGH VACCINE PROTECTION ACROSS THE COUNTY TO PREVENT MORE TRANSMISSION, IF WE'RE NOT EXTRAORDINARILY CAREFUL IN THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH THE MANY REOPENINGS DOES COME THIS ADDITIONAL RISK, AS MORE PEOPLE ARE MINGLING WITH OTHERS. WE MITIGATE THE RISK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY ASKING BUSINESSES TO ADHERE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT REDUCE POSSIBLE EXPOSURES AMONG WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS. AND I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE'RE ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES THAT FULLY IMPLEMENT ALL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES AND HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR HEALTH INSPECTORS STILL ENCOUNTER MANY BUSINESSES NOT ADHERING TO THE REQUIRED PROTOCOLS. FOR MARCH 4TH THROUGH THE 18TH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTORS FOUND THAT 38 PERCENT OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED WERE NONCOMPLIANT WITH HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. THEY INSPECTED RESTAURANTS, BREWERIES, WINERIES AND DISTILLERIES, RETAIL BUSINESSES, HOTELS, GYMS AND FITNESS CENTERS, HAIR SALONS AND BARBERSHOPS, FOOD WHOLESALE SITES, GARMENT MANUFACTURING SITES, FOOD MARKET RETAIL SITES, PERSONAL CARE SITES, AND WAREHOUSES AND MANUFACTURING SITES. NEXT SLIDE? IF YOU LOOK AT THE COMPLIANCE DATA BY SECTOR FOR THE SAME PERIOD, YOU'LL SEE THAT BREWERIES, WINERIES, DISTILLERIES, PERSONAL CARE, AND HAIR SALONS AND BARBERSHOPS

HAD THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE, AT OVER 80 PERCENT. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE ONLY HAD DONE A FEW INSPECTIONS OF BREWERIES AND WINERIES OVER THESE PAST TWO WEEKS. RETAIL SALES, RESTAURANTS, AND FOOD MARKET RETAIL HAD THE NEXT HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE, BETWEEN 60 AND 70 PERCENT. OTHER BUSINESSES WITH 60 PERCENT OR LESS OF COMPLIANCE INCLUDED FITNESS CENTERS, HOTELS, WHOLESALE FOOD SITES, AND GARMENT FACTORIES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THE MOST FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED VIOLATIONS INCLUDED FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND POST HEALTH OFFICER ORDER PROTOCOLS, NOT COMPLYING WITH PHYSICAL DISTANCING MEASURES, AND EMPLOYEES NOT PROVIDED OR WEARING FACE MASKS OR FACE SHIELDS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO VISIT BUSINESSES, PROVIDING EDUCATION AND CITING THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS. AND AS IN OUR PAST, A MOST SIGNIFICANT RISK FOR INCREASED VIRUS TRANSMISSION IS RELATED TO THE ACTIONS PEOPLE TAKE AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. AS WE HEAD INTO THE SPRING HOLIDAYS OF NOWRUZ, RAMADAN, PASSOVER, AND EASTER, WE WILL ALL NEED TO AVOID LARGE GATHERINGS, CROWDS, AND NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL. THESE ACTIONS HAVE HAD DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN THE PAST. OUR SHARED GOAL IS TO KEEP EACH OTHER ALIVE, TO ALLOW EVERYONE TO GET VACCINATED AND HAVE AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WITH THE PROGRESS WE MADE IN THE MOVE TO THE RED TIER, WE CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO OFFER OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES, AND

FOR BUSINESSES TO BE ABLE TO REOPEN FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES, AS WELL. PUBLIC HEALTH MADE ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER THAT TOOK EFFECT ON MARCH 20TH. AND I WANT TO JUST NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND CRAFT DISTILLERIES THAT DO NOT PROVIDE A MEAL CAN OPEN FOR OUTDOOR SERVICES ONLY WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING RESERVATIONS, A 90-MINUTE TIME LIMIT FOR GUESTS, GUESTS HAVE TO BE SEATED AT THE TABLE IN ORDER TO PLACE AN ORDER, AND THE ONSITE CONSUMPTION MUST CLOSE AT 8 P.M. BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND CRAFT DISTILLERIES THAT ARE SERVING BONA FIDE MEALS CAN OPEN FOR INDOOR DINING OPERATIONS AT 25 PERCENT OF INDOOR CAPACITY, AS LONG AS THEY FOLLOW THE SAME MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR RESTAURANTS. WE ALSO CLARIFIED THAT CERTAIN BUSINESSES THAT SERVE THE PUBLIC, BUT AREN'T REALLY TYPICAL RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS-- THIS INCLUDES BANK AND CREDIT UNION BRANCHES, CHECK CASHING SERVICES, LEARNING CENTERS, TAX PREPARATION SITES, AUTO REPAIR, AUTO DEALERSHIPS, AND DRY CLEANERS-- ARE NOW PERMITTED TO OPEN FOR INDOOR OPERATIONS AT 50-PERCENT CAPACITY. FOR SUPPORT GROUPS AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELING, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT CAN PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP HAS NOW INCREASED FROM 10 TO 12 PARTICIPANTS, IN HOPES THAT THE SUPPORT WILL BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO NOTE THAT FOR OFFICE SPACE WORK SITES, BUSINESSES THAT NEED TO OPEN INDOORS FOR ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS THAT CAN'T BE DONE REMOTELY NEED TO LIMIT THEIR INDOOR

CAPACITY TO 50 PERCENT OF MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY. FOR YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATIONAL SPORTS, WE DO ALIGN WITH THE STATE. AND THIS NOW MEANS THAT INDOOR SPORTS ARE ALLOWED, INCLUDING TRAINING, CONDITIONING, CONTACT PRACTICE, AND COMPETITION, AS LONG AS THERE'S ADHERENCE TO THE STATE REQUIREMENTS, WHICH INCLUDE A 10-PERCENT CAPACITY LIMIT ON INDOOR OCCUPANCY, REGULAR TESTING OF PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF, AND THE NEED TO TURN IN A RETURN-TO-PLAY SAFETY PLAN AND A SITE-SPECIFIC SAFETY PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO US, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY INDOOR ACTIVITY. AS A REMINDER, ALL BUSINESSES AND SECTORS THAT ARE OPEN NEED TO FOLLOW EVERY SAFETY MEASURE AND PROTOCOL. YOU CAN FIND UPDATED PROTOCOLS, AS ALWAYS, ON OUR WEBSITE: PUBLICHEALTH.LACOUNTY.COM. AND I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO PROVIDE A QUICK UPDATE ON SCHOOL REOPENINGS, AND AGAIN SOME CHANGES TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE ON THE K-12 SCHOOL OPENING PROTOCOLS. TO DATE, 57 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR ALL K-12 STUDENTS, AND 492 PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. PUBLIC HEALTH HAS CONDUCTED, SO FAR, ABOUT 1500 SCHOOL SITE VISITS SINCE SEPTEMBER, AND WE HAVE 173 SITE VISITS PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK ALONE. TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE'RE ALSO UPDATING OUR PROTOCOLS TO ALIGN WITH THE C.D.C. AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE REQUIRED DISTANCING IN SCHOOLS, WITH SOME STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS. SCHOOLS NEED TO MAXIMIZE THE DISTANCE ALWAYS BETWEEN STUDENT

SEATING, BUT THEY DO NEED TO MAINTAIN 3 FEET OF MINIMUM DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES. AS A REMINDER, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT, AS SCHOOLS REOPEN, THEY DO HAVE TO IMPLEMENT THE CRITICAL MITIGATION LAYERS THAT WOULD INCLUDE REQUIRED MASKING, STABLE GROUPS, AND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE KEEPING 6 FEET OF DISTANCE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES WHERE STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE WEARING THEIR MASKS. THAT ESPECIALLY IS TRUE WHEN THEY'RE EATING OR DRINKING. FOR TEACHERS, THERE IS A CONTINUED MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF 6 FEET OF DISTANCE BETWEEN TEACHERS AND OTHER DESKS IN THE ROOM, AS WELL AS BETWEEN TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF. WE DO ASK THAT AS SCHOOLS MOVE TOWARDS MAKING CHANGES IN THE DISTANCING AND THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT WHILE THE REQUIREMENT IS 3 FEET OF MINIMUM DISTANCE, KEEPING LARGER DISTANCES BETWEEN DESKS IS JUST FINE. AND FOR THOSE SCHOOLS THAT ARE ALREADY REOPENED, THERE'S NO NEED TO CHANGE, UNLESS YOU FEEL LIKE THERE WOULD BE A BENEFIT IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO MAKING A CHANGE NOW. I'LL GO ON TO AN UPDATE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, ON AN UPDATE OF VACCINATION EFFORTS TO DATE. AS OF YESTERDAY, AS OF WHATEVER YESTERDAY WAS-- MARCH 21ST-- WE'VE ADMINISTERED 3,426,077 DOSES OF VACCINE IN THE COUNTY. OF THESE, SLIGHTLY OVER A MILLION WERE SECOND DOSES. ALMOST 62 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE, AND OVER 34 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER HAVE NOW RECEIVED BOTH DOSES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THE

STATE REACHED THE GOAL OF VACCINATING 2 MILLION PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE WITH THE LOWEST SCORE ON THE HEALTHY PLACES INDEX. THEY'VE SET AN ADDITIONAL GOAL OF VACCINATING 4 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THIS TABLE, L.A. COUNTY IS ALLOCATING A LARGER PERCENT OF OUR DOSES TO COMMUNITIES WITH FEWER RESOURCES. OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS VACCINATED TO DATE IN L.A. COUNTY LIVE IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND WE'VE SEEN INCREASES IN THIS PERCENT EACH OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS. 32 PERCENT OF OUR ALLOCATION HAS GONE TO COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST H.P.I. SCORE, AND 27 PERCENT OF OUR ALLOCATION HAS GONE TO-- THIS IS OVER TIME-- TO COMMUNITIES-- WELL, LET'S FORGET THAT. 32 PERCENT OF OUR ALLOCATION OVER TIME HAS GONE TO COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST H.P.I. SCORES, AND EVERY SINGLE WEEK, WE'VE BEEN INCREASING THOSE ALLOCATIONS, SO THAT WE GET UP TO THE THRESHOLD WE'VE BEEN REACHING, WHICH IS NOW OVER 65 PERCENT OF OUR ALLOCATION IS GOING TO COMMUNITIES IN THE HARDEST-HIT AREAS. I'M REALLY RELIEVED THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GET VACCINES IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE NEED THEM THE MOST. WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT VACCINE IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO OUR PARTNERS, RESIDENTS, AND WORKERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE DOING A BETTER JOB REACHING THOSE MOST IN NEED. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. OUT OF THE 279,700 DOSES THAT WE RECEIVED FOR THIS WEEK THAT WE'RE IN, 56

PERCENT OF THE DOSES ARE ALLOCATED FOR SECOND-DOSE APPOINTMENTS THAT ARE DUE THIS WEEK. 44 PERCENT OF THE WEEK'S ALLOCATION-- IT'S ABOUT 124,000 VACCINES-- WILL BE FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST DOSES. MOST OF OUR FIRST-DOSE SUPPLY IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO'S ELIGIBLE, AND THAT INCLUDES A LONG LIST OF FOLKS, AT THIS POINT, IN MANY DIFFERENT CATEGORIES: EVERYBODY WHO'S 65 AND OLDER, EVERYBODY WHO IS A WORKER IN EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE, IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND IN EMERGENCY SERVICES. IT INCLUDES EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING IN TRANSPORTATION OR IN CUSTODIAN SERVICES, AS WELL. PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS AND DISABILITIES THAT PUT THEM AT GRAVE RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE. WE ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ELIGIBLE IN L.A. COUNTY IS NOW 5.5 MILLION FOLKS. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE ALSO HAVE 80 MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS SCHEDULED TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS THIS WEEK-- YOU CAN SEE THE MAP HERE-- AT SENIOR HOUSING SITES, SENIOR CENTERS, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THESE MOBILE SITES ARE CRITICAL TO OUR EFFORT TO VACCINATE IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, WHERE THERE'S EITHER A LOWER VACCINATION RATE OR A LACK OF ACCESS. IN THE COMING WEEKS, AN ADDITIONAL 150 MOBILE VACCINATION SITES ARE SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. I DO WANT TO CONCLUDE WITH AN UPDATE ON OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, WITH RESPECT TO OUR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, BLUE SHIELD OF

CALIFORNIA, AND WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, L.A. COUNTY, THE STATE, AND BLUE SHIELD HAVE DISCUSSED WAYS TO BEST COORDINATE VACCINATION EFFORTS, GIVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S EXISTING AND EXTENSIVE VACCINATION EXPERIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE. OUR GOAL IS TO VACCINATE EVERYONE, SO I'M PLEASED WE'VE FINALIZED OUR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE THAT ALLOWS L.A. COUNTY TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE MORE THAN 375 PROVIDERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY VACCINATING RESIDENTS AND WORKERS. THIS AGREEMENT RECOGNIZES THAT LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS CONTINUE TO PLAY A CENTRAL AND CRITICAL ROLE IN LOCAL COORDINATION OF THE STATE'S ROLLOUT OF VACCINES. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND BLUE SHIELD WILL JOINTLY SUPPORT VACCINATION GOALS, FROM EFFICIENCY TO EQUITY, AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE REGARDING VACCINE ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR L.A. COUNTY TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. ALL OF THE APPROXIMATELY 375 COUNTY VACCINATION PARTNERS THAT HAVE RECEIVED VACCINE DIRECTLY FROM THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE DOSES DURING THIS TRANSITION TO A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF VACCINATION PROVIDERS. THE ONLY CAVEAT HERE IS THAT THERE ARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT EACH SITE IS CURRENTLY MEETING, AND THEY NEED TO CONTINUE TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH ALL OF OUR COUNTY VACCINATION PROVIDERS CONCERNING ISSUES OF VACCINE PROCUREMENT, AND THE

PROVISION OF VACCINE TO THE STATE PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS AND THE PUBLIC. IT IS THROUGH THIS CONTINUED DIRECT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND VACCINATION PARTNER COORDINATION THAT WE KNOW THE COUNTY, BLUE SHIELD, AND OUR PARTNERS CAN BEST ACCOMPLISH THE STATE'S VACCINATION GOALS. BLUE SHIELD IS DEVELOPING IMPROVED DATA DASHBOARDS, AND THEY'RE IMPROVING MY TURN CAPABILITIES, WHICH IS THE STATE'S APPOINTMENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM. ALL PROVIDERS ARE GOING TO BEGIN WORKING WITH BLUE SHIELD IN PREPARATION FOR AN EVENTUAL TRANSMISSION TO THE STATE'S MY TERM PLATFORM, BUT THIS TRANSITION WILL ONLY HAPPEN ONCE THE STATE AND BLUE SHIELD HAVE MADE MODIFICATIONS TO MY TURN THAT ASSURES THAT THERE ARE NO DISRUPTIONS IN VACCINATION EFFORTS, AND THAT ASSISTS PROVIDERS IN ALL OF THEIR DATA-REPORTING OBLIGATIONS. WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT THE DATA REPORTING IS KEY FOR US HAVING A CLEAR PICTURE OF OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO BE A PART OF HELPING THE STATE BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON A DAILY BASIS. OUR AGREEMENT ENSURES THAT THE EXTENSIVE NETWORK THAT'S BEEN CREATED IN L.A. COUNTY WILL REMAIN INTACT, AND WILL CONTINUE TO INCLUDE ALL OF OUR VACCINATION PARTNERS. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR PROGRESS IN VACCINATING OUR RESIDENTS, AND OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, DOCTOR FERRER. NEXT, WE'LL HEAR FROM DR. GHALY, WHO WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON, OR GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'LL FOCUS MY COMMENTS TODAY ON A BRIEF UPDATE ON D.H.S.'S VACCINATION EFFORT OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THERE'S A SET OF SLIDES FOR YOU TO REFER TO THROUGHOUT MY COMMENTS. THE SECOND SLIDE AFTER THE TITLE SLIDE SHOWS PROGRESS ON VACCINATION BY THE ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY OF THE INDIVIDUAL VACCINATED. OBVIOUSLY, VACCINATION EFFORTS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY PREDOMINANTLY FOCUSED ON THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE WITHIN D.H.S., WHETHER THEY WERE CONTRACTORS OR EMPLOYEES, BASED ON THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA THAT WAS IN PLACE AT THAT TIME. THEN, BEGINNING IN LATE JANUARY AND EXTENDING INTO FEBRUARY AND MARCH, WE WERE ABLE TO EXPAND, GRADUALLY, OVER TIME, ACCORDING TO THE STATE AND LOCAL D.P.H. CRITERIA, THE NUMBERS OF PATIENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO BE VACCINATED, BASED ON THEIR REVISED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. OBVIOUSLY, I'LL NOTE THAT THE VACCINATION VOLUME THAT WAS DELIVERED IN THE LATE PART OF DECEMBER, AS WELL AS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, WAS ONGOING WITH THE SURGE IN OUR HOSPITALS THAT WE WERE MANAGING, AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO THIS AND DELIVER THE VACCINATIONS LARGELY DUE TO A HUGE REDEPLOYMENT OF STAFF FROM OUR OUTPATIENT CLINICS TO BOTH THE INPATIENT UNITS, WHERE THEY WERE NEEDED TO SUPPORT INPATIENT CARE, AS WELL AS TO VACCINATION SITES. AND THIS LED

TO THE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL CLINICS ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS, AS WELL AS TO A CURBING IN THE OUTPATIENT SERVICES THAT WERE ABLE TO BE OFFERED TO PATIENTS, MANY OF WHICH WERE ALREADY MANDATED TO BE CANCELED OR RESCHEDULED DUE TO STATE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. BEGINNING ON MARCH 15TH, D.H.S. ALSO EXPANDED OUR EFFORTS AMONG VACCINATION FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THE INMATES IN THE JAIL SYSTEM, BASED ON THE NEW CRITERIA, IN WHICH ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THOSE LIVING SETTINGS WERE NEWLY ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION. OUR STAFF AND D.H.S., OVER THE PAST WEEK, HAS VACCINATED OVER 1300 INDIVIDUALS WITHIN EACH OF THESE RESPECTIVE DOMAINS. CURRENTLY, D.H.S. HAS BEEN RUNNING, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS AND MONTHS, 13 VACCINATION SITES. WE ARE OPENING UP THREE ADDITIONAL VACCINATION SITES IN OUR D.H.S., SOME OF OUR MEDIUM- TO SMALLER-SIZED D.H.S. CLINICS, THIS WEEK. ONE OF THOSE IS IN SOUTH VALLEY CLINIC, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY; ONE OF THEM IS AT LA PUENTE, IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY; AND ONE OF THEM IS AT THE SAN FERNANDO HEALTH CENTER IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT OPENING VACCINATION SITES IN OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE D.H.S. IS LOOKING TO EXPAND PRIMARY-CARE CLINIC ACCESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE SITES THAT RUN VACCINATION CLINICS DO SO THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, BUT WE'RE ALSO LAUNCHING SEVERAL LARGER SATURDAY VACCINATION SESSIONS. THE PAST WEEK, AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE, WE HAD OUR FIRST VERY LARGE EVENT IN L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, IN WHICH NEARLY

1500 INDIVIDUALS WERE VACCINATED ON SATURDAY. ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DATA, D.H.S. IS THE THIRD HIGHEST VOLUME PROVIDER FOR VACCINATIONS AMONG THE LARGE PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY, AND HAS MAINTAINED THIS POSITION DESPITE HAVING LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF OUR STAFF REDEPLOYED TO SUPPORT INPATIENT CARE DURING THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE WEEKS IN WHICH VACCINES WERE AVAILABLE, BUT HAD TO BE ADMINISTERED DURING THE SURGE. AND ONLY OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HAVE THE MAJORITY OF OUR STAFF BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME FACILITY. AND THIS HAS REALLY BEEN HELPFUL FOR US, IN BOTH BEING ABLE TO FURTHER RAMP UP VACCINATION VOLUME, WHICH YOU'LL SEE IN THE BUMP IN THE CURVE ON THAT SLIDE, TO LOCATED, REALLY, AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH; AND HAS ALSO COINCIDED WITH US BEING ABLE TO RESTART SEVERAL OF OUR CRITICAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND PROCEDURES AND SURGERIES THAT HAD BEEN PUT ON HOLD OR DELAYED OR CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED DURING THE SURGE. IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON OUR PATIENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE REALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE AND AT-RISK COHORTS IN THE COUNTY, WE OPERATE ALL OF OUR VACCINATION SITES AS CLOSED PODS. THIS DECISION HAS BEEN MADE IN CLOSE AND ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. FERRER, AND IT HAS ALLOWED US TO FOCUS ON THOSE POPULATIONS THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE, AND TO AVOID THE SITUATION THAT COULD OTHERWISE HAMPER EQUITY EFFORTS, IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THESE AT-RISK COMMUNITIES USE UP VACCINATION SLOTS THAT ARE INTENDED FOR THE VULNERABLE D.H.S. PATIENTS. AND YOU CAN SEE

SOME OF THE IMPACT OF THAT ON SLIDE 3 AND 4. SO, IF YOU'LL TURN TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 3, SLIDE 3 DEMONSTRATES THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC BREAKDOWN OF PATIENTS WHO WERE VACCINATED, OR WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED BY D.H.S. THIS IS THROUGH THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH. WHEREAS 33 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS VACCINATED TO DATE ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE WHITE, ONLY 3 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS VACCINATED BY D.H.S. ARE WHITE. THE NUMBER FOR BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN PATIENTS IS 9 PERCENT WITHIN D.H.S., AND 6 PERCENT VACCINATED COUNTYWIDE, OVERALL. AND FOR THE LATINX POPULATION, THOSE VACCINATED IN THE COUNTY OVERALL IS RUNNING AT 25 PERCENT, BUT 59 PERCENT OF THOSE VACCINATED BY D.H.S. ARE LATINX. AND IF YOU'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 4, YOU'LL SEE THAT THE SAME TREND HOLDS WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE BREAKDOWN BY H.P.I. QUARTILE. SO, AS YOU'LL SEE HERE, OVERALL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, JUST SLIGHTLY OVER 60 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY RESIDE IN ZIP CODES THAT ARE IN THE TWO MOST DISADVANTAGED QUARTILES. THAT'S H.P.I. 3 AND 4. IN CONTRAST, THROUGH D.H.S.'S OPERATION AS A CLOSED POD FOCUSING ON OUR AT-RISK PATIENTS, 82 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE VACCINATED BY D.H.S. RESIDE IN THESE TWO MOST DISADVANTAGED QUARTILES. AND ONLY 4 PERCENT RESIDE IN THE MOST ADVANTAGED QUARTILE, H.P.I. 1, WHEREAS 17 PERCENT OF THE OVERALL L.A. COUNTY POPULATION RESIDES IN H.P.I. 1. THE NEXT TWO SLIDES JUST GIVE SOME ADDITIONAL COLOR ON HOW WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE OUTREACH EVENT EFFORTS FOR BOTH PATIENTS

WITHIN THE D.H.S. SYSTEM, AS WELL AS THROUGH POPULATIONS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. FIRST, ON OVERALL D.H.S. PATIENTS, OUTREACH IS MADE THROUGH A NUMBER OF MODALITIES. WE ALSO NOW NEWLY HAVE CONTRACTS WITH RIDE SHARE AGENCIES THAT ARE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS CAN GET TRANSPORTATION TO SITES, IF THEY'RE NOT ABLE OTHERWISE TO GET TRANSPORTATION THERE. AS A RESULT, WE DO HAVE A VERY LOW NO-SHOW RATE OF ABOUT 5 PERCENT, IF NOT LOWER, FOR OUR VACCINATION CLINICS. HISTORICALLY, IN TERMS OF DOING OUTREACH TO THOSE POPULATIONS WITHIN D.H.S., ABOUT A THIRD HAVE HISTORICALLY DECLINED VACCINATION. I'LL NOTE THAT THIS IS DUE TO A COMBINATION OF FACTORS, AND IT CERTAINLY INCLUDES POPULATIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE HESITANCY FOR THE VACCINE, AND WE LOOP BACK WITH THOSE PATIENTS MULTIPLE TIMES TO SEE IF THEY'RE NEWLY WILLING TO BE VACCINATED, AND WORK THROUGH WHATEVER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THEY MIGHT HAVE. BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES AT LEAST SOME PATIENTS WHO WERE VACCINATED ELSEWHERE, AT OTHER SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND WE ESTIMATE THAT NUMBER AT ABOUT 5 PERCENT. FINALLY, ON THE LAST SLIDE, SLIDE 6, OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM WORKS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, L.A.H.S.A., AND A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY CLINICS, TO COORDINATE VACCINATION EFFORTS AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THEY HAVE TAKEN, REALLY, A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN LEADING THIS EFFORT AMONG THE HOMELESS POPULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND HAVE DONE

A GREAT DEAL OF OUTREACH TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE AWARE OF AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET VACCINATED. RIGHT NOW, THE NO-SHOW RATE FOR THE SECOND DOSE, WHICH IS SOMETHING WE ARE ASKED ABOUT QUITE FREQUENTLY, IS RUNNING AT JUST UNDER 25 PERCENT, SO 77-PERCENT SHOW RATE. AND THEY'RE ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT I THINK IS A RELATIVELY HIGH SHARE RATE AMONG THIS POPULATION, THROUGH A VARIETY OF EFFORTS, INCLUDING REMINDER CALLS, EMAILS AND TEXTS, AND THEN IN-PERSON OUTREACH TO AREAS WHERE INDIVIDUALS WERE KNOWN TO BE. AND THERE'S A DETAILED INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT HELPS KEEP TRACK OF THIS INFORMATION. IN DOING SO, IT'S ALLOWED FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS TO BE ABLE TO REACH OUT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE ABOUT MISSED THEIR ASSUMED APPOINTMENT FOR THE SECOND DOSE, AND BE ABLE TO DELIVER THAT SECOND DOSE STILL WITHIN THE ALLOWABLE TIMELINE. AND AGAIN, TRANSPORTATION IS ALSO PROVIDED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS, AS NEEDED, TO THE VACCINATION EVENT, WHEN THEY TAKE PLACE AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY. I WILL CLOSE THERE, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND FOR YOUR ONGOING LEADERSHIP, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, BOTH DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. VERY GOOD PRESENTATION. AND I WANT TO JUST INFORM THE BOARD MEMBERS WHAT ORDER I HAVE THAT YOU NOTIFY ME THAT YOU WANT TO SPEAK. SO, I'LL SPEAK FIRST. WE'LL GO THEN TO JANICE HAHN,

KATHRYN BARGER, SHEILA KUEHL, AND THEN HOLLY MITCHELL, IN THAT ORDER. SO, FIRST OFF, I JUST WANT TO BEGIN BY SAYING, I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU AGAIN FOR THESE UPDATES. THEY'RE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY, AND THE STAFF OF THE GOVERNOR FOR WORKING WITH US SO CLOSELY ON COMING UP WITH THIS M.O.U. THAT I BELIEVE IS UNIQUE FOR L.A. COUNTY, BECAUSE WE ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST. WE ARE THE LARGEST IN THE STATE. NONETHELESS, I APPRECIATE THE PATIENCE, THE FORTHRIGHTNESS THAT WE PUT FORWARD, MAKING VERY CLEAR HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO KEEP ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS IN THE QUEUE WITH US. AND I WANT TO JUST THANK THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF, AND ESPECIALLY HIS CABINET MEMBERS, THAT WERE INVOLVED. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT, HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO BUILD UPON. AND OBVIOUSLY, THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO RECEIVE MORE FUNDING FROM THE STATE, TO HELP EMPOWER MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS THAT, RIGHT NOW, ARE ALSO FACED WITH BUDGET CURTAILMENTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO I WANTED TO PUBLICLY SAY THAT. I ALSO WANTED TO JUST SAY THAT I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE ARE MEETING OUR EQUITY MODELS HERE, IN TERMS OF REACHING OUR GROUPS THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED. I THINK THAT, YES, WE HAVE REASON TO, AT LEAST AT THIS MOMENT, SAY, ALL THE RIGHT THINGS THAT OUR PUBLIC HAS DONE BY LISTENING TO US HAS HELPED US COME TO THIS POINT NOW, WHERE WE'RE IN THE RED, BUT WE MAY, IN A MATTER OF TWO WEEKS OR SO, BE IN THE ORANGE TIER. AND I THINK THAT'S VERY NOTABLE, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND AND AM CONCERNED

ABOUT THESE OTHER VARIANTS, IN PARTICULAR THE ONES THAT WERE MENTIONED BY DR. FERRER, WITH RESPECT TO THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT THAT IS PERSISTENT, AND SEEMS... YOU MENTIONED 40 PERCENT OF THAT VARIANT-- THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT, THE B.1.429-- IS THE ONE THAT IS SPREADING A LOT QUICKER HERE IN OUR AREA. AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, DR. FERRER, ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, IF NOT EUROPE. PEOPLE ARE TRAVELING. PEOPLE ARE ON BREAK. SPRING VACATION, AND ALL THAT. AND WE CAN ALREADY SEE WHERE PEOPLE ARE REALLY TAKING THEIR ACTIVITY TO THE FULL EXTENT, WHERE THEY THINK THAT THINGS ARE OKAY AND SHOULD BE OPEN, SUCH AS STATES LIKE FLORIDA. AND HERE, I'M SURE, PEOPLE HAVE AN OPINION OF, "WELL, WHY ARE WE TAKING SO LONG?" BUT CAN YOU PLEASE JUST GO INTO A LITTLE BIT MORE WHAT THIS IS GOING TO MEAN IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE SEE AN UPTICK? JUST BASED ON THE DATA THAT WE KNOW, YOU MENTIONED THAT WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T SEE AN UPTICK, IF THERE IS ONE, FOR THE NEXT, MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW, TWO OR THREE WEEKS, BECAUSE THAT'S TYPICALLY WHAT HAPPENS. YOU MENTIONED NEW YORK IS GOING UP, SO THEN WE WOULD PROBABLY SEE IT IN MAYBE TWO WEEKS, IF THERE IS AN UPTICK. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO OUR PUBLIC, PLEASE?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: SURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, AS WELL. IT'S A GREAT QUESTION: WHAT DO WE KNOW BY LOOKING AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

OTHER PLACES? IN OUR PAST, CERTAINLY, WE COULD SEE CLEARLY, WHEN NEW YORK SAW INCREASES IN CASES, WE NEEDED TO PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE WE WERE LIKELY TO JUST BE A FEW WEEKS BEHIND. BUT WE'RE DIFFERENT THAN NEW YORK, AND ONE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE NOW THAT COMES INTO PLAY IS THAT WE RECENTLY HAD A TERRIBLE SURGE HERE, WHERE MANY PEOPLE BECAME INFECTED. AND THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT BECAME INFECTED, WE CAN ASSUME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME PROTECTIONS AGAINST REINFECTION FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS. IT COULD EVEN BE LONGER. WE JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DATA YET. AND SO THAT'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT HOPEFULLY, IF THEY HAVE AN ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE, THEY'LL HAVE SOME PROTECTION. IT MAY JUST BE PROTECTION FROM GETTING VERY SERIOUS ILLNESS, BUT THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. SO THAT CERTAINLY HAS CHANGED HERE, SORT OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. WE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE INFECTED. OUR CASE NUMBERS WERE SO, SO HIGH FROM NOVEMBER THROUGH JANUARY. AND WE CALL THAT SORT OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT MAY BE AS SUSCEPTIBLE FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DISEASE. AND WE ALSO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING VACCINATED NOW ALMOST 3.4 MILLION PEOPLE. AND THAT, TOO, PROVIDES A LAYER OF PROTECTION THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE WHEN WE WERE DOING COMPARISONS BEFORE. NONETHELESS, THE VARIANTS ARE OF CONCERN. YOU KNOW, IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE DATA I JUST SHOWED, WE COULD ASSUME THAT EVEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE DOMINANT VIRUSES THAT ARE CIRCULATING ARE MADE UP, NOW, OF VARIANTS. BETWEEN THE U.K. VARIANT, THE NEW YORK VARIANT, AND

THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT, WE'VE GOT MUTATED VIRUSES CAPABLE, PERHAPS, OF INFECTING MORE PEOPLE, MORE EASILY, FLOATING AROUND AND CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE, AND BE CAUTIOUS HERE, AND THE MAIN CAUTION IS REOPENING. I THINK THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE WITH AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE. IT CAN'T BE SLOPPY, AND IT CAN'T BE ILL CONCEIVED. WE HAVE TO REALLY PAY ATTENTION. THE SCIENCE DOES GIVE US GOOD INFORMATION, AT THIS POINT, ABOUT WHAT KINDS OF CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARY TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY. AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD USE THAT SCIENCE TO HELP US DESIGN WORKPLACES AND DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES WHERE CUSTOMERS ARE GOING TO BE, THAT AFFORD AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE. AND NOW WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS ISN'T FOREVER, BECAUSE THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR ALREADY, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT, IN FACT, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED ARE MUCH LESS LIKELY TO GET SICK. I MEAN, WE HAVE WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR NURSING HOMES AS SOME REALLY COMPELLING INFORMATION THAT WE COULD LOOK AT, AND WE HAVE WHAT'S HAPPENING AMONGST OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WHO ARE, FOR THE MOST PART, EXPERIENCING MUCH LESS TRANSMISSION, AND THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGH RATES OF VACCINATION. SO I THINK WE'VE GOT EVIDENCE THE VACCINE IS GOING TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ADDITIONAL LAYER OF PROTECTION, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO STILL NEED TO GET VACCINATED. SO, OUR NOTE TO EVERYONE IS, WE ARE IN A GOOD PLACE. WE CAN STAY IN THIS PLACE. WE DON'T

HAVE TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCE LIKE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EUROPE OR WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE EAST COAST, IF WE ARE WILLING TO GO SLOW AND CAREFUL WITH THE ACTIONS WE'RE TAKING. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU DO REOPENINGS, AND WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND, AND YOU JUST FEEL SAFER BECAUSE THINGS ARE SO MUCH BETTER FOR US-- I MEAN, OUR TRANSMISSION RATE IS BELOW 2 PERCENT-- YOU CAN BECOME VERY COMPLACENT, AND SAY, "I DON'T HAVE AS MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT." AND THERE'S A REALITY TO THAT. THE PROBLEM IS, EVEN WITH NOT HAVING AS MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT AS WE HAD IN THE HEIGHT OF THE SURGE, WE'VE STILL GOT TO TAKE PLENTY OF PRECAUTIONS SO THAT WE DON'T START GOING BACK UP ON OUR CASE NUMBERS.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: JUST ONE LAST QUESTION FOR ME THAT I WANT TO ASK IS, WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPARITIES THAT WE CONTINUE TO SEE AMONGST THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND LATINX COMMUNITY, WHAT ARE WE DOING DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW THAT WE DIDN'T DO MAYBE TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT IS HELPING US BRIDGE THAT GAP?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, NO, THANKS A LOT. AND I THINK DR. GHALY SPOKE A BIT ABOUT ONE OF OUR STRATEGIES, WHICH IS TO GET TO THE PROVIDERS WHO ARE WORKING IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AS MUCH VACCINE AS THEY'VE GOT CAPACITY TO HANDLE. WE'VE INCREASED THE ALLOCATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED

HEALTH CENTERS. I THINK THEY GOT CLOSE TO 80,000 DOSES THIS PAST WEEK, WHICH IS-- YOU KNOW, A FEW WEEKS AGO, THEY WERE GETTING AN AVERAGE OF 20,000 DOSES A WEEK. SO, AS THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO RAMP UP THEIR SERVICES, WE REALLY SHIFTED WHO'S GETTING VACCINE. AND WE'RE GIVING MUCH MORE VACCINE TO THOSE PROVIDERS WHO ARE, IN FACT, SERVING PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE DOING SO MUCH BETTER ON THE PERCENT INCREASES THAT WE'RE SEEING OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LATINX, IN THE LATINX COMMUNITY, BLACK COMMUNITY, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, GETTING MANY-- YOU KNOW, HAVING MANY MORE OF THEM BEING ABLE TO GET VACCINATED. BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS SAID, RIGHT NOW, THE PROBLEM IS AN ACCESS PROBLEM, AND THE WAY TO IMPROVE THAT ACCESS PROBLEM IS TO WORK REALLY CLOSELY WITH TRUSTED COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AND THAT MEANS SHIFTING WHO'S GETTING VACCINE. IT'S SCARCE, AND I KNOW THERE ARE SOME LARGE HOSPITAL PROVIDERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE GETTING MORE VACCINE. THEY HAVE CAPACITY. BUT WE'VE MADE STRATEGIC DECISIONS THAT THE VACCINES NEED TO GO TO THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES. WE'RE ALSO INCREASING, AS I NOTED, THE MOBILE TEAMS, AND I THINK THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT STRATEGY. AND IT DOESN'T USUALLY SHOW UP IN HUGE NUMBERS, BECAUSE MOBILE TEAMS, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, ARE OFTEN SMALL AND VERY FLEXIBLE, AND MAYBE THEY DO 100 TO 150, 200 VACCINATIONS A DAY AT THE SITES. BUT THEY'RE VACCINATING PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT GET VACCINATED AT ALL. SO, SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ALSO UNDERSTAND

THAT PART OF THIS STRATEGY IS GETTING TO PEOPLE WHO REALLY DON'T HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO VACCINES. AND EVEN IF IT'S GOING TO TAKE US A WHILE TO GET THAT NUMBER TO BE REALLY BIG, THESE MOBILE TEAMS ARE, I THINK, A KEY TO THE FUTURE. INCREASING OUR CAPACITY TO DO MORE MOBILE TEAMS, I THINK, WILL IN FACT CONTINUE TO YIELD THE KIND OF EVIDENCE THAT WE WANT TO SEE ABOUT GETTING INTO THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. AND I THINK THE THIRD THING WE'RE WORKING ON IS REDUCING THE BARRIERS FOR PEOPLE GETTING TO SOME OF THE, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY SITES. SO, I HOPE TODAY WE'RE GETTING... I WANT TO SAY 10,000 UBER CODES THAT WE CAN GIVE OUT TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND OUR COMMUNITY CLINIC SITES THAT WOULD BE FREE RIDES FOR PEOPLE TO GET TO AND FROM A VACCINATION SITE, BECAUSE THAT STILL REMAINS AN OBSTACLE. EVEN WITH COMMUNITY SITES, FOR SOME PEOPLE, A MILE OR TWO, YOU'RE NOT EASILY GOING TO WALK THAT, PARTICULARLY IF YOU'RE AN OLDER PERSON, OR YOU'RE A PERSON WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE BARRIERS WE'VE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD ON GETTING MORE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, AND WE'RE PLEASED THAT IT LOOKS LIKE WE FINALLY HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH UBER THAT'S GOING TO GIVE US, I THINK, 10,000 FREE RIDES AND 20,000 50-PERCENT-OFF RIDES THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO USE FOR RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, SO THAT THEY CAN GET TO EXISTING VACCINATION SITES. WE'RE ALSO WORKING REALLY HARD ON A HOMEBOUND STRATEGY. AGAIN, THIS IS A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER

OF PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE WORKING WITH HEALTH PLANS, WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND WITH SOME HOME HEALTH AGENCIES TO COMPILE LISTS OF PEOPLE WHO REALLY CANNOT LEAVE THEIR HOMES, AND MAKE SURE THAT, AS WE GET THOSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES, WE'RE FIGURING OUT SOLUTIONS FOR THOSE FOLKS, AS WELL. MANY OF THEM ALSO RESIDE IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DR. GHALY, DO YOU WANT TO MENTION ANYTHING? I THINK YOUR REPORT WAS REALLY GOOD.

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE, I THINK GETTING THE VACCINE OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY IS SO IMPORTANT IN TRYING TO ASSIST WITH SOME OF THE LOGISTICAL BARRIERS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO TRY TO GET TO VACCINATION SITES. I MEAN, WE CERTAINLY KNOW THAT THERE'S VACCINE HESITANCY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF EFFORTS WITH COMMUNICATION SUPPORT, TO TRY TO GET MESSAGES THROUGH A VARIETY OF MODALITIES OUT TO PATIENTS, WHETHER IT'S VIDEOS, PHOTOGRAPHS, INFORMATION, WEBSITES, FLYERS, POSTERS, A NUMBER OF WAYS TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT. BUT SOMETIMES THE BARRIERS ARE JUST LOGISTICS. PEOPLE ARE WORKING MULTIPLE JOBS. THERE'S TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES. AND AS MUCH AS WE CAN OVERCOME THOSE PRACTICAL CHALLENGES AND MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO GET TO VACCINE LOCATIONS, BY HAVING MORE OF THEM, TO DR. FERRER'S POINT, HAVING MOBILE OPTIONS, AS WELL, AND THEN

ASSISTING WITH TRANSPORTATION, I THINK WE'LL SEE THE INCREASES AMONG THE COMMUNITIES THAT NEED THE VACCINE THE MOST.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU BOTH. APPRECIATE YOU. SO NOW WE'LL CALL ON OUR MEMBERS, OUR COLLEAGUES. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE ANSWERED SOME OF THIS, BUT I JUST REALLY WANTED TO DRILL DOWN A LITTLE BIT, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, ON THE PERCENTAGE OF THE OLDER ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THAT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST TROUBLING STATISTIC, I THOUGHT, IN YOUR REPORT, WAS THAT ONLY 34 PERCENT OF OUR 65-AND-OLDERS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY VACCINATED, AND ONLY 11 PERCENT OF OUR 80-AND-OLDERS. SO, IT DOESN'T REALLY BREAK IT DOWN FOR THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, BUT JUST THOSE NUMBERS CONCERN ME, BECAUSE CLEARLY THEY ARE DEFINITELY THE VULNERABLE POPULATION. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A MOTION LATER ON ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE FORGOTTEN OLDER ADULTS HERE, AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THEM VACCINATED. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SAY ABOUT HOW YOU THINK WE CAN SORT OF RAMP UP OR TARGET-- AND DO YOU THINK WE'VE REACHED A PLATEAU FOR THAT AGE GROUP THAT'S FIGURED OUT THE WEBSITE, AND NOW WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT DOOR-TO-DOOR WALK-UP SITES WITHOUT HAVING TO REGISTER? IS THERE ANY HESITANCY IN THIS GROUP? HOW WOULD YOU

EXPLAIN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE KIND OF A LOW STATISTIC FOR THAT AGE GROUP OF BEING VACCINATED?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES ON SORT OF COMPLETING THE VACCINATIONS IS THAT, FOR EVERYBODY WHO GOT MODERNA, THEY HAVE TO WAIT FOUR WEEKS TO GET THEIR SECOND DOSE, AND WE'VE ONLY REALLY BEEN VACCINATING THIS POPULATION FOR A FEW WEEKS. SO I'M NOT PARTICULARLY TROUBLED BY SORT OF NOT HAVING REACHED A HIGHER NUMBER ON THE SECOND DOSE. WE CERTAINLY LOOK BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, IN TERMS OF HOW WELL WE'RE DOING.

SUP. HAHN: DIDN'T WE START VACCINATING 65 AND OLDER IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: I THINK IT WAS THE END OF JANUARY, BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. BUT REMEMBER, WE HAD VERY LIMITED DOSES.

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, RIGHT. OKAY.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: I MEAN, WE HAD VERY LIMITED DOSES, SO WE WEREN'T REALLY ABLE TO GET TO A LOT OF THEM. I WOULD SAY WE REALLY STARTED HAVING MORE DOSES AVAILABLE, PROBABLY, THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, WHEN WE STARTED REALLY BEING ABLE TO OFFER

A LOT MORE VACCINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRST DOSES. SO I'M NOT SO DISCOURAGED. I MEAN, WE STILL SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER SIGNING UP AT ALL OF THE SITES. I AM ALWAYS WORRIED THAT, DURING SCARCITY, THE APPOINTMENTS WILL GO TO THOSE, AS YOU NOTED, MOST EASILY ABLE TO NAVIGATE A WEBSITE. WE'VE TAKEN A LOT OF APPOINTMENTS OFFLINE BECAUSE OF THAT. OUR CALL CENTER HOLDS BACK 500 TO A THOUSAND APPOINTMENTS A DAY NOW, SO THAT WE CAN SCHEDULE THROUGH BOTH 2-1-1 NOW AND THROUGH OUR CALL CENTER. SO WE'RE TRYING. I DO WANT TO ALSO NOTE THAT WE HAVE TO WORRY, ALWAYS, A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF ALL OF THE DATA AND THE REPORTING, AS WE'VE BEEN TRANSITIONING FROM DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. SO, TRYING TO COMBINE THE PREPMOD DATA WITH THE MY TURN DATA.

SUP. HAHN: SO YOU THINK IT MIGHT EVEN BE HIGHER?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, IT MAY ACTUALLY UNDERREPRESENT, A LITTLE BIT, WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DONE AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE WE'VE HAD THESE THREE TRANSITIONS NOW. AND OUR TEAM IS WORKING TIRELESSLY TO TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT.

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, I JUST FEEL LIKE-- I MEAN, WE'RE GETTING GREAT REPORTS ON HOW MANY VACCINATIONS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE. AND IT DOES MAKE A LITTLE BIT OF SENSE, IF YOU THINK A LOT OF THOSE, THAT 34 PERCENT, IS NOT ON THEIR SECOND DOSE.

BUT THAT WAS A CONCERNING STATISTIC FOR ME. AND AGAIN, I HOPE WE ARE UPPING OUR WALK-UP PAPER REGISTRATION. THERE REALLY IS A POPULATION THAT HONESTLY-- LIKE I SAID, I HAVE A FULL-TIME PERSON IN MY OFFICE HELPING PEOPLE MAKE THEIR APPOINTMENTS, BECAUSE THEY JUST STILL ARE HAVING EITHER A HARD TIME ON THE PHONE, OR REFRESHING THEIR COMPUTER ALL DAY LONG. SO THAT'S GOOD. I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOUR ANSWER TO THAT. DO YOU THINK WE ARE GOING TO HIT THAT MAY 1ST TARGET THAT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS CHALLENGING EVERYONE: BY MAY 1ST, EVERYBODY WHO WANTS ONE SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, I HOPE WE GET THERE EARLIER. I MEAN, AGAIN, A LOT DEPENDS ON VACCINE SUPPLY. ONE OF THE STRATEGIES THAT I THINK WOULD BE REALLY USEFUL AT THIS POINT, AT LEAST IN THOSE VERY HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, WOULD BE TO, WITHIN A SHORT WHILE, BE ABLE TO JUST GO IN THOSE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND HAVE THOSE PROVIDERS VACCINATE THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF PEOPLE 16 AND OLDER, AND REALLY STOP WITH HAVING TO REQUEST ALL OF THIS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, WHEN WE'RE DURING A TIME OF SCARCITY, TO PRIORITIZE. BUT IF WE CAN SEE A FUTURE WITH NO SCARCITY, THEN THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER.

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, EVERYBODY STEP UP. SO, I REALLY HEARD YOUR WORRYING TONE, CERTAINLY, TODAY, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATED TO

THESE VARIANTS. AND IS YOUR WORRYING BECAUSE WE JUST HAVEN'T VACCINATED ENOUGH PEOPLE YET, OR YOU'RE WORRIED THAT MAYBE THE VACCINES AREN'T GOING TO BE A SHIELD AGAINST THESE VARIANTS? WHAT AM I--

DR. BARBARA FERRER: WELL, I THINK THE VACCINES ARE SUPER POWERFUL. AND AS I SAID, I MEAN, WE HAVE SOME EVIDENCE-- IT'S NOT A RESEARCH STUDY, SO WE CAN'T PUBLISH ON THIS, BUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR NURSING HOMES, I THINK, IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. 75 PERCENT OF THE WORKERS, 75 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS ARE VACCINATED, AND TRANSMISSION IS SUPER, SUPER LOW. THE LOWEST IT'S EVER BEEN. NOW, IN PART, TRANSMISSION IS LOW EVERYWHERE, BUT THAT IS SUCH A HIGH-RISK SETTING WHERE WE'VE HAD SO MUCH TRANSMISSION. IT'S SO EASY FOR THERE TO BE TRANSMISSION, THAT I WOULD SAY, WITH 100-PERCENT CERTAINTY, THE VACCINES ADDED A REALLY IMPORTANT LAYER OF PROTECTION. SO I'M NOT WORRIED AT ALL ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VACCINES. YOU KNOW, LIKE ALL VACCINES, THERE ARE GOING TO BE A FEW PEOPLE THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE PROTECTION, BUT 95 PERCENT OF EVERYBODY GETTING VACCINATED HAS AN ENORMOUS SHIELD AGAINST SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH. AND SO, IF THERE'S A SLIVER LINING--

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, SO WE JUST GOT TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: WE'VE GOT TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED, AND THAT MEANS THAT-- I MEAN, I THINK THE WORRY HERE IS, IF THERE'S A LOT OF TRANSMISSION, EVEN WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE VACCINATED, YOU'RE LIKELY TO REDUCE THE DEATH RATE, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE VACCINATED, AND THE HOSPITAL RATE, AND THOSE ARE THE TWO THINGS THAT WERE MOST DISTRESSING, I THINK, FOR ALL OF US, WITH THE SURGE: THE OVERWHELMING OF THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM, AND THE SHEER HORRIBLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE PASSING AWAY.

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT, RIGHT.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: AND VACCINATION WILL PROTECT AGAINST BOTH OF THOSE.

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: BUT WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO TO GET EVERYONE VACCINATED, SO WE'VE JUST GOT TO-- MY WORRY IS THAT WE GET COMPLACENT. AND WE'RE EXHAUSTED. IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR. AND I WISH WE COULD JUST HANG ON FOR ANOTHER MONTH AND A HALF, BECAUSE I THINK ANOTHER MONTH AND A HALF, WE'LL BE VACCINATING EVERYBODY, AND THINGS WILL BE A LOT EASIER.

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT'S BEEN YOUR MESSAGE, AND I THINK THAT'S BEEN EVERYBODY'S MESSAGE. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO LET OUR GUARD DOWN, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE DOING SOME REOPENINGS. MY LAST QUESTION: I WAS LOOKING AT THE SLIDE ON THE MOST FREQUENT HEALTH OFFICER ORDER VIOLATIONS, AND IT SOUNDS LIKE ALMOST HALF WERE PROTOCOLS NOT COMPLETED OR POSTED. I GET WHAT IT MEANS TO NOT POST YOUR PROTOCOL, WHICH I KNOW IS ONE OF OUR HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, BUT DOESN'T SOUND HORRIBLE, BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T CAUSE, NECESSARILY, THE VIRUS TO SPREAD, WHETHER OR NOT IT GOT POSTED, BUT WHAT'S THE COMPLETED? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, "PROTOCOLS WERE NOT COMPLETED"?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: I MEAN, IT'S REALLY COMPLETED AND POSTED. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE ACTUALLY ISSUE A CITATION IF YOU FAIL TO POST. I THINK IT'S IF YOU HAVEN'T REALLY GONE THROUGH THE ORDER, THE CHECKLIST, AND FILLED IT OUT, AND NOTED THAT YOU MADE-- THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES IN THERE WHERE YOU HAVE TO ACTUALLY MAKE A NOTE OF WHAT YOU DID TO BE IN COMPLIANCE, SO IT WORRIES US WHEN SOMEBODY HASN'T ACTUALLY DONE THAT EXERCISE. WE'D LIKE EVERYBODY TO POST. THAT'S A REQUIREMENT, BUT WE DON'T REALLY ISSUE A CITATION BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T POST IT. OFTENTIMES, WHEN WE ASK PEOPLE, THEY HAVEN'T COMPLETED IT, THEY HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT, THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOWING THOSE RULES.

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, GOT IT. WELL, GOOD. THANK YOU A LOT. AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THIS IS REALLY-- PARTICULARLY, AS WE CHANGE, AND WE REOPEN, AND SOMETIMES WE'RE WITH THE STATE, AND SOMETIMES WE'RE NOT, I DO APPRECIATE OUR HEALTH INSPECTORS REALLY WORKING ON EDUCATING ALL THESE SECTORS, AT LEAST ON THE FIRST TIME THEY GO IN THERE, BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS ALL THE SAME, RIGHT?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. HAHN: THERE'S BAD ACTORS, AND THAT'S JUST REALLY ANNOYING AND DISGUSTING, AND IT'S CAUSING PROBLEMS. BUT WE DO WANT EVERYBODY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THIS RIGHT, AS YOU SAID. WE DON'T WANT SLOPPY REOPENINGS. WE WANT THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO REOPEN, AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO FOLLOW THE RULES. SO I APPRECIATE THE INSPECTORS REALLY, ONCE AGAIN, EDUCATING THESE FOLKS OUT THERE, AND SAYING, "THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT RIGHT." SO, THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. GOOD JOB. THANK YOU. OKAY, NEXT WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. DR. FERRER, I HAVE A QUESTION, AND I JUST WANT TO GET CLARIFICATION. ON THE SLIDE WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT THE FEAR OF A THIRD WAVE IN EUROPE, AND IT TALKS ABOUT THE TRENDS IN THAT COUNTRY, IT'S A CUMULATIVE CHART. AND THAT'S ALWAYS GOING TO GO UP, RIGHT?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: OH, YEAH. ABSOLUTELY. BUT IT'S GOING UP TOO STEEPLY.

SUP. BARGER: RIGHT. BUT THEN I PULLED THE JOHNS HOPKINS, AND THE U.S. IS GOING UP AT A HIGHER-- I MEAN, IT'S GOING UP, ACTUALLY, MORE. AND ON THAT CHART, IT ACTUALLY SHOWS THE U.S. AS PART OF IT. SO THIS WAS TAKEN-- THE U.K., FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY, AND GERMANY WERE INCLUDED, BUT THERE WERE OTHER ONES THAT WERE NOT, THAT I THINK KIND OF SHOWS THAT, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT CUMULATIVE, IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO GO UP, BECAUSE FOR EVERY ONE CASE, YOU'RE GOING TO GO UP. RIGHT?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: OH, YEAH. YEAH, IT'S JUST THE STEEPNESS OF THEIR SLOPES THAT'S REALLY OF CONCERN, IF YOU LOOK AT THIS. YOU KNOW, IT SHOULDN'T-- WE, TOO, IF YOU LOOKED AT EVEN L.A. COUNTY, WE'VE ALWAYS GONE UP. BUT AT SOME POINT, YOU'RE NOT GOING UP AS DRAMATICALLY. YOU SEE AN INCREASE, BUT IT'S REALLY A SMALL INCREASE, RELATIVE TO WHAT THAT SLOPE LOOKS LIKE. SO YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THIS IS CUMULATIVE. AND THE

WORRY REALLY IS THAT THEY'VE NOW SEEN-- YOU KNOW, LIKE HOW I REPORTED THE U.S. IS NOW TOTALLY, ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WE HAVE A 3-PERCENT INCREASE IN CASES. AND YOU'RE RIGHT: A 3-PERCENT INCREASE IN CASES MAY NOT BE SO WORRISOME, UNLESS WHAT YOU REALLY DISCOVER IS THAT IT'S A 40-PERCENT INCREASE IN PLACES LIKE MICHIGAN AND FLORIDA; THAT THEY HAVE THESE MUCH STEEPER RATES OF INCREASE THAN ANYTHING WE WOULD WANT TO SEE AT THIS POINT.

SUP. BARGER: AND THEN, I KNOW THAT IN LOOKING-- AND AGAIN, I WAS CURIOUS WITH THIS JOHNS HOPKINS, THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHICH HAS VACCINATED ABOUT 20 PERCENT-- SO I THINK THEY ARE DOING A ROBUST VACCINATION WITHIN THE U.K.-- IT DIFFERS QUITE A BIT FROM THE REST OF EUROPE, WHO HAS NOT DONE THAT. AND SO I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS, ACCORDING TO THE D.H.S. MODELING, 35 PERCENT HAVE HAD C.O.V.I.D. IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE'RE ESTIMATING THAT A THIRD HAVE RECEIVED VACCINE, EITHER FIRST OR SECOND DOSE. AND THE QUESTION THAT I WAS ASKED, AND I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER: AT WHAT POINT DOES L.A. COUNTY REACH A HERD IMMUNITY, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING FOR JUST A COUNTY?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. NOBODY KNOWS FOR SURE. THE NUMBERS THAT ARE THROWN OUT FOR HERD IMMUNITY ARE ALWAYS ABOVE 70 PERCENT. SOMETIMES 75, SOMETIMES 80

PERCENT. I'VE NEVER REALLY SEEN IT LOWER THAN 70 PERCENT. THE EVIDENCE ON WHAT KIND OF PROTECTION PEOPLE HAVE, WHO HAVE BEEN SICK WITH C.O.V.I.D., IS STILL UP FOR GRABS. IT'S WHY I TALK ABOUT IT AS, WE'RE PRETTY SURE YOU'VE GOT PROTECTION FOR ABOUT 90 DAYS. WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INFECTED, WHICH IS WHY WE TELL EVERYBODY WHO HAS BEEN INFECTED, ONCE YOU'VE RECOVERED, PLEASE GO GET VACCINATED. WE'RE PRETTY SURE THAT THE VACCINE GIVES YOU PROTECTION FOR A MUCH LONGER PERIOD OF TIME THAN JUST BEING ILL. BUT IT'S SUCH A NEW VIRUS, AND THERE ARE STILL SO MANY UNKNOWNS, WHICH IS WHY I THINK YOU SEE A LOT OF NUMBERS FLOATING AROUND, AROUND HERD IMMUNITY. BUT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I LOOK AT IT THE SAME WAY YOU DO. IF A THIRD OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ILL-- AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SICK RECENTLY, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US-- AND WE'VE GOT ABOUT 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE WITH ONE DOSE OF VACCINE, WE DO HAVE-- WHICH IS WHY I ALWAYS SAY THIS-- WE DO HAVE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION. IT'S JUST, PROBABLY, NOT ENOUGH. BUT IT IS WHY I SAY YOU CAN'T LOOK JUST AT THE PAST, AND SAY, "OH, MY GOSH, THINGS ARE RISING EVERYWHERE. IT'S GOING TO BE A DISASTER HERE AGAIN." I DON'T THINK SO. I DON'T THINK IT CAN BE AS BIG A DISASTER AS WHAT WE JUST LIVED THROUGH. BUT HONESTLY, FROM HERE ON IN, EVERY LIFE WE LOSE IS A LIFE THAT COULD BE SAVED, IF THAT PERSON GETS VACCINATED. SO I'M VERY MINDFUL THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY HAS SHIFTED SOMEWHAT TO MAKING

SURE THAT WE'RE BEING AS CAREFUL AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT WE GET EVERYONE VACCINATED, BECAUSE I THINK THAT EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION IS A HUGE LAYER OF PROTECTION.

SUP. BARGER: RIGHT. AND TO THAT POINT, ON THE PERCENTAGE OF 65 AND OLDER, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE 65 AND OLDER POPULATION IS REPRESENTING ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF THE C.O.V.I.D. DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY, WHILE I WOULD LIKE THE NUMBER TO BE LARGER, I THINK THAT THAT IS A POSITIVE, BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT THE DEATH TRENDS NOW, I MEAN, THAT'S REALLY ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WAS OF GREATEST CONCERN FOR THAT VULNERABLE POPULATION. SO I THINK THAT THE MOTION TODAY, GETTING IT INTO THE COMMUNITY, BUT REALLY TARGETING-- 34 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DOSES, THAT ARE 65 AND OLDER, SO AT LEAST WE'RE MAKING A LITTLE BIT OF HEADWAY THERE.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, I AGREE. I AGREE. I MEAN, WE'RE GOING TO ALWAYS CONTINUE TO BE LASER-FOCUSED ON PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER AND PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING ILLNESS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE GREATEST RISK.

SUP. BARGER: AND THEN, UNTIL THE VACCINE IS MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE TO EVERYBODY, I EXPECT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN TO MANAGE THE EBBS AND FLOWS OF RISING AND FALLING CASE RATES, WHICH WE'VE SEEN. WITH THAT IN MIND, HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE

OUR RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO UTILIZE CAUTION, WHILE ALSO BEGINNING TO REENTER PARTS OF THEIR LIVES AND COMMUNITIES? AND I LOOK TO WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN IN MIAMI, AND IT'S APPALLING. I MEAN, YOU HAVE TOTAL LACK OF REGARD FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DOWN THERE, AND THEY'RE STRUGGLING WITH IT. BUT THOSE PEOPLE DON'T NECESSARILY LIVE IN MIAMI, OR LIVE IN FLORIDA. SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMING BACK. AND SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITIES ABOUT, IF YOU RETURN, NOT ALL OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM AND SELF-ISOLATE, BUT HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE OUR RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO UTILIZE CAUTION AND NOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: IT'S SUCH A GOOD QUESTION. I MEAN, YESTERDAY I SPOKE ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO TRAVEL YET. IT'S REALLY NOT A GOOD IDEA. THERE'S STILL A TRAVEL ADVISORY IN EFFECT FOR THE STATE. AND THERE IS, AS YOU NOTED, A REQUIREMENT TO SELF-QUARANTINE. BUT IF YOU DO TRAVEL, WHEN YOU COME BACK HERE, NOT ONLY DO WE ASK YOU TO SELF-QUARANTINE, BUT IF YOU'VE BEEN SOMEPLACE LIKE MIAMI, YOU'VE BEEN IN A CROWDED SITUATION, YOU'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND WITH A BUNCH OF PEOPLE AND NONE OF YOU ARE WEARING YOUR MASK, WHEN YOU COME BACK HERE, PLEASE GET TESTED. PLEASE GET TESTED, BECAUSE THE LAST THING WE NEED IS FOR YOU TO BE SPREADING A VIRUS WHEN YOU RETURN. SO IF YOU KNOW YOU'VE HAD A POSSIBLE EXPOSURE, BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN ENGAGING IN VERY RISKY BEHAVIOR,

THAT GOES FOR EVEN PEOPLE WHO DON'T TRAVEL. OUR PREFERENCE IS, PLEASE DON'T ENGAGE IN THE RISKY BEHAVIOR, BUT WE DO NEED YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. SO IF YOU'VE ENGAGED IN RISKY BEHAVIOR, THEN GO GET TESTED. PLEASE DO THAT QUARANTINE. BECAUSE THAT, AT LEAST, MEANS THAT YOU'RE NOT PASSING ON A VIRUS THAT STILL IS DEADLY TO OTHER PEOPLE. SO, OF COURSE, A YEAR INTO THIS, WE'RE VERY MUCH AWARE THAT, FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT'S BEEN A LOT EASIER TO FOLLOW THE RULES THAN IT HAS BEEN FOR OTHERS. AND FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T FOLLOW THE RULES, YOU STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST NOT BE PASSING ON THE VIRUS, BY TAKING A LOT OF PRECAUTIONS WHEN YOU RETURN HERE OR YOU'RE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE. I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ALL OF US TO DO RIGHT NOW IS, WE DO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WEAR OUR FACE COVERINGS WHEN WE'RE AROUND PEOPLE NOT IN OUR HOUSEHOLD, PARTICULARLY IF WE'RE INDOORS. WE NEED TO PROTECT THE WORKERS. WE NEED TO PROTECT EACH OTHER. WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY. THESE ARE IMPORTANT TOOLS. REALLY, AT THIS POINT, THEY'RE NOT THAT ONEROUS. NONE OF US MIGHT LIKE THEM, BUT THEY'RE REALLY NOT THAT ONEROUS. WEARING A MASK, KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS, WASHING YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY, I THINK IS OKAY FOR US TO ALL COMMIT TO DOING FOR THE NEXT MONTH AND A HALF, TWO MONTHS, UNTIL WE HAVE MORE VACCINATIONS, MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED IN THE COUNTY.

SUP. BARGER: RIGHT. AND THEN LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, TO THINGS. I DON'T KNOW IF MY COLLEAGUES ARE GETTING THE AMERICAN LEGIONS, V.F.W.S, AND THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE REACHING OUT REGARDING THE FACT THAT THEY CAN'T REOPEN, BECAUSE THEY'RE CLASSIFIED AS A BAR, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THEM DO SELL FOOD. AND THEY CAN'T GET C.O.V.I.D.-19 RELIEF FUNDS, BECAUSE THEY'RE A 501(C)(19)(S). AND FOR A LOT OF THEM, LIKE THE V.F.W.S, THAT IS A PLACE WHERE VETERANS GO, ESPECIALLY GROUPS THAT MEET. I WOULD ASK THAT MAYBE WE REVISIT TO SEE HOW WE CAN WORK WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF WE CAN TRY TO HELP ACCOMMODATE SOMETHING WITH THEM, AND THEN ALSO ON THE AESTHETICIANS. CAN YOU GET BACK TO US REGARDING WHAT OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING? BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW OTHER COUNTIES WERE ALLOWING. I THOUGHT IT WAS STATE THAT WAS PROHIBITING IT. SO I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING ABOUT ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE IN OTHER COUNTIES, BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS REFERENCED BY ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, THE MASKING REQUIREMENT.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, YEAH. I MEAN, NOT FOR NOW, BUT I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING, AND JUST TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: SURE, YEAH. AND WE'RE HAPPY. I MEAN, ONE THING I DO WANT TO SAY IS, WE'VE RAISED THE ISSUE, SORT OF LIKE, YOU KNOW, THIS SORT OF ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER IN PRIVATE PLACES. I MEAN, THIS COMES UP A LOT WITH HOTELS, FRANKLY. MEETING ROOMS. WE STILL HAVE AN ORDER FROM THE STATE: NO MEETINGS, NO GATHERINGS. YOU CAN DO THREE MEMBERS OF ONE HOUSEHOLD, BUT IT'S IN A PRIVATE SPACE. AND THE STATE HAS SAID THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE REVISING THE GATHERING GUIDANCE, WHICH I THINK MIGHT HELP. I MEAN, WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK SEPARATELY AT THE POSTS, BECAUSE OF THEIR CLASSIFICATION, BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO LOOK AT THAT.

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, I'D APPRECIATE IT. BECAUSE AGAIN, I KNOW SOME OF THEM. IT'S WHERE THE VETERANS FEEL SAFE. AND SO I JUST WANT TO SEE IF THERE'S A WAY TO ACCOMMODATE IT WITHOUT COMPROMISING PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THEN, ON THE FACIALISTS, THAT WE REVISIT THAT, AS WELL. AND I AGAIN WANT TO THANK YOU AND DR. GHALY, AND ALSO KEVIN MCGOWAN, FOR THE WORK UP AT THE PODS, AND JUST THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EFFORT TO GET THE VACCINE OUT THERE. I THINK IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW WELL EVERYONE HAS DONE, IN TERMS OF OUR RATE OF VACCINE INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS, AND JUST THE OUTREACH THAT WE'RE DOING, SO I JUST REALLY WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU ALL.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU. SO NEXT WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FOUR QUICK COMMENTS AND THREE QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, I WAS THINKING BACK ON THE WHOLE YEAR, AND REALLY THE TWO OF YOU, AND I THINK THIS YEAR GIVES NEW MEANING TO "THIS IS NOT WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR." I MEAN, I WAS IN ON, ESSENTIALLY, THE HIRING AND MAKING PERMANENT FOR BOTH OF YOUR POSITIONS, AND I'M SO GRATEFUL TODAY THAT WE MADE SUCH A GOOD CHOICE. I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED ALL ALONG IN-- I MEAN, WE STARTED OUT IN SUCH UNCHARTED TERRITORY, AND THE WORK HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE, REALLY. AND YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED PRETTY MUCH THE IMPOSSIBLE-- OR MAYBE JUST THE IMPROBABLE-- EVERY DAY, HAVING TO STEP UP, YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFFS, TO A HUGE NEW PROBLEM, AND JUST NAVIGATING, LITERALLY, UNCHARTED WATERS. SO I WANT TO PRAISE YOU AND REALLY THANK YOU. I THINK, YOU KNOW, THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT PLACE. AND IT WAS NOTHING THAT WE COULD HAVE IMAGINED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. SECONDLY, I WANT TO ALSO PRAISE THE MANY WORKERS IN THE COUNTY. ALL OF THEM ARE DESIGNATED DISASTER SERVICES WORKERS, WHO HAVE STEPPED UP IN 100 DIFFERENT WAYS TO BE OF SERVICE, WHETHER IT'S DISTRIBUTING FOOD, WORKING AT

VACCINATION SITES, ORGANIZING EVERYTHING, DOING CONTACT TRACING, SIMPLY SAYING, "YES, TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO DO." AND I'VE BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH STAFF IN EVERY DEPARTMENT, IN EVERY SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE, IN EVERY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO DO THIS. THIRDLY, I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, AND ALL OF THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE IN VACCINATING OUR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THAT WAS NOT A POPULATION THAT PEOPLE THOUGHT OF RIGHT AWAY. ALTHOUGH PEOPLE THOUGHT, "OH, I THINK THEY'RE DANGEROUS," NO ONE WAS CLAMORING AT MY DOOR TO GET VACCINATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS. AND I THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE COULD DO. AND I THINK IT'S VERY INTERESTING HOW RESPONSIBLE THEY HAVE BEEN, AND RESPONSIVE, IN RETURNING, THREE OUT OF FOUR, FOR THEIR SECOND SHOTS. AND I THINK THAT INDICATES THAT WE OFTEN UNDERESTIMATE, JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE HOMELESS, HOW MUCH THEY WANT TO CARE ABOUT THEMSELVES AND, FRANKLY, IN WHAT I FOUND IN MANY OF THE ENCAMPMENTS, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE TENT NEXT DOOR. I MEAN, IT'S JUST BEEN VERY INTERESTING. FINAL COMMENT IS, GOOD WORK, DR. FERRER, WITH THE STATE ON THE BLUE SHIELD ISSUE. STANDING FIRM. I THINK YOU'VE PROVIDED A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER COUNTIES TO MAINTAIN OUR ABILITY TO SAY, "YOU KNOW, WE HONESTLY KNOW BEST ABOUT HOW TO GET THESE SHOTS OUT. WORK WITH US, BUT YOU CANNOT TAKE THIS AWAY FROM US." AND THAT'S BEEN GREAT. SO, MY THREE QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, I UNDERSTOOD THAT IF THE STATE WERE TO GET TO THE LEVEL THAT

THEY HAVE GIVEN 4 MILLION IN VACCINATIONS, THAT THE NUMBERS WOULD BE DIFFERENT FOR MEASURING WHETHER A COUNTY CAN MOVE TO THE ORANGE TIER. I THINK YOU SAID WE WOULD DO IT ANYWAY, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THE STATE HAS INDEED ADMINISTERED 4 MILLION VACCINES?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND FIRST, JUST THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT. AND I, TOO, WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE D.S.W.S. THEY'VE SAVED OUR LIVES HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THEY'VE SAVED OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES, BECAUSE OF THAT, ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO I, TOO, HAVE REALLY APPRECIATED SO MUCH, ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT. IN TERMS OF WHERE ARE WE ON REACHING THE 4 MILLION MARK, THE STATE DOES POST THOSE NUMBERS PERIODICALLY DURING THE WEEK. I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT RECENTLY. I THINK WE'RE PROBABLY STILL BELOW 3 MILLION, BUT I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF WE GOT THERE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO. BUT AS I NOTED, WE'RE GOING TO... IT'S AFTERNOON TODAY, SO WE ACTUALLY CAN ANNOUNCE. I MEAN, WE ARE BELOW THAT THRESHOLD ALREADY TODAY. OUR NUMBER IS, I THINK, 3.7 NEW CASES PER 100,000. THAT GOT POSTED A FEW MINUTES AGO, BY THE STATE. SO WE STOPPED THAT QUALIFYING METRIC WITHOUT THERE NEEDING TO BE AN ADJUSTMENT MADE TO THAT THRESHOLD. AGAIN, WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. OUR SENSE IS OUR DATA CONTINUE TO DECLINE THIS WEEK, AND THIS NUMBER REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S CASE COUNTS. SO, UNLESS

WE SAW A SURGE THIS WEEK, I WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED IF WE DON'T MAKE THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE WEEK, NEXT WEEK. BUT I CAN ABSOLUTELY REPORT TO THE BOARD ON A REGULAR BASIS WHERE THE STATE IS ON MEETING THAT 4 MILLION MARK.

SUP. KUEHL: WELL, I THINK PART OF THE REASON FOR MY PRAISE AT THE BEGINNING IS THAT THIS STEEP DECLINATION IN CASES, AND THE ROLLOUT OF VACCINES, I THINK PEOPLE JUST TAKE FOR GRANTED WHEN SOMETHING IS ANNOUNCED THAT IT'S GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT, AND DO NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH EFFORT HAS GONE IN, FROM A YEAR AGO FEBRUARY TO THIS VERY MINUTE, BY YOUR TWO DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHERS, OF COURSE-- EMERGENCY, OUR EMERGENCY WORKERS, AND KEVIN, EVERYBODY, OUR C.E.O. TRYING TO MANAGE ALL OF THIS GOING ON. THAT IS THE REASON FOR SO MUCH OF IT. BUT I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH DR. GHALY ON THE DECLINATION RATE. WE'VE TALKED AROUND A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHY PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE VACCINATED. IT PROBABLY SEEMS OBVIOUS IN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES WHY THEY DON'T TRUST PEOPLE SAYING, "HERE'S SOME MEDICINE TO PUT IN YOUR ARM. TRUST ME, IT'S GOOD." BUT I JUST FEEL LIKE IT'S A KIND OF BEHAVIOR THAT ALMOST GUARANTEES THAT THOSE COMMUNITIES WILL THEN NOT BE AS FULLY PROTECTED. SO I'VE BEEN RACKING MY BRAIN. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'VE SEEN ANYTHING THAT WORKS ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE TO KNOW. I UNDERSTAND THE LACK OF ACCESS. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. I'M TALKING ABOUT DECLINATION: DECLINING THE SHOTS. ANYTHING THAT YOU'VE

SEEN THAT'S WORKED ABOUT CONVINCING PEOPLE THAT THIS IS GOOD? MAYBE THIS IS A MESSAGE ITEM, LIKE, "YOU'RE HURTING YOUR FAMILIES IF YOU DON'T," OR I DON'T KNOW. ANYTHING YOU'VE SEEN?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION, AND I THINK THAT ISSUE OF TRUST IS JUST SO IMPORTANT. AND THE THING THAT WE HAVE SEEN THAT HAS HAD THE MOST IMPACT, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE-- AND CERTAINLY, I THINK THAT GENERAL MESSAGING AND OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM HAS DONE SOME FOCUS GROUPS TO TRY TO DEVELOP THE MESSAGES THAT MOST RESONATE WITH PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS, BUT THE THING THAT MAKES THE MOST DIFFERENCE IS A ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PATIENT AND EITHER THEIR PROVIDER OR THEIR CARE TEAM MEMBER, WHETHER THAT'S A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT OR THE NURSE IN THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME. AND WE HAVE EITHER THROUGH THE PATIENT PORTAL, WHICH IS AN ONLINE SYSTEM THAT OUR PATIENTS USE, AND THEY CAN EMAIL THEIR PROVIDERS OR THEIR CARE TEAM MEMBERS, OR WE'LL HAVE OUR PROVIDERS DO FOLLOW-UP CALLS WITH PATIENTS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ASKING QUESTIONS. WHEN THEY HAVE THAT ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION, THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK WHATEVER THEIR QUESTION IS, OR BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WHAT IT IS THEIR CONCERNS ARE ABOUT WHY THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN GETTING VACCINATED, MANY TIMES WE'RE ABLE TO OVERCOME THEIR CONCERN OR ANSWER THEIR QUESTION IN A WAY THAT DOES SHIFT THEM FROM A DECLINATION TO AN ACCEPTANCE. AND IT

TAKES A LOT OF TIME. IT'S DEFINITELY A ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION. BUT IT'S WORTH THE TIME THAT'S INVESTED, BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES ARE REALLY SO AT RISK, AND ANY EFFORT THAT WE CAN MAKE TO REALLY USE THOSE TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE PATIENT AND THEIR CARE TEAM MEMBERS, RELATIONSHIPS THAT IN MANY CASES HAVE BEEN BUILT UP OVER YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REALLY MOVE THE NEEDLE ON THE VACCINATION RATE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE HOPE TO CONTINUE, MOVING FORWARD.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: SUPERVISOR, THIS IS BARBARA. I WOULD JUST ADD, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER EXAMPLES WHERE WE'VE SEEN MUCH HIGHER RATES OF PEOPLE GETTING VACCINATED. SO ONE IS, OUR RATE OF EMPLOYEES AND STAFF AT NURSING HOMES GETTING VACCINATED IS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE COUNTRY, AND IN FACT, IN MOST PLACES. WE RELIED HEAVILY ON WHAT WE CALL VACCINATION CHAMPIONS AT EACH SITE, AND SO STAFF HERE SPENT SOME TIME REALLY TALKING WITH EMPLOYEES AT THE SITE, AND FINDING THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE WILLING TO SORT OF TAKE ON AN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. BECAUSE I THINK DR. GHALY'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: HAVING SOMEONE YOU TRUST THAT YOU CAN TALK TO. AND YOU CAN SAY, "OH, I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THIS. I'M SCARED OF THIS. I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS. THIS IS WHY." AND HAVING SOMEONE LISTEN TO YOU AND HAVE GOOD INFORMATION IS SUPER HELPFUL. AND WE THINK THAT WORKED REALLY WELL. WHERE WE HAD STRONG CHAMPIONS, WE GOT VERY HIGH

VACCINATION RATES. WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE, THE VACCINATION RATES AMONGST EMPLOYEES WAS NOT SO HIGH. THE SECOND THING THAT WE'VE SEEN WORK IS, AT OUR PHARMACIES, THERE ARE SOME OF THEM THAT CALLED THEIR CUSTOMERS WHO HAD-- LIKE, THEY WERE OLDER PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. AND THE PHARMACIST, OF COURSE, KNOWS THAT, BECAUSE THEY'RE FILLING THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS. WE HAD THEM CALL AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS: "CAN I GET YOU AN APPOINTMENT? HOW CAN I HELP YOU? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THIS?" AND FOR SOME PEOPLE, EVEN JUST SOMEBODY CARING ENOUGH TO SORT OF ASK THE QUESTION, "ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GETTING VACCINATED? I CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU," HELP MOVE THEM FROM JUST, LIKE, "THIS ISN'T A HIGH PRIORITY FOR ME," WHICH WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT MANY OTHER THINGS, TO, "I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS EASY, AND HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME IN." THAT ALSO SEEMED TO HAVE WORKED BETTER THAN WE EXPECTED. SO, I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS WE'RE LEARNING AS WE GO ALONG.

SUP. KUEHL: SO, HAVE WE ENGAGED THE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION IN THE COUNTY TO ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS, AND WOULD IT BE ETHICAL FOR THEM TO ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO REACH OUT TO THEIR PATIENTS, OR THEIR CLIENTS?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: NO, THEIR MEMBERS REACH OUT ALL THE TIME. THAT'S WHAT WE FOUND OUT WHEN WE STARTED WORKING WITH THE PHARMACIES. SO WE HAVEN'T GONE TO THE ASSOCIATION, AS MUCH AS WE'VE GONE TO EITHER THE INDEPENDENT-- WE WORK WITH MARCY'S PHARMACIES, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THEY'RE A HUGE PARTNER OF OURS, AS ARE ALL OF THE CHAIN PHARMACIES. AND SO WE'VE TALKED TO THEM, AS A CHAIN, LIKE, "CAN YOU DO THIS?" AND WE ACTUALLY PILOTED A HUGE EFFORT EARLY, LIKE VERY EARLY, LIKE IN JANUARY, WITH THE PHARMACIES TO SEE HOW THIS WORKED, AND THAT'S WHEN WE LEARNED THAT THESE CALLS ARE SUPER HELPFUL IN GETTING PEOPLE THEIR APPOINTMENTS, NUMBER ONE; AND THEN, NUMBER TWO, IN SORT OF REMINDING PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN COME IN AND GET VACCINATED, AND THAT IT'S SAFE TO COME IN AND GET VACCINATED.

SUP. KUEHL: MY FINAL QUESTION REALLY RELATES TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, AND THEIR FEELING OR WONDER OR QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER THEY ARE STILL CAPABLE OF INFECTING PEOPLE, ONCE THEY'VE BEEN VACCINATED. AND I SAW AN ONGOING STUDY, NOT JUST PUBLISHED, FROM EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND ONE FROM FEBRUARY, INDICATING THERE WAS A VERY LOW PROBABILITY THAT IF YOU'VE BEEN VACCINATED THAT YOU WILL HAVE A STRONG ENOUGH VIRUS ANYWHERE IN YOU TO SPREAD IT, BUT THERE WAS STILL SOME SMALL POSSIBILITY. SO I THINK IT MAY BE USEFUL TO ADD, IF WE HAVEN'T ALREADY, THAT IT'S IMPORTANT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN

VACCINATED, TO WEAR YOUR MASK WHEREVER WE SUGGEST EVERYBODY ELSE WEAR THEIR MASKS.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH.

SUP. KUEHL: OUTSIDE, EVEN. WALKING, ET CETERA. BECAUSE IT'S A LOWER POSSIBILITY, BUT STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU COULD INFECT OTHERS.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, IT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION. AND WE'RE REALLY CAREFUL, PARTICULARLY AT THE VACCINATION SITES. WE GIVE PEOPLE SOMETHING IN PAPER THAT ACTUALLY SPELLS THAT OUT. YOU DO NEED TO CONTINUE WEARING YOUR MASK. IT IS A LOWER PROBABILITY, OR POSSIBILITY, BUT IT IS STILL THERE. WE DO KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED HAVE, IN FACT, GOTTEN INFECTED. WE KNOW THAT THEY'VE BOTH DONE ASYMPTOMATIC DISEASE-- NO SYMPTOMS AT ALL, JUST TESTED POSITIVE-- AND THEN FOR SOME OF THEM, THEY'VE HAD SOME MILD ILLNESS. THERE ARE TWO CLUSTERS BEING INVESTIGATED IN CALIFORNIA TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH TRANSMISSION THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FROM FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE, SO WE'LL HAVE SOME DATA ON THAT SHORTLY. I THINK THE POSSIBILITY IS GOING TO BE VERY LOW, BUT NOT ZERO. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT EVERYBODY DOES CONTINUE TO WEAR THEIR MASK TO PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE. THEY'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF PROTECTION, BUT OTHER PEOPLE DON'T YET. SO

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT ON THAT. AND IT'S A REMINDER WE'LL GET. WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THAT, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT VACCINATIONS.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, AS ALWAYS, TO DRS. FERRER AND GHALY. I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE BOARD. I AGREE WITH YOU, DR. FERRER, WE JUST NEED TO HANG ON. JUST NEED TO HANG ON A LITTLE LONGER, AND I HOPE YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM THINK SO. I THINK ABOUT YOU ALL AND SEND YOU POSITIVE VIBES ON THE REGULAR.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP IN NEGOTIATING THE BEST CONTRACT M.O.U. POSSIBLE FOR OUR COUNTY, FOR OUR RESIDENTS, AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. I APPRECIATE THAT, AND ALSO WANT TO THANK YOUR TEAM AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH MY TEAM, AND THINKING CREATIVELY AND WAY OUT OF THE BOX, AND RESPONDING TO THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WITHIN

THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND HELPING US, ALONG WITH THE STATE AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND F.E.M.A., AND COMING UP WITH POP-UP SITES, AND PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THESE STAND-UP SITES THAT ARE REALLY DEEPLY PENETRATING THE COMMUNITY, WHICH I THINK IS LEADING TO AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPROVED NUMBERS AROUND VACCINE EQUITY. AND SPEAKING OF THAT, I'M NOT SURE IF IT CONTINUES TO SORT OF BE A DATA LAG, BUT THE DATA LAG, I THINK, ALSO INFLUENCES KIND OF A PUBLIC PERCEPTION INFORMATION LAG, AND EVEN A LAG IN TERMS OF WHAT WE SEE REPORTED IN THE MEDIA. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A NEWS REPORT JUST LAST THURSDAY ON SPECTRUM 1, WHERE THEY SHOWED, ON SCREEN, A SCREEN THAT SAID, "VACCINE DISTRIBUTION DISPARITIES IN L.A. COUNTY." AND IT GIVES FIVE COMMUNITIES: CHEVIOT HILLS, BEL AIR, COMPTON, WATTS, FLORENCE. EVERYBODY'S CLEAR, THEIR INTENT BY SELECTING THOSE COMMUNITIES. AND YOU SEE, FOR CHEVIOT HILLS AND BEL AIR, 37 PERCENT, 34 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY; AND COMPTON, WATTS, FLORENCE, 8 PERCENT, 7 PERCENT, 6 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. SO, IS THAT INDEED A DATA LAG? ARE WE DOING BETTER? I KNOW, IN YOUR PRESENTATION, YOU TALKED ABOUT AND RESPONDED TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING DIFFERENT AND BETTER TO CLOSE THAT GAP. SO HELP ME AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC UNDERSTAND, IF THEY'RE CONTINUING TO SEE NUMBERS LIKE THAT, IS THAT STILL OUR REALITY, OR HAVE WE GOTTEN BEYOND THAT SPACE?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT, AND ALSO ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS, AS WELL. I DO WANT TO NOTE, THE GAP IS NOT CLOSED. SO, WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE LESS BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE, ARE STILL SHOWING VACCINATION RATES THAT ARE HIGHER THAN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE PRIMARILY MADE UP OF BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS, AND COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE HIGHER RATES OF POVERTY. AND THOSE ARE ALSO, NOT BY CHANCE, THE SAME COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT. SO, WE HAVE NOT CLOSED THE GAP. WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE'VE ACCELERATED VACCINATION EFFORTS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES AT A HIGHER RATE THAN WE'VE SEEN INCREASES IN VACCINATION RATES IN COMMUNITIES THAT WERE NOT HARD HIT. SO, FOR BLACK L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, THERE WAS A 97-PERCENT INCREASE SINCE FEBRUARY IN THEIR VACCINATION RATES. IT'S STILL LOWER THAN THE PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE BLACK AND VACCINATED. THAT'S STILL LOWER THAN THE PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE WHITE AND VACCINATED, BUT WE HAVE VERY SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THE RELATIVE PERCENT GROWTH OF THAT POPULATION GETTING VACCINATED. SO, AMONG WHITE PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT INCREASED PERCENT BETWEEN THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY AND NOW-- "NOW" BEING LAST WEEK-- WAS MORE LIKE 44 PERCENT OF AN INCREASE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE AIMING FOR. THAT IS THE WAY. THAT IS THE PATH TO TRY TO CLOSE THE GAP, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED, AND MANY MORE BLACK PEOPLE ARE

GETTING VACCINATED, SO THAT WE, IN FACT, GET TO A PLACE WHERE WE REALLY NARROW THAT GAP IN VACCINATION RATES. THE SAME THING IN THE LATINX COMMUNITY AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY, AS WELL. WE'VE NARROWED THOSE GAPS BY HAVING MUCH BIGGER INCREASES IN THE PERCENT OF PEOPLE GETTING VACCINATED IN THOSE POPULATIONS THAN IN OUR ASIAN POPULATION AND OUR WHITE POPULATIONS, WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST RATES OF VACCINATIONS. AND I WANT TO NOTE A COUPLE THINGS. ONE IS, FOR THE ASIAN POPULATION, I JUST WANT TO APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE THE WAY THE DATA IS COLLECTED DOES NOT ALLOW US TO NOTE THAT THE ASIAN POPULATION, LIKE ALL POPULATIONS, IS NOT MONOLITHIC, AND THAT THERE ARE GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ASIAN, WHO AREN'T GETTING VACCINATED AT SUCH HIGH RATES, AS WELL, AND NEED OUR HELP AND SUPPORT AS THEY'RE TRYING TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO GETTING VACCINATED. BUT THAT'S WHY WE KEEP TRYING TO MAKE SURE MORE VACCINE DOSES ARE GOING TO PROVIDERS WORKING IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, BUT THAT ALSO IS TRANSLATING TO MORE DOSES ARE ACTUALLY BEING ADMINISTERED TO PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND THAT IN FACT ONE WAY THAT YOU CAN CONTROL THIS, WHEN THERE'S A LOT OF SCARCITY, IS TO JUST PUT MORE VACCINE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT, BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED RECENTLY ABOUT THE NEED TO DESEGREGATE DATA. AND SO WE DO HAVE BETTER METHODS, AND YOU ARE APPROPRIATELY RESOURCED TO

DELVE MORE DEEPLY INTO DATA COLLECTION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT COMMENT. YOU KNOW, I THINK A LOT OF WHAT WE'VE HEARD AND TALKED ABOUT, AND CERTAINLY SEEN IN THE PRESS, IS A DESIRE TO OPEN SCHOOLS, OPEN SCHOOLS. WE'VE HEARD THAT FROM PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I WAS CONTACTED THE PAST COUPLE WEEKS FROM SOME SCHOOL-BASED LEADERS WHO ARE AT SCHOOLS AND IN DISTRICTS OF PREDOMINANTLY STUDENTS OF COLOR, AND FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FAMILIES, WHO SHARED WITH ME REALLY TROUBLING STATISTICS, WHEN THEY POLLED THEIR STUDENT-BODY FAMILIES ABOUT THE RELATIVELY HIGH PERCENTAGES OF FAMILIES WHO WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO SCHOOL, BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR, BECAUSE THEY HAVE DIRECTLY BEEN IMPACTED BY LOSS OF LIFE AS A RESULT OF THIS VIRUS. AND WHILE THE SCHOOLS HAVE WORKED TO MAKE SURE THAT TEACHERS ARE VACCINATED, SCHOOL PERSONNEL ARE VACCINATED, THAT THE SCHOOL SITES ARE SAFE, THEY STILL HAVE A DEEP CONCERN, BECAUSE THEIR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED. AND I REALIZE THAT I THINK THAT THAT IS AN ELEMENT OF THE STORY, PARTICULARLY FOR THESE PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES, THAT IS NOT BEING TALKED ABOUT A LOT, CERTAINLY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. AND SO, YOU KNOW, WHEN DO YOU THINK-- I APPRECIATE WHAT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, THE GOAL THAT THEY'VE SET FOR US ALL. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS REALITY FOR THESE PARENTS TO KNOW AND BELIEVE THAT THEY'LL BE IN A POSITION TO HAVE THEIR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLDS VACCINATED, SO THEIR STUDENTS, WHO, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, ARE PROBABLY IN

GREATEST NEED OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, BECAUSE OF ALL THE THINGS WE KNOW AROUND DIGITAL DIVIDE, ET CETERA, WHEN DO YOU THINK THAT THAT'S LIKELY GOING TO HAPPEN FOR L.A. COUNTY?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. AND FIRST, I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH FAMILIES THAT FEEL HESITANT ABOUT SENDING CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL, BECAUSE THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS BECOMING INFECTED. EVEN IF CHILDREN MAY BE ASYMPTOMATIC, THEY MAY NOT GET SO SICK, THEY CAN DEFINITELY PASS ON INFECTION TO OTHERS. AND THEY, FRANKLY, CAN GET SICK THEMSELVES. SO I APPRECIATE THAT WORRY, AND I UNDERSTAND, IF YOU'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED A HEARTACHE AND THE HEARTBREAK ASSOCIATED WITH C.O.V.I.D., BECAUSE YOU'VE HAD FAMILY MEMBERS GET REALLY SICK, AND FAMILY MEMBERS PASS AWAY, YOU HAVE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT VIEW OF WHAT RISKS YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE ON, AND WHAT THE BENEFIT WOULD BE TO SENDING YOUR CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL. I KNOW, FOR ALL OF US, WE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT OUR CHILDREN, AND WE WANT THEM TO HAVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, BUT WE ALSO WANT EVERYBODY TO REMAIN ALIVE IN OUR FAMILY. SO THAT'S A HEAVY BURDEN TO PUT ON FAMILIES BY THEMSELVES. AND I'M GLAD THAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE RESPECTING THAT BY OFFERING ONLINE LEARNING, BECAUSE I THINK, IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC, THAT HAS TO ALWAYS BE AN OPTION FOR FOLKS, THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO SEND THEIR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THAT'S THE RIGHT THING FOR THEM TO DO

DURING THE PANDEMIC. BUT I ALSO AGREE THAT ONE OF THE BEST THINGS WE CAN DO, AS WE GET MORE VACCINE, IS IN FACT PRIORITIZE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES BY, AS I SAID EARLIER, OFFERING VACCINE TO EVERYBODY IN THE FAMILY WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED, BECAUSE THEY'RE 16 AND OLDER. SO, IF YOU CAN START A STRATEGY THAT OPENS UP VACCINES TO PEOPLE 16 AND OLDER, AND YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY, THE PLACE I THINK TO START IS IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, BY OFFERING VACCINE TO ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS, 16 AND OLDER, IN HOUSEHOLDS IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, SO THAT IF THAT'S ONE OF THE CONCERNS ABOUT SENDING CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL, YOU'VE AGAIN PROVIDED SOME OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT BARRIER TO BE LIFTED. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND IT, AND TOTALLY RESPECT THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAVE HAD SUCH VARIED CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND THIS PANDEMIC, AND THAT THE FEAR-- IF YOU'VE HAD FAMILY MEMBERS DIE, THEN YOU DON'T NEED TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSON IS SAYING, TO UNDERSTAND HOW SERIOUS THIS VIRUS IS, AND HOW EASILY IT SPREADS. SO THAT HEARTACHE, I THINK, DOES WEIGH VERY HEAVILY ON THOSE FAMILIES. I THINK THE BEST WE COULD DO IS TRY TO WORK WITH THE STATE, SO THAT WHEN WE ARE OPENING UP TO 16-PLUS, WE'RE ABLE TO REALLY-- BECAUSE WE MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH VACCINE FOR EVERYBODY YET, WE'RE ABLE TO START WITH OPENING THAT UP IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE RELY SO HEAVILY ON ENROLLING MEDICAL PROVIDERS FROM THOSE COMMUNITIES INTO THE

VACCINE PROGRAM, BECAUSE THEY ALSO CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND RISK. THE WAY THIS IS NOW DEFINED FOR PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS AND FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, IF ANY UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION CREATES A RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS, AND THAT PERSON BECOMES ELIGIBLE FOR GETTING VACCINATED, AND YOUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER, EVEN SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDER, IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO HELP A PATIENT FIGURE OUT WHAT THEIR RISK IS, AND THEN DIRECT THAT PATIENT OR PROVIDE THAT PATIENT WITH A VACCINE, IF THEY'RE ELIGIBLE. AND THAT WAS OUR HOPE, AS WELL, WAS THAT WE WOULD GET A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES OR 16 AND OLDER VACCINATED, BECAUSE THEY WERE AT HIGHER RISK, AND NOW THEY'RE ALLOWED TO GET VACCINATED.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. BEFORE I MOVE ON TO MY LAST QUESTION FOR DOCTOR GHALY, IT'S JUST AS I LISTENED TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND LIKE YOU, WATCHED THE NEWS COVERAGE OF SPRING BREAK IN UTTER HORROR, YOU KNOW, THE REALITY IS, THOSE, IN LARGE PART, ARE COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO HAVE ONE WEEK OR TWO FOR SPRING BREAK. SO IT'S NOT REALISTIC FOR US TO THINK, IN MANY INSTANCES, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO, QUOTE, "QUARANTINE," TRULY, BECAUSE THEY'LL BE RETURNING TO SCHOOL, SOME OF WHOM ARE AT HOME AND DOING CLASSES ONLINE. BUT I WOULD VENTURE TO ASSUME THAT THE GOOD NUMBER OF THEM THAT TRAVEL FOR SPRING BREAK ARE AWAY AND ON A CAMPUS. AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FEASIBLE, DR. FERRER, THAT THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITHIN L.A.

COUNTY COULD BE CONVENED, AND AT LEAST CHARGED WITH COMING UP WITH SOME KIND OF REAL PLAN FOR REAL QUARANTINE WHEN THEIR STUDENTS RETURN FROM SPRING BREAK, BECAUSE US ASSUMING THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO, QUOTE, "DO THE RIGHT THING" AND SELF-QUARANTINE, I THINK, IS NAIVE AT BEST, WHEN THEY CHOSE TO TRAVEL ON NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL AND ENGAGE IN SPRING BREAK-LIKE ACTIVITIES ON THEIR SPRING BREAK.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION. THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL PARTNERS FOR US, AND THEY DID A LOT OF MESSAGING BEFORE THEIR SPRING BREAKS ABOUT THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE VERY FEW STUDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE LIVING IN RESIDENCE HALLS, BECAUSE WE DON'T ALLOW IT YET. SO THE ISSUE FOR US IS GOING TO BE THE STUDENTS RETURNING, WHO LIVE IN THEIR OWN APARTMENTS. AND THAT MAKES IT EVEN HARDER FOR THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO LIMIT THEIR ACTIVITIES. I MEAN, I THINK THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE VERY USED TO QUARANTINING AND ISOLATING, BECAUSE MANY OF THE STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED ON THEIR CAMPUSES HAVE IN FACT BEEN SOME OF THE SPORTS TEAMS, AND THEY'VE EXPERIENCED OUTBREAKS. BUT I THINK THE VAST MAJORITY OF STUDENTS ARE NOT LIVING ON CAMPUSES, AND WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO IS WORK WITH THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. I LOVE YOUR SUGGESTION ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE RAMPING UP THEIR TESTING FOR STUDENTS,

OFFERING MORE TESTING. AND AGAIN, MOST OF OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAVE NOT EVEN GONE BACK INSIDE FOR CLASSROOMS YET, BUT WE CAN TOUCH BASE AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO, ON THE CAMPUSES, REILLY INSTRUCT STUDENTS AND KEEP STUDENTS FROM CONGREGATING THROUGHOUT THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SO WE WILL DO THAT. I THINK WE'RE TALKING TO THEM THIS WEEK. IF NOT THIS WEEK, NEXT WEEK.

SUP. MITCHELL: GREAT. GREAT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND LAST, QUICK CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FOR DR. GHALY. WITH REGARD TO YOUR FIRST SLIDE-- AND THIS IS ME STILL LEARNING MY NEW JOB, AND HAVING A SENSE OF THE OVERALL UNIVERSE OF NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHIN YOUR CARE. SO MY FIRST QUESTION IS, EMPLOYEES MAKE UP ROUGHLY HALF OF THE PEOPLE THAT D.H.S. HAS VACCINATED. WHAT'S THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT YOU'VE VACCINATED THUS FAR?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: HI, SUPERVISOR. WE'VE DONE ABOUT 50,000 VACCINATIONS AMONG PATIENTS WITHIN D.H.S., AND THE SPLIT ON THAT IS ROUGHLY ABOUT TWO-THIRDS FIRST DOSES, ONE-THIRD SECOND DOSES. IT'S PREDOMINANTLY, STILL, EITHER MODERNA OR PFIZER VACCINE. VERY LITTLE OF IT, STILL, IS THE J&J ON THE ONE-DOSE VOLUME. AND THEN THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE PATIENTS THAT ARE THE INMATES IN JAIL. THOSE ARE CATEGORIZED SEPARATELY ON THE CHART, AND REPORTED SEPARATELY, AS WELL AS, SEPARATELY, THE CLIENTS THAT ARE CHARTED WITHIN THE P.E.H. CATEGORY. SO, JUST

THE 50,000 VACCINATIONS REFERS TO THE IMPANELED PATIENTS WITHIN D.H.S.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND AS YOU REFERENCED IN THAT SECOND CATEGORY, OF THE CUSTODY STAFF AND INMATES THAT YOU VACCINATED, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CUSTODY STAFF AND CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES INMATES DOES THIS REPRESENT? I SEE THE RAW NUMBERS, BUT WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE TOTAL-- IS THAT REFLECTED IN THE PERCENTAGE?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: SURE. SO, ROUGHLY, TODAY, AT ANY GIVEN TIME, THERE'S ABOUT 15,500, 16,000 INMATES IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. OBVIOUSLY, THAT POPULATION CHANGES OVER TIME, AS INMATES ARE RELEASED AND NEW INMATES COME THROUGH THE I.R.C. SO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INMATES THAT MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION, OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, WILL EXCEED THAT 15,000 TO 16,000 NUMBER. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS AMONG THE JAIL POPULATION, TO DATE, I BELIEVE IT'S JUST AROUND 2500 OR SO, AND I CAN GET YOU THE LATEST NUMBER. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE, AGAIN, ARE FIRST-DOSE VACCINATIONS, WITH A MUCH SMALLER NUMBER OF SECOND DOSE, AND THAT'S BECAUSE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR INMATES IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM ONLY OPENED UP TO HAVE ALL INMATES BE ELIGIBLE ONLY LAST WEEK, ON MARCH 15TH. I'LL NOTE THE CUSTODY STAFF, WHICH IS THAT LAST CATEGORY THAT YOU NOTE, THAT'S THE NON-D.H.S. CUSTODY STAFF. SO, CUSTODY

STAFF REFERS TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF. THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES STAFF THAT ARE PART OF D.H.S., WE DON'T REFER TO THOSE PEOPLE AS CUSTODY STAFF. CUSTODY REFERS TO SHERIFF. THE C.H.S. STAFF THAT WERE VACCINATED AS PART OF D.H.S. ARE CAPTURED IN THE D.H.S. WORKFORCE. BUT IN ORDER TO HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF C.O.V.I.D. IN THE JAIL, WE ALSO VACCINATED A NUMBER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT STAFF THAT HAD FREQUENT INTERACTIONS WITH PATIENTS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE JAIL, AND THAT'S WHAT'S REFLECTED IN THAT LAST CATEGORY.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF CUSTODY STAFF?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: I CAN GET THAT INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I DON'T HAVE IT NOW.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOT IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO BOTH OF YOU, AGAIN. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE IT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT BOTH OF OUR LEAD DOCTORS HAVE DONE AND COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO. SO, IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS, THIS IS A REPORT. IT'S A RECEIVE-AND-FILE. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS, NOW WE'LL TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 8, SECURING ADDITIONAL RENTAL HOUSING UNITS FOR THE RECOVERY

REHOUSING PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE ON.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. JUST VERY QUICKLY, I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THIS SORT OF MOVE FORWARD, BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WERE PLACING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO WERE AT RISK FROM THE VIRUS, INTO HOTELS AND MOTELS, WE WERE PRETTY CLEAR THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS, THOSE HOTELS AND MOTELS WOULD BE ABLE TO REOPEN, AND THAT WOULD MEAN THOSE ROOMS WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. AND SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN, WE'VE PLACED OVER 7,000 MEDICALLY VULNERABLE HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS KIND OF TEMPORARY HOUSING THROUGH PROJECT ROOMKEY. BUT BECAUSE IT WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE TEMPORARY, WE ALLOCATED FUNDING, AS WELL, TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE LEAVING THAT TEMPORARY HOUSING WOULD BE CONNECTED TO A PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCE, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT. AND IN THE COMING MONTHS, NOW, IT'S GOING TO BE THE CASE THAT MANY OF THE HOTELS AND MOTELS THAT HAVE SERVED AS OUR PROJECT ROOMKEY SITES WILL BE TURNING BACK TO SERVING THEIR CLIENTS, THE TOURISTS. SO L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR NONPROFIT HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE WORKING REALLY HARD TO TRY TO IDENTIFY, PRETTY RAPIDLY, PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THESE VULNERABLE MEN AND WOMEN, SO THAT NONE OF THEM IS FORCED TO RETURN TO THE STREETS. AND WE'VE TRIED TO CREATE A GUARANTEE THAT THAT IS THE CASE. LEASE UP

L.A. HAS BEEN MATCHING RENT-READY TENANTS WITH OUR FORWARD-THINKING PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS ALREADY, MAKING RENTING EASIER AND MORE RELIABLE FOR EVERYBODY. BUT IDENTIFYING AVAILABLE UNITS, ONE BY ONE, IN THIS HOUSING MARKET IS REALLY CHALLENGING, AND, OF COURSE, WE NEED MORE. SO I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS MOTION TODAY, TO CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL AND PROPERTY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM, WHICH WILL COMPLEMENT THE LEASE UP L.A. PROGRAM. UNDER THIS, RESIDENT AND PROPERTY SUPPORT SERVICES WILL PROVIDE PROPERTY OWNERS WITH A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, FOR REPAIRS, FOR MAINTENANCE, AND FOR ONSITE STAFF, WHICH ALLOWS L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR PROVIDERS TO ACTUALLY SECURE ENTIRE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ACROSS THE COUNTY AT MORE AFFORDABLE RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS LEAVING PROJECT ROOMKEY. AND WE'VE ACTUALLY FOUND THAT QUITE A FEW PROPERTY OWNERS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS KIND OF DOUBLE BOTTOM LINE. THEY LIKE GETTING RENT RELIABLY, ON THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH. THEY LIKE THE OTHER GUARANTEES WE OFFER, LIKE DAMAGE MITIGATION FUNDS. BUT THEY ALSO KNOW THAT THEY'RE DOING SOME GOOD IN OUR SOCIETY. AND OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, QUITE A FEW PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE MADE CLEAR THEY WOULD REALLY RATHER RENT ALL THE UNITS IN A BUILDING, JUST ALL AT ONCE, AND REDUCE THE PAPERWORK THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH RENTING ONE AT A TIME. SO TODAY'S MOTION MAKES IT EASIER FOR PROPERTY OWNERS, AS I SAID, TO DO WELL, BUT ALSO TO DO GOOD. WE'RE CONSTANTLY BEING ASKED HOW INDIVIDUALS CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO END

HOMELESSNESS. OKAY, HERE'S ONE REALLY GREAT WAY, BECAUSE IT'S ONLY HOMES THAT END HOMELESSNESS. SO, I'M ALSO BRINGING THIS UP BECAUSE I WANT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO FEEL ENCOURAGED, IF THEY HAVE AVAILABLE UNITS, TO WORK WITH US. WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE RELIABLE RENT, FUNDING FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND REPAIRS, AND ONSITE STAFF TO SUPPORT YOUR TENANTS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR UNITS, DOING WELL, AND GIVING YOU SOME HELP WITH THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT. SO, PLEASE, IF YOU'RE A PROPERTY OWNER OR A MANAGER, AND MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, GET STARTED AT LEASEUPLA.ORG. I WANT TO THANK L.A.H.S.A. I WANT TO THANK THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. I WANT TO THANK OUR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS FOR DEVELOPING SUCH A CREATIVE APPROACH, AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. BEFORE I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER, I DID WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION, AND TO HELP ADD MORE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING UNITS TO OUR RECOVERY REHOUSING PLAN. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AT L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR C.E.O., THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, FOR THEIR WORK ON CRAFTING THE RESIDENT AND PROPERTY SUPPORT SERVICE PROGRAM. I THINK IT'S AN INNOVATIVE NEW TOOL FOR OUR HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM, AS WELL. AND I LIKE THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LANDLORD INCENTIVES, WHICH ARE A

CRITICAL COMPONENT IN ANY HOUSING PROGRAM THAT WE CREATE. THIS HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY IN PARTS OF MY DISTRICT, WHERE WE CAN'T SEEM TO HAVE INCENTIVIZED ENOUGH LANDLORDS. SO I THINK THIS PACKAGE, NOW, THAT'S PUT FORWARD IS GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL, AS YOU MENTIONED. IT WOULD HELP US PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COSTS, REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, VACANCIES, AND CAN PROVIDE LANDLORDS WITH A SENSE OF FINANCIAL SECURITY AS THEY JOIN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP US HOUSE HOMELESS PEOPLE. THIS CAME UP RECENTLY IN THE CITY OF CLAREMONT. I WAS READING AN ARTICLE THAT THERE WERE MANY OF OUR FOLKS IN CLAREMONT THAT WERE OPENING UP PARTS OF THEIR HOME, EVEN, JUST TO ALLOW-- OR SECOND HOMES, TO ALLOW FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE TO RESIDE AND HAVE SOME COVERAGE THERE. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU ON THAT, AND I'M GLAD THAT WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO STRIVE FOR EQUITY IN ESTABLISHING THE GOALS OF AT LEAST 75 RENTAL UNITS IN EACH OF THE EIGHT SERVICE PLANNING AREA S.P.A.S BY JUNE 2022. I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND OBVIOUSLY COMMEND ALL THE STAFF AND YOURSELF FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD TODAY. AS WE'VE HEARD FROM DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS PRESENTED MANY CHALLENGES IN OUR EFFORTS, NOT ONLY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUT ALSO TO PROTECT LOS

ANGELES'S HOMELESS POPULATION. HOWEVER, IT HAS PROVIDED US WITH UNIQUE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES, LIKE THOSE MENTIONED IN THIS MOTION. MY HOPE IS THAT BY PROVIDING THIS CRITICAL FUNDING FOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE RESIDENT AND PROPERTY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM, WE WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE LANDLORDS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONTINUE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE COUNTY AND L.A.H.S.A. ON ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO PROVIDE SAFETY AND SHELTER FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. AND KNOWING THAT D.H.S. HAS A PILOT ASSESSMENT TOOL TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS, I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THAT TRULY IS UNIQUE, TO STEP UP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS THAT'S GROWING AS WE SPEAK. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE TIMING OF THIS MOTION, AND I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY. SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I, TOO, WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS IS A REALLY GOOD IDEA, SHEILA, AND PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU SORT OF TALKED ABOUT OUR "ONE UNIT AT A TIME" EFFORT THAT WE'VE TRIED TO GET GOING. I KNOW I'VE EVEN HELD SOME SEMINARS IN MY DISTRICT, TRYING TO RECRUIT LANDLORDS TO GIVE US A UNIT, WHERE, AGAIN, WE WOULD PAY FIRST

AND LAST AND SECURITY, AND DO A MATCH.COM WITH THE RIGHT PERSON WHO WAS FORMERLY HOMELESS TO LIVE IN THEIR UNITS. WE'VE HAD NOT AS GREAT OF A PARTICIPATION AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO. AND THIS REALLY, I THINK, REALLY FILLS THAT HOLE, BY SAYING, "YOU KNOW, THE MASTER LEASE OF THESE MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS," WHICH I THINK WILL BE MORE APPEALING TO LANDLORDS. IT WILL GIVE THEM THE RESOURCES TO HIRE PEOPLE TO HELP MANAGE IT. AND I REALLY THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR MAKING SURE THAT, IN YOUR MOTION, THERE'S THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO I JOIN YOU IN CALLING ON LANDLORDS TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM. AND, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT. HOMELESSNESS, ENDING IT, REALLY IS GOING TO DEPEND ON OUR PERMANENT HOUSING THAT WE CAN, YOU KNOW, REALLY GET CONTROL OF, TO HELP PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM, AND THANKS AGAIN FOR THINKING OF THIS. AND I ALSO AM PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. IF THERE ARE OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE HEARD, THEN THIS ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY ME TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 8 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 13: VACCINATIONS FOR OFTEN FORGOTTEN HOMEBOUND ADULTS.

AND I DID HOLD THIS ITEM, MEMBERS, AND I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF. THE MOTION BEFORE US IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD OUR GOAL OF TRULY EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VACCINE, AS WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH TODAY. AN OFTEN SILENT AND FORGOTTEN GROUP MUST NOW BE CENTER: THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, BUT CANNOT ACCESS C.O.V.I.D. VACCINATION SITES BECAUSE THEY ARE HOMEBOUND. THESE RESIDENTS MAY SUFFER FROM DISABILITIES THAT SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THEIR RISK OF DEATH AND SEVERE DISEASE FROM THE C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION, AND MANY OF THEM ARE ALSO SENIORS ,WHOSE DEATH RATES ARE UP TO 100 TIMES THAT OF YOUNGER COUNTERPARTS, IF THEY BECOME INFECTED. AND NOW THAT VACCINE SUPPLIES ARE INCREASING AND BECOMING EASIER TO STORE AND ADMINISTER, L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO FIND A WAY TO BRING THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES DIRECTLY TO THIS POPULATION OF VULNERABLE HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS. THE RATES OF HOMEBOUND ADULTS IS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 5 AND 6 PERCENT ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WOULD EQUATE TO OVER HALF A MILLION PEOPLE HERE ALONE, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT THERE IS A PAUCITY OF DATA ON ACTUAL NUMBERS. WE DO KNOW THIS: IN L.A. COUNTY, OVER 220,000 PEOPLE RECEIVE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE SUPPORT SERVICES, KNOWN AS I.H.S.S., AND 55,000 HOMEBOUND SENIORS RECEIVE FREE MEALS DELIVERED TO THEIR HOMES VIA MEALS ON WHEELS AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS. THESE REPRESENT ONLY A PORTION OF THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, AS THERE ARE MANY WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE I.H.S.S. PROGRAM. THIS ALSO DEMONSTRATES THE LACK OF RESOURCES FACED BY MANY HOMEBOUND SENIORS, WHO

MUST RELY ON FREE MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE FOR THEIR SURVIVAL. BUT IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OFFER APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO A GROUP WHEN WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THAT GROUP, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY ADVOCATING FOR THEMSELVES, DUE TO THEIR DISABILITY. SO TO THAT END, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER SUGGESTIONS TO ENSURE COLLABORATION AMONG COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND I THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE MOTION: IN THE FIRST DIRECTIVE, AFTER THE WORDS "INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH," MY AMENDMENT WOULD ADD: "IN COLLABORATION WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, THE PERSONNEL ASSISTANT SERVICES COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS." ADDITIONALLY, IN DIRECTIVE 1-A, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE REPORT BACK SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE "W.D.A.C.S. MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM" AFTER MEALS ON WHEELS IS REFERENCED. WE HAVE TO CREATE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE HOMEBOUND ADULTS WHERE THEY LIVE, AND BRING THE VACCINATIONS TO THEM. AGAIN, THIS IS ABOUT EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND ENSURING THAT WE LEVERAGE OUR RESOURCES AND NETWORKS TO REACH THIS POPULATION THAT HAS BEEN CAST ASIDE FOR TOO LONG. I ALSO REQUEST YOUR AYE VOTE. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD, AND FOR WORKING WITH OUR OFFICE IN SOME OF THE LANGUAGE. THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE COMMUNITIES I REPRESENT. OUR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES REALLY MUST BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR NEEDS MET, TOO, SINCE WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE AT GREATER RISK, IN MANY INSTANCES, FOR THIS VIRUS. APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENTS WORKING COLLABORATIVELY, AND HOPE THEY CAN GET THE REPORT BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO WE CAN THEN TAKE, HOPEFULLY, THE NEXT ACTION, IN TERMS OF FIGURING OUT HOW TO IMPLEMENT A HOME-BASED VACCINE MODEL, WHERE WE CAN COME TO THEM WHERE THEY ARE, IN THEIR HOMES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. ON BEHALF OF ANY NUMBER OF MY CONSTITUENTS, I'LL BE PROUD TO VOTE AYE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM?

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS. IT'S SO IMPORTANT. I KNOW I TALKED ABOUT IT DURING THE SET ITEM OF... YOU KNOW, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE 80 AND OLDER, IT'S SUCH A LOW PERCENTAGE THAT HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN VACCINATED. SO I REALLY THANK YOU FOR THIS, AND I THINK THE COLLABORATION WITH SOME OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IS GOING TO BE KEY. AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR

ADDING SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT I MADE, INCLUDING W.D.A.C.S., D.P.S.S., AND OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO HELP STRATEGIZE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ON HOW WE ACTUALLY GET THIS DONE. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS, AND I ALSO AM PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR WORKING WITH OUR STAFF. I KNOW THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAT WE NEED TO DO, SO JUST KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER, I THINK, TOWARDS THE SAME GOALS. AND, OBVIOUSLY, THE MORE WE'RE LEARNING, THE MORE WE KNOW WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO DO. SO I APPRECIATE EVERYONE CONVERSING WITH MY STAFF AND MY OFFICE. SO BEFORE US, THIS ITEM, 13. I WILL MOVE IT, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 13, AS REVISED, TO ENSURE COLLABORATION BETWEEN REGULAR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: OH, AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 20, A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE GOVERNING COUNCIL, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE HAVE INVITED ABBE LAND, AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, TO PRESENT, IN FIVE OR SIX MINUTES, A REPORT

THAT THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND WHICH WE WANTED THE BOARD TO HEAR. WHEN WE FIRST BEGAN THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, I THINK, FOUR YEARS AGO, IT WAS OUR HOPE TO SHINE A LIGHT ON ALL OF THE AREAS THAT REALLY INVOLVED WOMEN EXPERIENCING THEIR LIVES DIFFERENTLY THAN MEN. AND WHAT WERE THE FACTORS? WHAT WERE THE FACTORS FOR OUR OWN EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY? WHAT WERE THE FACTORS FOR THOSE WHO WE SERVE IN THE COUNTY, AND IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY, IN WHICH ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT COUNTY AREAS ARE INVOLVED? SO, ABBE IS HERE TO PRESENT, AND THEN I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR HER. AND I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS REPORT TO BE MADE TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YES, WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR FROM MS. ABBE LAND. ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, YOU'RE ON.

SUP. KUEHL: ABBE, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: ABBE, CAN YOU HEAR US?

SUP. KUEHL: DON'T YOU HATE WHEN THE TECHNOLOGY GETS IN THE WAY OF ALL THE GOOD WORK?

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SHE'S ONLINE, BUT WE'RE HAVING COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS. DOES SHE MAYBE WANT TO GO ON TELEPHONE, OR SOMETHING? DOES SHE WANT TO USE HER PHONE? HOLD ON, MOMENTARILY, MEMBERS. WE'RE GOING TO SEE IF WE CAN REACH HER WITH ANOTHER MODE.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

ABBE LAND: HELLO, AM I CONNECTED?

SPEAKER: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THERE YOU ARE. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MADAM.

ABBE LAND: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD. YOU'RE ON.

ABBE LAND: THANK YOU. OKAY, SORRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALSO, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS SUMMARY OF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT. AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD MOVED TO ESTABLISH THE W.G.I. IN LATE 2016, AND TODAY I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK WE DID IN 2020. AND I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THE REPORT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON

THE COUNTY'S CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY, WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR, AS WELL AS A FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON FOCUS GROUPS THAT WERE HELD IN RESPONSE TO THE EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY. SO, NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT 2020 WAS UNLIKE ANY YEAR THAT THE W.G.I. HAD EXPERIENCED; IN FACT, I THINK, THAT ANY OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED. I TRULY WANT TO JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE W.G.I. GOVERNING COUNCIL: OUR STAFF, NICOLE BRYANT AND PORSHA POTTS; OUR SHEILA KUEHL POLICY FELLOW, MARISSA AYALA; OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH CONSULTANT, IMELDA PADILLA; AND OUR RESEARCH CONSULTANT, DR. JACKIE FILLA. THEY ALL PIVOTED SO QUICKLY, AS THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTED THE PANDEMIC-RELATED SAFER AT HOME PROTOCOLS. BUT EVEN WITH ALL THE C.O.V.I.D.-19-RELATED PIVOTS, INCLUDING THE SHIFT TO VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL OF OUR MEETINGS AND CONVENINGS, I'M HAPPY TO SAY WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP THE W.G.I.'S WORK MOVING FORWARD. SO, FOR 2020, WE HAD ABOUT FIVE GOALS, AND WE'VE ACTUALLY MADE PROGRESS ON ALL OF THEM. THE FIRST WAS THAT ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WOULD LIFT UP THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT. AND THIS WORK WAS REALLY IMPORTANT, GIVEN THE BOARD'S DESIRE TO PROMOTE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE ELECTION YEAR. THE W.G.I. SPEARHEADED OUR EFFORTS, AND WE ACTUALLY DEVOTED AND DEVELOPED A VOTER REGISTRATION TOOLKIT. WE DEVELOPED A TIMELINE FEATURING 100 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN WHO HELPED SHAPE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE REDESIGNED OUR WEBSITE, SO IT SERVED AS

A HUB OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ABOUT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY. AND I AM REALLY, REALLY HAPPY TO SAY THAT, EVEN THOUGH SO MANY IN-PERSON EVENTS WERE CANCELED, EVERY SINGLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ACHIEVED THE GOAL OF CREATING A PROGRAM EVENT OR AWARENESS AROUND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO GO TO THE WEBSITE AND SEE IT. OUR SECOND GOAL WAS SOMETHING WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON, WHICH WAS TO CREATE A COUNTYWIDE GENDER EQUITY MANDATE. AND WE WORKED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE C.I.O. WE CONVENED A DEPARTMENT WORKGROUP OF 15 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, TO GET INPUT ON A GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL THAT THE W.G.I. IS DEVELOPING. THIS G.I.A. DETERMINES HOW A POLICY OR PROGRAM IMPACTS GENDER INEQUALITIES, BECAUSE MOST DECISIONS ACTUALLY HAVE A GENDER IMPACT. AND THIS G.I.A. TOOL IS DESIGNED TO TRACK GENDER, BUT IT'S AN INTERSECTIONAL DESIGN, SO WE'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO TRACK RACE, AGE, ABILITY, AND ANY OTHER KEY INDICATORS THAT NEED TO BE INCLUDED. THE WORKGROUP MET A FEW TIMES, AND THEY INFORMED A PILOT THAT WE'RE CONDUCTING RIGHT NOW. AND WE'RE APPLYING A GENDER LENS TO THREE DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE PILOT: DEPARTMENT MISSION, POLICIES, AND STRATEGIES; LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY; AND THE WORKFORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THAT IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR. THE THIRD GOAL WE HAD WAS TO ENHANCE CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS THAT REALLY ENCOURAGE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN OF ALL AGES. AND THE W.G.I., WE PARTICIPATED IN THE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOMEN IN TECH HIRING INITIATIVE, AS WELL AS WE WORKED TO HELP REINSTATE APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY TRADE POSITIONS. THE FOURTH AREA WE WORKED ON WAS TO CREATE OPERATIONAL PATHWAYS FOR AT-PROMISE GIRLS. THE W.G.I. GOVERNING COUNCIL FORMED AN AT-PROMISE GIRLS AD HOC COMMITTEE. WE MET WITH THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION, AND ALSO WERE PART OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP. AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DETERMINED THAT WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON ENDING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINES FOR GIRLS, BY DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE OVER-DISCIPLINING OF GIRLS, ESPECIALLY GIRLS OF COLOR, IN SCHOOLS. WE RECENTLY COMMISSIONED A STUDY BY U.C.L.A. LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, AND THEY WILL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COULD ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AND THE FIFTH AREA WE WORKED ON WAS WE PARTNERED WITH THE C.E.O.'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, TO HELP ADD A GENDER LENS TO ITS REPORTS. AND SO, FOR THIS YEAR, WE'VE WORKED WITH THE DIVISION TO INCORPORATE GENDER DATA WHENEVER IT WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2020 ECONOMIC SCORECARD, AND YOU'LL BE GETTING THAT SCORECARD A LITTLE BIT LATER THIS WINTER. SO, IN ADDITION TO THOSE, YOU MIGHT ALL RECALL THE ORIGINAL W.G.I. MOTION INCLUDED DIRECTION FOR THE W.G.I. TO HOLD TWO SETS OF TOWN HALLS FOR THE COMMUNITY, OVER THE FIVE YEARS THAT WE'RE HERE. AND THE FIRST SET, WE HELD IN 2018, AND IT INFORMED ALL THE WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. THE PANDEMIC-DRIVEN VIRTUAL SPACE, AND THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES THAT WOMEN AND

GIRLS ARE FACING AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC, REALLY PROVIDED A FRAMEWORK FOR THE SECOND SET OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS. WE KNOW THE PANDEMIC IS HAVING AN ENORMOUS IMPACT ON WOMEN AND GIRLS. THE DISPROPORTIONATE LOSS OF JOBS FOR WOMEN, WOMEN EXITING THE WORKFORCE IN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS, AS THE BURDEN TO CARE FOR FAMILY, TEACH THEIR CHILDREN, AND CARE FOR THE HOME IS FALLING ON THEM. AND WE ALSO KNOW THE MAJORITY OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS ARE WOMEN, AND PRIMARILY WOMEN OF COLOR, MANY WITH NO SICK LEAVE OR ANY BENEFITS. THIS PHENOMENON IS BEING CALLED A [INAUDIBLE] IN MANY CIRCLES, AND OUR TOWN HALLS REALLY WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE DID FIVE TOWN HALLS, AND THE THEMES WERE WOMEN AND GIRLS OF COLOR; WE DID ONE ON WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE; WE DID ONE THAT FOCUSED ON WOMEN OVER 55; AND WE DID ONE ON WOMEN AND GIRLS AND THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS; AND THE LAST ONE WE DID WAS THE FUTURE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN L.A. COUNTY. EACH OF THE TOWN HALLS FEATURED A PANEL OF EXPERTS, WHO SHARED THEIR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. AND THE W.G.I. GOVERNING COUNCIL, THROUGH THIS UPCOMING YEAR, ARE GOING TO REVIEW THE TOWN HALL FINDINGS. WE'LL VET SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEVELOP IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. AND ALSO IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC, THE W.G.I. COMMISSIONED A STUDY WITH U.S.C. EQUITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO EXAMINE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY, BUT USE A GENDER LENS. THE STUDY'S GOING TO HELP THE COUNTY TAILOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND

WEALTH-BUILDING PROGRAMS, SO THAT HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COUNTY CAN REALLY MAKE STRONG RECOVERIES. WE EXPECT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY TO COME TO US IN THE EARLY SPRING. AND I KNOW THAT THIS WORK IS ALSO GOING TO INFORM THE WORK THAT W.D.A.C.S. IS CURRENTLY SPEARHEADING, BASED ON THE RECENT REPORT THAT THE L.A.E.D.C. DID. SO, COMING UP, AS WE CONTINUE THAT WORK FOR 2021, WE ACTUALLY WORKED WITH OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND TIANA MORELLO TO DEVELOP A DEPARTMENT HEAD MAP GOAL THAT'S GOING TO HELP ENSURE DATA COLLECTION FOR THE GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL. AND THAT GOAL VERY SPECIFICALLY IS TO IMPLEMENT AT LEAST ONE STRATEGY THAT STRENGTHENS THE DEPARTMENT'S CAPACITY TO COLLECT AND TRACK DATA RELATED TO OUTCOMES, BASED ON GENDER. SO WE'LL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS ON THAT. AND THEN WE WANT TO ALSO CONTINUE TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. WE WANT TO PUT WOMEN AND GIRLS OF COLOR IN THE CENTER OF ALL OF OUR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE'LL BE ISSUING THE SECOND EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY. SO, THAT'S A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHAT WE'VE DONE AND WHERE WE'RE GOING. AND ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND, OF COURSE, FOR ALL YOU DO FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS ALL YEAR LONG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ABBE. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU. I'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. ABBE LAND, I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR SO LONG, AND IN SO MANY DIFFERENT ROLES, AND I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, AND TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, AND TO YOUR STAFF, FOR THE WORK OF THESE PAST YEARS. WHEN WE FIRST PUT TOGETHER THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, THERE HAD BEEN SORT OF SCATTERED FOCUS ABOUT GENDER ISSUES, BUT REALLY NOTHING THAT THOUGHT IN A CONCERTED WAY ABOUT WOMEN ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES, INDIVIDUALLY IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HOW THEY WERE AT RISK, HOW THEY WERE, YOU KNOW, TO SHOW NOT ONLY HOW, BUT WHY THEY WERE EARNING LESS, JUST TO SHINE A LIGHT. AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUING WORK. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ONE PARTICULAR ISSUE, AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY WAYS THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN TALKING ABOUT IT, AND THAT'S THE ISSUE OF CHILDCARE. I WAS VERY INTERESTED TO READ IN THE L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY THAT WAS DONE IN, I THINK, NOW, TWO YEARS AGO, IN MARCH OF 2019. A LOT OF PEOPLE RESPONDED, AND THAT IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE WITH A CLIMATE SURVEY. BUT I THINK SOMETHING LIKE 35,000 OR 36,000 EMPLOYEES RESPONDED, WHICH IS A PRETTY HIGH RESPONSE RATE. AND THEY SEEMED TO THINK WELL OF A MENTORING THAT WAS GOING ON, AND OUR FAMILY LEAVE POLICY, ALTHOUGH MANY HAD SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HOW IT COULD BE IMPROVED. BUT THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION. I THINK THREE OUT OF FOUR PEOPLE TRULY FELT-- THEY WERE PARENTS-- THAT THE COUNTY REALLY DID NOT HELP ENOUGH IN THE AREA OF CHILDCARE. AND WE'VE, YOU

KNOW, CARED A LOT ABOUT IT IN THE PAST, AND TRIED TO SORT OF FIGURE IT OUT. AND WHAT WE FOUND IN OTHER AREAS, OUTSIDE OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, IS THAT THIS IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR WOMEN, NOT ONLY SO THAT THEY CAN GET TO WORK, BUT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN. THERE WERE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATE AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ABOUT RESOURCES FOR PARENTS, AND ALSO TO DO SOMETHING TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN OUR DEPENDENT CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT BENEFITS PROGRAM. BUT DO YOU HAVE THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT W.G.I. AND THE REST OF US CAN DO TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT ALSO LOOKING AT THE LARGER ISSUE OF CHILDCARE AND HOW IMPORTANT IT'S GOING TO BE FOR WOMEN GETTING BACK TO WORK?

ABBE LAND: YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS, AS WELL. YES, CHILDCARE IS CLEARLY A VERY BIG ISSUE. WE CERTAINLY SAW IT IN THE SURVEY. IN FACT, I THINK SOME OF WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS THE FOCUS GROUP REPORT, AS PART OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT. AND TO YOUR POINT, EVEN THOUGH THE FOCUS GROUP WAS A SMALLER SUBSET OF THOSE 35,000 FOLKS WHO ANSWERED THE BIGGER SURVEY, I STILL THINK THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND THE ISSUES OF CHILDCARE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. AND ACTUALLY, WE HAVE PROBABLY MADE A LITTLE HEADWAY IN SOME WAYS, AND WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO IN OTHER WAYS. BUT THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE WAS THAT WE SHOULD

INVESTIGATE OPTIONS WITH OUR COUNTY PARTNERS IN THE COMING MONTHS, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK PEOPLE FINALLY-- MANY PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE GOTTEN IT BEFORE, DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND CHILDCARE IS A KEY, KEY ISSUE. AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND ESPECIALLY THINKING ABOUT OUR OWN EMPLOYEES, IS TO CONTINUE EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATE SCHEDULING. AND ONE AREA THAT CAME UP IN THE REPORT IS THE NEED OF CHILDCARE OPTIONS WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK, AND HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH THAT. SO, TO LOOK FOR THAT. AND WE KNOW, AS YOU ALL KNOW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION IS WANTING TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL COUNTY-RUN CHILDCARE CENTERS. BUT I DO HAVE TO SAY, I THINK WITH THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE TO REVISIT SOME OF WHAT THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WAS LOOKING AT, BECAUSE JUST IN 2017, THERE WAS A NEEDS ASSESSMENT ABOUT CHILDCARE FOR EVERYBODY, NOT JUST THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND AT THAT TIME, THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SHOWED WE NEEDED MORE. AND ACTUALLY, WITH THE PANDEMIC, WE'VE LOST SOME OF OUR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS. SO I DO THINK THAT, AT THIS TIME, WE REALLY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE BARRIERS FOR OUR CURRENT CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, WHO MIGHT HAVE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS: WHAT THEY NEED TO REOPEN, WHAT'S THE FIRST STEPS WE CAN DO TO GET MORE PROVIDERS BACK INTO BUSINESS, AND THEN TO SEE WHAT WE CAN MAYBE EVEN DO ON THE COUNTY SIDE, TO MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT EASIER FOR THEM. AND

THEN, THE OTHER THING I'D STRONGLY SAY IS, I KNOW THE BIDEN AND HARRIS ADMINISTRATION HAS REALLY ANNOUNCED THEIR COMMITMENT TO ELEVATING THE CAREGIVING INDUSTRY. AND SO I THINK, BY REALLY LOOKING AT WHAT OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY IS AROUND THAT, MAKE SURE WE GET THE RESOURCES IN, SO WE CAN AT LEAST BRING BACK WHO WAS GIVING CHILDCARE, AND THEN LOOK HOW WE CAN EXPAND IT. AGAIN, NOT JUST FOR OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BUT FOR THE WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES, WHO IT'S GOING TO BE KEY FOR THEM GETTING BACK TO WORK.

SUP. KUEHL: YEAH, I THINK IT'S AN INTERESTING THING FOR US TO ALSO INCLUDE AS WE LOOK AT SEPARATING OUT WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS A NEW DEPARTMENT, THAT SOMEWHERE IN THAT DEPARTMENT WE MAY WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE. IT WAS INTERESTING TO ME, THE EARLY RECOGNITION THAT, FOR OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO BE ABLE TO SERVE DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, CHILDCARE WAS AN IMMEDIATE NEED.

ABBE LAND: YEAH.

SUP. KUEHL: AND C.A.R.E.S. ACT ACTUALLY RECOGNIZED THAT. THERE'S ALSO A NEW FOCUS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON CHILD WELFARE, AND A RECOGNITION THAT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS NOT JUST ABOUT GETTING MOTHERS TO WORK, BUT ALSO ABOUT HOW GOOD IT IS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES. SO I, OVER THE

NEXT YEAR, THIS YEAR, WANT TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES NOT ONLY, AS YOU SAID, FOR OUR COUNTY WORKERS WHO, AS WE'VE BEEN TALKING ALL DAY, HAVE BEEN DOING ONE HECK OF A JOB THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO FOR OTHERS IN THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WE SERVE THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO MAY HAVE THESE NEEDS. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I COULD TALK A LOT ABOUT ALL OF THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE REPORT, FOR WHICH I'M GRATEFUL, AND OF WHICH I'M VERY PROUD. SO THANK YOU AGAIN. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SURE, THANKS. SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, KUDOS. I'M THRILLED TO JOIN A BOARD WHO HAD THE VISION TO CREATE THIS INITIATIVE TO REALLY FOCUS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS ACROSS THIS COUNTY, AND VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO JOIN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL YESTERDAY. THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION. AND PLEASED TO READ THE REPORT. SO HAPPY TO ADD MY TWO CENTS TO THE CHILDCARE CONVERSATION, WHICH WAS A MAJOR PART OF MY LIFE FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE BEEN HEMORRHAGING, QUITE FRANKLY, CHILDCARE SLOTS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, GOING BACK TO THE STATE'S GREAT RECESSION PRIOR TO C.O.V.I.D.-- C.O.V.I.D. HAS REALLY ONLY EXACERBATED THE PROBLEM-- AND THE COUNTY REALLY CAN PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THAT. SO I'M THRILLED, ABBE, THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU ALL WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK

AT. THE COUNTY ADMINISTERS CHILDCARE CONTRACTS THROUGH RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES, AND ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT AGENCIES LIKE THE ONE I RAN, CRYSTAL STAIRS. AND SO I THINK THAT THERE REALLY ARE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS THAT THE COUNTY CAN BE VERY PROACTIVE IN AIDING AND ABETTING COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND L.A. COUNTY AS A WHOLE, IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING, YOU KNOW, CHILDCARE FROM A CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE, AS WELL AS A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE. MY LAST YEAR, TOO, AT CRYSTAL STAIRS, THE CHILDCARE INDUSTRY WAS THE SECOND AND THIRD INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTY, IN TERMS OF IT BEING A TRUE ECONOMIC ENGINE. NOT SOMETHING PEOPLE ALWAYS CONSIDER OR THINK ABOUT. SO, AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ECONOMIC RESILIENCY, STANDING UP THAT INDUSTRY IS GOING TO BE SO IMPORTANT FROM A VARIETY OF PERSPECTIVES: MAKING SURE WORKING FAMILIES HAVE AN AFFORDABLE, CONVENIENT, RELIABLE PLACE TO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN, THAT IS SAFE, THAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS, AS WELL AS STANDING UP THIS INDUSTRY THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, IN L.A. COUNTY, IS LARGELY WOMEN, TYPICALLY OLDER WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR, WHO STAND IN THE GAP. SO PLEASE KNOW THAT I CONCUR WITH EVERYTHING YOU IDENTIFIED, WAS REALLY PLEASED TO SEE SOME, YOU KNOW, WHAT SOME WOULD CONSIDER OUT-OF-THE-BOX, PROGRESSIVE IDEAS AROUND RESOLUTIONS AROUND SCHEDULES, AND JUST THINKING CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW WE CAN CREATE AN L.A. COUNTY AND BE AN EMPLOYER THAT TRULY SUPPORTS THE NEEDS OF WORKING FAMILIES. SO PLEASE CONSIDER ME A PARTNER. I GOT YOUR BACK ON ALL THINGS

RELATED TO THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE REPORT.

ABBE LAND: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, AND I THINK WE ALL ARE IN THE SAME IDEA OF REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE LIFT UP THIS INDUSTRY THAT I THINK PEOPLE SUDDENLY, NOW, REALLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. ABBE, I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU, TOO, IF I COULD BE SO BOLD JUST TO CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME, BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS, AND ADMIRED YOUR WORK AND ALL THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING FOR US WITH THE INITIATIVE, AND I WAS HAPPY TO JOIN EARLY ON TO HELP CREATE THIS, ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US, AND IT REALLY IS ABOUT EQUITY, AND IT IS ABOUT ENDING DISCRIMINATION IN JUST ABOUT EVERY FACET OF OUR LIVES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. I CONTINUE TO HEAR REPORTS THAT SHOW THAT WOMEN ARE STILL FACED WITH SO MUCH DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE, AND THE FACT THAT WE STILL DON'T MAKE UP ENOUGH OF THE BOARDS IN CORPORATE AMERICA, AS WELL AS IN OUR OWN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, TELLS YOU SOMETHING. AND WE REALLY DO HAVE TO DO MORE WITH MENTORING,

ALLOWING FOR OUR YOUNG GIRLS OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY, TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN SEE THEMSELVES ASPIRING, BECAUSE THERE IS A PLACE FOR THEM TO ALSO BE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, BUT ALSO SUCCEED, EVEN REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND OR WHERE THEIR ZIP CODE IS, AND ALL OF THAT. AND I CONCUR WITH EVERYTHING SAID ABOUT CHILDCARE. I KNOW THAT, FOR MANY OF OUR LATINX FAMILIES, WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF WOMEN THAT HAVE TO STAY HOME, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO PROVIDE CHILDCARE. WE'RE HEARING THAT FROM OUR TEACHERS. WE'RE HEARING IT FROM MOTHERS THAT LOST THEIR JOBS, AND NOW ARE TAKING ON THAT ROLE, AND MAYBE COULD HEAR ABOUT CAREERS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT. I THINK MANY WOULD BE VERY OPEN TO GETTING INFORMATION AND GETTING IN THE QUEUE THERE. SO, ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT WORKING WITH OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAMS, AND W.D.A.C.S., AND EVERYONE THAT'S INVESTED IN THIS. JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, YES, WOMEN HAVE BEEN HIT SO HARD. IT FEELS LIKE THIS PANDEMIC REALLY HURT WOMEN ACROSS THE BOARD. WE LOST MOST OF THE JOBS, AND I KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TAKE A WHILE FOR US TO REPAIR THAT. SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN ALL MOVE FORWARD, AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, MAKING SURE THAT WE GET TO EVERY GROUP THAT WE CAN. AND I KNOW YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB THERE, AND REALLY EXCITED TO KNOW ABOUT MENTORINGSHIP, AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO PUSH THAT PROGRAM OUT IN THE SHORT-TERM, ESPECIALLY HELPING TO CREATE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS HERE WITH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SO, JUST BRIEFLY, CAN

YOU SHARE A TIMELINE FOR SUCH A PROGRAM, AND WHAT YOU THINK'S REQUIRED TO MAKE THE PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL?

ABBE LAND: YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS. AND AS I SAID, I KNOW WE'RE ALL SO MUCH ON THE SAME PAGE, AND OUR STUDY CERTAINLY SHOWS THAT MENTORSHIP DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND, IN FACT, WHEN WE DID THE EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY, AND THEN THE FOCUS GROUP REPORTS, AGAIN, VERY CLEAR THAT IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE TO HAVE MENTORSHIP. AND, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A FORMAL MENTORSHIP, AND THERE'S INFORMAL MENTORSHIP, AND BOTH ARE REALLY NEEDED. THE W.G.I. IS WORKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, WHO'S VERY, VERY COMMITTED TO THIS. AND I WILL SAY IN ALL CANDOR, WITH THE C.O.V.I.D.-19, A COUPLE OF DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE REALLY MOVING FORWARD ON MENTORSHIP HAD TO JUST PUT IT ON HOLD, AS WE WERE DEALING WITH THE CRISIS. BUT, AS WE HEARD FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH FOLKS, WE ARE EMERGING, THOUGH WE STILL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. SO I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT, IN THIS NEXT YEAR, WE'LL BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A FEW DIFFERENT MENTOR PROGRAMS, DO SOME EVALUATION ON IT, AND COME UP WITH A BEST PRACTICES, SO THAT ALL THE DEPARTMENTS CAN BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT A MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THAT WOULD WORK BEST FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. SO, DURING THIS NEXT UPCOMING YEAR, AS WE WORK IN 2021, I HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING BACK TO YOU, SO WHEN WE REPORT ON OUR ANNUAL REPORT NEXT YEAR, I'LL HAVE SOMETHING NICE TO SHOW YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HOLDING THE ITEM. AND, ABBE, AS ALWAYS, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU.

ABBE LAND: THANK YOU, AS WELL.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GO AHEAD. I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T SEE.

SUP. BARGER: I'LL MAKE THIS REALLY QUICK. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, ABBY. I MEAN, WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT C.O.V.I.D., AND THE MEMBERS HAVE HAD TO PIVOT THIS LAST YEAR. AND YOU'VE DONE THAT, AND CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING. AND DESPITE THE CHALLENGES OF THIS VIRUS, YOU'VE SHOWN EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP IN PROVIDING ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR WOMEN, WHICH YOU HIGHLIGHTED, TO SHARE THEIR CHALLENGES AND PROVIDE SUPPORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE ENTIRE COMMISSION FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE REGARDING THIS INITIATIVE. AND I THINK THAT C.O.V.I.D. HAS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED JUST HOW MUCH WORK WE NEED TO DO IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN-- ESPECIALLY THE CHILDCARE ISSUE, I THINK, IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE-- FOR EVEN THOSE THAT CAN GO BACK TO WORK NOW, THAT ACTUALLY ARE FACING THAT CHALLENGE. SO I

JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HOLDING THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ABBE LAND: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND LET ME JUST ALSO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE TERRIFIC APPOINTMENTS THAT YOU HAVE FOR OUR WOMEN'S GOVERNING COUNCIL, BECAUSE CERTAINLY THE WORK IS BEING DONE BECAUSE OF ALL THEIR ENORMOUS EXPERTISE. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THE CARE THAT YOU'VE TAKEN TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE BEST SET OF WOMEN HELPING DRIVE THIS INITIATIVE FORWARD.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU AGAIN. SO, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW, MEMBERS, WE'LL TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 36, AND THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR OFFERED OR REFERRED TO STAFF. BUT I SEE THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY, SO WE'LL MOVE RIGHT INTO ADJOURNMENTS. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE WILL BEGIN HEARING FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF JESSIE MAE RIGGINS. MRS. RIGGINS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES, PASSED AWAY THIS PAST JANUARY, AT THE AGE OF 76. SHE WAS BORN IN ALABAMA AND MOVED TO L.A. IN 1965. SHE MARRIED HER CLASSMATE, CHARLES RIGGINS, AND THEY HAD ONE CHERISHED SON, THERRON. MRS. RIGGINS EXHIBITED ALL THE QUALITIES OF AN EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE TO THE COUNTY. SHE WAS A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AT BROTMAN MEDICAL CENTER IN CULVER CITY BEFORE JOINING L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AS A UNIT SECRETARY. IN 1997, MRS. RIGGINS TOOK HER TALENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS AN INTERMEDIATE BOARD SPECIALIST, FOR 12 FRUITFUL YEARS BEFORE RETIRING IN 2009. MRS. RIGGINS WAS A WOMAN OF FAITH. IN 1980, SHE JOINED UNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT I REPRESENT, UNDER REVEREND BOOKER T. ANDERSON. AS A DEVOTED MEMBER, MRS. RIGGINS SANG ON THE SENIOR CHOIR, ATTENDED BIBLE STUDIES, SERVED AS SECRETARY, TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. IN 2019, SHE JOINED MT. TABOR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE CONTINUED TO WORSHIP UNTIL HER PASSING. SHE LOVED TO COOK, AND HER FAMOUS DISH WAS SWEET LEMON CAKE. HER SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND LOVE FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT AND ITS CONSTITUENTS ARE GREATLY TREASURED. LEAVING TO CHERISH MRS. JESSIE MAE RIGGINS' MEMORY AND

CELEBRATE HER HOMEGOING ARE HER SON THERRON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW TIFFANY, HER NIECE ROBINETTE, COUSINS DANNY, ERIC, SHERRY, PAULINE, SUE, AND AN ABUNDANCE OF OTHER FRIENDS, RELATIVES, AND FORMER COWORKERS. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. NEXT, WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NICOLAS RAMIREZ CRUZ. AFTER FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE FOR FOUR WEEKS IN THE HOSPITAL, HE PASSED AWAY FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19. HE WAS A LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND, RAISED HIS FAMILY IN NORTHRIDGE SINCE 1990, ALWAYS HELPED THOSE AROUND HIM IN NEED. A TRUSTWORTHY, HONEST, AND RESPONSIBLE MAN, WHO IS LOVED AND WILL BE MISSED. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANNA, AND HIS CHILDREN GABRIELA AND EDWIN. AND I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE HONOR OF JOSEPH DOLOBOFF, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 20TH. GRADUATE OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN 1985, HE BECAME A PROMINENT MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS ATTORNEY, CONCENTRATING ON TAX LAW. FORMER DEPUTY TAX LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, AS WELL AS A PARTNER AT SKADDEN ARPS, ERNST & YOUNG, BLANK ROME, AND GLASER WEIL. HE WAS A MUSIC LOVER, AND HIS FAVORITE SONGS WERE "ROOSTER," BY ALICE IN CHAINS, AND "RODEO," BY GARTH BROOKS; OR, AS GARTH WOULD SAY,

"RODEO." HE HAD AN UNMATCHED KNOWLEDGE FOR OBSCURE SONG LYRICS, AND A SOFT SPOT IN HIS HEART FOR CATS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, HIS WIFE ELENA, HIS TWO CHILDREN IVRIA AND DAVID, AND HIS SIBLINGS SUSAN AND FRANNIE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PHILANTHROPIST AND WONDERFUL MAN DAN GREENBERG, WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVES FROM 1966 TO '72; AMONG OTHER THINGS, TEACHING CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AND HOW TO WRITE A WILL. HE SERVED AS CHAIR AND C.E.O. OF THE ELECTRO RENT CORPORATION FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS, UNTIL IT WAS ACQUIRED IN 2016. ALONG WITH HIS TEAM, HE BUILT E.R.-- THAT WAS THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION-- INTO AN INDUSTRY LEADER IN THE LEASING AND RENTAL OF ELECTRONIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS. HE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF REED COLLEGE, SERVING FOR MORE THAN 45 YEARS, AND EIGHT AS CHAIR. HE ALSO SERVED AS TRUSTEE FOR THE SIERRA CLUB LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, THE CRAFT AND FOLK ART MUSEUM, AND THE BROAD STAGE IN SANTA MONICA, AS WELL AS THE N.P.R. FOUNDATION. DAN AND HIS WIFE SUSAN, HERSELF AN ATTORNEY WITH AN EXTENSIVE AND DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE RECORD, FUNDED THE INTERDISCIPLINARY GREENBERG SEMINARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, WHERE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEET IN FACULTY HOMES TO SHARE A MEAL AND TALK ABOUT THE LAW IN A BROAD SOCIETAL CONTEXT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SUSAN STEINHAUSER, AND HIS BROTHER PHIL. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE--

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL, COULD I INTERRUPT? I'M SORRY. I JUST WANT TO JOIN YOU IN RECOGNIZING DAN GREENBERG. SUSAN IS SUCH A GOOD FRIEND, AND BOTH WERE SO SUPPORTIVE OF ME FOR MANY YEARS, SO IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: YES, OF COURSE. PLEASE DO. I'M SURE THAT SUSAN WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, HILDA.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ZELDA MARZEC. ZEE WAS A TRAILBLAZER IN THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROFESSION, OVER A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENT CAREER SPANNING, REALLY, OVER 50 YEARS. SHE WENT TO WORK AT TRANSAMERICA CORPORATION IN 1973, AND BECAME ONE OF THE VERY FIRST FEMALE SENIOR FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. IN 1984, ZEE COFOUNDED HER OWN INVESTMENT ADVISORY FIRM, BRADFORD & MARZEC, AND SPENT THE NEXT 32 YEARS WORKING TIRELESSLY TO DELIVER CONSISTENT INVESTMENT RETURNS FOR HER CLIENTS, MENTORING DOZENS OF YOUNG INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS, AND VOLUNTEERING HER FINANCIAL EXPERTISE TO SEVERAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. ZEE WAS A BELOVED LONGTIME PARISHIONER AT ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SANTA MONICA, AN ACTIVE MEMBER AS A DAME OF THE ORDER OF MALTA, AND ACTIVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CARUSO CATHOLIC CENTER AT

U.S.C. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON KARL, AND HER DAUGHTER KRISTINA. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT HER, AS WELL.

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR LETTING ME JOIN YOU WITH THIS ADJOURNMENT. ZEE WAS A DEAR FRIEND, AND SHE REALLY LOVED HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND THEY LOVED HER BACK. I MEAN, SHE ALSO LOVED LOS ANGELES, AS YOU MENTIONED. AN ACTIVE MEMBER AT ST. MONICA'S CHURCH. HER GENEROSITY THROUGH ALL CHARITIES MADE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND SHE REALLY WAS A TRAILBLAZER. SHE REALLY WAS IN AN INDUSTRY THAT WAS NOT WELL REPRESENTED BY WOMEN. AND SHE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE MENTORED AND PROVIDED LEADERSHIP, SO THAT OTHERS COULD JOIN INTO THIS, INTO THE FIELD OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD, IN ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT, ASSET MANAGEMENT FIELD. SO, MY HEART IS SAD AND HEAVY, BUT I KNOW SHE IS AT PEACE NOW, AND JUST AN AMAZING WOMAN. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MORTENSEN. BILL'S STORIED BANKING CAREER BEGAN WAY BACK IN 1957, WHEN HE WAS AN APPRAISER AT FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS, WHICH WAS LATER CALLED FIRST FEDERAL BANK. HE THEN BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY IN 1969, SERVED AS ITS C.E.O. AND CHAIRMAN UNTIL HIS

RETIREMENT IN 1997. SO, ALMOST 30 YEARS. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA JAYCEES AND THE SANTA MONICA BOYS CLUB, SERVED ON COUNTLESS OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. RECEIVED MANY HONORS, INCLUDING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE SANTA MONICA JAYCEES, DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD FROM THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, THE BROTHERHOOD AND HUMANITARIAN AWARDS FROM THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, THE GOLD MEDALLION AWARD FROM THE BOYS CLUB OF AMERICA, AND THE CARDINAL'S AWARD FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. HE WAS AN EARLY SUPPORTER OF TEACH FOR AMERICA. HE REALLY BELIEVED EDUCATION WAS IMPORTANT, AND HE AND HIS WIFE NANCY WERE GENEROUS AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORTERS OF EDUCATION AT S.C., AT PEPPERDINE, AT L.M.U., MARYMOUNT HIGH, SANTA MONICA HIGH, LOYOLA HIGH, WASHINGTON HIGH, ST. MONICA HIGH SCHOOL, AND ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, MARY, ANNE, TOM, DAVID, AND PETER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KIM TYLER, WHO WAS BORN IN 1954 IN HOLLYWOOD. WORKED AS A CHILD ACTOR AT M.G.M. AND WARNER BROS. INTO HIS TEENS. BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ROLES IN "PLEASE DON'T EAT THE DAISIES" AND "THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE & HARRIET," HE ALSO APPEARED IN "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW," "HAZEL," "THE ADDAMS FAMILY," "MY FAVORITE MARTIAN," AND MANY OTHERS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MICHELLE. AND LASTLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GLORIA WERNER, U.C.L.A. UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, WHO DIED ON MARCH 5TH.

SHE ARRIVED ON U.C.L.A.'S CAMPUS IN 1962, HER GRADUATE TRAINING IN MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP, AND ROSE FROM A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN TO BIOMEDICAL LIBRARIAN, AND THEN ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN IN 1979. IN 1990, SHE SUCCEEDED RUSSELL SHANK AS THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN. DURING HER CAREER, SHE WAS A CONSULTANT TO MANY OTHER LIBRARIES IN AMERICA AND IN ASIA, SERVED ON UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION TEAMS, AND EDITED THE JOURNAL OF MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. IN 1996 AND '97, SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES, FOCUSING ON COPYRIGHTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. AND FOLLOWING HER 2002 RETIREMENT, SHE CONTINUED TO TREASURE HER TIES TO U.C.L.A., SERVING AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE GOLD SHIELD ALUMNAE, AND ON THE U.C.L.A. BOARD OF WOMEN AND PHILANTHROPY. SHE ALSO MAINTAINED TIES TO THE GRUNWALD CENTER FOR THE GRAPHIC ARTS IN THE HAMMER MUSEUM, FOR WHICH WERNER AND HER HUSBAND, NEWTON, WERE DONORS FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS HONORED BY THE UNIVERSITY IN 2013 WITH THE U.C.L.A. UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD FOR HER OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON ADAM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHRISTINE STRASSHOFER. SHE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 92 YEARS OLD. ALMOST EVERYONE IN SAN PEDRO, IN THE HARBOR AREA, WOULD RECOGNIZE CHRIS & SONS T.V. AND APPLIANCES, WHICH WAS HERE FOR OVER 60 YEARS. CHRIS WAS THE PROUD OWNER OF THAT. SHE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SHE WAS VERY WELL KNOWN IN THIS COMMUNITY. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND JOHN, AND HER TWO SONS, JIM AND BUTCH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON TOMMY, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND NUMEROUS GREAT- AND GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PATRICIA TORRES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. SHE WAS THE AUNT OF MY SISTER-IN-LAW MICHELLE HAHN, AND WAS MARRIED TO HER HUSBAND TOM FOR 55 YEARS. SHE WAS WITTY, KIND. SHE WAS A LOVING WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER TO FOUR. SHE WAS AN AUNT AND A FRIEND, AND ACCORDING TO MICHELLE, SHE WAS THE ROCK IN THAT FAMILY. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE DR. GODFREY PERNELL, WHO WAS 98 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ROLLING HILLS. THE OLDEST SON OF RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS, DR. PERNELL WAS THE QUINTESSENTIAL FIRST-GENERATION SUCCESS STORY. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE PRACTICED DENTISTRY AS A NAVY LIEUTENANT. AND AFTER THE WAR, HE AND HIS WIFE SETTLED IN ROLLING HILLS, WHERE THEY RAISED A FAMILY AND

WERE ACTIVE IN SOCIAL AND CIVIC LIFE. DR. PERNELL WAS A MEMBER OF THE ROLLING HILLS CITY COUNCIL, AND SERVED MULTIPLE TERMS AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY. DR. PERNELL WAS A LIFELONG PROGRESSIVE, WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION. HE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF LABOR UNIONS, AND CREATED THE FIRST PREPAID DENTAL PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY IN 1954, PROVIDING AFFORDABLE DENTAL CARE TO UNION WORKERS. AFTER HE RETIRED IN HIS 90S, HE HELPED CREATE A LOCAL PRESCHOOL AT THE PACIFIC UNITARIAN CHURCH. HE WAS A MENTOR TO MANY, AND GENEROUS WITH THOSE IN NEED. DR. PERNELL WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE BEVERLY, AND HIS DAUGHTER DEANNE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, GARY, WAYNE, AND JEFF; 11 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 5 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALLAN JOHNSON, WHO WAS A BELOVED RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, AND HE PASSED AWAY JUST DAYS BEFORE HIS 83RD BIRTHDAY. ALLAN WAS THE OWNER OF TALLY HO MARINE SALVAGE AND DECOR FOR CLOSE TO 50 YEARS. IT WAS A UNIQUE BUSINESS THAT HE STARTED WHEN HE REALIZED THAT THERE WERE USES FOR FISHING NETS LONG AFTER THEY WERE DONE BEING USED TO CATCH FISH. AND WITH THE HELP OF HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR FRIENDS, HE PACKAGED AND SOLD WHAT HE CALLED "LUAU KITS," MADE UP OF FISH NETTING, SEASHELLS, AND A HAWAIIAN LEI. HE ALSO USED THE NETTING TO BUILD GOLF NETS AND BATTING CAGES. THROUGH THE YEARS, HIS COLLECTION GREW TO INCLUDE ALL THINGS NAUTICAL, INCLUDING BUOYS, ANCHORS, AND BOATS. ALLAN DECORATED EVERYTHING FROM

KIDS' BIRTHDAY PARTIES TO HOLLYWOOD MOVIE SETS WITH THE TREASURES HE COLLECTED. HE ALWAYS SAID THE TALLY HO WAS HIS DREAM JOB, BECAUSE EVERY DAY WAS DIFFERENT, AND HE GOT TO WEAR SHORTS AND A T-SHIRT TO WORK. ALLAN WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CABRILLO BEACH BOOSTERS, AND WAS PROUD OF HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CLUB'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING CARRYING ON THE TRADITION OF THE JOHN OLGUIN FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW, THE RESTORATION OF THE ANGEL'S GATE LIGHTHOUSE, AND THE CREATION OF THE ANNUAL ALLAN JOHNSON BATTLE OF THE BEACH, A FRIENDLY COMPETITION BETWEEN JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS. ALLAN LIVED WITH AND DIED FROM LUNG DISEASE, BROUGHT ON BY THE TOXINS IN THE ENVIRONMENT. HE NEITHER BLAMED NOR COMPLAINED, AND LIVED UNTIL THE VERY END WITH STRENGTH, COURAGE, AND AN OPTIMISTIC ATTITUDE. HE WOULD OFTEN SAY, "I'VE HAD A GREAT LIFE," AND INDEED HE DID. ALLAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANNIE, CHILDREN CLIFF, MIKE, AND SUE, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF DAVID BAKER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS BORN IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND GRADUATED FROM FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL AND PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. AFTER SERVING IN THE KOREAN WAR AS A

U.S. MARINE, HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SCIENCE, AND A GRADUATE DEGREE IN EDUCATION. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1952, AS A TEACHER, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE FIRST PRINCIPAL OF SIERRA VISTA JUNIOR HIGH. HE SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, RETURNING TO HART AS A SUPERINTENDENT FROM 1969 TO 1973. HE TAUGHT MATH AT PALMDALE HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE TEACHERS UNION. HE BECAME AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, WHERE HE TAUGHT FINANCE CLASSES UNTIL HE WAS 80. HE THEN RETURNED TO THE CLASSROOM FOR FIVE YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER MATH AND SCIENCE TUTOR AT CANYON HIGH AND RIO NORTE JUNIOR HIGH. HE LEFT AN ENDEARING CONTRIBUTION AND LEGACY TO EDUCATION, FOR WHICH HE WILL BE REMEMBERED. DAVE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE RUTH AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS, CHERYL AND RHENA. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BETTE BIERS KRAMER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GRANADA HILLS. SHE GREW UP IN MICHIGAN, AND ATTENDED MONROE HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE SHE STOOD OUT AS AN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT, CHEERLEADER, AND DANCER. SHE WENT ON TO DANCE PROFESSIONALLY THROUGHOUT HER 20S, AND IT TOOK THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CLOSURE OF VENUES TO END HER LIFELONG PASSION FOR THE DANCE FLOOR. BETTE WAS AN EXTREMELY ADEPT ADMINISTRATOR AND TALENTED COMPUTER USER. SHE TAUGHT COMPUTER SKILLS AS A TUTOR FOR OVER 25 YEARS, INCLUDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA. BETTE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND DID ALL SHE COULD MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE. SHE SERVED AS SECRETARY FOR BOTH THE UNITED COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS, AND THE OLD GRANADA HILLS RESIDENTS GROUP; WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GRANADA HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE GRANADA HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. HER LEADERSHIP RESULTED IN THE STREET FAIR AND THE ANNUAL PARADE IN GRANADA HILLS, BETWEEN 2018 AND 2019. BETTE ALWAYS SAID, "KEEP THE GOOD THOUGHTS." IT WAS HER WAY OF WISHING EVERYONE WELL, AND ALWAYS LOOKING AT THE WORLD IN THE MOST POSITIVE LIGHT. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, BARRY AND BUMPER, AND HER THREE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LAWRENCE CALVIN "MONTY" MONTGOMERY, A SUCCESSFUL ENGINEER AND LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 14TH AT THE AGE OF 94. BORN AND RAISED IN TEXAS, MONTY ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ON A FULL SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP, WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. IN 1945, HE ENLISTED IN THE NAVY, AND SERVED PROUDLY FOR TWO YEARS. WHILE IN DAYTON, OHIO, TRAINING AS AN ENGINEER, HE EXPERIENCED LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH ANNE HAYES. WITHIN THREE MONTHS, THEY WERE MARRIED. IN 1955, MONTY ACCEPTED A JOB WITH J.P.L., JET PROPULSION LABORATORY, AND MOVED TO PASADENA. HE WAS LATER ASKED TO CREATE AND HEAD THE SYSTEMS SAFETY OFFICE, AND IN THIS ROLE, HE WROTE THE MANUAL FOR SAFETY THAT IS FOLLOWED TO THIS DAY. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS

COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS DURING HIS 38 YEARS AT J.P.L. MONTY'S JOY WAS FOUND WITH HIS BELOVED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WHETHER IT WAS ON THE TENNIS COURT, IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD WHILE PLAYING BRIDGE, ON HIS WORLD TRAVELS WITH ANNE, OR IN HIS CHURCH ACTIVITIES, MONTY ALWAYS ENJOYED HAVING DEAR FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW ONES. HE WAS ALSO AN AVID INVENTOR IN HIS FREE TIME. MONTY'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF MORE THAN 68 YEARS, ANNE; HIS THREE CHILDREN, MARC, KEVIN, AND MELISSA; HIS SEVEN GRANDKIDS; AND 11 GREAT-GRANDKIDS. ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN NEWHALL, A FORMER RESIDENT OF NEWHALL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. JON WAS BORN IN PALO ALTO, ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN CARPINTERIA, AND GRADUATED FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. AFTER GRADUATING, HE MOVED TO NEWHALL, WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY HIS GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER, GOLD-RUSH PIONEER HENRY MAYO NEWHALL. HE JOINED THE STAFF OF THE SIGNAL, WHICH WAS OWNED BY HIS PARENTS, WHERE HE SERVED AS EDITOR AND GENERAL MANAGER. DURING HIS TENURE, THE EDITORIAL STANCE CHANGED, AND IT CONFORMED WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY. HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE GREATER LOS ANGELES PRESS CLUB WITH THEIR TOP AWARD, FOR AN EDITORIAL HE AUTHORED IN 1969. IN THE 1970S, JOHN FOUNDED ZODIAC NEWS SERVICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, WITH THE MISSION TO PROVIDE RELIABLE REPORTING, PRODUCED ACCORDING TO JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS, TO COVER CIVIL RIGHTS, THE ENVIRONMENT, ANTI-VIETNAM WAR PROTESTS, ROCK-AND-ROLL MUSIC, AND COUNTERCULTURE

NEWS. IN THE 1980S, HE ENTERED THE COMPUTER FIELD, WHERE HE BECAME A SOFTWARE ENGINEER AND PROJECT MANAGER FOR BAY AREA COMPANIES. IN RETIREMENT, HE BEGAN WRITING POLITICAL THRILLER NOVELS. HE ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO SUPPORT HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY. HE HELPED ORGANIZE THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE FAMILY-BASED HENRY MAYO NEWHALL FOUNDATION, WHERE HE OVERSAW ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS A LIFELONG CHESS PLAYER WHO COMPETED IN THE U.S. OPEN AND THE NATIONAL OPEN. JON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BARBARA, HIS CHILDREN PETER AND CHRISTINA, HIS BROTHER SKIP, AND HIS TWIN BROTHER TONY. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARGARET SEDENQUIST, A TRAILBLAZER, ENTREPRENEUR, COMMUNITY LEADER, PHILANTHROPIST, AND PROUD PASADENA RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 9TH. GROWING UP ON A CATTLE RANCH NEAR DOUGLAS, WYOMING, TAUGHT HER SELF-SUFFICIENCY, LOVE OF FAMILY, AND THE WONDERS OF TEAMWORK. SHE RECEIVED A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, AND WHILE WORKING AS A SCHOOLTEACHER, SHE MET FUTURE HUSBAND CHARLES SEDENQUIST, AN ENGINEER IN THE OIL INDUSTRY. CHARLES ACCEPTED A JOB OFFER IN 1964, AND THE COUPLE LEFT WYOMING FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MARGARET ENTERED THE REAL-ESTATE BUSINESS AND EXCELLED, FIRST AS A RESIDENTIAL REALTOR, AND LATER EXPANDED INTO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, WHERE SHE FACILITATED COMPLEX 1031 EXCHANGES. SHE WENT ON TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF EXCHANGE

COUNSELORS, PASADENA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE, AND A BOARD MEMBER ON THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. AS AN ENTREPRENEUR, SHE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE FOOTHILL APARTMENT ASSOCIATION AND MOHAWK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, AND COFOUNDER OF COMMERCIAL PACIFIC SAVINGS BANK IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA. DESCRIBED BY HER FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AS A VISIONARY, A CLEAR AND COMPASSIONATE THINKER, AND A ROLE MODEL FOR SHOWING UP AND GETTING THINGS DONE, MARGARET SERVED ON A WIDE VARIETY OF FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, FOR WHICH SHE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS. THESE INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FIVE ACRES BOARD CHAIR, Y.W.C.A. PASADENA-FOOTHILL VALLEY PRESIDENT, AMONG OTHERS. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE REOPENED AFTER 17 YEARS OF CLOSURE. IN ADDITION TO HER CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS, SHE SERVED THE CITY OF PASADENA AS A MEMBER ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, ENDOWMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND PASADENA CITY HALL RESTORATION FINANCE COMMITTEE. SHE WAS ALSO HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH. HER YOUTHFUL, FUN-LOVING SPIRIT, SHARP WIT, AND AMAZING ENERGY, HER LOVE FOR ENTERTAINING AND HAVING FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN HER HOME, HER DEEP LOVE FOR HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, SIBLINGS, NEPHEWS, NIECES, GENERATIONS OF COUSINS, AND HER LOVE FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN MARK, DANIEL, AND DIANA, HER FIVE

GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATHY STEVENS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT HER FAMILY HOME IN PASADENA ON FEBRUARY 24TH. KATHY MOVED TO SANTA ROSA AFTER GRADUATING FROM DOMINICAN COLLEGE IN SAN RAFAEL. SHE INFLUENCED COUNTLESS LIVES, WHERE SHE WAS A WIFE, MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER, FRIEND, COUSIN, AND TEACHER. AT STRAWBERRY AND YULUPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, KATHY TAUGHT MULTIPLE GENERATIONS, AND LEFT ALL HER STUDENTS AN IMPRINT OF POSITIVITY AND JOY. KATHY MET HER HUSBAND TOM STEVENS, A LONGTIME SANTA ROSA RESIDENT, IN 1964, AND THEY MARRIED IN 1965. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH COMMUNITY. SHE SERVED FOR DECADES AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR, AND ADVOCATED FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE CHURCH, AND INCREASING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ITS LEADERSHIP. KATHY CHALLENGED ALL HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY EVERY DAY TO APPRECIATE EACH OTHER, BE KIND, AND SEE THE BEAUTY IN EVERYONE. KATHY'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN LISA, BRIAN, AND DAN, AND THEIR SPOUSES, AS WELL AS SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, AND NEPHEWS. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: EDWARD ALLEN COLVIN, NAVY. JAMES ESTERLINE, ARMY. WILLIAM

RAYMOND FLAGG, MARINE CORPS. GATES MICHAEL RAY, ARMY. PAUL EDWARD GENTRY, ARMY. DANIEL HERNANDEZ, ARMY. JEFFREY AARON MARTIN, NAVY. OWEN EDWARD MARTIN, NAVY. GREGORY VINCENT MORGAN, ARMY, MICHAEL EARL PARKHURST, NAVY. LLOYD MARVIN PERRIN, MARINE CORPS. JOHN KEVIN PRIMICERIO, NAVY. RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, ARMY. FRANK ROMERO, ARMY. DAVID KENT SMITH, AIR FORCE. WILLIAM SNOW, AIR FORCE. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCISCA P. OCHOA. SHE WAS BORN IN BRONX, NEW YORK, AND MOVED TO LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, WITH HER FAMILY AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. AS A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT, SHE ATTENDED MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AND CAL STATE LOS ANGELES DURING THE TIME WHEN CALIFORNIA WAS EXPANDING LOW-COST HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WORKING PEOPLE. WITH HER B.A. IN LITERATURE, FRANCISCA DEDICATED NEARLY 40 YEARS TO TEACHING AT LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL AND SPARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL, EVEN HAVING MULTIPLE GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES IN HER CLASSES. MANY STUDENTS REMEMBER HER FOR BRINGING JOY TO LITERATURE, AND HER FIERCE ADVOCACY FOR WORKING-CLASS AND SPANISH-SPEAKING STUDENTS. AFTER RETIRING FROM TEACHING IN 2008, SHE REMAINED COMMITTED TO EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION, OFTEN BY PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL DEMONSTRATIONS

AND OTHER EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS, WORKERS, MEDICARE FOR ALL, BLACK LIVES MATTER, AND ETHNIC STUDIES. DURING THE PANDEMIC, SHE FOUND PLEASURE IN STAYING HOME. SHE ENJOYED GARDENING, READING, PLAYING CROSSWORD GAMES, AND BEGAN TAKING VIRTUAL ZUMBA CLASSES. HOWEVER, TRAGICALLY, FIVE DAYS BEFORE HER VACCINATION APPOINTMENT AT THE POMONA FAIRPLEX, SHE BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND ULTIMATELY SUCCUMBED TO THE ILLNESS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER LIFE PARTNER JESSE HENDERSON, CHILDREN ENRIQUE AND GILDA, WHO IS A PROFESSOR AT POMONA COLLEGE, JULIE AND EDUARDO, HER GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I DO WANT TO SAY I KNEW HER BECAUSE SHE WAS ONE OF MY TEACHERS AT SPARKS JUNIOR HIGH, AS WELL AS LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL, AND MANY PEOPLE HAD COME TO KNOW HER IN MY FAMILY. THEY WERE TAUGHT BY HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MY LAST ADJOURNMENT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDA LOUISE LUNA. SHE WAS A FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF MINE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. BORN IN LOS ANGELES AND RAISED IN MONTEBELLO, LINDA WAS A KIND SOUL WHO WAS ALSO A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR HER COMMUNITY. SHE WORKED FOR PACIFIC BELL, WHERE SHE BECAME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HER UNION, THE C.W.A. LINDA ORGANIZED AND EVEN NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS FOR HER LOCAL UNION. SHE THEN WENT BACK TO SCHOOL, EARNING A DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS. LINDA INDEED HAD A HEART OF GOLD. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH SO MANY ACTIVIST

CAUSES AND CAMPAIGNS FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MY OWN. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND LEONARD, AND A WHOLE HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE TODAY. WE WILL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR MARCH 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.

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

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors March 23, 2021, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of March 2021, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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