



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, ON PAGE 182]

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

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PRESENT.

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

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** PRESENT.

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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9 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE ARE
17 TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 1,048 WRITTEN
19 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
20 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
21 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
22 ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
23 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
24 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 AGENDA.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, MADAM
3 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON
4 PAGE TWO, SET MATTER, 10:30AM. ITEM S1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE
5 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE
6 HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS
7 IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
8 AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 4, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 ITEMS 1-20, ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
10 BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
12 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 15, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
13 ITEMS 21-57. ON ITEM 21, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
14 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 22ND, 2021. ON ITEM 42,
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
16 34, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
17 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUEST FOR
19 CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK THROUGH 55E ARE
20 BEFORE YOU.

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

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 35, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
2 ITEM 58, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 32. ON PAGE 36, NOTICES FOR
3 CLOSED SESSION. ON PAGE 39, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS
4 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON
5 ITEM A7, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD TO
6 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
7 RELATED TO IMMIGRATION POLICIES. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
8 THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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

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

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

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1 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
2 THE QUEUE. GUSTAVO HERRERA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
3 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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6 **GUSTAVO HERRERA:** ITEM 17.

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

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10 **GUSTAVO HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF
11 THE BOARD. HAPPY ARTS MONTH. MY NAME IS GUSTAVO HERRERA,
12 DIRECTOR OF ARTS FOR L.A. WE REPRESENT A NETWORK OF 70,00 ARTS
13 ADVOCATES AND 150 ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. I'M HERE
14 TODAY TO URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 17, WHICH PROCLAIMS
15 APRIL AS ARTS MONTH AND WILL BEGIN THE EXPANSION OF THE
16 COMMUNITY IMPACT ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM, C.I.A.G. C.I.A.G. IS
17 VITAL TO ADVANCING CULTURAL EQUITY ACROSS THE REGION.
18 INVESTING IN THIS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND OVER 40
19 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
20 SUPPORT FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
21 MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC. VOTING YES ON C.I.A.G. IS A
22 STEP FORWARD FOR L.A. COUNTY TOWARD BUILDING MORE JUST
23 CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CENTERS RACIAL AND ECONOMIC
24 EQUITY IN OUR RECOVERY. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO CHAMPION
25 EQUITABLE ACTORS FOR THE ARTS BY MEANINGFULLY INCLUDING THEM

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1 IN THE UPCOMING STIMULUS SPENDING BILL AS WELL AS ALL OTHER
2 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVES. THANK YOU AND HAPPY ARTS
3 MONTH TO YOU ALL.

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

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

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11 **ELLEN GESEY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELLEN GESEY, AND I'M A RESIDENT
12 OF DISTRICT 5, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 42, 55A,
13 55C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH REGARDS TO 42, I CANNOT
14 STATE HOW STRONGLY I OPPOSE THIS ITEM, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
15 POINT OUT THAT THE DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS FOR 2019
16 TO 2020 ALSO IGNORES THE CONFOUNDING FACTOR OF COVID-19. THIS
17 REPORT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE SIGNIFICANT DROP IN JAIL
18 POPULATION THAT CAME AS A RESULT OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND
19 ADVOCACY EFFORTS. CONSIDERING THAT THE LOS ANGELES JAIL
20 POPULATION DECREASED ABOUT 20 TO 30 PERCENT ONCE THE PANDEMIC
21 HIT, THE DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS IS ALMOST EXACTLY
22 PROPORTIONAL TO THE DECREASE IN JAIL POPULATION. THIS SHOWS
23 VERY CLEARLY THAT ATTEMPTS TO DEESCALATE -- AT DEESCALATION
24 AND FORCE MITIGATION TRAINING HAD VERY LITTLE ACTUAL IMPACT
25 AND THAT THE DECREASE IN INCIDENTS CAN ALMOST ENTIRELY BE

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1 ATTRIBUTED TO A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR L.A. S.D.
2 TO TERRORIZE INSIDE THE PRISONS. WITH REGARDS TO 55A, I ALSO
3 OPPOSE THIS. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE PEOPLE MOST VULNERABLE TO
4 CAMERA SURVEILLANCE ARE OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. WE CANNOT
5 ESCAPE THE VIEW THAT THESE CAMERAS IN THE PLACES THEY LIVE AND
6 TRAVEL. L.A.S.D. AND L.A.P.D. FREQUENTLY USE SURVEILLANCE LIKE
7 THIS TO CRIMINALIZE UNHOUSED PEOPLE, OFTEN VIA THE COUNTY'S
8 L.A.C.R.I.S. FACIAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM. IN REGARDS TO AGENDA
9 55C, I AM VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THIS, NO TENTATIVELY IN
10 FAVOR OF THIS, BECAUSE THERE'S A COUPLE PROBLEMS, BUT THANK
11 YOU, BARGER, FOR BRINGING SOMETHING THAT WILL MOVE US FORWARD.
12 MARGINALIZED YOUTH ARE ONE OF MANY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
13 AFFECTED BY CARCERAL SYSTEMS. IN ADDITION TO REIMAGINING THE
14 CHALLENGER CAMP, THE BOARD SHOULD INVEST IN COMMUNITY-LED
15 A.T.I. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. WHEN THE BOARD ADOPTED
16 AN A.T.I. VISION FOR LOS ANGELES, THEY PROMISED TO INVEST IN
17 CARE OVER CAGES. THAT MEANS --

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS
20 YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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22 **ELLEN GESEY:** THIS CANNOT HAPPEN ONE PROJECT AT A TIME, AND
23 THAT LEADS ME DIRECTLY INTO MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH
24 IS TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J. WE WANT THESE SERVICES. WE NEED
25 THESE SERVICES. WE WERE PROMISED THESE SERVICES. WE VOTED FOR

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1 MEASURE J. WE VOTED FOR IT TO BE FUNDED BECAUSE WE WANT TO SEE
2 A MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN L.A. COUNTY, A REAL AND TRUE
3 REIMAGINING OF WHAT THESE SYSTEMS CAN BE IF WE REBUILT THEM
4 FROM THE GROUND UP INTO SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT AND CARE, THAT DO
5 NOT PRIORITIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS AND THAT DO NOT ALLOW THE
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO TERRORIZE US.
7 THANK YOU.

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

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

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE HAVE MICHELLE KING. PLEASE STATE THE
18 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
19 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **MICHELLE KING:** YES, YOU CAN HEAR ME?

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

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1 **MICHELLE KING:** THANK YOU, I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE,
2 SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 55C. I OPPOSE 42 AND 55A. I WOULD
3 LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS AN L.A. COUNTY
4 RESIDENT, I'M APPALLED BY THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN A REPORT
5 FROM L.A.S.D. TO THE BOARD. IT IS DISTURBING TO LISTEN TO
6 THEM BRAG THAT THEIR USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS HAVE DECREASED
7 FROM 2019 TO '20. 28 PERCENT IS NOT IMPRESSIVE OR SOMETHING TO
8 APPLAUD. LIKE OTHER ANGELENOS, I WANT JAILS CLOSED AND
9 COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAFE FROM L.A.S.D. VIOLENCE, NOT SLIGHTY
10 LESS LIKELY TO FACE IT WHILE INCARCERATED. THIS REPORT
11 SHOWCASES HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT CANNOT BE REFORMED. OUR
12 COMMUNITY WILL BE MORE SAFE WHEN L.A.S.D. DOES NOT HAVE THE
13 POWER AND IMPUNITY TO USE FORCE AGAINST ANYONE.
14 UNSURPRISINGLY, THE DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE IGNORES COVID-19,
15 JUST LIKE L.A.S.D., WHO REFUSE TO WEAR MASKS AND ARE THE
16 LARGEST SUPERSPREADERS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE JAIL POPULATION
17 DECREASED BY 20 TO 30 PERCENT ONCE THE PANDEMIC HIT SHOWING
18 THAT THIS IS EXACTLY THE DECREASE OF USE OF FORCE INSTANCES,
19 PROPORTIONAL TO THE DECREASE IN JAIL POPULATION. ATTEMPTS AT
20 DEESCALATION AND FORCE MITIGATION TRAINING HAD VERY LITTLE
21 ACTUAL IMPACT. IT IS ENTIRELY DUE TO COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION
22 THAT CAUSED JAIL POPULATIONS TO DECREASE. HOW MANY MORE
23 REPORTS DO WE HAVE TO HEAR FROM ALEX VILLANUEVA AS HE EXPLAINS
24 AWAY THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THAT HIS DEPUTIES HAVE
25 INFLICTED ON L.A.? HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO WE HAVE TO SIT AND

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1 LISTEN TO L.A.S.D. TALK ABOUT THEIR INSUFFICIENT ATTEMPTS AT
2 TRAINING AND REFORM WHEN THE SOLUTION IS CLEAR? HOW MANY MORE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES VILLANUEVA NEED TO THREATEN BEFORE
4 WE ACT? FORCE MITIGATION AND ETHICS TRAINING ARE BAND AID
5 SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF CARCERAL HARM. THE PROBLEM IS
6 L.A.S.D. THEMSELVES ARE A VIOLENT CARCERAL INSTITUTION THAT
7 PROFITS OFF THE INCARCERATION OF BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES.
8 NO AMOUNT OF HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPTS AT FORCE MITIGATION OR
9 PRESENTATIONS FROM THE SHERIFF WILL FIX THIS. IT IS TIME TO
10 SHUT DOWN DOWNTOWN JAILS. IT'S TIME FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE GOOD
11 ON THEIR PROMISE TO CLOSE DOWN CAGES AND CARE FOR OUR
12 COMMUNITIES. TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION ANY LONGER IS TO ACCEPT
13 THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS, TO ACCEPT RACIAL DISPARITIES, AND TO
14 WAREHOUSING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN JAILS. I
15 AM CALLING ON THE BOARD TO FULFILL ITS PROMISE OF A CARE FIRST
16 L.A. COUNTY BY IMMEDIATELY AND FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J,
17 EXPANDING FUNDING FOR O.D.R., AND TAKING DECISIVE ACTION IN
18 CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

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

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23 **MICHELLE KING:** IT IS BETWEEN \$360 AND \$900 MILLION. ALLOCATING
24 A MEASLY 100 MILLION IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS A
25 DANGEROUS PRECEDENT TO CUT CORNERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AND

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1 CARE DURING A PANDEMIC. 10 PERCENT IS A FLOOR NOT THE CEILING,
2 ALLOCATING ANY LESS IS A FAILURE BY THE C.E.O. THE COUNTY TO
3 RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY. THE BOARD MUST TAKE THE
4 SAME DECISIVE ACTIONS TOWARDS THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL. IN
5 JULY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTED A REPORT DETAILING
6 THE PATHWAY TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN A YEAR. NOW
7 THERE IS A PLAN. THE COUNTY MUST ACT. THERE'S NO NEED FOR NEW
8 DATA OR RESULTS WHEN COMMUNITIES HAVE DEDICATED YEARS IN
9 CREATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANS TO CLOSE M.C.J. AND FORMED
10 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. WORKGROUPS HAVE NAMED THE NUMBER
11 OF BEDS NEEDED, BUDGETS, AND FUNDING SOURCES. THEY'VE NAMED
12 WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN COURTS, IN THE JAILS, AND IN COMMUNITY.
13 THE (INAUDIBLE) REPORT CONTAINS OVER 114 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND
14 IT WAS PUBLISHED LAST YEAR. NOW, WE HAVE THE L.A. COUNTY
15 M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT AND THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE J. I CALL ON
16 THE COUNTY TO STOP WASTING TIME AND DO THE RIGHT THING.

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

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

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1 **JOSEPH CHENG:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM
2 5, MADAM PRESIDENT AND THE SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING. MY
3 NAME IS JOSEPH CHENG. I'M A RESIDENT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR
4 ALMOST 45 YEARS. I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS DIFFICULT
5 SITUATION BEFORE. I BELIEVE THIS ALL STARTED IN THE BEGINNING
6 OF THE PANDEMIC LAST YEAR. I (INDISCERNIBLE) LEAVE THE HOUSE
7 AND IN THE BACKYARD OF THIS FAMILY, CONSTANTLY THROWING THE
8 TRASH IN THE BACKYARD AND ALSO VERY HARSH LANGUAGE TOWARD THEM
9 BECAUSE SIMPLY THEY ARE CHINESE COUPLES. AND THEY SHOUT AT
10 THEM, "GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY." AND THOSE COUPLES ARE SCARED
11 IN THAT HOUSE. AND ALSO WE HAVE ASIAN-AMERICAN TEACHERS IN THE
12 SCHOOL CONFRONT A FEW STUDENTS. THEY LOUDLY ASK THOSE TEACHERS
13 TO GO BACK TO THEIR COUNTRIES. THERE'S ALSO ASIAN PARENTS AND
14 ASIAN-AMERICAN PARENTS, AND SHE COULDN'T SEND HER --

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

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

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23 **LORI ARCHIE:** HI, THIS IS LORI ARCHIE. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM IN JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT. I CALL IN
25 EVERY WEEK. I'M THE MOM OF TWO TODDLER BOYS THAT CANNOT OCCUPY

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1 HER OWN HOUSE DUE TO THE MORATORIUM. TODAY MARKS ABOUT 70 DAYS
2 OF BEING HOMELESS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HOW YOU CAN
3 HELP MY SITUATION, AND CHANGE THE MORATORIUM IS THE ONLY HOPE
4 FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. THE TENANT DID NOT RESPOND BACK TO THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS REQUEST FOR MEDIATION. LAST,
6 WEEK I TRIED TO REPAIR SOME SAFETY THINGS MENTIONED ON THE
7 INSPECTION REPORT AND A LEAKY ROOF. HE DENIED ME ENTRY. I'M
8 HOPING AT SOME POINT THE DENIAL OF ENTRY CAN CHANGE AS WELL,
9 AS THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT COULD BE DAMAGING PROPERTY,
10 AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS SINGLE HIGH INCOME GUY TO DENY
11 ME ENTRY WHEN WE WERE ALL WEARING MASKS. IT'S GETTING
12 INCREASINGLY TOUGH TO FIND PLACES TO STAY WITH SPRING BREAK
13 AND SUMMER, NOT TO MENTION THE FINANCIAL STRAIN ON US. I
14 APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN ANY WAY, THANKS FOR LISTENING TO ME.

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

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

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22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
23 I WANT TO SPEAK TO S1, 21, 18, 42. ON S1, WE ARE MAKING GREAT
24 PROGRESS IN PROVIDING VACCINES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED. THAT
25 GREAT. KUDOS TO DR. FERRER. AND ON NUMBER 18 ABOUT MATERNAL --

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1 WORK TO PREVENT MATERNAL DEATHS AND INFANT DEATHS IS GREAT. IT
2 IS ABOUT TIME. ITEM 42 ON THE (INDISCERNIBLE) REPORT, STILL
3 HAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF COMPLAINTS, BOTH FROM THE INMATES AND
4 FROM THE STAFF ABOUT THE SHERIFF. WILL YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT
5 VERY CAREFULLY TODAY WHEN YOU READ THROUGH IT. ANOTHER ITEM 25
6 -- 21, L.A.H.S.A. WILL BE POSTPONED AGAIN. THIS ITEM SHOULD
7 NOT BE POSTPONED. IT WAS POSTPONED STARTING IN 10/29/19,
8 AGAIN, ON 11/26/19, AND NOW IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 6/22/19.
9 IT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN ALMOST TWO YEARS THAT WE HAVE NOT
10 BEEN ABLE TO REVIEW THE REPORT FROM L.A.H.S.A. WE NEED TO
11 REALLY LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT THE ISSUE WE HAVE
12 WITH A LOT OF THE HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY HAVE REFUSED
13 TO DO THE '20 CENSUS. SO PLEASE LOOK AT THE REPORT. DON'T
14 POSTPONE ANY MORE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND I HOPE THAT WE
15 CAN GO BACK TO OPEN MEETINGS SOON BECAUSE I AM MISSING SEEING
16 YOU GUYS, AND HAVE A NICE WEEK. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
17 LISTENING. BYE.

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

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

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

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4 **GABRIELLEA VASQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS
5 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA VASQUEZ. I AM A
6 RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AND AN ORGANIZER WITH
7 (INDISCERIBLE) AND JUSTICE L.A. I WILL SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
8 42, 55A, 55C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR 42, I AM IN
9 OPPOSITION. THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT FROM THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO THE BOARD SHOW A DECREASE FROM 2019 TO
11 2020 OF 28 PERCENT. THIS DECREASE IS ACTUALLY VERY CORRELATED
12 TO NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT WERE RELEASED FROM THE PRISON, ABOUT
13 20 TO 30 PERCENT, ONCE THE PANDEMIC HIT. SO I AM NOT REALLY
14 SURE WHY ALEX VILLANUEVA IS PROUD OF THIS. IT IS VERY
15 CORRELATED. HE EXPLAINS AWAY THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THAT
16 HIS DEPUTIES INFLICT ON ANGELENOS WITH THIS REPORT, WHICH IS
17 ABSOLUTELY WRONG. NO AMOUNT OF PRESENTATIONS FROM THE SHERIFF
18 WILL FIX THIS. IT IS ACTUALLY TIME TO SHUT DOWN DOWNTOWN
19 JAILS. IT IS TIME FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE GOOD ON THEIR PROMISES
20 AND TO CLOSE DOWN THE CAGES THAT ARE HOLDING OUR LOVED ONES
21 AND TO PROVIDE CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. ON AGENDA ITEM 55A,
22 I'M ALSO IN OPPOSITION. THESE CAMERAS WILL FUNCTION AS POLICE
23 SURVEILLANCE AND EXPAND CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK, BROWN, AND
24 ASIAN COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY AS (INDISCERNIBLE) INTO THE
25 ARCHITECTURE OF MASS SURVEILLANCE THAT THE SHERIFFS AND THE

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1 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFTEN HAS, SO THEY CAN TRACK FOLKS, HAVE
2 DOCUMENTATION OF THEIR FACES, THEIR MOVEMENTS, THEIR
3 LOCATIONS, AND WHO THEY ASSOCIATE WITH. SO I AM VERY MUCH
4 OPPOSED TO THAT AGENDA ITEM. FOR 55C, I AM IN FAVOR OF
5 TENTATIVELY. MARGINALIZED YOUTH ARE ONE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE
6 POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO
7 REIMAGINING THE CHALLENGER CAMP, THE BOARD SHOULD INVEST IN
8 COMMUNITY LED A.T.I. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. WHEN THE
9 BOARD ADOPTED THE A.T.I. VISION FOR L.A., THEY PROMISED TO
10 INVEST IN CARE OVER CAGES, FULLY FUNDING COMMUNITY LED
11 PROJECTS AND BASED SERVICES. WHILE THE PLANS FOR THIS MEMORIAL
12 YOUTH CAMP WERE CREATED PRIOR TO A.T.I. MOTION PASSING, THE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE A.T.I. REPORT MUST BE ADOPTED FOR
14 THIS PROJECT AND FULLY VISUALIZED FOR THE PROJECT. THOUGHT
15 SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE LACK OF ACCESS TO BASIC LIFE SERVICES
16 AND AMENITIES IN THE AREA --

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

20
21 **GABRIELLEA VASQUEZ:** FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE
22 TO URGE THE BOARD TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. EVERYBODY IS
23 READY FOR THIS. THERE IS NO MORE NEED FOR REPORTS. THERE'S
24 PLENTY OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACT ON THIS IMMEDIATELY IN THE
25 A.T.I. REPORT. FOR MEASURE J, I URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK TO THE

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1 HISTORICAL MOMENT THAT ANGELENOS ACHIEVED LAST NOVEMBER IN
2 VOTING IN MEASURE J. WE CANNOT WORK WITH \$100 MILLION OF THE
3 COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT GOING TO CREATE REAL CHANGE AND REALLY
4 MOVE WITH THIS HISTORIC VISION THAT WE PUSH SO DEEPLY FOR,
5 RIGHT, OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL WAS TO MAKE HISTORY, AND TO DO SO
6 WITHOUT REAL MONEY IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. AND I ALSO WANTED
7 TO BRING UP THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE. THIS MEETING,
8 THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AND LED MOSTLY BY SHERIFFS
9 DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN CONTRARY TO THE INTENTION OF A.T.I.
10 AND THE PLANS TO REMOVE CRISIS RESPONSE FOR BEHAVIORAL CRISES
11 FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

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

19
20 **TRINH HONG:** THIS IS TRINH HONG. THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT ON
21 ITEM 5, L.A. COUNTY INITIATIVE ON ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE
22 HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR.
23 TRINH HONG FROM THE A.A.P.I. ALLIANCE. WE WORK ACROSS L.A.
24 COUNTY WITH A.A.P.I. FAMILIES LIVING WITH CHRONIC AND
25 PERSISTENT ILLNESS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

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1 TODAY. IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC, WE SERVICE PROVIDERS
2 HAVE BEEN IN CRISIS RESPONSE MODE ADDRESSING THE SEVERE NEEDS
3 OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. SINCE LAST SUMMER, WE ALSO
4 RESPONDED TO THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
5 ON DIFFERENT LEVELS WITH OUR, COMMUNITIES, PERSONAL SAFETY,
6 SOCIAL, STRUCTURE INEQUITIES, HEALTH ACCESS DISPARITY AND
7 INTERSECTIONALITY. WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE BOARD MOTION PUT
8 FORTH BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TODAY. THE PROPOSED WORKGROUP WILL
9 OPEN THE SPACE FOR INCLUSION TO HEAR FROM COMMUNITY VOICES,
10 AND THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE IS NOW WHEN WE ALL FEEL THE
11 INTENSITY OF HATE CRIMES AND FEAR. WE WILL SUPPORT THE BOARD'S
12 MOTION TO MOBILIZE COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS FOR THEIR INPUT.

13

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

16

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

20

21 **MARY SUE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR SOLIS AND ALL THE
22 MEMBER OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARY SUE, AND I AM THE
23 FORMER MAYOR OF WALNUT AND ALSO THE FOUNDER OF THE CHINESE-
24 AMERICAN PARENT ASSOCIATION AT WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT. TODAY, I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM FIVE. FIRST OF

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1 ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR
2 EXCELLENT JOB DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THE REASON I AM HERE TODAY
3 IS TO SUPPORT ITEM FIVE, A.A.P.I. FUND. I WANT ESPECIALLY TO
4 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INITIATING THESE ITEMS. IT IS VERY
5 IMPORTANT TO MAKE THIS ONE AVAILABLE TO A.A.P.I. AND N.H.P.I.
6 COMMUNITIES BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST WAY TO PUT AN END TO THE
7 RACISM. IT IS ALSO THROUGH EDUCATION THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
8 PREVENT AND STOP RACISM. AS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN SAN
9 GABRIEL VALLEY'S EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC AFFAIRS FOR THE PAST 25
10 YEARS --

11

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

14

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

18

19 **TOBIN DEMARCO:** MY NAME IS TOBIN. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4.
20 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF AGENDA ITEM 42 AND 55A
21 AND ALSO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY RESIDENT, I AM APPALLED BY THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN
23 THE REPORT FROM THE L.A.S.D. TO THE BOARD. IT IS DISTURBING TO
24 LISTEN TO L.A.S.D. BRAG THAT THEIR USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS HAVE
25 DECREASED FROM 2019 TO 2020. A DECREASE OF 28 PERCENT IS NOT

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1 IMPRESSIVE OR ANYTHING TO APPLAUD. FRANKLY, I AM NOT DEMANDING
2 A DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS. I AM ASKING FOR USE OF
3 FORCE INCIDENTS TO NOT BE A CATEGORY WE HAVE TO CONCERNED
4 ABOUT. I, LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHER ANGELENOS, WANT JAILS CLOSED
5 AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAFE FROM L.A.S.D. VIOLENCE, NOT
6 SLIGHTLY LESS LIKELY TO FACE IT WHILE INCARCERATED. THIS
7 REPORT SHOWCASES HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT CANNOT BE REFORMED, AND
8 ATTEMPTS AT DEESCALATION AND FORCE MITIGATION TRAINING HAVE
9 VERY LITTLE ACTUAL IMPACT, AND THAT THE DECREASE IN THESE
10 INCIDENTS CAN ALMOST ENTIRELY BE ATTRIBUTED TO A DECREASE IN
11 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR L.A.S.D. TO TERRORIZE INSIDE PRISONS
12 BECAUSE OF THE EFFECTS COVID-19 HAD ON THE PRISON POPULATION.
13 IN REGARDS TO 55A, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT MOMENTS OF
14 CRISIS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR COMMUNITIES BEING USED TO
15 EXPAND POLICING. EVERY TIME VIOLENCE LIKE THIS HAPPENS, POLICE
16 QUICKLY TURN TO EXPAND SURVEILLANCE AND CRIMINALIZATION, WHICH
17 ARE LATER USED TO TURN AROUND AND HARM THE SAME COMMUNITIES.
18 WE ARE NOT FALLING FOR THAT ANYMORE. I REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED
19 AFTER THE BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTEST LAST SUMMER. POLICE
20 QUICKLY STARTED GATHERING CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. AND OTHER CAMERA
21 FOOTAGE AND WORKED TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE FROM THE CROWDS USING
22 THE COUNTY'S FACIAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM. EXPANDING POLICE
23 CAMERAS WILL ALWAYS EXPAND CRIMINALIZATION, AND THAT IS NOT
24 WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED. AS FAR AS MY GENERAL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO STAFF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

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1 TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IMMEDIATELY. THERE ARE PLENTY OF
2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACT ON FROM THE A.T.I. REPORT AND FROM THE
3 MEASURE J SUBCOMMITTEE PROCESS THAT APPLY TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL
4 JAIL CLOSURE. TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT IS
5 UNCONSCIONABLE. THESE ACTIONS CANNOT BE TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY,
6 A.T.I. IS AN EXPANSIVE WRAPAROUND VISION THAT REQUIRES ACTION
7 TO BE TAKEN IN TANDEM. CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CANNOT BE
8 DONE WITHOUT FUNDING O.D.R. AND THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO
9 SUPPORT PEOPLE REENTERING. AND FUNDING O.D.R. IS AN EMPTY
10 PROMISE IF THESE DOLLARS ARE NOT GOING TO REENTRY COMMUNITIES
11 THAT NEED IT MOST. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
16 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
17 NOT PRESS A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THE
18 QUEUE. QUIN BALEK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
19 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

21

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

23

24 **QUIN BALEK:** HI, MY NAME IS QUIN, AND I AM GOING TO BE SPEAKING
25 ON ITEM 5. I AM A CONSHIN AT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES AND A

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1 MEMBER OF OUR VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION, AND I'D
2 LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 5, THE MOTION TO PROTECT
3 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, NAMELY THE A.A.P.I. AND N.H.P.I.
4 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES FROM THE SURGE OF HATE CRIMES. AS
5 AN ASIAN AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENT, I'D LIKE TO STAND IN
6 SOLIDARITY, NOT JUST WITH MY AUNTS, UNCLES, PARENTS, AND
7 GRANDPARENTS, BUT WITH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY OUR
8 ASIAN AMERICAN ELDERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH
9 FOR US AS FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS. THEY'VE CARED FOR
10 GENERATIONS LIKE MINE. AND IT IS TIME WE CARE FOR THEM AND
11 PROTECT THEM TOO. THROUGH THIS MOTION, I BELIEVE WE CAN
12 PROVIDE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THE RESOURCES WE NEED TO HEAL,
13 GRIEVE, GROW, AND THRIVE. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

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

20

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

22

23 **RONARS MONET:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

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

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2 **RONARS MONET:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 42, 55A,
3 55C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM 55C. I
4 OPPOSE ITEMS 42 AND 55A. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ROSAS
5 REPORT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT BE TAKING CREDIT
6 FOR A DECREASE IN INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE THAT IS LESS THAN THE
7 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN THE JAIL SYSTEM DUE TO
8 COVID. THAT IS NOT A SIGN OF SUCCESS. IT IS ACTUALLY A SIGN OF
9 FAILURE. AND MOREOVER, WE SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH ONLY A
10 26 PERCENT DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, RATHER, THE
11 GOAL SHOULD BE ZERO USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, PARTICULARLY ZERO
12 SHOOTINGS OF UNARMED PEOPLE. I ALSO WANT TO MAKE CLEAR MY
13 CONCERN ABOUT FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MORE
14 GENERALLY BECAUSE THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT AND
15 SPECIFICALLY SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAVE CONTINUOUSLY RESISTED THE
16 EFFORTS OF THE BOARD TO BRING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.
17 THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS WAS SOMETHING THE
18 SHERIFF DRAGGED HIS FEET ON AND TRIED TO MINIMIZE. SO AGAIN,
19 THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HE SHOULD BE RECEIVING PRAISE FOR,
20 BUT RATHER CRITICISM. I WISH TO ALSO EXPRESS MY DESIRE TO SEE
21 THE BOARD --

22

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

25

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1 **RONARS MONET:** THANK YOU. AND SO, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT THE BOARD DOES WHATEVER IT CAN TO TRANSFER FUNDS
3 FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT
4 INVOLVE ARMED RESPONSE. AS AN ASIAN-AMERICAN IN DISTRICT 3 IN
5 SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT, I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I OPPOSE
6 INSTALLATION PUBLIC INSTILLATION OF SAFETY CAMERAS. THESE ARE
7 NOT FOR OUR BENEFIT, AND WE HAVE SEEN THAT THESE CAN BE USED
8 AGAINST US. SO I URGE THE BOARD TO REJECT THAT AGENDA ITEM,
9 55A, AS WELL. AND FINALLY, I SUPPORT THE REPURPOSING AND
10 REIMAGINING OF THE CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CAMP. THANK YOU
11 VERY MUCH.

12

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

14

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

18

19 **CONNIE CHUNG JO:** I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER
20 5, ITEM NUMBER 16, OPPOSITION OF ITEM 55A, AND MAKING GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, I AM CONNIE CHUNG JO, THE C.E.O.
22 OF ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE LOS ANGELES, THE NATION'S
23 LARGEST LEGAL SERVICES AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FOR THE
24 ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. FOR
25 ITEM NUMBER 5, I FULLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO

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1 INVEST \$1 MILLION INTO THE L.A. COUNTY EQUITY AND DIVERSITY
2 FUND. WE NEED TO BE INVESTING MORE INTO ASIAN-AMERICAN
3 EDUCATION, TO UNDERSTAND THE PATTERN OF PRACTICE OF TARGETING
4 ASIAN AMERICANS IN THIS COUNTRY IN THIS CENTURY, WE NEED TO
5 FUND PRACTICES THAT CREATE SAFETY AND ADDRESS HATRED IN OUR
6 COUNTY AND THAT ARE FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTION
7 SUCH AS MULTI-RACIAL COALITIONS AND (INDISCERNIBLE) TRAINING.
8 THE RATE OF ANTI-ASIAN HATE CONTINUES TO ESCALATE IN THIS
9 PANDEMIC, AND THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF REPORTS ARE COMING FROM
10 L.A. COUNTY AND THE BAY AREA. L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO COMMIT
11 ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND STRATEGIES TO CREATE SAFETY FOR ASIAN
12 AMERICANS AND TO END RACISM. FOR ITEM 16, I FULLY SUPPORT
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION FOR COVID-19 VACCINES FOR RESIDENTS
14 IN ALL LANGUAGES. WITHIN THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN,
15 AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES OF L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE MORE
16 THAN 40 ETHNIC GROUPS, WHO SPEAK MORE THAN 40 LANGUAGES. MORE
17 THAN HALF OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE FOREIGN BORN AND SPEAK
18 A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME. THE MAJORITY OF THE
19 THRESHOLD LANGUAGES ARE A.A. AND H.P.I. AS L.A. COUNTY
20 OPERATED POINTS OF DISPENSING, RESIDENTS MUST GET SCREENED
21 ABOUT THE HEALTH CONDITIONS BEFORE THEY CAN GET VACCINATED. SO
22 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SOMEONE IS ABLE TO ASK THESE TECHNICAL
23 MEDICAL QUESTIONS IN THEIR LANGUAGE, TO EXPLAIN WHAT CAN
24 HAPPEN AFTER THE VACCINE IS DISPENSED, AND THE PROCESS FOR
25 GETTING A SECOND SHOT IN CASE THAT IS REQUIRED. WITH THE WIDE

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1 BREADTH OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE LARGE
2 NUMBER OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IT IS
3 CRITICAL THAT WE ENSURE LANGUAGE ACCESS AT ALL OF THESE
4 DISPENSING SITES.

5

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

8

9 **CONNIE CHUNG JO:** FOR ITEM NUMBER 55A, I AM OPPOSED TO THE
10 MOTION TO ADD SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS TO PUBLIC STREETS. THE
11 INFUSION OF MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ON CARE
12 LICENSE PLATES MAKES MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS FEEL LESS
13 SAFE, NOT MORE. AND WE KNOW THAT IT HAS A DISPROPORTIONATE
14 IMPACT ON OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF
15 THE ASIAN HATE INCIDENTS THAT ARE OCCURRING DO NOT RISE TO THE
16 LEVEL OF A HATE CRIME. EVEN WHEN THEY ARE HATE CRIMES, WHAT
17 WE SAW IN THE CASE OF AN ASIAN WOMAN BEING BRUTALLY BEATEN IN
18 NEW YORK CITY IS THAT CAMERAS THAT CAPTURED THE MOMENT DID NOT
19 PROTECT HER SAFETY, INSTEAD, FROM SURVEILLANCE, WHAT WE SAW
20 WAS THAT SHE WAS IGNORED AND THAT THE SECURITY GUARDS CLOSED
21 THE DOOR ON HER. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS OFFER THINGS LIKE
22 BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING, WHICH TEACH RESIDENTS HOW TO
23 SAFELY INTERVENE AND DEESCALATE A SITUATION IF THEY SEE AN
24 ASIAN BEING HARASSED. WHAT WE DO NOT NEED IS MORE CAMERAS THAT

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1 CREATE A FEELING OF INSECURITY FOR MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, AND I
2 WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT --

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

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

10

11 **LAURA COHOLAN:** HI, MY NAME IS LAURA COHOLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO
12 SPREAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 42, 55A, 55C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES,
14 JUSTICE L.A., REIMAGINE L.A., AND LA DEFENSA, AND I AM A
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO. I STRONGLY OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 42. A
16 REDUCTION IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS IS NOT ENOUGH. WE KNOW
17 THAT WE MUST ABSOLUTELY ERADICATE USE OF FORCE IN OUR
18 COMMUNITIES, AND THIS STARTS BY FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURES OF
19 CARE, RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO FUND THE BLOATED, HARMFUL, AND
20 LETHAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. I ALSO STRONGLY
21 OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 55A AND WANT TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF
22 ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THIS CALL WHO HAVE NOTED
23 THAT INCREASED POLICE SURVEILLANCE DOES NOT KEEP OUR
24 COMMUNITIES SAFE AND THAT INSTEAD WE MUST FIGHT ANTI-ASIAN
25 RACISM WITH MEDIUMS OTHER THAN SURVEILLANCE AND HYPERPOLICING.

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1 WE KNOW THAT WHENEVER OUR COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE HATE CRIMES,
2 IT IS A COMMON PRACTICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO USE THESE
3 INCIDENTS TO STOKE TERROR AND FEAR IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
4 INSTEAD WE KNOW THAT WE MUST FUND AUTHENTIC PUBLIC SAFETY,
5 WHICH STARTS WITH INVESTING IN BROAD CULTURAL SHIFTS AGAINST
6 ASIAN AMERICAN HATE, RATHER THAN SIMPLY STOKING SURVEILLANCE
7 AND INVESTING IN A BLOATED LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET. LIKE MY
8 FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THIS CALL, I TENTATIVELY SUPPORT
9 AGENDA ITEM 55C. WE KNOW THAT INVESTING IN CARE FOR OUR BLACK
10 AND BROWN YOUTH IS ESSENTIAL AND THAT WE CANNOT BE INVESTING
11 IN YOUTH CAMPS THE WAYS THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. WE MUST
12 USE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
13 REPORT TO GUIDE THE REIMAGINING OF THIS SITE, AND YOU MUST
14 HAVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION BE CONTINUED AND AUTHENTIC FOR
15 INPUT AND OVERSIGHT AS WE REIMAGINE THIS SITE TO BUILD
16 AUTHENTIC PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND REINVESTMENT FOR OUR
17 YOUTH. FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WANT TO AMPLIFY THE
18 CLARION CALL FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS WHO HAVE BEEN
19 MOBILIZING IN THE STREETS AS WELL AS GATHERINGS SUCH AS THIS
20 ONE TO BOTH CLOSE M.C.J. AND FULLY FUND MEASURE J. REGARDING
21 THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J., COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE TIRED OF WAITING
22 FOR MORE DATA, REPORTS, AND PLANNING, AND FRANKLY, THE DEMAND
23 TO DO THESE THINGS IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO IMPACTED COMMUNITY
24 MEMBERS AND LEADERS WHO HAVE CONTINUALLY HAD TO DEMONSTRATE
25 THE TRAUMA, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THAT M.C.J. HAS INFLICTED

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1 UPON OUR LOVED ONES. M.C.J. STEALS THE LIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY
2 MEMBERS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT IS
3 CONSTANTLY ENACTING VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR PEOPLE INSIDE THE
4 JAIL. IT PUTS OUR PEOPLE'S LIVES AT RISK BECAUSE OF THE SPREAD
5 OF COVID-19 IN THE JAILS AND IT KEEPS OUR PEOPLE AWAY FROM OUR
6 FAMILIES, FROM EMPLOYMENT, AND FROM EDUCATION, AND WE KNOW
7 THAT WE HAVE THE PLANS IN PLACE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
8 BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
9 RECOMMENDATIONS, OVER 114 OF THEM, COMPLETED FOR OVER A YEAR
10 NOW, AND WE HAVE BROAD SWATHS OF DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR RE-
11 INVESTMENT INTO ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION DUE TO THE
12 COMMUNITY-WON PASSAGE OF MEASURE J AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDING
13 STREAMS. IN KEEPING WITH THE DEMAND TO CLOSE --

14

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

17

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

21

22 **TONY TONG:** YES, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 5. DEAR
23 HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TONY
24 TONG, AND I AM THE V.P. OF THE WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT BOARD. IN ADDITION, I ALSO VOLUNTEER FOR VARIOUS

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1 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE EVERGREEN SENIOR --
2 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- AND CHINESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
3 TODAY, I WANT TO STRONGLY COMMEND AND SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 5,
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MITCHELL'S MOTION TO FORM A WORKING GROUP
5 TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW THE COUNTY
6 CAN ADDRESS THE RISE AND CONTINUATION OF HATE AND VIOLENCE
7 DIRECTED TOWARDS THE A A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES. REPRESENTING THE
8 (INDISCERNIBLE) EVERGREEN SENIOR (INDISCERNIBLE), WE REALLY
9 APPRECIATE IT, ANY OF YOUR EFFORTS TO REMOVE OR REDUCE THE
10 HATE CRIMES THAT SEEMS TO TARGET THE MOST VULNERABLE SENIORS.
11 SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

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

14

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

21

22 **MICHELLE WETLAND:** GOOD MORNING, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

23

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

25

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1 **MICHELLE WETLAND:** THANK YOU. I AM IN OPPOSITION OF 42 AND 55A,
2 AND IN FAVOR OF 55C AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I HEARD THAT MAX
3 HUNTSMAN IS IN ATTENDANCE TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE
4 BOARD TO LISTEN TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHO HAS
5 BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS AT A RIDICULOUSLY SLOW PROCESS IN
6 REGARDS TO THE CORRUPTION OF L.A.S.D. IT IS TIME TO SHUT DOWN
7 THE DOWNTOWN JAILS, AND IT IS TIME FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE GOOD
8 ON THEIR PROMISES TO CLOSE CAGES AND CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.
9 NO AMOUNT OF PRESENTATIONS FROM THE SHERIFF IS GOING TO FIX
10 THEIR VIOLENCE AND CRUELTY. L.A.S.D. REPORTS SHOW VERY CLEARLY
11 THAT ATTEMPTS OF DEESCALATION AND FORCE MITIGATION TRAINING
12 HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE IMPACT AND THAT THE DECREASE OF INCIDENTS
13 IS ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM THE ACTUAL DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
14 PEOPLE THAT L.A.S.D. HAD TO TERRORIZE INSIDE OF THEIR JAILS. I
15 AM JUST ASKING, DO YOU AGREE IT IS DISHONEST FOR THE SHERIFF
16 TO DRAW A CONNECTION BETWEEN HALF-HEARTED TRAININGS AND FEWER
17 USES OF FORCE WHEN THIS IS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE COMMUNITY
18 MOBILIZATION THAT CAUSED JAIL POPULATIONS TO DECREASE? AND HOW
19 DO YOU CONTINUE TO FUND AND CONTRIBUTE THIS LYING AND TORTURE
20 OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS? AS FAR AS 55A, NO MORE EXPANSION OF
21 SURVEILLANCE IN L.A. COUNTY. BOSTON AND PORTLAND HAVE BANNED
22 THE EXPANSION OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY BECAUSE OF THE
23 CIVIL RIGHTS FAILURES. SOUTHERN CITIES AS FAR AS SOUTH AS
24 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HAVE HAD THE FORESIGHT TO BAN THIS
25 HARMFUL TECHNOLOGY BEFORE IT ARRIVED. IT IS ALREADY HERE AND

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1 FUNDED THROUGH L.A.P.D. NO MORE WASTEFUL DOLLARS FOR
2 CORRUPTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL HARM AND FAILED POLICIES. AS FAR
3 AS 55C, THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE A.T.I. REPORT NEED TO BE
4 ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
5 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT OF THE
6 CHALLENGER SITE, SHOULD BE INTEGRATED.

7

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

10

11 **MICHELLE WETLAND:** THANK YOU. SO SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE
12 PLANNING OF THE REPURPOSED SITE FOR THE SUCCESS OF ALL
13 INVOLVED. AS FAR AS PUBLIC MY COMMENT, CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
14 JAIL, FULLY FUND MEASURE J. I AM GOING TO START THIS WITH THE
15 WORDS OF SUPERVISOR BARGER, FROM JULY 7TH OF 2020. BECAUSE
16 MANY IN THAT JAIL WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS ARE IN
17 THAT JAIL BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS, AND NO DOUBT THE
18 CRIME THEY COMMITTED, IF WE HAD GOTTEN TO THEM BEFORE THEY
19 COMMITTED THE CRIME, THEY WOULD NOT END UP IN OUR JAIL. AND I
20 CAN TELL YOU, HAVING BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME, MEN'S CENTRAL
21 JAIL 30 YEARS AGO WAS PROBLEMATIC. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THOSE
22 WERE YOUR WORDS ON JULY 7TH OF 2020. IN FACT, WE NOW KNOW THAT
23 THERE ARE OVER 6,100 OF THOSE INSIDE THE MOST POPULATED JAIL
24 ON THE PLANET ARE THERE BECAUSE OF MENTAL ILLNESS. IT IS TIME

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1 TO CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY, AND
2 PROVIDE SOLUTIONS THAT ACTUALLY WORK.

3

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

6

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

10

11 **CORA PLUS:** GOOD MORNING, I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
12 NUMBER 5. MY NAME IS CORA PLUS, A MEMBER OF EAST SAN GABRIEL
13 CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME, WITH A MISSION OF FIGHTING CRIME IN
14 OUR ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. I LIVE IN A HIGHLY ASIAN
15 AMERICAN POPULATED COMMUNITY OF ROLAND HEIGHTS AND HACIENDA
16 HEIGHTS, AND OUR COMMUNITY IS SURE FEELING THE PAIN FROM THE
17 RISING HATE CRIMES. SO OUR GROUPS MET WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN,
18 SHERIFF'S DEPUTY LAWRENCE IN AN OUTDOOR PARK IN MID-MARCH TO
19 VOICE OUR RESIDENTS' FEAR OF THE RAMPANT CRIME GOING AROUND
20 US. AND TODAY, WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S RESPONSE
21 SO QUICKLY AND TAKE OUR REQUESTS SERIOUSLY. WE JUST WANT TO
22 SAY YOUR INITIATIVE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. IT MEANS A LOT TO
23 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

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

5

6 **JESSICA CRAVEN:** HI, OKAY. MY NAME IS JESSICA CRAVEN. I WOULD
7 LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 42, 55A, 55C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT, IF I MAY.

9

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

11

12 **JESSICA CRAVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO AGENDA ITEM 42, I OPPOSE,
13 FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT EVERYBODY ELSE HAS SPOKEN ABOUT. I
14 RECENTLY READ, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYBODY ON THIS CALL HAS ALSO
15 READ, THE 14 OR 15-PART SERIES BY CERISE CASTLE IN KNOCK L.A.
16 IT IS CALLED A TRADITION OF VIOLENCE. IF YOU HAVE NOT READ IT,
17 IT IS A HISTORY OF DEPUTY GANGS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND IT MADE ME WANT TO THROW UP. I COULD
19 NOT SLEEP THE NIGHT AFTER I READ IT. IT IS REVOLTING, AND A
20 GREAT DEAL OF IT TALKS ABOUT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND ABOUT THE
21 GANG CULTURE IN THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS IS BEYOND
22 FIXING. THIS DEPARTMENT IS ROTTEN TO THE CORE, INCLUDING
23 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. SO WE ARE NOT DEMANDING A DECREASE IN USE
24 OF FORCE INCIDENTS BECAUSE THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH THESE
25 INDIVIDUALS IN CHARGE. THIS CULTURE IS PERVASIVE. IT RUNS

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1 THROUGH THE ENTIRE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO GET RID OF
2 THIS DEPARTMENT AND START OVER FROM THE GROUND UP. AND WITH
3 EVERYBODY ELSE, I AGREE, THAT THE DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE
4 INCIDENTS IS EITHER FROM UNDERREPORTING, OR IT IS IGNORING THE
5 CONFOUNDING FACTOR OF COVID-19. ETHICS TRAINING IS NOT GOING
6 TO DO IT. THESE ARE BAND AID SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF
7 CARCERAL JUSTICE IN GENERAL AND THEN THE PROBLEM OF OUR SICK,
8 SICK, DEMENTED, AND I AM NOT EXAGGERATING, READ THIS ARTICLE,
9 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, WHICH I AM A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LOS
10 ANGELES. I'M AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 DEMOCRATIC PARTY. I AM SICK TO MY CORE OVER THE FACT THAT THIS
12 HAS BEEN TOLERATED AND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS KNOWN
13 ABOUT THIS FOR A VERY, VERY, VERY LONG TIME. SO I ALSO OPPOSE
14 AGENDA ITEM 55A. I ALSO AM IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 55C. AND --

15

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

18

19 **JESSICA CRAVEN:** OKAY JUST I WILL YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME,
20 OTHER THAN JUST SAYING, IF YOU HAVE NOT READ THESE ARTICLES,
21 ESPECIALLY, I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, I URGE MY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISOR MEMBER TO DO IT. HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR WHOM I PHONE
23 BANKED, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND -- AND I AM SURE YOU DO -- BUT
24 WHAT IS HAPPENING IS IT IS -- IT'S APPALL -- I CAN'T EVEN. I'M
25 GOING TO YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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1 NEEDS TO BE FULLY DEFUNDED. IT IS IRREDEEMABLE. THANK YOU. I
2 YIELD MY TIME.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **CHUCK SON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CHUCK SON, LIVING IN ROLAND
11 HEIGHTS. I AM A MEMBER OF EAST SAN GABRIEL CITIZENS AGAINST
12 CRIME. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION, ITEM
13 NUMBER 5. ROUGHLY TWO WEEKS AGO IN OUR EAST SAN GABRIEL
14 VALLEY, A RACIST CHARGED HIS CAR THROUGH THE PEACEFUL STOP
15 ASIAN HATE PROTESTERS. I CAN SAY THIS APPALLING CASE REALLY
16 HITS HOME TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS IN
17 PEOPLE'S MINDSET. THAT IS WHY I LIKE THE IDEA IN THE
18 INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY, SUCH AS NUMBER 1)
19 CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND
20 PREVENTION TO PROVIDE DIRECT DEPARTMENT AND TOGETHER WITH ALL
21 STAKEHOLDERS, LIKE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TO COME UP WITH GOOD
22 RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE MORE I CANNOT ELABORATE DUE TO TIME
23 CONSTRAINTS. IN THE END, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR
24 MOVING THIS INITIATIVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

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

6

7 **NORBERT TAN:** GOOD MORNING. NORBERT TAN SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF
8 AGENDA ITEM 5 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MAY I BEGIN?

9

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

11

12 **NORBERT TAN:** GOOD MORNING, I AM ROBERT TAN, THE DEPUTY
13 DIRECTOR OF A.3P.C.O.N., ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING
14 COUNCIL. WE ARE A CONSORTIUM OF 40 ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC
15 ISLANDER NONPROFITS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA THAT SERVE OVER
16 ONE AND A HALF MILLION RESIDENT OF ASIAN AMERICAN DESCENT IN
17 OUR COUNTY. WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THIS MOTION TO ALLOW
18 FOR THE WORKGROUP TO PROVIDE YOU RECOMMENDATIONS AND
19 STRATEGIES ON HOW TO ADDRESS HATE AND VIOLENCE DIRECTED
20 TOWARDS OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE
21 COUNTY'S EQUITY WORK PRIORITIES. A.3P.C.O.N. CO-FOUNDED STOP
22 A.A.P.I. HATE, THE NATION'S LEADING AGGREGATOR OF ANTI-ASIAN
23 HATE INCIDENTS AND CRIME. SINCE MARCH OF LAST YEAR, WE HAVE
24 RECORDED NEARLY 4,000 HATE INCIDENTS AND CRIMES AGAINST OUR
25 COMMUNITY WITH 358 INCIDENTS OCCURRING IN L.A. COUNTY. 10

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1 PERCENT OF THESE INCIDENTS INVOLVE PHYSICAL ASSAULT. WE HAVE
2 ALSO SEEN 155 PERCENT INCREASE IN REPORTED MENTAL HEALTH
3 IMPACTS.

4

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

7

8 **NORBERT TAN:** MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITY
9 MEMBERS DUE TO THE RISE IN ANTI-ASIAN HATE SINCE THE BEGINNING
10 OF THE PANDEMIC. SO WE URGE THE COUNTY'S ANTI-RACISM,
11 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

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

15

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

19

20 **HERB ATANAKA:** COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 HERB ATANAKA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF S.S.G. AND HERE A
22 COUNTY RESIDENT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
23 MOTION. SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE COUNTY'S L.A. VERSUS HATE
24 INITIATIVE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE COMMUNITY IS GRATEFUL TO
25 THIS BOARD FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT A COUNTY WIDE RESPONSE

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1 AND SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE PEOPLE WHO ENCOUNTER THESE ACTS OF
2 HATE AND VIOLENCE. THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN BUILDS UPON
3 THAT WORK AND IMPORTANTLY EXTENDS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
4 COMMITMENT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE A.A.P.I. AGENDA AND
5 STRATEGY. AND THIS MOTION ELEVATES OUR VOICES AND NEEDS TO THE
6 HIGHEST LEVEL OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT BY INCLUDING OUR A.A.P.I.
7 COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE CREATION OF THIS INITIATIVE, ALONG
8 WITH RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. YOU KNOW, THIS ISSUE WAS
9 DEEPLY PERSONAL TO ME. I HAVE BEEN CALLED A JAP, A GOOK, A
10 SLANT EYED SO AND SO, AND TOLD TO GO BACK HOME MANY TIMES
11 THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, AND FRANKLY, I THOUGHT THIS KIND OF HATE
12 TOWARDS ME AND MY PEOPLE WAS BEHIND US. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT.
13 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR STANDING WITH US. I SUPPORT THE
14 MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

21
22 **CHARLES MANSON:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS CHARLES
23 MANSON CALLING, AND I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS 4, 1D, 13, 21, AND 38.
24 I AM WONDERING ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD DETERIORATION. I NOTICED
25 IN A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE THAT THEY WAS ANOTHER HOSPITAL THAT

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1 CLOSED DOWN. A PRIVATE HOSPITAL CLOSED DOWN. AND I WAS
2 WONDERING IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE LOOKED INTO THE
3 POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING THIS HOSPITAL AND REPURPOSING IT TO
4 USE AS A MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC TO HELP PEOPLE INSTEAD OF
5 PUTTING THEM IN -- INCARCERATING THEM. IT IS ALREADY THERE.
6 IT COULD BE REPURPOSED AND USED TO -- AS AN AID TO HELP IN THE
7 COMMUNITIES. THERE IS ANOTHER HOSPITAL THAT CLOSED EARLIER
8 THIS YEAR. AGAIN, THE BOARD DID NOT LOOK INTO BUYING IT. I'M
9 ALSO WONDERING, WITH ALL THE MONEY THAT THE STATE HAS GOTTEN,
10 IF THEY ARE LOOKING TO CLEAN UP SOME OF THE -- LIKE EXIDE AND
11 THE TOXIC WASTE SITES THAT EXIST THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. I'M
12 WONDERING ALSO IF DR. FERRER COULD ANSWER A QUESTION ABOUT THE
13 FALSE NEGATIVES AND THE FALSE POSITIVES THAT COME UP ON THESE
14 TESTS FOR THE COVID VIRUS. AND IS THERE A TRUE NEGATIVE AND A
15 TRUE POSITIVE BECAUSE SOME OF THE PROTOCOLS JUST SEEMS TO BE
16 SO OFF THE WALL. I WAS WONDERING IF THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERING
17 FUNDING MORE MONEY FOR THE D.D. HIRSCH SUICIDE PREVENTION. I
18 THINK THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE DENIM DAY -- HAVE A MONTH LONG OR
19 EVEN A YEAR LONG PROCESS TO STOP SOME OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST
20 WOMEN THAT OCCURS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. I AM TIRED TO
21 LISTENING TO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS WITH ONE
22 CONTRACTOR. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE HELPING ANYBODY WITHOUT THE
23 COMMUNITY. AND I AM WONDERING IF THE BOARD HAS ANY IDEA WHAT
24 TO DO ABOUT THE TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM INDUSTRY THAT HAS
25 SUFFERED GREATLY BECAUSE OF THIS COVID VIRUS, THAT THE JOBS

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1 THAT HAVE BEEN LOST THROUGHOUT THE TRADE AND RESTAURANT
2 INDUSTRY HAVE GREATLY AFFECTED A LOT OF THE COMMUNITIES,
3 ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THESE PROTOCOLS KEEP CHANGING ON A DAY-TO-
4 DAY BASIS AND THE FUNDING GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE
5 --

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

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

13
14 **ARMAN ROSS:** ARMAN ROSS, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 1D. I'M
15 NOT MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT. I REPRESENT THE CRENSHAW CHAMBER OF
16 COMMERCE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING
17 AGREEMENT WITH WATT COMPANIES EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE YEAR WITH
18 ANOTHER YEAR OPTIONAL. THIS PROJECT IS SORELY NEEDED IN OUR
19 COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY IS DYING FOR LACK OF MARKET-RATE
20 HOUSING, FOR LACK OF NEW BUSINESSES AND SERVICES. THIS PROJECT
21 WILL BRING NEEDED HOUSING, BOTH MARKET RATE AND AFFORDABLE
22 HOUSING, TO OUR COMMUNITY AND WILL ALSO BRING IN A NEW GROCER.
23 WE JUST LOST TWO GROCERS IN THE CRENSHAW COMMUNITY. WE NEED A
24 NEW GROCER, AND WE NEED THE OTHER BUSINESSES THAT THEY WILL BE
25 BRINGING IN, AND HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL BE THE SHOT IN THE ARM

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1 THAT THE CRENSHAW COMMUNITY NEEDS TO UPLIFT ITSELF THE WAY THE
2 REST OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY IS BEING UPLIFTED BY ECONOMIC
3 DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT. FOR MANY YEARS, CRENSHAW WAS
4 IGNORED, SOUTH L.A. HAS BEEN IGNORED AS FAR AS INVESTMENT.
5 THIS IS A WISE --

6

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

9

10 **ARMAN ROSS:** THANK YOU.

11

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

15

16 **ANGELA DIMARCO:** HELLO, CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME?

17

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

19

20 **ANGELA DIMARCO:** THANK YOU. I'M CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER 6 TO
21 ESTABLISH THE REWARD OFFER FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF ASSAULT
22 VICTIM LEONARD TAYLOR. I AM HIS DAUGHTER, ANGELA. AND I
23 OBVIOUSLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. WE ARE LOOKING TO RECEIVE
24 \$10,000 FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
25 SAY THANK YOU AHEAD OF TIME TO JANICE HAHN'S OFFICE FOR

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1 LEADING A CHARGE ON THIS. OUR FATHER WAS ASSAULTED ON MARCH
2 5TH AROUND 3:00PM ON A VERY BUSY STREET CORNER ON A FRIDAY
3 AFTERNOON. HE WAS ATTACKED FROM BEHIND, WHERE HE WAS HIT ON
4 THE HEAD AND LIT ON FIRE. HE WAS ABLE TO HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL
5 TO CALL 911 AND TO GET HIMSELF EMERGENCY SERVICES, BUT HE HAD
6 NOT, HE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED. HE HAS SUSTAINED
7 SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS OVER THE UPPER PART OF HIS BODY,
8 AND AFTER 4 AND 1/2 WEEKS, HE IS STILL LYING IN THE HOSPITAL
9 IN THE I.C.U. UNIT. OUR DAD IS OUR ONLY PARENT LEFT. OUR
10 MOTHER, MY SISTER AND I HAD, PASSED AWAY ABOUT 8 MONTHS AGO,
11 AND AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE AND NO SUSPECTS, AND THE
12 PUBLIC IS STILL AT RISK. SO WE ARE ASKING FOR \$10,000 TO ADD
13 TO OUR REWARD --

14

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

17

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

24

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

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1

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

5

6 **SHELBY EGRS:** HI, MY NAME IS SHELBY. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
7 ITEMS 42, 55A, AND 55B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

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

10

11 **SHELBY EGRS:** I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. HOPEFULLY THAT
12 IS OBVIOUS. REGARDING ITEM 42, THE DECREASE IN THE USE OF
13 FORCE INCIDENTS FROM 2019 TO 2020 THAT IS BRAGGED ABOUT IN
14 L.A.S.D.'S' REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE 20 TO 30 PERCENT DROP
15 IN JAIL POPULATION THANKS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. IT IS SUPER
16 DISHONEST FOR THE SHERIFF TO DRAW THESE CONCLUSIONS AND TRY TO
17 INDICATE THAT FORCE MITIGATION ETHICS TRAINING ARE WHY THAT IS
18 HAPPENING, WHEN THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT THE CASE. L.A.S.D. IS A
19 COMPLETELY ROTTEN INSTITUTION, AND AS YOU HAVE SEEN WITH THE
20 EXTENSIVE REPORTING, AS MENTIONED EARLIER FROM KNOCK L.A.,
21 WHICH YOU SHOULD READ, ABOUT THE DEPUTY GANGS IN L.A.S.D.,
22 WHICH INCLUDES VILLANUEVA, THEY HAVE COMMITTED HUNDREDS OF
23 VISCIOUS CRIMES AND COST TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN
24 LAWSUITS. SO MORE TRAINING WILL NOT FIX THIS. IT'S TIME SHUT
25 DOWN DOWNTOWN JAILS AND FOR THE BOARD TO FULFILL THEIR PROMISE

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1 TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY. ALSO ABOLISH L.A.S.D.
2 WHILE YOU ARE AT IT. REGARDING ITEM 55A, YOU ARE PROPOSING
3 POLICE CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS
4 THE LITERAL OPPOSITE OF WHAT PEOPLE WANT. MORE POLICE DOES NOT
5 MEAN MORE SAFETY. IF YOU CARE ABOUT FIGHTING ASIAN HATE
6 CRIMES, LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY. I WENT TO A RALLY A FEW WEEKS
7 AGO IN LITTLE TOKYO, AND THE COMMUNITY EXPLICITLY SAID OVER
8 AND OVER THAT THEY WANT TO DEFUND THE POLICE AND FUND
9 COMMUNITIES. EXPANDING POLICE CAMERAS WILL EXPAND
10 CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK AND BROWN AND ASIAN COMMUNITIES, NOT
11 HELP THEM. ALSO REGARDING 55C, I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS. IT COULD
12 HELP TACKLE THE REALITIES OF PRISON PIPELINES (INDISCERNIBLE)
13 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND FUND
14 MEASURE J. THE PUBLIC TOLD YOU BACK IN NOVEMBER BY VOTING IN
15 FAVOR OF MEASURE J THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT. THIS IS NOT A FAR-
16 FETCHED IDEA. THERE ARE PLENTY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND SPECIFIC
17 PLANS YOU CAN ACT ON IMMEDIATELY FROM THE A.T.I. REPORT AND
18 THE MEASURE J SUBCOMMITTEE PROCESS. THEY ARE DOING THIS WORK
19 FOR YOU. YOUR JOB IS TO LISTEN TO YOUR COMMUNITY. SO PLEASE DO
20 THAT. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** TERRIE CHINH, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
25 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON

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1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN. TERRIE CHINH, YOU MAY BE
2 ON MUTE.

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

5

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

9

10 **DEVON HEARTMAN:** YES, THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE A GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT TO START WITH.

12

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

14

15 **DEVON HEARTMAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR SOLIS AND
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS DEVON HEARTMAN, THE C.E.O. OF
17 CHIRP LOCALLY GROWN POWER. WE ARE FEELING VERY CELEBRATORY
18 RIGHT NOW, AND WE WANTED TO SHARE THAT CELEBRATION WITH THE
19 BOARD AND WITH THE PUBLIC BECAUSE, WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF DONORS, WE
21 ARE NOW READY TO OPEN THE FIRST NON-PROFIT SOLAR PANEL
22 ASSEMBLY FACTORY IN THE WORLD IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA. MANY OF
23 YOU KNOW THAT THIS WAS DEVELOPED AS A PROTOTYPE FACTORY THAT
24 CAN NOW BE REPLICATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTRY,
25 AND THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BE PLACED IN THE HEART OF OUR MOST

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1 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. WE ARE FOCUSED ON MASSIVE
2 MITIGATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES, HYPERLOCAL JOB CREATION, AND
3 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION, LOCAL ECONOMIC
4 REVITALIZATION AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND EQUITY BY PROVIDING
5 FREE ENERGY FOR OUR LOWEST --

6

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

9

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

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14 **MICHELLE ELGERMENTY:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE ELGERMENTY. I AM
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. I WOULD LIKE SPEAK AGAINST AGENDA
16 ITEMS 42 AND 55A, TENTATIVELY IN FAVOR OF 55C AS WELL AS
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM 42, IT IS
18 DISTURBING TO LISTEN TO L.A.S.D. BRAG THAT THEIR USE OF FORCE
19 INCIDENTS HAVE DECREASED FROM 2019 TO 2020, EXCUSE ME. A
20 DECREASE OF 28 PERCENT IS NOT IMPRESSIVE OR SOMETHING TO
21 APPLAUD. THIS DECREASE IN THE USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS FROM 2019
22 TO 2020 ALSO IGNORES THE CONFOUNDING FACTOR OF COVID-19. THIS
23 REPORT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE SIGNIFICANT DROP IN JAIL
24 POPULATION THAT CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
25 AND ADVOCACY EFFECT. CONSIDERING THAT THE LOS ANGELES JAIL

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1 POPULATION DECREASED BY 20 TO 30 PERCENT ONCE THE PANDEMIC
2 HIT, THE DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS IS ALMOST EXACTLY
3 PROPORTIONAL TO THE DECREASE IN JAIL POPULATION. THIS SHOWS
4 VERY CLEARLY THAT ATTEMPTS AT DEESCALATION AND FORCE
5 MITIGATION TRAINING HAD VERY LITTLE ACTUAL IMPACT AND THAT THE
6 DECREASE IN INCIDENTS CAN ALMOST ENTIRELY BE ATTRIBUTED TO A
7 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR L.A.S.D. TO TERRORIZE
8 INSIDE OF PRISONS. FORCE MITIGATION IS NOT ENOUGH. ETHICS
9 TRAINING IS NOT ENOUGH. THESE ARE BAND AID SOLUTIONS TO THE
10 PROBLEM OF CARCERAL JUSTICE. THE PROBLEM IS NOT THAT L.A.S.D.
11 DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH ETHICS TRAINING OR ENOUGH DEESCALATION
12 TACTICS. THE PROBLEM IS L.A.S.D. THEMSELVES, A VIOLENT
13 CARCERAL INSTITUTION THAT PROFITS OFF THE INCARCERATION OF
14 BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. NO AMOUNT OF HALF-HEARTED
15 ATTEMPTS AT FORCE MITIGATION WILL FIX THIS. NO AMOUNT OF
16 PRESENTATIONS FROM THE SHERIFF WILL FIX THIS. IT IS TIME TO
17 SHUT DOWN DOWNTOWN JAILS. IT IS TIME FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE
18 GOOD ON THE PROMISE TO CLOSE DOWN CAGES AND CARE FOR THEIR
19 COMMUNITIES. TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION ANY LONGER IS TO ACCEPT
20 THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS, TO ACCEPT THE RACIAL DISPARITIES, AND
21 TO ACCEPT WAREHOUSING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN
22 JAIL. IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA 55C, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT POLICE
23 SURVEILLANCE OF OUR COMMUNITIES WILL EXPAND EVERYONE'S
24 CRIMINALIZATION AND WILL NOT INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY. THESE
25 CAMERAS WILL EXPAND CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK, BROWN, AND ASIAN

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1 COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY AS THE FOOTAGE FEEDS INTO THE
2 ARCHITECTURE OF MASS SURVEILLANCE THAT L.A.S.D., L.A.P.D., AND
3 OTHER POLICE AGENCIES USE TO TRACK --

4

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

7

8 **MICHELLE ELGERMENTY:** IN TERMS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
9 PLEASE CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THERE ARE PLENTY OF
10 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACT ON IMMEDIATELY FROM THE A.T.I. REPORT
11 AND FROM THE MEASURE J SUBCOMMITTEE PROCESS THAT APPLY TO
12 M.C.J. CLOSURE. TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN ACT AND COMMIT NOW
13 IS UNCONSCIONABLE. NOW THERE'S IS PLAN, AND THE COUNTY HAS TO
14 ACT. IN SOLIDARITY OF BLACK LIVES MATTER, JUSTICE L.A.,
15 REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION, ARE NOW DEMANDING THAT THE COUNTY
16 ACT IN CLOSING M.C.J. AND FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J. AS WAS
17 PREVIOUSLY STATED, WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER REPORT TO COLLECT
18 DUST ON THE SHELF. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS HAVE THE POLITICAL
19 WILL FROM THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CLOSE M.C.J. I AM
20 CALLING ON THE BOARD TO BE BOLD AND MOVE WITH INTEGRITY, MAKE
21 GOOD ON YOUR COMMITMENTS TO CLOSE M.C.J., AND CALL ON THE
22 COUNTY TO STOP WASTING TIME AND DO THE RIGHT THING TODAY. WE
23 MUST MOVE WITH URGENCY TO STOP THE HARM AND SAVE THE LIVES OF
24 OUR LOVED ONES BEING WAREHOUSED IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
25 ADDITIONALLY, MEASURE J. NEEDS TO BE GIVEN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT

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1 OF FUNDING. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE WORKING TO SURVIVE AND RECOVER
2 FROM A DEADLY PANDEMIC, AND THE BOARD CANNOT STAND IDLY BY.
3 WE NEED --

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAM
6 CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE ONE HOUR OF PUBLIC COMMENT
7 TESTIMONY.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS
10 ENDED. THANK YOU ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE
11 UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
12 COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
13 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
14 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH
16 WE WILL BE VOTING.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, ITEMS
19 1D-2D, 1-4, 6-11, 13-20, 22-41, 43-54, 55A-55E, AND 58.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, MADAM EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

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

18

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

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE
25 SET ITEM S1, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 5, THEN ITEMS 12 AND 42, AND

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1 FINISHING UP WITH ITEM A7. ITEM S1, AS YOU KNOW, IS A SET
2 MATTER ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS A PUBLIC
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC
4 TRENDS. WE HAVE ASKED DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
5 HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES,
6 TO PROVIDE THE FIRST PART OF THE PRESENTATION. THEREAFTER, WE
7 CAN ASK QUESTIONS AND THEN WE WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM DR.
8 JONATHAN SHERIN, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND ANTONIA
9 JIMENEZ, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ON THE MENTAL
10 HEALTH IMPACT AND RECOVERY OF COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO LET US
11 BEGIN THEN, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY.

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
14 THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR
15 STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AND ONGOING SUPPORT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON
16 OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. YOUR
17 GUIDANCE AND ACTIONS ENSURE THAT WE SWIFTLY AND EQUITABLY MAKE
18 PROGRESS WHILE KEEPING LASER FOCUSED ON COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
19 BEEN THE HARDEST HIT. WHILE WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY OUR
20 VACCINATION EFFORTS TO DATE AND THE PROMISE OF INCREASING
21 VACCINE SUPPLIES, AND CERTAINLY OUR METRICS ARE TRENDING IN
22 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WE DO REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE
23 POTENTIAL FOR RISING CASES LOCALLY, FOLLOWING TRENDS ACROSS
24 THE COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONALLY, VARIANTS OF CONCERN THAT ARE
25 CIRCULATING, AND THE INEQUITABLE GAPS THAT REMAIN IN OUR

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1 VACCINATION EFFORTS AND CASE RATES THAT CONTINUE TO BE THE
2 FOCUS FOR URGENT ATTENTION. TODAY, I WILL BE PROVIDING
3 UPDATES ON THE CURRENT L.A. COUNTY COVID-19 DATA, POTENTIAL
4 RISKS TO OUR PROGRESS, MODIFICATIONS TO THE HEALTH OFFICER
5 ORDER THAT WENT INTO EFFECT ON MONDAY AS WE MOVED INTO THE
6 STATE'S ORANGE TIER, AND LASTLY, AN UPDATE ON VACCINATION
7 EFFORTS. I WILL TAKE THE FIRST GRAPH. THIS FIRST GRAPH SHOWS
8 OUR TREND LINES OF CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS FROM
9 MARCH 1ST, LAST YEAR, THROUGH MARCH 28TH, 2021. AND AS YOU CAN
10 SEE, CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS CONTINUE TO FALL.
11 THREE MONTHS AGO ON JANUARY 5TH, THERE WERE 14,200 DAILY
12 CASES. SINCE THEN, L.A. COUNTY HAS EXPERIENCED A 97 PERCENT
13 DROP IN THE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES, FALLING TO FEWER THAN 400
14 NEW CASES IN LATE MARCH. OVER THAT SAME THREE-MONTH PERIOD,
15 HOSPITALIZATIONS FELL 92 PERCENT, FROM MORE THAN 8,000 DAILY
16 HOSPITALIZATIONS, TO LESS THAN 650 DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS,
17 AGAIN, AS OF THE END OF MARCH. AND SINCE JANUARY 5TH, THE
18 NUMBER OF DAILY DEATHS HAS ALSO DROPPED CLOSE TO 100 PERCENT,
19 FROM 252 DAILY DEATHS ON JANUARY 5TH, TO 9 DAILY DEATHS ON
20 MARCH 28TH. WE DO EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO EVERYONE WHO HAS LOST
21 A PERSON THEY LOVE TO THE VIRUS, AND WE WISH EVERYONE HEALING
22 AND PEACE. TODAY, WE ARE REPORTING 406 NEW CASES, 568 PEOPLE
23 HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19, AND 23 NEW DEATHS. THE
24 EXTRAORDINARY PROGRESS WE MADE REFLECTS COLLECTIVE ACTIONS
25 TAKEN OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. AND THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR

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1 DOING THE HARD WORK THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE. I'LL TAKE THE
2 NEXT SLIDE. WE DO KNOW THAT WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING
3 PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES IF WE WANT TO SUSTAIN THIS
4 PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY WITH CIRCULATING VARIANTS, THE
5 CONCERNING INCREASE IN CASES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AND AS WE
6 MOVE INTO THE ORANGE TIER WITH SECTOR REOPENINGS AND INCREASED
7 CAPACITY LIMITS AT VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS, THERE WILL BE MORE
8 INTERMINGLING. THERE HAS BEEN AN ALARMING OVERALL INCREASE IN
9 CASES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF 18
10 PERCENT. ADDITIONALLY, 31 STATES HAVE SEEN CASES RISING IN THE
11 LAST 7-DAY PERIOD COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ONE. FOUR STATES IN
12 PARTICULAR, MICHIGAN, FLORIDA, NEW JERSEY, AND PENNSYLVANIA,
13 HAVE SEEN STEEP INCREASE SAID IN THEIR CASES. MOREOVER, THE
14 NORTHEAST AND THE MIDWEST ARE REPORTING INCREASES IN INCIDENTS
15 OF COVID CASES IN THOSE YOUNGER THAN 18. THIS IS PARTICULARLY
16 TRUE IN MICHIGAN AND MINNESOTA. THIS TREND MAY BE ATTRIBUTED
17 TO THE INCREASE IN THE VARIANTS CIRCULATING AT THE SAME TIME
18 THAT SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS HAVE BEEN REOPENING. DURING THE
19 PANDEMIC, TRENDS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AND OTHER PARTS
20 OF THE COUNTRY HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN IMPACT ON L.A. COUNTY. THIS
21 PAST YEAR INDICATES THAT OFTEN THE EAST COAST EXPERIENCES
22 INCREASES IN CASES BEFORE THE WEST COAST, AND THAT TYPICALLY,
23 L.A. COUNTY IS A FEW WEEKS BEHIND NEW YORK. WHILE CONDITIONS
24 HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE WE VACCINATED
25 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, WE DON'T YET

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1 HAVE ENOUGH VACCINE PROTECTION ACROSS THE COUNTY TO PREVENT
2 MORE TRANSMISSION IF WE ARE NOT EXTRAORDINARILY CAREFUL OVER
3 THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. IN ADDITION TO
4 RISING CASE NUMBERS INTERNATIONALLY AND IN MANY STATES, WE
5 ALSO REMAIN ON ALERT ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RISKS THAT CAN THWART
6 OUR PROGRESS DUE TO CIRCULATING VARIANTS OF CONCERN THAT MAY
7 BE MORE TRANSMISSIBLE. KNOWN VARIANTS OF CONCERN INCLUDE WHAT
8 WE CALL THE U.K. VARIANT, THE BRAZIL VARIANT, THE SOUTH
9 AFRICAN VARIANT, THE NEW YORK VARIANT, AND THE CALIFORNIA
10 VARIANT. ALL OF THESE VARIANTS ARE KNOWN VIRUS MUTATIONS THAT
11 ARE PROBABLY MORE INFECTIOUS THAN THE MORE COMMON STRAIN OF
12 THE VIRUS. IN L.A. COUNTY, OF THE 920 SPECIMENS SEQUENCED TO
13 DATE AT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH LAB, 12 PERCENT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
14 AS THE U.K. VARIANT, THIS IS ALL SINCE JANUARY 15TH, 43
15 PERCENT WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT, THIS IS
16 SINCE DECEMBER, 3 PERCENT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS WHAT WE CALL
17 THE NEW YORK VARIANT OF INTEREST, AND THERE HAVE BEEN TWO
18 CASES IDENTIFIED AS THE BRAZIL VARIANT OF INTEREST, THIS IS
19 P2. WHILE THIS IS A VERY SMALL SAMPLE SIZE, RESULTS STATE-WIDE
20 IN CALIFORNIA INDICATE THAT VARIANTS ARE WIDELY CIRCULATING
21 AND MAY MAKE IT EASIER FOR VIRUS TRANSMISSION TO OCCUR IF WE
22 ARE NOT VIGILANT IN PRACTICING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. THE STATE
23 HAS REPORTED 851 CASES OF THE B117 U.K. VARIANT, 10 CASES OF
24 THE SOUTH AFRICAN VARIANT, 35 CASES OF THE BRAZIL P1 VARIANT,
25 THIS IS A VARIANT OF CONCERN, AND OVER 9,300 CASES OF THE

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1 CALIFORNIA VARIANT. YESTERDAY, AS MANY OF YOU HEARD, STANFORD
2 HEALTH REPORTED A DOUBLE MUTANT CORONAVIRUS VARIANT THEY FOUND
3 IN CALIFORNIA. A SIMILAR VARIANT IS THOUGHT TO BE BEHIND A
4 SURGE IN CASES IN INDIA. THIS VARIANT CARRIES TWO MUTATIONS
5 THAT HELP THE VIRUS ATTACH TO CELLS. ONE OF THE MUTATIONS IN
6 THE NEW STRAIN IS LIKE THAT FOUND IN THE VARIANTS FIRST
7 DETECTED IN BRAZIL AND SOUTH AFRICA. THE SECOND MUTATION FOUND
8 IS LIKE THAT NOTICED IN THE CALIFORNIA VARIANT. I WANT TO NOTE
9 THAT THIS IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF RECOMBINATION, RATHER THESE TWO
10 MUTATIONS HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN THE SAME ISOLATE. THIS IS
11 LIKELY ONE VIRUS WITH TWO SEQUENTIAL MUTATIONS. WE KNOW,
12 HOWEVER, THAT IF THERE IS MORE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19, THERE
13 IS THE RISK OF MORE VARIANTS DOMINATING. WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE
14 HAVE STRATEGIES AT HAND TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS,
15 AND THAT THESE STRATEGIES PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF THE
16 VARIANTS. SO PLEASE KEEP DOING WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING TO
17 PROTECT EACH OTHER. WEAR A MASK, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, HAND
18 WASH, AND AVOID CROWDS. THIS ALL WORKS TO LIMIT TRANSMISSION.
19 I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. LAST WEEK, L.A. COUNTY QUALIFIED
20 FOR THE ORANGE TIER IN THE STATE'S BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER
21 ECONOMY WITH 3.1 ADJUSTED CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, A
22 SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE OF 1.5 PERCENT,
23 AND IN AREAS WITH THE FEWEST HEALTH AFFIRMING RESOURCES, A
24 TEST POSITIVITY RATE OF 2.1 PERCENT. WHILE THE STATE TODAY IS
25 CHANGING THE THRESHOLD TO MOVE TO THE LESS RESTRICTIVE YELLOW

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1 TEAR, FROM LESS THAN 1 CASE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, TO LESS
2 THAN 2 CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE
3 HIT THE 4 MILLION MARK VACCINATIONS IN OUR HARDEST HIT
4 COMMUNITIES, WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT OUR TIER METRICS WILL NOT
5 CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK BASED ON THE CASE
6 NUMBERS WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING. IN THE ORANGE TEAR, THE STATE
7 INCREASES CAPACITY LIMITS AT VARIOUS BUSINESSES INCLUDING
8 RESTAURANTS, RETAIL, MUSEUMS, AND MOVIE THEATERS. AND IT
9 OFFERS OTHER BUSINESSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ACTIVITIES BACK
10 INDOORS AT VERY LIMITED CAPACITY. THIS INCLUDES CARD ROOMS AND
11 FAMILY AMUSEMENT CENTERS. YESTERDAY, WE DID THE NEW HEALTH
12 OFFICER ORDER WENT INTO EFFECT, AND IT DOES HAVE SOME
13 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WHICH I WILL SUMMARIZE VERY QUICKLY.
14 OUTDOOR LIVE EVENTS AND OUTDOOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS
15 WITH AUDIENCES ARE NOW PERMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING SAFETY
16 MODIFICATIONS. ONLY IN-STATE VISITORS CAN ATTEND WITH ADVANCE
17 TICKET RESERVATIONS, AND THERE'S A 33 PERCENT CAPACITY LIMIT.
18 FOOD AND DRINK NEEDS TO BE DELIVERED TO GUESTS IN THEIR SEAT
19 OR DELIVERED TO DESIGNATED GUEST PICK UP AREAS, AND THERE MUST
20 BE A WEEKLY WORKER TESTING PROGRAM. AT AMUSEMENT PARKS, THEY
21 ARE ALSO ALLOWED TO REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AGAIN, WITH SAFETY
22 MEASURES THAT ARE ADHERED TO. THE REOPENING PLANS FOR LARGE
23 THEME PARKS AND AMUSEMENT PARKS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED AHEAD OF
24 TIME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. PARKS ARE ALSO ONLY
25 OPEN FOR IN STATE VISITORS, AND VISITORS ARE LIMITED TO A 25

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1 PERCENT CAPACITY WITH DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OF 6 FEET
2 BETWEEN HOUSEHOLDS ON ALL RIDES, LINES, AND TRANSPORTS. MASKS
3 ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES, AND EATING AND DRINKING IS ONLY
4 ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED EATING AND DRINKING AREAS. BARS THAT DO
5 NOT PROVIDE MEALS ARE ALLOWED NOW TO OPEN OUTDOORS WITH
6 DISTANCING, MASKING, AND INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES. INDOOR
7 OPERATIONS, I JUST WANT TO NOTE, ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR ANY
8 BARS WITH WHAT'S CALLED A LOW RISK PERMIT. I WANT TO NOTE
9 THAT TABLES NEED TO BE 8 FEET APART, 6 PEOPLE AT A TABLE,
10 MAXIMUM OF THREE DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS AT EACH TABLE. THERE'S
11 NO LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, BUT TELEVISION VIEWING IS PERMITTED
12 OUTDOORS, AND THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE RIGHT NOW FROM
13 11:30A.M. UNTIL 10:00P.M. BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND
14 DISTILLERIES HAVE THE SAME MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED OUTDOORS,
15 BUT THEY CAN ALSO NOW MOVE BACK INDOORS AT 25 PERCENT
16 CAPACITY OR 100 PEOPLE, WHICHEVER IS FEWER. THERE ARE ALSO
17 DIRECTIVES FOR SAFETY INDOORS, INCLUDING A MAXIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE
18 AT A TABLE, ALL FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD, AND THE HOURS OF
19 OPERATION, AGAIN, REMAIN 11:30 TO 10P.M. GROCERY STORES CAN
20 INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY TO 75 PERCENT ALONG WITH OTHER RETAIL
21 STORES. CARD ROOMS CAN NOW BOTH OPERATE OUTDOORS, AND THEY CAN
22 MOVE INDOORS AT 25 PERCENT CAPACITY. AGAIN, 8 FEET OF
23 DISTANCING BETWEEN TABLES. MASKS ARE ALWAYS REQUIRED, AND FOOD
24 AND BEVERAGES REMAIN BANNED FROM THE CARD TABLES. RESTAURANTS,
25 PLACES OF WORSHIP, MOVIE THEATERS, AND MUSEUMS, ZOOS, AND

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1 AQUARIUMS, CAN INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY INDOORS TO 50 PERCENT
2 ALONG WITH ALL OF THE SAFETY MODIFICATIONS ON DISTANCING.
3 FITNESS CENTERS ALSO CAN NOW MOVE INDOORS AT 25 PERCENT
4 CAPACITY. INDOOR POOLS CAN NOW REOPEN, AND MASKS ARE ALWAYS
5 REQUIRED UNLESS PEOPLE ARE SWIMMING. HAIR SALONS, BARBER
6 SHOPS, AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES ALSO CAN INCREASE INDOOR
7 CAPACITY TO 75 PERCENT OCCUPANCY, PROVIDED THEY CAN MAINTAIN 6
8 FEET OF DISTANCE. MASKS ARE REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR THOSE
9 SERVICES WHERE CUSTOMERS NEED TO REMOVE THEIR MASKS FOR A
10 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. FOR THOSE SERVICES WHERE THE CUSTOMERS
11 ARE REMOVING THE FACE COVERINGS, STAFF NEED TO WEAR A FACE
12 SHIELD IN ADDITION TO A MASK. FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS
13 ALSO NOW CAN ADD TO THEIR OPERATIONS, OPERATIONS INDOORS, AT
14 25 PERCENT CAPACITY, FOR DISTANCED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BOWLING
15 OR ESCAPE ROOMS, AND MASKS DO REMAIN REQUIRED. THE STATE ALSO
16 RELEASED A BLUEPRINT FOR SAFE -- MODIFICATIONS TO THE
17 BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY REOPENING FRAMEWORK YESTERDAY
18 THAT ALLOWS THE COUNTY ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
19 ACTIVITIES IT CAN RESUME WITH MODIFICATIONS STARTING ON APRIL
20 15TH. THESE UPDATES WILL INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGES
21 AROUND GATHERINGS, PRIVATE EVENTS OR MEETINGS, AND THIS
22 INCLUDES LIKE RECEPTIONS OR CONFERENCES, AND INDOOR SEATED
23 LIVE EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES. WE WILL REVIEW THESE NEW
24 OPPORTUNITIES AND WORK WITH THE BOARD ON A SET OF
25 RECOMMENDATIONS AND, AGAIN, AN ADDITIONAL SET OF MODIFICATIONS

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1 WE CAN MAKE TO THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR NEXT WEEK. IT IS
2 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT BUSINESSES FOLLOW THE SAFETY
3 MEASURES THAT ARE LAID OUT IN THESE PROTOCOLS. AS WE'VE SEEN
4 IN THE PAST, REOPENINGS AND INCREASING CAPACITY LIMITS CAN
5 UNFORTUNATELY LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN CASES IF WE ARE NOT
6 HYPERVIGILANT. WE DO ASK THAT EVERYONE TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS
7 NECESSARY TO PROTECT EACH OTHER. OUR INSPECTORS ARE OUT AND
8 ABOUT, AND WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE ANY CLARITY OR TECHNICAL
9 ASSISTANCE TO ANY BUSINESSES THAT NEED IT. LATE LAST WEEK,
10 ALSO, AND I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE
11 CONTROL ISSUED GUIDANCE RELATED TO TRAVELERS WHO HAVE BEEN
12 FULLY VACCINATED, AND EFFECTIVE YESTERDAY, WE UPDATED OUR
13 TRAVEL ADVISORY. THE C.D.C. AND THE COUNTY URGE EVERYONE AVOID
14 NON ESSENTIAL TRAVEL DURING THIS TIME WHEN THERE ARE
15 SIGNIFICANT HOT SPOTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD, AND
16 THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT RISK FOR MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANTS.
17 TRAVEL IS ASSOCIATED WITH ADDITIONAL RISK, HOWEVER, TRAVELERS
18 WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED, MEANING THAT TWO WEEKS HAVE PASSED
19 AFTER THEIR SECOND DOSE FOR THE PFIZER OR MODERNA VACCINE, OR
20 AFTER THEIR SINGLE DOSE OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE, ARE
21 GOING TO BE AT LOWER RISK, AND THEY CAN NOW TRAVEL AND WILL
22 NOT BE REQUIRED TO TEST OR QUARANTINE UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN
23 L.A. COUNTY IF THEY DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS. HOWEVER,
24 TRAVELERS WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED MUST CONTINUE TO
25 QUARANTINE, AND NOW IT IS FOR 7 FULL DAYS AFTER TRAVEL IF THEY

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1 CAN RECEIVE A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT TAKEN 3 TO 5 DAYS
2 AFTER THEY HAVE ARRIVED IN L.A. COUNTY. IF THE TRAVELER
3 DOESN'T GET TESTED AFTER THEY ARRIVE IN L.A. COUNTY, THEY NEED
4 TO QUARANTINE FOR THE FULL TEN DAYS. AND ALL TRAVELERS,
5 REGARDLESS OF THE VACCINATION STATUS, SHOULD SELF-MONITOR
6 THEMSELVES FOR SYMPTOMS FOR 14 DAYS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL, AND
7 THEY SHOULD GET TESTED AND ISOLATE IF THEY DEVELOP ANY
8 SYMPTOMS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH, AS WE NOTED,
9 REOPENINGS, THERE CAN BE ADDITIONAL RISK BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE
10 ARE MINGLING WITH OTHERS IN MANY MORE SITES. WE DO MITIGATE
11 THIS RISK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY ASKING BUSINESSES TO ADHERE
12 TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT REDUCE POSSIBLE EXPOSURES AMONG
13 WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE ARE SO
14 GRATEFUL FOR THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES THAT FULLY
15 IMPLEMENT ALL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES AND THE HEALTH
16 OFFICER ORDERS. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR HEALTH INSPECTORS STILL
17 ENCOUNTER BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT ADHERING TO REQUIRED
18 PROTOCOL. THIS CHART SHOWS THE INSPECTION RESULTS FROM MARCH
19 15TH TO APRIL 2, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR SO MUCH DETAIL, BUT IT
20 DOES SHOW THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN FOR SEVERAL
21 SECTORS, THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES THAT WERE OUT OF COMPLIANCE,
22 AND THE PERCENTAGE OF BUSINESSES THAT WERE IN COMPLIANCE.
23 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTORS FOUND RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS
24 OF COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, HOWEVER, THERE WERE
25 PATTERNS OF COMPLIANCE WITHIN SOME SECTORS, INCLUDING

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1 RESTAURANTS, WHERE 12 PERCENT OF RESTAURANTS THAT HAD AN
2 INSPECTION WERE NOT COMPLIANT WITH PHYSICAL DISTANCING
3 MEASURES, AND FIVE PERCENT WERE NOT COMPLIANT WITH FACE
4 COVERINGS AND FACE SHIELDS THAT NEEDED TO BE PROVIDED AND WORN
5 BY THEIR EMPLOYEES. SIMILAR PATTERNS WERE SEEN AT THE BARS.
6 FOR GYMS AND FITNESS CENTERS, 11 PERCENT WERE OUT OF
7 COMPLIANCE, MOSTLY FOR CUSTOMERS NOT WEARING FACE MASKS AND 12
8 PERCENT WERE OUT OF COMPLIANCE AROUND THE PHYSICAL DISTANCING
9 REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE A LARGE COUNTY, SO SMALL PERCENTAGES
10 TRANSLATE INTO DOZENS AND DOZENS OF POSSIBLE EXPOSURES. WE DO
11 ASK EVERYONE, PLEASE, IF YOU ARE FULLY TO THE REOPENING
12 PROTOCOLS. THIS IS HOW WE CONTINUE ON THE RECOVERY JOURNEY. ON
13 THE NEXT SLIDE, I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE CONTINUE TO VISIT OUR
14 BUSINESSES. WE PROVIDE A LOT OF EDUCATION, BUT WE DO CITE
15 THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS. THIS SLIDE DOES SHOW THE
16 NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED OVER THE LAST TWO WEEK PERIOD, AND
17 YOU CAN SEE THAT RESTAURANTS RECEIVED MOST OF THE CITATIONS,
18 45, FOLLOWED BY GYMS AND FITNESS CENTERS, WHERE 10 CITATIONS
19 HAD BEEN ISSUED. NOW, I'D LIKE TO ONTO THE NEXT SLIDE AND
20 PROVIDE YOU AN UPDATE ON OUR CURRENT OVERALL EFFORTS TO
21 VACCINATE RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. AS OF APRIL
22 2ND, WE HAVE ADMINISTERED 4,641,178 DOSES OF VACCINE OF THE
23 COUNTY. OF THESE, SLIGHTLY OVER 3 MILLION WERE FIRST DOSES,
24 AND THAT INCLUDED MORE THAN 120,000 DOSES OF THE J&J VACCINE.
25 THERE WERE ALMOST 1.6 MILLION DOSES THAT WERE ADMINISTERED

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1 WERE SECOND DOSES. MORE THAN 68 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY
2 RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE, WHILE
3 MORE THAN 34 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER
4 HAVE NOW RECEIVED BOTH OF THEIR DOSES. AND 33 PERCENT OF OUR
5 RESIDENTS 18 AND OLDER HAVE ALSO RECEIVED ONE DOSE. THIS IS
6 OBVIOUSLY PRIMARILY WORKERS IN ELIGIBLE SECTORS ALONG WITH
7 ADULTS WHO HAD UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS AND/OR
8 DISABILITIES THAT QUALIFIED THEM ALREADY FOR A VACCINE. I WILL
9 TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. BEGINNING ON APRIL 1ST, THOUGH, WE WERE
10 ABLE TO OPEN UP VACCINATIONS TO ALL PERSONS 50 TO 64 YEARS OF
11 AGE WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE OTHER
12 PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE GROUPS. ABOUT 32 PERCENT OF THE 2 MILLION
13 PEOPLE IN THIS AGE GROUP HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN VACCINATING AND
14 THAT MEANS THAT THERE IS ABOUT 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE THAT STILL
15 NEEDED TO BE VACCINATED. CLEARLY, IT WILL TAKE US A PERIOD OF
16 WEEKS TO COMPLETE VACCINATIONS IN THIS AGE GROUP, IN ADDITION
17 TO ALL OF THE OTHER ELIGIBLE GROUPS. HOWEVER, WE ARE HAPPY
18 THAT WE ARE NOW VACCINATING AT AN ACCELERATED PACE. FOR
19 EXAMPLE, THIS PAST WEEK, WE WERE ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
20 OF VACCINATIONS THAT WE DID AT 4 OF THE 5 LARGE-CAPACITY
21 COUNTY VACCINATION SITES. FROM WHAT HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY
22 ABOUT 2,000 VACCINATIONS A DAY, AT EACH SITE, TO MOVING UP TO
23 CLOSER TO 4,000 VACCINATIONS A DAY. WE WERE ABLE TO MANAGE THE
24 INCREASED VOLUME WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, AND WE'RE PREPARED TO BE
25 ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE INCREASE WHEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL VACCINE

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1 DOSES. SIMILARLY, MANY OTHER VACCINE PROVIDERS IN OUR NETWORK
2 ARE ALSO PREPARED TO INCREASE THEIR VACCINATION CAPACITY AS
3 SUPPLIES INCREASE. WE DO URGE PATIENTS, AMONG ALL OUT THERE,
4 WHO ARE UNDERSTANDABLY EXTREMELY EAGER TO BE VACCINATED,
5 PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS TO GET IT
6 DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND BEGINNING ON APRIL 15TH, ALL
7 PERSONS 16 AND OVER BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION IN L.A.
8 COUNTY. ABOUT 16 PERCENT OF THOSE IN THE AGE GROUP 16 TO 29,
9 AND ABOUT 26 PERCENT OF THOSE IN THE AGE GROUP 30 TO 49, HAVE
10 BEEN VACCINATED SO FAR. THAT MEANS WE HAVE MILLIONS MORE
11 PEOPLE THAT WILL BE WANTING TO GET VACCINATED, AND AGAIN, IT
12 WILL TAKE US SOMETIME TO MEET THIS DEMAND. I DO WANT TO ALSO
13 NOTE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY IMPROVED LANGUAGE ACCESS AT ALL OF
14 OUR COUNTY SITES. PUBLIC HEALTH IDENTIFIED THAT ONE OF OUR
15 TRANSLATION COMPANIES IS ABLE TO PROVIDE VIDEO AND AUDIO
16 TRANSLATION OF A.S.L. AND OTHER LANGUAGES. AND OUR TEAM HAS
17 TESTED THIS CAPACITY, AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING
18 TABLETS THAT CAN BE USED AT ALL OF OUR SITES TO IMPROVE THE
19 EXPERIENCE FOR PERSONS COMING TO THE VACCINATION SITES WHO
20 NEED INTERPRETATION SERVICES. WHAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO IS WE
21 WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER ALL OF OUR CLIENTS AND OUR STAFF THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE BETWEEN AN AUDIO OR VIDEO TRANSLATION
23 THROUGH THIS SERVICE. FOR THE VIDEO EXPERIENCE, THE SYSTEM
24 CONNECTS WITH A CERTIFIED TRANSLATOR WHO APPEARS ON THE DEVICE
25 SCREEN AND INTERPRETS FOR THE STAFF AND FOR CLIENT. BECAUSE

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1 IT'S A VIDEO INTERFACE, TRANSLATORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE
2 USED, OFTEN WITH NATIVE SPEAKING SKILLS THAT ARE FAR BETTER
3 THAN SOME OF THE TRANSLATORS WE HAVE HIRED IN PERSON. PUBLIC
4 HEALTH HAS AN ACCOUNT, AND LICENSES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED, AND
5 OUR DEVICES ARRIVING THIS WEEK, SO WE ARE EXCITED THAT WE WILL
6 BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS WE THINK IMPROVED EXPERIENCE AT ALL OF
7 THE COUNTY SITES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WHILE GAPS DO
8 CONTINUE TO EXIST IN VACCINATION RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY,
9 WITH HIGHEST RATES STILL OCCURRING AMONG WHITE AND ASIAN
10 RESIDENTS, WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IMPROVING GETTING
11 VACCINATIONS INTO OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT
12 BY COVID-19. FOR EXAMPLE, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE
13 RELATIVE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN VACCINATION RATES FROM
14 FEBRUARY 9 TO APRIL 2ND FOR THOSE 65 AND OLDER WAS 145 PERCENT
15 FOR BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICANS, 114 PERCENT INCREASE FOR
16 LATINX RESIDENTS, 109 PERCENT INCREASE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND
17 ALASKAN NATIVE RESIDENTS, AND SLIGHTLY SMALLER NUMBERS, 66
18 PERCENT INCREASE FOR WHITE RESIDENTS AND 71 PERCENT INCREASE
19 FOR ASIAN RESIDENTS. THE HIGHER PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN OUR
20 HARD HIT COMMUNITIES ARE HELPING US TO CLOSE THE GAPS IN
21 VACCINATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE.
22 FOR THOSE 18 AND OLDER, THE VACCINATION RATES ARE MUCH LOWER
23 BUT ALSO STEADILY INCREASING, ALTHOUGH WE SEE SIMILAR
24 INEQUITIES IN COVERAGE RATES WITH GAPS, AGAIN, NARROWING. AS
25 WE EXPAND ELIGIBILITY TO ALL PERSONS 16 AND OLDER ON APRIL

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1 15TH, WE DO KNOW THAT THE NUMBERS WILL INCREASE, AND WHAT
2 WE'RE GOING TO PAY MOST ATTENTION TO IS THAT WE ELIMINATE THE
3 GAPS IN COVERAGE. WE ARE IN THIS CRITICAL RACE. WE WANT TO GET
4 80 PERCENT OF EVERYBODY WHO IS ELIGIBLE VACCINATED AS QUICKLY
5 AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE WANT TO DO IT BY PRIORITIZING GETTING
6 VACCINE INTO OUR HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES. SHOW THE NEXT SLIDE.
7 WE DO THAT IN PART BY MANAGING THE ALLOCATIONS HERE IN L.A.
8 COUNTY. THIS TABLE SHOWS THE SUMMARY OF OUR WEEKLY
9 DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINES BY THE TYPE OF SITE THAT
10 RECEIVES THE ALLOCATION. THIS WEEK, THERE IS 391 VACCINATION
11 SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY, OFFERING APPOINTMENTS WITH THEIR
12 PORTION OF ALMOST 400,000 TOTAL DOSES THAT WERE ALLOCATED TO
13 THE COUNTY. AND AS A REMINDER, THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
14 DOSES ALLOCATED DIRECTLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOME
15 COUNTY PHARMACIES, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AND TO
16 THE F.E.M.A. VACCINATION SITES, NOR DOES IT INCLUDE THE DOSES
17 ALLOCATED BY THE STATE TO OUR LARGE MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES SUCH
18 AS KAISER AND U.C.L.A. WITH ALL OF THESE ADDITIONAL
19 ALLOCATIONS MADE BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, THERE
20 ARE AN ADDITIONAL 197 SITES VACCINATING THIS WEEK THAT ARE
21 RECEIVING NON COUNTY ALLOCATED DOSES. I WANT TO NOTE THAT THIS
22 WEEK, WE RECEIVED MORE THAN 118,000 DOSES OF THE JOHNSON &
23 JOHNSON VACCINES, AND THAT THESE VACCINES ARE DISTRIBUTED
24 ACROSS MANY SITES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, INCLUDING
25 HOSPITAL SITES, OUR COUNTY LARGE CAPACITY SITES, CITY OF L.A.

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1 SITE, OUR MOBILE SITES, AND MANY OF OUR PHARMACY PARTNERS.
2 THIS WEEK, MORE THAN 100,000 DOSES, WHICH IS OVER 26 PERCENT
3 OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION, WENT TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
4 CENTERS AND CLINICS, SERVING RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN HARD HIT
5 COMMUNITIES. THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL MORE THAN 50,000 DOSES
6 THAT WERE ALLOCATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY TO SOME
7 OF OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AS WELL THIS PAST
8 WEEK. 90,000 DOSES WILL BE ADMINISTERED THIS WEEK AT THE 7
9 COUNTY SITES. THE CITY OF L.A. SITES ARE VACCINATING AN
10 ADDITIONAL 70,000 PEOPLE AT THEIR SIX SITES, AND PHARMACIES
11 ARE ADMINISTERING MORE THAN 30,000 DOSES. WE NOW HAVE
12 INCREASED THE DOSES TO MOBILE VACCINATION PARTNERS, AND WE
13 HAVE 54,000 DOSES THAT ARE BEING USED AT THE MOBILE
14 VACCINATION SITES. UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE WE ARE DOING SO MUCH
15 BETTER THAN WE WERE WITH THE ADDITIONAL DOSES, WE STILL ARE
16 NOT RECEIVING ENOUGH DOSES FOR WHAT WE HAVE CAPACITY FOR. THIS
17 WEEK WE HAD CAPACITY TO ADMINISTER NEARLY 700,000 DOSES, AND
18 THAT IS FAR MORE THAN WE HAVE RECEIVED. AND WE ARE JUST
19 HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO GET MORE DOSES IN THE COUNTY
20 IN THE COMING WEEKS AS WE RAMP UP TO OUR GOAL OF BEING ABLE TO
21 ADMINISTER A MILLION DOSES A WEEK ACROSS OUR COUNTY WITH OUR
22 COUNTY PARTNERS. I DO WANT TO SHOW YOU WITH THE NEXT SLIDE
23 THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO INCREASING THE VACCINATION SITES THAT
24 ARE IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. OF THE 566
25 TOTAL VACCINATION SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY THIS WEEK, 266 ARE

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1 LOCATED IN THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES. THESE SITES ARE
2 MANAGED BY HOSPITALS, PHARMACIES, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
3 CENTERS, COMMUNITY CLINICS, CITY, COUNTY, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
4 AND OUR MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES, AND WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR
5 PARTNERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO GETTING VACCINES WITHIN DAYS OF
6 RECEIVING THEM INTO THE ARMS OF PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN
7 OUR COUNTY. IN ADDITION, I WANT TO NOTE THAT OUR MOBILE
8 VACCINE TEAMS ARE DEPLOYING TO THE HARD HIT COMMUNITIES AS
9 WELL. RIGHT NOW, THEY CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE VACCINATING
10 RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER AND RESIDENTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY.
11 THIS WEEK THERE ARE A 107 MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS THAT ARE
12 ADMINISTERING VACCINATIONS AT SENIOR HOUSING CENTERS, SENIOR
13 CENTERS, WITH OUR PARTNERS AT FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND
14 WITH SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE WILL TAKE
15 THE NEXT SLIDE. AS YOU CAN SEE, BY THIS CHART, L.A. COUNTY
16 CONTINUES TO ALLOCATE A LARGER PERCENT OF OUR DOSES TO
17 COMMUNITIES WITH THE FEWER RESOURCES. AND WE HAVE ALSO ON THE
18 DATA THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RUN BASED ON INDIVIDUALS GETTING
19 VACCINATED, OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS VACCINATED IN
20 L.A. COUNTY TO DATE DO LIVE IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND
21 WE HAVE SEEN INCREASES IN THIS PERCENTAGE IN THE PAST FEW
22 WEEKS. WE ARE MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN GETTING THE
23 VACCINES IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT NEED THEM THE MOST, BUT WE DO
24 NEED TO REMAIN LASER FOCUSED, ESPECIALLY AS WE EXPAND
25 ELIGIBILITY ON THE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR VACCINES ARE

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1 EASILY ACCESSIBLE IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND FOR THAT, WE
2 ARE GRATEFUL TO THE LEADERSHIP FROM THE SUPERVISORS AND OUR
3 PARTNERS TO ENSURE WE CONTINUE TO DO A BETTER JOB REACHING
4 THOSE MOST IN NEED. AND I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT
5 TO CONCLUDE BY NOTING THAT IF L.A. COUNTY RECEIVES A WEEKLY
6 DOSE ALLOCATION ON AVERAGE OF 576,000 DOSES PER WEEK, THIS IS
7 TOTAL WHAT WE GET FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE
8 GOVERNMENT, AND WHAT COMES THROUGH THE COUNTY ALLOCATION, WE
9 WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THE 80 PERCENT VACCINATION COVERAGE FOR
10 EVERYONE 16 AND OLDER IN ABOUT 12 WEEKS, WHICH PUTS US AT THE
11 END OF JUNE. AND AS I NOTED, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE CAPACITY BY
12 THE END OF THE MONTH TO ADMINISTER 1 MILLION DOSES A WEEK. WE
13 LOOK FORWARD TO THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT IT WILL TAKE TO MAKE
14 SURE THAT FOR EVERYONE THAT WANTS TO GET VACCINATED, THEY HAVE
15 EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES, AT OVER, REALLY, AT THIS POINT,
16 ALMOST 600 DIFFERENT SITES THROUGHOUT OUR NETWORK AND THAT WE
17 REMAIN LASER FOCUSED ON NARROWING THE GAPS WE HAVE SEEN IN
18 VACCINE COVERAGE RATES TO DATE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS
19 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN UPDATE ON OUR PROGRESS ON
20 VACCINATING RESIDENTS AND REDUCING TRANSMISSION, AND AS
21 ALWAYS, I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. FERRER. WHAT WE ARE
24 GOING TO IS HEAR FROM DR. GHALY NEXT AND THEN I'LL OPEN IT UP
25 TO QUESTIONS FROM COLLEAGUES. SO FAR, I HAVE ON DECK

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1 SUPERVISORS HAHN FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. DR.

2 GHALY, YOUR PRESENTATION, THANK YOU.

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4 **DR. GHALY:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANKS FOR THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT PROGRESS WITHIN D.H.S
6 WITH RESPECT TO COVID. OUR 4 PUBLIC HOSPITALS ARE DOING WELL,
7 AND THEY HAVE NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM THE SURGE
8 THAT AFFECTED ALL HOSPITALS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN
9 JANUARY. THE COVID CENSUS AMONG OUR 4 HOSPITALS IS DOWN TO 63.
10 15 PERCENT OF THOSE PATIENTS ARE IN THE I.C.U., AND THIS IS A
11 25 PERCENT REDUCTION FROM A JUST WEEK AGO, SO THE NUMBERS
12 CONTINUE TO GO DOWN. ONLY 10 PERCENT OF MEDICAL, SURGICAL, AND
13 I.C.U. BEDS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY SUPPORT CARE FOR A COVID
14 PATIENT ARE NOW FILLED WITH A COVID POSITIVE PATIENT. OUR
15 STAFFING HAS ALSO ALMOST COMPLETELY RECOVERED AND WITH ALL OF
16 THE STATE REGISTRY STAFF THAT WE HAD USED THROUGHOUT THE SURGE
17 ARE DUE TO FINALIZE THEIR CONTRACT TERM OVER THE NEXT COUPLE
18 OF WEEKS. ALSO ALL OF THE D.H.S. STAFF WHO HAD BEEN
19 REDEPLOYED TO THE IN PATIENT UNITS, AT PEAK, THAT WAS OVER
20 1200, THEY HAVE ALL RETURNED TO THEIR HOME FACILITIES AND HOME
21 UNITS. OUT PATIENT SERVICES ARE RAMPING UP, THOUGH WE ARE
22 STILL NOT YET AT FULL CAPACITY OF OUT PATIENT SERVICES, DUE TO
23 THE HUNDREDS OF STAFF THAT WE HAVE NEEDED TO REDEPLOY TO STAFF
24 THE COVID VACCINATION SITES IN OPERATION ACROSS D.H.S. AND OUR
25 VARIOUS PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES, AND UNITS. WITH RESPECT TO

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1 VACCINATION, THERE'S A SET OF SLIDES THAT I'LL REFER TO JUST
2 TO BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE WHERE WE ARE AT. TURNING TO THE FIRST
3 CHART, WHICH IS ON SLIDE TWO, TOTAL VACCINATION VOLUME TO
4 DATE PERFORMED IS AT APPROXIMATELY 115,000 DOSES. OUR FOCUS
5 CONTINUES AS IT WAS INITIALLY IN THE PANDEMIC, IT WAS ON
6 STAFF. NOW IT CONTINUES TO BE ON VACCINATING D.H.S. -
7 RESPONSIBLE PATIENTS. AS OF YESTERDAY, OVER 66,000
8 VACCINATIONS WERE PROVIDED TO DATE TO D.H.S. AND PANEL
9 PATIENTS. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE VACCINATIONS THAT ARE PROVIDED
10 TO INMATES IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM OR TO PERSONS
11 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THIS
12 SEPARATELY. SLIDES TWO AND THREE DEMONSTRATE THE FOCUS OF
13 D.H.S.'S VACCINATION EFFORTS TOWARD COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
14 SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC TO BE MOST AT RISK WITH EXPOSURE
15 TO COVID AND A SERIOUS OUTCOME AND SERIOUS COURSE OF ILLNESS
16 WITH COVID. THIS IS TRUE BOTH IN LOOKING AT THE COMMUNITIES
17 THAT ARE MOST DISADVANTAGED BY THE HEALTHY PLACES INDEX, WHICH
18 IS SHOWN ON SLIDE THREE, WHERE 84 PERCENT OF PATIENTS
19 VACCINATED BY D.H.S. ARE FROM THE TWO MOST DISADVANTAGED
20 QUARTILES, WHEREAS, THOSE POPULATIONS MAKE UP JUST OVER 60
21 PERCENT FOR THE COUNTY OVERALL. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, WE LOOK AT
22 A SIMILAR CUT OF THE DATA, BUT BY RACE RATHER THAN H.P.I. AND
23 THIS COMPARES THE CURRENT BREAKDOWN IN RACE AND ETHNICITY FOR
24 THOSE VACCINATED WITHIN D.H.S., AGAIN, AMONG OUR OWN PANEL
25 POPULATION, COMPARED TO THE DATA THAT WAS MOST RECENTLY

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1 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE RACIAL BREAKDOWN AMONG THOSE
2 VACCINATED ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND THAT'S DATA FROM MARCH 22ND.
3 D.H.S. HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE EMPHASIS ON THE MOST
4 DISADVANTAGED AND AT RISK COMMUNITIES BY FOCUSING OUTREACH ON
5 OUR D.H.S. RESPONSIBLE PATIENTS, THE VAST MAJORITY, AS YOU
6 KNOW, OF WHOM ARE LOW INCOME, WORK MULTIPLE JOBS, AREN'T ABLE
7 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TELEWORK OPPORTUNITIES THAT MORE
8 ADVANTAGED POPULATIONS ENJOY. SHIFTING NOW TO SLIDE FIVE, THIS
9 SHOWS THE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINATIONS BY RACIAL AND ETHNIC
10 GROUP BY AGE. THE HIGHEST SUCCESS TO DATE, WITHIN D.H.S. HAS
11 BEEN ON THE HISPANIC AND LATINO POPULATION, WHERE 47 PERCENT
12 OF THOSE WHO ARE OVER AGE 65 AND 19 PERCENT OF THOSE OVER AGE
13 16 OF OUR ACTIVE PATIENTS WHO IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC AND LATINO
14 HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE VACCINATION. THE NEXT MOST
15 SUCCESSFUL GROUP WE HAVE SEEN IS THE ASIAN POPULATION, WITH
16 LOWER RATES AMONG THE OTHER RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, AND THE
17 LOWEST NUMBERS AMONG NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC
18 ISLANDERS. IT IS NOTABLE THAT THIS DATA AND ALL OF THE DATA
19 THAT I SHARE INCLUDES ONLY THOSE VACCINATIONS THAT ARE GIVEN
20 BY D.H.S. STAFF AND FACILITIES DIRECTLY. WE DON'T HAVE, DUE TO
21 VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY LIMITATIONS, THE ABILITY TO DO BULK QUERIES
22 INTO THE STATE'S IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY CARE. SO WE CANNOT RUN
23 A REPORT AS TO WHICH D.H.S. PATIENTS MAY HAVE RECEIVED
24 VACCINES ELSEWHERE IN SOME SORT OF A SYSTEMATIC OR BULK
25 REPORT. RATHER, IT TAKES AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT-LEVEL QUERY TO

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1 BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AND RECORD THAT INFORMATION IN THE
2 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD. HOWEVER, WE HAVE DONE SAMPLING
3 RECENTLY ON A SAMPLE OF A THOUSAND PATIENTS WITHIN D.H.S. AND
4 OF THAT THOUSAND, 20 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS HAD RECEIVED
5 VACCINATIONS AT SITES OUTSIDE OF D.H.S., AND THAT WAS PRETTY
6 CONSTANT ACROSS VARIOUS DIFFERENT RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS,
7 DIFFERENT AGE COHORTS, AND SO WE DO BELIEVE THAT THESE
8 NUMBERS, IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT THE TOTAL RATE OF VACCINATION
9 AMONG THOSE WHO HAD RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE WOULD BE ABOUT
10 20 PERCENT HIGHER IF WE LOOK AT VACCINATIONS FROM ALL SOURCES.
11 IN LOOKING AT THE NEXT SLIDE, ON SLIDE 6, THIS SHOWS THE SAME
12 DATA, BUT BY S.P.A. WHERE WE SEE THAT AMONG THOSE WHO ARE OVER
13 AGE 65, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 40 TO 50 PERCENT, DEPENDING ON THE
14 S.P.A. HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE FROM D.H.S.
15 AND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ROUGHLY 13 AND THE HIGHEST IN S.P.A. 7
16 AT 22 PERCENT HAVE RECEIVED -- OF THOSE OVER AGE 16 HAVE
17 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE FROM A D.H.S. PROVIDER,
18 AND AGAIN, IF YOU WANT TO CONSIDER THE TOTAL VACCINATION RATE
19 AMONG ALL PROVIDERS, THEN PLEASE, THOSE NUMBERS WOULD BE
20 INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL 20 PERCENT. AND OBVIOUSLY, THE
21 NUMBERS ARE LOWER AMONG THOSE THAT ARE OVER 16 THAN THOSE
22 AMONG OVER AGE 65 BECAUSE THEY HAD LATER ELIGIBILITY DATES. ON
23 THE NEXT SLIDE, WE FOCUS BRIEFLY ON HOUSING FOR HEALTH AND
24 PROGRESS TO VACCINATE PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THOSE
25 RECENTLY HOMELESS, AND THE STAFF THAT SERVE THEM. SO FAR, THE

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1 HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM HAS DELIVERED ABOUT 7,000 VACCINES TO
2 DATE. THAT'S 2/3 AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
3 1/3 AMONG THE STAFF SERVING THEM. AMONG THE PERSONS
4 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON THE RIGHT SIDE, THE PIE CHART
5 SHOWS THE BREAKDOWN IN THE SITES IN WHICH THOSE HAVE BEEN
6 DELIVERED, WITH ABOUT 41 PERCENT BEING DELIVERED IN
7 ENCAMPMENTS, 37 PERCENT IN INTERIM HOUSING SITES, WHICH
8 INCLUDES SHELTERS, 17 PERCENT IN THE COUNTY'S PROJECT ROOM KEY
9 AND PROJECT HOME KEY SITES, AND THEN THE SMALL REMAINDER IN
10 QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
11 SITES AND SOME OTHER SMALL SITES. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE
12 BREAKDOWN BY GEOGRAPHY, BY S.P.A., AND ALSO THE RACIAL AND
13 ETHNIC BREAK DOWN. AS WE CAN SEE HERE, THE RATE OF VACCINATION
14 AS COMPARED TO THE PREVALENCE OF THE POPULATION OVERALL, AMONG
15 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, IT LAGS AMONG BLACK AND
16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS
17 DUE TO A HIGHER DECLINATION RATE AMONG THIS POPULATION.
18 HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM CONTINUES TO WORK TO ENGAGE WITH ALL
19 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO WORK THROUGH THEIR
20 VARIOUS REASONS FOR DECLINING THE VACCINE AD REASONS WHY THEY
21 MAY STILL BE VACCINE HESITANT. AND CURRENTLY, HOUSING FOR
22 HEALTH IS IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS THAT
23 CAN WORK TO BE TRUSTED MESSENGERS WITH THESE POPULATIONS AND
24 HELP TO OVERCOME SOME OF THE VACCINE HESITANCY WE HAVE SEEN
25 THAT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS DISPROPORTIONALITY AMONG RACIAL

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1 AND ETHNIC GROUPS. AND FINALLY, ON THE LAST SLIDE, FOR
2 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, THIS POPULATION ALSO BECAME
3 BROADLY ELIGIBLE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. AS OF LATE MARCH,
4 ALMOST 4,000 DOSES HAD BEEN GIVEN, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 1500
5 DOSES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN SINCE THAT TIME. THE ACCEPTANCE
6 RATE IN THE JAILS AMONG INMATES IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM
7 IS RUNNING AT JUST OVER HALF, CURRENTLY AT 54 PERCENT, AND THE
8 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES STAFF ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO
9 EDUCATE AND MAKE MULTIPLE OFFERS OF VACCINE TO INMATES IN THE
10 L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. I WILL WRAP IT UP THERE. I DO WANT TO
11 THANK YOU FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THESE UPDATES AND FOR THE
12 BOARD'S ONGOING SUPPORT AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.
13 THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, DR. GHALY. WE WILL START
16 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
17 HAHN?

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, HI. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR.
20 GHALY. I THOUGHT DR. SHERIN. WAS GOING TO PRESENT. THAT'S WHY
21 I WAS HESITANT RIGHT THERE.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** NO, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE QUESTIONS FOR
24 THESE TWO FIRST. AND THEN WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT --

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. GREAT. PERFECT. THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU, AGAIN,
2 FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING. APPARENTLY, THE GOVERNOR JUST ANNOUNCED
3 THAT HE IS UNVEILING A NEW GREEN TIER THAT WE COULD BE ALL IN
4 BY JUNE 15TH. AND I KNOW THAT IS A WAYS AWAY, BUT I CERTAINLY
5 THINK FOR ALL OF US, THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR.
6 THAT IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ALL OF THESE GUIDELINES FOR.
7 THAT'S WHY WE MADE ALL OF THESE TOUGH DECISIONS LAST YEAR,
8 UNFORTUNATELY HAVING TO CLOSE BUSINESSES DOWN, AND PUTTING
9 SEVERE RE RESTRICTIONS ON THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVELIHOODS
10 DEPENDED ON OUR DECISION. SO THIS IS GOOD NEWS. DO YOU HAVE
11 ANY INFORMATION, DR. FERRER, ON WHAT THIS NEW TIER WILL LOOK
12 LIKE? IS IT REALLY GREEN IS GO, LIKE, NO MORE RESTRICTIONS,
13 EVERYTHING -- OUR ENTIRE ECONOMY IS OPENED UP. WE CAN GO BACK
14 TO, QUOTE, BEING NORMAL? WHAT IS YOUR SENSE, I KNOW YOU ARE
15 GOING TO ANSWER CERTAINLY WITH THE CONCERN ABOUT THE VARIANTS,
16 AND I AM PRETTY SURE, YOU KNOW, THE STATE IS LOOKING AT THE
17 VARIANTS AS THEY ARE UNVEILING THIS GREEN TIER, BUT THIS
18 REALLY SEEMS, AGAIN THIS IS THE HUGE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE
19 TUNNEL.

20
21 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I DON'T KNOW MUCH MORE
22 THAN WHAT IS BEING REPORTED ABOUT THE GREEN TIER. I THINK IT
23 IS REALLY EXCITING. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL DESPERATELY
24 WANT TO LOOK FORWARD TO, AND I THINK FOR EVERYONE, THE NOTION
25 REALLY IS, AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE GET VACCINATED, IT BECOMES

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1 SAFER AND SAFER FOR US TO RESUME MORE OF OUR NORMAL
2 ACTIVITIES. I WOULD SAY, I THINK THE GOVERNOR HAS SAID, YOU
3 KNOW, WE AIM FOR JUNE 15TH. SOME OF IT DOES, OF COURSE, DEPEND
4 ON THE CASE RATES REMAINING RELATIVELY LOW, AND OUR
5 VACCINATION RATES CONTINUING TO ACCELERATE IN TERMS OF THE
6 PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING VACCINATED, AND MAKING
7 SURE IN PARTICULAR THAT VACCINES ARE GETTING INTO THE HARDEST-
8 HIT COMMUNITIES, BUT I DO THINK THAT THE GOVERNOR IS LOOKING
9 FORWARD TO A TIME WHERE WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE REOPENINGS AT
10 BUSINESSES WITH MANY LESS RESTRICTIONS, AND I THINK THIS IS
11 PARTICULARLY TRUE AROUND CAPACITY LIMITS AND SOME OF THE
12 REGULATIONS AROUND THE PERMITTED ACTIVITIES. WHAT I THINK
13 EVERYBODY PROBABLY NEEDS TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT, GIVEN THAT
14 THERE STILL WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE NOT
15 VACCINATED, PARTICULARLY WE WILL NOT HAVE VACCINATED MANY OF
16 OUR CHILDREN YET, THERE WILL BE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING
17 TO STILL NEED TO BE WEARING THEIR FACE COVERINGS AND KEEPING
18 THEIR DISTANCE, BUT I THINK THAT THE EFFORT IS ONE TO REALLY
19 THINK THAT MANY OF THE RESTRICTIONS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE
20 RIGHT NOW, MANY OF THE SAFETY MODIFICATIONS THAT WE HAVE IN
21 PLACE RIGHT NOW, REALLY AREN'T AS NECESSARY WHEN YOU HAVE THE
22 VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE VACCINATED AND YOU ARE APPROACHING
23 WHAT WE ALL TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, A HERD IMMUNITY. AND WE ARE
24 GOING TO PARTICULARLY PAY ATTENTION TO HOSPITALIZATIONS
25 BECAUSE IF YOU START SEEING LOTS OF PEOPLE VACCINATED AND

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1 HOSPITALIZATIONS GO UP, YOU HAVE GOT A PROBLEM. I THINK IT'S
2 ALL GOING TO BE DONE PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT ARE OUR NUMBERS,
3 BUT THE GOAL IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU DESCRIBED, TO HAVE US BE
4 ABLE TO HAVE AS MANY PLACES REOPENED WITH AS FEW
5 RESTRICTIONS, AS IT MAKES SENSE, AS WE CONTINUE OBVIOUSLY TO
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, IN SOME SETTINGS, THERE IS MORE RISK THAN
7 OTHERS, AND WE MAY REQUIRE SOME OF THOSE MODIFICATIONS,
8 PARTICULARLY AROUND MASKING AND DISTANCING, DEPENDING ON WHICH
9 POPULATION GROUP THAT IS THERE. I BRING UP SCHOOLS BECAUSE WE
10 ALL KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE --
11 CERTAINLY, OUR YOUNGEST STUDENTS WILL NOT BE VACCINATED FOR A
12 WHILE. AND EVEN, YOU KNOW, WE ARE STILL WAITING RESULTS FROM
13 TRIALS FOR YOUNGER TEENS. SO WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO THERE.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. AND I AGREE. AND I DO THINK COLLECTIVELY,
16 AS A SOCIETY, THERE ARE THINGS THAT I THINK THE MAJORITY OF
17 PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO REMAIN IN PLACE. AND I THINK THIS IS
18 REALLY WHERE WE MOVE TO A HARM REDUCTION PHILOSOPHY, THAT,
19 YES, THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS WE CAN DO NOW, BUT HERE'S HOW WE
20 RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO IT SAFELY. I THINK THE MAJORITY OF
21 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WANT TO KEEP THE OUTDOOR DINING PRIORITIES
22 AROUND OUR RESTAURANTS, AND I KNOW A LOT OF CITIES REALLY
23 MOVED QUICKLY TO PERMIT LITTLE PARKLETS AND REMOVING SOME
24 PARKING SPACES IN STREETS TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DINING, AND I AM
25 HOPING WE CAN SUPPORT THAT GOING FORWARD, AND THERE JUST ARE

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1 OTHER THINGS I THINK PEOPLE ARE GOING TO FEEL OKAY ABOUT DOING
2 LONG-TERM, AGAIN, ESPECIALLY WITH VARIANTS HANGING OUT THERE
3 LIKE THEY ARE. SPEAKING OF VACCINES, DR. FERRER, I KNOW ONE OF
4 THE CHARTS IS THE 4.5 MILLION FIRST DOSES SO FAR. I'M
5 WONDERING HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE THE J&J SO THEY ARE DONE
6 BECAUSE FIRST DOSES, TO ME, SIGNIFIES THERE IS A SECOND DOSE.
7 OR IS THAT A DIFFERENT NUMBER?

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9 **DR. FERRER:** NO, NO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE I DON'T MISSPEAK, BUT
10 I THINK THAT THE NUMBER OF -- THE TOTAL NUMBER OF J&J DOSES
11 THAT I GAVE OUT EARLIER, SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I GIVE
12 THE SAME NUMBER, IT MIGHT TAKE ME A MINUTE TO LOOK THAT UP,
13 BUT, YES, IT IS -- YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT IS ONE AND
14 DONE, AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT HAVING -- RECEIVING MORE J&J
15 DOSES.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I GUESS IT WOULD BE --

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19 **DR. FERRER:** IT IS 121,000 DOSES HAVE BEEN J&J TO DATE.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. SO I GUESS, AGAIN, THERE MIGHT BE A CHART,
22 AND I KNOW THE PUBLIC DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS TO THESE CHARTS,
23 BUT, FOR ME, I WOULD LIKE TO MAYBE START HEARING TOTAL NUMBER
24 OF PEOPLE THAT ARE COMPLETELY VACCINATED. THAT IS A NUMBER
25 THAT I KNOW I'VE BEEN LOOKING -- AND YOU ARE RIGHT. THIS HAS

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1 BEEN THE GAME-CHANGER, VACCINATING PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE
2 HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, IS THE GAME CHANGER. AND ON THAT
3 NOTE, I WENT AND VISITED TWO COMMUNITY VACCINE SITES LAST WEEK
4 IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS AT A CHURCH, AND THEN ANOTHER ONE IN
5 LAKEWOOD AT A SENIOR CENTER, WHERE WE ACTUALLY CAME TO A
6 SENIOR CENTER, AND THE RESIDENTS CAME TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND
7 GOT THEIR VACCINE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT WITH THE ONLINE
8 APPOINTMENT SYSTEM, AND IT REALLY WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE, AGAIN,
9 YOUR STAFF OUT THERE, OUR PUBLIC NURSES, HELPING TO FACILITATE
10 THESE. THESE SEEM LIKE THE WAY WE SHOULD BE GOING, LESS AND
11 LESS AT THE MEGA SITES AND MORE AND MORE INTO, AS YOU
12 SUGGESTED, OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR PHARMACIES, PEOPLE'S DOCTORS
13 OFFICES. IS THAT THE STRATEGY GOING FORWARD, WE ARE TRYING TO
14 DECENTRALIZE A LITTLE BIT IN TERMS OF OUR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION
15 PLAN?

16
17 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK WE ARE TRYING TO DO BOTH STILL. WE HAVE
18 TO WORK OUT WITH THE STATE AND BLUE SHIELD THE ON-BOARDING OF
19 ALL OF THE REST OF THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT
20 REALLY IN THE SYSTEM YET TO BE ABLE TO VACCINATE, AND IN THE
21 MEANTIME, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE NEED POP-UP SITES. AS I
22 NOTED, EVERY WEEK, WE ADD MORE AND MORE MOBILE SITE TEAMS TO
23 BE ABLE TO GO OUT, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE THE LARGER
24 CAPACITY SITES BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO CAN COME TO
25 THOSE SITES, AND OBVIOUSLY WE CAN DO A LOT MORE VACCINES AT

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1 THE LARGER CAPACITY SITES IN A DAY. AND THAT IS HELPFUL AS
2 WELL, AS WE HAVE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE
3 LOOKING TO GET VACCINATED. SO I THINK, THE OTHER STRATEGY THAT
4 I THINK IS WORKING REALLY, REALLY WELL IS THE PHARMACY
5 STRATEGY. AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT SINCE THE
6 BEGINNING. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PICKED THAT UP AS WELL
7 BECAUSE BOTH, BETWEEN INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES AND CHAIN
8 PHARMACIES, A LOT OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE WHO ARE
9 ELDERLY OR HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS ALREADY HAVE A
10 RELATIONSHIP THERE AND GO THERE. AND SOME OF OUR PHARMACIES
11 HAVE ACTUALLY JUST BEEN CALLING PEOPLE AND MAKING APPOINTMENTS
12 FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THEY FALL INTO AN ELIGIBLE
13 GROUP. AND I THINK THAT'S HELPING US AS WELL, AND OFTEN THOSE
14 ARE SITES THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO ON A REGULAR BASIS, NOT
15 THAT HARD TO GET TO. AND AS WE NOTED, A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO,
16 WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRANSPORTATION
17 SERVICES AND RIDE SHARE SERVICES SO THAT IT IS NEVER GOING TO
18 BE, WHAT WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO HEAR IS THAT IT'S A BARRIER
19 FOR PEOPLE TO GET TO ANY PLACE TO GET A VACCINATION IF THEY
20 DON'T HAVE A POP-UP SITE BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A WAY TO GET
21 THERE.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, BUT THAT STILL IS A PROBLEM, I KNOW, BUT YOU
24 ARE RIGHT. AND THIS POP-UP CLINIC IN THIS SENIOR LIVING
25 FACILITY WAS REALLY JOYFUL TO VISIT BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE

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1 SENIORS, THERE WAS A 99-YEAR-OLD WOMAN THERE. THEY HAVE
2 MOBILITY ISSUES. THEY HAVE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. THEY
3 PROBABLY WOULD HAVE NEVER MADE IT TO ONE OF OUR MEGA SITES. SO
4 IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE, AGAIN, YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES
5 OUT THERE FACILITATING THAT. LET ME JUST, ONE MORE THING, SO
6 AGAIN, THE -- I APPRECIATE YOUR HEALTH INSPECTORS WORKING WITH
7 OUR BUSINESSES, EDUCATING THEM, MAYBE NOT NECESSARILY CITING
8 AND FINING THEM, AND IT DID LOOK LIKE ALMOST 87 TO 100 PERCENT
9 OF THE BUSINESS WERE COMPLIANT, DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF
10 FACILITY, BASED ON HOW MANY INSPECTIONS YOU DID. YOU DIDN'T GO
11 TO EVERY RESTAURANT, EVERY -- BUT THE ONES YOU DID GO TO, IT
12 DID SEEM LIKE THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM WERE COMPLIANT. I
13 JUST, AGAIN, JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT, ENCOURAGE,
14 AGAIN, OUR INSPECTORS TO REALLY WORK, AGAIN, AS THESE
15 PROTOCOLS CHANGE, AS TIERS CHANGE, WE REALLY WANT PEOPLE TO
16 UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE DOING
17 THIS SAFELY AND THAT WE KNOW PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET BACK
18 OUT AND DO THESE THINGS, BUT WE ALL HAVE TO STILL DO IT
19 SAFELY, BUT APPRECIATE YOUR INSPECTORS WORKING WITH OUR
20 BUSINESSES AND HELPING THEM DO IT RIGHT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM
21 CHAIR.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO ECHO THE
3 THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU. I, HONESTLY, DON'T THINK PEOPLE, UNTIL
4 THEY READ THE BOOK THAT IS GOING TO BE WRITTEN, I AM SURE,
5 REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW MANY LIVES WERE SAVED BY THE WORK THAT
6 YOU AND YOUR STAFFS DID OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR,
7 DILIGENTLY, EVERY DAY, TOOK A LOT OF GRIEF FOR IT IN MANY
8 WAYS, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL. FOUR THINGS I WANT TO ASK OR SAY.
9 THE FIRST ONE IS JUST INQUIRIES THAT I HAVE GOTTEN. THE FIRST
10 IS A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED HAVE ASKED
11 WHETHER THERE ARE DIFFERENT RULES ANYWHERE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE
12 BEEN VACCINATED IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO GO SOMEWHERE, BE
13 SOMEWHERE IN GREATER NUMBERS, ETC. AND, IF SO, WHAT KIND OF
14 PROOF OF VACCINATION ARE WE THINKING ABOUT? I THINK THIS IS
15 MAYBE ALL IN THE FORMULATION STAGE, BUT I WANTED TO ASK.

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** SURE, AND IT'S ACTUALLY A GREAT QUESTION, AND IT
18 IS PAST THE FORMULATION STAGE IN A COUPLE OF PLACES. THE FIRST
19 IS THAT THERE ARE A FEW PLACES WHERE WE'VE BEEN VERY VISIBLE
20 ABOUT THE RULES HAVE, IN FACT, CHANGED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
21 VACCINATED. ONE IS AROUND GATHERINGS, SORT OF THOSE INFORMAL
22 GATHERINGS, WHERE PEOPLE ARE A VACCINATED CAN GATHER INDOORS
23 BUT WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED AND NOT NEED TO KEEP
24 THEIR DISTANCE OR WEAR MASKS. WE JUST ALSO CHANGED THE
25 GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL AND THE REQUIREMENT TO QUARANTINE AND/OR

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1 TEST WHEN YOU COME BACK FROM TRAVEL HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, FOR
2 PEOPLE VACCINATED, OBVIOUSLY HAVE THIS EXTRA LAYER OF
3 PROTECTION. YOU ARE ALSO GOING TO SEE VERY QUICKLY A
4 DIFFERENCE AT SOME OF THE LIVE, LET ME JUST MAKE SURE I CALL
5 THESE THE RIGHT THING, THE LIVE OUTDOOR EVENTS THAT ARE
6 HAPPENING. THE FIRST PLACE I THINK YOU MIGHT START TO SEE
7 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED AND PEOPLE WHO
8 AREN'T, MIGHT BE AT PLACES LIKE DODGER STADIUM, AND AT SOME OF
9 OTHER LARGER OUTDOOR EVENT VENUES WHERE THEY ARE PERMITTED TO
10 CREATE WHAT ARE CALLED SECTIONS OF THEIR AUDIENCE, THEIR
11 SPECTATORS, THAT WILL BE MADE UP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY
12 VACCINATED. AND IN THOSE SECTIONS, THEY DON'T NEED TO ADHERE
13 TO THE SIX FEET OF DISTANCING REQUIREMENT THAT IS REQUIRED
14 ELSEWHERE IN THE STADIUM FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED. SO
15 YOU WILL START SEEING, I THINK VERY SOON, PARTICULARLY AT
16 THESE LARGER OUTDOOR EVENT VENUES, A DIFFERENCE BEING MADE
17 BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED BEING ALLOWED TO SIT CLOSER
18 TOGETHER, NOT HAVE TO DO THAT SIX FEET OF DISTANCING, AND HAVE
19 SECTIONS IN THEIR STADIUMS FOR THAT, AND WE'VE OBVIOUSLY THEN
20 HAD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF WHAT ARE THE VERIFICATIONS. RIGHT
21 NOW, THE VERIFICATION IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. YOU ARE GOING
22 TO NEED SOME KIND OF PHOTO I.D. AND AGAIN, WE'VE NEVER
23 REQUIRED THAT THAT BE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED. THERE ARE LOTS OF
24 OTHER PHOTO I.D.S FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE A GOVERNMENT
25 ISSUED PHOTO I.D., AND SOME PROOF OF VACCINATION. THAT CAN

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1 RANGE FROM YOU HAVE GOT AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD THAT WAS
2 SENT TO YOU FROM YOUR VACCINATOR SITE OR YOUR PROVIDER, OR YOU
3 HAVE YOUR WHITE CARD. EVERYBODY IS GIVEN A WHITE CARD WHO IS
4 VACCINATED. WE TELL EVERYBODY, KEEP THOSE WHITE CARDS, MAKE
5 COPIES OF THEM. IF YOU HAVE A PHONE, TAKE A PICTURE OF IT
6 BECAUSE THAT WILL ALSO BE THE ACCEPTED FORM OF VERIFICATION.
7 EVERYONE KNOWS THAT BOTH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND HERE IN
8 CALIFORNIA ARE WORKING ON SOME OTHER KIND OF ELECTRONIC-BASED
9 SYSTEM THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THAT REALLY WOULD LINK
10 TO A DATABASE, BUT THAT IS NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. AND AS YOU
11 NOTED RIGHT NOW, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED, THEY DO HAVE
12 THIS EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION, AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME
13 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE PERMITTED. AS WE MOVE INTO THE
14 APRIL 15TH CHANGES THE STATE IS RECOMMENDING, YOU ARE GOING TO
15 SEE MORE OF THAT FOR THOSE ACTIVITIES AS WELL. DIFFERENCES IN
16 CAPACITY, BASED ON WHETHER PEOPLE ARE FULLY VACCINATED OR THEY
17 ARE NOT.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND DOCTOR, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME QUESTIONS TO
20 ME ABOUT STUDIES ABOUT HOW -- WHETHER OR NOT I, AS A
21 VACCINATED PERSON, CAN STILL INFECT OTHER PEOPLE OR CATCH THE
22 VIRUS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS I'M VERY UNLIKELY TO INFECT OTHER
23 PEOPLE, BUT I STILL COULD CATCH THE VIRUS BUT HAVE A LESS
24 SEVERE CASE, BUT I AM NOT SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND ALL THE MOST
25 RECENT STUDIES.

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2 **DR. FERRER:** WELL, THAT IS BECAUSE IT CHANGES WITH EVERY NEW
3 STUDY BECAUSE IT'S A SMALL NUMBER OF STUDIES THAT WE HAVE
4 HAD, BUT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. SO THE STUDIES SO FAR
5 INDICATE, AND AGAIN, THESE ARE RELATIVELY SMALL STUDIES, SO I
6 WANT TO PUT THAT CAVEAT IN, BUT THE STUDIES SO FAR INDICATE
7 THAT NOT ONLY DO THE PFIZER VACCINE AND THE MODERNA VACCINE,
8 THESE ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE BEEN STUDIED MOST AT THIS POINT,
9 NOT ONLY DO THEY GIVE YOU A SUPER PROTECTION AGAINST SERIOUS
10 ILLNESS AND DEATH, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALSO HAVE A LOT OF
11 PROTECTION AGAINST BOTH GETTING INFECTED AND, CERTAINLY, IF
12 YOU DON'T GET INFECTED, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPREAD. BUT THAT
13 INFECTION WAS FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE AT ABOUT 90 PERCENT,
14 WHICH MEANS ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE CAN,
15 IN FACT, GET INFECTED, AND THEY STILL CAN POTENTIALLY INFECT
16 OTHERS. THAT IS WHAT IS STILL UNKNOWN IS HOW LIKELY ARE THEY
17 TO INFECT OTHERS. IT'S DEFINITELY KNOWN THAT PEOPLE FULLY
18 VACCINATED CAN GET INFECTED. THEY CAN TEST POSITIVE. MOST OF
19 THEM ARE COMPLETELY ASYMPTOMATIC, SOME MAY HAVE SOME MILD
20 ILLNESS, BUT THE BIG QUESTION THAT REMAINS TO BE ANSWERED IS,
21 IF THEY ARE, YOU KNOW, ARE ASYMPTOMATIC THEMSELVES, HOW MUCH
22 CAN THEY TRANSMIT AND HOW WORRIED DO WE NEED TO BE ABOUT THAT.
23 THAT IS ONE REASON WHY EVERYONE STILL KEEPS THEIR MASKS ON
24 AND KEEPS THEIR DISTANCE BECAUSE WE JUST DON'T HAVE A
25 DEFINITIVE ANSWER YET.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, THAT'S THE POINT I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE IS
3 THAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THAT, EVEN IF THEY ARE FULLY
4 VACCINATED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GATHERING WITH THEIR FRIENDS
5 AT THEIR HOME OR WHATEVER, AS YOU INDICATED --

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** WHO ARE ALSO FULLY VACCINATED.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHO ARE ALSO FULLY VACCINATED. ALSO OUT IN PUBLIC,
10 THERE IS REALLY SORT OF TWO REASONS I THINK, IF NOT MORE, TO
11 CONTINUE TO WEAR THE MASK AND BE CAUTIOUS. ONE IS, AS YOU JUST
12 INDICATED, THE POSSIBILITY, EVEN THOUGH IT IS SMALL, OF BEING
13 ABLE TO INFECT OTHER PEOPLE. THE SECOND THING, THOUGH, I THINK
14 IS THE ANXIETY LEVEL AMONG EVERYBODY ABOUT BEING ANYWHERE WITH
15 PEOPLE THEY DON'T KNOW LIKE IN THE MALL OR PLACES WHERE WE ARE
16 NOT NOW ALLOWED TO BE AND NOT KNOWING. I AM A VACCINATED
17 PERSON, SO THEY SEE ME COMING AT THEM WITHOUT A MASK, AND IT
18 IS VERY ANXIETY-PRODUCING, LIKE THE GENTLEMEN TALKED IN THE
19 PAPER ABOUT NOT EVEN BEING ABLE TO STAY AT ONE OF THE CARD
20 CLUBS OUTSIDE BECAUSE HE FELT LIKE HE HAD TO KEEP LOOKING OVER
21 HIS SHOULDER AND SEEING IF ANYBODY WAS GETTING TOO CLOSE TO
22 HIM. SO, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO ADHERE TO ALL OF THESE THINGS.
23 THE FINAL TWO QUESTIONS I HAVE, ONE IS, IN TERMS OF THE MOBILE
24 UNITS, IS THERE SOME BARRIER TO HAVING MORE OF THEM, OR IS IT

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1 JUST REALLY FINANCE? IS THERE A REFRIGERATION ISSUE OR
2 ANYTHING THAT KEEPS US FROM HAVING MORE MOBILE UNITS?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** NO, THERE IS DEFINITELY NOT -- THERE IS NOT A BIG
5 REFRIGERATION ISSUE. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE GOT COLD CHAIN
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR PFIZER AND MODERNA, BUT WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO
7 DO THAT IN THE FIELD. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MANAGED THAT.
8 OBVIOUSLY, AT ALL OF OUR FIXED SITES AND MOBILE SITES, WE HAVE
9 MANAGED TO FIGURE THAT OUT. I THINK IT REALLY PROBABLY IS MORE
10 A CAPACITY ISSUE AND CAPACITY IN A COUPLE OF WAYS. I MEAN WE
11 NEED WELL-TRAINED PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY STAFF THE MOBILE UNITS,
12 BUT WE ALSO NEED GOOD PARTNERS AT ALL OF THE SITES WHERE WE
13 GO. AND SO, I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR PARTNERS ARE
14 WORKING REALLY HARD WHEN WE SET UP THE SITES. SO AS SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN MENTIONED, SHE WENT TO A SITE AT A SENIOR CENTER, AND
16 EVERYBODY IN OUR SENIOR DEVELOPMENT, AND EVERYBODY THERE WAS
17 WORKING HARD TO MAKE THAT WORK AS WELL. SO WE HAVE ABOUT 200
18 APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED STARTING NEXT WEEK, BUT SOME OF WHAT
19 THE LIMITATION IS IS WE DO OFTEN HAVE TO HELP PEOPLE. WE HAVE
20 CHECK LISTS THAT PEOPLE GET SO THAT THEY KNOW WHAT THEY NEED
21 TO DO TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION SITE. SOMETIMES, WE
22 HAVE TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL T.A. PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO
23 COME NEED TO GET NOTIFIED AND GET WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THEY
24 NEED TO BE ABLE TO COME DOWN TO GET THE VACCINATION, BUT IT
25 REALLY HAS BEEN MORE OF A RESOURCE ISSUE. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE

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1 MORE CONTRACTS OUT NOW WITH SOME OF OUR PARTNERS THAT CAN HELP
2 US MORE. AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY THE ONLY LIMITATION.
3 THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT THE VACCINE THAT MAKES IS HARD TO DO A
4 MOBILE SITE THAT WE CANNOT DEAL WITH.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS, AND I THANK YOU,
7 AGAIN, VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK.

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** HI, I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT. AND I ECHO ALL THE
14 THANKS. THESE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TIMES. AND I FEEL THAT WE
15 ARE SEEING A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, AND I HAVE MET
16 WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA LAST WEEK, AND ACTUALLY THEIR
17 VACCINATION NUMBERS MIRROR OURS, ESPECIALLY IN THE HARD TO
18 REACH COMMUNITIES, AND SO I KNOW THAT WE'VE GOT SOME WORK TO
19 DO THERE, BUT I THINK WE ARE, BASED ON THE CHARTS, MAKING
20 REALLY GOOD PROGRESS. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE, I MEAN I
21 KNOW THAT MAGIC MOUNTAIN HAS OPENED UP SO WE ARE GOING TO BE
22 COLLAPSING THAT SUPER POD AND MAKING A SMALLER ONE IN SANTA
23 CLARITA AND THEN LOOKING UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT ARE WE
24 ALSO LOOKING AT MORE AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH IN THE RURAL AREAS? I
25 KNOW WE ARE DOING IT WITH THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH

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1 CLINICS, BUT ARE WE LOOKING, AS WE GET MORE VACCINE,
2 ESPECIALLY THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON, REALLY DOING A MORE ROBUST
3 ROLL-OUT IN CERTAIN AREAS?

4

5 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, IT'S SUCH A GOOD QUESTION. THANKS SO MUCH,
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE THE RURAL AREAS ARE, YOU KNOW,
7 THERE'S A DIFFERENT CHALLENGE THERE, BUT IT IS AN EQUALLY-
8 IMPORTANT ONE FOR US TO ADDRESS. AND WE ARE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE
9 GOING TO PUT UP SOME NEW CONTRACTS FOR GETTING SOME MORE
10 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO HELP US DO MORE SORT OF OUTREACH
11 IN AREAS THAT ARE LESS CONGESTED, LET'S PUT IT THAT WAY, BUT
12 NONETHELESS, WE HAVE A LOW PENETRATION. AND WE ARE WORKING,
13 AGAIN, WITH A STRATEGY THAT HAS US POPPING UP MORE MOBILE
14 SITES IN RURAL AREAS. FINDING SMALLER PARTNERS, IT DOES NOT
15 NEED TO BE A LARGE ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS US, BUT SOMETHING
16 THAT DOESN'T HAVE PEOPLE NEEDING TO DRIVE SO FAR BECAUSE, AS
17 YOU SAID, WE ARE GOING TO COLLAPSE MAGIC MOUNTAIN INTO TWO
18 SITES, ONE IN SANTA CLARITA, ONE PROBABLY PALMDALE OR
19 LANCASTER WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE ANY CAPACITY THERE. WE WILL
20 BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO VACCINATE UPWARDS TO 4,000 PEOPLE A DAY
21 WITH THE TWO SITES, BUT IT DOESN'T GET AT THE OTHER NEEDS IN
22 SOME OF THE MORE RURAL AREAS, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO
23 DEPEND MORE ON SOME OF THE PHARMACIES THAT ARE LOCATED CLOSER
24 BY AND OUR POP-UPS, OUR MOBILE POP-UPS. WE ARE LOOKING -- WE
25 HAVE REALLY BEEN BUILDING OUT, AND I WANT TO THANK YOUR TEAM

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1 FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS, OUR FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIPS, AS
2 WELL, BECAUSE WE ARE HAPPY TO, ONE OF THE BEST PLACES FOR US
3 TO ACTUALLY DO POP-UPS IS AT CHURCHES AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP.
4 AND SO, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXPAND THAT. WE HAD A GREAT
5 PILOT IN SOUTH L.A. AND HAD HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES THAT WE'VE
6 ACTUALLY BEEN PARTNERING WITH AND HAVING THEM COMBINE THEIR
7 SOURCES TO SPONSOR ONE OR TWO SITES IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES,
8 AND WE ARE TAKING THAT NOW UP TO ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND WE THINK
9 THAT MIGHT BE A STRATEGY THAT IS GOING TO MAKE A LOT MORE
10 SENSE IN SOME OF THE RURAL COMMUNITIES AS WELL. I THINK
11 EXPECTING PEOPLE TO DRIVE LONG DISTANCES MAY BE VERY
12 UNREALISTIC. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO -- HAVE MORE SITES
13 THAT ARE EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET TO. THIS IS THE OTHER REASON
14 WHY WE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET MORE JOHNSON & JOHNSON. LIKE FOR
15 PEOPLE WHO HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING TO A SITE AND WHO LIVE
16 VERY DISPERSED, OBVIOUSLY, ONE SHOT AND YOU ARE DONE WORKS SO
17 MUCH BETTER FOR EVERYONE IN THOSE SITUATIONS. SO AGAIN, A GOOD
18 USE OF A VACCINE THAT IS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND MUCH EASIER ON
19 EVERYBODY.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
22 YOU HAVE DONE WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN
23 WORKING CLOSELY, AND IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, NOT ONLY BY
24 MYSELF, BUT BY THE RESIDENTS UP THERE. AND THEN MY LAST MORE
25 QUESTION/STATEMENT, AS WE ROLL OUT THESE NEW HEALTH ORDERS, I

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1 AM SURE ALL OF OUR OFFICES GET CALLS FROM BUSINESSES THAT FEEL
2 THAT SOME OF THE GUIDELINES ARE AMBIGUOUS OR THAT THERE IS
3 CONSEQUENCES THAT WERE UNANTICIPATED. SO ALL I WOULD ASK IS
4 THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE DIALOGUE, AND WHERE WE NEED TO MODIFY
5 OR PIVOT PIVOT AS IT RELATES TO MODIFICATIONS TO ADDRESS SOME
6 OF THE CONCERNS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS, WHETHER IT BE
7 RESTAURANTS, BUSINESSES, THAT WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE
8 OPEN, RECOGNIZING THAT WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. AND SO,
9 THAT'S MORE OF A STATEMENT THAN A QUESTION, BUT -- AND I JUST
10 THANK YOU, AND I THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. I'VE TALKED TO
11 HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL, AND WE ARE DEFINITELY IN BETTER SHAPE
12 THAN WE WERE MONTHS AGO, AND I REMAIN CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC IF
13 WE CALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES AND NOT LET OUR
14 GUARD DOWN, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE MOVEMENT TOWARD THE NEXT
15 TIER AND THEN WHATEVER THE GREEN LOOKS LIKE IF AND WHEN THAT
16 HAPPENS ON JUNE 15TH. SO, THANK YOU.

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** ONE QUICK QUESTION AND WE'LL MOVE ON TO HEAR
23 FROM OUR OTHER SPEAKERS. AS WE CONTINUE TO REOPEN MORE
24 BUSINESSES AND EXPAND VACCINE ELIGIBILITY, I'M WONDERING HOW,
25 IF THERE IS A PLAN TO TARGET SOME OF THE YOUNGER AND HEALTHIER

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1 RESIDENTS THAT MAY NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE AT RISK. WHEN
2 WE CONSIDER WHO ARE MORE LIKELY TO PATRONIZE SOME OF THE NEW
3 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED, THAT'S A NEW I THINK
4 POPULATION WE HAVE TO HAVE A GROWING CONCERN ABOUT. SO IS
5 THERE A PLAN?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** WELL, I THINK OUR PLAN REALLY REMAINS VERY FOCUSED
8 IN TERMS OF TARGETING FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ON TARGETING IN
9 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, BUT IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, IT'S
10 TARGETING EVERYBODY NOW. I MEAN, AS I NOTED, WE'VE BEEN
11 PILOTING WITH SOME OF OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS
12 AND SOME OF OUR SITES IN HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES BEING ABLE TO
13 VACCINATE EVERYONE TO PRECISELY FIGURE OUT WHAT THOSE
14 STRATEGIES ARE THAT REALLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE IN THOSE YOUNGER
15 AGE GROUPS TO COME IN AND GET VACCINATED. I WILL SAY THAT, AS
16 SOME OF THE PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND SOME OF THE EVENTS MOVE
17 TOWARDS REALLY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY
18 VACCINATED, AND THE STATE ISSUES MORE GUIDELINES THAT REALLY
19 SAY, YOU KNOW, IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED, YOU CAN DO THIS
20 BECAUSE IT'S SAFER TO DO IT, MY HOPE IS THAT THAT ALSO HELPS
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE HEALTHY, AND YOUNG, RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS AN
22 ADVANTAGE FOR THEM TO GET FULLY VACCINATED. THE FUNNY THING
23 ABOUT VACCINES IS, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY GETTING VACCINATED, AS
24 MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE GETTING VACCINATED IS WHAT GETS US TO
25 HERD IMMUNITY, AND HERD IMMUNITY ALLOWS US TO PROTECT THOSE

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1 PEOPLE WHO CANNOT GET VACCINATED, CANNOT PHYSICALLY GET
2 VACCINATED, HAVE BAD REACTIONS ETC., AND THAT EXTRA LAYER OF
3 PROTECTION, YOU KNOW, REALLY, AS YOU NOTED, IF YOU HAVE GOT
4 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW GOING TO BE MORE LIKELY TO BE GOING TO
5 RESTAURANTS AND TO BE GOING TO BARS, AND THEY FALL INTO THAT
6 YOUNGER AGE CATEGORY, WE DO WANT THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY
7 CREATE LESS RISK FOR THEMSELVES AND THE WORKERS AS THEY GET
8 THEMSELVES VACCINATED AS WELL, BUT RIGHT NOW, THE TARGET IS
9 REALLY TO BE VERY MINDFUL OF MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE REACHING
10 THE POPULATIONS IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, OF ALL AGES.

11
12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THAT TARGETED FOCUS.
13 I JUST -- THE QUESTION CAME UP AS I WATCHED NATIONAL NEWS THAT
14 LAST COUPLE OF DAYS IN STATES THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES
15 AND THE INCREASE HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE FOR POPULATIONS UNDER
16 60, AND WAS REALLY STRUCK AT REALLY YOUNG POPULATIONS THAT ARE
17 NOW TESTING POSITIVE AND BEING HOSPITALIZED. THAT'S WHY I
18 WANTED TO ASK THAT QUESTION.

19
20 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, WE'RE WORKING REALLY HARD ALSO FOR A
21 STRATEGY FOR 16 AND 17 YEAR OLD STUDENTS. WE HAVE TO -- THEY
22 NEED TO ONLY, THEY ARE ONLY ABLE TO GET THE PFIZER VACCINE. WE
23 HAVE A FEW CHALLENGES WITH THAT, BUT WE ARE ALREADY TRYING TO
24 SET UP SITES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED AT SCHOOLS FOR 16 AND 17 YEAR
25 OLD STUDENTS, AGAIN, RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE SEEN A LOT MORE

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1 TRANSMISSION AS MORE CHILDREN ARE PLAYING -- CHILDREN, THEY
2 ARE NOT CHILDREN, AS MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PLAYING SPORTS AND
3 ENGAGING IN SPORT ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS GETTING BACK TO
4 SCHOOL, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON
5 THEIR PLANS AS WELL BECAUSE THEY ALSO HAVE THE 18 TO 24-YEAR-
6 OLD POPULATION THAT NOW, STARTING NEXT WEEK, CAN GET
7 VACCINATED.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO YOU BOTH. WE
10 APPRECIATE YOU AND ALL THE WORK YOU DO. NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO
11 HEAR A PRESENTATION ON THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT AND RECOVERY
12 FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH
13 DEPARTMENT, DR. JONATHAN SHERIN, AS WELL AS ANTONIA JIMENEZ,
14 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. DR. SHERIN.

15

16 **DR. SHERIN:** HELLO, BOARD. GREAT TO BE WITH YOU THIS MORNING.
17 CAN YOU HEAR ME, OKAY?

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, WE CAN. THANK YOU.

20

21 **DR. SHERIN:** ALRIGHT, GREAT. WELL, IT'S KIND OF AN HONOR FOR ME
22 TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT TO YOU ABOUT A LOOK BACK AND I WOULD SAY
23 A LOOK AHEAD THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH LENS AND ENCOURAGED BY
24 THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, WHICH IS GLOWING BRIGHT.
25 THAT'S GOOD FOR ALL OF US. FIRSTLY, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY

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1 THAT WE HAVE ALL READ ABOUT IT. WE HEAR ABOUT THIS CONCEPT OF
2 POPULATION P.T.S.D. MANY HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT IT. I HAVE WRITTEN
3 ABOUT IT. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS TALKED ABOUT IT AT
4 THE BOARD, AND THE TIDAL WAVE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS THAT
5 IS UPON US, AND WE ARE SEEING THAT, AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY
6 REASONS. THERE ARE MULTIPLE FEARS. THERE'S ISOLATION. THERE'S
7 DISRUPTION OF ROUTINES, PERCEIVED LOSS OF CONTROL, CONFUSION
8 ABOUT WHAT TO DO WHAT NOT TO DO, AND A LOT OF SACRIFICED
9 LIVELIHOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, CERTAIN SUBPOPULATIONS, I BELIEVE,
10 ARE BEING DIFFERENTIALLY AFFECTED, OBVIOUSLY KIDS AND THE
11 SCHOOLS, OUR ELDERS, OUR VULNERABLE, OUR DISENFRANCHISED. I
12 WOULD SAY THAT THE FACT THAT THIS PANDEMIC HAS REALLY IMPACTED
13 THE HUMAN CONDITION GLOBALLY, MAYBE THIS WILL PROVOKE OUR
14 SOCIETY TO BETTER SUPPORT AND RESOURCE MENTAL HEALTH AS A
15 RESULT AND A SILVER LINING FROM THIS PANDEMIC. AT THE OUTSET,
16 I WOULD LIKE TO BE CLEAR THAT WHAT I WILL SAY TODAY IS NOT
17 MEANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE HAD MANY CHOICES IN BATTLING TO
18 STAY SAFE IN THE COVID ERA, AND TO THE EXTENT, I REALLY WANT
19 TO RECOGNIZE, NOT ONLY THE BOARD, BUT MY DEAR COLLEAGUE,
20 BARBARA FERRER, WHO HAS BEEN VERY COURAGEOUS, A COURAGEOUS
21 WARRIOR, AND SAVED MANY LIVES BATTLING AGAINST AN UNUSUAL AND
22 PERPLEXING ENEMY. THAT SAID, IN THE INTEREST OF OUR COLLECTIVE
23 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE OUR
24 COUNTY TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE ADVANCE EMPOWERMENT STRATEGIES AS
25 WE MOVE TOWARD RECOVERY AND A NEW BETTER NORMAL THAT IS

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1 INFORMED BY WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED TODAY. ON THAT NOTE, IT'S
2 CRITICAL TO UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE WE MUST BE VIGILANT ABOUT
3 INFECTIOUS DISEASE RISK TO ERADICATE A STEALTHY VIRUS, WE MUST
4 ALSO RECOGNIZE THE EVEN MORE STEALTHY THREAT OF CONTINUING TO
5 LIVE UNDER CONDITIONS WHERE OUR ABILITY TO EXERCISE CHOICE AND
6 MAKE DECISIONS AS INDIVIDUALS AND A COMMUNITY, ALSO KNOWN AS
7 OUR AGENCY, IS CONSTRAINED. IN SHORT, LIVING WITH LIMITED
8 AGENCY CAN BE DEVASTATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. SO IT'S CRITICAL
9 THAT WE IDENTIFY AND ENGINEER SAFE WAYS TO EMPOWER THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY COLLECTIVE AT EVERY LEVEL AND NOT ALLOW
11 OURSELVES TO BECOME VICTIMIZED UNNECESSARILY. MY DEPARTMENT
12 DID A LITERATURE REVIEW OF RECENT STUDIES RELATED TO MENTAL
13 HEALTH IN THIS PANDEMIC, AND THE BOTTOM LINE REALLY IS THAT
14 ENHANCED MENTAL HEALTH IS ASSOCIATED WITH EMPOWERMENT,
15 PERSONAL CHOICE, PURPOSE, AND AGENCY, WHICH INCLUDES
16 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATORY PLANNING WHEN POSSIBLE.
17 CERTAIN HIGHLIGHTS, EMPOWERMENT HAS SEVERAL COMPONENTS,
18 INCLUDING HAVING A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY AND HAVING A SENSE
19 OF BEING A SURVIVOR OF THE PANDEMIC. THE MOST EFFECTIVE
20 EMPOWERMENT STRATEGIES INCLUDE AUTONOMY OF DECISION MAKING,
21 HAVING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND CONNECTION WITH COMMUNITY
22 MEMBERS. EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO HEALING A COMMUNITY INCLUDE
23 ACTIVATING COMMUNITY LEADERS TO REDUCE PUBLIC STIGMA AND
24 PROMOTE SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS
25 AND ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND COLLECTIVE EFFICACY

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1 IN THESE FIELDS. OF NOTE, ONE REPORT FROM 2020 BY KASLOW
2 INDICATES THAT AN OVERALL PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE IS OPTIMIZED
3 WHEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXPERTISE IS INTEGRATED WITHIN A
4 COMPREHENSIVE DISEASE MANAGEMENT APPROACH ACROSS ALL PHASES.
5 IN TERMS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY GOING
6 FORWARD, OVERALL, I THINK WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE
7 CONTEXT OF A DISASTER, WE'RE FACED WITH POST TRAUMATIC INJURY
8 VERSUS POST TRAUMATIC GROWTH AS OPTIONS GOING FORWARD. AND
9 STRENGTH FROM ADVERSITY IS SOMETHING TO CONSIDER, NOT JUST IN
10 TERMS OF RESILIENCE FROM SURVIVAL, BUT ALSO THROUGH THE
11 DEVELOPMENT OF NOVEL ROUTINES OF SELF CARE, NEWFOUND PURPOSES,
12 AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
13 CLEAR MENTION ABOUT OUR NEED TO SUPPORT AN OPTIMIZED COUNTY
14 FAMILY. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DIALOGUE SERIES HAS
15 BEEN FANTASTIC. I WOULD HOPE THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE,
16 PARTICIPATORY DEPARTMENTAL TOWN HALLS I THINK HAVE BEEN
17 CRITICAL, A DEDICATED WELL-BEING LINE FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY,
18 WHICH WE HAVE STOOD UP, ALSO FACILITATED GROUPS, AND CERTAIN
19 TECH-BASED OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH HEADSPACE AND SOMETHING
20 CALLED PREVAIL HEALTH SOLUTIONS, WHICH WILL DELIVER AVATAR-
21 BASED TREATMENT TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE PROVIDING. ALSO WORKING WITH D.H.R. AND
23 THE C.E.O., THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS HELPING TO
24 DEVELOP A BACK TO WORK PROGRAM TO CONSIDER MANY ASPECTS OF
25 HOW WE MOVE FORWARD AS A COUNTY, INCLUDING DEPLOYMENT OF OUR

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1 D.S.W.S TRAINED TO FUNCTION AS OMBUDSMEN AND TO HELP SHEPHERD
2 SAFE AND INFORMED ORGANIZED RETURN TO WORK. I ALSO THINK IT'S
3 IMPORTANT, AND I KNOW THE BOARD AND C.E.O. AND DEPARTMENTS, IN
4 GENERAL, ARE IN SUPPORT, BUT THAT WE REALLY, REALLY THINK
5 ABOUT THE SILVER LININGS OF COVID AND, IN PARTICULAR, TELE-
6 SERVICES, TELEHEALTH IN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND TELEWORK AS
7 OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKPLACE WELL-BEING AND FOR SUSTAINING OUR
8 EFFICACY AS A COUNTY GOING FORWARD. CLEARLY, WE WANT TO REACH,
9 CONNECT, AND CARE FOR THE COUNTY COLLECTIVE, AS A WHOLE, AND
10 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT, WHICH HAS COME UP
11 AND I THINK WAS REFERRED TO MOST RECENTLY HERE BY SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER WITH HER COMMENTS IS FIGURING OUT HOW THE PRINCIPLES
13 OF MANAGING A PATHWAY FORWARD REMAIN SAFE BUT ALSO EMPOWERING,
14 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE, AS WE HAVE HAD
15 TO SHUCK AND JIVE WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INFECTION AND
16 HEALTH ORDERS, IS THE COMMUNICATION AROUND GUIDANCE. AND JUST
17 FROM A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE
18 NOTICED AND THAT I HAVE COMMENTED ON IS THAT I TEND TO GET OUT
19 AND TRY, WHEN, YOU KNOW, ON OCCASION, TO SURF REALLY EARLY IN
20 THE MORNING, AND WHAT I SOMETIMES SEE ARE PEOPLE RUNNING ON
21 THE BEACH DOUBLE MASKED WITHOUT ANYONE IN SIGHT, AND I WONDER,
22 AND I'VE APPROACHED SOME OF THEM TO ASK WHY, BUT I THINK
23 THAT, IN SOME WAYS, THAT'S EMBLEMATIC OF THE FACT THAT
24 SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED, AND WE REALLY, REALLY OUGHT TO
25 THINK ABOUT HOW TO MINIMIZE AND MITIGATE SOME OF THAT

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1 CONFUSION. THE OTHER THING WE NEED TO REALIZE IS THAT
2 PRESCRIPTIVE AND PROSCRIPTIVE MANDATES HAVE TO BE USED AS
3 SPARINGLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE, FROM A MENTAL HEALTH
4 PERSPECTIVE, SOME OF THE NON-COMPLIANCE THAT WE'RE SEEING WITH
5 THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS IS A RAMIFICATION OF HUMAN BEINGS
6 SUFFOCATING EMOTIONALLY, AND I WOULD SAY PARTICULARLY IN FREE
7 CULTURES LIKE OURS, AND REBELLING AS A WAY OF EXPRESSING THEIR
8 IDENTITY AND THEIR AGENCY AND LONGING FOR PURPOSE AND
9 BELONGING IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES. ON THAT NOTE, WITH
10 RESPECT TO THE AUTONOMY VERSUS PATERNALISM OR CHOICE VERSUS
11 CONSTRAINT DEBATE, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, A RECENT PANEL
12 THAT I HAD THE HONOR OF PARTICIPATING IN WITH DR. FERRER, AND
13 DR. DUARDO FROM L.A.C.O. DURING THAT DIALOGUE, IT BECAME CLEAR
14 THAT SCHOOLS ARE APPROACHING FAMILIES IN THE SCHOOL SETTING
15 WITH A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY IN OFFERING CHOICE FOR FAMILIES FOR
16 KIDS TO STAY AT HOME IF THAT FELT MORE COMFORTABLE, TO GO TO
17 SCHOOL IF THAT WAS SOMETHING THEY WERE COMFORTABLE WITH, OR TO
18 DO A HYBRID, AND OVER TIME TO KIND OF FIND THEIR SWEET SPOT.
19 SO I WOULD SAY, IN THAT PARADIGM, THERE'S A LOT OF LEARNING,
20 AND WE NEED TO THINK FROM A MENTAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE ABOUT
21 HOW WE TAKE THOSE PRINCIPLES AND APPLY THEM BROADLY ACROSS OUR
22 POPULATIONS, ACROSS THE OPPORTUNITIES, THE BUSINESSES, THE
23 ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ONE PROGRAM THAT WE ARE
24 CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING AND EXPANDING THAT I THINK IS VERY
25 RELEVANT HERE IN TERMS OF RECOVERY, AS A COLLECTIVE, IS THE

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1 COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR NETWORK, WHICH IS NOT A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
2 BUT REALLY A GRASSROOTS STIMULUS PACKAGE AND SOMETHING THAT WE
3 WORKED ON GOING BACK TO LAST SUMMER WITH, PARTICULARLY, THE
4 CHAIRWOMAN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE
5 HIRING, TRAINING, AND CERTIFYING COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THOSE
6 REGIONS THAT ARE MOST ADVERSELY IMPACTED OVER THE PAST YEAR TO
7 FUNCTION AS LAY MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS, WHO CONNECT WITH THOSE
8 IN NEED, HELP THEM NAVIGATE OUR COMPLICATED SYSTEMS, AND IN
9 THE PROCESS, BUILD UP CAREER PATHS FOR THEMSELVES, MANY OF
10 THEM HAVING LOST THEIR JOBS, AS WELL AS OUR FUTURE COUNTY
11 WORKFORCE. I HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PEERS
12 IN THIS SETTING WITH THE BOARD, ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OF, BY,
13 AND FOR COMMUNITY, LEVERAGE THE CREDIBILITY AND THE TRUST OF
14 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, WHICH IS CRITICAL FOR INDIVIDUALS GETTING
15 ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE, BUT ALSO TO GET ACCESS TO
16 RESOURCES ACROSS THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND I WOULD
17 SUGGEST THAT THESE TYPES OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES ARE AN
18 IMPORTANT WAY FOR US TO ALSO THINK ABOUT HOW WE SUPPORT PUBLIC
19 SAFETY THROUGH SELF POLICING AND, IN THE PROCESS, RECOVER, AS
20 A WHOLE, FROM THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC. WE'RE HAVING --
21 WE'RE DEVELOPING RIGHT NOW A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO EXPAND AND SUSTAIN OUR COMMUNITY
23 AMBASSADOR NETWORK, AND I AM JOINED BY ANTONIA JIMENEZ, MY
24 CLOSE COLLEAGUE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THAT DEPARTMENT, AND
25 SHE'LL BE PRESENTING IN A MINUTE ON OUR PARTNERSHIP. WE ALSO

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1 THINK THAT LEVERAGING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS TO
2 SUPPORT A MORE ROBUST COMMUNITY ACCESS NETWORK OVER THE NEXT
3 THREE YEARS WOULD MAKE GREAT SENSE AS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR
4 CONSTITUENTS AS A CORE PART OF THE SOLUTION. THE LAST THING
5 I'LL MENTION IS THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING
6 AND THE COMMUNITY ARTS AND CREATIVITY AS A WAY TO HEAL AND TO
7 CONNECT. THOSE -- MANY OF YOU, AND CERTAINLY BOARD MEMBERS
8 ARE AWARE OF THE WE RISE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL BE COMING TO US
9 IN MAY AS A PART OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, WHERE WE USE ARTS TO
10 COMBAT STIGMA, INCREASE AWARENESS, AND IMPROVE ACCESS, AS WELL
11 AS TO FOSTER INCLUSION. WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT FROM
12 THE BOARD, FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AS
13 WELL AS PHILANTHROPY, AND I WILL STATE THAT THE WORLD HEALTH
14 ORGANIZATION HAS EVEN PARTNERED IN A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN THAT WAS
15 INITIATED LAST MONTH CALLED HEALING ARTS 2021 AS A RESPONSE TO
16 COVID, AND THAT THEY DID OVER MANY YEARS WHICH SHOWED THAT
17 ARTS AND ACTIVITIES AROUND -- FESTIVALS AROUND ARTS
18 DECREASE ISOLATION, REACH MANY OF THOSE WHO ARE HARDEST TO
19 ENGAGE, INCREASE SOCIAL COHESION BY BRIDGING COMMUNITIES, AND
20 PROMPT THOSE IN NEED TO GET HELP, AND ALONG THOSE LINES, I
21 WANT TO RECOGNIZE KRISTIN SAKOTA, WHO HAS, WITH C.A.R.E.S. ACT
22 MONEY, SUPPORTED AND ARTS GRANT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE
23 PARSONS FOUNDATION AND WENDY GUERIN, WHO HAVE DONE A MASSIVE
24 AMOUNT OF FUNDRAISING AROUND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ARTS
25 COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WITHOUT

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1 GOING FURTHER AROUND ACCESS TO CARE AND THE MANY, MANY THINGS
2 WE'RE DOING TO DRIVE PEOPLE TO GET SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE
3 BETTER TRAFFIC CONTROL TO THOSE WHO REACH OUT TO US, TO HAVING
4 MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION ONLINE FOR HELP AS A DIRECTORY
5 FOR PEOPLE IN NEED, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT HELP IS
6 AVAILABLE, THE TECH-BASED SOLUTIONS, OUR CALL LINE WITH
7 INCREASED CAPACITY FOR REAL-TIME EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, AS WELL AS
8 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL, AND INCLUDES ACCESS FOR VETERANS,
9 SPECIFICALLY. I THINK I'LL HAND IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE,
10 ANTONIA, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HERE,
11 AND I WOULD LOVE TO PARTICIPATE MORE AND MORE IN THIS RECOVERY
12 EFFORT. ANTONIA, TAKE IT AWAY.

13

14 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** GREAT. GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

15

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

17

18 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** OKAY, GREAT. SO, GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M ALWAYS GRATEFUL WHEN I HAVE AN
20 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO YOU. I BELIEVE THAT D.P.S.S. PLAYS A
21 CRITICAL ROLE IN HELPING TO JUMP-START THE ECONOMY FOR OUR
22 D.P.S.S. CUSTOMERS POST-PANDEMIC. TO THAT END, WE HAVE BEEN
23 DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT OUR CALWORKS RECIPIENTS
24 HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO THEM TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT
25 THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO MOVE UP THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY SCALE.

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1 AS YOU KNOW, OUR CALWORKS FAMILIES ARE THE POOREST OF THE
2 POOR, SO OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THEM IS STRONGER NOW MORE
3 THAN EVER. WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THEM EVEN BY
4 OFFERING TUTORING SERVICES TO CALWORKS FAMILIES SO THAT
5 STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR ACADEMIC STATUS. WITH
6 THIS COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR NETWORK ENDEAVOR, WE'RE
7 COLLABORATING WITH D.M.H. TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR
8 CALWORKS FAMILIES TO SERVE AS WHAT WE'RE CALLING COMMUNITY
9 AMBASSADORS. AS COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS INTERNS, THEY WILL
10 ENGAGE WITH RESIDENTS IN THEIR COMMUNITY TO SERVE THE GOAL OF
11 IMPROVING THEIR COLLECTIVE EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL
12 WELL-BEING. ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
13 IN AREAS SUCH AS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND THE COVID-
14 19 RECOVERY TRAUMA. WE'RE TARGETING TO START WITH 50 SLOTS FOR
15 CALWORKS PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO D.M.H. OR ARE
16 PARTICIPATING IN A D.M.H. PLACEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYMENT
17 PROGRAM, AND THE PLACEMENTS WILL BE WITH THE EXISTING D.M.H.
18 INNOVATIONS CONTRACTED PROVIDERS. WE WILL SUBSIDIZE EMPLOYMENT
19 FOR 12 MONTHS AT A RATE OF \$15 AN HOUR, AND WE WILL PAY THAT
20 THROUGH OUR CALWORKS SINGLE ALLOCATION DOLLARS. SO UPON
21 COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING, THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE ASSIGNED
22 AND CERTIFIED AND WILL BECOME TRAINEES OF THE COMMUNITY
23 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. OUR RECRUITMENT INTO THIS PROGRAM WILL
24 BEING ON MAY 20, 2021, AND DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESS, WE MIGHT
25 INCLUDE -- INCREASE THE TARGET POPULATION FROM 50 TO HIGHER,

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1 BUT THIS IS OUR PILOT PROGRAM. SO THIS IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMS
2 THAT WE'RE DOING TO ENSURE THE HOLISTIC WELL-BEING OF OUR
3 CALWORKS FAMILIES, NOT ONLY ON THE HEALTH SIDE, BUT ALSO ON
4 THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING SIDE. I'LL KEEP IT SHORT, SWEET, AND
5 SUCCINCT AND JUST SAY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'M AVAILABLE
6 TO RESPOND.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THIS REPORT,
11 AND, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS, DR. SHERIN, YOU KNOW THAT
12 MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, AND I THINK WE HAVE AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND WITH
14 D.P.S.S. TO REALLY HEIGHTEN AWARENESS SURROUNDING THE
15 CHALLENGES FACING PEOPLE. I MEAN YOU TALK ABOUT FOOD
16 INSECURITY AND THE ISSUES THAT FAMILIES HAVE HAD TO FACE, AND
17 THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT, AS WE REOPEN, WE HAVE A
18 LOT OF WORK TO DO ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE AS IT RELATES TO
19 JUST -- ALLOWING PEOPLE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE COMING BACK INTO
20 WORK OR GOING OUT, DOING THINGS THAT, PRE-COVID, WERE THE
21 NORM, WHICH NOW, PEOPLE ARE AFRAID. AND SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR
22 REPORT. I HOPE THAT, MOVING FORWARD, WE CAN MAKE GREAT STRIDES
23 TO EDUCATE PEOPLE TO BREAK THE STIGMA AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL
24 HEALTH. THAT IT IS NOT JUST SCHIZOPHRENIC, BIPOLAR. IT CAN BE
25 DEPRESSION. AND THAT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER AND DO A LOT OF

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1 OUTREACH INTO COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR YOUTH, BECAUSE
2 ONE OF THE AREAS, WHEN I AGAIN MET WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA
3 LAST WEEK THAT WAS BROUGHT UP WAS AROUND MENTAL HEALTH
4 SURROUNDING CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. SO I
5 THINK WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS
6 WELL TO ROLL THAT OUT AND WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE THIS
7 IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AS IT RELATES TO THE MENTAL HEALTH
8 CHALLENGES FACING PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT ACTUALLY
9 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT,
10 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER AND USING ME AS A
11 PLATFORM TO ADDRESS, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUES. AND I'M INTERESTED
12 IN WE RISE -- OR THE -- I JUST SAID WE RISE -- THAT IS MOVING
13 FORWARD BECAUSE I THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY THERE AS WELL
14 BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT ARTS IS A WAY TO REALLY HELP PEOPLE
15 EXPRESS THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF CRISIS. SO I JUST
16 WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. AND THANK YOU,
17 ANTONIA. YOU ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB HELPING THE MOST IN NEED
18 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU AND YOUR
19 STAFF DO. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU
22 HAVE A QUESTION FOR DR. SHERIN?

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, THANK YOU, DR.
25 SHERIN, FOR THAT REPORT IT, AND REALLY LISTENING TO YOU

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1 REMINDED ME OF THE TRAUMA THAT PEOPLE WENT THROUGH LAST YEAR.
2 2020 WAS SUCH A DIFFICULT YEAR, IF YOU GOT SICK, IF YOU LOST A
3 LOVED ONE WHO HAD GOTTEN SICK, BUT PARTICULARLY AS YOU TALKED
4 ABOUT THE BUSINESSES THAT, BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC AND NO
5 FAULT OF THEIR OWN, YOU KNOW, DECISIONS WERE MADE TO LITERALLY
6 PREVENT PEOPLE FROM EARNING A LIVING. AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
7 ONE THING IF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD PAID PEOPLE TO STAY
8 HOME, BUT THAT NEVER WAS FORTHCOMING. SO TO LISTEN TO YOU TALK
9 ABOUT THE TRAUMA, COLLECTIVELY, THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCED, I
10 REALLY WAS FEELING IT. AND HOPEFULLY, WE CAN FIGURE OUT, GOING
11 FORWARD, HOW TO ADDRESS SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS' DEEP PERSONAL
12 LOSS BECAUSE OF THE DECISIONS THAT WE HAD TO MAKE LAST YEAR.
13 DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE CAN, COLLECTIVELY, KIND
14 OF ENGAGE THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T NECESSARILY SEEK MENTAL
15 HEALTH TREATMENT?

16

17 **DR. SHERIN:** THIS IS A GREAT QUESTION. I WANT TO REITERATE MY
18 INTRODUCTION WHERE I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF
19 CHOICES. AND I THINK THIS BOARD, AND BARBARA, IN PARTICULAR,
20 DID THE THINGS THAT WE NEEDED TO DO TO SAVE LIVES. THE IMPACT,
21 LONG-TERM, NOT JUST FOR MENTAL HEALTH, BUT FOR ADDICTIONS, IS
22 GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT, AND I BELIEVE WILL LAG. WHAT WE CAN
23 DO IS CONTINUE TO PRESS OUT AS MUCH MESSAGING AS POSSIBLE TO
24 GET PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S HAPPENED, AND WHY
25 THEY MAY BE FEELING THE WAY THEY FEEL OR WHY OTHERS ARE

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1 FEELING THE WAY THAT THEY'RE FEELING TO KIND OF PROCESS THE
2 TRAUMA, AS I WAS SAYING, AND LOOK FOR WAYS, THROUGH
3 EMPOWERMENT, TO GROW FROM THE TRAUMA AS OPPOSED TO BEING
4 INJURED BY THE TRAUMA, AND I THINK THAT'S WHY YOU'RE PULLING
5 ME IN NOW AND WHY, GOING FORWARD, WE REALLY HAVE TO PULL -- WE
6 HAVE TO BE THINKING THROUGH THAT LENS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA
7 AS CORE TO THE RECOVERY OF INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE, OF FAMILIES, OF
8 NEIGHBORHOODS, OF OUR COMMUNITY, OF OUR BUSINESSES, OF OUR
9 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, AND MAYBE WE REACH OUT TO OUR TYPICAL
12 BUSINESS TYPE ASSOCIATIONS, LIKE CHAMBERS, AGAIN, THAT WE
13 DON'T TYPICALLY HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH PIECE TO RECOVERY, AND
14 THIS MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH YOU ON
15 AND SOME OF MY CHAMBERS IN MY AREA, WHO, AGAIN, TYPICALLY ARE
16 NOT TOUCHING ON THAT ASPECT OF RECOVERY. IT'S MAINLY FINANCIAL
17 AND HOW DO YOU GET YOUR BUSINESS BACK OPEN, AND THIS IS SUCH
18 AN IMPORTANT PIECE BECAUSE I DO KNOW -- AND YOU ARE RIGHT. WE
19 DID NOT HAVE CHOICES. WE WERE DOING WHAT WE COULD TO SAVE
20 LIVES, BUT PEOPLE WERE TRAUMATIZED WHO LOST THEIR BUSINESSES,
21 LOST THEIR LIVELIHOODS, LOST THEIR JOBS, AND HAD NO WAY TO
22 RECOVER. YOU KNOW, YOU MENTIONED HOW WE NEED TO MAYBE GET TO A
23 BETTER NORMAL. AND I LIKED THE WAY YOU SAID THAT BECAUSE
24 EVERYBODY'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT GETTING BACK TO SOME SENSE OF
25 NORMALCY, BUT WE COULD -- THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A

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1 BETTER NORMAL. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS THINKING ABOUT IS
2 YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED MANY OF YOUR SERVICES VIRTUALLY,
3 AS OPPOSED TO IN PERSON, AND WONDERING, AND YOU PROBABLY
4 WOULD BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT MAYBE A LOT OF PEOPLE DID
5 BETTER VIRTUALLY ANYWAY, AS OPPOSED TO SEEKING IN-PERSON
6 SERVICES. IS THIS SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK YOUR DEPARTMENT
7 WILL CONTINUE TO DO, OFFERING PEOPLE THE OPTION TO CHOOSE
8 VIRTUAL MEETINGS OR SERVICES AS OPPOSED TO IN-PERSON, IF THAT
9 WORKS BETTER FOR THEM?

10

11 **DR. SHERIN:** ABSOLUTELY. I GO BACK TO THE PARADIGM OF THE
12 SCHOOLS AND THE PANEL I HAD WITH DRS. DUARDO AND FERRER AND
13 THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOICE. WE WENT FROM ABOUT 10 TO 15 PERCENT
14 TELEHEALTH TO OVER 80 PERCENT TELEHEALTH OVER THE COURSE OF A
15 MONTH. WHAT WE FOUND IS THAT WE'RE CONNECTING WITH MORE
16 PEOPLE. WE HAVE MORE UNIQUE CLIENTS, AND THAT CUSTOMER
17 SATISFACTION HAS GONE UP FOR MANY, NOT ALL. SO WE ABSOLUTELY
18 ARE GOING TO CONTINUE DOING TELE-MENTAL HEALTH, AND WE'RE
19 LOBBYING HARD AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL TO MAKE SURE THAT
20 THOSE SERVICES ARE REIMBURSED. IT'S KIND OF LIKE WE'RE GOING
21 TO DO YOU A FAVOR BY REIMBURSING YOU DURING THE PANDEMIC, BUT
22 NO, WE'RE ACTUALLY REDEFINING ACCESS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE, SO
23 PLEASE REIMBURSE THAT, AND WE'LL HAVE TO STUDY THE ADVOCACY OF
24 THESE TYPES OF TREATMENTS OVER TIME, BUT ALL INDICATORS, AT
25 THE CURRENT TIME, ARE QUITE POSITIVE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, AND AGAIN, I REALLY LIKED YOUR SUGGESTION OF
3 OUR DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS ACTUALLY BEING IN AN OMBUDSMAN
4 ROLE AS WE BEGIN TO, SOME RETURN TO WORK, SOME KEEP
5 TELEWORKING. AGAIN, I WAS PUSHING FOR TELEWORK TWO YEARS AGO,
6 AS A WAY -- WE WERE THINKING ABOUT IT TWO YEARS AGO AS A WAY
7 TO REDUCE TRAFFIC, TO MAYBE ALLOW THE COUNTY TO GET OUT OF
8 SOME OF OUR LONG-TERM BUILDING LEASES THAT MAYBE DIDN'T MAKE
9 ANY SENSE ANYMORE, AND A WAY TO IMPROVE MORALE. SO THIS SORT
10 OF JUMP -- WARP SPEEDED OUR TELEWORK, WORKING FROM HOME,
11 INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY, BUT THAT ALSO CAME WITH SOME
12 FEELINGS OF ISOLATION, AND PEOPLE DID MISS THE SOCIALIZATION
13 OF WORKING TOGETHER, BUT I HOPE WE CAN DO SOME SORT OF A
14 HYBRID, AND I LIKE THE FACT OF OUR D.S.W.S KIND OF MOVING INTO
15 A DIFFERENT ROLE AS WE REOPEN. AND THE LAST THING I'LL SAY, I
16 KNOW YOU AND I HAD A CONVERSATION A WHILE BACK ABOUT THE IDEA
17 OF HARM REDUCTION, AND THE IDEA OF JUST INSTILLING CERTAIN
18 PRINCIPLES AS WE GO FORWARD, OF, YOU KNOW, OKAY, MAYBE WE
19 REACHED THE GREEN TIER, MAYBE EVERYTHING IS REOPENED, BUT YOU
20 KNOW, THERE IS JUST CERTAIN THINGS WE SHOULD PROBABLY ALWAYS
21 DO TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES IN A SAFER WAY, YOU KNOW, NEVER
22 REALLY KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT, YOU KNOW, SOME VARIANTS WILL
23 RISE UP AGAIN. THERE'S JUST CERTAIN THINGS WE COULD DO TO
24 REDUCE THE HARM OF ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES.

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1 **DR. SHERIN:** I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS,
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND ONE THING I DO WANT TO JUST SAY TO
3 REITERATE A POINT IS THAT, WHILE OUR POPULATION HAS BEEN
4 TRAUMATIZED AND MANY, MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO REQUIRE
5 TREATMENT, CARE, THERAPY, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WILL HELP THE
6 POPULATION IS OPPORTUNITY, IS THE ABILITY TO HAVE CHOICE, AND
7 TO ENGAGE IN DECISION MAKING IN A NEW WAY THAT WILL NOW BE
8 PERMISSIBLE ASSUMING WE'RE ABLE TO KIND OF FOLLOW DR. FERRER'S
9 GUIDANCE AND THE STATE'S GUIDANCE AROUND THE MAINTENANCE OF
10 SAFETY. AND I JUST THINK WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT
11 OPTIMIZING THE AMOUNT OF OPPORTUNITY AND DECISION MAKING THAT
12 PEOPLE CAN MAKE WHILE STILL REMAINING SAFE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO
19 JOHN AND ANTONIA VERY MUCH BECAUSE THESE REPORTS BRING AN
20 ENTIRELY NEW AND ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO THE KINDS OF
21 CONSIDERATIONS WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN. ONE OF THE THINGS
22 THAT I WAS THINKING, AMONG MANY, SOME OF WHICH I'LL SHARE,
23 WHILE JOHN WAS TALKING, IS, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES
24 OF TRAUMATIC EVENTS THAT ARE MUCH LARGER THAN JUST ME IN MY
25 LIFETIME, THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW WHERE YOU WERE ENGAGED IN

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1 THE TRAUMATIC EVENT WITH EVERY SINGLE PERSON. I THINK THE
2 ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY, FOR INSTANCE, WHEN WE WERE ALL
3 WANDERING THE STREETS NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO OR SAY, EVERY
4 PERSON THAT YOU RAN INTO YOU KNEW HAD EXPERIENCED THAT EVENT
5 THAT DAY. AND THIS TRAUMA IS WORLDWIDE, AND THERE IS NOT, IN
6 MY OPINION AT LEAST, AN UNTOUCHED PERSON IN THE ENTIRE WORLD
7 POPULATION. AND THAT MEANS EVERY SINGLE PERSON I SEE ON THE
8 STREET, EVERY SINGLE PERSON I SEE ON T.V., EVERYONE. AND THAT
9 MEANS, TO ME, THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN TOUCHED IN A WAY THAT WE
10 WOULD NOT IDENTIFY, MANY OF US, AS A MENTAL HEALTH NEED, AND
11 YET, THINGS HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH FOR US. AND I FIND IN TALKING
12 TO PEOPLE, THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE IN COMMON THAT, WE, THAT
13 REMARK SEEM UNUSUAL TO US, FOR INSTANCE, I REPORT TO PEOPLE MY
14 SLEEP PATTERNS HAVE CHANGED ENTIRELY IN THE PAST YEAR. I WAKE
15 UP ALMOST EVERY NIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, AND I'M
16 FINE. I'M UP FOR AN HOUR. I WATCH T.V., OR I READ, AND MY
17 FRIENDS SAY, "OH, I WISH YOU HAD TEXTED ME. I WAS UP TOO." AND
18 IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE ANXIETY. IT'S JUST A COMPLETE CHANGE IN
19 WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYWAY, WHICH IS SLEEP PATTERN. THE
20 SECOND THING IS, WE HAVE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS AMONG MY
21 STAFF, RECENTLY, AT A VIRTUAL RETREAT, TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE
22 WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN AND BRING WITH US WHEN WE RETURN TO
23 PHYSICALLY COMING TO THE BUILDING. AND PEOPLE, TENTATIVELY,
24 SAY -- THEY DON'T WANT TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THEY'RE NOT
25 WORKING THEIR REQUISITE HOURS, BUT THEY TALK ABOUT THE ABILITY

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1 TO WALK FOR 15 MINUTES IN BETWEEN MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY'RE AT
2 HOME, AND THEY WALK AROUND THE BLOCK, OR THEY'VE GOT THEIR
3 DOGS OR CATS THERE WITH THEM, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY
4 REALLY VALUE AND FEELS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEY KNEW, BUT THE
5 MOST IMPORTANT ONE THAT I HAVE SEEN IS -- HAS TO DO WITH THE
6 ARTS. YOU KNOW, WE KIND OF TALK ABOUT TREATING OURSELVES, OR
7 SELF-MEDICATION, IN THE CASE OF SOMETIMES IN TERMS OF
8 ADDICTIVE TREATMENTS, BUT I THINK THE ARTS HAVE REALLY STEPPED
9 UP IN PEOPLE'S CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT WHAT THEY NEED TO FEEL
10 CONNECTED TO LIFE GOING ON AND OTHER PEOPLE GOING THROUGH
11 STUFF. YOU KNOW, WE SEE "NO MAN'S LAND" AND "MINARI" AND,
12 RECENTLY, "THE COURIER," WHICH MANY PEOPLE HAVEN'T SEEN YET,
13 AND "THE TRIAL OF THE CHICAGO SEVEN." I MEAN ANY OF THE MOVIES
14 UP FOR OSCARS. AND I THINK EVEN WATCHING THEM ALONE, I FEEL
15 TOUCHED AND KIND OF TRANSFORMED. AND I THINK THAT THE MAKING
16 OF MUSIC, THE MAKING OF MUSIC THAT MAKES FUN OF OUR SITUATION,
17 EVERYBODY SHARING 100,000 THINGS ON FACEBOOK THAT THEY SAW
18 THAT SOME FAMILY IN ENGLAND MADE, THE ARTS, HAVE REALLY, I
19 THINK, TAKEN THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THEIR
20 RELATIONSHIP TO MENTAL HEALTH AND GOOD MENTAL HEALTH. AND SO,
21 I THINK WE NEED TO RETAIN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT IMPORTANCE
22 AND CONTINUE IT. AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS ABOUT
23 SCHOOLS. WHEN I WAS IN THE -- MAYBE BEFORE I WAS IN THE
24 LEGISLATURE, I WAS ASKED TO TEACH A DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKING
25 CLASS AT A MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND I LET THE KIDS CHOOSE THEIR OWN

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1 SUBJECT MATTER, AND THEY WANTED TO CHOOSE SOMETHING CALLED THE
2 SCHOOL MACHINE BECAUSE THE SCHOOL SEEMED TO BE VERY
3 REGIMENTED, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER
4 SCHOOL. YOU ALL HAVE TO SIT IN CLASS. YOU ALL HAVE TO READ THE
5 SAME ASSIGNMENT. YOU HAVE TO TURN IN THE SAME THING, BUT THEY
6 FELT IT WAS A WAY THAT THEY WERE KIND OF ROBBED OF THEIR
7 INDIVIDUALITY BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAD TO BE ALWAYS THE SAME.
8 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT IS GOING TO CHANGE, IF AT ALL, IF WE
9 WILL HAVE CHOICES ABOUT EDUCATION, MORE CHOICES. AND ALSO --
10 I'M SORRY -- THE LAST THING I WANTED TO SAY WAS I FOUND OUT
11 THAT YOU CAN'T GET ANY ENERGY FROM PEOPLE ON ZOOM. I MEAN, I'M
12 AN EXTROVERT. I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL SURPRISED. AND WHEN I WOULD
13 DO A PANEL, OR I WOULD DO -- TEACH A CLASS, I WOULD FEEL
14 ENERGIZED AT THE END BECAUSE I GOT ENERGY FROM THE AUDIENCE. I
15 GOT ENERGY FROM THE CLASS. AND I WAS ON A PANEL, AND I TAUGHT
16 A CLASS LAST WEDNESDAY, AND I HONESTLY FELL ASLEEP AT 8:00 AT
17 NIGHT. I WAS SO EXHAUSTED. AND THAT HAS BEEN INTERESTING TO ME
18 ABOUT THE PHYSICAL ENERGY THAT AN EXTROVERT, PROBABLY NOT AN
19 INTROVERT, GETS FROM SUCH INTERACTIONS AND HOW -- WHAT A LOSS
20 THAT'S BEEN. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MENTAL HEALTH
21 COMPONENT INTO THIS AND HELPING US TO UNDERSTAND OUR COMMON
22 HUMANITY, AND, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE COMMON SOLUTIONS. AND
23 THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME MAKE A SPEECH, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
2 SHARING YOUR INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES THAT MANY OF US, I AM
3 SURE, SHARE. ANY FINAL QUESTIONS OF EITHER DR. SHERIN OR
4 ANTONIA? MS. JIMENEZ, I SHOULD SAY. ANY FINAL QUESTIONS? THANK
5 YOU BOTH VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. THIS REPORT WILL BE
6 CONSIDERED RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT
7 WILL BE THE ORDER. COLLEAGUES, WE'LL PROCEED NOW TO ITEM 5 ON
8 YOUR AGENDA, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INITIATIVE ON ASIAN
9 AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, WHICH WAS
10 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
11 MAKE REMARKS?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
14 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. THE ESCALATION OF ATTACKS
15 AGAINST THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SUCH A HEARTBREAKING
16 REMINDER OF HOW FAR WE STILL HAVE TO GO TOWARDS BUILDING A
17 SOCIETY THAT EVERYONE CAN FEEL SAFE, BE SAFE, FEEL ACCEPTED,
18 AND BE EQUAL. LAST YEAR, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE BLACK LIVES
19 MATTER MOVEMENT, WE CREATED THE ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND
20 INCLUSION INITIATIVE. IT WAS A RESPONSE TO THE RACISM, AND
21 DISCRIMINATION TARGETED AT BLACK AMERICANS, BUT IT'S A
22 FRAMEWORK TO FIGHTING RACISM IN ALL ITS FORMS. IN THE MONTHS
23 SINCE, WE HAVE APPOINTED DR. SCORZA TO HEAD THE EFFORT, AND
24 HIS TEAM HAS ALREADY STARTED THIS HARD BUT IMPORTANT WORK.
25 WITH THIS MOTION, WE'RE ASKING DR. SCORZA TO CONVENE A WORKING

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1 GROUP MADE UP OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, THE OFFICE
2 VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND LEADERS FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN,
3 NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP
4 WAYS THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, CAN ADDRESS THE VIOLENCE AND HATE
5 THAT WE HAVE SEEN TARGETING AT THESE COMMUNITIES. THE
6 STRATEGIES THIS WORKING GROUP DEVELOPS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED
7 INTO THE ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE'S
8 WORK GOING FORWARD. THIS MOTION ALSO INCLUDES AN IMPORTANT
9 PIECE SUGGESTED BY MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO
10 EXPLORE CREATING A COUNTY EQUITY AND DIVERSITY FUND THAT WOULD
11 NOT ONLY PARTNER WITH THE RESEARCH INSTITUTES, SO THAT WE CAN
12 BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT LEADS TO THIS HATE AND VIOLENCE AND HOW
13 WE CAN PREVENT IT, BUT ALSO BE FUNDING THAT WE CAN USE TO LIFT
14 UP ARTISTS FROM THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES
15 OF COLOR. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WE HAVE GOTTEN FOR THIS
16 MOTION FROM NOT ONLY FOLKS THAT CALLED IN THIS MORNING BUT
17 ALSO GROUPS LIKE THE L.A. COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES
18 ASSOCIATION THAT WROTE ME A LETTER COMMITTING THEIR STRONG
19 SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION AND THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ASIAN
20 AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY DURING THIS TIME. SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL, I KNOW YOU MIGHT WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THEN
22 WE COULD HEAR FROM DR. SCORZA , OR IF ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES
23 HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YES, I AM
2 PROUD TO BE ABLE TO JOIN WITH YOU IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT
3 MOTION BECAUSE I'M CLEAR WITH INCREASING HATE REALLY COMES
4 INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY FOR US ALL TO COMBAT HATE WITH THE
5 FULL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY, AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK
6 THE WORK OF MANY OF THE A.A.P.I. LEADERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
7 WHO ARE CONTINUING TO DEMAND VISIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY,
8 AND WE STAND WITH THEM. I AM THANKFUL THAT WE SEE A GROWING
9 PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HISTORICAL AND SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION
10 AGAINST THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, BUT AWARENESS IS NOT ENOUGH.
11 WE HAVE GOT TO TAKE ACTION, AND FRANKLY, I BELIEVE THAT WE PAY
12 FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN. SO WE HAVE GOT TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE
13 OUR MOUTH IS. THAT'S WHY I'M VERY GLAD THAT YOU WERE WILLING
14 TO TAKE MY SUGGESTION IN THE CREATION OF THE L.A. COUNTY'S
15 EQUITY AND DIVERSITY FUND WITH AN INITIAL INVESTMENT TARGET OF
16 A MILLION DOLLARS. SO IT'S MY DESIRE THAT THIS FUND SUPPORT
17 THE NECESSARY RESEARCH, CRITICAL DATA COLLECTION, THE
18 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY ACTIONS TO COMBAT
19 HATE AND DISCRIMINATION INFLICTED UPON ALL COMMUNITIES OF
20 COLOR, INCLUDING OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. SO AS WE CONTINUE
21 THIS IMPORTANT WORK IN SOLIDARITY, SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS
22 LIKE THESE WILL BENEFIT COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY
23 BEEN MARGINALIZED, SILENCED, AND THEN THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.
24 SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK AND A SPECIFIC ACTIONABLE
25 PLAN, AN ACTIONABLE PLAN, TO COMBAT THIS HATE IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
2 ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR. DR. SCORZA , WE WELCOME YOU TO
3 PROVIDE SOME REMARKS.

4

5 **DR. SCORZA** : THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND GOOD
6 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
7 TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY AND FOR YOUR ONGOING LEADERSHIP
8 REAFFIRMING L.A. COUNTY'S ROLE IN ADVANCING ANTIRACISM AS WELL
9 AS ANTI-HATE EFFORTS. I'D LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK SUPERVISORS
10 HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON TODAY'S MOTION. OVER
11 THE PAST YEAR AND SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19, THERE HAS BEEN AN
12 EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE
13 HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. THAT HAS OCCURRED
14 LARGELY BECAUSE OF VERY PUBLIC AND RACIST RHETORIC ROOTED IN
15 HARMFUL STEREOTYPES ABOUT PEOPLE OF ASIAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER,
16 AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN DESCENT. ACCORDING TO THE STOP A.A.P.I.
17 HATE INITIATIVE, THE RISE IN VIOLENT CRIME HAS LED TO MORE
18 THAN 3,795 REPORTED ANTI-ASIAN HATE INCIDENTS IN THE PAST
19 YEAR. THE HIGH PROFILE SHOOTINGS THAT OCCURRED IN ATLANTA TOOK
20 THE LIVES OF 8 INDIVIDUALS HAPPENED ALONGSIDE NUMEROUS
21 REPORTED ATTACKS AGAINST OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES, A 91 YEAR
22 OLD, WHO WAS PUSHED FACE DOWN ON THE SIDEWALK, AND AN 84 YEAR
23 OLD THAI NATIVE, WHO RECENTLY DIED AFTER BEING ASSAULTED ON
24 HIS MORNING WALK. OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE VICTIMS, THEIR
25 FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, AND ENTIRE COMMUNITY. EVEN HERE IN LOS

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1 ANGELES, ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
2 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT SAFE FROM THIS TYPE OF HATRED AND BIGOTRY.
3 AS YOU NOTED DURING THE MARCH 23RD BOARD MEETING, L.A.P.D.
4 REPORTED A 114 PERCENT INCREASE IN ANTI-ASIAN HATE CRIMES IN
5 2020. TONG LEE, A VIETNAMESE AMERICAN NONPROFIT WORKER IN HER
6 MID 30S DESCRIBED AN ENCOUNTER WITH A MAN WHO SCREAMED
7 DEROGATORY WORDS AND TOLD HER, "GO BACK TO ASIA," AFTER SHE
8 DECLINED HIS ADVANCES. SHE FELT CORNERED BY THE MAN AND
9 REMEMBERED, AND I QUOTE HER OWN WORDS HERE, "ASKING FOR HELP,
10 BUT NO ONE STEPPED UP." AFTER A VIDEO OF THE INCIDENT WENT
11 VIRAL, SHE REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO STOP A.A.P.I. HATE AND
12 DECIDED TO VOLUNTEER AS AN AMBASSADOR IN OUR OWN L.A. VERSUS
13 HATE CAMPAIGN. SHE USED HER PLATFORM TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO
14 SPEAK UP, DESPITE BARRIERS TO DOING SO. YOU KNOW, HER STORY IS
15 A SOBERING REMINDER OF THE DISCRIMINATION AND THE ANTI-ASIAN
16 RACISM THAT A.A.P.I. AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND OTHER PACIFIC
17 ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR CONTINUE
18 TO EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT HISTORY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT MANY MORE
19 INCIDENTS ARE NOT REPORTED, AND WE MUST BE DILIGENT AND ENSURE
20 THAT THE VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES RECEIVE THE PROTECTION AND
21 SAFETY THEY DESERVE TO BRING THESE CRIMES TO LIGHT. STANDING
22 ALONGSIDE MS. LEE AND WITH OUR A.A.P.I. AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN
23 COMMUNITIES, THE R.D. INITIATIVE IS PROACTIVELY WORKING TO
24 ELIMINATE STRUCTURAL RACISM AND BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY FOR ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. WITH YOUR

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1 SUPPORT, THIS MOTION WILL CALL UPON US TO DO MORE TO ENGAGE
2 WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES. I'M EXCITED ABOUT
3 THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
4 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
5 OFFICES -- PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND
6 THE DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS WELL AS MANY OF OUR
7 RELEVANT COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHOM YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THIS
8 MORNING, INCLUDING LEADERS FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE
9 HAWAIIAN, AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS
10 HATE, BIGOTRY, AND VIOLENCE DIRECTED TOWARDS THOSE
11 COMMUNITIES. THIS WILL ALSO HELP US GOOD UP ON THE BOARD'S
12 EIGHTH BOARD-DIRECTED PRIORITY BY DEVELOPING A STRATEGY THAT
13 INCORPORATES THIS WORK WITHIN THE R.D. INITIATIVE, RELEVANT
14 DEPARTMENTS, AND COUNTY-WIDE. WE WILL CREATE EQUITY
15 PRIORITIES THAT ARE ACTIONABLE, TARGETS AND MEASURES TO
16 ASSESS AND MONITOR THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS TOWARD SUPPORTING OUR
17 MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING ARTISTIC
18 AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE, HIGHLIGHT, AND
19 CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE
20 HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. IN THE MOMENT WHEN
21 MS. LEE WAS ATTACKED, SHE ASKED FOR HELP BY BYSTANDERS, AND
22 SHE RECEIVED NONE. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY IS NOT BYSTANDER. AND
23 WE HAVE STEPPED UP BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO AND SUPPORT IN THE
24 L.A. VERSUS HATE CAMPAIGN. NOW, WE MUST BUILD UPON THAT WORK
25 AND DO MORE BY CO-CREATING SOLUTIONS WITH OUR A.A.P.I. AND

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1 NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN
2 ORDER TO SOLVE THESE ONGOING CHALLENGES. LET US ALL REMEMBER
3 THAT HATE AGAINST ANY ONE OF US IS A THREAT AND HARM TO ALL OF
4 US, AND THAT WE ALL HAVE A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP
5 EACH OTHER SAFE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED
6 SUPPORT IN FIGHTING ALL FORMS OF RACISM IN YOUR COUNTY AND FOR
7 YOU LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORT OF ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN,
8 AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS ALL COMMUNITIES OF
9 COLOR. THANK YOU, AGAIN, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
10 YOU MAY HAVE.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA . ANY QUESTION? I HAVEN'T
13 RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER SUPERVISORS. ANY
14 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BEFORE I CALL FOR THE VOTE? THANK YOU.
15 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM FIVE IS BEFORE US. IT HAS BEEN
16 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS
17 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
20 ITEM FIVE IS BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

8 MITCHELL?

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4

13 TO 0 WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS BEING ABSENT.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 12,

16 ADVOCACY FOR STATE RESOURCES. I'LL MOVE, SECONDED BY

17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 12 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

7 MITCHELL?

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4

12 TO 0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 42, A REPORT ON

15 COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSES AGREEMENT. I HELD THIS ITEM

16 COLLEAGUES. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON ASSISTANT SHERIFF BRUCE

17 CHASE AND COMMANDER SERGIO ALOMA FROM THE SHERIFF'S

18 DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL PRESENT THEIR REPORT. HAVE THEY JOINED US

19 ON THE LINE?

20

21 **COMMANDER ALOMA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS COMMANDER SERGIO

22 ALOMA FROM L.A.S.D.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AND IS ASSISTANT SHERIFF BRUCE

25 CHASE AVAILABLE, OR WILL HE BE MAKING REMARKS?

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2 **COMMANDER ALOMA:** HE IS.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THEY'RE NOT CLEAR ON THE
7 FORMAT. ARE THEY GOING TO GIVE A REPORT?

8

9 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** HI, THIS IS ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE,
10 SORRY. I WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY MUTE BUTTON.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THEY
13 WILL BE MAKING A REPORT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES. WE CAN HEAR YOU FINE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** I'M SORRY, TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.
20 CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME NOW?

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, WE CAN.

23

24 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** OKAY. SORRY AGAIN. THANK YOU TO
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 PRESENT HERE TODAY. JUST TO BEGIN, FOR EVERYONE, THIS IS OUR
2 PRESENTATION REQUIRED BY THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO
3 PRESENT CURRENT STATISTICS. SO AS MANY INDIVIDUALS OF THE
4 PUBLIC NOTED EARLIER, EVERY USE OF FORCE INCIDENT INVOLVES A
5 CONFLICT BETWEEN DEPUTIES AND PERSONS DETAINED IN THE JAILS.
6 SO, THIS IS MERELY A PRESENTATION OF THE CURRENT STATISTICS
7 THAT WE HAVE IN THE BASIN FACILITIES FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
8 TWIN TOWERS, AND THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. THERE ARE NO
9 BRAGGING RIGHTS, AND THERE IS NO VICTORY LAPSE INTENDED IN
10 THIS PRESENTATION. IT'S MEANT TO BE STATISTICAL. WE SHOULD ALL
11 WANT THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF FORCE DECREASED IN THE JAILS
12 REGARDLESS ANY POPULATION DECREASE. AND SO, IT WAS BROUGHT TO
13 MY ATTENTION THAT THE OVERALL FORCE NUMBER THAT WE PRESENTED,
14 A REDUCTION OF 28 PERCENT, THAT THERE WAS A MISTAKEN
15 IMPRESSION THAT THAT CORRELATES TO THE POPULATION REDUCTIONS
16 DUE TO COVID. OUR OVERALL POPULATION REDUCTION FROM 2019 TO
17 2020 DUE TO COVID WAS ROUGHLY NINE PERCENT, AND THAT TAKES
18 INTO ACCOUNT THE FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS OF 2020, BEFORE WE
19 STARTED DEPOPULATED FOR COVID, AS WELL AS THE LAST SEVERAL
20 MONTHS OF 2020, WHERE OUR POPULATION NUMBERS WERE INCREASING,
21 DUE LARGELY TO THE NUMBER OF STATE SENTENCED INMATES THAT WE
22 WERE HOLDING WHILE C.D.C.R. WAS CLOSED FOR THEIR OWN
23 MITIGATION COVID EFFORTS. SO I JUST WANTED TO START WITH THAT.
24 SO THE FIRST SLIDE JUST OUTLINES THE AREAS THAT THE ROSAS
25 PROVISION REQUIRES US TO REPORT ON, THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,

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1 THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE, THE TRAINING ON THE USE OF FORCE
2 POLICIES, THE USE OF FORCE STATISTICS AND TRENDS, AND THE
3 DEPARTMENT'S USE OF FORCE POLICY VIOLATIONS, AND THEN WE HAVE
4 ALSO ADDED THE THE INMATE GRIEVANCES AT THE REQUEST OF SOME OF
5 THE SUPERVISORS. AND AGAIN, THE DATA PROVIDED FOR THIS
6 PARTICULAR REPORT COMPARES 2019 AND 2020. JUST TO REMIND
7 EVERYONE, ROSAS IS THE FEDERAL CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ALLEGING A
8 PATTERN OF EXCESSIVE USES OF FORCE IN THE DOWNTOWN JAIL
9 COMPLEXES, WHICH, AGAIN, ARE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TWIN TOWERS,
10 AND I.R.C. ALTHOUGH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS ORIGINALLY
11 APPROVED IN 2015, ROSAS REVISED COMPLIANCE MEASURES WEREN'T
12 APPROVED UNTIL DECEMBER OF 2018, SO WE HAVE BEEN UNDER THOSE
13 REVISED COMPLIANCE MEASURES SINCE JULY OF 2018. THERE IS 104
14 PROVISIONS WITH A TOTAL OF 402 DIFFERENT COMPLIANCE MEASURES.
15 SO THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE DIFFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE BETWEEN
16 THE PANEL 7TH REPORT AND THE 8TH REPORT. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE
17 REMAIN COMPLIANT WITH ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS. WE
18 WENT FROM COMPLIANCE WITH 19 OF THE USE OF FORCE PROVISIONS TO
19 22 OF THE USE OF FORCE PROVISIONS. WITH THE TRAINING
20 PROVISIONS, WE STAYED COMPLIANT WITH 9 OF THE TRAINING
21 PROVISIONS IN BOTH 2019 AND 2020. USE OF FORCE REPORTING AND
22 INVESTIGATIONS IS WHERE WE BACK TRACKED A LITTLE. WE WENT FROM
23 BEING COMPLIANT IN 2019, WITH 21 PROVISIONS, DOWN TO BEING IN
24 COMPLIANCE WITH ONLY 17 OF THE PROVISIONS. THERE ARE A NUMBER
25 OF REASONS, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON

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1 THE PRESENTATION OR NOW. JUST FEEL FREE TO STOP ME AT ANY
2 TIME. THE GRIEVANCE PROVISIONS WE WENT FROM BEING IN
3 COMPLIANCE WITH 21 IN 2019 TO 22. RESTRAINT PROVISIONS, WE
4 MAINTAINED COMPLIANCE WITH THE TWO PROVISIONS. OUR EARLY
5 WARNING SYSTEM, WE MAINTAINED COMPLIANCE WITH TWO PROVISIONS,
6 AND WE STILL NEED IMPROVEMENT IN ONE OF THE PROVISIONS. SO IN
7 TOTAL, WITH THE UPS AND DOWNS AMONGST THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES,
8 WE REMAINED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 83 OF THE 104 PROVISIONS. THE
9 NEXT SLIDE GOES OVER THE CUSTODY FORCE TRAINING STATISTICS
10 LOOKED AT IN THE REPORT. OUR TRAINING NUMBERS FROM 2019 TO
11 2020 DECREASED ACROSS ALL CATEGORIES, AND THIS WAS LARGELY DUE
12 TO THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON CLASSROOM AND IN-PERSON TRAINING
13 AT THE ONSET OF COVID, AS WELL AS THE IMPACT OF COVID ON ALL
14 OUR PERSONNEL. SO, WITHOUT GOING INTO EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY,
15 YOU CAN SEE, THOUGH, THAT, JUST GOING DOWN THE LIST, WE HAD
16 DROPS IN THE NUMBERS. THOSE NUMBERS NOW HAVE STARTED TO BEGIN
17 TO COME BACK UP. WE TRANSITIONED, AS EVERYONE DID, TO MORE
18 REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS AND VIDEO CLASSROOM OPTIONS, AS WELL
19 AS SPREADING OUT OUR TRAINING SO THAT WE COULD HAVE IT AT
20 VARIOUS VENUES SO WE COULD HAVE IN-PERSON LEARNING WHERE IT
21 WAS REQUIRED BUT MAINTAIN DISTANCING AND OTHER PRECAUTIONS.
22 THE NEXT SLIDE IS THE SLIDE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE OVERALL USE
23 OF FORCE STATISTICS IN THE DOWNTOWN JAILS. AND, AGAIN, THAT'S
24 WHAT I WAS TOUCHING ON. I DID NOTE THAT THE 28 PERCENT
25 DECREASE THERE DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE POPULATION DECREASE.

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1 SO WE DO NEED TO GO BACK AND ADJUST IT FOR THE POPULATION
2 DECREASE, BUT ALTHOUGH WE WERE SUCCESSFUL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
3 DURING THE HEIGHT OF OUR COVID MITIGATION EFFORTS, AND SOME OF
4 THE SURGES IN COVID IN DROPPING OUR POPULATION UP TO 30
5 PERCENT, WE UNFORTUNATELY WEREN'T ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT. SO
6 OVER THE COURSE OF THE ENTIRE YEAR, THE AVERAGE DAILY INMATE
7 POPULATION IN THE BASIN FACILITIES ACTUALLY WENT FROM 8,077 IN
8 2019 TO 7,356 IN 2020, AND AGAIN, THAT'S THE DAILY AVERAGE
9 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SO, IT'S A DROP OF ROUGHLY 9 PERCENT. SO
10 WE WOULD NEED TO ADDRESS THE DROP IN TOTAL USE OF FORCE TO
11 REFLECT THAT 9 PERCENT POPULATION DROP, AND YOU WOULD END UP
12 SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 28 PERCENT. THE AVERAGE DAILY INMATE
13 POPULATION ACROSS ALL OUR CUSTODY FACILITIES FOR 2020 WAS DOWN
14 ROUGHLY 17 PERCENT, AND AS YOU ALL ARE MOSTLY -- MOST OF YOU
15 ALL ARE AWARE, FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, WE HAVE HOVERED
16 AROUND 15,000 AVERAGE DAILY INMATE POPULATION, WHEREAS PRE-
17 COVID, IT WAS 17,000, BUT WE ARE WORKING, ALL OF US,
18 DILIGENTLY ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND OTHER EFFORTS
19 WE COULD DO TO BRING THOSE NUMBERS DOWN AGAIN. THE NEXT SLIDE
20 SHOWS THE USE OF CATEGORY 1 FORCE. CATEGORY 1 IS OUR LEVEL OF
21 FORCE THAT INVOLVES NO INJURY, USUALLY JUST RESISTANCE AND
22 CONTROL HOLDS, THAT TYPE OF THING. AND OVERALL INCIDENTS
23 DECREASED IN JUST RAW NUMBERS BY 19 PERCENT, BUT AGAIN THAT
24 WOULD NEED TO BE ADJUSTED AGAINST THE 9 PERCENT POPULATION
25 DECREASE. CATEGORY 2 USES OF FORCE ALSO DROPPED CONSIDERABLY.

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1 AGAIN, ALTHOUGH WE'RE SHOWING A 44 PERCENT DECREASE IN OVERALL
2 INCIDENTS, WE'LL NEED TO ADJUST IT FOR THE 9 PERCENT
3 POPULATION DECREASE TO GET THE TRUE NUMBER THAT WILL BE
4 SLIGHTLY LOWER, BUT, JUST TO REITERATE, THERE IS NO BRAGGING
5 RIGHTS OR VICTORY IN PRESENTING THESE STATISTICS. EACH ONE
6 INVOLVES AN INCIDENT BETWEEN DEPUTIES AND THE INDIVIDUALS IN
7 CUSTODY, AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO ALWAYS LOWER THOSE
8 NUMBERS. CATEGORY 3 INCIDENTS OF FORCE, WHICH ARE THE MOST
9 SERIOUS, THE NEXT SLIDE, ACTUALLY INCREASED FROM 4 TO 5. THREE
10 OUT OF THE FIVE INVOLVE USE OF FORCE THAT IS CONSIDERED
11 SERIOUS ENOUGH TO POTENTIALLY HAVE CAUSED INJURY. TWO OF THEM
12 WERE SPECIAL WEAPONS DEPLOYMENT ON ONE OF THE INMATE YARD
13 WHERE HIGH SECURITY INMATES WERE ASSAULTING ANOTHER INMATE. SO
14 THEY ARE STRUCK BY PROJECTILES THAT CAUSE MINOR INJURIES, BUT
15 DUE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ACTUAL USE OF FORCE, THOSE ARE
16 ALSO CATEGORIZED AS CATEGORY 3S. TWO OF THEM DID INVOLVE
17 BROKEN BONES. ONE WAS A BROKEN ORBITAL BONE ON A TAKE DOWN,
18 AND ONE WAS A CRACKED RIB. SO AGAIN, ALL OF THESE FORCES ARE
19 SERIOUS. EACH ONE IS INDIVIDUALLY INVESTIGATED, AND THE
20 ULTIMATE GOAL THERE IS TO BRING THAT NUMBER TO ZERO AS WELL.
21 SO THE NEXT SLIDE GOES OVER FORCE MITIGATION AND QUALITY
22 IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS WE HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING AND WE HAVE
23 ONGOING. THE FIRST INVOLVES WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THE DIVISION
24 CHIEFS. EACH ONE OF THE DIVISION CUSTODY CHIEFS MEETS WITH
25 THEIR STAFF AND THE STAFFS OF THE FACILITIES, AND THEY

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1 ACTUALLY REVIEW VIDEO OF FORCE INCIDENTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS. WE
2 ALSO HAVE THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVITED TO THOSE
3 MEETINGS SO THEY CAN PROVIDE INPUT AND OUR TRAINING STAFF AS
4 WELL, AND THIS IS SO THAT WE CAN IMMEDIATELY TAKE ANY
5 CORRECTIVE ACTION THAT WE SEE MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL. THE
6 EMPLOYEE REVIEW SYSTEM, USE OF FORCE COMPONENT, WE'RE
7 CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A STANDARDIZED CUSTODY
8 PERFORMANCE MENTORING SYSTEM. ONE OF THE CRITICISMS IN THE 8TH
9 REPORT WAS THAT THE UNIT COMMANDERS WEREN'T NECESSARILY
10 FOLLOWING THE SAME PATH AS FAR AS INMATES WHO POP UP ON THE
11 EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. SO WE'RE GOING TO STANDARDIZE THAT. AND
12 WE ALSO WANT TO STREAMLINE REPORTS SO THAT THE INFORMATION
13 CAN BE QUERIED AND MORE READILY PROVIDE US USEFUL INFORMATION
14 FOR ACTION. WE ARE ALSO CHANGING THE DISPOSITION OF
15 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION FORMS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE
16 SAME TYPE OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WHERE IT IS MORE
17 EASILY QUERIED. AND ALSO WITH THE INMATE GRIEVANCE PROCESS, WE
18 ARE DOING THE SAME THING. SO IT -- THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT
19 WE'RE ALWAYS, YOU KNOW, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE A NUMBER OF YEARS
20 INTO THE AGREEMENT, CONSTANTLY WORKING ON IMPROVEMENT TO
21 IMPROVE, YOU KNOW, THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND THE LIVING
22 ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE IN THE FACILITIES. THE NEXT SLIDE
23 GOES OVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION VIOLATIONS ON USE
24 OF FORCE POLICIES BETWEEN 2019 AND 2020. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE,
25 IN 2019, THERE WERE 12 CASES INITIATED, AND IN 2020, THERE

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1 WERE 10 CASES INITIATED. SO NOT A STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT
2 DIFFERENCE, EVEN WITH POPULATION DIFFERENCES. AND THEN, IN
3 2020, OF THE CASES, 12 CASES WERE CLOSED IN 2020. ONE WAS
4 UNFOUNDED, THE OTHER 11 CASES WERE FOUNDED AND RESULTED IN
5 DISCIPLINE TO THE EMPLOYEES. AND THEN THE NEXT SLIDE JUST
6 GIVES AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOTAL CUSTODY DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE
7 INVESTIGATIONS OPENED. IN 2019, YOU CAN SEE THERE WERE 110. IN
8 2020, THERE WERE 107, AND JUST FOR REFERENCE, WE INCLUDED 2017
9 AND 2018. FOR 2018, YOU CAN SEE 117 IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN
10 '19 AND '20, BUT 2017, 94. SO IT WAS LOWER. AND SO, THE
11 NUMBERS FLUCTUATE, AGAIN, JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, NOT
12 NECESSARILY AN INDICATOR ONE WAY OR ANOTHER OF ANY IMPROVEMENT
13 OR DECLINE. WE HAVE STAYED FAIRLY CONSISTENT TRYING TO HOLD
14 OUR PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, WHERE
15 APPROPRIATE. THE NEXT SLIDE IS A LIST OF THE NUMBERS OF
16 CUSTODY DIVISION GRIEVANCES RECEIVED. IN 2019, YOU CAN SEE
17 THERE WERE 22,199 GRIEVANCES PROCESSED. IN 2020, THAT
18 NUMBER DECLINED, 17,710, AND SOME OF THAT MAY BE DUE AGAIN TO
19 POPULATION DECREASES. WE WOULD HAVE TO COMPARE IT. COMPLAINTS
20 AGAINST STAFF ACTUALLY ROSE SLIGHTLY, WHICH IS CONCERNING.
21 EVEN THOUGH WE HAD A LOWER NUMBER OF GRIEVANCES, WE HAD A
22 HIGHER NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF. AND OUR IPAD
23 REQUESTS, THE IPADS WE HAVE IN THE FACILITIES THAT CAN HANDLE
24 A LOT OF THE INFORMATIONAL REQUESTS THAT INDIVIDUALS HAVE
25 REGARDING THEIR CASES, COURT APPEARANCES, AND OTHER VARIOUS

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1 INFORMATION THAT THEY WOULD NEED, DECLINED. THE NEXT SLIDE
2 GOES OVER THE TOP 5 GRIEVANCES THAT WE DID RECEIVE. THE TOP
3 GRIEVANCE REMAINED LIVING CONDITIONS, AND A LOT OF THIS HAS TO
4 DO WITH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THE AGING CONDITIONS. AND WE'VE
5 DISCUSSED THIS, AND THIS IS WHY THE BOARD ASKED FOR THE
6 WORKGROUP AND THE REPORT THAT WE JUST FINALIZED LAST WEEK
7 RECOMMENDING A PATH FOR CLOSURE. A LOT OF THAT HAS TO DO WITH
8 THE LIVING CONDITIONS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. OTHER IS JUST A
9 BROAD ENCOMPASSING CATEGORY THAT CAPTURES A VARIETY OF THINGS
10 THAT WE LIST BELOW, VISITING, TELEVISION, WORK ASSIGNMENTS,
11 ACCOUNTS, PROPERTY, DELAYS, AND JUST A MYRIAD OF THINGS THAT
12 INDIVIDUALS NEED TO KNOW BASED ON PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THEY
13 MIGHT BE HAVING. MAIL GRIEVANCES REMAINED THIRD, AND THEY
14 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN 2020, EVEN THOUGH THE OVERALL
15 GRIEVANCES WERE DOWN AGAIN. A LOT OF THAT WAS DUE TO THE
16 RESTRICTIONS ON PROCESSING AND QUARANTINES WITH COVID AND
17 THINGS OF THAT NATURE. STAFF COMPLAINTS ALSO INCREASED AND
18 GRIEVANCES REQUESTING TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR INMATES
19 CLASSIFICATION, LIKE THEIR SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OR HOUSING
20 CLASSIFICATION. AND AGAIN, A LOT OF THAT HAD TO DO WITH COVID
21 AND RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT AND HOUSING THAT WERE IN PLACE
22 DURING 2020. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE BASIC STATISTICAL
23 INFORMATION FROM THE REPORT. AND I WOULD BE HAPPY, AGAIN, TO
24 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE SUPERVISORS MIGHT HAVE.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE. I
2 APPRECIATE YOU BEING WILLING TO COME AND PRESENT TODAY. NOW,
3 WILL COMMANDER ALOMA BE MAKING A PRESENTATION, OR ARE YOU JUST
4 HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS?

5

6 **COMMANDER ALOMA; I AM HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY**
7 **HAVE.**

8

9 **>>SUP. MITCHELL:** EXCELLENT; THANK YOU FOR THAT. I ASKED THIS
10 ITEM BE HELD JUST REALLY GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE AND THE PURPOSE
11 OF THE ROSAS AGREEMENT. WE KNOW THAT IT WAS ARRIVED AT TO
12 ADDRESS THE PATTERN OF EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE IN OUR JAIL
13 FACILITIES. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE
14 AS EVIDENCED IN THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, I THINK THE
15 PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE IT CLEAR, AND I WOULD HAVE TO CONCUR,
16 THAT WE STILL HAVE QUITE A WAYS TO GO. WE HAVE A LONG WAYS TO
17 GO, EVEN WHILE THE 20 PERCENT WILL NEED TO BE ADJUSTED BASED
18 ON THE REDUCTION IN POPULATION, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
19 COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE SHERIFF CHASE. THAT IS NOT A PASSING
20 GRADE, IF YOU WILL. IT IS CLEAR TO ME AND OTHERS, I AM SURE
21 THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO WORK IN
22 COOPERATION WITH OVERSIGHT BODIES, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL
23 MONITOR, O.I.G., AND THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO
24 ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND TO IMPROVE THE EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE
25 WITHIN YOUR CARE. WE'VE ASKED BOTH THE FEDERAL MONITOR AS WELL

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1 AS OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL, MR. HUNTSMAN, TO PARTICIPATE TODAY.
2 SO I'M GOING TO ASK IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THE
3 REPORT THAT WAS JUST PRESENTED, AND THEN WE WILL OPEN IT UP
4 FOR SUPERVISORS TO ASK QUESTIONS OF BOTH THE TWO OF THEM AS
5 WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR. HARRIS, ARE YOU ON THE
6 LINE?

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8 **MARC HARRIS:** YES, I AM.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND TO ANY OF
11 THE DATA THAT WAS JUST SHARED?

12

13 **MARC HARRIS:** NOTHING IN PARTICULAR. I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE
14 TODAY. THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR INVITING ME, HAPPY TO
15 RESPOND TO ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS. MUCH OF THIS DATA WE ARE
16 FAMILIAR WITH TO THE EXTENT IT RELATED TO THE FIRST TWO
17 QUARTERS OF 2020. THAT INFORMATION IS DISCUSSED IN OUR 8TH
18 REPORT WHICH I BELIEVE THE BOARD HAS. AND I WOULD JUST SAY
19 THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE AND THE REST OF THE CUSTODY
20 DIVISION HAVE BEEN -- YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THE
21 NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY, I CAN SAY WITH THE MONITORS, THEY HAVE
22 BEEN EXTREMELY ACCOMMODATING, AVAILABLE TO US WHEN WE HAVE
23 QUESTIONS, AND I HAVE FOUND ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE TO BE
24 PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND OTHER
25 COMMENTS THAT THE PANEL HAS HAD. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL BE

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1 AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU OR THE REST OF THE BOARD
2 HAVE REGARDING THE ROSAS REPORT.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. INSPECTOR GENERAL, MAX HUNTSMAN, ANY
5 COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO
6 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS?

7

8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** HELLO, YEAH, A BRIEF COMMENT IF I COULD, THANK
9 YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND HELLO, BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON. I
10 HAVE REVIEWED THE REPORT, THE 8TH REPORT MENTIONED BY MR.
11 HARRIS, AND I SHARE SOME OF THE SPECIFIC CONCERNS RAISED IN IT
12 REGARDING THE WAY IN WHICH FORCE IS INVESTIGATED, DISHONESTY
13 ISSUES AND WHATNOT, WHICH I AM HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT AS DESIRED,
14 BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY -- I WANT TO ECHO WHAT MR. HARRIS SAYS
15 THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE IS A JOY TO WORK WITH IN TERMS OF
16 HIS ACCESSIBILITY. I THINK PART OF OUR -- WE DO VERY WELL WITH
17 CUSTODY COMPARED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL, IN PART BECAUSE
18 WE ARE A FEDERAL MONITOR IN THE JOHNSON CASE. SO, I THINK IT
19 WOULD BE UNWISE FOR THE SHERIFF TO TAKE THE ACTIONS IN CUSTODY
20 THAT HE HAS TAKEN IN GENERAL, BUT ALSO I THINK IT IS BECAUSE
21 OF ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE, WHO HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF
22 HANDLING THESE SITUATIONS, NOT ONLY THE SPECIFIC FORCE
23 SITUATIONS, BUT THE MONITORING PROCESS AND THE OVERSIGHT
24 PROCESS, BUT I STILL WOULD SAY THAT ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
25 SHERIFF TO AVOID OVERSIGHT AND NOT TO COMPLY WITH OVERSIGHT

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1 LAWS HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO MONITOR CUSTODY
2 OPERATIONS AS WELL. AS YOU KNOW FROM THE REPORT, THE
3 DISCIPLINE ISSUES FOLD OUT INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SYSTEM
4 AND OUR INABILITY TO MONITOR THAT EFFECTIVELY, OUR BEING
5 REMOVED FROM E.P.C., OUR BEING SHUT OUT OF THE COMPUTER
6 SYSTEM FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, REALLY AFFECTS US, BUT WE
7 DID A SPOT CHECK ON GRIEVANCES BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE
8 ISSUES RAISED HERE, BUT WE DID THIS SOME MONTHS BACK. AND
9 UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT WE FOUND THERE WAS FULLY 40 PERCENT OF THE
10 GRIEVANCES WE CHECKED, WE WENT INTO A MODULE AND TALKED TO THE
11 PRISONERS AND ASKED THEM SHARE WITH US THEIR CARBON COPY OF
12 THE PHYSICAL FORM THEY FILLED OUT, AND THEN WE WENT AND RAN
13 THEM ON THE COMPUTER, AND WE FOUND THAT FULLY 40 PERCENT NEVER
14 GOT ENTERED AT ALL. AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT'S TRUE ACROSS THE
15 BOARD, BUT IT WAS TRUE IN THIS INSTANCE. SO I CONTINUE TO HAVE
16 THE GRAVE RESERVATIONS I'VE ALWAYS HAD ABOUT THE RECORD
17 KEEPING AND FUNDAMENTAL ACCURACY OF THE WHOLE SORT OF REVIEW
18 PROCESS, WHEN IT IS JUST BASED UPON RECORDS PROVIDED BY THE
19 DEPARTMENT. WITH THAT, ANY OTHER COMMENTS WOULD BE BASED ON
20 QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. WE WILL START WITH
23 QUESTIONS, STARTING WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, TO
2 THE SHERIFF AND THE PANEL AND THE O.I.G. FOR WORKING ON
3 CONTINUING TO TRY AND IMPLEMENT THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT
4 AGREEMENT. I KNOW COVID DID MAKE IT MORE CHALLENGING IN SOME
5 WAYS. I AM ENCOURAGED TO SEE THE NUMBER OF FORCE INCIDENTS HAS
6 DECREASED OVER THE PAST YEAR, BUT OVER THE YEARS THAT I HAVE
7 BEEN HERE AND HEARING THESE REPORTS, I HONESTLY JUST DON'T
8 THINK ENOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. IT IS KIND OF LIKE
9 NUMBERS, THEY ARE SORT OF THE DRY, ACTUALLY, JUST TELLING US
10 HOW MANY OF THESE AND HOW MANY OF THOSE. IT REMINDS OF ME WHEN
11 I WAS QUITE YOUNG. PEOPLE MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, I WAS BROUGHT
12 UP CATHOLIC. AND SO, WE WOULD GO TO CONFESSION, AND CONFESSION
13 WOULD BE, LIKE, I TOOK THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN, I DID IT 15
14 TIMES, I SWORE AT MY PARENTS, I DID THIS 4 TIMES. YOU'D GET
15 SHRIVEN AND OFF YOU'D GO. AND IT DOESN'T REALLY SAY ABOUT HOW
16 THINGS GET BETTER. SO I WANT TO ASK ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE
17 AND THE COMMANDER, WHICHEVER MIGHT WANT TO ANSWER, THREE,
18 REALLY -- WELL, TWO CATEGORIES. ONE, GIVEN THE SERIOUSNESS OF
19 THE INJURIES CAUSED BY THE HEAD STRIKES AND THE ALTERNATIVES
20 THAT EXIST, HOW DOES THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PLAN TO ACTUALLY
21 DECREASE THE USE OF HEAD STRIKES?

22
23 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** I WILL ANSWER THAT, SUPERVISOR. THIS
24 IS ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE. AND I AGREE, THE REPORTING OF
25 STATISTICS CAN BE A LITTLE DRY, AND SO I'D ALSO WELCOME SOME

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1 DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MONITORS ABOUT FORMATTING THE REPORT TO
2 THE BOARD. SO SINCE THIS REVISION AND REQUIREMENTS ARE
3 MANDATED BY THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, I THINK WE WOULD ALL BE
4 OPEN TO PROVIDING YOU ALL A LITTLE BIT BETTER FORMAT MOVING
5 FORWARD THAT MIGHT BE MORE HELPFUL INSTEAD OF JUST THE
6 STRAIGHT NUMBERS. AND THE SECOND PART, REGARDING THE HEAD
7 STRIKES, WE HAVE TAKEN THAT EXTREMELY SERIOUSLY, AND WE HAVE
8 BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MONITOR, AND OUR COMPLIANCE UNIT
9 JUST HAD A PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATION WITH SOME DRAFT POLICY
10 REVISIONS YESTERDAY, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING HEAD STRIKES AND
11 HOW WE CAN EMPHASIZE THAT THEY ARE NOT A PREFERRED METHOD OF
12 EITHER DEFENSE OR OFFENSE IN ANY USE OF FORCE INCIDENT IN THE
13 JAILS AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED A LAST RESORT. SO THAT POLICY
14 CHANGE WILL BE MOVING FORWARD, AND IT WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO
15 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SO THAT MR. HUNTSMAN AND HIS SHOP CAN
16 LOOK AT IT AND WEIGH IN AS WELL, BUT WE EXPECT THAT TO BE
17 FORTHCOMING, AND IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS AT THE
18 FOREFRONT OF ALL OF OUR DISCUSSIONS AND FORCE REVIEWS, THAT WE
19 SHOULD PREVENT IT. AND HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT
20 HELPED USHER OUT FLASHLIGHTS, BACK IN 2012, WITH THAT POLICY
21 CHANGE AND HOW MUCH OF AN IMPACT THAT HAD IN A GOOD WAY IN OUR
22 SYSTEM, I THINK THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE SIMILAR TO WHERE WE
23 CAN WORK ON IT SO THAT IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS RELIED UPON
24 AS OFTEN AS IT SEEMS TO BE NOW.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I GUESS MY ORIGINAL COMMENTS
2 REALLY HAD TO DO WITH SORT OF THE INABILITY TO SEE ENOUGH
3 IMPROVEMENT, WHERE WE SEE KIND OF THE SAME REPORT YEAR AFTER
4 YEAR, AND MAYBE A FEW LESS GRIEVANCES GET IGNORED OR WHATEVER,
5 BUT IT IS NOT A MAJOR, MAJOR IMPROVEMENT. THOUGH I AGREE WITH
6 THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE INDICATED, BRUCE, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
7 VERY OPEN WITH US AND I THINK, ALSO, WORKING TOWARD CHANGE,
8 BUT IT SEEMS TO BE VERY DIFFICULT, AND IT IS NOT JUST THIS LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, BUT WE OBVIOUSLY SEE THE DIFFICULTY IN
10 OTHERS. THE SECOND QUESTION I HAVE TO YOU GOES TO WHAT HAPPENS
11 WHEN MEMBERS VIOLATE USE OF FORCE POLICIES BECAUSE THE PANEL
12 NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS RELYING HEAVILY ON REMEDIAL
13 TRAINING, BUT NOT DISCIPLINE? SO IT IS KIND OF LIKE, OKAY, I
14 CAN DO THIS BECAUSE ALL THEY WILL DO IS SEND ME TO ANOTHER
15 CLASS. SO I WANT TO KNOW, KIND OF, WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED
16 AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIDING PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO
17 GET DISCIPLINED FOR VIOLATING USE OF FORCE POLICIES?

18

19 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** SO, THANK YOU FOR THE KIND COMMENTS.
20 I UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE IMPROVED IN A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES OVER
21 THE YEARS WITH COMPLIANCE, BUT WE STILL, AND SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL STATED IT AT THE ONSET, IT IS NOT A PASSING GRADE AT
23 THIS POINT. THERE ARE NO -- THERE ARE NO VICTORIES UNTIL WE
24 MAKE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS AND STAY IN COMPLIANCE. AND SO,
25 EVERY DAY IT IS NECESSARY TO WORK AT THAT, BUT WITH THE USE OF

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1 FORCE POLICIES AND HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE, SO WE DID SHOW
2 THAT 2019 TO 2020, THEY ARE VERY SIMILAR. AND WE HAD 11
3 FOUNDED ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS THAT RESULTED IN
4 DISCIPLINE, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ALSO TRYING TO EMPHASIZE TRAINING
5 WHERE APPROPRIATE AND LOWER LEVELS OF DISCIPLINE. AND I
6 SUPPOSE THE ANALOGY WOULD BE WITH THE PENDULUM. IT SWUNG ONE
7 WAY. IT SWUNG BACK THE OTHER WAY. AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A
8 BALANCE TO WHERE WE CAN CHANGE THE CULTURE, YOU KNOW,
9 PERMANENTLY AND GET BUY-IN FROM THE EMPLOYEES THAT PROVIDING,
10 YOU KNOW, AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE FORCE IS USED, UTILIZED, AT A
11 LOWER LEVEL AND RARELY PROVIDES A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR
12 EVERYBODY. AND SO, MY PLEDGE IS TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE
13 WHEN THERE IS CLEAR VIOLATIONS. UNDER THE CURRENT PROCESS, IT
14 STARTS AT THE UNIT LEVEL. THE UNIT LEVEL SUPERVISORS REVIEW
15 THE USE OF FORCE, AND THEN IT GOES TO THE UNIT COMMANDER, THE
16 CAPTAIN OF THE FACILITIES, AND THEY RECOMMEND DISCIPLINE,
17 WHICH IS REVIEWED BY THE COMMANDERS AND CHIEFS. SO THAT'S THE
18 SYSTEM WE HAVE NOW, AND MY EMPHASIS IS TO ALL OF THEM TO TAKE
19 THIS -- THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE, AS WELL AS MANY MEMBERS OF THE
20 COMMUNITY AND OUR OVERSIGHT BODIES, TAKE THEIR CONCERNS
21 SERIOUSLY AND WEIGH THE LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE THAT IS NEEDED TO
22 GET THE CHANGE AND THE BUY-IN THAT WE WANT. AND SO, I LIKE TO
23 SAY THAT IF WE TREAT OUR EMPLOYEES FAIRLY AND THEY FEEL LIKE
24 THEY ARE BEING TREATED FAIRLY, WELL THEN WHEN THEY ARE
25 DISCIPLINED AND WHEN THEY HAVE COMMITTED SOME VIOLATION OF

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1 POLICY, THEN IT IS LIKE THEY, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE LET US DOWN,
2 OR IF WE START AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE, AND THEY
3 FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY, THEN THEY FEEL LIKE
4 WE HAVE LET THEM DOWN. AND SO, IT IS JUST TRYING TO FIND THAT
5 BALANCE, WHERE ULTIMATELY OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE THE CULTURE
6 CHANGE, AND WE'VE SEEN SIGNIFICANT CULTURE CHANGES, BUT WE DO
7 HAVE MORE TO GO.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, YOU PROBABLY
10 WOULD FIND SOME SUPPORT FOR THAT BECAUSE THIS BOARD HAS
11 ARTICULATED, IN TERMS OF THE INMATES, THAT WE HAVE CARE
12 FIRST/JAIL LAST POLICY AND THAT IT IS KIND OF THE SAME IDEA.
13 AND I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THERE WERE ANY WAY IN HECK,
14 AS MY GRANDMOTHER USED TO SAY, THAT YOUR OWN DEPUTIES COULD
15 SEE THE RELATIONSHIP THERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REALLY
16 IN FAVOR OF CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST, FOR THE MOST PART. BUT THEY
17 DO -- ARE IN FAVOR OF THAT FOR THEMSELVES. SO IT -- THIS MAY
18 NOT BE AN ANALOGY TO WHICH YOU WARM, BUT I THINK IT MAY BE
19 USEFUL TO INDICATE THAT WE DO PREFER EDUCATION AND, YOU KNOW,
20 TRAINING AND EVEN TREATMENT OVER PUNISHMENT, BUT, OF COURSE,
21 THERE ALSO HAVE TO BE SOME KIND OF CONSEQUENCES. LET ME ASK
22 MR. HARRIS, THE PANEL NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING
23 CHANGING SOME OF THE POLICIES THAT THE PANEL PREVIOUSLY HAD
24 APPROVED. COULD YOU ELABORATE ON ANY OF THOSE CHANGES AND ANY
25 CONCERNS YOU MIGHT HAVE WITH THE PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES?

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2 **MARC HARRIS:** YES. I DON'T -- GENERALLY, WHAT WE'RE TALKING
3 ABOUT THERE, THERE IS A REQUIREMENT IN THE ROSAS AGREEMENT
4 THAT POLICY, THAT THE CUSTODY POLICIES BE APPROVED BY THE
5 PANEL. AND THERE WAS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THOSE POLICIES
6 AND POLICIES WERE, IN FACT, WERE APPROVED. OCCASIONALLY, WHEN
7 THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES A CHANGE TO THAT POLICY, FOR EXAMPLE,
8 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT THE HEAD
9 STRIKE POLICY, OR IT IS ACTUALLY A PROHIBITED FORCE POLICY, IS
10 BEING AMENDED, THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO COME TO THE PANEL TO GET
11 OUR APPROVAL ON THAT. SO WE HAVE ENGAGED IN THAT PROCESS WHERE
12 PROPOSED POLICIES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PANEL. WE HAVE
13 MADE OUR SUGGESTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SENT THOSE BACK.
14 WE'VE ALSO -- AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN REFERENCED IN THE REPORT
15 AS WELL -- IN THE COURSE OF THOSE REVIEWS, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
16 CERTAIN POLICIES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, HAVE NOT BEEN
17 CHANGED, BUT BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE, WE THINK WOULD BE -- IT
18 WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO REEVALUATE THOSE
19 PROVISIONS. AND SO, WHILE SOMEWHAT OUTSIDE OF OUR MANDATE, WE
20 HAVE OFFERED THAT CONSTRUCTIVE -- THOSE CONSTRUCTIVE
21 SUGGESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT ANY ACTUAL
24 POLICY CHANGE PROPOSALS FROM THE SHERIFF?

25

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1 **MARC HARRIS:** WELL, WE DID HAVE CONCERNS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE,
2 THERE'S A DEVICE CALLED THE WRAP DEVICE THAT HAS BEEN USED IN
3 SOME DEPARTMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT HERE HAS BEEN USING THAT AS A CONTROL DEVICE IN
5 SITUATIONS WHERE AN INMATE HAS BEEN ASSAULTIVE OR OTHERWISE
6 NEEDS TO BE RESTRAINED. AND THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED THE WRAP
7 POLICY TO US AS TO WHEN IT WOULD BE USED, HOW LONG THE INMATE
8 MAY BE SUBJECTED TO THE WRAP DEVICE, REPORTING THAT NEEDS TO
9 BE DONE AROUND THAT, AND SO FORTH. AND WE HAD NUMEROUS
10 COMMENTS ABOUT THAT POLICY. WE WENT BACK AND FORTH WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT AROUND THAT, AND, VERY RECENTLY, WE LEARNED THAT
12 THE DEPARTMENT HAD ADOPTED OUR SUGGESTIONS AND WAS
13 IMPLEMENTING A POLICY WITH OUR -- MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
14 POLICY WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS IN MIND. SO IT HAS BEEN A
15 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, AND, ON SOME OF THESE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON
16 THE PROHIBITED FORCE ISSUE THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE JUST
17 RAISED, WE HAVE HAD CONSTRUCTIVE BACK AND FORTH, AND THE PANEL
18 HAS AGREED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF A WORD, HERE OR THERE,
19 IS FINE, AND WE HAVE SORT OF COMPROMISED ON THE LANGUAGE OF
20 THE POLICY. SO TO YOUR POINT, YES, WE HAVE HAD CHANGES THAT WE
21 HAVE REQUESTED, AND IN ALL OF CASES, THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTED
22 THEM, OR CONVINCED US THAT A DIFFERENT VERBIAGE IS ACCEPTABLE
23 AND APPROPRIATE.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. HARRIS. MY LAST QUESTION IS TO MAX
2 ABOUT DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES. MAX, YOU RECENTLY PUBLISHED A
3 REPORT, AS I THINK EVERYBODY KNOWS, ON THE SHERIFF'S
4 DISCIPLINARY PROCESS. COULD YOU TALK ABOUT ANY SIMILARITIES
5 BETWEEN THE FINDINGS OF YOUR REPORT AND IN THE MONITOR'S
6 REPORT?

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8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YES, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR. THERE'S A COUPLE VERY
9 SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES AND TROUBLING AREAS. FIRST OFF, THE
10 IDENTIFIED -- THE MONITOR'S REPORT IDENTIFIES A PROBLEM WITH
11 TIMELINESS IN INVESTIGATIONS OF USE OF FORCE AND THEN WITH
12 INSUFFICIENT DISCIPLINE. ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE TALKED A
13 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS DESIRE TO BRING DEPUTIES ALONG TO FEEL
14 THEY ARE BEING TREATED FAIRLY, AND THAT IS IMPORTANT, BUT WE
15 FOUND IN OUR OVERALL LOOK AT DISCIPLINE IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT
16 THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM IS SERIOUSLY BROKEN IN TERMS OF ITS
17 TIMELINESS AND IN TERMS OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PUNISHMENTS
18 IN APPROPRIATE CASES. AND IN PARTICULAR, THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS
19 THE PROBLEM WITH DISHONESTY, AND IT POINTS OUT -- AND WHEN I
20 SAY REPORT, I MEAN THE MONITOR'S REPORT. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE
21 PROBLEM OF REPORTS THAT APPEAR TO BE FACTUALLY INACCURATE AND
22 YET DO NOT RESULT IN DISCIPLINE FOR DISHONESTY. AS YOU SEE IN
23 THE REPORT, THEY ARE VERY DIPLOMATIC ABOUT IT, SAYING THEY
24 CANNOT ALL BE A VIOLATION OF OUR CONSENT DECREE, BUT SOME OF
25 THEM BEAR A CLOSER LOOKING. WHEN WE LOOKED INTO THE CLOSE

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1 DETAILS OF SIMILAR CASES WE DOCUMENTED IN OUR REPORT REGARDING
2 THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, WE SAW THE EXACT SAME
3 PROBLEM, MANY INSTANCES IN WHICH THE FACTS ARE DOWNPLAYED, IN
4 WHICH DISHONESTY IS TREATED AS THOUGH IT IS NOT DISHONESTY AND
5 WHICH YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE AN EVIDENCE BASED RESULT. SO
6 THERE'S A STRONG CORRELATION I THINK BETWEEN THE PROBLEMS THAT
7 YOU ARE HEARING ABOUT IN CUSTODY, EVEN THOUGH THAT IS NOT A
8 LOOK AT THE SAME LENS, IT IS A LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN
9 THE UNIT LEVEL IN CUSTODY, BUT WE SAW THE SAME THING AS WE DUG
10 IN DEEPER INTO THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE BUT HAVE SOME
11 VERY DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF PARTICULAR CASES SO THAT YOU CAN
12 LOOK CLOSELY, AND YOU, IN PARTICULAR, BEING A LAWYER, CAN
13 EXAMINE THE FACTS AND SEE THEM. SO ABSOLUTELY, WE SEE THE SAME
14 PROBLEMS. WE FIND THEM VERY TROUBLING. I THINK IT IS
15 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO GOOD DISCIPLINE, AS ASSISTANT SHERIFF
16 CHASE SAID, TO BE FAIR TO THE DEPUTIES, BUT THAT INCLUDES WHEN
17 THEY ARE DISHONEST THAT THEY GET DISCIPLINED FOR BEING
18 DISHONEST, WHEN THEY USE FORCE, IT IS QUICKLY EXAMINED, AND IF
19 THEY HAVE BEHAVED INAPPROPRIATELY, THEY ARE DISCIPLINED.
20 THAT'S A VERY HARD THING FOR AN ORGANIZATION TO DO. IT ALMOST
21 ALWAYS REQUIRES EXTERNAL OVERSIGHT. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO
22 HAVE A FEDERAL MONITOR HELPING, BUT, AS YOU KNOW, OUR EFFORTS
23 TO CONDUCT THE COUNTY'S OVERSIGHT UNDER STATE LAW HAVE BEEN
24 MET WITH OBSTRUCTION, NOT IN CUSTODY SPECIFICALLY, BUT IN THE
25 DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL, AND THEREFORE, WE HAVE SEEN A REALLY

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1 NEGATIVE OUTCOME AS A RESULT OF THAT. AND I THINK THAT
2 EXTERNAL REVIEW IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO KEEPING THE
3 DEPARTMENT MOTIVATED TO DO THE BEST JOB. I DON'T, IN ANY WAY,
4 QUESTION ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE'S MOTIVATION, BUT HE IS PART
5 OF AN ORGANIZATION, AND WE NEED TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON TO DO
6 THIS BEST.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. HUNTSMAN, AND THANK YOU, MADAM
9 CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I SEE
12 THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTIONS WERE ALREADY ANSWERED. I WILL
13 HAVE A QUICK QUESTION, A COUPLE -- TO GIVE MY COLLEAGUES TIME
14 TO REACH OUT TO ME IF THEY'D LIKE TO ASK ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.
15 I AM STRUCK BY THE LAST COMMENTS ABOUT HONESTY AND ACCURACY
16 AND INTEGRITY OF REPORTS. AND IF ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE WOULD
17 LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT, I THINK, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
18 THESE REPORTS IN TERMS OF REALLY BEING ABLE TO TRACK BEHAVIOR
19 AND MOVE TOWARD IMPROVEMENT, HOW DO YOU DO THAT WHEN YOU HAVE
20 REPORTS THAT ARE WOEFULLY ALTERED? COULD YOU JUST COMMENT ON -
21 -

22

23 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** YEAH, SO I WILL COMMENT. THANK YOU
24 FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY. SO JUST WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
25 AND MR. HUNTSMAN SAY, IT IS FAIR CRITICISM, AND I ACTUALLY

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1 AGREE WITH THE SUPERVISOR'S ANALOGY TO THE CARE FIRST/JAIL
2 LAST. IT'S LIKE WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE A CULTURE WHERE PEOPLE
3 UNDERSTAND ACCOUNTABILITY, YOU KNOW, IS APPLICABLE TO ALL OF
4 US, NOT JUST THE INMATES. IT IS ALSO APPLICABLE TO THE STAFF.
5 AND IT CREATES A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE. SO -- AND
6 THEN ABSOLUTELY, WE TAKE ANY INDICATIONS OF DISHONESTY OR
7 INTEGRITY ISSUES. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STILL HAS
8 MAINTAINED IN CUSTODY, WHERE WE AGREE THAT SOMEONE HAS BEEN
9 DISHONEST, THAT IS STILL AN OFFENSE THAT RISES TO THE LEVEL OF
10 TERMINATION. I -- WITHOUT HAVING SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC
11 CASES, IT IS HARD TO COMMENT, BUT I THINK THE CRITICISM IS
12 FAIR FROM MR. HUNTSMAN, IN CERTAIN INSTANCES. AND WE WORK WITH
13 BOTH HE AND THE MONITORS ANY TIME WE HAVE DISAGREEMENTS OR
14 INDICATIONS THAT WE MAY DISAGREE ABOUT THE FACTS OF A CASE,
15 BUT ALL THE CRITICISMS ARE RECEIVED AND DO POINT TO THE NEED
16 FOR OVERSIGHT AND THE BENEFITS THAT OVERSIGHT CAN HAVE SO THAT
17 THERE IS AN UNBIASED THIRD PARTY AVAILABLE TO LOOK AT THINGS
18 SO THAT WE ARE NOT JUST INSULATED AND DON'T OVERLOOK THINGS
19 BECAUSE INTEGRITY ISN'T SOMETHING THAT WE CAN -- INTEGRITY
20 ISSUES OR LACK OF INTEGRITY IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN
21 TOLERATE.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT RESPONSE. A QUESTION FOR THE
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL, ALL THE REPORTS THAT I HAVE REVIEWED SINCE
25 JOINING THE BOARD SHOW INCREASED, ALBEIT INCREMENTAL,

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1 IMPROVEMENT IN COMPLIANCE. I AM WONDERING IF THE METHODOLOGY
2 FOR DOING THAT ASSESSMENT MAY BE MASKING SOME ISSUES. WHAT ARE
3 WE MISSING IN THE REPORTS? WHAT INFORMATION, INCLUDING
4 GRIEVANCES, IS NOT BEING SHARED WITH THE FEDERAL MONITOR FOR
5 HIS REVIEW? IS THERE -- BECAUSE IT IS THE AGREED UPON ROSAS
6 AGREEMENT, I APPRECIATE THAT WE ARE TRACKING CERTAIN
7 INDICATORS, BUT IS THE METHODOLOGY WE ARE USING PREVENTING US
8 FROM SEEING DEEPER, MORE PROFOUND ISSUES?

9

10 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** UM, ABSOLUTELY. I THINK ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE
11 MADE THE POINT VERY WELL WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT STATISTICS BEING
12 DRY. IN THE SAME WAY REPORTING IN A MONITORED LEGAL SETTLEMENT
13 IS, QUOTE, DRY --

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** UH-HUH.

16

17 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** -- BECAUSE IT IS JUST A BUNCH OF TECHNICAL
18 BENCHMARKS THAT ARE SET UP IN ADVANCE BY TWO PARTIES WHO HAVE
19 BEEN AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER IN A COURT OF LAW, DON'T TRUST
20 EACH OTHER IN THAT WAY, AND THEREFORE SET UP CRITERIA WHEREBY
21 SOMEBODY IMPARTIALLY CAN MEASURE CERTAIN WHEN THINGS HAVE
22 BEEN DONE. SO BY ITS VERY NATURE, IT'S VERY MATHEMATICAL AND
23 THEREFORE DOES NOT CAPTURE IMPORTANT THINGS. I MEAN THE
24 ORBITAL FRACTURE IS A GREAT EXAMPLE. WE, FOR YEARS AFTER
25 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE DID AWAY WITH FLASHLIGHT, NOT ONLY HIM

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1 BUT INCLUDING HIM, USE IN THE JAILS, FOR YEARS, WE HAD NO
2 BROKEN BONES, AND NOW WE HAVE BROKEN BONES AGAIN, AND THAT IS
3 DEEPLY TROUBLING, AND NO AMOUNT OF COMPLIANCE CHECKS BASED ON
4 HOW MANY REPORTS ARE FILLED OUT OR HOW THEY ARE DEALT WITH
5 WOULD ADDRESS THAT CULTURAL PROBLEM. SO I SHARE THAT CONCERN
6 100 PERCENT. AND AS I ALREADY MENTIONED, THE NUMBERS
7 THEMSELVES ARE SUBJECT TO INACCURACY BECAUSE OF THE SPOT CHECK
8 THAT WE DID WHERE WE FOUND 40 PERCENT OF THE GRIEVANCES
9 WEREN'T MAKING IT INTO THE SYSTEM IN THAT ONE INSTANCE. IT IS
10 VERY TROUBLING, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS WORKED HARD TO
11 MAKE SURE THAT ITS SYSTEM OF RECEIVING GRIEVANCES IS AIR TIGHT
12 AND CANNOT BE MESSED WITH, BUT IT'S -- THAT IS A HARD TASK.
13 THE JAILERS ON THE CELL HAVE CONTROL OVER EVERY ASPECT OF A
14 PERSON'S LIFE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO COMPLAIN ABOUT
15 THINGS WHEN THEY KNOW THE PEOPLE THEY ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT OR
16 HAVE CONTROL OVER THINGS HAVE DIRECT ACCESS. SO THERE'S A LOT
17 OF METHODS THAT ARE USED TO AVOID THAT, BUT THEY ARE
18 IMPERFECT. SO YEAH, I DON'T THINK A CONSENT DECREE CAN EVER BE
19 A GOOD MEASURE WHETHER OR NOT REFORM IS DEEP AND MEANINGFUL.
20 IT SIMPLY ALLOWS CERTAIN THINGS TO BE DONE, AND THEN IT IS A
21 MEASURE OF WHEN YOU ARE GOING GET OUT OF FROM UNDER THE THUMB
22 OF A FEDERAL JUDGE, BUT IT IS NEVER THE STANDARD THAT WE, AS
23 THE COUNTY, SHOULD APPLY WHEN WE ARE ASKING OURSELVES ARE WE
24 DOING AS GOOD AS JOB AS WE COULD TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
25 IN OUR CUSTODY.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** UH-HUH. A FINAL QUESTION FROM ME, AND THIS MAY
3 BE TRULY OPENING PANDORA'S BOX. AND LET ME APOLOGIZE NOW IF IT
4 IS, BUT BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO
5 CONTINUE PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF I THINK
6 GRIEVANCES, AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, JUST INHERENTLY HOW
7 CHALLENGING THAT IS, RECOGNIZING THAT THE AGGRIEVED ARE
8 EXPECTED TO FILE A GRIEVANCE WITH THOSE WHO THEY ARE
9 EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT. WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
10 SHERIFF AND CIVILIANS ARE SAFE AND GIVEN THE CARE THEY NEED
11 AND THROUGH THIS WHOLE PROCESS?

12

13 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** WELL, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT
14 STEPS, AND WE WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT CONSTANTLY ON TRYING TO
15 IMPROVE THE PROCESS, SO WE NEED A WILLING PARTNER. THAT'S
16 IMPORTANT, BUT MORE INVOLVEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVES IN EXACTLY
17 WHAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE IS TALKING ABOUT, COMMUNICATING
18 TO THE STAFF THAT WE REALLY TAKE SERIOUSLY THESE ISSUES, AND
19 WE WANT YOU TO COMPLY WITH THEM, NOT IN A THREATENING SENSE
20 BUT A SUPPORTIVE SENSE. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL, BUT THEN
21 ALSO IN A DISCIPLINARY SENSE, THAT THERE REALLY WILL BE REAL
22 CONSEQUENCES, SO THAT IS IMPORTANT. THE PROCESS HAS TO BE
23 SOLID. ENTHUSIASTIC COMPLIANCE WITH CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS
24 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. AND AS WE KNOW, IN THE CURRENT SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT, WE DON'T HAVE THAT. WE HAVE AGGRESSIVE RESISTANCE,

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1 AND THAT SENDS A MESSAGE. THE DEPUTY GANG PROBLEM, WHICH ISN'T
2 DIRECTLY CONNECTED, BUT THE JAILS ARE WHERE -- THAT WAS GROUND
3 CENTRAL, AT ONE POINT, FOR THE DEPUTY GANGS, AND THE INABILITY
4 TO REALLY DIG IN AND GET RID OF THEM IS A HUGE PROBLEM BECAUSE
5 YOU HAVE TO TRUST THE PEOPLE MAKING THE DECISIONS. MY STAFF
6 HAVE COME TO, I THINK, THE SLOW CONCLUSION THAT THE DEAL THAT
7 WAS MADE BACK IN THE DAY WHEN THE C.C.J.V. RECOMMENDED BODY
8 CAMERAS FOR CUSTODY, AND INSTEAD THEY WERE GIVEN FIXED
9 CAMERAS, THAT THAT WAS NOT IN THE LONG TERM A GOOD DEAL. IN
10 THE SHORT TERM, IT WAS A GOOD DEAL BECAUSE FIXED CAMERAS
11 DISCLOSE HEAD STRIKES. THEY DISCLOSE SEVERE FORCE, BUT THEY DO
12 NOT GIVE YOU THE AUDIO. THEY DON'T GIVE YOU THE ABILITY TO
13 REALLY UNDERSTAND MORE SUBTLE FORMS OF USE OF FORCE THAT WHEN
14 A CARRY ALONG HOLD IS USED IN A WAY THAT MAYBE IS NOT
15 APPROPRIATE. WHEN WORDS ARE SPOKEN ARE INAPPROPRIATE, YOU HAVE
16 NO WAY TO KNOW FROM THE FIXED CAMERAS. SO THE SAME WAY WE'RE
17 ROLLING OUT BODY CAMERAS ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT, WE SHOULD DO
18 IT THERE. AND THEN THERE NEEDS TO BE THE ABILITY, THERE NEEDS
19 TO BE FULL ABILITY TO TALK TO OUTSIDE PEOPLE. THE OVERSIGHT -
20 - THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTERNAL OVERSIGHT IS -- CAN'T BE
21 OVERESTIMATED. YOU HAVE TO HAVE PEOPLE COMING IN REGULARLY.
22 THE FOLKS WHO ARE IN CUSTODY HAVE TO FEEL THAT THEY HAVE A
23 MEANS TO TALK TO PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE, FREQUENT VISITS WITH
24 FAMILY, O.I.G., MORE STAFF TO BE ABLE TO GO IN THERE AND
25 FREQUENTLY TALK TO PEOPLE. AND THEN, AS WITH THE P.R.E.A.

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1 COMPLIANCE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP AN OUTSIDE HOTLINE FOR
2 REPORTING WHEN THERE IS MISCONDUCT, AND THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER
3 P.R.E.A., THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT. THE SAME PROCESS
4 REALLY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL INSIDE CUSTODY, THE ABILITY TO
5 SPEAK PAST THE DEPARTMENT THAT HAS THEIR SAFETY IN ITS HANDS.
6 I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MANY OF TIMES SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE
7 INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE COME TO US WITH
8 CONCERNS WHO HAVE SAID BUT PLEASE DO NOTHING. DON'T FIX THIS
9 BECAUSE I'M IN CUSTODY HERE, AND THEY CONTROL MY LIFE. AND
10 THEN WHEN THEY GET OUT, THEY WILLING TO US TO LOOK INTO IT
11 BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR. SO I THINK THERE'S A NUMBER OF THINGS
12 THAT CAN BE DONE, BUT THEY REQUIRE AN ENTHUSIASTIC WILLING
13 PARTNER IN THE DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. ARE THERE OTHER SUPERVISORS
16 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS OR ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE WE
17 MOVE ON FROM THIS ITEM? ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

19

20 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** I WILL JUST CLOSE AND ECHOING SOME OF
21 WHAT MAX JUST SAID. AN AGREEMENT THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY HAD THESE
22 DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF HIS STAFF THAT REGULARLY COME INTO
23 THE JAILS AS FAR AS THE BODY CAMS, THE LIMITATIONS WITH THE
24 FIXED CAMERAS TO CATCH AUDIO AND CAPTURE MORE DETAIL. AND THEN
25 OUR CONCERNS BECAUSE I DIDN'T ADDRESS IT ABOUT THE GRIEVANCES,

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1 WHEN THEY DID THEIR AUDIT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THAT IMMEDIATELY
2 CAUSED CONCERN FOR US. SO THAT IS, AGAIN, WHERE THE OVERSIGHT
3 COMING IN AND POINTING OUT A PROBLEM IS BENEFICIAL TO US
4 BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE
5 INDIVIDUALS AREN'T FEARFUL TO REPORT ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS
6 AGAINST THEM. AND SO, THE GRIEVANCES AGAINST STAFF IS ONE OF
7 OUR CATEGORIES THAT ACTUALLY RISES TO A HIGHER LEVEL. SO
8 IDEALLY, AT SOME POINT, WE WILL HAVE TABLETS AVAILABLE TO
9 ANYONE THAT IS LEFT IN OUR CUSTODY WHERE THEY CAN JUST DO THAT
10 REMOTELY FROM THEIR LOCATION AND WOULDN'T HAVE TO INTERACT
11 DIRECTLY WHERE THEY'D BE FEARFUL. BUT ANYWAY, I APPRECIATE ALL
12 THE COMMENTS AND THE CONTINUED COOPERATION MOVING FORWARD.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I THINK IT'S CLEAR
15 THAT WE MUST TAKE THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT SERIOUSLY. IT IS WHY I
16 HELD THE ISSUE. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT MERELY
17 FILE THESE REPORTS, BUT THAT WE ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO HEAR THE
18 PRESENTATIONS, ALLOW BOARD MEMBERS TO ASK QUESTIONS,
19 PARTICULARLY AS WE TALK ABOUT GRIEVANCES. GRIEVANCES AROUND
20 ONE'S LIVING CONDITIONS, FEELINGS OF THREAT, ABUSE, EXCESSIVE
21 USE OF FORCE, THOSE ARE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, FUNDAMENTAL
22 RIGHTS, WHETHER YOU ARE LOCKED UP OR NOT. YOU SHOULD HAVE THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS A GRIEVANCE. SO MAKING SURE THAT WE
24 CONTINUE TO MONITOR THAT PROCESS, THAT THEY ARE TIMELY, THAT
25 THEY ARE ACCURATE, THAT RIGHT IS NOT VIOLATED, I THINK,

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1 FUNDAMENTALLY, IS AN IMPORTANT THING, AN IMPORTANT THING FROM
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENGAGE IN CONSISTENT OVERSIGHT
3 WITH. AND WITH THAT, AND HEARING AND SEEING NO ADDITIONAL
4 QUESTIONS RAISED BY SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO ITEM 42, WE
5 WILL CONSIDER THIS REPORT RECEIVED AND FILED. AND HEARING NO
6 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
7 PRESENTATION.

8

9 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **COMMANDER ALOMA:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** COLLEAGUES, WE WILL MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM A7,
14 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATING TO IMMIGRATION POLICIES, WHICH WAS
16 HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU HAVE
17 COMMENTS?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN 2018, WHEN THE BOARD TOOK
20 ACTION TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED UNDOCUMENTED
21 MINORS, WE HAD CONTRACTS IN PLACE FOR FOSTER PROVIDERS, I KNOW
22 ONE IN MY DISTRICT, TO ASSIST WITH SHELTER AND SERVICES. AT
23 THE TIME, WE WERE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE WANTED TO ENSURE
24 THAT THEY WERE GETTING THE PROPER CARE AND SHELTER WITHIN L.A.
25 COUNTY. I KNOW THAT NOW, SOME OF THESE AGENCIES ARE EITHER NO

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1 LONGER OPERATING OR DO NOT HAVE CONTRACTS WITH WITH THE
2 COUNTY. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, I KNOW THAT MAYOR GARCIA SAID HE
3 HAS TALKED TO YOU, BUT LONG BEACH IS NOW REACHING OUT AND WILL
4 BE PROVIDING POSSIBLE SHELTER OR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER
5 FOR THESE CHILDREN THAT ARE COMING IN AND ARE GOING TO BE
6 WORKING WITH THE COUNTY. SO I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT,
7 ACTUALLY, FOR US TO ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMS WE HAD IN PLACE
8 BACK IN 2018 ARE STILL IN PLACE AND THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
9 NECESSARY TO HELP NOT ONLY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, BUT IF WE
10 HAVE TO ALSO ENGAGE IN CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE THE NEEDS FOR THE
11 UNACCOMPANIED, UNDOCUMENTED MINORS, THAT WE HAVE IT IN PLACE
12 IN L.A. COUNTY. SO I HAVE A MOTION TODAY THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
13 READ IN. AND IT IS ON JUNE 19TH, 2018, THIS BOARD TOOK
14 IMPORTANT ACTION TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED,
15 UNDOCUMENTED MINORS, U.U.M., POPULATION IN THE COUNTY,
16 ACCORDING TO THAT MOTION, AS OF APRIL 30TH, 2018, D.C.F.S. HAD
17 IDENTIFIED 72 CHILDREN WHO WERE FROM CENTRAL AMERICA,
18 HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, AND GUATEMALA. IT IS IMPORTANT WE
19 RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE EFFORTS SINCE THE JUNE 19TH MOTION
20 AND THAT THE U.U.M. CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE CARE AND
21 ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I, THEREFORE, MOVE
22 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION
24 AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN UPDATE OF THEIR EFFORTS, PURSUANT
25 TO THE BOARD'S DIRECTIVES OF JUNE 19TH, 2018, SPECIFICALLY

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1 REPORTING TO COUNTY COUNTY COUNSEL ANY CHILDREN WHO WERE
2 SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS AT THE BORDER, WHO COULD BE IN
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOSTER CARE, RELATIVE CARE, AND, WHERE
4 POSSIBLE, OFFER ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL OFFICIALS SO THE MINORS
5 CAN BE RELEASED INTO FOSTER RELATIVE CARE WHILE THEIR PARENTS
6 ARE IN DETENTION. AND NUMBER TWO, IN COORDINATION WITH
7 COUNSEL, TO CONTACT THE U.S. OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
8 AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO VISIT SHELTERS OPERATED BY THE U.S.
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO
10 ANY MINORS THAT COULD BE RELEASED INTO CUSTODY OF THE
11 RELATIVES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND, THREE, VISITATION OF
13 SHELTERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH,
14 AND HEALTH SERVICES WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE BEING DETAINED TO
15 DELIVER TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AND OTHER SERVICES AS APPROPRIATE
16 AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH THIS
17 ISSUE ARE DELIVERING SERVICES IN A TRAUMA INFORMED MANNER TO
18 MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF TRAUMA FOR THESE CHILDREN AS WELL AS
19 FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS, FAMILIES, AND OTHER COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO
20 MAY BE IMPACTED. AND ACTUALLY I'D ADD THAT NUMBER THREE OF MY
21 DIRECTIVE IS SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOCUSED
22 ON, AND I COULD NOT AGREE MORE THAT THAT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED
23 AS WELL. I WOULD ASK THAT THIS BE A REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS,
24 AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST
25 IN EXPANDING ON THAT, BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE

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1 THAT, WITH LONG BEACH MOVING FORWARD, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE
2 FOR US TO PROVIDE ALL THE SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES WE CAN TO THESE
3 U.U.M. CHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISORS
6 THAT HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS, WE WILL
7 BEGIN WITH WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A VERY
10 IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHAT WE STARTED TO TRY TO DO THREE YEARS
11 AGO. AND THE THING THAT HAS CONTINUED TO CONCERN ME, AND I
12 DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS MOTION GETS AT IT SUFFICIENTLY, THOUGH
13 I DO SUPPORT THE MOTION, IS WHAT WE CAN DO TO UNDERSTAND
14 WHETHER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MAKING SUFFICIENT ATTEMPTS
15 TO IDENTIFY FAMILIES OF THESE CHILDREN, AND NOT ONLY THOSE WHO
16 HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES AT THE BORDER, BUT
17 UNACCOMPANIED MINORS. I MEAN MANY OF THEM HAVE COME OR
18 APPEARED TO COME ON THEIR OWN, AT LEAST THEY APPEAR
19 UNACCOMPANIED AT THE BORDER. SOMETIMES, I THINK PEOPLE THINK
20 THEY WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE, BUT I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT
21 THE EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND ANY FAMILY THAT THEY MAY HAVE, SO
22 WE DON'T HAVE TO DECLARE THEM TO BE AVAILABLE TO BE FOSTER
23 KIDS, AND THEN SOME FAMILY TAKES THEM IN, AND IT GETS EVEN
24 KIND OF WORSE ABOUT EVER REUNIFYING THEM. SO I THINK DON'T
25 THAT BOBBY IS ON THE LINE TODAY, BUT I WOULD REALLY BE

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1 INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT THE IMPEDIMENTS MIGHT BE TO D.C.F.S.
2 EVEN KNOWING ABOUT THE CHILDREN, KNOWING ABOUT WHO IS THERE,
3 AND WHAT MORE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO. SO I AM NOT SURE,
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHETHER THAT ADDS ANYTHING TO THE MOTION,
5 BUT I THINK IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT I WANT UNDERSTOOD BECAUSE WE
6 HAVE A LOT OF CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY COMING IN. AND WE
7 ACTUALLY DON'T REALLY KNOW WHO COMES OFTEN. AND I DON'T KNOW
8 WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO HAVE A BETTER COMMUNICATION SO
9 THAT WE CAN BE AWARE AND HELP TO FIND FAMILIES, MAYBE. THANKS
10 AGAIN. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** ON NUMBER TWO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE, AND I
13 BROUGHT THIS IN PRETTY QUICKLY BECAUSE I RECOGNIZED IN
14 TALKING AND SEEING THAT WHAT LONG BEACH IS DOING THAT WE
15 NEEDED TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE
16 ACTUALLY PUT INTO PLAY IS STILL ROBUST ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE
17 NUMBER OF MINORS THAT ARE COMING IN. TWO, THAT WAS IN THE
18 INTENT OF TWO. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE. I KNOW WE CAN ONLY
19 CONTROL L.A. COUNTY, BUT FROM THE FEDERAL STANDPOINT, I THINK
20 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO TRY TO IDENTIFY FAMILIES SO THAT
21 THE CHILDREN CAN BE RELEASED INTO A FAMILY VERSUS FOSTER CARE,
22 WHICH IS WHERE THEY BELONG. AND SO, THAT WAS THE INTENT IN
23 NUMBER TWO, MAYBE NOT AS ROBUST AS WHAT YOU SAID, BUT CLEARLY,
24 THAT WAS MY INTENT IN SAYING TO BE RELEASED INTO THE CUSTODY
25 OF RELATIVES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, D.C.F.S. HAS REALLY DONE A GREAT JOB OF
3 STEPPING UP THEIR FAMILY FINDING OVER THE YEARS. JUST IN THE
4 TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD, WE HAVE GONE FROM
5 SOMETHING LIKE 17 PERCENT TO 70 SOME-ODD PERCENT OF KIDS BEING
6 PLACED WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH I THINK IS A REALLY GOOD
7 THING. SO MAYBE IF THEY DO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF D.C.F.S.,
8 WE CAN RELY ON THEM TO DO THAT KIND OF FAMILY FINDING, IF
9 POSSIBLE. BUT ANYWAY, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THANK
10 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
17 BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TODAY. AS YOU MENTIONED, IT
18 IS VERY TIMELY BECAUSE I WAS ON THE PHONE THIS MORNING WITH
19 THE MAYOR OF LONG BEACH, ROBERT GARCIA, WHO REACHED OUT TO ME
20 BECAUSE THE WHITE HOUSE CONTACTED LONG BEACH AND ASKED FOR
21 SPACE TO PROVIDE CARE FOR -- NOT TO EXCEED 1,000 MIGRANT
22 CHILDREN, WHO ARE COMING INTO THIS COUNTRY. HE MADE IT VERY
23 CLEAR THAT SAN DIEGO WAS IN DIRECT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY
24 OF SAN DIEGO. AND THAT THAT IS WHAT MADE IT WORK, AND HE
25 REACHED OUT TO ME TO SEE HOW THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COULD

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1 PARTNER WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN, JUST AS THIS MOTION
2 TALKS ABOUT, PROVIDING THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE AS IT
3 RELATES TO BEING A SAFETY NET FOR THESE CHILDREN. SO I WAS ON
4 THE PHONE THIS MORNING WITH FESIA DAVENPORT, ASKING HER TO, OF
5 COURSE, REACH OUT TO HER COUNTERPART IN SAN DIEGO TO
6 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE. BUT IT IS -- IT IS H.H.S.
7 WILL BE RUNNING THESE SHELTERS, BUT THEY WILL BE COORDINATING
8 IN AND CONTRACTING OUT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE
9 THESE SERVICES. SO WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HEAR FROM
10 COUNTY COUNSEL, THE U.S. OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, SO
11 THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE WE CAN PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE TO THESE
12 MINORS THAT NEED TO. SO THIS IS REALLY TIMELY. THANK YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. YOU KNOW, IT IS
14 NOT A CRISIS THAT IS SO-CALLED ON OUR BORDERS, RIGHT? IT IS
15 HERE, AND I AM PROUD OF LONG BEACH FOR STEPPING UP AND
16 OFFERING THEIR CONVENTION CENTER TO HOUSE THESE CHILDREN. I
17 BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO BE UP TO AGE 12. BUT THE COUNTY HAS
18 TO BE A PART OF THIS, AND WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE IN
19 PROVIDING THESE SERVICES TO THESE CHILDREN. SO THANK YOU. I
20 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I THOUGHT I HAD PUT TWO
23 WEEKS IN THERE, CAN THIS REPORT BACK -- I WANT TO INCLUDE WITH
24 THIS A REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS, WHICH IS OUR NEXT REGULARLY-
25 SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING?

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER ONCE WE VOTE ON IT, BUT
7 YES, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT THAT CHANGE IS MADE. ARE THERE ANY
8 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM? HEARING NONE, IT HAS
9 BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
10 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
11 ROLL.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** A7 WITH A REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS IS
14 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
7 4-0.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL MOVE
10 TO SPECIALS, ITEM NUMBER 56. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
11 FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO BE
12 PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.
13 IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY. WITH THAT,
14 COLLEAGUES, IT IS TIME IN OUR AGENDA THAT WE WILL MOVE TO
15 ADJOURNMENTS. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM -- WE ARE
16 GOING TO START WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THE ORDER FOR TODAY WILL
17 BE DISTRICTS THREE, FOUR, FIVE, ONE, AND FOLLOWED BY TWO. SO
18 WE WILL START WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAD ONE ADJOURNMENT
21 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND THEN I HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
22 ADJOURNMENTS, SO I WILL GO WITH THOSE AFTER SUPERVISOR BARGER,
23 IF THAT'S OKAY. I WOULD ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
24 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MUSICIAN DON HEFFINGTON, WHO DIED ON
25 MARCH 25TH. HE WAS A PROLIFIC DRUMMER AND A SESSION MUSICIAN

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1 WHO PLAYED IN THE L.A. ROOTS ROCK BAND, LONE JUSTICE, IN THE
2 1980S, AND AFTER THAT BAND BROKE UP, BEING A TALENTED
3 PERCUSSIONIST, HE WENT ON TO RECORD AND PERFORM WITH SOME OF
4 THE BIGGEST NAMES IN ROOTS MUSIC, INCLUDING BOB DYLAN, DWIGHT
5 YOAKAM, JACKSON BROWNE, DAVE ALVIN, SAM PHILLIPS, THE
6 WALLFLOWERS, AND MANY, MANY MORE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 DAUGHTER, LAURA, HIS SON, JOHN, AND HIS STEPDAUGHTER, DESIREE
8 BUCKMAN. AND THOSE ARE THE ADJOURNMENTS FOR THE THIRD. THANK
9 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR
12 HAHN.

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
15 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TOMASA PINEDO, WHO IS THE
16 MOTHER OF MY CHIEF OF STAFF, GERARDO PINEDO, WHO PASSED AWAY
17 AT THE AGE OF 84. IN THE 1960S, SHE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED
18 STATES WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND AND RESIDED IN LOS ANGELES
19 FOR THE PAST 60 YEARS. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER STRONG WORK ETHIC
20 AND INTEGRITY. SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL AND CONSISTENTLY
21 VOLUNTEERED AT SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES. SHE COFOUNDED A LOCAL
22 FOOD PANTRY SERVING FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE GREATER L.A. AREA.
23 SHE WAS ALSO VERY PROUD TO HAVE NEVER MISSED VOTING IN ANY
24 ELECTION FOR DECADES, AND SHE SUCCESSFULLY ENCOURAGED ALL HER
25 CHILDREN TO PURSUE CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE. TOMASA IS

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1 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, 2 SIBLINGS, 4 CHILDREN, 10
2 GRANDCHILDREN, 14 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND 2 GREAT-GREAT
3 GRANDCHILDREN. AND I KNOW THIS CAME AS A HUGE LOSS FOR MY
4 CHIEF OF STAFF, GERARDO, AND IT WAS NOT THAT LONG AGO THAT HE
5 WAS TEXTING ME EXCITEDLY WHEN HE HAD BOTH HIS PARENTS IN HIS
6 CAR, AND THEY WERE AT DODGER STADIUM BEING VACCINATED. AND HE
7 WAS SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO BE A PART OF THAT WITH BOTH OF HIS
8 PARENTS, SO I KNOW THIS IS REALLY HARD FOR HIM, AND OUR HEARTS
9 AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM AND CERTAINLY HIS FATHER, WHO IS ALSO
10 TAKING THIS LOSS VERY DIFFICULTLY.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, MAY I BE INCLUDED ON THAT? I AM
13 SO SORRY.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IF I MAY BE AS WELL, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WOULD
18 APPRECIATE THAT.

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT SHOULD BE ALL MEMBERS, JANICE. I REALLY DO --

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. LET'S DO ALL MEMBERS. GERARDO WILL
25 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE

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1 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARILYN SHIMMIN,
2 WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF RANCHOS PALOS VERDES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
3 THE AGE OF 97. MARILYN AND HER HUSBAND, BOB, OWNED AND
4 OPERATED L.A. DIESEL, INC. FOR OVER 50 YEARS. SHE WAS AN
5 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE L.A. HARBOR MASONIC LAUNCH, THE BEACH
6 CITIES SHRINE CLUB, EASTERN STAR, DEGREE OF HONOR, AND WAS
7 VERY INVOLVED WITH THE WILMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
8 MARILYN WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, BOB. AND SHE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, SUSAN AND CATHI, AND THREE
10 GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
11 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD MORT, WHO WAS 75 WHEN HE
12 PASSED AWAY. HE WAS THE FATHER OF MY AVIATION COMMISSIONER,
13 JEFF MORT. RICHARD LIVED IN LONG BEACH FOR OVER 50 YEARS, AND
14 HAD A LONG CAREER AS A BANK VICE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO HIS
15 RETIREMENT. HE LOVED TO PLAY GOLF, TRAVEL, BUT, MOST OF ALL,
16 HE LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
17 WIFE, JANE, OF 55 YEARS, HIS DAUGHTER, BETH, AND HIS SON,
18 JEFF, ALONG WITH HIS 4 GRANDCHILDREN, TYLER, QUINCY, AIDAN,
19 AND CONNOR, WHO WERE THE JOY OF HIS LIFE. I ALSO MOVE THAT
20 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JEFFREY
21 FRANKEL, WHO DIED UNEXPECTEDLY LAST WEEK. HE HAD JUST BEEN
22 ELECTED TO THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA SCHOOL BOARD IN
23 NOVEMBER, AND THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN PUTTING OUT STATEMENTS
24 SINCE HIS PASSING AND REMEMBERED HIM AS A LOVING PARENT, A
25 STUDENT ADVOCATE. ONE SAID HE WAS AN AMAZING COMMUNITY LEADER

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1 WHO HAPPILY VOLUNTEERED SO MUCH OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY FOR THE
2 BETTERMENT OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE WAS KNOWN FOR ESPECIALLY
3 BEING AN ADVOCATE OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BECAUSE HIS
4 OWN DAUGHTER HAD SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THAT WAS HIS INSPIRATION
5 TO BEGIN VOLUNTEERING. HIS DAUGHTER, JILLIAN, WAS REFUSED
6 PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND HE BELIEVED
7 THAT WAS UNFAIR, AND HE WANTED TO FIGHT, NOT ONLY FOR HIS
8 DAUGHTER, BUT FOR OTHERS WHO HAD SPECIAL NEEDS. HE WAS A
9 BUSINESS CONSULTANT, AND HE SPENT TIME ON THE DISTRICT'S
10 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE WAS ALSO AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF
11 THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP
12 AND AN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT
13 COMMITTEE. ONE OF HIS FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, LINDA REID, SAID,
14 "JEFF WAS MOTIVATED TO SERVE BY NOTHING BUT HELPING CHILDREN
15 USING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT AND THE
16 DISTRICT'S BUDGET. HE ALWAYS HAD A KIND WORD FOR STAFF AND
17 THANKED EVERYONE." THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY
18 ADJOURNMENTS.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF RUBEN CERVANTES, A LONG-
24 TIME L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 22ND DUE
25 TO COMPLICATIONS OF PNEUMONIA. BORN DECEMBER 7TH, 1929, AND

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1 RETIRING IN 1995 FROM A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION, RUBEN LIVED A
2 VERY FULL LIFE. AT 91, AND AS RECENTLY AS TWO WEEKS AGO, RUBEN
3 STILL ENJOYED TRAVELING, FISHING, CIGARS, JACK DANIELS, AND,
4 ABOVE ALL, THE COMPANY OF HIS FRIENDS. RUBEN WILL BE GREATLY
5 MISSED BY MANY WHO LOVED HIM, KNEW HIM, AND RESPECTED AND
6 ADMIRER HIM. HE LEAVES BEHIND 7 CHILDREN, A SON, JAMES, WHO
7 FOLLOWED HIS FOOTSTEPS INTO THE BUILDING TRADES AND IS
8 CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS AN IRON WORKER, HIS 6 DAUGHTERS, ALL
9 LONG-TIME L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC SERVANTS, ANNA ELENA, ANNA
10 LAURA, ISABEL, MONICA, MARTHA, LIZA, AND HIS YOUNGEST AND ONLY
11 SURVIVING SIBLING SISTER, AND COUNTLESS NIECES, NEPHEWS,
12 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES DOUD, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LA
14 CANADA FLINTRIDGE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 18TH. KNOWN
15 AFFECTIONATELY AS CHARLIE AND CHUCK, HE WAS BORN TO A HARD
16 WORKING FAMILY IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. HE WENT ON TO ATTEND
17 VILLANOVA PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN OJAI AND DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF
18 ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD WITH HIS BARREL CHESTED BUILD AND TEAM
19 FIRST ATTITUDE. AT VILLANOVA PREP, HE MADE LIFELONG FRIENDS
20 WITH A GROUP LATER REFERRED TO AS THE FOUR HORSEMEN, WHICH
21 INCLUDED JUDGE WILLIAM CLARK, PETE DAILY, AND JACK GAVIN, ALL
22 OF WHOM PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH. CHUCK PLAYED COLLEGIATE
23 FOOTBALL FOR TWO YEARS AT NOTRE DAME AND THEN AT U.C.L.A.,
24 WHERE HE LED THE TEAM AS CO-CAPTAIN IN THE 1954 ROSE BOWL
25 AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE. HIS PASSION FOR SPORTS NEVER FADED. HE

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1 COACHED LA CANADA GLADIATORS POP WARNER FOR 15 YEARS AND
2 CHEERED ON HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AT COUNTLESS
3 SPORTING EVENTS. FOLLOWING COLLEGE, CHUCK SERVED FOUR YEARS IN
4 THE AIR FORCE, FOLLOWED BY THE AIR FORCE RESERVES, FROM WHICH
5 HE WAS DECOMMISSIONED AT THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN 1970. IN 1957,
6 HE MET THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ANNE VAN LAHR. THEY WERE MARRIED
7 THREE MONTHS LATER AND ENJOYED 62 YEARS TOGETHER. CHUCK HAD A
8 SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A STOCK BROKER AND WAS A STAPLE DOWNTOWN
9 AT THE CALIFORNIA CLUB AND THE ATHLETIC CLUB. WHEN NOT WORKING
10 OR AT HOME, HE CHERISHED THE COMPANY OF HIS HORSES. HE LOVED
11 TO RIDE WITH HIS COWBOYS WITH HIS FELLOW COWBOYS AT THE SADDLE
12 SIRLOIN CLUB IN THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ON HIS ANNUAL RIDE
13 WITH THE RANCHEROS. CHUCK WAS A MAN WHO INSPIRED OTHERS WITH
14 IS ENDLESS CHARM, INFECTIOUS SMILE, AND SELFLESS HEART. HIS
15 KINDNESS SHOWED NO BOUNDARIES, AND HE TREASURED FAMILY AND
16 FAITH ABOVE ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANNE, CHILDREN,
17 REILLY, ROBERT, STACY, TOM, PATRICK, PETER, MARY, LIZ, 20
18 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 4 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
19 IN MEMORY OF JEANNE EDGAR, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF GLENDORA,
20 WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED ON MARCH 25TH AT THE AGE OF 66. SHE
21 AND HER DOG, SASHI, WERE THE VICTIMS OF A HORRIFIC ATTACK
22 WHILE WALKING BY LONE HILL PARK IN SAN DIMAS. JEANNE WAS AN
23 ACCOUNTANT FOR MOST OF HER LIFE UNTIL HER RETIREMENT. HOWEVER,
24 EARLIER THIS YEAR, SHE DECIDED TO TAKE ON A PART TIME
25 ACCOUNTING POSITION. SHE LOVED TO TAKE HER DOG FOR WALKS AND

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1 WAS ECSTATIC ABOUT BEING A NEW GRANDMOTHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
2 HER 2 SONS AND 2 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY
3 ALL WHO LOVED HER, ESPECIALLY IN THE GLENDORA COMMUNITY. ALSO
4 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DIXIE ELIOPOULOS, A LONG-TIME
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY BUSINESSWOMAN AND CIVIC LEADER, WHO DIED MARCH
6 22ND AT THE AGE OF 84. DIXIE DIED ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HER
7 HUSBAND, TED'S, 96TH BIRTHDAY. THEY HAD BEEN MARRIED 43 YEARS
8 WHEN HE DIED IN 2005 AT THE AGE OF 80. DIXIE SAID IN 2008,
9 "WE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN VOLUNTEERISM AND TAKING POSITIVE ROLES
10 IN THE COMMUNITY. OUR LIVES WERE ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY, EVEN OUR
11 BUSINESS LIVES. THEY HAVE BEEN IN SUPPORT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE
12 IN BUT ALWAYS WITH THE COMMUNITY." BORN JUNE 28TH, 1936 IN
13 NEBRASKA, DIXIE CAME TO CALIFORNIA IN THE '50S AND SETTLED IN
14 1959 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE SHE BOUGHT THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY ESCROW. SHE OPERATED THE COMPANY WITH HER SON, DARTH,
16 FROM 1990 TO 2001, WHEN SHE RETIRED AND SOLD THE BUSINESS TO
17 DARTH. DIXIE WAS ACTIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PROGRESS
18 ASSOCIATION, WHICH BECAME THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE.
19 SHE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ESCROW ASSOCIATION OF THE
20 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE.
21 SHE WAS ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LANCASTER MARRIAGE
22 BREAKFAST COMMITTEE, CHILDREN'S CENTER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
23 AND LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION. DIXIE WAS A
24 MEMBER OF THE CITIZEN'S GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE DURING
25 LANCASTER'S INCORPORATION EFFORTS IN THE 1970S. IN 2008, SHE

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1 WAS HONORED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AS
2 OF ITS WOMEN OF THE YEAR. SHE SPONSORED TABLES AT THE COUNTY'S
3 ANNUAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON FOR AT RISK HIGH SCHOOL
4 STUDENTS, WHO WERE WORKING TOWARD ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND
5 SUCCESS IN LIFE. SHE ALSO CHAMPIONED WOMEN THROUGH HER WOMEN
6 AWARE AND CHOOSING BIBLE STUDY AND MENTORSHIP MINISTRY. SHE IS
7 SURVIVED BY SONS, RANDY, DARTH, GREGORY, AND THEIR SPOUSES,
8 AND NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE READING AN
10 ADJOURNMENT FOR RUTH SCHWARTZ, SO I WILL WAIT ON THAT ONE. BUT
11 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SAMANTHA MENA, AN ANTELOPE
12 VALLEY RESIDENT, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AN ATTEMPTED
13 ROBBERY AT THE AGE OF 31. SAMANTHA GREW UP IN THE HIGH DESERT
14 AND WORKED AS A MANAGER OF A STARBUCKS IN LANCASTER. SHE HAD
15 BEEN TAKING ONLINE COURSES TO WORK IN AIRLINE PARTS
16 MANUFACTURING AND SAVING MONEY TO ONE DAY BUY A HOME AND
17 BECOME A MOTHER. SHE WAS ADORED BY HER FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
18 COLLEAGUES AND WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
19 PARENTS, MAURICIO AND CELIA, AND HER BROTHERS, MATTHEW AND
20 CARLOS. ALSO DONALD LEROY THOMPSON, WHO SERVED 37 YEARS IN THE
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH
22 9TH AT AGE 89. BORN IN 1931 IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, DONALD
23 GRADUATED IN 1949 FROM EAGLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL. HE ENTERED THE
24 U.S. NAVY IN 1951 AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS A
25 QUARTERMASTER IN 1955. AFTER LEAVING THE NAVY, DONALD JOINED

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1 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE RETIRED FROM FIRE
2 STATION 84 IN QUARTZ HILL IN 1991. DONALD WAS MARRIED TO
3 MARGIE ANN MEEK FOR 52 YEARS UNTIL HER DEATH IN 2009, AND THEN
4 HE MARRIED NEOLA CONWAY ON MAY 7TH, 2011. SURVIVORS INCLUDE
5 HIS WIFE, NEOLA, CHILDREN, LAURIE BAYLIS, DONNA WARNER, AND
6 LEE THOMPSON, THEIR SPOUSES, 7 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 8 GREAT
7 GRANDCHILDREN. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RENE
8 VELUZAT, A NATIVE OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
9 OF 80. HE WAS AN ACTOR, STUNTMAN, TEAMSTER DRIVER, CONTRACTOR,
10 AUTHOR, AND PHILANTHROPIST. HE WORKED FOR 45 YEARS BUILDING
11 AND REMODELING HOMES IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HIS
12 COMMUNITY SERVICE WAS AWARDED BY BEING HONORED AS A SANTA
13 CLARITA VALLEY MAN OF THE YEAR IN 1975. HE WAS A CREATOR OF
14 TWO MOVIE RANCHES, FIRST, BLUE CLOUD RANCH, AND LATER, DIAMOND
15 V MOVIE RANCH. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR MAKING THE
16 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY A DESTINATION FOR FILMING. IN 2020, HE
17 PUBLISHED HIS BOOK, "MY HIGH ADVENTURES BEHIND THE MOVIE
18 SCENES," IN WHICH HE SHARED HIS MANY INCREDIBLE STORIES FROM
19 HIS YEARS WORKING IN THE FILM INDUSTRY. HIS ULTIMATE
20 ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS WINNING A TELLY AWARD FOR PRODUCING THE
21 FEATURE MOVIE, "THE LONG RIDE HOME." RENE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
22 WIFE, PATTI, AND THEIR SON, MARCEL. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,
23 MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND WE WILL
2 RETURN TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THE ADJOURN IN MEMORY ON BEHALF
3 OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS
6 HAS FOUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND GIVE ME A MOMENT WHILE I CALL THEM
7 UP BECAUSE THEY ARE IN MY PHONE. FIRST, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
8 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIA BOGANY. SHE WAS A
9 WELL RESPECTED TONGVA ELDER, LEADER, AND CULTURAL EDUCATOR.
10 SHE PASSED WAY LAST MONTH DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM A STROKE.
11 SHE WAS ONE OF THE MOST APPROACHABLE, THOUGHTFUL, AND
12 ENDEARING HUMAN BEINGS TO INTERACT WITH, AND WAS AN ABSOLUTE
13 TREASURE IN THE TONGVA, NATIVE AMERICAN, AND LOS ANGELES
14 COMMUNITIES. JULIA GAVE HER TIME AND KNOWLEDGE, AND A WAS
15 ALWAYS BUSY HELPING OTHERS, WHETHER IT WAS VOLUNTEERING,
16 TEACHING, ATTENDING MEETINGS, OR SERVING ON BOARDS. THIS PAST
17 NOVEMBER, SHE WAS A NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH HONOREE.
18 SHE WORKED FOR OVER 30 YEARS WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN
19 COMMUNITY, SERVING ON THE TONGVA TRIBAL COUNCIL AND WAS ALSO A
20 CULTURAL CONSULTANT FOR THE TRIBE. SHE LED COUNTLESS TONGVA
21 LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT
22 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THROUGH HER TIRELESS WORK, SHE HELPED TO
23 REAWAKEN AND REVIVE THE TONGVA LANGUAGE AND DEVELOP THE TONGVA
24 DICTIONARY. JULIA WAS COMMITTED TO PRESERVING HER TRIBE'S
25 CULTURAL PRACTICES, LANGUAGE, AND KNOWLEDGE. HER PASSION WAS

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1 DRIVEN BY HER DESIRE TO GIVE BACK TO HER COMMUNITY AND ENSURE
2 A BETTER FUTURE FOR HER TRIBE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. SHE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, ANDREW, 4 CHILDREN, 10 GRANDCHILDREN,
4 AND 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AND I MOVE
5 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARINE
6 CORPS RESERVE PRIVATE JACOB CRUZ. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN
7 MONTEBELLO AND WAS 18 WHEN HE WAS KILLED IN COMBAT DURING
8 WORLD WAR II, BUT HE RECENTLY WAS ACCOUNTED AND RETURNED TO
9 HIS FAMILY TO BE LAID TO REST. IT WAS NOVEMBER 22ND, 1943 WHEN
10 PRIVATE CRUZ PERISHED. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BURIED AT
11 A TEMPORARY LOCATION CHOSEN BY HIS FELLOW MARINES. IN THE
12 IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE FIGHTING ON TARAWA, JAPAN, SERVICE
13 MEMBERS WHO DIED IN THE BATTLE WERE BURIED IN SEVERAL
14 BATTLEFIELD CEMETERIES ON THE ISLAND. IN 1946 AND 1947, THE
15 QUARTERMASTER GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY CONDUCTED REMAINS
16 RECOVERY OPERATIONS, BUT PRIVATE CRUZ'S REMAINS WERE NOT
17 RECOVERED. ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 1949, A MILITARY REVIEW BOARD
18 DECLARED MR. CRUZ NON-RECOVERABLE. FOR HIS SERVICE AND
19 SACRIFICE, JACOB'S FAMILY ACCEPTED HIS AWARDS AND DECORATIONS,
20 INCLUDING THE SILVER STAR AND THE PURPLE HEART. AND THEN, ON
21 APRIL 14TH, 2020, MARINE CORPS RESERVE PRIVATE JACOB CRUZ WAS
22 FINALLY ACCOUNTED FOR, AND, AFTER 77 YEARS OF MISSING IN
23 ACTION, HIS REMAINS WERE RETURNED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ON
24 THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH, HE WAS LAID TO REST IN AMERICAN SOIL
25 WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS. WELCOME HOME, JACOB, AND MAY YOU

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1 REST IN PEACE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REPRESENTATIVE ALCEE HASTINGS. SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS SAYS SHE WAS QUITE SADDENED TO LEARN ABOUT HIS PASSING
4 THIS VERY MORNING. HE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH HER IN
5 CONGRESS, AND SHE ALWAYS CONSIDERED HIM A MENTOR WHO TOOK HER
6 UNDER HIS WING AND GUIDED HER EARLY DAYS IN THE HOUSE. HER
7 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY AND HIS COMMUNITY. HE
8 WAS SUCH A CHARISMATIC CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER, WHO EVENTUALLY
9 BECAME FLORIDA'S FIRST BLACK FEDERAL JUDGE BEFORE SERVING IN
10 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS TRAVELED
11 ON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS TO EUROPE AND WORKED TOGETHER ON
12 MANY ISSUES, INCLUDING IMMIGRATION. WHEN HE WAS ELECTED
13 CHAIRMAN OF THE HELSINKI COMMISSION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS RECALLS
14 WHIPPING VOTES FOR HIM. HE WAS BORN TO WORKING PARENTS, WHO
15 WERE BOTH DOMESTIC SERVANTS AND STAYED WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER IN
16 THE JIM CROW ERA IN FLORIDA, WHERE HE WAS BARRED FROM WHITES
17 ONLY BEACHES AND WAS BUSSED TO A SEGREGATED HIGH SCHOOL 30
18 MILES AWAY FROM HIS HOME. AGAINST ALL ODDS, ALCEE HASTINGS
19 WENT TO COLLEGE AND THEN TO LAW SCHOOL AND WAS JAILED 6 TIMES
20 FOR PARTICIPATING IN CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS. HE MADE A
21 NAME AND A CAREER FOR HIMSELF IN PUBLIC SERVICE, PASSED AWAY
22 AT THE AGE OF 84 FROM A HARD FOUGHT BATTLE AGAINST PANCREATIC
23 CANCER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PATRICIA, HIS 3 CHILDREN,
24 AND HIS STEPDAUGHTER. MAY HE REST IN POWER. AND FINALLY, AS
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS INDICATED, SHE AND I BOTH WISH TO JOIN

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1 IN THE ADJOURNMENT BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR RUTH SCHWARTZ. RUTH
2 WAS 71 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY QUITE UNEXPECTEDLY ON
3 MARCH 26TH. SHE HELPED LAUNCH SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, INC. IN
4 1985 TO COMBAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESSNESS AND HAS BEEN
5 THE ORGANIZATION'S SOLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEADING IT TO
6 BECOME AN EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION, RECOGNIZED WIDELY
7 FOR ITS EFFORTS TO HOUSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SHE
8 WAS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS A VISIONARY LEADER FOR HER EARLY WORK
9 ON HOMELESSNESS. SHE WAS RELENTLESS, IN A REALLY GOOD WAY, IN
10 ADVOCATING FOR THOSE WHOSE VOICES ARE NOT OFTEN HEARD AND
11 BROUGHT THEIR STORIES FRONT AND CENTER. IN 1989, SHE HELPED
12 LAUNCH A WAREHOUSE PROJECT THAT SECURES LARGE SCALE DONATIONS
13 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT NO COST TO AGENCIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY
14 DIRECTLY SERVING PEOPLE IN LIVING POVERTY. IN THE WAREHOUSE
15 PROJECT'S HISTORY, OVER A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH
16 OF DAILY NECESSITIES, LIKE CLOTHES, SHOES, SOCKS, AND HYGIENE
17 PRODUCTS HAVE REACHED PEOPLE WHO NEEDED THEM MOST. THEN DURING
18 THE PANDEMIC, RUTH OVERSAW THE DISTRIBUTION OF HUNDREDS OF
19 THOUSANDS OF P.P.E. TO EMERGENCY HOUSING SITES. SHE NEVER EVER
20 LOST SIGHT OF WHAT WAS IMPORTANT AND CONTINUED TO SERVE HER
21 COMMUNITY UNTIL THE VERY END. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER,
22 HER SISTER, AND SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I WOULD LIKE TO
23 ADD, SHE WAS HOMEGROWN IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. SHE GREW UP IN
24 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE NORTH
25 NORTHRIDGE AND GOT HER M.A. IN URBAN PLANNING FROM U.C.L.A.

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1 AND WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST COMMUNITY LEADERS IN L.A. TO
2 SOUND THE ALARM ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. SHE WAS THE ABSOLUTE
3 DEFINITION OF SINGLE MINDEDNESS, FULLY DEDICATED TO PEOPLE
4 SUFFERING ON THE STREETS. AS ALREADY INDICATED, SHE FOUNDED
5 THE SHELTER PARTNERSHIP IN 1985 TO DEVELOP HOUSING AND
6 RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND SERVED ON
7 MANY, MANY BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE
8 SENATE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE ON THE HOMELESS, THE CALIFORNIA
9 HOUSING LOAN AND GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, L.A.H.S.A., THE
10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING
11 DEVELOPERS AND WAS HONORED BY THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END
12 HOMELESSNESS, AMONG MANY OTHERS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU
13 WANT TO ADD ON?

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, I MEAN THIS ONE REALLY JUST IS HARD. I GOT
16 TO KNOW RUTH WHEN I FIRST STARTED WITH THE COUNTY, AND RUTH
17 WAS NEVER AFRAID TO SPEAK UP FOR WHAT SHE BELIEVED WAS RIGHT
18 WHEN IT CAME TO SERVING THE MOST IN NEED, ESPECIALLY AS IT
19 RELATES TO HOMELESSNESS. SHE TRULY WAS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR
20 COMMUNITIES THAT WERE OFTEN OVERLOOKED, AND, MOST RECENTLY,
21 SHE WORKED WITH MY OFFICE TO CREATE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR
22 HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE MORE REMOTE
23 REGIONS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
24 HOMELESSNESS FACE AN EXTREME AND UNIQUE SET OF CHALLENGES. I
25 REMEMBER WHEN SHE CAME FORWARD AND ACTUALLY PUT TOGETHER A

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1 SHELTER RESOURCE BOOK THAT IDENTIFIED -- WAS BASICALLY A
2 CLEARING HOUSE OF ALL BEDS AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WHEN
3 CORONA HIT, AND COVID LOCKED EVERYTHING DOWN, SHE BECAME
4 CONCERNED ABOUT THE MOST VULNERABLE ON OUR STREET AND
5 CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT WERE AT RISK OF
6 DYING ON OUR STREETS AS A RESULT OF COVID. SO I AM GRATEFUL,
7 IN MY CAREER, I COME ACROSS PEOPLE THAT TRULY HELP ME TO DO MY
8 JOB BETTER AND BE A BETTER PERSON, AND RUTH SCHWARTZ
9 DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY FALLS INTO THAT CATEGORY. SHE IS GOING
10 TO BE MISSED, AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL GOING TO CONTINUE TO
11 WORK TOWARD GETTING SHELTER FOR PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS IN HONOR
12 OF RUTH. SO GOD BLESS HER AND GOD REST HER SOUL. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SHOULD WE MAKE IT
15 ALL MEMBERS FOR RUTH?

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT WOULD BE PERFECT. I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT,
18 AND IF YOU WOULD ALSO ADD ME TO REPRESENTATIVE ALCEE HASTINGS
19 ADJOURN IN MEMORY, AS WELL.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALRIGHT, VERY, VERY GLAD TO. THOSE ARE SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS'S ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO
25 PINCH HIT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I, COLLEAGUES, MOVE THAT WE

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1 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF A LONG-TERM MEMBER OF THE
2 COUNTY FAMILY, NWAMAKA PATIENCE ORANUSI. MRS. ORANUSI PASSED
3 AWAY ON MARCH 19TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS
4 THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES INSPECTION DIVISION
5 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. MRS. ORANUSI WAS BORN
6 IN NIGERIA AND CAME TO L.A. IN 1981. SHE RECEIVED AN
7 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN NURSING FROM L.A. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE, HER
8 BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM CAL STATE
9 UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH, AND ULTIMATELY, HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN
10 SCIENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM TOURO UNIVERSITY IN VALLEJO.
11 SHE DEDICATED 33 YEARS OF HER LIFE TO PUBLIC SERVICE, JOINING
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN 1988. SHE HELD VARIOUS
13 POSITIONS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION BEFORE BECOMING
14 THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES INSPECTION DIVISION. SHE
15 LED A COVID-19 RESPONSE THAT SAVED THOUSANDS OF LIVES. IN ALL
16 HER ROLES, SHE WAS KIND TO EVERYONE, AND GENEROUS WITH HER
17 TIME AND SUPPORT, AND SHE MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE
18 DEPARTMENT AND IMPROVED THE LIVES OF ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A.
19 COUNTY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER COMPASSION TO IMPROVE
20 THE HEALTH OF ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND FOR HER SERVICE TO
21 THE SECOND DISTRICT. MRS. ORANUSI IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
22 VICTOR, AND HER 3 CHILDREN, KENECHUKWU, CHINEDUM, CHUKWUEBUKA,
23 HER EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT D.P.H., WHO WILL ALL MISS
24 HER DEARLY. WITH THAT, COLLEAGUES, HANG ON ONE SECOND AS I GET
25 BACK TO MY NOTES. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF

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1 THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
2 ACTION. WITH THAT, WE WILL TRANSITION INTO CLOSED SESSION. SO
3 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
4 SESSION.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
9 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED
10 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
11 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD
12 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
13 THANK YOU. [MEETING ADJOURNS TO CLOSED SESSION]

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR APRIL 6, 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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Initiation of litigation (one case). (21-1471)

The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. The defendant(s) and the other particulars will, once the action is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with Supervisor Solis being absent.

CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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