



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021, 9:30 AM**

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THIS IS
6 THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL THE 20TH,
8 2021. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE
9 CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I
10 WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE
11 YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL?

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** HERE.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M HERE.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER? SUPERVISOR
25 BARGER?

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M HERE.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICER? FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER? RODRIGO
6 CASTRO-SILVA, COUNTY COUNSEL? RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA, COUNTY
7 COUNSEL? CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD?

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

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WILL CALL FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. RODRIGO CASTRO?

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE JUST SEE THEM ALL STRUGGLING WITH THEIR
15 MICROPHONES. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY. THEY
18 WILL JOIN US IN A MOMENT, BUT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON. AS
19 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC
20 PUBLIC COMMENT, SEPARATELY, FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND
21 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 2,700 WRITTEN PUBLIC
23 COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS
24 WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN

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1 ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
2 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF
3 THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
4 AGENDA.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD JUST LIKE
7 TO SEE IF FESIA AND ROD, ARE YOU BOTH ON?

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9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PRESENT.

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

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PRESENT.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ROD CASTRO?

16

17 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** HERE.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER,
23 AT 11:30 A.M. ITEM S-1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
25 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS

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1 THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
2 ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. ON ITEM 3, THE
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
4 CONTINUED TO MAY 18TH, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
5 AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE
6 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6 THROUGH 34.
7 ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO REFER BACK TO HER
8 OFFICE FOR RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT DR. DAVID DREW PINSKY TO
9 THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 8,
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES
11 A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS
12 9, 10, AND 11, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE
13 HELD. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
15 BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
16 BE HELD. ON ITEM 24, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
17 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO
18 REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 OF HER MOTION TO REPLACE ALL
19 DISBURSEMENTS OF FUTURE STATE AND FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDING
20 WITH ALL DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDING. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A
22 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 26,
23 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
24 AGENDA. ON ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
25 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS

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1 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 26, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 35
2 THROUGH 45. ON PAGE 30, THIS INCLUDES A MISCELLANEOUS ADDITION
3 TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WAS POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE
4 OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
5 ITEM 43-C, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUEST THAT
6 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 43-G, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS
8 TO BE REFERRED BACK, THROUGH 43-G, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE
12 ORDER.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 31, BUDGET MATTER. ITEM 46 WILL BE
15 HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 32, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.
16 ITEM CS-1: THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS
21 FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH
22 5. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
23 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN
24 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
25 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
4 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
5 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
6 6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
7 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
8 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN:
9 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
10 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
11 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
12 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
13 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
14 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES
15 PER PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
17 ON ALL OF THE ITEMS, EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF
18 THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED,
19 WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
20 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL
21 BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM,
22 YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY
23 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF
24 WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL
25 GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO

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1 NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF
2 TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF THE YOUR TIME, AND
3 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU
4 ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR
5 SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
6 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT
7 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE
8 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
11 NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
12 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
13 QUEUE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THAT REMINDER IN SPANISH.
16 CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS STEPHANIE POCKHORSE.
19 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY,
20 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM
24 NUMBER 46, AND I AM IN FAVOR OF 46. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE
25 POCKHORSE. I AM A RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER WITH L.A.

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1 COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES IN RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
2 HAS TAKEN AN EXTRAORDINARY TOLL ON ME, MY FAMILY, AND MY
3 COWORKERS. NEARLY ALL THE WORKERS IN MY RESPIRATORY CARE UNIT
4 CONTRACTED C.O.V.I.D. AS A RESULT, I WOULD END UP WORKING
5 REGULAR 24-HOUR SHIFTS, LITERALLY TO COVER PATIENT CARE. EVERY
6 DAY, PATIENTS ON MY UNIT DIED. THE C.O.V.I.D. SURGE AROUND
7 CHRISTMAS WAS ESPECIALLY BRUTAL. PATIENTS' DEATHS DOUBLED,
8 TRIPLED, ALMOST OVERNIGHT. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER, BUT I SLEPT
9 IN A HOTEL FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD TO KEEP MY DAUGHTER SAFE
10 WHILE SHE STAYED WITH RELATIVES. THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF MY
11 PATIENTS, THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL EXHAUSTION, AND THE
12 ISOLATION FROM MY FAMILY HAS LEFT ME WITH P.T.S.D. PLEASE
13 RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT THE WORKERS WHO FOUGHT TO HOLD LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY TOGETHER DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND INCLUDE--

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULIE MARTINEZ. PLEASE STATE
20 THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND ALSO INCLUDE
21 IF YOU WISH TO INCLUDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES. I AM GOING TO BE COMMENTING ON 24, 26, 46, AND
24 GENERAL COMMENT. IN TERMS OF 24, I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO
25 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND JUST THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS

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1 FOR BEING A CHAMPION FOR WORKING PEOPLE. ALSO, HOPEFULLY, PART
2 OF THE RECOVERY SERVICES COULD INCLUDE RENT FORGIVENESS. AND
3 THANK YOU AGAIN, SOLIS. AND THE NEXT ITEM THAT I AM GOING TO
4 BE SPEAKING ON IS 26. AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S.B.
5 731, THE SUNSETTING CRIMINAL RECORDS. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT,
6 AS WELL. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COMMENT ON ITEM 46, AND
7 REQUEST THAT YOU FULLY FUND MEASURE J. AND IT IS EXTREMELY
8 IMPORTANT. MEASURE J WAS VOTED IN BY US IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
9 WE ARE VERY, VERY WORRIED THAT NOT ALL OF THE MONEY WILL BE
10 ALLOCATED TO MEASURE J, BUT IT REALLY SHOULD. AND IN TERMS OF
11 GENERAL COMMENT, I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT, AND I FEEL THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE CONFRONTED
13 WITH SHERIFF VILLANUEVA ASKING YOU FOR MORE MONEY AND MORE
14 FUNDING. I FOLLOW ALMOST ALL OF HIS TOWN HALLS, AND HE IS
15 MAKING THE ROUNDS ON TOWN HALLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND AT
16 EVERY OPPORTUNITY, HE MAKES DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CLAIMING THAT THEY DON'T GIVE HIM ENOUGH
18 MONEY TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY SAFE. I THINK THAT'S EXTREMELY
19 UNFAIR. IF YOU TOOK THE TIME TO SPEAK TO US IN THE COMMUNITY--
20 I HAPPEN TO BE IN BARGER'S DISTRICT. IF YOU SPOKE TO US, WE
21 COULD TELL YOU ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WASTE THAT
22 OCCURS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. FOR A SIMPLE STOP DURING
23 C.O.V.I.D., FOR EXPIRED TAGS, ONE PARTICULAR SHERIFF CALLED
24 BACKUP OF EIGHT SHERIFFS ON MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND MY
25 GRANDDAUGHTER. MY GRANDDAUGHTER BEGAN RECORDING IT, SO THEY

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1 PULLED HER PHONE FROM HER, AND THEY HANDCUFFED HER, AT THE AGE
2 OF 14. MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, BECAUSE OF SIMPLY EXPIRED TAGS, WAS
3 ASKED IF SHE WAS A DRUG DEALER, AND PROCEEDED TO CHECK HER
4 CAR. THEY FOUND NOTHING, OF COURSE, AND SHE HAD TO FIX IT, OF
5 COURSE. DURING C.O.V.I.D., IT IS NOT ALWAYS THAT EASY. BUT THE
6 FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UTILIZES MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF
7 CARS AND BACKUP IS A TOTAL WASTE OF TIME AND WASTE OF MONEY,
8 AT THE EXPENSE OF WORKING-CLASS FOLKS HERE IN THE COUNTY. I
9 WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS: A NEIGHBOR, A FAMILY FRIEND'S
10 NEIGHBOR, PULLED UP IN A \$120,000, BRAND-NEW R.V. WHEN THEY
11 ASKED HIM, "WOW, THAT IS PRETTY EXPENSIVE, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN
12 THIS EXPENSE?" HIS ANSWER WAS, "THE TAXPAYERS OF L.A. COUNTY,
13 BABY. THAT IS MY CASH COW." MY OVERTIME IS--

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BOB SCOONOVER. PLEASE STATE THE
19 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
20 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, I AM ADDRESSING NUMBER 7 AND PUBLIC COMMENT.
23 GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS NICE TO BE
24 HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 7. I WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE
25 BIT OF BACKGROUND. YOU KNOW, BEFORE I BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE

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1 UNION-- I AM NOW SERVING AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF S.E.I.U.
2 721-- I SPENT A LOT OF TIME AS A MECHANIC, WORKING ON
3 EQUIPMENT THAT PUBLIC WORKS USES. I WORKED FOR THE CITY OF LOS
4 ANGELES. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE PERHAPS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A
5 LIFETIME-- AND I KNOW THE BILL ISN'T PASSED YET-- AT THE
6 FEDERAL LEVEL, ON INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE HAVE TO PREPARE FOR
7 THIS IN A VERY EFFICIENT MANNER. AND, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE TO
8 IDENTIFY PROJECTS. YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO
9 LEASE OR PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, ALL OF THAT. BUT THE ONE THING
10 THAT IS REALLY TRULY IMPORTANT, AND THE ONE THING THAT WE CAN
11 GET STARTED ON IMMEDIATELY, IS THE HUMAN ELEMENT--

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THE HUMAN ELEMENT, IN ANY KIND OF
17 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, IS THE PERSONNEL THAT YOU HAVE. AND
18 YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT ON HIRING PEOPLE WHEN YOU HAVE A BIG
19 PROJECT LIKE THIS COMING AT YOU. YOU WANT TO HIRE THEM AS SOON
20 AS YOU CAN, AND I KNOW THEY HAVE OPEN POSITIONS. YOU WANT THEM
21 TO GAIN THE EXPERIENCE, FEEL COMFORTABLE, HAVE A GOOD WORKING
22 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE PEOPLE THEY ARE WORKING
23 WITH. SO I URGE SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 7, AND HIRING PEOPLE AS
24 SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. BYE.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS IVETTE ALE. PLEASE STATE THE
4 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
5 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **IVETTE ALE:** HI, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IVETTE ALE, WITH
8 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, HERE. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA
9 ITEMS 21, 22, 24, 31, 32, AND 46, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 FIRST, ON AGENDA ITEM 21, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON A.T.I., AND MOVING US
12 CLOSER TO M.C.J. CLOSURE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO
13 SET ASIDE COUNTY FUNDS FOR CARE FIRST CAPITAL PROJECTS,
14 PROJECTS LIKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE, AND
15 OTHER, SIMILAR CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN AND
16 COMMUNITY-INFORMED. HOWEVER, I STRONGLY OPPOSE USING THESE
17 FUNDS FOR MODIFICATION AND RENOVATION THAT EXPAND JAILS IN ANY
18 WAY, AND IN ANY CAPACITY. ANY MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE STRICTLY
19 LIMITED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT WITHOUT
20 EXPANSION, INCLUDING REJECTING ANY ADDITIONAL WING. WE
21 ABSOLUTELY CANNOT USE THESE FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT ANY NEW JAILS
22 OR EXPANSION. ADDITIONALLY, THE FASTEST WAY TO MORE
23 EFFECTIVELY IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT IS ACTUALLY
24 DECARCERATION. ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS SHOULD
25 PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT REDUCING

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1 JAIL POPULATION FIRST, RATHER THAN MODIFICATIONS AND
2 RENOVATIONS. ON AGENDA ITEM 22, I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION,
3 AND I URGE THE BOARD, TO FULLY REALIZE THE CARE FIRST VISION
4 FOR LOS ANGELES, IT MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AN ESTIMATED
5 20,000 INDIVIDUALS RELY ON INCOME GENERATED FROM THE CARCERAL
6 STATE: THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE
7 DON'T WANT FOLKS TO NOT HAVE JOBS, SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY
8 FOR THIS ESTABLISHED BODY TO ACTUALLY TAKE ON A LEADERSHIP
9 ROLE AND CREATE A JUST TRANSITION VISION FOR LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY THAT SHIFTS FUNDING AWAY FROM THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, AND
11 FREES UP DOLLARS SO WE CAN ACTUALLY SPEND THEM ON MEASURE J,
12 WHICH LEADS ME TO AGENDA ITEM 46. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE
13 COUNTY FULLY FUND MEASURE J, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS THE LETTER
14 OF THE LAW, BUT BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN SUFFERING
15 EXPONENTIALLY, DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT
16 ASPERITY ASIDE AND REALLY LOOK AT THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.
17 10 PERCENT SHOULD BE CLOSER TO \$966 MILLION, NOT THE \$100
18 MILLION ALLOCATION THAT THE C.E.O. HAS PUT BEFORE YOU. I URGE
19 YOU TO--

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

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24 **IVETTE ALE:** THANK YOU. I CALL ON YOU TO REJECT THE CURRENT
25 C.E.O.'S MISGUIDED ATTEMPT TO ALLOCATE A MEASLY \$100 MILLION

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1 FOR MEASURE J, AND REALLY FULLY FUND THIS MEASURE IN THE WAY
2 THAT IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE LAW. ON AGENDA ITEM 32, THE SUPREME
3 COURT DECISION ON HUMPHREY IMPLEMENTATION, THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, FOR REALLY BEING PROACTIVE ON
5 HUMPHREY IMPLEMENTATION. I URGE YOU TO REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT
6 HOW THIS BOARD CAN INFLUENCE S.B. 262, WHICH IS CURRENTLY, IN
7 THE STATE LEGISLATURE, BEING CONSIDERED: A ZERO-DOLLAR BAIL
8 BILL. WITH APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS THAT ACTUALLY REDUCE THE
9 POWER OF THE JUDICIARY, ACTUALLY REDUCE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC
10 MONITORING, WE CAN ACTUALLY CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES ON HUMPHREY
11 IMPLEMENTATION, AND HAVE THE IMPACT THAT L.A. COUNTY REALLY
12 NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO DECARCERATE AND CLOSE M.C.J. SO PLEASE
13 TAKE A LOOK AT S.B. 262, AND PLEASE ENGAGE COMMUNITY-BASED
14 EXPERTS ON PRETRIAL AS PART OF THIS PROCESS. ON AGENDA ITEM
15 31, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION--

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
21 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0. BUT DO NOT
22 PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
23 QUEUE. OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
24 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU
25 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I WILL SPEAK ON 21, 32, 46, 7, 8, CS-
3 1, AND I'LL DO THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO I'LL TAKE THE
4 TWO MINUTES AND THE ONE MINUTE. THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I
5 WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE IDEA OF HERO PAY, AND ALSO SUGGEST
6 THAT WE INCLUDE, IN THE FOLKS WHO COULD POSSIBLY RECEIVE HERO
7 PAY, THE VERY HARDWORKING EMPLOYEES OF AT&T, WHO AT THIS TIME,
8 WE HAVE LEARNED, ARE FOR THIS WORK OF PROVIDING SERVICE TO
9 THESE MEETINGS, ARE COMPENSATED \$386 AN HOUR, WHICH IS ALMOST
10 \$700,000 A YEAR. BUT THEY DO A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT JOB OF
11 KEEPING CRITICS OUT OF THE MIX FOR AT LEAST HALF THE TIME. AND
12 KUDOS TO SHEILA AND THE CHAIR FOR USING THE SPECIAL MEETING AS
13 A WEAPON. I THINK IT HAS GONE EXTREMELY WELL. ITEM 26, THANK
14 YOU, IS THE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE
15 SYSTEM TO SUNSET ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS, AND THIS COMES
16 FROM MS. DURAZO, SO THANK YOU. SHE HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING
17 JOB. AND THANKS TO SCOONOVER, BY THE WAY, FOR POPPING IN TO
18 STAFF UP FOR THE BIDEN PLAN. I DO THINK THAT INFRASTRUCTURE IS
19 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR TAKING SUCH A
20 LEADING ROLE IN GETTING READY FOR THAT. I WOULD ASK, IF IT IS
21 POSSIBLE, THAT WE DO A LITTLE WORK AT THE RED LINE UNIVERSAL
22 STATION, RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FROM WHAT HAS BECOME A
23 VIRTUAL LANDFILL AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARK-AND-RIDE UNDER
24 SHEILA'S LEADERSHIP. WE DO NEED TO OPEN THE RESTROOM. THE
25 REASON WHY IS VERY, VERY SIMPLE. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT

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1 FIGURED IT OUT ALREADY, THE PEOPLE WHO COMMUTE IN FROM THE
2 OUTER PARTS OF THE COUNTY TO THE CITY TO SERVICE VARIOUS
3 RESTAURANTS, BUSINESSES, PEOPLE, ET CETERA, NEED TO USE THE
4 TOILET. SO, I KNOW THAT MAYOR GARCETTI AND THE METRO BOARD ARE
5 BUSY FIGURING OUT HOW TO GET THE OLYMPICS PEOPLE-MOVING GOING,
6 BUT WE DO NEED TOILETS NEAR THE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE TRAVEL.
7 ONE GREAT IDEA WOULD BE TO OPEN AND UNLOCK THE DAMN DOOR WHERE
8 THERE IS AN EXISTING TOILET. THIS WOULD AVOID THE NEED TO PUT
9 IN ANY KIND OF TEMPORARY--

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
12 COMMENT.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** JUST ONE? OKAY, FINE. THE PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND
15 ENTITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN
16 ASKED TO COVER FOUR HOURS, MINIMUM, EACH WAY, TO GET A
17 VACCINE. AND I UNDERSTAND THE IDEA, BECAUSE WE WANT PEOPLE
18 VACCINATED. BUT BY GIVING A DAY OFF-- I JUST WANT TO DO A
19 LITTLE BIT OF MATH. WE KNOW WHAT THE COST OF A DAY OFF IS. AS
20 JANICE HAHN WILL RECALL, ONE COUNTY DAY OFF FOR ALL THE COUNTY
21 EMPLOYEES COSTS ABOUT \$11 MILLION. WE DID IT FOR GEORGE H. W.
22 BUSH, WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. IT WAS A MEASURE OF RESPECT, I
23 SUPPOSE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY HATED TRUMP AT THE TIME, INCLUDING
24 MYSELF. BUT IT WAS STILL A MISAPPROPRIATION, IN MY OPINION,
25 BECAUSE WE DON'T JUST HAND OUT DAYS OFF. WE HAVE WORK TO DO,

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1 AND WE ARE DOING A BAD TO MEDIUM-BAD JOB. ONE THING THAT WE
2 WOULD REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE, IF THE BOARD COULD SIMPLY
3 INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC RECORDS
4 THAT WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTING, BECAUSE IT IS TAKING AN
5 INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH WE ARE
6 ACTUALLY PAYING TO VARIOUS ENTITIES, AND--

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM ERIC-- I APOLOGIZE--
12 FROM KAVON WARD. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE
13 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **KAVON WARD:** HI. MY NAME IS KAVON WARD, AND I AM SPEAKING ON
17 AGENDA ITEMS 8 AND 9. I AM A MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT, AND I
18 AM THE FOUNDER OF JUSTICE FOR BRUCE'S BEACH. THANK YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR HEARING MY PROTESTS, AND FOR TAKING THE
20 NECESSARY STEPS, WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO RESTORE WHAT WAS
21 ONCE THE BRUCE FAMILY'S BEACHFRONT RESORT BACK TO THE BRUCE
22 FAMILY. TO THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO MAY BE ON THE FENCE
23 ABOUT VOTING YES ON MOTIONS 8 AND 9, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU
24 IMAGINE YOUR HOME, A PLACE FOR WHICH YOU'VE WORKED TIRELESSLY
25 TO EARN, BEING TAKEN FROM YOU. IMAGINE OWNING A FLOURISHING

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1 BUSINESS, ONE YOU WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH DURING THE TIME WHEN
2 PEOPLE LIKE YOU WERE RELEGATED TO WORKING FOR PEOPLE WHO
3 DEHUMANIZED, CRIMINALIZED, AND UNDERPAID YOU. IMAGINE
4 EXPERIENCING JOY, PRIDE, AND PURPOSE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE A
5 BEACON OF HOPE FOR A PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T CATCH A BREAK. THEN
6 IMAGINE BEING BLACK AS YOU ENDURED ALL OF THAT. AS YOU IMAGINE
7 ALL OF THAT, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL FEEL LIKE IN THE
8 FUTURE, AFTER REALIZING YOU VOTED NO TO MOTIONS 8 AND 9, AND
9 POSITIONED YOURSELF ON THE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY. THANK YOU,
10 AND I WOULD LIKE TO YIELD THE BALANCE OF MY TIME TO FOLKS
11 SPEAKING ON MOTIONS 8 AND 9.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ELLEN GEESEY. PLEASE
16 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU
17 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELLEN GEESEY. I AM A RESIDENT OF
20 DISTRICT 5. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 13, 21, 22, 24,
21 26, 30, 31, 32, 46, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE
22 TO STATE MY SUPPORT OF 13, 21, 22, 24, 26, 30, 31, AND "OTHER"
23 FOR 32, AS IT HAS SOME GOOD AND SOME BAD, AND STRONG
24 OPPOSITION OF 46, WHICH IS WHERE I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN. AS
25 THIS NEW FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET TAKES SHAPE, I URGE THE BOARD TO

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1 REASSESS THE C.E.O.'S CURRENT ANALYSIS, AND DIRECT THE OFFICE
2 OF THE C.E.O. TO MAKE THE FULL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MEASURE
3 J, BASED ON THE ENTIRE NET COUNTY COSTS, AND THE LANGUAGE OF
4 THE LAW. THE C.E.O. HAS ESTIMATED THAT THE FULL 10-PERCENT
5 ALLOCATION OF MEASURE J FUNDS WOULD BE \$300 MILLION OVER THE
6 NEXT THREE YEARS, AND ONLY \$100 MILLION THIS YEAR. I BELIEVE
7 THAT ANALYSIS THAT LED TO THIS NUMBER IS NOT ONLY FLAWED, BUT
8 REPRESENTS AN INTERPRETATION OF THE MEASURE THAT IS NOT
9 LEGALLY OR FISCALLY SOUND. TRUSTED ANALYSIS OF COUNTY FUNDS
10 HAS ESTIMATED THAT THE TRUE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE WOULD
11 APPROXIMATE \$966 MILLION, AND \$600 MILLION AT THE LOWEST
12 POSSIBLE END. A FISCAL ANALYSIS THAT ALLOCATES ANY LESS STANDS
13 FLATLY OPPOSED TO THE COUNTY'S CARE-FIRST VISION. STATE LAW
14 ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTY'S
15 CHARTER, AS AMENDED BY MEASURE J. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO
16 THAT, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE VOTED FOR THIS, WE VOTED WITH THOSE
17 FIGURES IN MIND, THAT \$600 MILLION TO \$966 MILLION. THIS IS
18 WHAT WE WERE ASKING BE ALLOCATED WHEN WE VOTED, BECAUSE BE
19 WERE SEEING THOSE NUMBERS. THEY WERE PUBLISHED IN THE L.A.
20 TIMES. THEY WERE PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON POST. I WOULD
21 LIKE TO UPLIFT MS. ALE'S COMMENT REGARDING 21. THEY SAID IT SO
22 WELL. I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD THERE. REGARDING ITEM 13,
23 THIS BOARD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD ON THE TRANSFORMATIVE
24 VISION OF A.T.I. BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS THROUGH

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1 NONPUNITIVE, COMMUNITY-INFORMED, AND CULTURALLY HUMBLE
2 PATHWAYS. SURVIVORS--

3

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** -- HAVE SO MUCH TO TEACH US ABOUT WHAT JUSTICE AND
8 HEALING LOOK LIKE FOR THEN, AND SURVIVORS OF ACTS THAT ARE
9 OFTEN CRIMINALIZED, SUCH AS SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER
10 HARM, THEFT, SEXUAL HARM, AMONG OTHERS. I'M CALLING ON COUNTY
11 LEADERSHIP TO USE APPROACHES TO ADDRESSING HARM THAT ARE
12 TRANSFORMATIVE AND CENTER ON SURVIVORS' HEALING. FOR MY
13 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO UPLIFT THE SECOND
14 CALLER TODAY. I BELIEVE HER NAME WAS JULIE, THE ONE SPEAKING
15 ABOUT HER 14-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER WHO WAS HANDCUFFED FOR
16 RECORDING THE POLICE, TO MAKE SURE THAT HER MOTHER WASN'T
17 KILLED IN FRONT OF HER EYES DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP.
18 THIS SOUNDS ALL TOO FAMILIAR, AND IT IS TIME WE STOPPED
19 HEARING THESE STORIES. THIS IDEA THAT THE POLICE ARE TO
20 PROTECT US IS AN ANTIQUATED AND DANGEROUS IDEA. WE KNOW THAT
21 THEY DO NOT PROTECT US. WHAT THEY DO IS WORK TO ADD ENOUGH
22 MONEY TO THEIR POCKETS THAT THEY CAN PAY OVERTIME SUFFICIENT
23 TO BUY A \$120,000 R.V.

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM IMANI WILKINSON. PLEASE
5 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU
6 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS
9 IMANI WILKINSON, AS STATED. I REPRESENT DISTRICT THREE, AND I
10 WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 8 AND 9. CAN I BEGIN?

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IN THEIR QUEST TOWARDS A MORE
16 JUST LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AGAIN, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS TIME TO
17 IMPLORE MY SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT 3, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL,
18 TO JUMP ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS BY VOTING
19 YES ON ITEM 8. ITEM 8 WOULD BE THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH TO
20 THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS, AND FOR THE COUNTY TO BEGIN PLANNING TO
21 RETURN BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE BRUCE FAMILY DESCENDANTS, AS WELL
22 FOR SHEILA KUEHL TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 9, WHICH IS THE L.A.
23 COUNTY TO SPONSOR SENATE BILL 796, WHICH WOULD REMOVE THE
24 STATE RESTRICTIONS ON BRUCE'S BEACH, AND ALLOW IT TO BE
25 RIGHTFULLY TRANSFERRED TO THE BRUCE FAMILY DESCENDANTS. I JUST

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1 WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN IN LOS ANGELES FOR 10 YEARS NOW,
2 AND I REMEMBER SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE WHEN I FIRST
3 MOVED HERE. WE LOOKED EVERYWHERE. I AM A WATER BABY. I AM A
4 FORMER COMPETITIVE SWIMMER, SO WE ENJOY COASTAL LIVING, AND I
5 WAS STUNNED TO SEE JUST HOW EXPENSIVE IT WAS. I MEAN, I'D
6 HEARD ALL THE STORIES, BUT DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT. I
7 REMEMBER TALKING TO MY COUSIN AND TELLING HER ALL THE PLACES I
8 WOULD LOVE TO LIVE, AND SHE GIGGLED. IT WASN'T THE GIGGLE WITH
9 ANGER, OR ANY OF THAT, BUT IT WAS A REMARKABLE GIGGLE. AND SHE
10 WENT ON TO INFORM ME OF THE HISTORY OF INKWELL BEACH AND
11 BRUCE'S BEACH HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND AT THE TIME, I WAS NOT
12 SURPRISED OR ANGERED, EITHER. BUT IN RESEARCHING MORE AND
13 LEARNING MORE ABOUT IT, OF COURSE, OVER TIME, THAT CHANGES. SO
14 I JUST WANTED TO LET MY SUPERVISORS KNOW--

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF
19 YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, YOU MAY PRESS 1 AND THEN 0. BUT
20 DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU'LL BE REMOVED FROM
21 QUEUE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NOW WE WILL HEAR THE REMINDER IN SPANISH.

24 [SPANISH TRANSLATION.]

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DAVID GREEN. PLEASE STATE THE
4 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
5 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **DAVID GREEN:** ADDRESSING ITEM 46. MY NAME IS DAVID GREEN, AND
8 I'M A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
9 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. FOR MORE THAN A YEAR NOW, THE MEMBERS OF
10 S.E.I.U., YOUR EMPLOYEES, HAVE FACED DAUNTING CHALLENGES AND
11 SERIOUS DANGERS. HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE WITNESSED
12 UNIMAGINABLE SUFFERING, AND HAVE FOUGHT TO SAVE LIVES BY
13 PUTTING THEIR OWN LIVES AND THEIR FAMILIES' LIVES AT RISK.
14 DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS HAVE TAKEN ON ENTIRELY NEW DUTIES, IN
15 DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR OUR
16 COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE. OFFICE WORKERS HAVE STRUGGLED TO
17 PERFORM THEIR REGULAR DUTIES REMOTELY, WHILE MULTITASKING AS
18 PARENT, TEACHER, FOOD SERVICE WORKER, AND COUNSELOR. S.E.I.U.
19 MEMBERS HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PERSONAL SACRIFICES. AS ESSENTIAL
20 WORKERS, WE HAVE RISEN TO THE OCCASION AND HELPED LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY TO GET THROUGH THIS AWFUL PANDEMIC. SO YOU'LL BE
22 HEARING A FEW OF OUR STORIES, BUT THERE ARE THOUSANDS JUST
23 LIKE THEM. WE HAVE DONE OUR PART. TODAY, WE ARE CALLING ON YOU
24 TO DO YOURS. RECOGNIZE, APPRECIATE, AND COMPENSATE YOUR

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1 WORKERS FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE, AND WHAT WE DO EVERY DAY. THANK
2 YOU VERY MUCH.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MELISSA PENSLEY. PLEASE STATE
7 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I
11 WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 8 AND 9, REGARDING BRUCE'S BEACH. AND
12 I AM FOR RETURNING THE BEACH TO THE FAMILY, BECAUSE THIS IS SO
13 IMPORTANT. AND IF YOU VOTE NO ON THIS, YOU ARE CONTINUING TO
14 UPHOLD VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST THE BLACK COMMUNITY. REMOVING
15 PEOPLE FROM THEIR LAND IS VIOLENCE, AS WAS STATED BEFORE. IT'S
16 JUST... IF IT'S NEVER HAPPENED TO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY, YOU
17 GENUINELY CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS. AND RIGHT NOW,
18 YOU ALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO SET THIS RIGHT, AND DO THE RIGHT
19 THING. THIS LAND WAS STOLEN BECAUSE OF RACISM, AND THERE'S A
20 TRACK RECORD PROVING THAT THAT WAS THE CASE, AND THE ONLY
21 THING KEEPING IT FROM BEING RETURNED IS RACISM. SO WE HAVE AN
22 AMAZING OPPORTUNITY WHERE YOU CAN VOTE AND SEE YOUR NAMES IN
23 HISTORY BOOKS, BECAUSE THIS IS A FIRST REAL OPPORTUNITY OF
24 GENUINE REPARATIONS THAT ARE ACTIONABLE, THAT THERE'S A CLEAR
25 PATH, AND IF YOU VOTE YES FOR THIS, YOU CAN BE THE ONES THAT

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1 STARTED THE CHAIN THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES CAN SEE, TO HELP TO
2 GET PEOPLE, THEIR COMMUNITY BACK, A CHANCE FOR US ALL TO BE
3 ABLE TO HAVE OUR HOMES AND HAVE OUR PLACES WHERE WE CAN BELONG
4 AND NOT FEEL LIKE WE ARE "OTHERED." AND IT'S REALLY
5 EMBARRASSING, I THINK, THE FACT THAT IT WAS EARLIER VOTED TO
6 NOT EVEN APOLOGIZE. I MEAN, FIRST, AN APOLOGY IS THE EASIEST
7 THING YOU CAN DO, AND WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HOLD OURSELVES
8 ACCOUNTABLE. FOR EVEN IF WE, PERSONALLY, DIDN'T DO IT A
9 HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE PEOPLE WHO CAME BEFORE US DID, AND WE
10 NEED TO APOLOGIZE. AND WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD, AND WE NEED TO
11 DO MORE THAN OUR INSTALLATION. I, PERSONALLY, AM AN ARTIST. I
12 LOVE ART. I THINK IT IS SO IMPORTANT. BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO
13 SPEND \$350,000, DO SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO ACTUALLY PUT
14 MONEY IN PEOPLE'S POCKETS, SO THAT THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD,
15 INSTEAD OF A REMINDER THAT'S JUST KIND OF LIKE A SOCIAL MEDIA
16 PROFILE PICTURE TURNED ALL BLACK. THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
17 THERE IS NO ACTION TO IT. IT IS JUST SOMETHING MEANINGLESS
18 THAT REMINDS US THAT NO ONE IS ACTUALLY GOING TO DO ANYTHING
19 TO HELP OTHERS.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
22 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM KEVIN MURRAY. PLEASE
2 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER
3 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **KEVIN MURRAY:** I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 46 AND GENERAL COMMENT. MY
6 NAME IS KEVIN MURRAY. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE
7 WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION. WE DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
8 AND WE OPERATE INTERIM HOUSING, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY OPENED
9 HILDA SOLIS CARE FIRST VILLAGE, JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN. AND I
10 JUST WANT TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED, AND WANT TO
11 PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZE THE ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT ARE GOING TO
12 MEASURE H FUNDING, AND TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF INTERIM
13 HOUSING BEDS AND MOTEL VOUCHERS. I AM FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF
14 ITEM 46. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DAVID FORD. PLEASE STATE THE
19 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **DAVID FORD:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
23 BOARD. MY NAME IS DAVID FORD, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER OF
24 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
25 SHARE A FEW REMARKS ON THE MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, RELATED TO ITEM 10, AND GENERAL
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. S.C.E. COMMENDS THE COUNTY'S THOUGHTFUL
3 APPROACH TO SUPPORT ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE ADOPTION AND
4 ACCELERATED CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT. WE SUPPORT THE
5 COUNTY'S FOCUS ON ENSURING ACCESS TO E.V. CHARGING
6 INFRASTRUCTURES IN COMMUNITIES WITH MORE MODEST MEANS, OR
7 STATE-DESIGNATED DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, WHO ARE HEAVILY
8 IMPACTED BY POLLUTION FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES, AND ARE MOST
9 VULNERABLE TO ITS EFFECTS. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY'S
10 CONSIDERATION OF CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT TO SUPPORT
11 MORE MEDIUM AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES. MEDIUM AND
12 HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES ARE OUR LARGEST SOURCE OF AIR POLLUTION.
13 ELECTRIFYING THOSE VEHICLES WILL LEAD TO A GREATER GAIN IN AIR
14 POLLUTION REDUCTION. THE COUNTY HAS ALSO TAKEN ANOTHER
15 IMPORTANT STEP TODAY BY APPROVING A CLEAN-FUEL SUSTAINABLE
16 FLEET POLICY THAT REQUIRES ALL NEW COUNTY VEHICLES TO BE ZERO
17 EMISSION. AS ALWAYS, S.C.E. IS READY TO PARTNER--

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

21
22 **DAVID FORD:** AS ALWAYS, S.C.E. IS READY TO PARTNER WITH THE
23 COUNTY ON THIS IMPORTANT WORK, AND LEND OUR ASSISTANCE TO THIS
24 VERY IMPORTANT CAUSE. THANK YOU.

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM REGGIE CLARK. PLEASE
4 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
5 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAM
8 CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF
9 ITEM 46, WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. AS I MENTIONED, MY NAME IS
10 REGGIE CLARK. I AM REPRESENTING VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA. I WANT
11 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING A CHAMPION IN SUPPORT OF
12 HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY THE
13 PROJECT LIKE THE HILDA SOLIS CARE FIRST VILLAGE, AND
14 RECUPERATIVE CARE. OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS NEED A COMPREHENSIVE
15 CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT INCREASES THE NUMBER OF BEDS FOR FOLKS
16 WITH LEVELS OF MENTAL HEALTH NEED. WE NEED PROJECTS LIKE THIS
17 ACROSS THE FIRST DISTRICT. ALSO, JUST WANT TO TAKE NOTICE TO
18 THE FACT THAT, WITH INTERIM HOUSING IN PROJECT ROOMKEY AND
19 PROJECT HOMEKEY, WE HAVE A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE
20 EXPERIENCING HEALTH CONDITIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT
21 OUR STAFF IS NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS, BASED ON THE NEEDS. SO I AM
22 DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 46.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LYNNE ABRAHAM. PLEASE STATE THE
3 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
4 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **LYNNE ABRAHAM-PULLIAM:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 46. HELLO,
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LYNNE ABRAHAM-PULLIAM. I'M A
8 HUMAN SERVICES AIDE AT THE EL MONTE OFFICE FOR THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. A LARGE PART OF OUR WORK IS
10 SUPERVISING AND TRANSPORTING CHILDREN, UNDER THE JURISDICTION
11 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN OUR
12 PERSONAL VEHICLES TO COURT-ORDERED SUPERVISED VISITS. ALSO,
13 DURING THE PANDEMIC, TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO THEIR C.O.V.I.D.
14 TESTING AND/OR QUARANTINE LOCATIONS, IF THEY WERE EXPOSED TO
15 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND ARE POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS FORCED
16 US ON THE FRONT LINES AND UNDER CONSTANT, UNAVOIDABLE RISK, AS
17 D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEES. YOU CAN SEE WHY WE AND SIMILAR UNION STAFF
18 HAVE BEEN HIGHLY STRESSED ON OUR JOBS, NOT ONLY FOR OUR
19 HEALTH, BUT ALSO FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR FAMILIES
20 AT HOME. SUPERVISORS, PLEASE GIVE D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEES THE
21 RESPECT THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SAN HU. PLEASE STATE THE
2 REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND IF YOU WILL ADDRESS
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I WILL ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 26. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME
6 IS SAN HU, AND I'M THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CROSSROADS UNITED
7 METHODIST CHURCH, LOCATED IN COMPTON, AS WELL AS THE
8 CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER FOR CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY
9 AND JUSTICE. I WANT TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
10 MITCHELL FOR THIS MOTION TO SUPPORT S.B. 731, ALSO KNOWN AS
11 SUNSET, WHICH IS GOING TO HELP REMOVE LEGAL BARRIERS FOR
12 MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS. FAR TOO MANY CALIFORNIANS ARE
13 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF OLD CONVICTIONS, WHICH REALLY
14 SERVE NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN CONTINUE PUNISHMENT. THESE
15 CALIFORNIANS HAVE SERVED THEIR SENTENCES, PAID THEIR DEBT, AND
16 HAVE REMAINED CRIME-FREE, YET THEY ARE STILL BARRED FROM
17 ECONOMIC HOUSING, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND ESSENTIALLY
18 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE WANT TO
19 ASK THAT-- WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS. WE ASK THAT ALL OF THE
20 SUPERVISORS WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS. IT WILL HELP MILLIONS
21 TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT, HELP THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR
22 COMMUNITIES, AND NOT BE LOOKED AT AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS--

23

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MICHAEL LYNN. PLEASE STATE THE
3 AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL SPEAK TOWARDS, AND IF YOU WILL ADDRESS
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL LYNN, AND I WOULD
7 JUST LIKE TO GO STRAIGHT TO GENERAL COMMENT. THE MAIN THING I
8 WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IS HOW THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN KEEPING L.A.
10 COUNTY SHUT DOWN FOR THE PAST 13 MONTHS. IT IS PRETTY
11 OUTRAGEOUS. ALL THESE SMALL BUSINESSES, THEY'RE GOING OUT OF
12 BUSINESS. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN LOSING TAX REVENUES DUE TO THESE
13 SHUTDOWNS, AND THE HARM THAT IS BEING INFLICTED IS
14 IMMEASURABLE, AND IT IS-- YOU KNOW, IT IS INSANE. PEOPLE HAVE
15 BEEN LOSING THEIR LIVELIHOODS DUE TO SOMETHING WITH A 99.8
16 PERCENT SURVIVAL RATE. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THESE
17 SHUTDOWNS. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN BY SCIENCE. AND AS FAR AS THESE
18 SMALL BUSINESSES GO, THE HARASSMENT OF THESE SMALL BUSINESSES
19 BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNCONSCIONABLE. THESE POOR
20 PEOPLE ARE JUST WORKING FAMILIES, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO RUN A
21 BUSINESS, TRYING TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES, PAY THE BILLS. AND
22 SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO--

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM PAULINE--

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WOW. THAT WASN'T THREE MINUTES. THAT WASN'T EVEN ONE
5 MINUTE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
8 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS 8 AND 9, AND YES, PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

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

13

14 **PAULINE OGHENEKOHWO:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS
15 PAULINE OGHENEKOHWO. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, BETTER KNOWN AS
17 L.A.C.A.A.E.A. I AM GLAD TO BE SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE
18 GREAT OPPORTUNITY THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS TO RETURN
19 BRUCE'S BEACH TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS. THIS IS A HISTORICAL
20 TRAGEDY UPON THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY AND ITS GENERATIONAL
21 WEALTH. IN 1912-- AND IT IS NOW 2021. OVER 109 YEARS AGO.
22 THINK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT THAT. 109 YEARS. THAT HAS BEEN A LONG
23 TIME OF SUFFERING. THE BRUCE COUPLE PURCHASED TWO LOTS ALONG
24 THE STRAND IN MANHATTAN BEACH, AND THEY MOVED WEST AS PART OF
25 THE GREAT MIGRATION, LIKE SO MANY OTHER AFRICAN-AMERICAN

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1 SETTLERS, SEEKING WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN DREAM. SEEING
2 A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, THE BRUCES DECIDED TO TURN THEIR
3 LOCATION INTO A SEASIDE RESORT TO WELCOME OTHER AFRICAN-
4 AMERICAN BEACHGOERS FROM ALL OTHER AREAS OF LOS ANGELES. THE
5 ESTABLISHMENT BECAME WELL KNOWN AS BRUCE'S BEACH, AND AS
6 POPULARITY GREW, THE RESIDING WHITE RESIDENTS BEGAN TO REACT
7 WITH HOSTILITY AND RACISM. THEY BEGAN PUTTING UP FAKE "NO
8 TRESPASSING" SIGNS AROUND THIS PROPERTY, AND CUT OFF THE
9 RESORT GUESTS, AS THEY BEGAN TO HARASS AND HARASS THE GUESTS
10 THAT WERE ATTENDING. THE WHITE RESIDENTS PRESSURED THE LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, ABOUT THE--

12

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

15

16 **PAULINE OGHENEKOHWO:** IN 1924, THE WHITE REAL-ESTATE AGENTS AND
17 THE CIVIL LEADERS IN THE COUNCIL OF MANHATTAN BEACH VOTED TO
18 CONDEMN THE BRUCE BEACH, AND THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL. THE BRUCE
19 FAMILY FOUGHT BACK IN COURT, BUT WAS DEFEATED. AND IN 1929,
20 THE COURT AWARDED THEIR PROPERTY TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH,
21 THROUGH EMINENT DOMAIN. IN 1966, THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
22 FINALLY BUILT A PARK ON THE LAND. THE COUNTY ACQUIRED THE LAND
23 THAT WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE IN 1912.
24 NOW, AS A RESULT, THE COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECTIFY
25 THIS HISTORICAL WRONG. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY OF

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1 LOS ANGELES IS NOW IN A POSITION TO RIGHT THIS WRONG, RETURN
2 THE LAND BACK--

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM VIVIAN ARLINE. PLEASE
8 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU
9 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS VIVIAN ARLINE, AND I WILL BE
12 ADDRESSING NUMBER 46. I AM IN FAVOR. I AM AN ADOPTION
13 ASSISTANT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.
14 SO, DURING THE PANDEMIC, I VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE AS A DISASTER
15 SERVICE WORKER FOR THE PROJECT ROOMKEY, WHICH SERVES THE
16 HOMELESS DISADVANTAGED. I HELPED OUT 80 PEOPLE, IN THEIR OWN
17 UNIQUE WAYS. THEY CAME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, AND MY
18 EXPERIENCE REALLY OPENED UP MY HEART TO SHARE MY OWN
19 EXPERIENCES. WE MUST HAVE COMPASSION FOR OUR FELLOW AMERICANS
20 WHO HAVE TAKEN A FALL IN THEIR LIFE, ESPECIALLY DURING A TIME
21 AS THIS. WE NEED THE SAFETY NET TO BE THERE FOR THEM, ALSO.
22 THEY NEED OUR HELP. THIS PANDEMIC WAS AS REAL FOR THEM AS IT
23 WAS FOR US, AND IT WAS VERY REAL FOR ME. TWO OF MY FAMILY
24 MEMBERS CONTRACTED C.O.V.I.D., AND THEY SURVIVED. BUT AS WE

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1 KNOW, MORE THAN A HALF OF A MILLION OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS
2 DID NOT SURVIVE. THIS FACT WAS NOT--

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM CHARLES CASTRO. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL SPEAK TOWARDS, AND IF
9 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **CHARLES CASTRO:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS
12 IS ITEM 46. MY NAME IS CHARLES CASTRO. I'M A GROUND
13 MAINTENANCE WORKER AT L.A. COUNTY PARK AND RECS, AND I FEEL
14 STRONGLY THAT ESSENTIAL WORKERS DESERVE HERO PAY FOR ALL. WE
15 HAVE NEVER STOPPED WORKING SINCE DAY ONE OF THIS PANDEMIC. FOR
16 WORKERS LIKE ME, THAT MEANT NONSTOP RESTROOM CLEANING IN THE
17 PARKS. WE DIDN'T KNOW IF PATRONS WERE SICK. THIS INCLUDES THE
18 HOMELESS, WHO USE THE RESTROOM SINKS TO CLEAN THEIR CLOTHES
19 AND OTHER PROPERTY. ONE OF MY COWORKERS GOT C.O.V.I.D. AND
20 DIED A FEW MONTHS AGO. ANOTHER GOT SICK A FEW WEEKS AGO. AND
21 WE WERE ALL WORKING CLOSE TO THEM, AND WE STILL KEEP WORKING.
22 WHEN MY WHOLE FAMILY GOT SICK, I LEFT GROCERIES ON THE PORCH
23 FOR THEM. NO FACE-TO-FACE VISITS WERE POSSIBLE, EVER. MY JOB
24 MADE THAT TOO RISKY. AT PARK AND RECS, WE ARE PART OF A

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1 MASSIVE SAFETY NET KEEPING L.A. TOGETHER. WE DIDN'T WALK ALONE
2 THROUGH THE FIRE OF--

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM SANDRA DELTRAN. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND IF YOU
9 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 46, WHICH I AGREE
12 WITH. MY NAME IS SANDRA DELTRAN. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.
13 I'M A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE E.R. AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL
14 CENTER. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE MORNING ON THE OVERHEAD PAGE,
15 WHEN I HEARD "CODE BLUE" IN FRONT OF THE E.R. WE ALL RAN
16 OUTSIDE TO FIND A WOMAN DEAD IN HER CAR DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. THIS
17 HAPPENED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC, WHEN P.P.E. WAS IN
18 SHORT SUPPLY, KEPT LOCKED IN THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE, AND
19 RATIONED. WITHOUT REGARD TO OUR OWN SAFETY, DOCTORS AND NURSES
20 REACHED IN, GRABBED THE WOMAN, AND STARTED C.P.R. I REMEMBER
21 RUNNING FAST FOR P.P.E. MASKS, STARTED PASSING IT OUT TO
22 PROTECT EVERYONE. SHE DIED. WE COULDN'T SAVE HER. BUT TIME
23 AFTER TIME, WE SAW PEOPLE DIE, AND WE NEVER STOPPED CARING FOR
24 OUR PATIENTS, AND FIGHTING FOR THEM. WE WERE NOT HAVING ANY
25 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, COULDN'T SEE OUR FAMILIES DUE TO EXPOSURE

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1 TO C.O.V.I.D., AND YET WE HELD OUR COMMUNITY AND THIS COUNTY
2 TOGETHER. I'M GRATEFUL FOR MY COLLEAGUES. PLEASE, SUPERVISORS,
3 RECOGNIZE YOUR HEROES. I ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT
4 YOUR HEROES, THE ONES THAT HELD OUR COMMUNITY AND THIS COUNTY
5 TOGETHER, THE ONES THAT HELD PATIENTS' HANDS AS THEY DIED, THE
6 ONES THAT WENT TO WORK WHILE THE WORLD STAYED HOME. WHO WILL
7 ADVOCATE FOR US TO BE COMPENSATED--

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM NORMA QUINONES. PLEASE
13 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND IF YOU
14 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **NORMA QUINONES:** HI. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 46, AND PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. AGAIN, MY NAME IS NORMA QUINONES. I REPRESENT SAN
19 GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS FOR CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FOR THE YOUTH, OUR PROGRAM,
21 [INAUDIBLE]. YOUTH JOBS ARE AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT COMPONENT
22 OF OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY FOR LOW-INCOME BLACK AND BROWN
23 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY UNDERFUNDED. AS THE
24 BOARD CONSIDERS WAYS TO BUILD OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE, YOUTH JOBS
25 MUST REMAIN A PRIORITY. THIS IS WHY I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF

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1 FUNDING THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

2 HAVE A GREAT DAY.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM RALPH LINGAD. PLEASE
7 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
8 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** MADAM, BOARD SUPERVISORS, MY S.E.I.U. BROTHERS AND
11 SISTERS, AND MY COUNTY COWORKERS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
12 RALPH LINGAD. I AM A PHYSICAL THERAPY SUPERVISOR AT OLIVE VIEW
13 MEDICAL CENTER, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA 46. I WOULD JUST
14 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE HARD WORK OF OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER
15 REHAB SERVICES MEN AND WOMEN, WHO SAW THE BIG PICTURE AND GOT
16 THE JOB DONE. THEY WERE WILLING TO WORK THE FRONT LINES, OR
17 BEHIND THE SCENES, AND DO WHATEVER WAS ASKED OF THEM, BECAUSE
18 THEY CARED AND THEY LIKE WHAT THEY DO. IN THE BEGINNING OF THE
19 PANDEMIC, WHEN MANY OUTPATIENT SERVICES LIKE OURS WERE
20 SEVERELY CUT BACK OR TEMPORARILY CLOSED, OUR HOSPITAL CALLED,
21 LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR OUR
22 FRONT-LINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS. A BUNCH OF US JUMPED IN AND
23 CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE FRONT-
24 LINERS. WE THREW OURSELVES INTO THE TASK OF COMING UP WITH NEW
25 WAYS TO KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE, BUSY, AND ENGAGED. AROUND

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1 APRIL, WE STARTED GETTING REFERRALS FROM OUR C.O.V.I.D. UNIT,
2 ASKING FOR THERAPY SERVICES. MANY OF US WERE FEARFUL, AND NO
3 ONE KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT. BUT WE CAME UP WITH A BUDDY SYSTEM
4 AND TRAINING METHODS TO OVERCOME THE FEAR, AND BE ABLE TO
5 FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE DIFFERENCE THAT WE CAN MAKE IN THE
6 COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE. THESE ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OLIVE
7 VIEW. THEY SAW THE BIG PICTURE AND GOT THE JOB DONE.

8

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** AND THE L.A. COUNTY WORKERS UNDERSTAND THAT THE JOB
13 IS NOT YET DONE. YOU KNOW THAT THE ROAD AHEAD IS HARD, AND THE
14 DAYS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LONG. AND SO WE ASK YOU, OUR BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, TO HELP US MARCH FORWARD, AND HELP US LEAD THE
16 WAY. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM RAFFI NAZARIAN. PLEASE
21 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
22 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 11. MY NAME
25 IS RAFFI NAZARIAN, WITH A.A.R.P. CALIFORNIA, AGAIN, CALLING TO

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1 SPEAK REGARDING ITEM 11. A.A.R.P. CALIFORNIA SUPPORTED A
2 FEASIBILITY STUDY A COUPLE YEARS AGO, AND WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE
3 THIS MOVING FORWARD. WE BELIEVE THAT A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT
4 OF AGING WILL PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES NEEDED BY OLDER
5 ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND IT ALIGNS WITH THE MASTER
6 PLAN FOR AGING. A.A.R.P. CALIFORNIA LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING
7 WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE CREATION OF A STANDALONE
8 DEPARTMENT OF AGING. WE THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD
9 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM CARMEN REYES. PLEASE
14 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER
15 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **CARMEN REYES:** I WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON
18 ITEM 11. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CARMEN REYES,
19 U.C.L.A., DIVISION OF GERIATRICS, AND L.A.C.O.A. COMMISSIONER,
20 FOURTH DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION
21 TO ESTABLISH A STANDALONE AGING DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A BOLD,
22 HISTORIC MOVE, IN TERMS OF THE WELLBEING OF THE COUNTY'S
23 DIVERSE AND GROWING AGING POPULATION. FOR ME, YOUR BOARD
24 DECISION TO BRING AGING TO THE FOREFRONT, AS AN EQUAL ENTITY
25 WITHIN THE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE, IS CRITICAL, [INAUDIBLE] TO

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1 OUR FUTURE. IT WILL DRIVE A LONG-OVERDUE ORGANIZATIONAL RESET,
2 ELEVATING AGING-RELATED ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS WITHIN THE
3 LARGEST AND MOST POPULATED AND DIVERSE COUNTY IN THE STATE.
4 YOUR INVESTMENT TODAY WILL ENSURE THE FUTURE TRANSFORMATION OF
5 AN ANTIQUATED STRUCTURE, BRINGING IT INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, TO
6 LEAD AND SHAPE OUR FUTURE AS WE AGE, BETTER UNDERSTAND WHO WE
7 SERVE, AND ENSURE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUSION, AND
8 EQUITY.

9

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

12

13 **CARMEN REYES:** THANK YOU. RETOOL THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF OLDER
14 ADULT SERVICES, BUILD KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY TOWARD SOLUTIONS,
15 AND ALIGN AND ADVANCE AGING LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, LIKE THE
16 MASTER PLAN, LIKE VERY MUCH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DO IN
17 THEIR OWN FIELD, AND RESPECTIVELY SO. ALL THIS IS SUPPORTED BY
18 TIMELY, APPROPRIATE DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH, AND ANALYTICS.
19 I SUPPORT THE BOARD'S VISION FOR A NEW AGING DEPARTMENT,
20 SETTING A HIGH STANDARD DEDICATED TO OUR HEALTH, SAFETY,
21 WELLBEING, AS WE AGE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND YOUR
22 GREAT STAFF.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM PORTIA BROOM. PLEASE
2 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER
3 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 46. MY NAME IS PORTIA BROOM, AND I
6 WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS A SENIOR TYPIST
7 CLERK. WHEN THE OUTBREAK BEGAN, MY DAUGHTERS WERE 6 AND 7, AND
8 I WAS 5 MONTHS PREGNANT WITH MY THIRD CHILD. AS THE WORLD SHUT
9 DOWN, I HAD TO SERVE AS MY DAUGHTERS' TEACHER, LUNCH LADY, AND
10 MOM, ALL DAY, EVERY DAY, WHILE ALSO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY WHILE WORKING REMOTELY. MY DEPARTMENT HAD TO
12 JUMP IN AND FIGHT THE PANDEMIC, WHICH MEANT CALLING MORE THAN
13 200 FACILITIES DAILY TO REQUEST NEEDED INFORMATION, CONDUCT
14 C.O.V.I.D. SURVEYS, AND FIELDING A HUGE NUMBER OF CALLS FROM
15 HOSPITALS AND PATIENTS, MOST OF THEM COMPLAINTS FROM SCARED
16 AND FRUSTRATED PEOPLE. STRESSFUL DAYS AT WORK THEN
17 TRANSITIONED TO STRESSFUL NIGHTS AT HOME. I WAS NOT ABLE TO
18 HELP MY KIDS WITH SCHOOLWORK DURING THE DAY, SO WE WOULD END
19 UP BEING UP ALL NIGHT TILL MIDNIGHT, EVERY NIGHT, SO THAT THEY
20 WOULD NOT FALL BEHIND. EVENTUALLY, I HAD TO BE MONITORED BY MY
21 DOCTORS, BECAUSE I EXPERIENCED CONTRACTIONS. THIS HAS BEEN A
22 CHALLENGING, TEARFUL, EXHAUSTING YEAR FOR MY FAMILY, BUT
23 THROUGH IT ALL, MYSELF AND MY COWORKERS HAVE SERVED THE PEOPLE
24 OF OUR COUNTY WITH GRACE UNDER FIRE. THE COUNTY MUST RECOGNIZE
25 AND SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE SACRIFICES OF OUR--

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** THIS COMMENT COMES FROM JOSEPH MAIZLISH. PLEASE
6 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND IF YOU
7 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 21, 46, AND A FEW
10 OTHERS, AND I WILL LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE, RATHER THAN MAKE
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. IN 2014, VANIR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT'S
12 CANDACE ROBERTS INTRODUCED THE REVISION OF THEIR 2013
13 CONSTRUCTION PLAN TO REPLACE M.C.J. SHE SAID, "THE QUESTION
14 BECOMES, REPLACE IT WITH WHAT?" YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, AND THE
15 PUBLIC ARE EMBARKED ON ANSWERING THAT QUESTION WITH PROGRAMS,
16 SERVICES, DIVERSION, AND PREVENTION, BASED ON CREATING SOCIAL
17 HEALTH AND EARLY INTERVENTION, RATHER THAN BASED ON THREAT.
18 SEVERAL OF TODAY'S ITEMS HEAD US IN THAT DIRECTION:
19 RECOGNITION OF THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS AND OF PEOPLE REENTERING
20 FROM INCARCERATION, RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF MONEY BAIL,
21 INCREASE IN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AND OTHERS. WILL THEY
22 RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION WE ALL NEED?
23 TO GET THERE, WE NEED YOU, AND YOU NEED US. AND THAT BRINGS ME
24 TO ITEM 46, PRELIMINARY BUDGET. THE PUBLIC HAS HAD ABOUT 24
25 HOURS TO EXAMINE VOLUME 1, 498 PAGES, AND VOLUME 2, 489 PAGES.

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1 IF IT'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO RECEIVE A VOTE TODAY, WHETHER
2 PRELIMINARY OR NOT, THERE OUGHT TO BE A DISCERNIBLE GOOD-FAITH
3 EFFORT TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO
4 EXAMINE AND COMMENT. THIS IS PART OF A MORE GENERAL PROBLEM.
5 MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN LEGISLATORS, WITH EXPERIENCE HOLDING
6 HEARINGS DURING DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS, BUT NOT HERE. THANK
7 YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE WORK GROUPS, LIKE
8 A.T.I., PROBATION REVISION, YOUTH JUSTICE, AND NOW THE MOVE
9 FROM M.C.J. TO SERVICES. THEY ARE AN EXCELLENT MODEL. WE NEED,
10 AT LEAST, HEARINGS ON PROPOSALS, RATHER THAN JAMMED, BIWEEKLY
11 MEETINGS WITH SCANT NOTICE OF ITEMS, REQUIRING US TO PROVIDE
12 COMMENT BEFORE WE HAVE EVEN HEARD THE REPORTS, AND HEARD YOUR
13 DISCUSSION. LET'S WORK OUT A BETTER WAY. THANK YOU, AND GOOD
14 WISHES. GOODBYE.

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM RICHARD CHAVEZ. PLEASE
19 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
20 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **RICHARD CHAVEZ:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT AND ITEM 46. MY NAME IS RICHARD CHAVEZ. I AM A
24 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
25 FAMILY SERVICES, AND I AM HERE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE THE

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1 SAFETY NET FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC ISN'T
2 OVER WITH. I STILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH CLIENTS IN THE FIELD,
3 EVEN THOUGH I HAVE ASTHMA. EACH FACE-TO-FACE VISIT IN THE
4 FIELD PUTS ME AT RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS. MOST VISITS ARE IN
5 THE AREAS THAT WERE HARDEST HIT BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE ARE
6 TALKING ABOUT CRAMPED QUARTERS WITH PEOPLE WHO CONTRACTED
7 C.O.V.I.D.-19. MANY FAMILIES DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR BASIC
8 PROTECTIVE GEAR. SO I GOT THEM HAND SANITIZERS AND MASKS
9 THROUGH DONATIONS, OR PAID FOR IT MYSELF, SINCE P.P.E. WAS NOT
10 SUPPLIED ADEQUATELY THROUGH MY JOB. SOMETIMES I EVEN HELPED MY
11 FAMILY WITH FOOD, BECAUSE THEY LOST THEIR JOBS OR COULD NOT
12 LEAVE THEIR HOME. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS WERE NOT
13 DOING IN-PERSON VISITS, SO I DID ADDITIONAL VISITS EACH MONTH,
14 ESPECIALLY WITH CLIENTS WHO ARE DIFFICULT TO ENGAGE WITH OVER
15 THE PHONE, EXPOSING ME MORE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. MY COWORKERS AND
16 I - -

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

20
21 **RICHARD CHAVEZ:** ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU ALL RECOGNIZE AND
22 RESPECT THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM TINA JUAREZ. PLEASE
2 STATE YOUR REGULAR AGENDA ITEM, AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **TINA JUAREZ:** YES, I AM COMMENTING ON ITEM 46. MY NAME IS TINA
6 JUAREZ, AND I WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY D.M.H., AS A LICENSED
7 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN. I VOLUNTEERED AS A DISASTER SERVICE
8 WORKER FRONT-LINER. HOWEVER, IF I KNEW HOW MUCH EMOTIONAL
9 ANGUISH I WOULD ENDURE IN A TEN-HOUR DAY, I MIGHT HAVE
10 RECONSIDERED. THIS HAS BEEN A HUGE, OVERWHELMING EXPERIENCE
11 FOR ME, AND I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF 46, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON
12 HEROES' PAY FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE GIVEN OUR TIME, AND WHO
13 HAVE ALLOWED OUR FAMILIES TO BE DISRUPTED IN MANY WAYS. FIRST
14 OF ALL, THERE WAS NEW SCHEDULES THAT I HAD TO ADJUST TO, FROM
15 AN EIGHT- TO A TEN-HOUR. THERE WAS ALSO ADJUSTMENTS TO NEW
16 SITUATIONS THAT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF
17 TIME, AND WE HAD TO DO IT WELL. THERE WAS ALSO ADJUSTMENTS TO
18 NEW POPULATIONS. GIVEN ALL THESE FACTS, I AM IN SUPPORT OF A
19 HEROES PAY FOR THOSE OF US WHO GAVE UP SO MUCH, ONLY TO--

20

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

23

24 **TINA JUAREZ:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM VERONICA NAVARRO. PLEASE
2 STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 46. MY NAME IS VERONICA
6 NAVARRO. I AM A CONTRACT MANAGER AT I.S.D. FOR ME AND MY
7 COWORKERS, OUR JOBS HAVE TAKEN [INAUDIBLE]. WE HAVE TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY [INAUDIBLE] WITH THOSE WHO MANAGE
9 THE COUNTY PARKING LOTS ACTUALLY KEEP THOSE LOTS SAFE AND
10 CLEAN. THAT MEANS WE INTERACT A LOT WITH HOMELESS. WE'VE EVEN
11 SEEN A RISE OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR INCIDENTS. WE OFTEN
12 ENCOUNTER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT WEARING MASKS. WE HAVE SEEN AN
13 INCREASE IN TRASH, URINE, FECES, AND DRUGS IN PARKING LOTS,
14 ESPECIALLY THE STAIRWELLS, AND WE HAVE TO KEEP THE STAIRWELLS
15 FREE OF OBSTRUCTION FOR SAFETY REASONS. IT IS A TOUGH JOB,
16 ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU GET INFECTED WITH C.O.V.I.D., AS I DID. I
17 EVEN LOST MY VOICE, WHICH WAS TERRIFYING, AND I WORRY ABOUT
18 PASSING THE VIRUS TO MY FAMILY. YES, I WORRY EVERY DAY ABOUT
19 GETTING C.O.V.I.D. AGAIN. HEROES PAY WILL GO A LONG WAY FOR
20 US. WE ARE THE FRONT LINES. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU
3 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

4

5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM GOING TO SPEAK TO
7 ITEM S-1, 6, 11, AND 46. AS USUAL, I AM IN FAVOR OF
8 [INAUDIBLE]. IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE DOING MUCH BETTER ON THAT
9 NATION. WE NEED TO CONTINUE ON THAT. I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED
10 THAT ITEM 6 WAS REMOVED. THE NOMINATION OF DR. DREW PINSKY WAS
11 A VERY GOOD MOVE. WE NEED SOMEBODY WHO WILL HAVE THE COURAGE
12 TO SPEAK AT L.A.H.S.A. AS IT IS, WE HAVE NO DATA REPORT FROM
13 L.A.H.S.A. FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. IT IS TIME THAT WE HAVE MORE
14 TRANSPARENCY, WHEN IT COMES TO L.A.H.S.A., AND IT CAN ONLY
15 HAPPEN WITH SOMEBODY WHO CAN SPEAK THEIR MIND, AND NOT AFRAID.
16 SO I JUST HOPE THAT ITEM WILL COME BACK, AND THAT DR. DREW
17 PINSKY IS APPOINTED TO THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION. REALLY
18 NEEDED. ITEM 11: I THINK THAT A DEPARTMENT ON AGING IS VERY
19 IMPORTANT. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE INVOLVED ON THAT ITEM.
20 AND ON THE 46, WE'VE SEEN SOME DOCUMENTS WHERE SOME OF THE
21 DOCUMENTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL LESS THAN 48 HOURS, WHICH
22 VIOLATES THE 72-HOUR REQUEST BY THE BROWN ACT, AND SOME
23 ACTUALLY NOT PRESENT, LIKE THE EMPLOYEE'S SALARY WAS NOT
24 POSTED, AS OF LAST NIGHT. ANYWAY, I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT

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1 WEEK, AND TALK TO YOU SOON. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON. ANYWAY, TAKE
2 CARE.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM ANTHONY BRUCE. PLEASE
7 STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **ANTHONY BRUCE:** HELLO, AND GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
11 I AM IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 8 AND 9. I WANT TO SHARE A
12 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE CONSIDER AND APPROVE AGENDA
13 ITEMS 8 AND 9, TO RETURN THE LAND TO THE BRUCE FAMILY, AND FOR
14 THE STATE TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON THE LAND, IN ORDER FOR
15 THAT TO HAPPEN, AND MAKE IT A REALITY. PLEASE, AND THANK YOU.
16 BOARD SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, KUEHL, BARGER, SOLIS, AND HAHN,
17 UPHOLD JUSTICE FOR THE BRUCES, AND GRANT THESE MOTIONS, 8 AND
18 9. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM CARLA WARREN. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
24 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

25

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1 **CARLA WARREN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARLA WARREN. I WORK AS
2 AN ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
3 SERVICES, IN THE [INAUDIBLE] OFFICE. AT MY WORKSITE DURING
4 THIS PANDEMIC, WE HAVE BEEN SERVING THE HOMELESS DIRECTLY. IN
5 FEBRUARY, WE STARTED HELPING ANYONE WHO COULDN'T REACH US BY
6 PHONE. FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT MADE A DIFFERENCE TO SEE A REAL
7 FACE ON THE OTHER SIDE. WE WOULD REASSURE THEM THAT EVERYTHING
8 WAS GOING TO BE OKAY. BUT I WAS CONCERNED DOING THIS WORK,
9 EVEN SCARED. WE WERE FACING THE UNKNOWN IN A DEADLY GLOBAL
10 PANDEMIC. WE HAD NO WAY OF BEING ASSURED THAT WE WOULDN'T GET
11 SICK AND DIE. MAYBE I TAKE IT HOME, INFECTING MY MOTHER,
12 NIECE, OR BROTHER. OUR MISSION MOTIVATED ME: THE KNOWLEDGE
13 THAT I WOULD BE HELPING SOMEONE IN NEED, WHO WAS LESS
14 FORTUNATE THAN I WAS. WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE CALFRESH
15 BENEFITS TO PEOPLE WHO HADN'T EATEN IN DAYS; APPROVED MEDI-CAL
16 COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE NEEDING SERIOUS MEDICAL ATTENTION. WE DID
17 THE RIGHT THING. WE DID NOT IGNORE C.O.V.I.D. WE DID ALL THAT
18 WAS ASKED OF US. WE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND. PLEASE, DO THE
19 RIGHT THING. DO NOT IGNORE US. WE DID WHAT WAS ASKED OF US.
20 GRANT US HEROES PAY FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM LINDA DENT. PLEASE STATE
2 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND IF YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **MICHAEL GREEN:** HELLO. ON BEHALF OF LINDA DENT, MY NAME IS
6 MICHAEL GREEN. I KNOW SHE'S THE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. 721.
7 SHE'S UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT I WILL EXPRESS HER THOUGHTS. YOU
8 JUST HEARD FROM A SAMPLING OF THE MANY STORIES OF HOW OUR
9 S.E.I.U. MEMBERS HAVE MET THE CHALLENGE AND ENDURED THE
10 SUFFERING. WE DO HAVE OTHER MEMBERS WAITING TO SPEAK, AS WELL.
11 BUT ALL OF THEM HAVE MADE THE PERSONAL SACRIFICES AND KEPT ON
12 GOING THROUGHOUT THIS C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. THIS YEAR,
13 S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBERS HAVE REDEFINED A SAFETY NET. WE HAVE DONE
14 OUR PART FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NOW, WE
15 CAN COUNT ON YOU TO DO YOURS. AS YOU SHAPE YOUR BUDGET FOR THE
16 NEW YEAR, DO NOT TAKE YOUR WORKERS FOR GRANTED. WE KNOW THAT
17 THERE ARE GREAT DEMANDS ON LIMITED RESOURCES, BUT DOING RIGHT
18 BY YOUR EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY. SHOW US THE
19 RESPECT AND APPRECIATION THAT WE DESERVE. WE HAVE EARNED IT.
20 THANK YOU.

21

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT IS FROM ALEXIA SENA. PLEASE STATE
2 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND IF YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4
5 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 26.
6 GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXIA SENA. I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE
7 AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION.
8 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING UP THIS IMPORTANT
9 MOTION TO THE BOARD, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 731. I WANT TO
10 URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD TO SUPPORT S.B. 731. AS A YOUNG ADULT
11 WHO WAS INCARCERATED FOR THREE YEARS, I WAS RELEASED LAST
12 YEAR, AND HAVE BEEN HOME FOR A LITTLE OVER SIX MONTHS NOW. I
13 CAN PERSONALLY TELL YOU ABOUT ALL THE OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS
14 THAT I ENCOUNTERED AND STILL STUMBLE ACROSS, TRYING TO MOVE
15 FORWARD WITH MY LIFE AND HAVING A PAST RECORD THAT CONTINUES
16 TO HAUNT ME. DESPITE HAVING TRANSFORMED MY LIFE AROUND, AND
17 NOW BEING A YOUTH ADVOCATE, AND BEING OF SERVICE TO MY
18 COMMUNITY, HAVING A PAST CRIMINAL RECORD STILL MAKES IT
19 DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME, AND MANY OTHERS, TO SUCCESSFULLY
20 MOVE FORWARD IN OUR LIVES. IT IS A LABEL THAT NOT ONLY FOLLOWS
21 YOU, BUT REMINDS US OF OUR OWN PAST TRAUMAS. PASSING THIS BILL
22 WOULD HELP JUSTICE-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS, LIKE MYSELF, NOT TO
23 BE HELD BACK BECAUSE OF OUR PAST MISTAKES, AND TO HELP US GET
24 OUT OF THE CYCLE OF RECIDIVISM. THIS WOULD OPEN THE DOORS TO

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1 EMPLOYMENT AND STABILITY FOR PEOPLE. PASSING THIS BILL WOULD
2 ALLOW INDIVIDUALS--

3

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

7

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

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1-D
18 AND 2-D, 6 AS AMENDED, 7, 12 THROUGH 14, 16 THROUGH 20, 23, 24
19 AS REVISED, 26 THROUGH 29, 31, 33 THROUGH 42, 43-A AND 43-B,
20 43-D THROUGH 43-F.

21

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

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUP. MITCHELL?

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

4

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

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

17

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

19

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

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
23 0.

24

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

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
8 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
9 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1 IS A
10 HEARING OF THE ANNEXATION OF PETITIONS NUMBER 3-117,
11 UNINCORPORATED AZUSA; 72-1016, WEST WHITTIER/LOS NIETOS; 117-
12 1118, EAST LA MIRADA; 79-718, ROWLAND HEIGHTS; AND 19-517,
13 KINNELOA MESA. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED,
14 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON THE
15 PROPOSED VACATION OF AN ALLEY EAST OF CARMENITA ROAD, BETWEEN
16 LUKAY STREET AND MEYER ROAD, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY
17 OF WHITTIER. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED,
18 AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON
19 PROJECT NUMBER 2019-003976-(5) TO AMEND COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22,
20 PLANNING AND ZONING, LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY STANDARDS
21 DISTRICT, TO ADD STANDARDS TO PROHIBIT DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICES,
22 RESTRICT LIGHTING AND SIGNAGE, PRESERVE VEGETATION, REGULATE
23 SUBDIVISIONS, HIGHWAY AND LOCAL STREET DEVELOPMENT, AND TRAIL
24 DEVELOPMENT, RESTRICT THE HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES, REGULATE
25 ACCESSORY CARGO SHIPPING CONTAINERS, ADD SETBACKS TO

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1 COMMERCIAL LOTS, AND REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR
2 MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
3 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
4 5 IS A HEARING OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-003972-(5), AMENDING
5 COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO ESTABLISH A
6 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF GREEN
7 VALLEY, TO RESTRICT LIGHTING AND SIGNAGE, PRESERVE VEGETATION,
8 REGULATE SUBDIVISIONS, HIGHWAY AND LOCAL STREET DEVELOPMENT,
9 RESTRICT THE HEIGHT AND DESIGN OF NEW COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES,
10 REGULATE THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL USES, ADD
11 SETBACKS TO COMMERCIAL LOTS, AND REQUIRE A MINOR CONDITIONAL
12 USE PERMIT FOR THE MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. A
13 WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
14 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

15
16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
17 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONE THROUGH FIVE. MADAM EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
19 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO
20 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE
21 BOARD.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
24 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
25 COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE

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1 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852-761. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-
2 226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852-761. DO NOT CALL
3 THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO
4 LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE
5 INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS
6 YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC
7 HEARING ITEM YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE
8 MINUTE FOR ALL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60
9 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF
10 THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED,
11 WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
12 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
13 WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE
14 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET
15 THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU AREN'T SPEAKING ON
16 TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC
17 HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL AND
18 THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC,
19 OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF
20 YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE
21 NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A
22 COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE
23 VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU.
24 IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO.
25 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
3 NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.
4 DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
5 FROM QUEUE.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NOW WE WILL HEAR THE REMINDER IN SPANISH.
8 [SPANISH TRANSLATION.]

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT TODAY IS CARLA
14 CRUZ. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
15 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CARLA, AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THE
18 ECHO PARK INCIDENT. ON MARCH 25TH, I SAW THE L.A.P.D. ARREST
19 THE MEDIA, AND IT WAS KATE, FROM SPECTRUM 1. I DECIDED TO
20 DRIVE TO L.A. TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON. THE OFFICERS THERE ARE
21 NOT TRAINED CORRECTLY. THEY GOT TRIGGERED BY SIMPLE QUESTIONS.
22 ONE OF YOUR OFFICERS LATER HIT ME. THIS OFFICER'S NAME IS
23 GUZMAN.

24

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1 **ATTORNEY:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. CAN YOU PLEASE--
2 WE ARE ON PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT HAS
3 EXPIRED. DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THE HEARING?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** NO, I HAVE A COMMENT ON EVERYTHING, ACTUALLY. WHY IS
6 THE HEARING ON ZOOM? WHY IS IT NOT LIVE? WHY IS IT SO
7 DIFFICULT--

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** I AM SORRY, MA'AM. THAT IS OFF TOPIC. WE'RE GOING TO
10 MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM ARNOLD
15 SACHS. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS.
16 YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I UNDERSTAND THE PUBLIC
19 HEARING ITEMS HAVE BEEN CLOSED, AND THAT WE ARE ONLY
20 COMMENTING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM AGENDA. SO I'D LIKE TO
21 BLESS THE BOARD FOR THEIR UPSTANDING WORK ALLOWING PEOPLE TO
22 VOTE, BUT THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY TO OVERTURN ANY OF THE
23 HEARING. THERE'S NO AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
24 SO I AM SOMEWHAT DAZED AND CONFUSED ON HOW TO ACTUALLY ENTER A
25 COMPLAINT ABOUT SOMETHING, WHEN THERE'S NO AVENUES OPEN.

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1 COURTS ARE BACKLOGGED WITH ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT THINGS, AND
2 THERE'S ACTUALLY, REALLY, NO OPPORTUNITY. I CERTAINLY DO
3 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR BLESSINGS TO GIVE US ONE
4 MINUTE A DAY OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO
5 MORE OF THIS ROBUST HEARING SCHEDULE THAT IS GOING ON WITH THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BLESS YOU ALL.

7

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

9

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. OUR TIME
14 FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IS ENDED. THANK YOU
15 FOR ALL THOSE THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO
16 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, HOWEVER, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
17 COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. I WILL CONTINUE TO
18 ACCEPT ALL OF THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
19 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. TODAY,
20 WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 46, THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, FOLLOWED BY
21 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, 4, AND 5; AND THEN THE SET ITEM S-
22 1, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 8 AND 9, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER;
23 AND THEN ITEMS 10, 11, AND 22, WHICH WILL ALSO BE TAKEN UP
24 TOGETHER; THEN ITEMS 15, 21, 25, 30, 32, AND 43-C, AND
25 FINISHING OFF WITH ITEM 43-G. MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD

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1 LIKE TO CALL ON OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, TO PRESENT THE
2 2021-22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AFTER WHICH I WILL MAKE REMARKS,
3 AND THEN OPEN IT UP TO MY COLLEAGUES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM,
4 AND WE WILL GO IN NUMERICAL ORDER. FESIA DAVENPORT, OUR
5 C.E.O., YOU MAY PROCEED.

6

7 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING,
8 SUPERVISORS. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU TODAY THE
9 RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 2021-2022. THIS IS MY FIRST BUDGET
10 PRESENTATION AS C.E.O., AND I AM HONORED TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU
11 IN THIS CAPACITY TO HIGHLIGHT THE RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN
12 THAT BEGINS OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. THIS YEAR, MORE THAN
13 EVER, THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET SIGNALS OUR COMMITMENT TO
14 SERVING THE COUNTY'S 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, WHO COUNT ON US FOR
15 SERVICES SPANNING HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL SERVICES, ELECTIONS, THE
16 ARTS, RECREATION, AND SO MUCH MORE, ALL DURING ONE OF THE MOST
17 CHALLENGING PERIODS IN OUR RECENT HISTORY. I HAVE PREPARED A
18 SHORT PRESENTATION TO TAKE YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS
19 OF THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AND THEN LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING
20 ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. BECAUSE WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY,
21 MY PRESENTATION SLIDES WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BIG SCREEN IN
22 THE BOARD HEARING ROOM, SO I WILL INDICATE THE PAGE NUMBERS AS
23 I MOVE THROUGH THE PRESENTATION. ALSO, THE PRESENTATION SLIDES
24 ARE AVAILABLE AND POSTED ONLINE AS PART OF THE BOARD'S AGENDA.
25 BEFORE I BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO UNDERSCORE THAT THIS BUDGET SEEKS

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1 TO ADVANCE THE PRIORITIES OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR
2 SHARED VALUES AS A COUNTY. IT IS A SPENDING BLUEPRINT FOR BOTH
3 OUR ASPIRATIONS AND OUR EXTENSIVE PUBLIC SERVICE
4 RESPONSIBILITIES. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS BUDGET IS
5 DESIGNED TO BE COMMITTED TO THE COUNTY'S CORE SAFETY NET
6 MISSION: RESPONSIVE TO THOSE NEEDS CREATED BY THE PANDEMIC AND
7 THE INEQUITIES IT EXPOSED, AND POISED TO PIVOT, PIVOTING TO
8 ADDRESS EMERGING NEEDS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE. AS WE ALL KNOW,
9 BUDGETS ARE ITERATIVE PROCESSES, SO WHAT I AM SHARING WITH YOU
10 TODAY IS THE FIRST STEP IN A MONTHS-LONG PROCESS. THE NEXT
11 MILESTONE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN MAY, WHICH WILL ALLOW
12 PEOPLE TO REVIEW THE BUDGET IN MORE DETAIL, AND PROVIDE
13 COMMENT. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE FINAL CHANGES
14 BUDGET IN JUNE, AND THEN OUR SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES BUDGET WILL
15 BE PRESENTED IN OCTOBER. IN ADDITION TO SHARING SPECIFICS OF
16 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, I WILL ALSO BE HIGHLIGHTING A FEW
17 THINGS: THE SERVICES WE PROVIDED USING THE \$1.2 BILLION WE
18 RECEIVED IN C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING, THE SERVICE CATEGORIES WE
19 HOPE TO PROVIDE WITH THE \$1.9 BILLION WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE
20 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, AND WHERE WE ARE ON MEASURE J
21 AND OUR CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST INITIATIVE. MOVING TO PAGE TWO.
22 CLEARLY, THIS PANDEMIC HAS EXPOSED AND INCREASED HUGE
23 INEQUITIES BETWEEN THE HAVES AND THE HAVE-NOTS, AND THE
24 COUNTY'S SAFETY NET WAS CALLED UPON AS NEVER BEFORE, OVER THE
25 PAST 13 MONTHS. WE WEREN'T CALLED UPON JUST TO PROVIDE OUR

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1 BASIC SAFETY NET SERVICES. WE HAD TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES
2 AND MORE, AND MANY TIMES WE HAD TO PROVIDE THEM DIFFERENTLY.
3 WE WERE ALSO CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE EXPANDED AND DEEPER LEVELS
4 OF SERVICE TO THOSE IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING THINGS
5 LIKE FOOD, RENT RELIEF, SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, LAPTOPS,
6 EVEN DIAPERS AND FORMULA, AND SO MUCH MORE. THIS RECOMMENDED
7 BUDGET IS COMMITTED TO SUSTAINING THESE EFFORTS USING AN
8 EQUITY LENS, WHILE ALSO POSITIONING US FOR A RECOVERY THAT
9 MAKES THE COUNTY BETTER THAN BEFORE. NEXT, TURNING TO PAGE
10 THREE. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE KEY FACTS TO HELP
11 PROVIDE A BIG-PICTURE OVERVIEW OF OUR BUDGET, TO PROVIDE
12 CONTEXT. WE ARE RECOMMENDING A \$36.2 BILLION BUDGET. WE ARE
13 DOWN BY ABOUT \$2 BILLION FROM THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET, AND
14 THAT'S MOSTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE END OF THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT
15 FUNDING THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. WE HAVE SLIGHTLY OVER
16 110,000 BUDGETED POSITIONS. THAT'S A NET INCREASE FROM THE
17 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND MOST OF THOSE POSITIONS ARE GOING TO
18 OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. THERE ARE NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
19 LAYOFFS, CURTAILMENTS, OR FURLONGHS AT THIS TIME. AND FINALLY,
20 THIS BUDGET IS BUILT ON THE LEANER BASELINE WE ESTABLISHED FOR
21 FISCAL YEAR 2020 TO 2021. THAT'S THE BUDGET YEAR THAT WE ARE
22 IN RIGHT NOW, AND I WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT
23 LATER IN THIS PRESENTATION. MOVING TO PAGE FOUR. I STATED
24 EARLIER THAT THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET SEEKS TO ADVANCE THE
25 PRIORITIES OF YOUR BOARD. THIS SLIDE CALLS OUT SOME OF THE

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1 THINGS WE ARE RECOMMENDING IN THAT VEIN. SO, IN ADDITION TO
2 MAINTAINING SERVICE LEVELS FOR OUR SAFETY NET SERVICES, THIS
3 BUDGET RECOMMENDS INVESTMENTS IN RACIAL EQUITY, BY FUNDING THE
4 ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICE; INVESTMENTS IN
5 JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM, BY ESTABLISHING THE ALTERNATIVES TO
6 INCARCERATION OFFICE; AS WELL AS RECOMMENDING \$100 MILLION FOR
7 MEASURE J, AS A YEAR ONE DOWN PAYMENT, WHILE WE BUILD UP TO
8 THE FULL SET-ASIDE IN 2024; SUSTAINING VARIOUS EFFORTS TO
9 SUPPORT THE RECOVERY OF THOSE AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19; AND
10 THEN CONTINUING INVESTMENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS,
11 AND MAKING ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE
12 HOUSING. TURNING TO PAGE 5. SO, WHAT IS OUR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK?
13 WE ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, AND THAT OPTIMISM IS TEMPERED BY
14 VERY REAL CONCERNS. OUR REASONS FOR OPTIMISM INCLUDE THE
15 AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES; THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING
16 VACCINATED; THE EXPECTATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN
17 RESCUE PLAN, WHICH PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO
18 DOUBLE DOWN ON ITS C.O.V.I.D. RESPONSE; AND THE PLANNED
19 REOPENING OF VARIOUS SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY AND SOCIAL
20 INFRASTRUCTURE, AS EARLY AS JUNE. OUR REASONS FOR CAUTION
21 INCLUDE THE EMERGENCE OF NEW VARIANTS; THE POSSIBLE OF SURGES-
22 - SURGES THAT WE SEE HAPPENING IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND IN SOME
23 STATES; AND INEQUITABLE ACCESS TO VACCINE, AND VACCINE
24 HESITANCY, WHICH MAY SLOW DOWN OUR PROGRESS IN VACCINATING AS
25 MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET, AND

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1 WE LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON LAST SUMMER, AND THE BEGINNING OF
2 THIS YEAR, ABOUT HOW QUICKLY OUR NUMBERS COULD PIVOT IN THE
3 WRONG DIRECTION, IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL. TURNING TO PAGE SIX.
4 LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT SOME OF THE NEW OR EXPANDED
5 FUNDING AREAS WE ARE PROPOSING IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET. I
6 WILL START WITH AN ONGOING ISSUE WHICH REMAINS A VERY HIGH
7 PRIORITY FOR THIS BOARD AND OUR ENTIRE COUNTY: ADDRESSING THE
8 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE KNOW THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 EMERGENCY HAS
9 INCREASED HOUSING INSECURITY, AND INTENSIFIED THE NEEDS OF
10 PEOPLE WITHOUT HOUSING. WE ALSO KNOW THAT, ALTHOUGH THOUSANDS
11 OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES HAVE BEEN HOUSED THROUGH
12 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, THOUSANDS MORE ARE FALLING INTO
13 HOMELESSNESS. I AM PLEASED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE ARE
14 RECOMMENDING ADDING OVER \$16 MILLION TO FUND MEASURE H
15 STRATEGIES, WHICH WOULD BRING THE TOTAL MEASURE H BUDGET
16 ALLOCATION TO ABOUT \$427 MILLION. THIS IS WELCOME NEWS,
17 ESPECIALLY DURING A PANDEMIC, WHEN WE NEED TO SUSTAIN THIS
18 ESSENTIAL WORK. OTHER FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOCUS ON CORE
19 AREAS OF OUR HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE, SUCH AS INTERIM HOUSING
20 BEDS AND MOTEL VOUCHERS, A STREAMLINED BED RESERVATION SYSTEM
21 FOR INTERIM HOUSING, AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
22 SERVICES. NOTE THAT THIS IS ALL IN ADDITION TO THE WORK
23 ALREADY UNDERWAY TO SUSTAIN AND POTENTIALLY EXPAND THE PROJECT
24 HOMEKEY PROGRAM. UNDER PROJECT HOMEKEY, THE COUNTY PURCHASED
25 TEN MOTELS, AND MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN

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1 SHELTERED, SO FAR, DURING THE PANDEMIC. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO
2 THE 7,000 PEOPLE SHELTERED IN THE PREDECESSOR PROGRAM, PROJECT
3 ROOMKEY. FINALLY, WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING ARE
4 TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN, SO WE ARE RECOMMENDING ADDING \$25
5 MILLION TO OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, KEEPING THE FUND AT
6 \$100 MILLION TO ADDRESS THIS CRUCIAL NEED. NOW TURNING TO PAGE
7 7. A LOT OF THE FALLOUT FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 WAS OBVIOUS, AND
8 REMAINED FRONT AND CENTER FOR MANY OF US, BUT THAT WASN'T TRUE
9 IN ALL CASES. HERE, I AM TALKING ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH
10 CRISIS THAT PARALLELED THE TWIN HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CRISES
11 UNLEASHED BY THIS PANDEMIC. EVIDENCE OF THIS CAN BE SEEN AT
12 OUR MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE, RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
13 HEALTH. THE HELPLINE HAS EXPERIENCED A 30% INCREASE IN CALLS
14 DURING THIS PANDEMIC. TO ADDRESS THIS VERY IMPORTANT NEED, THE
15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PROPOSES TO ADD \$9.8 MILLION AND 300
16 POSITIONS TO THE PROMOTORES DE SALUD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM,
17 WHICH WILL NEARLY QUADRUPLE THE NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH
18 PROMOTORES OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. EXPANDING THIS COMMUNITY-
19 BASED OUTREACH PROGRAM BRINGS CULTURALLY COMPETENT EDUCATION
20 AND RESOURCES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AT A TIME OF HIGH
21 NEED. PROMOTORES ARE INDIVIDUALS ON THE FRONT LINE, PROVIDING
22 IN-LANGUAGE OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY LIVE.
23 FINALLY, WE RECOMMEND ADDING ABOUT \$30 MILLION TO EXPAND
24 CRISIS AND INTERVENTION SERVICES TO HELP MEET THIS NEED. NOW,
25 TURNING TO PAGE EIGHT. THERE ARE MANY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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1 RECOMMENDED TO BE FUNDED IN THIS BUDGET, AND TIME DOES NOT
2 PERMIT ME TO GO THROUGH EACH OF THEM, BUT THIS SLIDE ATTEMPTS
3 TO GIVE YOU A SENSE, A BIG-PICTURE OVERVIEW. WE ARE
4 RECOMMENDING \$57.1 MILLION TO INCREASE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN
5 AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND
6 AND/OR WHO CAN'T CARE FOR THEMSELVES, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT
7 FOR INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS. LAST NOVEMBER, THE COUNTY RAN A VERY
8 EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT ELECTION. WE WANT TO BUILD UPON THAT
9 EXPERIENCE, AND SO WE ARE RECOMMENDING \$35 MILLION TO SUPPORT
10 ACCESSIBLE AND EFFICIENT ELECTIONS. EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC,
11 THE COUNTY PROVIDED YOUTH JOB OPPORTUNITIES EACH YEAR. IN
12 ADDITION TO THAT, MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST EMPLOYMENT, AS A
13 RESULT OF THIS PANDEMIC. SO WE ARE RECOMMENDING \$19.6 MILLION
14 TO CREATE JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND DISPLACED WORKERS.
15 CYBERSECURITY IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE, AND HAS ASSUMED EVEN GREATER
16 IMPORTANCE AS MORE COUNTY STAFF PROVIDE SERVICES BY
17 TELECOMMUTING, AND MORE CUSTOMERS ACCESS OUR SERVICES ONLINE.
18 WE ARE RECOMMENDING \$17.2 MILLION BE ALLOCATED TO ENHANCE OUR
19 CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE. AND FINALLY, WE ARE RECOMMENDING
20 \$3.6 MILLION TO SUPPORT TWO VERY IMPORTANT NEW OFFICES: THE
21 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION OFFICE, AND THE ANTI-RACISM,
22 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICE. NOW, TURNING TO PAGE NINE.
23 TURNING TO MEASURE J. AS YOU KNOW, MEASURE J WAS APPROVED BY
24 COUNTY VOTERS LAST NOVEMBER, AND IT REPRESENTS ONE OF THE WAYS
25 THAT THE COUNTY WILL FUND THIS GROUNDBREAKING CARE FIRST, JAIL

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1 LAST MODEL ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD LAST YEAR. IT FOCUSES ON
2 FUNDING SERVICES THAT PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO ARREST AND
3 INCARCERATION, WHILE ALSO FUNDING DIRECT INVESTMENTS, SUCH AS
4 HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, CAPITAL FOR BLACK BUSINESSES, AND THE
5 LIKE. THE C.E.O. TEAM UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK,
6 AND TAKES IT VERY SERIOUSLY. IN BETWEEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET,
7 C.A.R.E.S. ACT DOLLARS, AND NOW FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN
8 RESCUE PLAN, WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ON MEASURE J. ALTHOUGH
9 MANY OF THE C.E.O.'S STAFF HAS A BUDGET FOCUS, IT IS NOT LOST
10 UPON US THAT WE HAVE REACHED, AND IN FACT HAVE PASSED, AN
11 INFLECTION POINT IN MOVING AWAY FROM MASS INCARCERATION, AND
12 TOWARDS A CARE FIRST MODEL. WE APPRECIATE THE HOPES AND DREAMS
13 OF SO MANY THAT HAVE DEVOTED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO MOVE THE
14 CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST MODEL FORWARD, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO
15 DOING OUR PART TO MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD. ON MARCH 16TH, 2021,
16 MY OFFICE ISSUED A MEMO TO YOUR BOARD, PROVIDING NOTICE THAT
17 WE WOULD PROPOSE IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET \$100 MILLION AS A
18 YEAR-ONE DOWN PAYMENT OF THE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE, AS WE BUILD
19 UP TO THE FULL SET-ASIDE AMOUNT BY JUNE 2024. THIS \$100
20 MILLION PROPOSED ALLOCATION REPRESENTS THE SINGLE LARGEST
21 ALLOCATION FOR A NEW PROGRAM IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET THAT I
22 AM PRESENTING TO YOU TODAY, BUT I AM MINDFUL THAT MORE WORK
23 REMAINS AHEAD. IN THE MARCH 16TH MEMO, WE ALSO PROVIDED OUR
24 ESTIMATED PROJECTION OF THE FULL SET-ASIDE AMOUNT, BASED ON
25 CURRENT DATA. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE DO NOT KNOW,

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1 AND WE CANNOT KNOW, WHAT THE FULL SET-ASIDE AMOUNT WILL BE IN
2 2024, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR LOCAL REVENUES AND OUR
3 COUNTY COSTS WILL BE IN 2024. A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION HAS
4 ARISEN, AS TO WHETHER THE 10% SET-ASIDE AMOUNT IS BASED ON THE
5 TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE; ESSENTIALLY, 10%
6 TAKEN OFF THE TOP. BASED ON THE C.E.O.'S EXPERIENCE WITH
7 DEVELOPING THE COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR MANY YEARS, WE DO NOT
8 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE CASE. THIS IS BECAUSE THE ORDINANCE
9 LANGUAGE REQUIRES, QUOTE, "10% OF THE LOCALLY GENERATED
10 REVENUE NET COUNTY COSTS." LOCALLY GENERATED, UNRESTRICTED
11 REVENUE IS A NEW BUDGETING TERM. I CANNOT OVERSTATE THE
12 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ADDITION OF THE WORDS "UNRESTRICTED" AND
13 "NET COUNTY COSTS" ARE TO THE PHRASE "LOCALLY GENERATED
14 REVENUE." YOU SEE, "LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE" IS A WELL-KNOWN
15 TERM IN COUNTY BUDGETING. THE BOARD HAS DISCRETION OVER THIS
16 REVENUE, AND IT INCLUDES SOURCES LIKE PROPERTY TAXES. THE TERM
17 "LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE" HAS AN ESTABLISHED MEANING, AND
18 HAS BEEN USED IN COUNTY BUDGETING FOR OVER 20 YEARS, MAYBE
19 EVEN LONGER. WE USE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE TO PAY FOR THOSE
20 COUNTY COSTS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCE. THESE
21 COSTS ARE CALLED "NET COUNTY COSTS." "NET COUNTY COSTS" IS
22 ALSO A WELL-KNOWN TERM IN COUNTY BUDGETING, AND THESE COSTS
23 CAN EITHER BE RESTRICTED OR UNRESTRICTED. BECAUSE LOCALLY
24 GENERATED REVENUE MUST BE USED TO PAY NET COUNTY COSTS, THE
25 TWO ARE, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, TWO SIDES OF THE SAME

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1 COIN, AND ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED. NOW, GOING BACK TO THE NEW
2 TERM COINED IN THE ORDINANCE, "LOCALLY GENERATED, UNRESTRICTED
3 REVENUE." IF EACH WORD IN THE ORDINANCE IS TO BE GIVEN EFFECT,
4 AND NO WORD IS REDUNDANT, THE ADDITION OF THE WORD
5 "UNRESTRICTED" INTO THE PHRASE "LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE"
6 CHANGES ITS WELL-SETTLED MEANING. THE ADDITION OF THE WORD
7 "UNRESTRICTED" ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A PORTION OF THE REVENUE IS
8 RESTRICTED. THIS IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY THE FACT THAT THE
9 PHRASE "NET COUNTY COSTS," OR N.C.C., WAS ADDED AT THE END OF
10 THE NEW PHRASE TO SOLIDIFY ITS MEANING. IN ESSENCE, THIS
11 LANGUAGE IS A RECOGNITION THAT A PORTION OF THE REVENUE MUST
12 BE APPLIED TO NET COUNTY COSTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE IN FACT
13 RESTRICTED. THESE RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE DOLLARS WE MUST SPEND
14 TO OBTAIN CERTAIN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ESSENTIAL
15 PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS OBLIGATIONS TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERS.
16 SUPPORT OF THIS DETERMINATION IS SUPPORTED BY OTHER LANGUAGE
17 IN THE ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES US TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF
18 UNRESTRICTED REVENUE EACH YEAR DURING THE BUDGETING PROCESS.
19 IF IT WERE SIMPLY A MATTER OF CALCULATING 10% OF THE GROSS
20 FIGURE, THIS COULD BE DONE OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGET PROCESS. BUT
21 IT IS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS WHERE DETERMINATIONS OF
22 THIS NATURE WOULD NATURALLY BE MADE, AS TO WHAT IS RESTRICTED
23 AND WHAT IS NONRESTRICTED. FINALLY, DURING THE PRIOR PUBLIC
24 DELIBERATIONS, REGARDING WHETHER TO PLACE MEASURE J ON THE
25 BALLOT, IT IS CLEAR FROM THOSE DISCUSSIONS THAT THE

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1 CALCULATION FOR MEASURE J WOULD INVOLVE MORE THAN TAKING 10%
2 OFF THE TOP OF THE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE FIGURE. IN FACT,
3 THOSE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED VERY HEAVILY ON TAKING A PERCENTAGE
4 OF NET COUNTY COSTS. THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS HARD
5 AT WORK ON PROPOSALS FOR HOW TO SPEND THIS FUNDING. THIS IS AN
6 INTENSIVE AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS. SO FAR, MY TEAM
7 HAS PRESENTED TO THE MEASURE J ADVISORY PANEL FOUR TIMES, AND
8 WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A COMPLEX TOPIC. MY ENTIRE TEAM AND I
9 WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS WORK, AND TO PROVIDE A
10 TRANSPARENT WINDOW INTO OUR PROCESS AND CALCULATIONS FOR EACH
11 DEPARTMENT. WE INTEND TO RETURN, AS NEEDED, TO CONTINUE TO
12 SHARE OUR METHODOLOGY, AND MORE ABOUT OUR CALCULATIONS. ONE
13 MORE NOTE ON A CLOSELY RELATED ISSUE, RELATED TO ONE COMPONENT
14 OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND THAT IS ESTABLISHING
15 A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD DIVERT YOUNG
16 PEOPLE INTO HOMELIKE SETTINGS, RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL
17 PROBATION FACILITIES. THE FOUNDATIONAL AND EXPLORATORY WORK
18 DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD IS VERY MUCH IN PROGRESS AS WE MOVE
19 INTO FUTURE BUDGET PHASES, AND WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO RETURN
20 TO YOUR BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE, SHORTLY. MOVING
21 TO PAGE 10. EARLIER, I GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF OUR BUDGET, AND I
22 MENTIONED THAT THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS
23 BASED ON A LEANER BASELINE, AND HERE IS WHAT I MEANT BY THAT:
24 THE BASELINE I WAS REFERRING TO IS THE CURRENT-YEAR BUDGET,
25 WHICH RUNS FROM JULY 1, 2020, AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2021. IT IS

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1 THE BUDGET YEAR THAT WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW. THE WORDS "LEANER
2 BASELINE" REFERS TO THE 8% COUNTYWIDE CURTAILMENTS MADE TO
3 DEPARTMENTS AS PART OF THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET, EARLY ON IN
4 THE PANDEMIC. FACING SHARP REVENUE DROPS, WE HAD TO IMPLEMENT
5 CURTAILMENTS WHICH RESULTED IN CUTS TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
6 TOTALING \$369 MILLION, A VERY LARGE AMOUNT. SO THE LEANER
7 BASELINE THAT I REFERRED TO, IT REFERS TO THE CURRENT-YEAR
8 BUDGET, WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED CUTS, AND THOSE CUTS
9 TOTAL \$369 MILLION. THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET, THE BUDGET
10 THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING TODAY, WILL LAUNCH FROM THIS LEANER
11 BASELINE AS ITS STARTING POINT. TURNING TO PAGE 11. CAN THIS
12 BUDGET FUND ALL OF OUR NEEDS AND REQUESTS? THE TRUTH OF IS
13 MATTER IS, IT CANNOT. EVEN THOUGH \$36.2 BILLION IS A VERY
14 LARGE NUMBER, IT IS STILL A FINITE NUMBER, AND OUR NEEDS FAR
15 OUTWEIGH AVAILABLE RESOURCES. JUST TO PROVIDE SOME
16 PERSPECTIVE, OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT
17 AND EXPAND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO BETTER SERVE OUR
18 COMMUNITIES, TO SHORE UP LEGACY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, AND THE
19 LIKE. THEY SUBMITTED ABOUT \$2 BILLION IN BUDGET REQUESTS. ONLY
20 ABOUT A QUARTER OF THOSE REQUESTS, OR 530 MILLION, HAVE BEEN
21 MOVED FORWARD FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AND FUTURE BUDGET
22 PHASES, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL ALL BE
23 FUNDED. THIS MEANS THAT WE MUST BRING SHARPER FOCUS TO
24 WEIGHING COMPETING PRIORITIES, LEVERAGING OTHER FUNDING
25 SOURCES, ELIMINATING REDUNDANCIES AND INEFFECTIVE PROGRAMS,

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1 AND TO STRATEGICALLY SEQUENCE FUNDING, ALL IN SERVICE TO
2 MAXIMIZING REVENUES AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE MORE, BETTER, AND
3 EXPANDED SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, WHETHER
4 DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OUR PARTNERS. TURNING TO PAGE 12. AS THIS
5 BOARD IS AWARE, MUCH OF OUR C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED FUNDING TODAY
6 CAME FROM THE \$1.2 BILLION ALLOCATION FROM THE FEDERAL
7 C.A.R.E.S. ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, AND WE USE THIS
8 FUNDING FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMS, SOME OF WHICH WE ARE
9 STILL PROVIDING SERVICES IN TODAY. SOME OF THE MAJOR PROGRAM
10 AREAS ARE LISTED ON THIS SLIDE, AND I WON'T REPEAT THEM, BUT I
11 WILL BRIEFLY HIGHLIGHT OUR C.A.R.E.S. ACT WEBSITE, WHICH
12 FEATURES DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE 60 C.A.R.E.S. ACT
13 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PROGRAMS, ALONG WITH THE REPORT TO
14 YOUR BOARD ON KEY OUTCOMES. TURNING TO PAGE 13. IN THE PRIOR
15 SLIDE, I SPOKE ABOUT THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF
16 FUND, THE FUNDING WE RECEIVED LAST YEAR, AND HERE I WOULD LIKE
17 TO DISCUSS THE FUNDING FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR PANDEMIC
18 RESPONSE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE ARE EXPECTING \$1.9 BILLION IN
19 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, AND WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING THE
20 FIRST HALF OF IT IN MAY. MY OFFICE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH
21 EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO DEVELOP A SPENDING PLAN FOR THESE
22 FUNDS. WHILE NO FINAL DETERMINATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, OUR
23 THINKING AT THIS MOMENT IS THAT THE SPENDING PLAN, AT MINIMUM,
24 MUST COVER THE AREAS LISTED ON THIS SLIDE. FIRST, THERE IS THE
25 HEALTH AREA. WE KNOW THAT WE MUST SUSTAIN OUR ROBUST HEALTH

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1 RESPONSE, AND THAT THIS HAS TO REMAIN FRONT AND CENTER. NEXT,
2 IS ECONOMIC RECOVERY. NOTE THAT, WITH THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF
3 FUNDS, WE AIMED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES
4 TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. WITH THE
5 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THOSE EFFORTS AND
6 HELP BUILD A BRIDGE TO AN ECONOMY THAT IS EITHER RECOVERED OR
7 RECOVERING. THE NEXT CATEGORY IS EQUITY INVESTMENTS, AND HERE
8 THE QUESTION IS, HOW CAN WE USE THESE FUNDS WITH AN EQUITY
9 LENS TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAM
10 INVESTMENTS THAT WILL POSITION US TO BE BETTER POST-PANDEMIC
11 THAN WE WERE PRE-PANDEMIC? FINALLY, THERE IS SUSTAINABILITY
12 AND PREPAREDNESS. HOW CAN WE BETTER PREPARE FOR THE NEXT
13 EMERGENCY, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE, AS WELL AS SUPPORT OUR FISCAL
14 INFRASTRUCTURE? TURNING TO PAGE 14. FINALLY, A QUICK LOOK AT
15 WHERE THE COUNTY'S FUNDING SOURCES COME FROM. THE LARGEST
16 TRANCHE OF FUNDING COMES FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL
17 GOVERNMENTS, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS PAGE, AND THESE FUNDS
18 USUALLY COME TO US WITH SIGNIFICANT STRINGS ATTACHED. THOSE
19 TWO CATEGORIES ARE FOLLOWED BY PROPERTY TAXES, AND FUNDING WE
20 RECEIVE AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES WE PROVIDE, FOLLOWED BY
21 OTHER FUNDING SOURCES. TURNING TO PAGE 15. THE PREVIOUS SLIDE
22 SHOWED WHERE OUR REVENUE COMES FROM. THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE
23 MAJOR CATEGORIES OF WHERE THE MONEY GOES. THE LARGEST AREA
24 CONTINUES TO BE HEALTH AT 33%, FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
25 AT 26%, FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AT 25%, FOLLOWED BY

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1 RECREATION AND CULTURE AT 2%, AND THEN A GENERAL CATEGORY,
2 EVERYTHING ELSE, AT 14%. AND THEN TURNING TO PAGE 16, THE LAST
3 PAGE. AS I STATED AT THE BEGINNING OF MY PRESENTATION, THIS
4 RECOMMENDED BUDGET WILL EVOLVE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD TO MEET THE
5 NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC WE SERVE. BEFORE WE MOVE THROUGH THE NEXT
6 PHASES-- PUBLIC HEARINGS IN MAY, FINAL CHANGES IN JUNE, AND
7 THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER-- I WOULD LIKE TO PAUSE
8 BRIEFLY TO RECOGNIZE THE HARD WORK THAT BROUGHT US TO TODAY'S
9 MILESTONE, DEVELOPING AND PRESENTING THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET.
10 AS YOUR BOARD HAS DEMONSTRATED, THERE IS NO HIGHER
11 RESPONSIBILITY THAN FUNDING OUR PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY NET
12 RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS IS WHERE GOVERNMENT SHOWS ITS VALUE AND
13 COMMITMENT. IT IS OUR MOST ESSENTIAL ROLE. DEVELOPING A
14 RECOMMENDED BUDGET THIS YEAR, DURING A PANDEMIC, PRESENTED
15 EVEN MORE COMPLEXITIES THAN USUAL, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO
16 PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THE C.E.O. BUDGET TEAM FOR THEIR
17 EXCEPTIONAL HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, SPECIFICALLY MR. MATT
18 MCGLOIN, MS. ANGELA SCHILLER, MS. SHEILA WILLIAMS, AND MR.
19 NATHAN MATTHEWS, AND THE ENTIRE BUDGET TEAM. I WOULD ALSO LIKE
20 TO THANK EACH OF YOUR OFFICES, PARTICULARLY YOUR BUDGET
21 DEPUTIES, FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP EVERY STEP OF THE
22 WAY. AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOUR
23 BOARD FOR YOUR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP. THANKS TO YOU, WE HAVE
24 CLEAR PRIORITIES AND VALUES THAT GUIDE OUR WORK, EVEN WHEN THE
25 PATH AHEAD IS UNCERTAIN, AND THE CHALLENGES ARE GREAT. THANK

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1 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF PRESENTING THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET
2 TO YOU TODAY, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY NOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OR
3 RECEIVE ANY FEEDBACK YOU MAY HAVE.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, FESIA DAVENPORT, OUR
6 C.E.O. I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP DURING
7 ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST CHALLENGING YEARS, TO SAY THE LEAST.
8 AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THOSE ON YOUR STAFF: MATT MCGLOIN,
9 AND THE C.E.O. BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE TEAMS. YOU KNOW, THIS
10 BUDGET IS REALLY A TRUE REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES AND OUR
11 VISION TO SERVE ALL 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. BUT, AS WE KNOW, IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO DEVELOP A
13 BUDGET THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND TIMELY IN ADDRESSING OUR COUNTY'S
14 MOST PRESSING NEEDS. SO I THANK ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO
15 WORKED ON THIS, FROM THE BUDGET STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENTS, TO
16 OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO THE C.E.O. BUDGET STAFF, AND FESIA'S
17 EXECUTIVE TEAM, TO SUBMIT THIS BUDGET TO US TODAY. IT HAS BEEN
18 A LONG AND CHALLENGING YEAR FOR EVERY ANGELENO, AND ESPECIALLY
19 DIFFICULT FOR THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES TO THE PANDEMIC. AS
20 YOU KNOW, AS OF LAST WEEK, THE COUNTY'S TOTAL DEATH COUNT WAS
21 23,569, OF WHICH OVER 6,060 WERE IN THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL
22 DISTRICT, THAT I REPRESENT, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR NEARLY 26%. WE
23 ARE ALL ACUTELY AWARE OF THE DATA THAT DEMONSTRATES, TIME AND
24 TIME AGAIN, THAT THE PEOPLE WHO BEAR THE HEAVIEST BURDEN OF
25 THE PANDEMIC ARE THOSE FROM DISADVANTAGED, LOW-INCOME

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1 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE SOLUTION IS CLEAR: WE MUST ENSURE
2 THAT EVERYTHING WE DO, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO HOW WE
3 ALLOCATE RESOURCES, MUST BE DRIVEN BY DATA. THROUGH THE DATA,
4 WE HAVE LEARNED WHICH COMMUNITIES NEED THE MOST HELP, AND
5 THAT'S WHY WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INVEST IN THOSE SAME
6 COMMUNITIES. AS I STATED WHEN I BECAME CHAIR LAST DECEMBER,
7 EQUITY IS A TOP PRIORITY, AND I KNOW THAT VISION IS SHARED BY
8 MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES. HOWEVER, EQUITY, AS YOU KNOW, IS NOT
9 JUST A BUZZWORD. IT IS A VALUE THAT WE MUST PUT INTO PRACTICE,
10 STARTING WITH THIS BUDGET. TODAY, I AM THANKFUL THAT OUR
11 BUDGET IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION THAN WE WERE AT THIS TIME
12 LAST YEAR. OUR REVENUES HAVE IMPROVED, INCLUDING OUR SALES TAX
13 AND PROPERTY TAX, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE THIS YEAR BY
14 3.6%. LIFESAVING VACCINES ARE HERE NOW, AND MORE THAN 6
15 MILLION DOSES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED ALREADY, IN L.A. COUNTY
16 ALONE. OUR C.O.V.I.D. CASE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO HOLD STEADY,
17 AND ARE BACK DOWN TO LEVELS THAT WE HAVE NOT SEEN SINCE THE
18 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. AND WE ARE THOUGHTFULLY REOPENING
19 UP OUR SECTORS, ALL WITH THE HOPE THAT WE WILL WORK THROUGH
20 THE CHALLENGES BROUGHT ON BY THE PANDEMIC, AND WILL HELP OUR
21 ECONOMY RECOVER. FINALLY, THE \$1.9 BILLION IS ON THE WAY
22 THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, THANKS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT,
23 JOE BIDEN, WHICH WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER SURGE OF MUCH-NEEDED
24 RELIEF AND SUPPORT TO OUR STRUGGLING RESIDENTS AND OUR SMALL
25 BUSINESSES. THESE ARE ALL THE REASONS TO BE HOPEFUL FOR L.A.

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1 COUNTY'S FUTURE. AND WITH THAT HOPE, I ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED
2 PARTNERSHIP TO EMBARK ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY TOGETHER. THE
3 FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS \$36.2 BILLION, OVER
4 110,000 EMPLOYEES STRONG, WORKING TO SUPPORT OVER 10 MILLION
5 RESIDENTS IN OUR GREAT L.A. COUNTY. THERE ARE SEVERAL
6 PROPOSALS IN THE BUDGET THAT I WANT TO NOTE: THE \$15.7 MILLION
7 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM IN THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY
9 SERVICES, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY ONGOING FUNDING FOR
10 THIS VALUABLE PROGRAM THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DEPEND ON. AS OF
11 THIS PAST FEBRUARY, THE COUNTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS STILL
12 AT A RECORD HIGH 11.5%, WELL ABOVE THE PRE-PANDEMIC RATE OF
13 5%, IN FEBRUARY OF 2020. BY INVESTING IN THIS PROGRAM, WE ARE
14 GOING TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,
15 THAT WILL HELP SECURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL OF THEM. THE
16 BUDGET ALSO PROPOSES A \$9.8 MILLION AND 300 POSITIONS FOR THE
17 PROMOTORES DE SALUD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 MENTAL HEALTH. THIS HUGELY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM HIRES PEOPLE TO
19 WORK WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT THEY LIVE IN, AND ACT AS
20 TRUSTED AMBASSADORS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND OUTREACH IN THE
21 LANGUAGE OF THAT COMMUNITY. DURING THE PANDEMIC, THE PROGRAM
22 HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN GETTING IMPORTANT INFORMATION OUT TO OUR
23 LOVED ONES AND OUR COMMUNITIES, TO MAKE EVERYONE AWARE OF THE
24 RESOURCES AVAILABLE, SUCH AS TESTING, VACCINES, AND OTHER
25 HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES; \$70.5 MILLION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO

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1 COUNTY FACILITIES, SUCH AS WALNUT PARK POCKET PARK IN MY
2 DISTRICT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER RECREATIONAL
3 OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH ARE SORELY NEEDED AFTER AN ENTIRE YEAR OF
4 STAYING AT HOME. OUR COMMUNITIES, AS YOU KNOW, DESERVE ACCESS
5 TO PARKS AND GREEN SPACES, WHERE THEY CAN EXERCISE, PLAY A
6 SPORT, AND HOST A FAMILY GATHERING. THE NEED FOR PARKS IS
7 BACKED BY STUDIES THAT HAVE ILLUSTRATED THE PUBLIC HEALTH
8 BENEFITS OF PARKS, INCLUDING BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES, LIKE
9 REDUCTION IN OBESITY, ASTHMA, AND CHRONIC DISEASES. AND I AM
10 PLEASED TO FINALLY SEE AN INVESTMENT IN WALNUT PARK, ONE OF
11 THE COUNTY'S MOST DENSELY POPULATED COMMUNITIES, AND KNOWN AS
12 PARK-POOR. AND THE BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING TO MAINTAIN
13 PROGRAMS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THAT HAVE PROVEN TO BE
14 EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR INCARCERATION. AND I MEAN
15 ALTERNATIVES. SO I WANT TO NOTE THAT \$2.3 MILLION FOR THE
16 HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM, KNOWN AS H.O.S.T., WHICH
17 TRAINS DEPUTIES AND OTHER POLICE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE OUTREACH
18 SERVICES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SINCE JANUARY OF
19 2017, THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM HAS CONTACTED 6,651 PEOPLE
20 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WITHOUT ONE INCIDENT OF USE OF
21 FORCE; AND \$1.5 MILLION FOR THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS, OR
22 M.E.T. TEAMS, WHICH ARE CO-RESPONDER TEAMS THAT ARE STAFFED
23 WITH A SHERIFF DEPUTY WHO IS NOT IN A UNIFORM, AND A D.M.H.
24 CLINICIAN WHO WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP TO RESPOND TO AND DE-
25 ESCALATE SITUATIONS THAT INVOLVE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH

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1 NEEDS, OR ARE IN CRISIS. IN 2020, 34 LIVES WERE REPORTEDLY
2 SPARED DURING POTENTIALLY DEADLY FORCE ENCOUNTERS, BECAUSE OF
3 M.E.T. CRISIS CALLS HAVE CONTINUED TO INCREASE, AS YOU KNOW,
4 EACH YEAR-- AN APPROXIMATELY 125% INCREASE OVER THE LAST SEVEN
5 YEARS ALONE-- AND THERE WERE OVER 17,000 CALLS FOR DEPUTY
6 RESPONSE, OF WHICH 61%, OR OVER 10,000 CALLS, INVOLVED A
7 PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS OR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.
8 BOTH THE H.O.S.T. AND M.E.T. PROGRAMS ARE ONLY A FEW THAT THE
9 COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED TO RESPOND WITH NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 ASSISTANCE, WHICH HAS HELPED SAVE LIVES, AND IS A STARTING
11 POINT, I THINK, IN OUR APPROACH TO PROVIDING MORE
12 COMPASSIONATE CARE TO OUR RESIDENTS. AND FINALLY, THE BUDGET
13 INCLUDES \$100 MILLION FOR YEAR-ONE MEASURE J ALLOCATION, IN
14 WHICH 60% OF ANGELENOS VOTED TO REDIRECT A MINIMUM OF 10% OF
15 THE COUNTY'S LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUES AWAY FROM
16 CARCERAL SYSTEMS, TO DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND
17 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SO MANY
18 PEOPLE TODAY WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS AMOUNT, AND I,
19 TOO, BELIEVE IT IS LOW. I DO NOT DISAGREE. BUT I WOULD ASK
20 EVERYONE TO PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE COUNTY HAS NEVER
21 BUDGETED THIS WAY BEFORE. AND LIKE ANYTHING NEW, FOR THE FIRST
22 TIME, THERE'S ALWAYS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND TO IMPROVE
23 UPON. THIS IS ONLY YEAR ONE, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO LEARNING
24 AND HEARING FROM ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS. REMEMBER THAT
25 MEASURE J GIVES THE COUNTY THREE YEARS TO RAMP UP TO THE FULL

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1 10%. WE WILL ADJUST APPROPRIATELY TO CALCULATE THE MEASURE J
2 ALLOCATION. ULTIMATELY, MEASURE J HELPS TO SUPPORT THE
3 INITIATIVES THAT I AND THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT, AND HAVE PUT
4 FORTH AND FOUGHT FOR OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, BECAUSE WE KNOW
5 THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP DOING THINGS THE WAY THAT WE HAVE
6 BEEN DOING THEM. IT IS SIMPLY NOT WORKING. OUR JAILS ARE
7 OVERCROWDED, OUR HOMELESS CAMP KEEPS GROWING, AND THERE'S NOT
8 ENOUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE,
9 WE REALIZE THAT THESE CRISES ARE PART OF A LARGER, SYSTEMIC
10 ISSUE. THAT'S WHY I PASSED A MOTION, BACK IN 2019, TO
11 TERMINATE THE CONTRACT THAT WOULD BUILD A REPLACEMENT FOR THE
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND LAST YEAR, I ALSO PASSED A MOTION TO
13 CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THESE ARE THE FIRST STEPS TO MOVING
14 TOWARDS THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST MODEL FOR PUBLIC
15 SAFETY, AND ADDRESSING MASS INCARCERATION. AND TODAY I HAVE A
16 MOTION ON THE AGENDA THAT WILL SET ASIDE FUNDING FOR THE
17 DEMOLITION OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THIS WILL HELP US ENSURE
18 THAT, WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT. IF WE
19 REALLY BELIEVE IN REHABILITATION, THEN OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO
20 PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT HELP INDIVIDUALS STAY IN
21 THEIR COMMUNITIES, WHERE THEY CAN HEAL, AND THEY CAN THRIVE.
22 MEASURE J CAN ADDRESS THIS BY PROVIDING THE SEED FUNDING TO
23 BUILD OUT NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AS
24 WELL AS CREATE NEW PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES FOR OUR MOST
25 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. SIMILARLY, I HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVOCATING

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1 TO BUILD RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES AT ALL OF OUR COUNTY
2 HOSPITALS, AND STARTING WITH L.A.C.+U.S.C., THAT WILL PROVIDE
3 A COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
4 HEALTH NEEDS, IN A HOSPITAL SETTING, UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO
5 RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS THE FIRST-IN-THE-NATION
6 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING CAMPUS THAT INCLUDES 64 CRISIS
7 RESIDENTIAL BEDS, AND 96 RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS. IN FACT, WE
8 RECENTLY BROKE GROUND ON PHASE ONE OF THE RESTORATIVE CARE
9 VILLAGE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
10 THE PROJECT COME TO FRUITION. THESE TYPES OF PROGRAMS WILL
11 HELP US BREAK THAT CYCLE OF INCARCERATION AND HOMELESSNESS, BY
12 KEEPING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND OUT OF OUR JAILS, AND
13 PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE AND SUPPORTIVE CARE. AND MOST
14 RECENTLY, I ADVOCATED FOR CREATING THE CARE FIRST VILLAGE AT
15 THE VIGNES SITE, ACROSS FROM MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THIS 232
16 UNITS OF INTERIM HOUSING, USING MODULAR TRAILER BEDS AND
17 SHIPPING CONTAINERS, REPURPOSED INTO HOMELIKE SPACES IN ONLY
18 SIX MONTHS, IS REMARKABLE BY ANY STANDARD. WE COULD NOT HAVE
19 DONE IT ALONE, AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND THE C.E.O. WE
20 FUNDED THE BUILDING COSTS THROUGH THE COUNTY'S ALLOCATION OF
21 THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS, AND I PUT IN 6 MILLION
22 OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO COVER THE GAP. AT THE CARE
23 FIRST VILLAGE, PEOPLE WILL NOT ONLY HAVE HOUSING, FOOD, AND
24 LAUNDRY, BUT THEY WILL RECEIVE CASE MANAGEMENT, SO THEY CAN BE
25 REFERRED TO COUNTY SERVICES AND HAVE SOMEONE TO GUIDE THEM IN

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1 THEIR TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING. THESE SERVICES WILL BE
2 PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE CITY OF L.A. IN A JOINT PARTNERSHIP,
3 AND ALL OF THESE EFFORTS ALIGN WITH MEASURE J AND THE ULTIMATE
4 GOAL OF INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS HOW WE KEEP OUR
5 COMMUNITIES SAFE AND HEALTHY. AND I AM ALSO PROPOSING \$757
6 MILLION TO BE FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, FOR THE
7 FOLLOWING: ANTIVIOLENCE, GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
8 PROGRAMMING, TO BUILD MORE THAN 3,000 BEDS IN THE COMMUNITY TO
9 SERVE PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN JAIL WITH A SEVERE MENTAL
10 ILLNESS, AND TO EXPAND PROGRAMS WITH THE ALTERNATIVES TO
11 INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, WHICH INCLUDE A RAPID DIVERSION
12 PILOT PROGRAM THAT COLLOCATES NAVIGATORS AND CLINICAL STAFF ON
13 SITE AT SIX COURTHOUSES, INCLUDING THE EAST L.A. COURTHOUSE IN
14 MY DISTRICT, TO HELP PEOPLE IN CUSTODY GET LINKED TO COUNTY
15 SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNITY, DEPENDING ON THEIR NEEDS;
16 AS WELL AS PRE-BOOKING AND PRE-FILING DIVERSION PROGRAMS AT
17 SHERIFF AND POLICE STATIONS, TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM EVEN
18 ENTERING OUR JAILS IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND I ALSO PROPOSE TO
19 FUND PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING AND DIVERSION, PROVIDED BY THE
20 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND CAPITAL COSTS TO
21 SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT THE PROVISIONS OF MEASURE J. ALL OF THESE
22 EFFORTS ARE INTENDED TO MOVE L.A. COUNTY CLOSER TO A CARE
23 FIRST MODEL, AND ONE THAT HOPEFULLY WILL SERVE AS A MODEL FOR
24 OUR NATION. AND I KNOW THAT THIS WON'T EVEN BE ENOUGH, BUT IT
25 IS A FOUNDATIONAL START TO BUILD OFF FROM. SO, COLLEAGUES, AS

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1 WE FACE THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, I STAND HERE READY TO WORK
2 WITH YOU, AND, AGAIN, TO RISE TO THE OCCASION TO GIVE OUR BEST
3 TO OUR RESIDENTS. THEY DESERVE NO LESS. I THANK YOU ALL. WITH
4 THAT, I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I, TOO,
7 WOULD LIKE TO LEND MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO OUR C.E.O.
8 AND HER TEAM, FOR THE INCREDIBLE WORK THEY HAVE DONE IN
9 STARTING THE PROCESS BY DEVELOPING THIS YEAR'S RECOMMENDED
10 BUDGET. YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO CONFESS, I AM A SELF-DECLARED
11 BUDGET WONK. MADAM CHAIR, YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES KNOW I SERVED
12 ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND CHAIRED THE SENATE BUDGET
13 COMMITTEE THE LAST 4 YEARS THAT I SERVED IN THE CALIFORNIA
14 STATE SENATE, AND I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE STAFF WORK AND
15 LEGWORK THAT GOES INTO DEVELOPING A SPENDING PLAN TO MEET THE
16 NEEDS OF A COUNTY THE SIZE OF L.A. SO I MUST START BY
17 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HARD WORK, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT IT
18 HAS JUST BEGUN. IT IS WORK THAT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR; I THINK,
19 LARGELY, OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW. BUT IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT
20 WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEVEL OF DETAIL AND ALL THAT GOES INTO
21 DEVELOPING A BUDGET AND A SPENDING PLAN FOR ANY LEVEL OF
22 GOVERNMENT. SO, AGAIN, I COMMEND OUR C.E.O. AND HER ENTIRE
23 TEAM. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO REALLY BUILD A
24 BETTER, STRONGER, MORE EQUITABLE L.A. COUNTY OVER THE NEXT
25 YEAR. I AM EXCITED BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU

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1 AND THE C.E.O. TO DELIVER A BUDGET THAT FUNDS THE PRIORITIES
2 THAT WILL LEAD TO REAL, SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENTS IN
3 THE LIVES FOR ALL OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND
4 SUPPORT ALL OF THE BUDGET ITEMS THAT, MADAM CHAIR, YOU
5 ELEVATED, BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT I
6 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AREN'T TOO FAR OFF OF OUR RADAR
7 SCREEN. FIRST, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, OFTEN
8 CALLED O.D.R., HAS DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN MANY AREAS. THE
9 FUNDING STRUCTURE OF O.D.R. REALLY NEEDS TO BE STABILIZED, SO
10 WE CAN CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ITS IMPORTANT WORK. I LOOK
11 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY A FUNDING PLAN
12 THAT WILL ENSURE LONG-TERM AND MORE STABLE FUNDING FOR THIS
13 DEPARTMENT. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE
14 COUNTY'S VISION FOR ENHANCING EQUITY IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.
15 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS STILL STRUGGLING UNDER REDUCTIONS FROM
16 THE COUNTY'S LEANER BASELINE BUDGET OF 2021, AND I ENCOURAGE
17 THE C.E.O. TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THE
18 '21-'22 FISCAL YEAR FOR CRITICAL POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC
19 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, WHICH INCLUDE ATTORNEY POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH
20 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET SHOWS REDUCTIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S
21 BUDGET, RESULTING FROM DECREASES IN REVENUE AND THE
22 ELIMINATION OF PREVIOUS ONE-TIME FUNDING, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
23 THE MAJOR IMPACT TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET COMES FROM THE
24 REDUCTIONS DURING THE PREVIOUS 2021 FISCAL YEAR, WHICH WAS A
25 LEANER BASELINE THAT WAS THEN USED TO DEVELOP THE NEW BUDGET.

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1 I ENCOURAGE THE C.E.O. TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES
2 TO CALL OUT AND IDENTIFY INEFFICIENCIES AND WASTE WITHIN THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO DEVELOP A LEANER, MORE EFFECTIVE LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION THAT IS BETTER DESIGNED TO MEET THE
5 ACTUAL NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES, LIKE
6 MEASURE J AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, WILL GIVE US
7 ADDITIONAL CHANCES TO FUND A VALUES-BASED BUDGET. THESE
8 DOLLARS MUST BE ALLOCATED WISELY, USING AN EQUITY LENS THAT
9 INVESTS IN THE PARTS OF OUR COUNTY WITH THE MOST NEED, AND TO
10 HELP RESIDENTS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LEAST AMOUNT OF
11 INVESTMENT OVER TIME, WHICH HAVE LED TO DISPROPORTIONATE
12 OUTCOMES. IT IS CLEAR TO ME, AS I AM LEARNING THE COUNTY'S
13 BUDGET PROCESS IN MY FIRST YEAR, THAT TODAY IS JUST THE
14 BEGINNING OF THE BOARD'S ROLE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS,
15 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING STEPS AND PHASES THAT WILL
16 PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HEAR FEEDBACK, CLARIFY OUR
17 PRIORITIES, OPENLY DELIBERATE ON TOUGH CHOICES, AND APPROVE A
18 BUDGET THAT WILL MAKE REAL OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY. MADAM
19 CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PROCESS.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE
22 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, SORRY. I WAS TRYING TO FIND, AS THEY
25 SAY, THE MIC. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO ADD MY PRAISE,

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1 OBVIOUSLY, TO FESIA DAVENPORT AND HER TEAM. I DON'T THINK THAT
2 PEOPLE QUITE GRASP THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO MEETING
3 THE HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THIS BOARD AND THE PEOPLE IN THE
4 COUNTY, WHO EXPRESS WHAT IS NEEDED, WHAT THEY HOPE FOR, AND
5 WHAT WE SEEK TO ACHIEVE. THIS YEAR HAS BEEN THE MOST TRYING OF
6 ANY THAT I HAVE SEEN IN MY 25 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT, WHEN I WAS
7 IN THE STATE, AND NOW IN THE COUNTY. THE INTERESTING THING
8 ABOUT THE COUNTY IS, I THINK, BEFORE THIS PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY
9 WORK HAS BEEN LARGELY INVISIBLE TO PEOPLE. PEOPLE KNEW THAT
10 THE COUNTY DID SOME THINGS, BUT, LIKE ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT
11 PRIMARILY SERVES THE UNDERSERVED-- THE POOR, THE SICK, THOSE
12 WHO NEED SOMEONE ELSE TO CARE FOR THEM-- IT IS PRETTY
13 INVISIBLE. BUT SUDDENLY CAME THE PANDEMIC, AND IT BECAME, I
14 THINK, MORE AND MORE OBVIOUS TO PEOPLE, OVER THE COURSE OF
15 THIS YEAR, WHAT THE COUNTY IS CALLED UPON TO DO. AND WE WERE
16 CALLED UPON TO STEP UP. C.O.V.I.D. TOUCHED VIRTUALLY EVERYONE
17 IN THE WORLD-- AND, OF COURSE, THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN OUR
18 COUNTY-- AND THAT HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON OUR FINANCES, WHICH
19 HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON OUR DECISIONS. A YEAR AGO, WE WERE
20 TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF \$2 BILLION LOSS OF TAXES, AND
21 LOOKING AT WHAT LOOKED LIKE INEVITABLE CURTAILMENTS, WHICH IS
22 A BIG FANCY WORD FOR LAYING PEOPLE OFF. BUT, THANKS TO A
23 SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN EXPECTED TAX REVENUE, SOME PRETTY SMART
24 SPENDING DECISIONS, I THINK, AND, LORD KNOWS, SUPPORT FROM
25 STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING, THE IMPACT WAS NOT NEARLY AS

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1 DEVASTATING. BUT WE HAD TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS, AND WE
2 DID CURTAIL \$446 MILLION IN COUNTY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR
3 2021. ALTHOUGH THE IMPACT WAS NOT AS LARGE AS WE FEARED--
4 LAYOFFS WERE AVOIDED-- THERE WERE A LOT OF CRITICAL SERVICES
5 THAT WERE CURTAILED EXACTLY AT THE TIME WHEN WE HAD TO STEP UP
6 AND PROVIDE MORE AND MORE AND MORE-- MORE FOOD, MORE MEDICAL
7 SERVICES, MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES-- AND THE IMPACT WAS
8 FELT DEEPLY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE FACT THAT THE FOUR WOMEN
9 WITH WHOM I SERVE HAVE BEEN SO UNIFIED IN OUR DECISIONS TO
10 MOVE THE COUNTY FORWARD IN A VERY INTENTIONAL MODEL THAT WANTS
11 PEOPLE NOT TO BE IN JAIL, WANTS THEM TO GET SERVICES, WANTS
12 PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A LIVING, WANTS PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO
13 FIND A PLACE TO LIVE; IF THEY ARE ON THE STREET, WANTS PEOPLE
14 TO BE ABLE TO GET OFF THE STREET, AND LIVE SOMEWHERE WITH FOUR
15 WALLS AND A ROOF. THOSE HAVE BEEN OUR PRIORITIES, AND I THANK
16 FESIA VERY MUCH, BECAUSE THIS BUDGET ACTUALLY REPRESENTS THOSE
17 PRIORITIES, AND MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. LET
18 ME HIGHLIGHT JUST A FEW PRIORITIES ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO ME.
19 I AM PROUD TO SAY, I WAS THE ONE THAT PUT MEASURE J ON OUR
20 AGENDA, SO THAT WE COULD PUT IT OUT FOR A VOTE. AND I WAS
21 PROUD TO DO SO, AND I AM PROUD NOW OF THE WORK THAT IS GOING
22 INTO IT. I HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVIST ALL MY LIFE. I UNDERSTAND
23 THERE IS CONFLICT. AND THOSE WHO SAY, "MORE, MORE, MORE," I AM
24 REALLY IN THAT CAMP. I DO WANT THERE TO BE MORE, MORE, MORE.
25 AS A SUPERVISOR, I HAVE TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS,

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1 IN TERMS OF WHAT LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE IS, QUOTE,
2 "UNRESTRICTED," AND I THINK THE INITIAL PROPOSED BUDGET
3 ALLOCATION OF \$100 MILLION IS A GOOD START, AS WE RAMP UP TO A
4 FULL 10 PERCENT IN YEAR THREE. WE HAVE NEVER MADE THIS KIND OF
5 LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENT, AND CERTAINLY NOT, INDIRECTLY, IN
6 COMMUNITIES. A LOT OF US ON THE BOARD, AND IN THE STAFF AND
7 THE COUNTY, WERE ACTUALLY S.E.D.A. WORKERS IN OUR YOUTH,
8 WORKED IN NONPROFITS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. I LOVE THIS
9 KIND OF INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THAT
10 THE NEEDS FAR EXCEED THE RESOURCES, IT IS A GOOD FIRST STEP.
11 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY-- AND I HAVE SAID IT TO FESIA AND
12 EVERYBODY-- IN THE NEXT TWO BUDGET PHASES, I WANT TO LOOK FOR
13 MORE, MORE, MORE. WITH A.T.I., ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,
14 WHICH I WAS VERY PROUD TO BRING THAT MOTION, I KNEW HOW
15 DIFFICULT IT WAS FOR US, LOOKING AT WHAT TO DO WITH OUR JAIL
16 COMPLEX, AND ONE BY ONE DECIDED, NOPE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO
17 BUILD THAT, AND NOPE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BUILD THAT. AND, YEP,
18 WE'RE GOING TO TEAR THAT DOWN. I WANTED US TO LOOK BROADLY IN
19 THE COMMUNITY FOR WHAT WE COULD DO. SO THE ALLOCATION OF OVER
20 \$2 MILLION AND 6 POSITIONS TO A.T.I. IS REALLY IMPORTANT,
21 ESPECIALLY AS WE MOVE TOWARD RECOVERY AND THE RE-ENVISIONING
22 OF COMMUNITIES TO CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. EVERYONE KNOWS IT,
23 BUT WE DIDN'T REALLY SEE IT CLEARLY BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. THERE
24 IS A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALREADY
25 SO VULNERABLE, MOST OF THEM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND IT IS

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1 OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES THAT ARE NEEDED,
2 AND THE SUPPORT THAT IS NEEDED, TO OUR MOST DISADVANTAGED
3 FOLKS, TO HELP THEM LIFT THEMSELVES UP, AND TO DO OUR JOB IN
4 LIFTING THEM UP IN A TIME OF NEED. PEOPLE ARE RELYING ON US,
5 AND THAT, I THINK, IS WHAT'S BECOME OBVIOUS DURING THE
6 PANDEMIC. PEOPLE KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICES.
7 PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE ARE NEEDED, AND NOBODY ELSE DOES SO MANY
8 OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO. SO I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF THE CARE
9 FIRST, JAIL LAST VISION, AND THE FUNDING OF A.T.I., MOVING
10 TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION. SECONDLY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AGAIN,
11 SOMETHING I AM REALLY PROUD. WE WERE LOOKING AND LOOKING AND
12 LOOKING AT WHAT TO DO FOR THOSE OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE
13 HOUSELESS, AND WHO NEED OUR HELP. BUT I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, WE
14 HAVE TO DO MORE TO TRY TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM LOSING THEIR
15 HOUSING. AND THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT WE HAVE
16 FUNDED AND ENACTED, BUT I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF ENVISIONING,
17 WITH MY COLLEAGUES, MOVING TO \$100 MILLION A YEAR FOR
18 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EVERY YEAR: A NEW \$100 MILLION, IN ADDITION
19 TO ANYTHING WE PUT INTO HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. YOU KNOW, THE
20 MARKET BEFORE C.O.V.I.D. WAS UNAFFORDABLE FOR MANY ANGELENOS.
21 WE NEED OVER HALF A MILLION AFFORDABLE HOMES, AND THEY SIMPLY
22 DON'T EXIST. AND THE PANDEMIC HAS THREATENED TO MAKE THAT EVEN
23 WORSE FOR LOW-INCOME MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES,
24 KNOCKING THEM INTO HOMELESSNESS IN GREATER NUMBERS. OVER THE
25 PAST FIVE YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS MADE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN

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1 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS, AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON AND
2 INVEST, IN ADDITION, IN UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM
3 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
4 HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE, AND
5 THE BOARD'S INVESTMENT IS NOW MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER. SO I
6 WILL WORK, AND PUSH, AND NUDGE, AND INSIST ON SEEING THE
7 ONGOING ALLOCATION GROW TO THE FULL \$100 MILLION, SO THAT WE
8 HAVE A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO A LONG-TERM AND ONGOING
9 CHALLENGE. THIRDLY, WE HEARD A GOOD DEAL ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF HEALTH SERVICES' ACUITY SYSTEM. THERE WAS SOME CRITIQUE,
11 AND THIS BOARD, AND FESIA AND HER TEAM, AND DR. GHALY STEPPED
12 UP AND SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO INVEST ALMOST \$25 MILLION, ADD
13 35 POSITIONS, TO MODERNIZE AND INTEGRATE A NEW ACUITY
14 SCHEDULING AND TIME SYSTEM TO INTEGRATE WITH O.R.C.H.I.D.,
15 WHICH, OF COURSE, STANDS FOR SOMETHING I CAN NEVER REMEMBER,
16 BUT IT IS OUR SYSTEM, AND ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
17 PROVIDE CONSISTENT PLACEMENT OF CLINICAL STAFF, BASED ON
18 ACUITY NEEDS. FOURTH, I LOVE THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
19 THAT CAME OUT OF A.B. 12. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT \$33 MILLION OF
20 STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUE WILL BE ALLOCATED IN THIS BUDGET TO
21 SUPPORT EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS FOR OUR A.B. 12
22 YOUTH. WHO ARE THOSE? WELL, IN THE OLD DAYS, OUR
23 RESPONSIBILITY FOR KIDS WHO WERE IN OUR CARE ENDED WHEN THEY
24 TURNED 18. BOOM, THEY WERE OUT THE DOOR. AND THANKS TO THE
25 FEDS, THANKS TO THE STATE, AND THANKS TO INVESTMENT HERE IN

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1 THE COUNTY, THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE. WE NOW ALLOW OUR KIDS
2 TO STAY IN FOSTER CARE BEYOND AGE 18, UP TO AGE 21, AND IN
3 SOME CASES, BEYOND. BUT THEY ARE MORE FRAGILE THAN EVER DURING
4 THE PANDEMIC. MANY HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. MANY ARE FACING
5 HOUSING INSTABILITY. SO THIS HELP IS CRITICAL AND NECESSARY.
6 FIFTH, CHILDCARE. CHILDCARE, CHILDCARE, CHILDCARE. WE'VE HEARD
7 A LOT ABOUT IT, AND I AM REALLY GLAD OF THAT, DURING THE
8 PANDEMIC. BUT EVEN BEFORE, SUCH A NECESSARY ITEM, NOT ONLY SO
9 THAT MOTHERS AND FATHERS COULD WORK, BUT ALSO FOR THE
10 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES, FOR THEIR EARLY
11 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. BUT IT HAS BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT,
12 AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT, IN SAYING, "WE NEED THESE ESSENTIAL
13 WORKERS TO GO TO WORK. WE MUST HELP PROVIDE CHILDCARE." SO, AS
14 A FORM OF ESSENTIAL WORK, CHILDCARE PROVIDERS HAVE CONTINUED
15 TO STAY OPEN, ALLOWING OTHER SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY TO GO TO
16 WORK. I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF CHILDCARE AND EARLY CARE AND
17 EDUCATION, SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO REBUILD THE ECONOMY, BUT ALSO
18 SO THAT WE CAN BRING OUR CHILDREN INTO A BRIGHTER FUTURE. WE
19 OWE OUR PROVIDERS A DEBT OF GRATITUDE, AND THAT IS WHY I AM
20 REALLY PLEASED THAT THE CALWORKS STAGE-ONE CHILDCARE PROGRAM
21 WILL BE INCREASING BY OVER \$17 MILLION. IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT
22 PROGRAM. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT
23 ABOUT ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY. I DON'T KNOW THAT OTHERS
24 HAVE OR WILL MENTION IT. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE INVESTING AN
25 ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION, THROUGH THE INTERNAL SERVICES

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1 DEPARTMENT, INTO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT MASTER
2 AGREEMENTS, TO CONTINUE DESIGN, ENGINEERING, RETROFITTING, AND
3 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION FOR OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES.
4 THIS IS CRITICAL, BECAUSE PROJECTS INCLUDE MORE ENERGY-
5 EFFICIENT H.V.A.C. SYSTEMS, REPLACEMENTS OF LIGHT FIXTURES AND
6 CONTROLS, ROOF ALTERATIONS AND REPAIR; MUCH MORE. IN TERMS OF
7 SUSTAINABILITY, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE IT. WE ARE
8 LOOKING AT A PANDEMIC, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ARE NOT
9 ALSO LOOKING AT THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING, WHICH WE HAVE
10 SEEN ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. ALL KINDS OF DISLOCATION AND
11 STRANGE WEATHER. AND THERE WILL BE EFFECTS, EVEN HERE IN
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO, OUR EXTRAORDINARY COUNTY
13 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN GIVES US A ROADMAP FOR TRANSFORMATIVE
14 CHANGE TO MEET THE CLIMATE CRISIS. BUT ADOPTING A PLAN, OF
15 COURSE, IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP. THE REAL WORK REQUIRES US TO
16 REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WITH FUNDING.
17 SO, IN CONCLUSION, I WANT TO THANK, AGAIN, ALL OF THE
18 ADVOCATES, ALL OF THE ACTIVISTS, ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE DREAMING
19 A BETTER L.A. COUNTY, WHO ARE BANGING ON OUR DOORS, AND
20 FRANKLY, WE HAVE OPENED A LOT OF THEM, I HOPE, TO SAY, "WE
21 NEED YOUR YOUTH JUSTICE INITIATIVE. WE NEED MORE DIVERSION. WE
22 NEED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE NEED JUSTICE REFORM. WE
23 NEED A WAY OF KEEPING US FED. WE NEED A REAL PROGRAM RELATED
24 TO FOOD. WE NEED BETTER HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. WE NEED, AND WE
25 NEED, AND WE NEED." AND ALL FIVE OF US, WHO GREW UP HERE, KNOW

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1 THAT IN SOME DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT IN SOME VERY CONNECTED WAYS.
2 AND I AM PROUD TO SERVE WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SAYING, "LET'S
3 MOVE IT FORWARD. LET'S HAVE THE DREAM. LET'S CLOSE THE JAIL.
4 LET'S GET PEOPLE OUT INTO THE SERVICES THEY NEED, AND BACK TO
5 WORK. LET'S REALLY HELP PEOPLE, NOW THAT EVERYONE SEES THAT'S
6 WHAT THE COUNTY DOES." SO I THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I AM
7 CONFIDENT, WITH FESIA'S LEADERSHIP, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND
8 SERVICES AND ENACT POLICIES TO LIFT OUR STRUGGLING
9 CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITIES FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME.
10 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NEXT,
13 WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL
16 LIKES TO SAY, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID, BUT NOT EVERYBODY HAS
17 SAID IT. SO, HERE I GO. AND LET ME ADD MY THANKS, OF COURSE,
18 TO FESIA AND HER INCREDIBLE TEAM. IT WAS REALLY NICE HEARING
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S REMARKS, TOO. I REMEMBER MANY OF US,
20 THAT'S WHAT WE ALWAYS HIGHLIGHTED ABOUT YOU, WHEN WE KNEW YOU
21 WERE JOINING US ON THE BOARD, WAS YOUR BUDGET EXPERTISE, AND
22 HOW MUCH WE WERE GOING TO APPRECIATE IT, PARTICULARLY DURING
23 THESE MONTHS WHERE WE STUDIED THIS BUDGET. AND YOU ARE RIGHT:
24 THERE IS SO MUCH THAT GOES INTO IT, AND EVERYBODY ON YOUR
25 TEAM, FESIA, HAS BEEN GREAT, AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK

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1 THAT. THIS HAS BEEN SUCH A DIFFICULT YEAR, LAST YEAR, IN SO
2 MANY WAYS. BUT I AM PROUD OF US, AS A COUNTY, THAT WE'VE MADE
3 IT THROUGH. AND WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH BECAUSE OF OUR
4 HARDWORKING EMPLOYEES, WHO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE, MET THE
5 MOMENT, AND DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THIS COUNTY MOVING.
6 WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE, RECOGNIZE, COMPENSATE
7 COUNTY WORKERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND THEIR TENACITY.
8 BECAUSE OF THEM, OVER THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
9 RESTORE PROGRAMS AT OUR PARKS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE
10 PROGRAMS IN OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICES, AND OUR ALTERNATE
11 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICES, AND HUNDREDS OF COUNTY JOBS. AND
12 WE'VE HELPED OUR DEPARTMENTS ADJUST TO THIS 8 PERCENT
13 CURTAILMENT THAT WE PUT THEM UNDER LAST YEAR. AND I REALLY
14 WANT TO THANK OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND, AGAIN, THE WORKFORCE,
15 WHO, EVEN WITH THIS CURTAILMENT, HAVE PROVIDED THE KINDS OF
16 SERVICES THAT OUR RESIDENTS DEPEND ON. WE'VE ALSO FOUND
17 CREATIVE WAYS TO USE THE ONE-TIME MONEY WE WERE GIVEN FROM THE
18 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. WE USED THAT
19 MONEY FOR PROJECT ROOMKEY, TO GET OUR HOMELESS FOLKS,
20 PARTICULARLY 65 AND OLDER, OFF THE STREETS AS SOON AS
21 POSSIBLE, AND INTO A NICE, CLEAN ROOM, WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO
22 GIVE THEM SERVICES. WE USED THAT MONEY FOR RENT RELIEF, AND
23 WE USED THAT MONEY TO GIVE GRANTS TO OUR RESTAURANTS, TO HELP
24 THEM THROUGH A REALLY CHALLENGING YEAR. YOU KNOW, WE MIGHT NOT
25 HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAS THROWN AT US LAST

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1 YEAR, BUT WE NAVIGATED OUR WAY THROUGH SOME VERY TOUGH
2 DECISIONS, AND WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD TO CONTINUE TO BE
3 THAT SAFETY NET FOR OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND I THINK
4 THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY IS A
5 REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING TO DO THAT, EVEN IF
6 THIS PANDEMIC IS FINALLY OVER SOMEDAY. IN ADDITION TO MILLIONS
7 GOING TOWARDS HOUSING, FOOD, OTHER SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS, THIS
8 BUDGET GIVES US ROOM TO HIRE MANY MORE MENTAL HEALTH
9 EDUCATORS, FUND MORE MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH SERVICES, AND
10 PROVIDE MORE SPECIALTY CARE IN OUR HOSPITALS, ESPECIALLY IN
11 THE COMMUNITIES WHO NEED THEM MOST. SHOUTOUT TO DR. SHERIN,
12 WHO CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR THESE KINDS OF SERVICES AND MORE
13 RESOURCES, SPECIFICALLY ALLOTTED FOR THAT. I AM REALLY GLAD TO
14 SEE THAT WE ARE INVESTING EVEN MORE IN L.A. FOUND. THAT'S THE
15 PROGRAM WE CREATED TO HELP RETURN THOSE FOLKS WHO WANDER, DUE
16 TO ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA, EVEN CHILDREN WHO WANDER AS A RESULT
17 OF AUTISM, AND RETURN THEM TO THEIR LOVED ONES THROUGH THESE
18 TRACKABLE BRACELETS. THIS BUDGET SETS ASIDE HALF A MILLION
19 DOLLARS FOR MORE BRACELETS AND OUTREACH, AND TO DATE, 800
20 BRACELETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH L.A. FOUND. AND WITH
21 THIS MONEY THAT THIS BUDGET SETS ASIDE, THAT WILL MEAN THAT
22 WE'RE GOING TO EVEN REACH MORE PEOPLE. AND ONE OF THE KEY
23 ASPECTS OF L.A. FOUND IS GIVING PEACE OF MIND TO THE
24 CAREGIVERS OUT THERE, EITHER THE ACTUAL LOVED ONES OR THE
25 HIRED CAREGIVERS, BECAUSE THOSE THAT WANDER REALLY CREATE

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1 ANXIETY IN THE HOUSEHOLD. THIS BUDGET ALSO REFLECTS OUR
2 COUNTY'S RENEWED COMMITMENT TO RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE,
3 FOLLOWING THE 2020 AWAKENING OF LAST SUMMER, A COMMITMENT MOST
4 RECENTLY, FOR ME, THAT WAS ILLUSTRATED IN THE QUEST TO RETURN
5 THE PROPERTY OF BRUCE'S BEACH TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS, THE
6 DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. THAT'S ANOTHER ITEM ON
7 TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT IT REALLY PLAYS INTO HOW WE WOKE UP AND
8 BEGAN TO LOOK AT HOW WE MIGHT BEGIN, AS A COUNTY, TO RIGHT
9 SOME OF THE WRONGS THAT WERE COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF RACISM.
10 AND UNDER THIS BUDGET, MILLIONS WOULD BE ALLOCATED TOWARD THE
11 ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE-- SOMETHING,
12 AGAIN, I THINK IS SO IMPORTANT, WHEN WE HAVE WITNESSED
13 INCREASED DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE TARGETED PARTICULARLY AT
14 OUR COUNTY'S A.A.P.I. RESIDENTS. WE ALSO HAVE, IN THIS BUDGET,
15 \$100 MILLION GOING TOWARDS THE FIRST-YEAR FUNDING FOR MEASURE
16 J. THANK YOU TO SHEILA FOR YOUR ADVOCACY FOR THAT, AND AGAIN
17 HAVING THE COURAGE TO PUT IT BEFORE US, TO PUT IT ON THE
18 BALLOT. AND I THINK WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF THAT. AND YES, THIS
19 IS THE LARGEST ALLOCATION THAT WE HAVE EVER PROPOSED TO INVEST
20 IN PROGRAMS LIKE THIS. BUT I DO KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, IT IS
21 NEVER GOING TO BE ENOUGH, BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY YEARS,
22 YOU KNOW, THAT THIS KIND OF INVESTMENT WAS NOT MADE IN OUR
23 COMMUNITIES. AND I THINK WE'VE UNFORTUNATELY REAPED THE
24 NEGATIVE BENEFITS OF THAT, AS IT RELATES TO INCARCERATION,
25 MORE PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS, MORE PEOPLE WHO REALLY COULD HAVE

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1 USED THE HELP A LONG TIME AGO, AS INVESTMENT IN THEIR LIVES.
2 AND I TALKED TO FESIA YESTERDAY, AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT
3 AGAIN. I REALLY WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU TO IDENTIFY, I WOULD
4 HOPE, ANOTHER \$50 MILLION IN THE NEXT PHASES OF THE BUDGET
5 PROCESS. I KNOW WE HAVE TWO OTHER PHASES AFTER THIS, AND I
6 REALLY HOPE YOU CAN IDENTIFY THAT, SO THAT WE REALLY HAVE AN
7 EVEN BIGGER CHUNK OF MONEY THAT WE BEGIN TO INVEST IN THESE
8 INITIATIVES THAT MATTER SO MUCH TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US.
9 AND I JUST THINK THE MORE MONEY WE CAN INVEST UP FRONT, IT'S
10 GOING TO PAY OFF ON THE BACK END. WE WILL GET THIS INVESTMENT
11 BACK IN SO MANY WAYS. SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT MAYBE YOU CAN
12 IDENTIFY THAT MONEY IN THE NEXT FEW PHASES. WE ALL WANT TO SEE
13 REAL CHANGE. I KNOW WE CAN ACHIEVE IT. BUT I AM, TOO, ON THE
14 SHEILA KUEHL "MORE, MORE, MORE" BANDWAGON. I ALSO WANT US TO
15 LOOK AT CONSOLIDATING OFFICE SPACE, AND LETTING GO OF SOME OF
16 THE LEASES THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE ANYMORE. AS WE HEAD TOWARDS
17 THIS SO-CALLED NEW NORMAL, WE CAN AND WE SHOULD IMPLEMENT
18 TELEWORKING SOLUTIONS, LONG-TERM, THAT MAKE SENSE, BOTH FOR
19 OUR COUNTY STAFF, OUR COUNTY BUDGET. THAT WAS AN INITIATIVE
20 THAT I THOUGHT ABOUT WHEN I WAS CHAIR, WHICH SEEMS LIKE
21 ANOTHER LIFETIME AGO, SEVERAL YEARS AGO. BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS
22 TIME THAT WE BEGAN LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES TO PEOPLE GETTING
23 IN THEIR CARS AND DRIVING TO DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AND SHOWING
24 UP AT ONE LOCATION TO DO THEIR WORK. I THINK WHAT THIS
25 PANDEMIC HAS SHOWN US IS THAT WE CAN HAVE DIFFERENT, CREATIVE

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1 SOLUTIONS TO THE WORKPLACE. AND I HOPE WE FOCUS MORE ON THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE, MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE THE KINDS OF WI-FI,
3 THE NETWORKS, THE INFRASTRUCTURE IT TAKES TO WORK FROM
4 DIFFERENT PLACES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I ALSO WANT
5 TO LOOK AT CONTINUING TO FUND AND EXPAND OUR MOBILE STROKE
6 UNIT PROGRAM, WHICH HAS ACHIEVED GREAT OUTCOMES. I REALLY WANT
7 TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES IN THE PAST FOR SUPPORTING THE FUNDING
8 OF THIS MOBILE STROKE UNIT, WHICH REALLY DOES SAVE LIVES,
9 PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM HAVING THE DEBILITATING AFTEREFFECTS OF
10 HAVING A STROKE. WE HAVE DATA AND REPORTS NOW THAT PROVE THAT
11 IT DOES WORK. IT IS EFFICIENT. AND MY GOAL SOMEDAY,
12 COLLEAGUES, IS TO HAVE THIS MOBILE STROKE UNIT BE ABLE TO
13 SERVICE EVERY CORNER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I THINK THAT'S THE
14 NEW, CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY OF PROVIDING HEALTHCARE IN THE
15 FUTURE: LET THE HOSPITAL COME TO THE PERSON, AND IT WILL SAVE
16 MORE LIVES THAT WAY. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD, FESIA, IN THE
17 NEXT COUPLE WEEKS, HAVING YOU COME BACK TO US WITH
18 RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOW WE SHOULD ALLOCATE THIS \$1.9 BILLION
19 THAT WE ARE BEING GIVEN THROUGH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S
20 AMERICAN RESCUE PROGRAM. IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE WILL USE THIS
21 MONEY TO STRENGTHEN, NOT JUST PRESERVE, OUR COUNTY'S SOCIAL
22 SAFETY NET, TO KEEP DELIVERING THOSE MOST IN NEED. AND WITH
23 THAT, I YIELD BACK MY TIME, MADAM SPEAKER. I MEAN, MADAM
24 CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT, WE WILL
2 HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK FESIA DAVENPORT
5 AND THE ENTIRE STAFF-- AND ON MY STAFF, RICK VELASQUEZ AND MY
6 TEAM-- FOR THE HARD WORK THAT'S BEEN PUT INTO DEVELOPING THE
7 RECOMMENDED BUDGET THAT IS BEING PRESENTED TODAY. I'D ALSO
8 LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND REALLY APPRECIATE THE
9 WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE WITH THEIR STAFF AND THEIR DUE
10 DILIGENCE IN HELPING US SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY, ESPECIALLY OVER THIS LAST YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE
12 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS \$36.1 BILLION, WHICH IS ABOUT 5 PERCENT
13 LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, I REALLY APPLAUD THE FACT THAT
14 IT WAS DEVELOPED PRIOR TO THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE AMERICAN
15 RESCUE PLAN, WHICH TELLS ME WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES MOVING
16 FORWARD. THAT PLAN, AS YOU KNOW, IS EXPECTED TO BRING ABOUT
17 \$1.9 BILLION IN LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, AND I BELIEVE
18 THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRULY INVEST THOSE FUNDS IN
19 IMPORTANT PROGRAMS THAT MANY HAVE BEEN OUTLINED BY MY
20 COLLEAGUE. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR EMPLOYEES AND THOSE
21 THAT CALLED IN TODAY REGARDING HERO PAY, AND I HOPE, FESIA,
22 THAT MOVING FORWARD, WE CAN LOOK AT WAYS TO RECOGNIZE AND
23 THANK OUR EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WERE HOLDING DOWN A
24 FULL-TIME JOB, AND CHILDCARE, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WENT
25 WITH IT. SO I HOPE, MOVING FORWARD, WE CAN LOOK AT THE HEROES

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1 PAY, AND HOW THIS COUNTY CAN, IN FACT, THANK OUR EMPLOYEES FOR
2 THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
3 INCLUDING THE ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO THE MENTAL OUTREACH AND
4 TRIAGE, THE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU ARE PUTTING INTO THE
5 BUDGET, TO AUGMENT CRISIS AND INTERVENTION SERVICES. BECAUSE
6 WE KNOW, WITH C.O.V.I.D., MENTAL HEALTH IS AN AREA THAT NEEDS
7 TO BE SUPPORTED, AND WE NEED TO HAVE A ROBUST PROGRAM, MOVING
8 FORWARD. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO INVEST IN
9 PROGRAMS CENTERING AROUND THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS, AS WELL
10 AS OUR H.O.S.T. TEAMS, THAT ARE GOING OUT AND DOING OUTREACH
11 FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION CONTINUES
12 TO EVOLVE, AND WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE FULL IMPACT OF
13 C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND ITS REQUISITE CLOSURES ON OUR REGION. I AM
14 HOPEFUL THAT IF WE MOVE FORWARD WITH REOPENING LOCAL
15 BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS, COUNTY REVENUES WILL ALSO
16 INCREASE AND HELP STABILIZE OUR BUDGET, SO THAT WE CAN
17 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES
18 OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES EXPECT AND DESERVE. WE ARE
19 CONTINUOUSLY REMINDED OF THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN PROVIDING
20 ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR MILLIONS OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND SUPPORT
21 FOR THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE
22 REGION, DURING THEIR TIME OF NEED. THE INCREASE IN THE DEMAND
23 FOR COUNTY SERVICES, SUCH AS FOOD, HOUSING, AND HEALTH AND
24 MENTAL HEALTH CARE, IS STAGGERING. AND I KNOW, AS CHAIR, I SAW
25 FIRSTHAND, WHEN WE WERE DOING THE FOOD GIVEAWAY OUT IN MY

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1 DISTRICT, HOW MANY PEOPLE TRULY HAVE FOOD INSECURITY, AND I
2 THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE SUPPORT
3 AND RESOURCES MOVING FORWARD. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE ALSO
4 SIMULTANEOUSLY SEEING UNPARALLELED REDUCTIONS IN REVENUES THAT
5 ARE NEEDED TO FUND VITAL SERVICES IN CHILD WELFARE, PUBLIC
6 SAFETY, HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, AND OTHER AREAS.
7 SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE BOARD ESTABLISHED AND BEGAN REGULARLY
8 CONTRIBUTING TO THE RAINY DAY FUND. I WANT TO COMMEND MY
9 COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD FOR THEIR FISCAL PRUDENCE IN SETTING
10 ASIDE MONEY EACH YEAR TOWARD THE RAINY DAY FUND, WHICH HAS
11 BEEN VITAL TO HELP US ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF NEEDED
12 SERVICES, WHICH REALLY WAS THE BRIDGE THAT GOT US THROUGH THE
13 DIFFICULT PERIOD OVER THE LAST YEAR. WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR
14 PRACTICE OF ALLOCATING MONEY TO THE RAINY DAY FUND, TO HELP US
15 PREPARE FOR ANY FUTURE IMPACTS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER
16 UPDATES FROM THE C.E.O. ON THESE EFFORTS. AS WE LEARN MORE
17 ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 ON OUR REVENUES, AND ANY
18 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE FORTHCOMING, WE WILL
19 LIKELY NEED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IN
20 JUNE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT.
21 AS PART OF THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK TO IMPROVE
22 AND ENHANCE OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH
23 PUBLIC SAFETY. IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, AS I'VE NOTED, WE ARE
24 RESTORING FUNDING TO PREVENT CUTS IN BOTH MENTAL HEALTH
25 EVALUATION TEAMS AND THE HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAMS, BUT I WANT

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1 TO SEE WHERE WE CAN DO MORE, ESPECIALLY AROUND SUBSTANCE
2 ABUSE. I COMMEND THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PROGRAM,
3 WHICH IS THE ADVANCED PROVIDER RESPONSE UNIT'S TELEMEDICINE
4 UNIT, WHICH GOES OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND IS PROVIDING
5 SERVICES WHEN 911 CALLS ARE MADE, AND LINKING THOSE
6 INDIVIDUALS TO SERVICES NOT ONLY WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE, BUT
7 ALSO WITHIN PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
8 THIS PROGRAM ROLLED OUT AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW
9 WITHIN THE COUNTY. RIGHT NOW, IT IS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I
10 SEE OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE THAT FORWARD, AND I THINK THAT THAT
11 IS SOMETHING THAT THIS ENTIRE BOARD WOULD SUPPORT. AGAIN, I
12 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WE ALL HAVE TOUGH DECISIONS TO
13 MAKE, BUT THIS BOARD IS UNITED IN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN
14 OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN FUTURE PROGRAMS THAT ARE GOING TO
15 CHANGE HOW WE'VE DONE WORK. I LOOK AT THE PROGRAM THAT I AM
16 DOING UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR CHALLENGER, WHICH IS
17 REIMAGINING CHALLENGER TO BE, RATHER THAN A YOUTH CAMP, IT IS
18 GOING TO BE VOCATIONAL YOUTH WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM AND
19 HOUSING. AND IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE WHAT WAS A...
20 SOME WOULD CALL PRISON, AND MAKE IT INTO SOMETHING THAT IS
21 GOING TO TRULY BENEFIT THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY, BUT ESPECIALLY
22 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY REGION. I'D ALSO, ONCE AGAIN, LIKE TO TAKE
23 A MOMENT TO THANK OUR COUNTY WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM WE HAVE
24 HEARD FROM TODAY, WHO'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND IN SERVING OUR
25 RESIDENTS WHEN THEY NEEDED IT THE MOST, DURING THIS LAST YEAR.

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1 FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD FOR YOUR
2 COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT AS WE WEATHER THESE DIFFICULT TIMES
3 TOGETHER. I REALLY AM GRATEFUL TO WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE
4 OF YOU, IN UNISON, TOWARD THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL OF OUR LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I
8 WANT TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR ALL OF YOUR STATEMENTS.
9 AND ALSO, AGAIN, THANKS TO OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, HER
10 STAFF, ALL OUR BUDGET DEPUTIES, AND ALSO ALL OF OUR PUBLIC
11 EMPLOYEES THAT SERVE US HERE IN THE COUNTY, AND PROVIDE SUCH
12 TREMENDOUS SERVICE AND HOPE TO SO MANY PEOPLE. SO WITH THAT,
13 AGAIN, THANKS. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
14 READ IN AN AMENDMENT TO SET WEDNESDAY, MAY THE 19TH, 2021, AS
15 THE DATE THAT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS WILL BEGIN, INSTEAD OF
16 MAY 12TH, 2021. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE,
17 PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
18 LIVE STATEMENT, OR A COMMENT ON THE BUDGET TODAY, JUST TO
19 REMIND YOU THAT THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING IS ANOTHER
20 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THAT FEEDBACK. SO YOU WILL HAVE
21 ANOTHER, AS THEY SAY, BITE AT THE APPLE AT THE NEXT MEETING
22 THAT WE HAVE ON THE BUDGET, WHICH WILL BE ON MAY THE 12TH. SO
23 ITEM 46, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY MYSELF, AND
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 46, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP
3 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1, ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS
4 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF AZUSA, WEST WHITTIER/LOS
5 NIETOS, EAST LA MIRADA, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND KINNELOA MESA. I
6 BELIEVE MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IS AVAILABLE
7 IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT
8 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS? OKAY. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
9 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE
10 BALLOTS, AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR
11 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. THAT WILL BE THE
12 ORDER. MOVING ON TO ITEM 2, PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
13 VACATION OF AN ALLEY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF
14 WHITTIER. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
15 ANY REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US.
16 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
17 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
18 ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE
21 THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

24

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15

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

17

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

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
22 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING ON THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22,
23 PLANNING AND ZONING, LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
24 UPDATE. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
25 REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO

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1 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 4 IS
2 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
4 CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

9

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

24

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

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT IS APPROVED. MOVING ON, WE'LL NOW TAKE
6 UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 5, HEARING ON COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22,
7 PLANNING AND ZONING, GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
8 UPDATE. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED
9 ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
10 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 5 IS
11 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO
12 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
13 ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

18

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS,
15 NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE SET MATTER ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH
16 ORDER. THIS IS A PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS
17 THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE WILL HEAR FROM DR.
18 BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA
19 GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND THEY CAN BEGIN THEIR
20 PRESENTATION, AND THEN WE'LL GO IN THE ORDER, MEMBERS WANTING
21 TO BE RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU.

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, GREAT. YEAH, THANK YOU, AND GOOD
24 MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD
25 OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR ONGOING

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1 PROGRESS IN REDUCING C.O.V.I.D. TRANSMISSION RATES, AND
2 INCREASING VACCINATION EFFORTS. YOUR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AND
3 SUPPORT HAS HELPED GUIDE US THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, AND WE ARE
4 SEEING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, WITH FEWER CASES,
5 DEATHS, AND HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND MORE PEOPLE PROVIDED
6 PROTECTION THROUGH VACCINATION. TODAY I WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE
7 ON THESE METRICS, OUR CURRENT TIER STATUS, SECTOR REOPENINGS
8 AND COMPLIANCE DATA, SCHOOL REOPENINGS AND OUTBREAKS, AND THE
9 LATEST EFFORTS ON VACCINATIONS. I KNOW THE PUBLIC CAN'T SEE
10 THE SLIDES, BUT BEGINNING WITH OUR FIRST SLIDE, OUR METRICS
11 CONTINUE TRENDING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. STARTING WITH OUR
12 DAILY NUMBERS, WE ARE VERY SAD TO REPORT 33 ADDITIONAL DEATHS
13 TODAY, AND 360 NEW CASES. AS ALWAYS, WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
14 SYMPATHIES TO EVERYONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE DURING THE
15 PANDEMIC. THERE ARE 465 PEOPLE CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH
16 C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS FIRST SLIDE SHOWS OUR TREND LINES IN
17 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS, FROM MARCH 1ST OF 2020
18 LAST YEAR, THROUGH APRIL 11TH, 2021. AS YOU CAN SEE, CASE
19 NUMBERS HAVE STABILIZED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. ON APRIL
20 11TH, WE SAW 414 DAILY AVERAGE REPORTED CASES, AND THIS IS
21 DOWN 98 PERCENT FROM THE ALMOST 16,000 CASES WE WERE
22 WITNESSING AT THE PEAK OF THE SURGE. HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE
23 DECREASED NOW, AS YOU NOTED, TO 465 PEOPLE TODAY. THIS IS DOWN
24 ABOUT 95 PERCENT FROM THE PEAK DAILY AVERAGE OF OVER 8,000
25 HOSPITALIZATIONS A DAY, DURING THE SURGE. AND ON APRIL 11TH,

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1 WE REPORTED 7 DAILY AVERAGE DEATHS, AND THIS IS DOWN, AGAIN,
2 ALMOST 100 PERCENT FROM A PEAK OF 274 DURING THE SURGE. WE ARE
3 ENCOURAGED THAT THE CONTINUED STABLE CASE RATES AND OUR DAILY
4 TEST POSITIVITY RATE, WHICH AVERAGES ABOUT 1 PERCENT, SUGGESTS
5 TRUE PROGRESS IN SLOWING TRANSMISSION. AND IF YOU GO TO THE
6 SECOND SLIDE, YOU CAN NOTE THAT OUR TIER STATUS ON THE
7 BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY HAS US REMAINING IN THE ORANGE
8 TIER. I DO WANT TO REPORT THAT THE STATE JUST RELEASED THE NEW
9 METRICS, AND OUR METRICS SHIFTED SLIGHTLY DOWNWARD FOR L.A.
10 COUNTY. OUR CASE RATE IS NOW 2.7 NEW CASES PER 100,000
11 RESIDENTS. THE 7-DAY OVERALL AVERAGE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY
12 RATE IS NOW DOWN TO 1.2 PERCENT, AND THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE
13 IN OUR LOWEST-QUARTILE HEALTHY PLACES INDEX COMMUNITIES IS NOW
14 AT 1.5 PERCENT. THE STATE HAS POSTED THESE UPDATED METRICS
15 AND, AS I NOTED, WE'LL REMAIN IN THE ORANGE TIER FOR NOW. IN
16 ORDER TO DROP TO THE LESS RESTRICTIVE YELLOW TIER, WE WOULD
17 HAVE TO MEET THE THRESHOLD OF AN ADJUSTED CASE RATE OF LESS
18 THAN 2 NEW CASES PER 100,000. AND IF YOU MOVE TO THE NEXT
19 SLIDE, YOU'LL NOTE WE DID RELEASE A NEW HEALTH OFFICER ORDER,
20 EFFECTIVE APRIL 15TH, THAT REFLECTS ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
21 PERMITTED IN THE ORANGE TIER. THIS INCLUDES INDOOR AND OUTDOOR
22 LIVE EVENTS AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS; PRIVATE EVENTS, INCLUDING
23 MEETINGS, RECEPTIONS, AND CONFERENCES; AND INFORMAL
24 GATHERINGS, ALL WITH REQUIRED SAFETY MODIFICATIONS. THIS SLIDE
25 SHOWS THE MANY PROTOCOLS THAT WE'VE UPDATED OR ISSUED TO

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1 REFLECT CHANGES, INCLUDING NEW GUIDANCE FOR INFORMAL SOCIAL
2 GATHERINGS. WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED THESE PROTOCOLS TO THE MANY
3 DIFFERENT SECTORS THAT NOW ARE ALLOWED SOME MODIFICATIONS ON
4 THE SAFETY MEASURES, AND THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE
5 ON OUR WEBSITE. WE DO KNOW THAT WHEN THESE PROTOCOLS ARE
6 IMPLEMENTED WITH FIDELITY, BY BUSINESSES AND OTHER ENTITIES,
7 WE CAN KEEP OUR WORKSITES, EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, AND THE
8 COMMUNITY SAFE. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, AS I VISITED A
9 NUMBER OF OUR LARGE EVENT VENUES LAST WEEK, I WAS TREMENDOUSLY
10 IMPRESSED WITH ALL THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY STAFF AND OWNERS
11 TO ADHERE TO THE REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES, ENSURING THAT
12 SPECTATORS ARE SPACED APPROPRIATELY APART TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL
13 DISTANCING, AND ASKING AND ENSURING THAT ALL SPECTATORS ARE
14 WEARING MASKS, UNLESS THEY ARE EATING OR DRINKING, IN
15 APPROPRIATE AREAS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE FANS AT THE
16 SPORTING EVENTS AND THE LIVE EVENTS FOR DOING THEIR PART TO
17 FOLLOW THE SAFETY DIRECTIVES, AND TO KEEP THEIR MASKS ON. IT
18 IS GREAT TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY THESE ACTIVITIES AGAIN, AND I
19 KNOW THAT IT HAS TAKEN A LOT OF ADJUSTMENTS AND HARD WORK FOR
20 THIS TO HAPPEN. WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO
21 PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR COMPLIANCE EFFORTS, AND THIS SLIDE
22 SHOWS A SNAPSHOT OF OUR ACTIVITIES THIS PAST WEEK, AND THE
23 RESULTS OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDER INSPECTIONS BY OUR
24 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTORS, WHO ARE OUT IN THE FIELD 7
25 DAYS EACH WEEK, TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC ARE

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1 PROTECTED. AT THE MORE THAN 1,000 RESTAURANTS, BARS, GYMS,
2 HAIR SALONS, FOOD MARKETS, AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES VISITED
3 BETWEEN APRIL 12TH AND APRIL 18TH, COMPLIANCE RANGED FROM
4 ABOUT 70 PERCENT TO 100 PERCENT, DEPENDING ON THE SECTOR. MOST
5 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS, AND
6 WE THANK ALL THE BUSINESSES AND PATRONS FOR WORKING HARD TO
7 ADHERE TO THE REOPENING MEASURES. WE DO CONTINUE TO SEE
8 POCKETS WHERE COMPLIANCE IS LACKING, AND THIS NONCOMPLIANCE
9 FOR SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS INCLUDES A LACK OF PHYSICAL
10 DISTANCING, EMPLOYEES NOT PROTECTED BY WEARING FACE COVERINGS
11 AND/OR SHIELDS, AND A LOT OF EXAMPLES WHERE THE OCCUPANCY
12 LIMITS ARE EXCEEDED. WE WILL TAKE OUR NEXT SLIDE. WHILE PUBLIC
13 HEALTH'S APPROACH IS TO EDUCATE ESTABLISHMENTS ABOUT THE
14 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, CITATIONS ARE ISSUED WHEN THERE'S A
15 SIGNIFICANT VIOLATION FROM THE LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE PUBLIC
16 HEALTH PROTOCOLS. CITATIONS WERE ISSUED IN LESS THAN 1 PERCENT
17 OF INSPECTIONS FOR EACH SECTOR, WITH A TOTAL OF 13 CITATIONS
18 ISSUED THIS LAST WEEK FOR RESTAURANTS, 5 FOR BARS, 2 FOR GYMS,
19 AND ONE EACH FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND FOOD MARKETS.
20 GIVEN THE RISE IN CASES HAPPENING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE
21 COUNTRY, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT AFTER OUR
22 COMMUNITIES HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED SO MUCH. AND WHILE IN THE
23 PAST, HIGH RATES OF TRANSMISSION ON THE EAST COAST HAVE
24 TRANSLATED A FEW WEEKS LATER TO INCREASES IN CASES IN L.A.
25 COUNTY, I DON'T BELIEVE THIS PATTERN IS INEVITABLE. OUR

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1 CIRCUMSTANCES ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT NOW THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN
2 THE PAST, BECAUSE WE HAVE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS
3 VACCINATED, AND MUCH HIGHER COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH OFFICER
4 ORDERS. HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN THE GAINS WE HAVE MADE, WE DO
5 NEED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER,
6 ESPECIALLY AS WE ARE REOPENING MANY SECTORS AND ENJOYING MANY
7 ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN FLIP TO THE NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE SECTORS
8 THAT HAS BEEN BRINGING MANY PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR BUILDINGS ARE
9 OUR SCHOOLS. IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN TWO MONTHS SINCE MANY OF
10 OUR SCHOOLS HAVE BEGUN BRINGING BACK STUDENTS FOR IN-CLASS
11 INSTRUCTION, WITH A STAGE-THREE OPENING. CURRENTLY, 77 PERCENT
12 OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE OPEN, AS ARE 43 PERCENT OF
13 PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS. THIS RESULTS IN MORE THAN 1600
14 SCHOOLS OPEN FOR IN-CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION. AN ADDITIONAL 5
15 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND 113 PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS,
16 HAVE APPROVED PLANS FOR REOPENING. ON RANDOM SITE VISITS FROM
17 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S SCHOOLS
18 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM, SCHOOL COMPLIANCE WITH D.P.H.
19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS WAS EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH. HALF OF ALL THE
20 SCHOOLS VISITED HAD PERFECT COMPLIANCE, WHILE AN ADDITIONAL 45
21 PERCENT HAD A HIGHER THAN 80-PERCENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANY
22 REOPENING PROTOCOLS. THIS IS GREAT NEWS FOR OUR STUDENTS AND
23 OUR SCHOOL STAFF, AND WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK OF EVERYONE
24 IN OUR SCHOOLS TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE AND HEALTHY. I WILL GO
25 ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH SHOWS TRENDS OVER TIME FOR

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1 C.O.V.I.D. CASES AMONGST STAFF AND STUDENTS IN K-12 SCHOOLS,
2 FROM SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR THROUGH MID-APRIL OF THIS YEAR. AS
3 WE REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS AGAIN, MANY PEOPLE ARE PROBABLY
4 WONDERING WHAT ROLE SCHOOLS PLAY IN THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS
5 INFECTION. GOING BACK TO SEPTEMBER 2020, WHEN A VERY SMALL
6 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS STARTED REOPENING, THE ORANGE LINE TRACKS
7 THE NUMBER OF CASES AMONG ALL SCHOOL STAFF BY WEEK, WHILE THE
8 BLUE LINE REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF STUDENT CASES BY WEEK.
9 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT POINTS TO HIGHLIGHT. THE FIRST
10 IS THAT, AMONG CHILDREN, CASES WERE GENERALLY MUCH LOWER THAN
11 AMONG SCHOOL STAFF, UNTIL VERY RECENTLY. THE SECOND POINT IS
12 THAT CASE NUMBERS AMONG ADULTS WORKING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
13 CORRESPONDED NOT TO THE CASE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING
14 SCHOOL, BUT TO THE CASES IN THE COMMUNITY, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM
15 THE TREND LINE AMONGST SCHOOL STAFF, WHICH SPIKED AROUND THE
16 WINTER SURGE. WITH MANY MORE SCHOOLS OPENING SINCE FEBRUARY,
17 IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THE RELATIVELY FEW CASES AMONG STAFF
18 AND STUDENTS. THIS DOES POINT TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
19 TOOLS BEING USED TO CREATE SAFETY AT ALL OF THE BUILDINGS.
20 EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE FAIRLY SIMPLE, MASKING AND SOCIAL
21 DISTANCING REALLY WORK. WHEN IT COMES TO C.O.V.I.D., STUDENTS
22 AND STAFF HAVE A LOT OF PROTECTION IN SCHOOLS, AS LONG AS
23 SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE FOLLOWED, AND COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION
24 RATES REMAIN LOW. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT WE BEGAN VACCINATING
25 EDUCATORS ON MARCH 1ST. SOMETHING SUBTLE HAS BEEN TALKING

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1 PLACE OVER THE COURSE OF MARCH, THAT WE ARE ALSO SEEING
2 PERSISTING THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF APRIL. SINCE WE BEGAN
3 VACCINATING EDUCATORS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE'VE SEEN SLIGHTLY
4 MORE CASES AMONG STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL THAN AMONGST STAFF.
5 THIS IS SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT, AND WHAT IT SUGGESTS IS
6 THAT AMONGST SCHOOL STAFF-- WHO, AGAIN, CONTRACT C.O.V.I.D.
7 MOSTLY FROM EXPOSURES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES-- THE VACCINATION
8 EFFORTS ARE HAVING A MEASURABLE IMPACT. I DO WANT TO THANK OUR
9 PARTNERS AT THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND AT
10 ALL THE DISTRICT AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, FOR THEIR
11 PERSISTENCE AND HARD WORK PROTECTING THE EXTRAORDINARY STAFF
12 AND TEACHERS, AND ALL OUR CHILDREN, AND I AM SURE I AM JOINED
13 BY MANY, MANY PARENTS IN EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE. SOME
14 ADDITIONAL REASONS TO BE HOPEFUL ARE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, ABOUT
15 SCHOOL REOPENINGS, COMES FROM DATA ON SCHOOL OUTBREAKS. AS YOU
16 CAN SEE FROM THIS GRAPH OF K-12 SCHOOL OUTBREAKS, FROM THE
17 BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER, THROUGH APRIL 15TH,
18 WE'VE ONLY SEEN A HANDFUL OF OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOLS SINCE THE
19 SURGE. AND IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, IN FACT, OF THE 5
20 ACTIVE OUTBREAKS IN L.A. SCHOOLS RIGHT NOW, ALL ARE ASSOCIATED
21 WITH PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH SPORTS, NOT WITH ATTENDING
22 INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. WE KNOW THAT MASKING AND
23 DISTANCING ARE A CHALLENGE IN SPORTS, AND THAT SOCIALIZING
24 DURING THESE ACTIVITIES OFF SCHOOL CAMPUS COULD BE A FACTOR IN
25 VIRAL TRANSMISSION AMONG THESE GROUPS. WE ARE LOOKING HARD AT

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1 THE CURRENT GUIDANCE FOR YOUTH SPORTS, AND MAYBE MAKING
2 ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS LATER THIS WEEK TO MITIGATE THESE
3 INCREASES IN TRANSMISSION AMONG YOUTH SPORTS PARTICIPANTS. AND
4 NOW I DO WANT TO PROVIDE A QUICK UPDATE ON VACCINATION
5 EFFORTS, SO IF YOU WILL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. YESTERDAY DID
6 MARK A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE, NATIONALLY, AS THOSE 16 AND
7 OLDER, NATIONWIDE, ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION. AND THE
8 C.D.C. HAS REPORTED THAT MORE THAN HALF OF ALL AMERICAN ADULTS
9 OVER THE AGE OF 18, OR ALMOST 131 MILLION PEOPLE, HAVE
10 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE; AND
11 33 PERCENT, OR MORE THAN 85 MILLION, ARE NOW FULLY VACCINATED.
12 IN L.A. COUNTY, WE ARE ALSO MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS,
13 ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO TO ENSURE THAT THOSE IN OUR
14 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES ARE EASILY ABLE TO GET VACCINATED. AS OF
15 YESTERDAY, WE'VE ADMINISTERED OVER 6.3 MILLION TOTAL DOSES IN
16 L.A. COUNTY, WITH MORE THAN 4 MILLION FIRST DOSES AND OVER 2.2
17 MILLION SECOND DOSES. THIS MEANS THAT MORE THAN 4 MILLION
18 PEOPLE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL PROTECTION AGAINST C.O.V.I.D., AND
19 OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE THE FULL PROTECTION OFFERED BY
20 THESE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE VACCINES. MORE THAN 74 PERCENT OF
21 RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE
22 VACCINE, AND 59 PERCENT ARE NOW FULLY VACCINATED, AS OF APRIL
23 16. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WHILE GAPS CONTINUE TO EXIST
24 IN VACCINATION RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, WITH THE HIGHEST
25 RATES AMONG WHITES AND ASIANS, WE ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS

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1 GETTING MORE VACCINATIONS INTO THE COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY
2 C.O.V.I.D.-19. FOR EXAMPLE, THE RELATIVE PERCENTAGE INCREASE
3 IN VACCINATION RATES FROM FEBRUARY 9 TO APRIL 9, FOR THOSE 65
4 AND OLDER, WAS 153 PERCENT FOR BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS,
5 120 PERCENT FOR LATINX RESIDENTS, 115 PERCENT FOR AMERICAN
6 INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE RESIDENTS, 68 PERCENT FOR WHITE
7 RESIDENTS, AND 74 PERCENT FOR ASIAN RESIDENTS. THE HIGHER
8 PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES ARE
9 IMPORTANT, AND NEED TO BE CONTINUED IN ORDER FOR US TO CLOSE
10 THE GAPS WE CONTINUE TO SEE IN VACCINATION RATES BY RACE AND
11 ETHNICITY. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. FOR THOSE 16 AND
12 OLDER, VACCINATION RATES OVERALL ARE MUCH LOWER, AS
13 ELIGIBILITY TO BE VACCINATED JUST RECENTLY OPENED FOR MANY
14 INDIVIDUALS IN THE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS. WE'VE SEEN INEQUITIES
15 IN COVERAGE RATES, THOUGH, AND AGAIN, THE GAPS, HOWEVER, ARE
16 STARTING TO NARROW. WE ARE IN A CRUCIAL RACE TO GET MANY MORE
17 RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN ALL HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES VACCINATED
18 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF THE
19 VIRUS, AND OF THE VARIANTS OF CONCERN. STRATEGIES FOR
20 IMPROVING VACCINATION RATES AMONG RESIDENTS IN HARD-HIT
21 COMMUNITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: FIRST, INCREASING THE
22 NUMBER OF DOSES ALLOCATED TO PROVIDERS SERVING THOSE IN THE
23 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. THIS WEEK, 73 PERCENT OF THE DOSES
24 DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S COUNTY
25 NETWORK ARE TO PROVIDERS ADMINISTERING VACCINE TO THOSE IN

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1 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. SECOND, WE DO HAVE STAFF THAT ARE NOW
2 ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT ONBOARDING NEW PROVIDERS THAT WORK IN OUR
3 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, SO THAT THEY CAN GET REGISTERED WITH THE
4 STATE AND FEDERAL VACCINATION SYSTEM. THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO
5 BE ABLE TO VACCINATE, AND IT WOULD INCREASE ACCESS TO LOCAL
6 AND TRUSTED PROVIDERS, WHO CAN PROVIDE THE VACCINE IN AREAS
7 THAT ARE CLOSE TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE LIVING AND WORKING. THIRD,
8 WE ARE EXPANDING OUR MOBILE TEAM, SO THAT THEY CAN POP UP
9 VACCINATION SITES IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES, COMMUNITY
10 ORGANIZATIONS, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP, IN THOSE PLACES THAT
11 HAVE THE LOWEST VACCINATION RATES. WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT
12 SLIDE. THIS TABLE SHOWS THE SUMMARY OF THE WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION
13 OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES BY SITE TYPE. THIS WEEK, THERE ARE
14 375 VACCINATION SITES OFFERING APPOINTMENTS, WITH THEIR
15 PORTION OF THE ALMOST 362,000 TOTAL DOSES THAT WERE ALLOCATED
16 TO THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE HAVE BROUGHT NEW SITES ONLINE,
17 INCLUDING OBREGON PARK IN EAST L.A., COLLEGES OF THE CANYONS
18 IN SANTA CLARITA, AND PALMDALE OASIS PARK REC CENTER IN EAST
19 PALMDALE. AMONG THE MORE THAN 100 MOBILE TEAMS THAT ARE OUT
20 THIS WEEK, THERE ARE ALSO MOBILE TEAMS AT THE PALMDALE AND
21 LANCASTER METRO LINK STATIONS, STARTING TODAY, AND I ENCOURAGE
22 RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THESE COMMUNITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
23 OF THE NEW SITES IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT
24 THE METRO STATIONS AND THE PALMDALE OASIS PARK REC CENTER. AS
25 A REMINDER, THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DOSES THAT ARE

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1 ALLOCATED DIRECTLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOME COUNTY
2 PHARMACY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, NOR DOES IT
3 INCLUDE THE DOSES THAT ARE ALLOCATED BY THE STATE TO THE LARGE
4 MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES, SUCH AS KAISER AND U.C.L.A. THOSE SITES
5 ADD AN ADDITIONAL 336 PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN GET VACCINATED
6 THIS WEEK. AND THAT BRINGS US TO A TOTAL OF 711 SITES ACROSS
7 THE COUNTY THAT ARE ADMINISTERING MODERNA AND PFIZER VACCINES.
8 JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINES ARE NOT BEING ADMINISTERED THIS
9 WEEK AT ANY SITES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE EXPECTING AN
10 ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE END OF THIS WEEK ABOUT THE VACCINE SAFETY,
11 FROM THE C.D.C.'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION
12 PRACTICES. L.A. COUNTY WILL FOLLOW THE C.D.C. AND F.D.A.
13 DIRECTIVES ON WHEN IT IS SAFE TO RESUME ADMINISTRATION OF THE
14 J&J VACCINE. WE CAN GO ON TO YOUR NEXT SLIDE. ELIGIBILITY, AS
15 EVERYONE KNOWS, EXPANDED, BEGINNING APRIL 15TH, FOR EVERYONE
16 16 AND OLDER. THIS MEANS THAT OLDER TEENS, 16 AND 17 YEARS
17 OLD, CAN NOW BE VACCINATED, ADDING AN EXTRA LAYER OF
18 PROTECTION THAT HELPS KEEP THEM SAFE, AND ALSO HELPS KEEP
19 THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, SPORT TEAMS, AND COMMUNITIES SAFE.
20 TEENS 16 AND OLDER CAN BE VACCINATED AT ANY SITE THAT
21 ADMINISTERS PFIZER VACCINES. THESE SITES INCLUDE MANY OF OUR
22 COUNTY- AND CITY-RUN LARGE VACCINATION SITES, AND HUNDREDS OF
23 PHARMACIES, COMMUNITY VACCINATION EVENTS, AND HEALTH CLINICS,
24 INCLUDING THOSE AFFILIATED WITH MAJOR HEALTH SYSTEMS LIKE
25 KAISER, U.C.L.A. HEALTH, AND THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH

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1 CENTERS. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE ASKING YOUNG PEOPLE 16 AND 17
2 YEARS OLD TO COME TO THEIR VACCINATION APPOINTMENT WITH A
3 LEGAL GUARDIAN, WHO CAN GIVE CONSENT, JUST AS WE DO WHEN WE
4 GIVE OTHER PEDIATRIC VACCINES. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO
5 GET A VACCINE APPOINTMENT IN L.A. COUNTY. IF YOU DON'T HAVE
6 INTERNET ACCESS, YOU CAN'T USE A COMPUTER, OR YOU'RE OVER 65
7 YEARS OLD, PLEASE CALL US AT 1-833-540-0473 FOR HELP FINDING
8 AN APPOINTMENT. AT TIMES, THERE COULD BE A LONG WAIT TIME, BUT
9 PLEASE EITHER HANG ON OR LEAVE US A NUMBER, AND WE CAN GET
10 BACK TO YOU. IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, PLEASE VISIT
11 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS TO SITES
12 WHERE YOU CAN MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT
13 SLIDE. WE DO REMAIN COMMITTED TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
14 VACCINATION SITES AND DOSES THAT ARE ALLOCATED IN THE HARDEST-
15 HIT ZIP CODES L.A. COUNTY. THIS SLIDE DOES SHOW THE PROGRESS
16 WE HAVE MADE IN INCREASING VACCINE ADMINISTRATION TO THOSE
17 RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN THESE HARDEST-HIT NEIGHBORHOODS, AND IT
18 COMPARES THE PERCENT OF DOSES ADMINISTERED IN THE HARD-HIT
19 COMMUNITIES OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. WE INCREASED THE PERCENT
20 OF PEOPLE VACCINATED IN THE HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES TO MORE THAN
21 50% OF THE TOTAL VACCINES ADMINISTERED THE SECOND WEEK OF
22 APRIL, COMPARED TO 47% THE PRIOR WEEK. NOW GO ON TO THE NEXT
23 SLIDE. IN ADDITION TO ALLOCATING DOSES TO VACCINE PROVIDERS IN
24 HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, MOBILE VACCINE TEAMS ARE ALSO
25 DEPLOYING TO THESE AREAS, SETTING UP MORE THAN 200 TEMPORARY

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1 VACCINATION SITES OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT SENIOR HOUSING
2 DEVELOPMENTS, SENIOR CENTERS, HOUSES OF WORSHIP, AND
3 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. YOU CAN GO TO THE LAST SLIDE.
4 PUBLIC HEALTH IS ALSO WORKING WITH MANY PARTNERS TO VACCINATE
5 HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS. AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD MOTION AND THE
6 LEADERSHIP OF CHAIR SOLIS, PUBLIC HEALTH DEVELOPED AN ACTION
7 PLAN TO VACCINATE HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS USING DIVERSE TARGETED
8 APPROACHES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEPLOY MOBILE TEAMS TO SITES
9 WHERE RESIDENTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY RESIDE. SINCE MID-
10 FEBRUARY, MOBILE TEAMS HAVE VACCINATED HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS
11 OF RESIDENTS AT OVER 380 SENIOR HOUSING SITES. WE ARE WORKING
12 WITH MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO VOLUNTARILY VACCINATE
13 HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS IN CITY JURISDICTIONS, AND WE ARE USING
14 DIFFERENT STRATEGIES TO IDENTIFY HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS,
15 INCLUDING CLAIMS DATA AND REFERRALS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
16 CITIES, AND REGIONAL CENTERS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO
17 HOMEBOUND PEOPLE. MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO GIVEN AN
18 OPTION TO VACCINATE HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY THEIR
19 OWN TEAMS, WHILE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED HOMEBOUND CRITERIA
20 PROVIDED BY PUBLIC HEALTH. OUR TEAM HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH
21 HEALTH PLANS TO ENSURE PARTNERSHIPS ARE IN PLACE TO VACCINATE
22 HOMEBOUND PLAN ENROLLEES. PUBLIC HEALTH IS COLLABORATING WITH
23 HEALTH PLANS CARING FOR OUR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS: L.A. CARE,
24 HEALTH NET, MOLINA, BLUE SHIELD PROMISE, AND ANTHEM BLUE
25 CROSS, AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL INSURERS, AS THEY ARE

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1 COORDINATING VACCINATION OF THEIR HOMEBOUND PATIENTS. THEY
2 ESTIMATE THAT THEY HAVE 2500 HOMEBOUND PATIENTS, AND THIS
3 EXCLUDES THOSE RECEIVING DIALYSIS, WHO ARE GETTING VACCINATED
4 THROUGH A DIFFERENT ROUTE. PUBLIC HEALTH IS ALLOCATING
5 VACCINES TO SUPPORT THE EXCELLENT EFFORTS OF THE L.A. COUNTY
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO REACH HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS, THE
7 MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE AGE OF
8 65. FINALLY, PUBLIC HEALTH IS BUILDING ON THE EDUCATION AND
9 OUTREACH EFFORTS OF OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO AMPLIFY
10 MESSAGING TO REACH HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR SERVICE
11 PROVIDERS. RESIDENTS THAT ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR
12 HOMES TO GO TO A VACCINATION SITE CAN RING THE CALL CENTER AT
13 833-540-0473, AND LET US KNOW THEY ARE HOMEBOUND AND
14 INTERESTED IN BEING VACCINATED. AGAIN, THIS WORK, AS ALL OF
15 OUR OTHER VACCINATION EFFORTS, IS POSSIBLE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE
16 MANY PARTNERS AND PROVIDERS THAT HAVE STEPPED UP TO MAKE A
17 DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, FOR ALL YOUR
18 SUPPORT, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY ABOUT OUR
19 VACCINATION EFFORTS, RECOVERY JOURNEY, AND SECTOR REOPENINGS,
20 AND ALL OF THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT COUNTY
21 RESIDENTS AT OUR WORKPLACES, IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE
22 PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES WE ALL CHERISH. I AM HAPPY TO
23 ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S REMARKS.

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25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY, YOU ARE ON.

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2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON,

3 SUPERVISORS. TODAY, I'LL PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE ON

4 VACCINATIONS. D.H.S. CONTINUES TO PRIORITIZE OUR VACCINATION

5 EFFORTS, WHILE ALSO BALANCING OUR ONGOING NEED TO RAMP BACK UP

6 OUR REGULAR HEALTH SERVICES, MANY OF WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, WERE

7 PUT ON HOLD THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE PAST YEAR WITH THE

8 PANDEMIC, AND MOST NOTABLY IN THE SURGE THAT WAS IN JANUARY

9 AND FEBRUARY. IF YOU WILL GO TO THE SLIDES, ON SLIDE 2, THE

10 FIRST SLIDE WITH DATA, SLIDE 2, SHOWS THE OVERALL VACCINATION

11 RATES AND NUMBERS THAT D.H.S. HAS DONE SINCE BEGINNING

12 VACCINATION EFFORTS IN MID-DECEMBER. IN TOTAL, D.H.S. HAS

13 PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 140,000 VACCINATIONS TO DATE. THE

14 LARGEST AREA OF THE CHART IS THE BRIGHT BLUE, AND THAT

15 CORRESPONDS TO D.H.S. OUTPATIENTS. WE ALSO ARE RAMPING UP

16 VACCINATION EFFORTS AMONG INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING

17 HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, AS WELL AS

18 PATIENTS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. DIVING IN A LITTLE BIT

19 MORE INTO THAT PATIENT BLOCK ON SLIDE THREE, THIS SHOWS

20 PROGRESS BY EACH TYPE OF VACCINATION, WHETHER IT IS THE FIRST

21 DOSE, SECOND DOSE, OR THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON DOSE. AS YOU CAN

22 SEE HERE, BASED ON THE NUMBERS, APPROXIMATELY 37,000 D.H.S.

23 PATIENTS, 99% OF WHOM WERE OUTPATIENTS, HAVE BEEN FULLY

24 VACCINATED TO DATE, AND THAT INCLUDES ABOUT 4,000 PATIENTS WHO

25 RECEIVED THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE. AN ADDITIONAL 2,000

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1 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE, AS
2 PROVIDED IN CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES OR BY HOUSING FOR
3 HEALTH. AND OBVIOUSLY, ALL J&J VACCINES HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD,
4 PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE F.D.A. AND C.D.C.'S REVIEW OF DATA,
5 WITH RESPECT TO THE BLOOD CLOTS THAT HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH
6 THOSE DOSES. WE DID CONVERT AS MANY PATIENT APPOINTMENTS AS
7 POSSIBLE, LAST WEEK, FOR PATIENTS WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO
8 RECEIVE THE J&J VACCINE TO RECEIVE EITHER PFIZER OR MODERNA,
9 AS SUPPLIES ALLOWED. SOME PATIENTS DID NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED,
10 AND THOSE WERE SUCCESSFULLY RESCHEDULED FOR APPOINTMENTS THIS
11 WEEK. WE HAVE ALSO DONE INDIVIDUAL OUTREACH TO THE 5800
12 PATIENTS WHO HAD RECEIVED JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE THROUGH A
13 D.H.S. FACILITY OR STAFF. WE DID THAT THROUGH A VARIETY OF
14 MODALITIES, EITHER IN-PERSON VISITS, TEXTING INDIVIDUALS
15 THROUGH THE USE OF OUR PATIENT PORTAL, THROUGH THE WEBSITE,
16 AND ALSO THROUGH CALLS FROM OR TO OUR NURSE ADVICE LINE,
17 ALERTING PATIENTS THAT THEY DID RECEIVE THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON
18 VACCINE, THE WARNING SIGNS OF BLOOD CLOTS, AND WHAT TO DO IF
19 THEY HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
20 FOUR, THIS LOOKS AT TOTAL VACCINATED PATIENTS, FULLY
21 VACCINATED PATIENTS VERSUS PARTIALLY VACCINATED PATIENTS. AND
22 I WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE RED LINE AT THE BOTTOM,
23 WHICH SHOWS THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE OVERDUE FOR THEIR SECOND
24 DOSE OF VACCINE. AND YOU WILL SEE THAT THAT NUMBER IS VERY,
25 VERY LOW. WE HAVE HAD REALLY GOOD SUCCESS WITH GETTING IN

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1 CONTACT WITH PATIENTS, SCHEDULING THEM. THEY ARE SCHEDULED, AT
2 THE TIME OF THEIR FIRST APPOINTMENT, FOR THEIR SECOND
3 APPOINTMENT, AND REALLY GREAT SUCCESS RATE WITH PATIENTS EAGER
4 AND ON TIME, COMING BACK IN FOR THEIR VACCINE, WITH VERY LOW
5 NUMBERS WHO ARE OVERDUE FOR THEIR VACCINATION. AND ACROSS THE
6 BOARD, WE CONTINUE TO OUTREACH TO ALL D.H.S. PATIENTS: ANYONE
7 WHO'S BEEN SEEN IN OUR SYSTEM, INCLUDING THOSE PATIENTS WHO
8 ARE EMPANELED TO US, BUT ALSO THOSE WHO ARE NOT EMPANELED THAT
9 RECEIVE OTHER SERVICES WITH US, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY RECEIVE
10 A VACCINATION. AND AS I'VE MENTIONED BEFORE, THESE NUMBERS
11 ONLY INCLUDE THE VACCINATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY
12 D.H.S. MANY D.H.S. PATIENTS CURRENTLY-- WE BELIEVE THE NUMBER
13 IS ABOUT 20%, STILL, OF PATIENTS HAVE RECEIVED A VACCINE FROM
14 OUTSIDE OF THE D.H.S. SYSTEM. BUT THE STATE SYSTEM STILL DO
15 NOT ALLOW US TO DO A BULK QUERY TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AND
16 RECEIVE UPDATED NUMBERS IN THAT REGARD. THE NEXT SET OF
17 SLIDES, ON SLIDES 5 THROUGH 7, LOOK AT THE VACCINATION RATES
18 AMONG OUR EMPANELED PATIENT POPULATION, BY RACE AND ETHNICITY.
19 SLIDE 5 SHOWS THE BREAKDOWN FOR THE D.H.S. POPULATION VERSUS
20 L.A. COUNTY, OVERALL. THE MAJORITY OF PATIENTS IN LINE WITH
21 WHO THE PATIENTS ARE THAT WE CARE FOR THAT ARE VACCINATED ARE
22 HISPANIC AND LATINO; THE SECOND LARGEST GROUP IS
23 BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN; AND THEN AFTER THAT, ASIAN AMERICANS.
24 IN LOOKING AT THE PROGRESS BY RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUP, LOOK AT
25 SLIDE SIX FOR THE RATES OF THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED AMONG

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1 THOSE WHO ARE AGE 16-PLUS, AND THEN SLIDE 7 LOOKS AT THE
2 POPULATION THAT IS OVER AGE 65. AND THESE SLIDES DEMONSTRATE
3 THAT THE PERCENT OF OUR PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS WHO HAVE
4 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE ACROSS THE RACIAL AND
5 ETHNIC GROUPS, BROKE DOWN ALSO BY GENDER, WE SEE CONSISTENTLY
6 ON BOTH SLIDES, FOR THOSE AGE 16 AND OVER, AND AGE 65 AND
7 OLDER, THAT THE RATES ARE HIGHEST AMONG HISPANIC AND LATINO
8 PATIENTS, AND ALSO AMONG OUR ASIAN-AMERICAN PATIENTS, AND
9 LOWEST AMONG THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS BLACK OR
10 AFRICAN-AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER,
11 AND OUR WHITE PATIENTS. AND THAT IS CONSISTENT BETWEEN THE TWO
12 CATEGORIES. WE'LL ALSO SEE THAT, IN CONTRAST TO THE DATA THAT
13 I BELIEVE HAS BEEN SHOWN ON THE COUNTY AND STATEWIDE BASIS,
14 GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE HAVE SIMILAR RATES OF VACCINATION AMONG
15 OUR MALE AND OUR FEMALE PATIENTS. AND IN SOME GROUPS, YOU WILL
16 SEE THAT WE HAVE EVEN SLIGHTLY HIGHER RATES OF VACCINE UPTAKE
17 AMONG OUR MALE PATIENTS. AND AGAIN, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE
18 NUMBERS REPRESENT THE TOTAL PERCENT OF OUR EMPANELED PATIENTS
19 THAT HAVE COME IN FOR A VACCINE WITH D.H.S. BUT TO CONSIDER OR
20 DO A ROUGH BALLPARK ON THE PERCENT THAT HAS RECEIVED A
21 VACCINATION OVERALL, THEN PLEASE INCREASE THESE NUMBERS BY
22 ABOUT 20%. THAT 20% NUMBER WAS DRAWN FROM A SURVEY THAT WAS
23 CONDUCTED ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
24 SEEING IF WE CAN REDO THAT SURVEY, BECAUSE CERTAINLY THE
25 NUMBER HAS GROWN HIGHER OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS. SLIDES

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1 EIGHT AND NINE LOOK AT VACCINATION ACTIVITY WITHIN HOUSING FOR
2 HEALTH DIVISION. FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THE
3 STAFF WHO SERVE THEM, OBVIOUSLY, D.H.S. IS JUST ONE OF A
4 NUMBER OF AMAZING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS WHO ARE ACTIVELY
5 SERVING THIS POPULATION, AND THIS JUST REPRESENTS THE VOLUME
6 DELIVERED BY THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH UNIT. THEY HAVE PROVIDED
7 ABOUT 9,000 VACCINES TO DATE, AND THE FOCUS IS EQUALLY
8 DISTRIBUTED, INTENTIONALLY, BETWEEN THE SHELTERED AND
9 UNSHELTERED P.E.H. WHO ARE IN ENCAMPMENTS. FINALLY, ON SLIDE
10 9, YOU WILL ALSO SEE THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC BREAKDOWN AMONG
11 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OVERALL, VERSUS THE
12 VACCINATED SHARE, AND THIS IS AN AREA WHERE, OBVIOUSLY, WE
13 STILL HAVE WORK TO DO TO BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY OUTREACH AND
14 ENGAGE WITH BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN PERSONS EXPERIENCING
15 HOMELESSNESS, AS THE VACCINE SUCCESS RATE IS LAGGING IN THAT
16 AREA. AND FINALLY, ON SLIDE 10, WE LOOK AT THE PROGRESS AMONG
17 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH. ABOUT 7,000 VACCINES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED
18 TO DATE, WITH 5,000 INDIVIDUALS FULLY VACCINATED WITHIN THE
19 JAILS. JOHNSON & JOHNSON, ABOUT 1600 VACCINES HAD BEEN
20 PROVIDED AS OF LAST WEEK, AND THAT IS ON HOLD, AS I'VE
21 MENTIONED. AND THE CUMULATIVE ACCEPTANCE RATE FOR VACCINATION
22 IS STILL CONSISTENTLY RUNNING AT 55%, WITH JUST OTHER HALF OF
23 THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE JAILS AGREEING TO BE VACCINATED. WE
24 CONTINUE TO OFFER THE VACCINE TO THE INDIVIDUALS IN JAIL, AND
25 ARE WORKING TO GET THAT ACCEPTANCE RATE UP. I WANT TO THANK

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1 THE BOARD FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC,
2 AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO BOTH OF YOU,
5 DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. YOU BOTH HAVE BEEN SO OUTSTANDING,
6 AND I THINK WE CAN ATTRIBUTE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN TO A
7 BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF THE HARD WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFFS
8 AND OUR PARTNERS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING FOR THE LAST YEAR, SO I
9 REALLY WANT TO APPLAUD BOTH OF YOU FOR THE WORK. TREMENDOUS
10 WORK, BUT I KNOW THAT OUR WORK IS NOT DONE. AND JUST A COUPLE
11 OF QUESTIONS THAT I HAD, WITH RESPECT TO DR. GHALY, ON HOUSING
12 FOR HEALTH, ON ONE OF YOUR CHARTS THERE-- PROJECT ROOMKEY AND
13 PARTICIPATION, VACCINATED SITES. I STILL CONTINUE TO GET SOME
14 CALLS FROM SOME OF OUR SITES, WHERE THEY HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED,
15 SO TO SPEAK. AND I KNOW WE HAVE A WINTER SHELTER OUT IN THE
16 BASSETT AREA. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT FACILITY HAS RECEIVED ANY
17 VACCINATIONS. AND THEN I AM JUST WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
18 REALLY COVER AREAS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, BECAUSE I THINK
19 THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL. AS IT IS, OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, AS YOU
20 KNOW, ISN'T WHAT IT IS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. I WOULD
21 REALLY LIKE TO SEE US RAMPING THAT UP MORE. AND THEN, ARE WE
22 DOING ANYTHING, FOR EXAMPLE, OUTDOORS, IN TERMS OF THE
23 WATERSHEDS AND THE CANYONS? AND I KNOW WE HAVE A BIG EFFORT
24 THAT GOES ON IN WHITTIER NARROWS, BUT I AM JUST WONDERING IF

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1 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN TRY TO COORDINATE, AS WELL, TO
2 TRY TO REACH THE HOMELESS.

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR, THANKS FOR RAISING
5 THAT, AND I WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD OFFICES WITH A LIST OF THE
6 INTERIM HOUSING SITES AND THE LOCATIONS OF THE ENCAMPMENTS
7 THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED BY THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH UNIT. AND
8 THERE'S A COORDINATION TEAM WITH ALL OF THE INVOLVED PARTNERS,
9 INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, L.A.H.S.A., SEVERAL
10 COMMUNITY CLINICS, WHO HAVE DIVIDED UP RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
11 VARIOUS SHELTERS AND ENCAMPMENT SITES. AND IF THERE'S A
12 PARTICULAR LOCATION-- YOU MENTIONED A COUPLE THAT THERE'S
13 QUESTIONS ABOUT-- WE CAN GET YOU INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE
14 STATUS IS OF OUTREACH TO THAT PARTICULAR LOCATION, AND HOW WE
15 CAN EXPEDITE IT.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND MY SECOND QUESTION IS FOR DR.
18 FERRER. GIVEN THE FACT THAT JOHNSON & JOHNSON HAS REALLY, I
19 THINK, IMPACTED THE PSYCHE OF A LOT IN OUR COMMUNITY, A LOT OF
20 FOLKS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF COLOR, I AM STARTING TO HEAR FROM
21 SOME OF OUR PROVIDERS IN OUR CLINICS THAT THEY ARE NOT SEEING
22 PEOPLE COMING IN. AND THE RATES, I THINK, SINCE LAST WEEK HAVE
23 BEEN GOING DOWN. AND I AM JUST WONDERING, WHAT IS OUR
24 STRATEGY, THEN, TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE, AGAIN, GO OUT AND
25 INSIST, IN WHATEVER WAY, TO GET THESE FOLKS TO GET THE OTHER

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1 TWO VACCINES, AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE? BECAUSE THERE IS A LARGE
2 HESITANCY, AND PARTICULARLY, I'M FINDING, AMONGST OUR MALES,
3 PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY LATINO AND, I'M SURE, AFRICAN
4 AMERICAN. BUT THERE'S ALSO SOME OTHER ASPECTS TO IT. I
5 UNDERSTAND, ALSO, RELIGIOUS VALUES THAT ARE SOMEHOW IMPEDING
6 PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION OF NOT TAKING THE VACCINE. SO, MAYBE YOU
7 CAN ADDRESS WHAT STRATEGIES WE ARE TAKING TO HELP COMBAT THAT,
8 DR. FERRER.

9

10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND
11 YES, I DO THINK IT IS PROBABLY ACCURATE TO SAY THAT, IN SOME
12 COMMUNITIES, THE NEWS ABOUT THE PAUSE ON THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON
13 VACCINE, AS THE SCIENTISTS ARE REVIEWING ALL OF THE DATA ON
14 POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS, HAS FOR SOME PEOPLE RAISED SOME
15 CONCERN, AND MADE THEM RECONSIDER, PERHAPS, THEIR DECISION ON
16 GETTING VACCINATED. WE DID A TOWN HALL LAST WEEK THAT WAS
17 ATTENDED BY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, AND ARE PLANNING
18 ANOTHER ONE, I THINK, FOR THIS MONDAY. WE ARE ALSO DOING
19 SMALLER EVENTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE WE JUST HAVE SPEAKERS
20 THAT ARE WILLING TO BE THERE, VIRTUALLY, OBVIOUSLY, AND ANSWER
21 QUESTIONS, AND REALLY TRY TO PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS
22 POSSIBLE-- WHAT THE RISKS ARE, AND WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE-- SO
23 THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW LITTLE RISK THESE VACCINES
24 ACTUALLY POSE TO ALL OF US, AS INDIVIDUALS, AND HOW MUCH GAIN
25 WE HAVE. YOU KNOW, YOUR RISK OF DYING IF YOU GET SICK FROM

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19, INFECTED WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, IS ABOUT ONE IN
2 56; AND YOUR RISK OF HAVING A SERIOUS CLOTTING DISORDER, AS
3 WAS NOTED IN THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE-- AND NOT CLEAR YET
4 WHETHER IT IS ACTUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE VACCINATION ITSELF-
5 - WAS ABOUT ONE IN A MILLION. SO, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT WE
6 KNOW ABOUT WHAT IS IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A VERY
7 DEADLY VIRUS, AND WE HAVE A VERY EFFECTIVE VACCINE WITH
8 RELATIVELY FEW CAUSES FOR US TO BE CONCERNED. BUT I DO THINK
9 EVERYONE NEEDS TO GET GOOD INFORMATION, NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND
10 EXACTLY HOW RARE THESE EVENTS ARE, AND ALSO NEEDS TO REMEMBER
11 FOR THEMSELVES THAT THERE ARE SIDE EFFECTS WITH ALMOST EVERY
12 MEDICATION THAT WE TAKE, AND THE JOB OF THE F.D.A. IS TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT WE KNOW WHAT THOSE SIDE EFFECTS ARE, SO THAT
14 PROVIDERS CAN BE PREPARED TO TREAT PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE A SIDE
15 EFFECT, BUT ALSO SO THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE
16 TAKING A MEDICATION, EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW IT MAY HAVE SOME
17 SIDE EFFECTS, BECAUSE THE BENEFIT OF TAKING THAT MEDICATION IS
18 GOING TO OUTWEIGH THE RISKS OF HAVING A SIDE EFFECT. SO WE ARE
19 GOING TO NEED TO BE REALLY GOOD ABOUT GIVING THIS INFORMATION
20 TO PEOPLE, IN THE MANY WAYS THAT PEOPLE LIKE TO GET
21 INFORMATION. AND I THINK, ALSO, WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE TOWN
22 HALL IS BEING ABLE TO ANSWER A LOT OF QUESTIONS. PEOPLE HAVE
23 REALLY GOOD QUESTIONS. THEY NEED THOSE QUESTIONS ANSWERED,
24 AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO JUST BE AS VISIBLE AS WE CAN, AND AS
25 AVAILABLE AS WE CAN, OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, TO ANSWER THOSE

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1 QUESTIONS. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT, AT MOST OF THE SITES, THE
2 VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS ARE FILLING UP. THE ONLY PLACE WHERE
3 WE DIDN'T FILL IT ARE COUNTY SITES, AND WE HAVE VACCINATED
4 OVER 100,000 PEOPLE A WEEK. IT IS AT THE NEW SITES THAT ARE
5 JUST OPENING UP, IN PALMDALE AND SANTA CLARITA. BUT WE ARE
6 GOING TO WORK HARD AND, I THINK, GET MORE INFORMATION OUT TO
7 RESIDENTS, SO THAT THEY KNOW THEY CAN EASILY GO TO THOSE SITES
8 AND GET VACCINATED. I DO THINK THE ISSUE STILL NEEDS TO BE ONE
9 OF US IMPROVING ACCESS WHILE WE FOCUS ON HESITANCY, BUT WE
10 NEED TO MAKE IT VERY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED. WE
11 OBVIOUSLY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE, WHO IN
12 FACT SUPPORT PEOPLE GETTING VACCINATED WITH ANY VACCINE THAT'S
13 AVAILABLE. THEY HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS. THEY HAVE TALKED ABOUT
14 IT FROM THEIR PULPITS. AND IN SOME CASES, WE ARE PARTNERING
15 WITH THEM TO SET UP RESTRICTED CLINICS FOR THEIR PARISHIONERS,
16 AGAIN IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AS WE ARE DOING WITH LOTS
17 OF OUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP AND OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE FAITH-
18 BASED COMMUNITY. I THINK THOSE PARTNERSHIPS REMAIN KEY. I
19 THINK WORKING WITH OUR TRUSTED PROVIDERS, MAKING SURE WE ARE
20 REGISTERING THOSE THAT ARE NOT VACCINATORS YET TO BE
21 VACCINATORS, IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE THE STRATEGY, SO THAT
22 WE MAKE MORE AND MORE PROGRESS ON GETTING DOSES INTO THE ARMS
23 OF EVERYONE.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT, I HAVE SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL, HAHN, AND SHEILA KUEHL, IN THAT ORDER.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU POSED THE QUESTION THAT I WAS
5 GOING TO ASK, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL PASS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. I THOUGHT I WAS AFTER HOLLY.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SHE DEFERRED.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, OKAY. THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU, DR. FERRER AND
14 GHALY, FOR THIS REGULAR UPDATE ON THIS. I REALLY SENSE YOUR
15 POSITIVITY, DR. FERRER.

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AND I LOVE THAT, BECAUSE WE REALLY ARE SEEING THE
20 LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL, AND IT KEEPS GETTING
21 BRIGHTER. YOU KNOW, WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON VACCINATING
22 FOLKS. OUR TEST POSITIVITY RATE IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. MORE OF
23 OUR BUSINESSES ARE GOING TO BE OPENING THEIR DOORS AGAIN. I
24 WAS GOING TO FOCUS A LITTLE BIT ON THIS LAST PHASE OF OUR
25 VACCINE CAMPAIGN, EVEN THOUGH WE STILL, I KNOW, ARE PUSHING

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1 FOR OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND THAT'S THE 16 AND OLDER.
2 WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR STRATEGY IS FOR REACHING THE 16 YEAR
3 AND OLDER? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT DOING MOBILE CLINICS AT
4 SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS, WHILE THEY ARE STILL ON CAMPUS, BETWEEN
5 NOW AND JUNE? WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT
6 REACHING 16-YEAR-OLDS?

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. SO, YES, WE ARE WORKING WITH ALL OF
9 OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. BECAUSE REMEMBER, EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 HAS A PARTNER THAT HELPS MAKE SURE THEY COULD VACCINATE THEIR
11 STAFF AND THEIR TEACHERS. SO WE ARE WORKING TO SEE WHICH OF
12 THOSE PARTNERS HAVE SOME BANDWIDTH TO COME BACK, NOW, AND
13 START VACCINATING STUDENTS. AND IN SOME PLACES, OBVIOUSLY,
14 THAT'S EASIER THAN IN OTHERS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, AND ARE THEIR PARTNERS ABLE TO SET UP THESE
17 MOBILE CLINICS, TO ACTUALLY COME ONTO THE CAMPUSES?

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, MANY OF THE PARTNERS WERE
20 DOING THAT. AND WE'LL ALSO HAVE, OBVIOUSLY, OUR MOBILE TEAMS
21 OUT, AS WELL. I KNOW THAT L.A.U.S.D. HAS A PLAN TO OPEN UP 25
22 SITES ACROSS THEIR BIG DISTRICT, OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF
23 WEEKS. I THINK THREE ARE OPEN NOW, BUT THEY ARE EXPANDING
24 EVERY WEEK, OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND THEY, TOO, WILL
25 BE VACCINATING NOT JUST STUDENTS 16 AND 17 AND 18, BUT ALSO

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1 FAMILY MEMBERS, WHICH, AGAIN, A GREAT STRATEGY, AND OUR
2 ABILITY TO USE OUR SCHOOLS. SO, YES, WE ARE OPEN TO THAT,
3 OBVIOUSLY. AND PARTICULARLY, AGAIN, IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT
4 HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT, WHERE KIDS ARE NOW BACK AT SCHOOLS
5 AND BACK IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS, IT MAKE A LOT OF SENSE TO
6 BUILD THOSE PARTNERSHIPS AGAIN.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER WHEN I GOT MY POLIO
9 VACCINATION ON A SUGAR CUBE AT MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND THERE
10 WAS JUST SOMETHING ABOUT ON SCHOOL, ON THE CAMPUS, EVERYBODY
11 WAS DOING IT. IT JUST DIDN'T SEEM WEIRD OR STRANGE THAT YOU
12 WERE INGESTING THIS SUGAR CUBE.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEP.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** GO AHEAD.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NO, NO, NO. I MEAN, I AGREE. I, TOO,
19 REMEMBER THAT. AND AGAIN, WE HAVE ALWAYS NOTED THAT SCHOOLS
20 WERE GOING TO BE IMPORTANT PLACES, PARTICULARLY ONCE STUDENTS
21 WERE GOING TO START BEING ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. SO, LET ME SWITCH BACK TO BUSINESSES. AND
24 AGAIN, YOUR TEAM OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN SUPER BUSY KEEPING UP WITH
25 ALL THE REOPENINGS ALLOWED BY THE STATE. I SEE THAT,

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1 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE 15 UPDATED HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR DIFFERENT
2 ACTIVITIES. HOW ARE YOU DOING? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IS IT A BIT
3 OVERWHELMING TO EDUCATE BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS ON THESE
4 LATEST NEW PROTOCOLS?

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, MANY OF THEM ARE RELATIVELY
7 SIMPLE CHANGES. THERE ARE A FEW PLACES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE
8 UPDATED HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO GET ALIGNED WITH A NEW CHANGE,
9 BECAUSE OF A COURT DECISION. WE HAVE UPDATED, OBVIOUSLY, THE
10 RULES FOR INFORMAL GATHERINGS, WHICH ARE THE MOST COMPLICATED,
11 BECAUSE WE HAVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED
12 AND PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED. RESTAURANTS, BARS,
13 BREWERIES, DISTILLERIES, AND WINERIES, WE ARE RELAXING SOME OF
14 THE RESTRICTIONS, SO EVERYBODY IS WELCOMING THAT INFORMATION.
15 AND AGAIN, WE HAVE THESE-- AS MY STAFF TOLD ME, THERE ARE NOW
16 OVER 800,000 BUSINESSES THAT ARE GETTING EMAILS FROM US.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. IT'S A BIT OVERWHELMING, BUT I KNOW IT IS
19 WELCOME. I KNOW WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
20 IN OUR DISTRICTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN DISSEMINATE THESE
21 NEW PROTOCOLS TO THEIR BUSINESSES.

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE ANY
24 HELP FROM THE BOARD OFFICES, OR SUGGESTIONS. WE ALSO WORK A
25 LOT WITH THE CHAMBERS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, BECAUSE THEY WANT TO KNOW. THEY ARE READY,
3 BUT THEY CERTAINLY WANT TO KNOW THE PROTOCOLS. MY LAST
4 QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, IS BACK TO VACCINATIONS, DR. FERRER.
5 YOU HAVE MAPPED OUT THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JUNE, WE
6 CAN HAVE 80% OF OUR RESIDENTS VACCINATED. IF ALL THAT GOES IN
7 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WHAT DATE ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAYBE CLOSE
8 THESE MEGA-PODS AND WORK TO PUSH THE ALLOCATIONS MORE TO
9 PHARMACIES, DOCTOR'S OFFICES, OR IS THAT EVEN SOMETHING YOU
10 ARE LOOKING AT?

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, IT IS SUCH A GREAT QUESTION. I MEAN,
13 WE OBVIOUSLY ARE PREPARED TO KEEP THE VACCINATION SITES OPEN
14 LONGER THAN THE END OF JUNE, BECAUSE ONE THING THAT COULD
15 HAPPEN IS, IN THE SUMMER, WE COULD BE ABLE TO START
16 VACCINATING CHILDREN 12 TO 15. AND MANY OF THEM MAY BE OUT OF
17 SCHOOL, SO...

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, SO YOU'RE PLANNING ON KEEPING THESE-- AND
20 HAVE WE EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THE BOOSTER SHOTS, TOO?

21

22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** I'VE BEEN HEARING ALL SORTS OF THINGS ABOUT SIX
25 MONTHS LATER, NINE MONTHS LATER, AND WE'RE GOING TO USE OUR

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1 MEGA-PODS FOR THAT, TOO? BUT IT WOULD BE NICE. I REALLY AM
2 LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING OUT TO MORE DOCTORS OFFICES AND
3 PHARMACIES, KIND OF THE WAY YOU USED TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT.

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE BEEN
6 WORKING ALL ALONG. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
7 PROVIDERS IN THE STATE THAT ARE IN THE NETWORK, BECAUSE WE
8 JUST KEEP REGISTERING EVERYBODY WE CAN, INCLUDING PRIVATE
9 PRACTICE PROVIDERS. WE WANT THEM REGISTERED. THIS IS A VACCINE
10 THAT DOES REQUIRE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION. BUT WE WANT THEM IN
11 THAT SYSTEM, BECAUSE WE AGREE WE NEED 100%. NO MATTER WHAT
12 HAPPENS WITH THE LARGE-CAPACITY SITES, MUCH OF THE VACCINATION
13 WORK REALLY SHOULD BE HAPPENING WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM,
14 JUST LIKE IT DOES FOR FLU VACCINE AND MANY OTHER
15 VACCINATIONS. AND TO BE HONEST, WE HAVE A VERY GOOD SYSTEM FOR
16 PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS, AND THAT DOES RELY ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY
17 ON PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS AND PEDIATRICIANS. THE ISSUE WITH US
18 WAS, WE DON'T HAVE SUCH A GREAT SYSTEM FOR ADULT
19 IMMUNIZATIONS, AND THAT'S WHY THE MEGA-PODS BECAME SO
20 IMPORTANT, AS WELL AS ALL OF THESE OTHER SITES. BUT OUR GOAL
21 IS TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A MASSIVE NETWORK THAT REALLY MAKES IT
22 VERY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO THEIR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OR
23 THEIR SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDER TO GET THAT VACCINE SOMETIME IN
24 THE SUMMER, IF WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT NEED TO GET
25 VACCINATED, AND CERTAINLY AS WE LOOK TOWARDS EITHER BOOSTERS

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1 OR AN ADDITIONAL VACCINE DOSE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED IN THE
2 FUTURE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, CLEARLY, THE VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN A GAME
5 CHANGER. I MEAN, WE HAVE JUST SEEN THAT. IT'S BEEN AMAZING.
6 AND I WILL SAY, TO THE MEGA-PODS, BRAVO, BECAUSE I DON'T HEAR-
7 - IT IS HARD TO TRACK PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES WHEN THEY ARE NOT
8 AT THE MEGA-PODS, BUT EVERYBODY I KNOW THAT'S GONE TO THE
9 MEGA-PODS HAS JUST REALLY HAD A GOOD EXPERIENCE. AND WHEN YOU
10 THINK ABOUT THE LOGISTICS INVOLVED IN EACH ONE OF THOSE, IT IS
11 PRETTY INCREDIBLE THAT THEY GOT UP AND RUNNING, THAT THEY
12 HAPPENED, THAT VOLUNTEERS WERE RECRUITED, THAT YOUR STAFF
13 STILL WAS WORKING THEM, AND PEOPLE REALLY HAD POSITIVE
14 EXPERIENCES, SO BRAVO. BUT I DO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN WE CAN
15 PUSH THESE OUT MORE TO PEOPLE'S NEIGHBORHOODS. ANYWAY, THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I YIELD MY TIME.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. NEXT, SHEILA KUEHL.
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY QUESTIONS WERE
22 ANSWERED, SO I WILL PASS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM ANY
25 OTHER MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID I MISS YOU? NO?

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, I AM GOOD. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. I MEAN, I THINK THIS SAYS A
5 WHOLE LOT ABOUT THE WORK THAT OUR TWO DIRECTORS HAVE DONE.
6 AGAIN, JUST WANT TO REITERATE AND THANK DR. FERRER AND DR.
7 GHALY, AND YOUR TEAMS, DR. DAVIS, EVERYONE; DR. SIMON.
8 EVERYONE HAS JUST BEEN SO OUTSTANDING, AND ALL OF THE PARTNERS
9 AND VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE, TOO, THAT HAVE HELPED
10 US GET TO THIS POINT. SO THERE IS A LOT TO BE PROUD OF, SO
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REPORTS TODAY. AND AGAIN, WE LOOK
12 FORWARD TO HEARING MORE NEWS LATER, IF WE DO MOVE INTO THE
13 NEXT TIER. SO, AT THIS POINT, IF THERE'S NO OTHER COMMENTS
14 UNDER THIS ITEM, S-1, THE REPORT IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE.
15 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS.
16 NOW WE WANT TO RETURN BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1, AND THIS IS WITH
17 RESPECT TO THE HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
18 ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS, AGAIN, IN
19 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF AZUSA, WEST WHITTIER/LOS NIETOS, EAST
20 LA MIRADA, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND KINNELOA MESA. MADAM EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE REPORT ON THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER
24 TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO
25 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND

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1 LEVYING OF ASSESSMENT FOR PETITION NUMBERS 3-117, 72-1016,
2 117-1118, 79-718, AND 19-517, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
3 AZUSA, WEST WHITTIER/LOS NIETOS, EAST LA MIRADA, ROWLAND
4 HEIGHTS, AND KINNELOA MESA, PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO COUNTY
5 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, AND COUNTY LIGHTING
6 DISTRICT LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING, ACT I, UNINCORPORATED ZONE,
7 IN THE FORMATION OF A ZONE 559 FOR PETITION NUMBER 3-117. AS A
8 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE
9 RESOLUTION, ORDINATE ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENT,
10 APPROVE THE FORMATION OF IMPROVEMENT ZONE 559 FOR PETITION
11 NUMBER 3-117, AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING A NEGOTIATED
12 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION
13 OF PETITION TERRITORIES.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. ITEM ONE IS BEFORE US. I
16 WILL MOVE THAT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
17 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

18

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

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

13

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

15 0.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
18 ITEM NUMBER EIGHT, RETURNING BRUCE'S BEACH TO ITS RIGHTFUL
19 OWNERS; AND ITEM NINE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SPONSOR SENATE BILL
20 796, BRADFORD, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN, PLEASE BEGIN YOUR REMARKS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, IT WAS AROUND
24 THIS TIME LAST YEAR THAT I UNFORTUNATELY FIRST HEARD THE STORY
25 OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. IT IS EMBARRASSING TO ME THAT I

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1 GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND DID NOT KNOW THIS STORY. I
2 ACTUALLY GREW UP LEARNING TO SWIM IN THE OCEAN IN MANHATTAN
3 BEACH, A FEW BLOCKS FROM BRUCE'S BEACH. THIS IS A STORY OF THE
4 AMERICAN DREAM BEING STOLEN FROM A HARDWORKING AFRICAN-
5 AMERICAN FAMILY, JUST BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, AND IT HAPPENED
6 RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. IN 1912, WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE
7 PURCHASED TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY ON THE STRAND IN MANHATTAN
8 BEACH, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE ONLY PLACES AT THAT TIME THAT
9 ALLOWED AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO PURCHASE BEACHFRONT LAND. WILLA
10 WENT ON TO BUILD A RESORT THAT BECAME KNOWN AS BRUCE'S BEACH,
11 AND BLACK FAMILIES TRAVELED FROM FAR AND WIDE TO BE ABLE TO
12 ENJOY THE SIMPLE PLEASURE OF A DAY AT THE BEACH, THAT
13 SEGREGATIONIST POLICIES ACROSS THE STATE TOO OFTEN KEPT FROM
14 THEM. OUR VERY OWN FIRE CHIEF, CHIEF OSBY, HAS SHARED THE
15 STORY OF HIS OWN FAMILY'S CONNECTION TO THE RESORT. HIS
16 GRANDMOTHER USED TO TRAVEL FOR FIVE HOURS WITH HER FAMILY,
17 FROM SAN DIEGO, TO COME TO BRUCE'S BEACH, BECAUSE IT WAS THE
18 CLOSEST BEACH TO THEM THAT WELCOMED BLACK BEACHGOERS. BUT
19 WHITE NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA RESENTED THE BLACK BEACHGOERS,
20 CONSTANTLY HARASSING THE PATRONS OF BRUCE'S BEACH IN AN
21 ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THEM OUT. DESPITE THESE RACIST SCARE TACTICS,
22 BRUCE'S BEACH REMAINED A POPULAR DESTINATION, AND THE BUSINESS
23 WAS THRIVING. SO WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK, THE CITY OF MANHATTAN
24 BEACH TOOK MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, AND DECLARED EMINENT
25 DOMAIN TO TAKE THE BRUCE'S FAMILY PROPERTY IN 1924, CLAIMING

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1 THE NEED TO BUILD A PUBLIC PARK. THE BRUCE'S FOUGHT IN COURT
2 TO KEEP THE PROPERTY, BUT IN 1929, THE CITY SEIZED IT ANYWAY,
3 AND WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE WERE PAID A FRACTION OF WHAT THEY
4 ASKED FOR, AND WERE DENIED THE ABILITY TO BUY BEACHFRONT
5 PROPERTY ELSEWHERE. BRUCE'S BEACH CLOSED DOWN, AND THE BRUCE
6 FAMILY LEFT MANHATTAN BEACH, WHICH WAS EXACTLY WHAT THAT CITY
7 COUNCIL HAD WANTED. AND THEN THE LAND SAT EMPTY FOR DECADES.
8 IT IS WELL DOCUMENTED THAT THIS WAS AN ACT MOTIVATED BY
9 RACISM. A LAWFUL, THRIVING BUSINESS THAT PROVIDED AFRICAN
10 AMERICANS ACCESS TO THE BEACH WAS INTENTIONALLY SHUT DOWN BY
11 THE MANHATTAN BEACH GOVERNMENT, WITH THE INTENTION OF DRIVING
12 OUT BLACK FAMILIES AND BLACK BEACHGOERS. THE BRUCES HAD THEIR
13 CALIFORNIA DREAM STOLEN FROM THEM. AND THIS IS AN INJUSTICE
14 INFLICTED NOT JUST ON WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE, BUT ON
15 GENERATIONS OF THEIR DESCENDANTS, WHO MOST CERTAINLY WOULD
16 HAVE BEEN MILLIONAIRES IF THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THIS
17 PROPERTY AND THEIR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS. AND NOW, WE AT THE
18 COUNTY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RIGHT THIS WRONG. WE CAN'T
19 CHANGE THE PAST, BUT WE CAN DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER, IN THE
20 PRESENT, TO CORRECT THIS HISTORIC INJUSTICE. THROUGH A SERIES
21 OF LAND TRANSFERS, THE LAND THAT WAS ONCE OWNED BY CHARLES AND
22 WILLA BRUCE NOW BELONGS TO US, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE
23 L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SITS DIRECTLY
24 ON TOP OF THE PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE THE BRUCE'S RESORT.
25 WHEN I REALIZED THAT THE COUNTY NOW HAD OWNERSHIP OF THE

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1 ORIGINAL PROPERTY, I WANTED TO DO WHAT I COULD TO START
2 RIGHTING THIS WRONG. I FELT THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT
3 TO GIVE THE PROPERTY BACK TO THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF WILLA
4 AND CHARLES BRUCE. AND WE HAD ONE OF THEM WHO CALLED IN TODAY:
5 ANTHONY BRUCE. SO TODAY, COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS
6 BEFORE US THAT WILL GET US ON THE PATH TO START TO RETURN THE
7 PROPERTY TO THE FAMILY. THE FIRST MOTION, WHICH IS ITEM 8,
8 WILL DIRECT THE COUNTY TO COME UP WITH A PLAN AND THE NEXT
9 STEPS TO RETURN THE LAND TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS, THE
10 DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE. THIS PLAN WILL INCLUDE
11 CONSULTING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF
12 THE LIFEGUARD BUILDING. ANY DECISION ABOUT HOW TO MOVE
13 FORWARD WILL BE MADE WITH THEIR INPUT. AND I WANT TO THANK
14 CHIEF OSBY FOR SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO EACH OF US THIS
15 MORNING FOR THIS EFFORT, AND FOR FIREFIGHTER JOHNNY GRAY, WHO
16 CALLED THIS MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE STENTORIANS OF L.A.
17 COUNTY, WHICH IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN
18 THE FIRE SERVICE. HE WAITED ON THE QUEUE FOR AN HOUR.
19 UNFORTUNATELY, HE DIDN'T GET CALLED TO SHARE HIS PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, BUT HE WILL BE SUBMITTING THOSE IN WRITING. THE
21 SECOND MOTION, ITEM 9, DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO SPONSOR S.B. 796,
22 WHICH IS THE LEGISLATION THAT SENATOR STEVE BRADFORD HAS
23 INTRODUCED, THAT WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO RETURN THE LAND TO
24 THE FAMILY. AND THE REASON WE NEED THIS IS BECAUSE WHEN THE
25 STATE, WHO HAD GOTTEN THE PROPERTY FROM MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN

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1 THEY TRANSFERRED IT BACK TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1995, IT
2 CAME WITH SOME STRINGS ATTACHED. IT CAME WITH RESTRICTIONS.
3 AND AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, L.A. COUNTY CAN'T CHANGE THE
4 OWNERSHIP OR THE USE OF THE LAND, BECAUSE OF THOSE STATE
5 RESTRICTIONS. S.B. 796 WILL REMOVE THOSE RESTRICTIONS ON
6 BRUCE'S BEACH, AND WILL ALLOW THIS BOARD TO VOTE TO TRANSFER
7 THE LAND BACK TO THE BRUCE FAMILY. I REALLY WANT TO THANK
8 STEVE BRADFORD, WHO STEPPED UP IMMEDIATELY TO AUTHOR THIS
9 LEGISLATION. AND I WANT TO THANK SENATOR BEN ALLEN, ASSEMBLY
10 MEMBER AL NARSUCHI, AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER AUTUMN BURKE, FOR
11 BEING THE CO-AUTHORS. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO
12 RIGHT A WRONG THAT HAPPENED RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT
13 ALSO TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE NATION ON HOW
14 GOVERNMENTS CAN BEGIN TO ACT NOW, TO CORRECT HISTORIC
15 INJUSTICES. I HOPE THAT OTHER CITIES, OTHER COUNTIES, OTHER
16 STATES, WILL SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE, AND WILL BE INSPIRED
17 TO LOOK AT THEIR OWN HISTORIES, AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO
18 BEGIN TO REPAIR AND MAKE AMENDMENTS. I AM ASKING FOR THE
19 SUPPORT OF EACH OF YOU TODAY, COLLEAGUES, AS WE EMBARK ON THIS
20 EFFORT. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR NEWEST COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR
21 HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR BEING THE CO-AUTHOR ON BOTH OF THESE
22 MOTIONS, AND FOR ALL OF HER SUPPORT ON THIS. WE WILL NEED
23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND SOLIS. ALL OF YOU
24 SERVED IN SACRAMENTO. I NEVER DID. AND I KNOW IT GETS
25 COMPLICATED UP THERE, AND I WILL NEED ALL OF YOU TO HELP US

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1 REALLY LOBBY SACRAMENTO, SO THAT THIS BILL GETS PASSED, SO WE
2 CAN AGAIN BEGIN TO RIGHT THIS HISTORIC WRONG. THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
6 YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INVITATION TO
10 PARTICIPATE IN HISTORY-MAKING WITH YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
11 ON A DEEPLY PERSONAL LEVEL. YOU KNOW, IT OCCURRED TO ME, AS I
12 STOOD WITH YOU AND SOME OF MY FELLOW STATE LEGISLATIVE FORMER
13 COLLEAGUES ON THAT INCREDIBLE STRETCH OF BEACH IN MANHATTAN
14 BEACH, THAT... YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
15 DON'T KNOW LOCAL BLACK HISTORY, AND I THINK WE ALL HAVE TO
16 MAKE IT A POINT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TELL THE TRUE STORY OF
17 OUR NATIVE LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA HISTORY. AND TO IMAGINE
18 THAT, OVER 100 YEARS AGO, A BLACK MAN AND WOMAN WOULD HAVE THE
19 RESOURCES AND THE WHEREWITHAL AND THE VISION TO BUY A PIECE OF
20 BEACHFRONT PROPERTY, AND BUILD ON IT, AND ESTABLISH A
21 BUSINESS. AND IT OCCURRED TO ME, ALSO, YOU KNOW, HOW
22 INAPPROPRIATE IT WAS FOR ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE TO THINK IT
23 APPROPRIATE TO BLOCK ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM HAVING
24 ACCESS TO SOMETHING THAT NONE OF US OWN, WHICH IS THE OCEAN
25 AND HER SHORES. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE, IN

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1 GOVERNMENT, UNDERSTAND THE FUNDAMENTAL USE OF OUR POWERS
2 AROUND EMINENT DOMAIN-- HOW DELICATE THAT IS, AND HOW, IN ITS
3 USE OVER MANY, MANY DECADES, UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS OF
4 PEOPLE, BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLES, COMMUNITIES, HAVE BEEN
5 RAVAGED; EVERYTHING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANTA MONICA
6 FREEWAY THAT DIVIDED AND CUT INTO MAJOR SWATHS OF COMMUNITIES
7 AND IMPACTED INDIVIDUAL HOME OWNERSHIP, TO CHAVEZ RAVINE AND
8 ANOTHER COMMUNITY WHOSE HOME OWNERSHIP WAS IMPACTED. EMINENT
9 DOMAIN IS SUPPOSED TO BE RESERVED FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC GOOD,
10 OR WHEN IT IS A NUISANCE PROPERTY THAT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT UP
11 TO CODE AND, AGAIN, USED FOR PUBLIC GOOD. BUT HOUSING
12 COVENANTS AND ZONING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES HISTORY HAVE BEEN
13 DEVICES USED BY GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS TO KEEP A COMMUNITY
14 DOWN, TO HAVE DIRECT IMPACT ON LIMITING MULTIGENERATIONAL
15 WEALTH, AND LIMITING HOME OWNERSHIP, AND REALLY CHALLENGING
16 EQUITY. AND SO, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR PEOPLE LIKE
17 BENNY MASON, WHO RESEARCH SUGGESTS OWNED MOST OF WHAT WE NOW
18 KNOW AS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, THE DOZENS OF FAMILIES WHO ALSO
19 BOUGHT PARCELS SURROUNDING THE BRUCE PARCEL IN MANHATTAN
20 BEACH: THE GREAT GRANDPARENTS OF A FORMER COLLEAGUE OF MINE,
21 ANNA GONZALEZ. TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO A FAMILY A
22 PROPERTY THAT WAS TAKEN FROM THEM, BASED ON RACIST IDEOLOGY
23 AND DISCRIMINATION, IS A GREAT MOMENT IN LOS ANGELES HISTORY
24 TODAY. THIS IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF PROPERTY LOST, OF DREAMS
25 DEFERRED, AND WE'VE GOT THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SET AN

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1 EXAMPLE, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID. AND SO I AM PROUD TO CO-
2 AUTHOR, AND WILL BE EVEN MORE PROUD, AS A NATIVE ANGELENO, TO
3 CAST MY VOTE TODAY ON AGENDA ITEMS 8 AND 9, TO CORRECT A
4 HISTORIC WRONG. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT HAS ALWAYS
10 BEEN INTERESTING TO ME, THE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH ONE GROUP OF
11 PEOPLE TRIES TO DENY SOMETHING TO ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE, AND
12 THE LONG, LONG, LONG HISTORICAL RAMIFICATIONS. FOR THE BLACK
13 COMMUNITY, IT HAS OFTEN BEEN THE DENIAL OF THE ACCRUAL OF ANY
14 KIND OF WEALTH-- WEALTH THAT COULD BE PASSED ON, WEALTH THAT
15 CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE LIFE. AND LAND OWNERSHIP IS A BIG PART
16 OF THAT, CERTAINLY ALL THE WAY BACK TO WHAT THE SETTLERS DID
17 TO OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE
18 HEARING ABOUT THAT OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, AS WELL, IN
19 TERMS OF-- I MEAN, THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CONCEPT THAT YOU
20 COULD OWN THE LAND. TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT COULDN'T BE
21 OWNED BEING THE OCEAN; TO THE TRIBES, THE ENTIRE EARTH WAS
22 LIKE THAT. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE BORROWED, BUT DIDN'T OWN.
23 AND I THINK, HOLLY, ABOUT OUR COLLEAGUE-- I AM NOT EVEN SURE
24 YOU WERE IN THE LEGISLATURE YET, BUT NO TAKASUGI, WHOSE FAMILY
25 WENT TO AN INTERNSHIP CAMP, AND LOST THEIR PROPERTY, ALONG

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1 WITH EVERY OTHER JAPANESE FAMILY IN OUR STATE THAT WAS TAKEN
2 AWAY AND LOCKED UP, AND HOW THE DENIAL OF OWNERSHIP IS SUCH A
3 POWERFUL THING. SO, THANKS TO YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
4 MITCHELL, FOR STARTING HERE, AND SAYING, YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT
5 TO DO OUR BEST, WHERE WE CAN, TO REVERSE THIS. SEVERAL OF MY
6 CONSTITUENTS CALLED ON ME TO SUPPORT THIS, IN COMMENT THIS
7 MORNING, AND I WANTED TO JUMP IN AND GO, "YEAH. HOW COULD I
8 NOT?" SO I AM HAPPY TO JOIN IN THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR THESE
9 TWO MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I ALSO WANT TO
12 COMMEND BOTH AUTHORS, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
13 AND OBVIOUSLY SENATE BILL 796, BY SENATOR BRADFORD. THIS
14 STRIKES AT THE CORE, I THINK, OF OUR BELIEF IN OUR SYSTEM OF
15 GOVERNMENT, AND HOW, IN MANY WAYS, HISTORICALLY, HAS BEEN
16 UNFAIR, IN TERMS OF TREATING DIFFERENT GROUPS, AS OUTLINED BY
17 ALL OF YOU. AS A LATINA, I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS ISSUE IS,
18 AND KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY, LATINOS, HAVE ALSO BEEN FACED
19 WITH MANY TRAGIC OCCURRENCES THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY: THE
20 BRACERO PROGRAM, THAT ACTUALLY BROUGHT PEOPLE UP HERE TO WORK,
21 AND THEN TOOK THEM AND REMOVED THEM, EVEN IF SOME OF THEM WERE
22 BORN HERE, AND SENT BACK TO MEXICO, AND WERE NEVER GIVEN
23 REPARATIONS. THE CHAVEZ RAVINE THAT SPLIT OUR COMMUNITIES UP,
24 THE 10 FREEWAY, THE 5, ALL OF THESE FREEWAYS THAT WENT RIGHT
25 THROUGH THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND EVEN THE FORCED

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1 STERILIZATION OF WOMEN AT OUR COUNTY HOSPITAL, YEARS AGO. ALL
2 THESE THINGS ARE PART OF OUR HISTORY. WE CAN'T REMOVE THEM,
3 BUT WE CAN SHINE A LIGHT ON THEM AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY NEVER
4 COME BACK. AND THIS IS CERTAINLY A WAY TO DO IT, AND TO PAY
5 HOMAGE TO THIS FAMILY, THE BRUCES' FAMILY, THAT DESERVES SO
6 MUCH MORE. SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DO YOU
7 WANT TO CLOSE?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT EVERYONE
10 IS SAYING. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID
11 AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK, SHE SAID, "JUST TO BE
12 CLEAR, WE'RE NOT GIFTING ANYTHING HERE. WE ARE RETURNING
13 STOLEN PROPERTY." AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE PERFECT FRAMING
14 OF THIS ISSUE. AND WHEN I'VE BEEN ASKED, "ARE YOU AFRAID THAT
15 IT WILL START A PRECEDENT?" I SAID, "I HOPE IT DOES." SO, TO
16 LISTEN TO EACH ONE OF YOU THIS MORNING, AND UNDERSTANDING HOW
17 PASSIONATE EACH OF YOU ARE ABOUT JUSTICE AND WHAT THAT MEANS,
18 I COULDN'T BE MORE PLEASED TO SERVE WITH YOU TODAY, AND I AM
19 EXCITED ABOUT THIS VOTE.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER
22 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS, THEN THE ITEM
23 8 IS BEFORE US. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A VOTE ON THAT FIRST. SO,
24 THIS IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
2 CALL THE ROLE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** CALL AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** HAHN AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

22

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

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE.

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2 **MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.**

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4 **>>SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. ITEM NUMBER 9 IS ALSO BEFORE US,
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO
6 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
7 ROLL.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

2

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

4

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH
9 OF YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 10, THE ZERO
10 EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
11 HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE ON.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, I AM SO EXCITED ABOUT THAT LAST VOTE. WHAT
14 ITEM ARE WE ON?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON ITEM 10.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU MEAN, THERE'S OTHER THINGS ON THE AGENDA TODAY?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MY GOODNESS, YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS ABOUT A
23 ZERO EMISSIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, AND I AM HAPPY TO HAVE
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. FOR THE PAST DECADE,
25 I THINK WE HAVE SEEN SLOWER PROGRESS THAN WE HAVE WANTED IN

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1 OUR NATION'S TRANSITION TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. AND THE ISSUE
2 WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND THEIR CHARGES HAS ALWAYS BEEN SORT
3 OF A CHICKEN-AND-EGG PROBLEM: WHAT COMES FIRST, THE VEHICLES
4 OR THE CHARGING STATIONS? BUT NOW, AS A STATE AND A NATION, WE
5 ARE STARTING TO TAKE MAJOR STEPS TOWARD PROMOTING BOTH. AND
6 LAST FALL, OUR GOVERNOR ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING
7 ALL NEW CARS SOLD TO BE ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2035. AND PRESIDENT
8 BIDEN HAS ALSO EXPRESSED HIS COMMITMENT TO THIS TRANSITION.
9 HIS AMERICAN JOBS PLAN HAS ENOUGH FUNDING TO INSTALL AT LEAST
10 500,000 E.V. CHARGING STATIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES BY
11 2030. AND RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD, I AM SO PROUD OF OUR
12 PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, AND THEY HAVE COMMITTED
13 TO TRANSITIONING TERMINAL EQUIPMENT TO ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2030,
14 AND THE ON-ROAD TRUCKS, BY 2035. AND IN TODAY'S AGENDA, WE'RE
15 GOING TO BE VOTING TO APPROVE A ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE FLEET
16 POLICY FOR L.A. COUNTY THAT WILL REQUIRE US TO PURCHASE ZERO
17 EMISSION VEHICLES WHEREVER AND WHENEVER AVAILABLE, THAT WILL
18 MEET OUR OPERATIONAL NEEDS. AND WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS, BUT WE
19 NEED TO GO FURTHER. WE NEED TO PUSH HARDER, AS A COUNTY, TO
20 GET MORE ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON THE ROAD. AND TO DO THAT, WE'RE
21 GOING TO NEED TO INSTALL AS MANY CHARGING STATIONS AS
22 POSSIBLE, IN AS MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS NO
23 SURPRISE THAT, RIGHT NOW, E.V. CHARGING STATIONS ARE
24 PREDOMINATELY LOCATED IN OUR HIGHER-INCOME COMMUNITIES. BUT IF
25 WE WANT TO MAKE ELECTRIC VEHICLES ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE,

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1 WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE CHARGING STATIONS IN OUR UNDERSERVED
2 AND LOWER-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, TOO. AND OUR LOWER-INCOME AND
3 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY, I KNOW, AROUND THE
4 PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, HAVE EXPERIENCED MORE
5 HEALTH-RELATED CHALLENGES, AS A RESULT OF EMISSIONS COMING
6 FROM VEHICLES. WE ALSO NEED THEM TO BE AT OUR DESTINATIONS
7 LIKE OUR COUNTY BEACHES, OUR PARKS, OUR STADIUMS, OUR
8 AIRPORTS. THE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN THAT
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I ARE INTRODUCING TODAY IS AIMING TO
10 JUMP-START-- NO PUT INTENDED-- THIS PROCESS, BY IDENTIFYING
11 EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED MORE E.V. CHARGING STATIONS, AND PROVIDE
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO GET THOSE STATIONS INSTALLED. I AM ASKING
13 THAT, AS WE DEVELOP THIS PLAN, WE DO SO WITH AN EYE TOWARDS
14 OUR MOST ADVANCED CHARGING TECHNOLOGY, AND KEEP OUR FOCUS ON
15 THE MEDIUM TO HEAVY VEHICLES, SOME OF THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS
16 TO OUR LOCAL POLLUTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WOULD
17 ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO IS YOUR CO-AUTHOR,
20 WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. VERY BRIEFLY,
23 THANKS TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS. I'M VERY HAPPY
24 AND PROUD TO BE CO-AUTHORING. IT SETS US UP THE KIND OF
25 INFRASTRUCTURE WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE WHAT IS ALREADY A GROWING

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1 ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE COUNTY, TO HELP US GET ON
2 TRACK WITH THE GOALS IN OUR OWN SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, WHICH IS
3 NOW BEING COPIED IN MORE THAN 25 DIFFERENT COUNTIES AND CITIES
4 ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND PROBABLY MORE BY TODAY. WE CAN GET
5 STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS THAT ARE BECOMING AVAILABLE, AND THAT
6 WILL HELP US PUT THEM TO GOOD USE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT ALLOWS
7 US TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE IS
8 DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY ACROSS THE COMMUNITIES, AND BREAK DOWN
9 BARRIERS TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE ADOPTION. YOU WANT TO MAKE IT AS
10 EASY AS POSSIBLE. THE PRICES ARE COMING DOWN ON ELECTRIC
11 VEHICLES, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM EVERYWHERE. DURING THE
12 PANDEMIC, WHEN PEOPLE WERE NOT DRIVING AS MUCH, EVERYONE WAS
13 COMMENTING ON HOW CLEAR THE AIR WAS. AND, "OH, MY GOODNESS,
14 THE SKY IS ACTUALLY BLUE." WELL, IT CAN STAY THAT WAY IF WE
15 DRIVE MORE AND MORE ELECTRIC VEHICLES. ADDITIONALLY, IT
16 CREATES WORKFORCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH IS ANOTHER
17 EQUITABLE CONSIDERATION FOR US, TO SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION
18 AND MAINTENANCE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE. IT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF
19 HOW TRANSITION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS ACTUALLY CREATES
20 PATHWAYS TO NEW JOBS. SO IT IS EXCITING. I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT
21 IT. I LIKE BEING THE CO-AUTHOR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD, SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS WANTING TO BE
24 RECOGNIZED. AND I ALSO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. CONGRATULATIONS TO
25 BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS, AND I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT

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1 THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES,
2 PARTICULARLY ALONG THE 710 CORRIDOR, AND WHAT HAVE YOU. BUT
3 WITH THAT, THEN HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 10 IS BEFORE
4 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
5 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
6 ROLL.

7

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

2

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

4

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
9 ITEM 11, ESTABLISHING THE AGING DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN WE WILL GO ON TO ITEM 22,
11 ESTABLISHING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH I HELD. SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU
13 CAN BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 11.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND YES, YOUR ITEM 2 GOES
16 HAND-IN-HAND WITH THIS. AND TWO YEARS AGO, JUST TO REMIND
17 EVERYBODY, WE LOOKED TO SEE HOW WE MIGHT IMPROVE THE LIVES OF
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S OLDER ADULTS, WHICH MANY OF US ARE. AND
19 WE DECIDED TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A STANDALONE COUNTY
20 DEPARTMENT DEDICATED SOLELY TO SERVING THAT COMMUNITY. WE
21 TALKED TO LEADING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF GERONTOLOGY, ON
22 POLICY, ON WHAT OUR NEEDS WERE, AND IT TURNED OUT THAT IT IS
23 NOT ONLY AN OPTION TO CREATE A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO
24 THAT HAVING THIS DEPARTMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO HELP THE ESTIMATED
25 4 MILLION OLDER ADULTS THAT WE HAVE HERE IN OUR COUNTY, BY

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1 2030. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ANOTHER GROWING
2 POPULATION THAT NEEDS TO HAVE MORE ATTENTION PAID TO IT IS
3 THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, WHICH WILL MIRROR THE STATE'S MASTER
4 PLAN ON AGING. THIS PAST YEAR HAS MADE THE NEED FOR A
5 DEPARTMENT MORE URGENT THAN EVER, SO WE CAN REALLY MAKE SURE
6 WE'RE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT OUR OLDER ADULTS, SUCH
7 AS HOUSING STABILITY, ACCESS TO FOOD QUALITY, AND CRITICAL
8 HEALTH SERVICES, AND SO MUCH MORE. SO A NEW STRONG AND VISIBLE
9 DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND DISABILITIES WILL REDUCE THE
10 FRAGMENTED SERVICES OF OUR OVER 20-PLUS COUNTY AGENCIES
11 CURRENTLY PROVIDING TO THIS GROUP. SO WE HAVE THIS GROUP BEING
12 SERVICED, BUT IT HAS BEEN SERVICED BY TOO MANY DEPARTMENTS. WE
13 NEED TO GET IT INTO ONE DEPARTMENT. SO WE ARE SETTING IN
14 MOTION TODAY, COLLEAGUES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, A NEW
15 DEPARTMENT THAT WILL ALLOW US TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, DELIVER
16 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S
17 FAMILIES. I KNOW OUR C.E.O. HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR
18 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OUR
19 DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL
20 SERVICES, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO CREATE A
21 THREE-YEAR PHASED APPROACH THAT WILL TRANSITION OUR CURRENT
22 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AGING COMMUNITY SERVICES,
23 W.D.A.C.S., INTO TWO NEW STANDALONE DEPARTMENTS: THE
24 DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND DISABILITIES, AND THE ECONOMIC
25 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. I THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT

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1 THING FOR US TO DO RIGHT NOW. AND THANK YOU, CHAIR SOLIS, FOR
2 LEADING THE EFFORT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEPARTMENT.
3 I THINK EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING IS TRYING TO, AGAIN, BE THAT
4 COUNTY WHERE IT FEELS GOOD TO LIVE, YOU ARE SAFE IN TERMS OF
5 THE SECURITY THAT WE PROVIDE, THE HEALTH SERVICES WE PROVIDE,
6 BUT ALSO, LET'S MAKE L.A. COUNTY THE BEST PLACE TO GROW OLD
7 IN, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES. THANK
8 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
11 THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER
12 PARTNERSHIP ON THE MOTION THAT I HAVE BEFORE US TODAY, ITEM
13 22. BUT AGAIN, THIS IS SO IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL TO DEVELOP
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, AS WELL AS THIS NEW ECONOMIC AND
15 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. IT IS LOGICAL THAT WE
16 CONSIDER BOTH MOTIONS AT THE SAME MEETING, AS THEY ARE CENTRAL
17 TO OUR EFFORTS OF RESTRUCTURING W.D.A.C.S. AND OTHER
18 DEPARTMENTS. THE MOTION I'VE AUTHORED IS AN IMPORTANT STEP, I
19 BELIEVE, ON A LONG JOURNEY OF CREATING A NEW DEPARTMENT WITHIN
20 THE COUNTY THAT'S FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
21 DEVELOPMENT. GIVEN THE PAST YEAR, REGARDING THE ECONOMIC AND
22 WORKFORCE DISRUPTIONS, I BELIEVE THE TIMING IS JUST RIGHT. AT
23 THE BEGINNING OF MY FIRST TERM, WE STARTED ON A PATH TO CREATE
24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES AND PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. WE
25 ALSO STARTED TO WORK ON HOW TO ALIGN OUR WORKFORCE PROGRAMS,

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1 BUT NOW WE ARE FACING A LONG AND VERY TROUBLING ECONOMIC AND
2 WORKFORCE RECOVERY PROCESS. AND AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE LATEST
3 STATE UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FOR FEBRUARY
4 2021, SHOWS AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 11.5 PERCENT-- MORE THAN
5 DOUBLE THE PRE-PANDEMIC RATE OF 5 PERCENT FROM THE SAME MONTH
6 LAST YEAR. AND AS YOU KNOW, THESE IMPACTS HAVE BEEN
7 CONCENTRATED IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WHILE THE
8 COUNTY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT, THE PANDEMIC
9 HAS SHOWN US THE DIFFICULTY OF CRAFTING A COORDINATED RESPONSE
10 WITHOUT A CONSOLIDATED ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEPARTMENT. THE
11 NEW ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CHARGED WITH
12 DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO PREPARE OUR WORKFORCE, USING AN
13 EQUITY LENS, AND FOCUSING ON ALL UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. IT
14 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINGENCY PLANS AND STRATEGIES
15 DESIGNED TO MITIGATE JOB AND REVENUE LOSSES CAUSED BY
16 FINANCIAL DISRUPTIONS FROM UNFORESEEABLE RECESSIONS, LIKE THE
17 ONE WE'RE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING, AND THE NEW DEPARTMENT
18 SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS THE UNEVEN PLAYING FIELD AND THE
19 DISPARITIES THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS REVEALED. FINALLY, I BELIEVE
20 IT WILL STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S FOCUS ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE
21 PARTNERSHIPS, CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR NEW AND SMALL BUSINESSES,
22 AND FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES. SO I BELIEVE WE
23 NEED TO HAVE A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT FOCUS ON OUR LOCAL
24 ECONOMY, DEVELOPING AND REBUILDING OUR WORKFORCE. NOT ONLY DO
25 WE NEED TO FOCUS ON BASIC JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL

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1 SERVICES, AND HOUSING; WE ALSO NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT
2 UPSKILLING OUR WORKERS, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING
3 IMPACTED BY TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES IN THE INDUSTRY, SUCH AS THE
4 AUTOMATION AND THE GIG ECONOMY. WE ALSO NEED TO SUPPORT AND
5 EXPAND INDUSTRIES WITH GOOD-PAYING JOBS, WITH THE INTENTION TO
6 OPEN DOORS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF
7 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND MOBILITY. THE COUNTY MUST DEVELOP A
8 LONG-TERM ROADMAP, AND ESTABLISH STRUCTURE FOR ECONOMIC
9 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. IN MY VIEW, THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
10 DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
11 TOGETHER. TAKEN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TODAY, WE ARE
12 REACHING A CRITICAL MILESTONE IN LAUNCHING NOT JUST ONE, BUT
13 TWO NEW DEPARTMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING WILL HELP ADDRESS
14 THE MANY CHALLENGES THAT OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH
15 DISABILITIES FACE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC.
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION WILL HELP GROW AND STRENGTHEN
17 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE
18 LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS, NO MATTER WHAT PLACE THEY CALL HOME. I
19 LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF
20 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT BACK, AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES,
21 AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR AYE VOTE ON BOTH ITEMS. AND I
22 WANT TO ALSO RECOGNIZE MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANKS TO BOTH
25 OF YOU FOR TAKING EACH OF THE PIECES OF THIS DEPARTMENT. I

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1 THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT PEOPLE LISTENING OR WATCHING THIS
2 LATER WONDER WHY THESE MOTIONS ARE TAKEN TOGETHER. AND THE
3 TRUTH IS, FOR MANY YEARS, WE HAVE HAD THESE ELEMENTS ALL AS
4 PART OF ONE DEPARTMENT, WHERE WE HAVE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
5 WE HAVE SOME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE CERTAINLY HAVE ELDER AND
6 COMMUNITY SERVICES, ALL IN ONE DEPARTMENT. AND THEY HAVE DONE
7 A GREAT JOB. I WANT TO PRAISE ALL OF THE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF
8 IN THAT DEPARTMENT. THE SEPARATION INTO MORE FOCUSED
9 DEPARTMENTS IS NOT A REFLECTION OF ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT WORK,
10 BUT RATHER, THE LIGHT THAT THAT WORK SHONE ON WHAT I THINK IS
11 IMPORTANT IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. YOU KNOW,
12 IT IS FUNNY. EARLY IN THE COUNTY'S HISTORY, ESSENTIALLY,
13 CONCENTRATED ON HEALTH: DELIVERING HEALTH TO THOSE WHO COULD
14 NOT AFFORD IT, OR GET HEALTHCARE FOR THEMSELVES. AND THEN,
15 WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS GROWING AND GROWING, WE BEGAN TO
16 CONCENTRATE MORE AND MORE ON HOUSING, AND I BEGAN TO THINK OF
17 THE ELEMENTS THAT ACTUALLY MAKE A LIFE POSSIBLE. AND TO ME, IT
18 IS KIND OF A 3-LEGGED STOOL: YOUR HEALTH, YOUR HOUSING, AND
19 YOUR WORK. BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE HEALTHY TO KEEP A JOB, YOU
20 HAVE TO HAVE A JOB KEEP YOUR HOUSING, AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE
21 HOUSING TO KEEP HEALTHY. SO WE ARE NOW RECOGNIZING, I THINK,
22 THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT THIRD PIECE, IN FOCUSING A DEPARTMENT
23 ON WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ANOTHER ARENA WHERE I
24 THOUGHT WE ALWAYS HAD SORT OF A LACK WAS THAT, ALTHOUGH WE
25 APPROPRIATELY HAVE CARED FOR CHILDREN, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT

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1 SEEMING TO BE ABLE TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES; WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY
2 REFLECTED THE KIND OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY OF EVERY MAN FOR
3 HIMSELF, ONCE YOU GET TO BE A CERTAIN AGE. "YOU ARE NOT OUR
4 PROBLEM, YOU ARE REALLY THE PROBLEM OF YOUR FAMILY." YOU KNOW,
5 AND THEN, WHEN MEDICARE CAME IN, THINGS CHANGED A LITTLE BIT,
6 RECOGNIZING, WITH SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE, THAT THERE
7 WERE SOME NEEDS THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACCRUE AND TAKE CARE
8 OF. BUT THIS, I THINK, TAKES IT A NOTCH FURTHER, AND I REALLY
9 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BEING SO FIERCE ABOUT THIS, AND
10 SEPARATING THIS OUT, BECAUSE IT IS AN ASPECT. I THINK, OF
11 CONCENTRATION. CONCENTRATION REALLY HAS TWO MAJOR MEANINGS.
12 ONE IS, WE ARE FOCUSED. WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON THIS
13 COMMUNITY, ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, SO THAT THAT'S WHAT WE DO
14 WHEN WE DEVELOP INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS. BUT IN THIS CASE, IT
15 IS ALSO A CONCENTRATION OF SCATTERED SERVICES. IN THE
16 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, FOR INSTANCE, BRINGING TOGETHER
17 SERVICES THAT ARE NOW ALL OVER THE COUNTY, IN W.D.A.C.S., IN
18 D.C.B.A., L.A.C.D.A., IN THE C.E.O. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA,
19 AND BRINGING IT, I THINK, SO THAT WE CAN, FOCUS MORE. SO I'M
20 VERY HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT THESE. I LOOK FORWARD TO
21 THE PHASED-IN APPROACH. I THINK IT'S THE BEST WAY TO GO, SO
22 THAT WE GET IT RIGHT AS WE GO ALONG. WE ARE THE 19TH LARGEST
23 ECONOMY IN THE WORLD; THAT IS, OUR COUNTY IS. AND SO WE PLAY A
24 CRITICAL ROLE IN ENSURING THAT MANY PARTS OF OUR STATE AND
25 NATIONAL ECONOMY CONTINUE TO THRIVE. AND THIS KIND OF FOCUS, I

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1 THINK, WILL REALLY HELP US TO DO WHAT WE SHOULD, AND CONTINUE
2 TO REIMAGINE THE WAY THAT WE HELP ALL THE CONSTITUENTS IN OUR
3 COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD. SEEING THAT NO OTHER MEMBERS WANT TO
6 MAKE ANY REMARKS, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP THESE TWO ITEMS
7 SEPARATELY. SO WE ARE TAKING UP ITEM 11, WHICH IS BEFORE US.
8 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THE
9 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9 0.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US. I WILL

12 MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 22 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR

16 MITCHELL?

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

19

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

21 KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9

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

11

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE WILL
16 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 15, PROCLAIMING MAY 2021 THE MOST
17 IMPORTANT EVER MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, WHICH WAS HELD
18 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING TODAY'S MOTION WITH ME.
22 RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH HAS BEEN A CRITICAL
23 EFFORT OF THIS COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
24 HEALTH HAS TAKEN IT TO A NEW LEVEL IN RECENT YEARS WITH THE
25 ANNUAL "WE RISE" CAMPAIGN TO ERASE THE STIGMA. TWO WEEKS AGO,

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1 OUR BOARD HEARD FROM DR. SHERIN ON THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT
2 AND CONSIDERATIONS DURING THE LAST YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC, AND I
3 THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THIS REALLY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVER
4 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS CRISIS
5 WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO ENGAGE WITH OUR
6 COMMUNITIES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TALKING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS,
7 AND MAKING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE. I AM
8 GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK THE "WE RISE" CAMPAIGN HAS DONE IN THIS
9 EFFORT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
10 DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN ADJUSTING TO THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES OF
11 PUSHING THIS MESSAGE THIS YEAR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE
12 PRIVATE PARTNERS THAT HAVE COME ALONGSIDE THIS EFFORT, AS
13 SPONSORS OF THE "WE RISE" CAMPAIGN. AS WE SAID, THIS IS AN
14 ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK EFFORT, AND WE NEED EACH AND EVERY PARTNER
15 TO COME ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY'S WORK TO END THE STIGMA. SO WITH
16 THAT, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR CO-AUTHORING
17 THIS MOTION WITH ME, AND I HOPE I CAN GET YOUR SUPPORT.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

20
21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO DEEPLY THANK
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR DOING THIS. NORMALLY, WE JUST SAY THIS
23 IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK, AND I LIKE THE
24 IDEA OF MAKING THIS MORE SUBSTANTIVE, BECAUSE THE "WE RISE"
25 EXHIBIT WAS CRITICAL, REALLY, IN SO MANY WAYS. I WALKED

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1 THROUGH IT THREE DIFFERENT TIMES WHEN WE COULD STILL GO
2 PLACES, AND IT WAS AMAZING TO ME HOW HEALING IT WAS TO THOSE
3 WHO WERE THERE, WHO WERE GOING THROUGH. WE HAD CONVERSATIONS
4 AFTERWARD ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT IT HAD. AND I THINK IT WOULD
5 BE REALLY GOOD IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO COLLECT SOME OF THOSE
6 STORIES, AND IT IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THESE OUT IN THE
7 VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. SO THIS IS GREAT. I'M HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR.
8 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ASKING ME, AND I ALSO ASK
9 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS
12 FROM MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, THIS ITEM, 15, IS BEFORE US. MOVED
13 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
14 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

20

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

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

10

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

12

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

14 0.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
17 21, CREATION OF A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST CAPITAL PROJECT FUND,
18 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
19 PLEASE BEGIN YOUR STATEMENT.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN REALIZING THE CARE FIRST, JAIL
23 LAST VISION FOR OUR COUNTY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE M.C.J.
24 WORK GROUP FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN DEVELOPING A ROADMAP FOR
25 ACHIEVING ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST IMPORTANT JUSTICE REFORMS.

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1 THIS BOARD HAS APPROPRIATELY, IN MY OPINION, RECOGNIZED THE
2 NEED TO TAKE A THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TOWARDS THE COMPLEX WORK OF
3 CLOSING A JAIL FACILITY, AND DEVELOPING REHABILITATIVE
4 ALTERNATIVES. AND SO IT IS CLEAR TO ME AND MANY OTHERS IN OUR
5 COMMUNITY THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR DIRECT ACTION. THE TIME HAS
6 COME FOR US TO FINALLY CLOSE M.C.J. AND REALIZE THE BOLD AND
7 HISTORIC AND VISIONARY CARE FIRST VISION DEVELOPED BY THE
8 COUNTY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND
9 STAKEHOLDERS. EVERY DAY THAT WE ALLOW M.C.J. TO STAY OPEN, WE
10 FAIL TO MEET OUR BASIC OBLIGATIONS TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND
11 WORK THERE. AND WE'VE KNOWN FOR OVER A YEAR, SINCE THE RAND
12 RESEARCH HAS CONFIRMED EARLIER FINDINGS FROM THE COUNTY STUDY
13 THAT 61 PERCENT OF THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION ARE
14 APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES FOR DIVERSION. THAT WAS ONE STUDY AMONG
15 MANY THAT I HAVE JUST REVIEWED SINCE JOINING THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, THAT HAVE FOCUSED ON THIS COLLECTIVE WORK AROUND
17 CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. SO WE'VE GOT TO TAKE BIG STEPS, EVEN IN
18 THE SHORT TERM, TO DECREASE THE JAIL POPULATION BY EXPANDING
19 DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENTING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF
20 THE M.C.J. CLOSURE AND THE A.T.I. WORK GROUPS. SO, TO DO THAT,
21 I'VE GOT THREE POINTS, THREE AREAS, THAT I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE
22 ADDRESSED, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MOTION BY SOLIS AND KUEHL
23 TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, WE'VE GOT TO AVOID DELAYS AS MUCH AS
24 POSSIBLE. MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE A.T.I. AND THE
25 M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORTS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER

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1 STUDY FROM A CONSULTANT, OR EVEN INCURRING EXPENSES INCURRED
2 BY AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT. AS I JUST MENTIONED BEFORE, THERE
3 HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS STUDIES: RAND STUDIES DONE BY O.D.R., AND
4 OTHER INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS, TO STUDY THE EFFECT
5 OF THIS DECISION. IT IS ALSO CRITICAL THAT THESE CAPITAL
6 PROJECT FUNDS NOT BE USED TO BUILD NEW JAIL FACILITIES. I KNOW
7 THAT'S THE COMMITMENT THIS BOARD HAS MADE. AND THAT NEW
8 MODIFICATIONS OR RENOVATIONS ARE ONLY FOR IMPROVING
9 CONDITIONS. AS WE TAKE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS CLOSING M.C.J., WE
10 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE GREATER EQUITY IN EVEN THE
11 HIRING OF DISADVANTAGED WORKERS, INCLUDING FORMERLY
12 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO
13 FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT THAT ENSURE THEIR
14 SUCCESSFUL REENTRY, AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM. A CLEAR INSPIRATION
15 FOR THIS KIND OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY MADAM CHAIR. IN EAST
16 L.A., SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS ESTABLISHED A HEALTH INNOVATION
17 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AS A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VEHICLE FOR
18 ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.
19 PARTNERS IN THIS PROJECT WILL COLLABORATIVELY ENVISION ALL
20 DEVELOPMENT AT THE COUNTY-OWNED L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER,
21 TO ENSURE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS. TO DATE, ALL
22 DEVELOPMENT AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CAMPUS HAS EXCEEDED THE
23 ASPIRATIONAL 50-PERCENT LOCAL HIRE STANDARD REQUESTED BY
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THAT IS AN AMAZING MODEL THAT WE CAN
25 REPLICATE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY. SO, WITH THAT

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1 EXPLANATION ABOUT THE THREE POINTS I WANTED TO MAKE, I WOULD
2 LIKE TO-- THAT I THINK ADDRESS ADDITIONAL CRITICAL AREAS THAT
3 THIS MOTION ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE
4 FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS. FOR DIRECTIVE 4-C, THAT WE ADD THE
5 FOLLOWING AFTER THE FIRST SENTENCE: "WHERE ANY FUNDING IS
6 SPENT FOR MODIFICATIONS OR RENOVATIONS, THOSE MODIFICATIONS OR
7 RENOVATIONS SHOULD BE WITHOUT EXPANSION, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY
8 ORDERED BY A COURT. FOR DIRECTIVE 4-B, I WOULD LIKE TO STRIKE
9 THE WORD "CONSULTANT," AND ADD A 5TH DIRECTIVE THAT SAYS,
10 QUOTE, "THE FUNDS ALLOCATED THROUGH THIS APPROPRIATION
11 ADJUSTMENT SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY CONSULTANT SERVICES
12 WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL." AND LASTLY, TO ADD A SIXTH
13 DIRECTIVE THAT SAYS, "INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN
14 WRITING IN 60 DAYS ON HOW THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST CAPITAL
15 PROJECT, AND ANY OTHER PROJECTS RELATED TO THE CLOSURE OF
16 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WILL BE SUBJECT TO L.A. COUNTY'S COMMUNITY
17 WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. THIS REPORT BACK SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
18 OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY TO SET A HIGHER TARGETED AND LOCAL
19 WORKER HIRE GOAL FOR DISADVANTAGED WORKERS, WITH A SPECIAL
20 EFFORT DIRECTED AT RECRUITING FORMERLY INCARCERATED RESIDENTS,
21 AND CONSIDER EXAMPLES OF COUNTY PROJECTS WHERE THE TARGETED
22 AND LOCAL HIRE PERCENTAGES ACHIEVED WERE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER
23 THAN THE 30-PERCENT AND 10-PERCENT STANDARD, RESPECTIVELY,
24 INCLUDING EXPLORING BEST PRACTICES ESTABLISHED BY THE HEALTH
25 INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AROUND THE L.A.C.+U.S.C.

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1 MEDICAL CENTER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR CONSIDERATION OF
2 MY AMENDMENT.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YOU KNOW,
5 AT FIRST GLANCE, WHEN I SAW YOUR AMENDMENTS COMING FORWARD
6 YESTERDAY, I WASN'T CLEAR WHERE YOU WERE HEADED. BUT
7 OBVIOUSLY, THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES,
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WITH MY OFFICE, YOUR OFFICE, AS WELL AS WITH
9 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, I KNOW THAT WE'VE COME UP WITH A GOOD
10 COMPROMISE. AND IN NO WAY DO I SEE US MOVING IN SEPARATE
11 DIRECTIONS AT ALL, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR THAT ONE
12 OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE TO THE PUBLIC IS THAT
13 THERE IS CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SO I AM HAPPY TO
14 RECEIVE THAT AMENDMENT. AND THEN, SECONDLY, I THINK WITH LOCAL
15 HIRE AND ALL OF THE P.L.A.S AND WHAT HAVE YOU, THOSE ARE ALL
16 IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF EVERY PROJECT THAT WE HAVE BEEN
17 CONSIDERING, I THINK, FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS. IN FACT, THERE'S
18 50 PROJECTS OR MORE THAT HAVE HAD THOSE ELEMENTS CONTAINED, SO
19 IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY HAS REALLY EMBRACED, I THINK,
20 PRIOR TO YOUR COMING HERE, SUPERVISOR. AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
21 AND SHEILA KUEHL, MYSELF AND OTHERS-- SUPERVISOR HAHN, ALL OF
22 US, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER-- HAVE ALL UNDERSTOOD HOW
23 INSTRUMENTAL IT IS TO DO THE LOCAL HIRE, AND PARTICULARLY SHOW
24 THAT THESE PROGRAMS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL. AND THEN I WOULD SAY,
25 LASTLY, THANK YOU FOR COMPLIMENTING US ON OUR RESTORATIVE CARE

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1 VILLAGE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., BECAUSE WE REALLY MADE AN EFFORT TO
2 INVOLVE OUR COMMUNITY. IN FACT, MORE THAN 50 ORGANIZATIONS
3 MAKE UP OUR INNOVATIVE GROUP THAT INFORMS US, SO THAT
4 INFORMATION THAT WE ARE GETTING AND RECEIVING IS HOW WE MOVE
5 FORWARD IS EXACTLY THAT: WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS. SO I THINK
6 THOSE ARE REALLY INVALUABLE STEPS TO TAKE, AND HAPPY TO ACCEPT
7 THESE FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS, AND WOULD ASK FOR SUPPORT ON THE
8 MOTION, AS AMENDED, AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON THE CARE FIRST, JAIL
9 LAST PROJECTS. SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I WOULD NOW RECOGNIZE
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR
13 INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THE ORIGINAL MOTION, AND WELCOME THE
14 AMENDMENT, AS WELL; BUT ALSO TO REALLY PRAISE YOU FOR WHAT HAS
15 NOT BEEN UNDERScoreD AS MUCH, WHICH IS THE UNDERLYING PURPOSE
16 OF THE MOTION, WHICH IS THAT THE, YOU KNOW, THE CLOSURE OF
17 M.C.J., WHICH WE ARE COMMITTED TO DO, DEPENDS HEAVILY ON THE
18 EXISTENCE OF COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM OF CARE, WHICH KIND OF
19 REALLY REQUIRES AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK EFFORT. SO THIS IS A VERY
20 IMPORTANT FIRST STEP, BY POOLING ALL OF THE SCATTERED
21 RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR OTHER, ORIGINALLY,
22 JAIL-RELATED EXPENSES, INTO ONE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST CAPITAL
23 FUND, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED TO SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S
24 CENTRAL. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT MOVE, BUT I AGREE WITH
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE ARE UNIFIED IN WANTING TO CLARIFY

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1 THERE WOULD BE NO EXPANSION IN OTHER JAIL BEDS. AND ALSO, YOU
2 KNOW, SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY WORKER
3 AGREEMENTS, VERY IMPORTANT; AND THE CALL FOR A REPORT BACK ON
4 THE HIRING, ESPECIALLY, OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.
5 IT JUST SEEMS LIKE POETIC JUSTICE, AS THEY SAU. SPEAKING OF
6 JUSTICE. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THE ORIGINAL
7 MOTION, AND LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR IT. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 MITCHELL, FOR WHAT YOU HAVE ADDED. AND I ALSO ENCOURAGE AN
9 AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE
12 RECOGNIZED? SEEING NONE, THEN WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS MOVE
13 THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED, BEFORE US. MOVED BY MYSELF, AND
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSTAIN. SUPERVISOR

11 SOLIS?

12

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

14

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

16 0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, NOW, MEMBERS, WE WILL MOVE

19 ON TO ITEM 25, THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AS THEY

20 RETURN FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING. I HELD THAT ITEM. I WANT TO

21 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION ALONG

22 WITH ME, AND I AM MINDFUL THAT WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO IN OUR

23 VACCINATION EFFORTS TO FULLY CONTAIN THE PANDEMIC, BUT I WANT

24 TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE BEING PROACTIVE ABOUT THE COUNTY'S

25 RECOVERY IN THE MONTHS TO COME. NO EFFORTS TO REBUILD WOULD

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1 TRULY BE EQUITABLE OR COMPLETE WITHOUT CONSIDERING OUR
2 CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS, ONE OF THE POPULATIONS THAT THIS
3 PANDEMIC HAS HURT THE MOST. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE FORTUNATELY
4 BEEN LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO SERIOUS OUTCOMES FROM DISEASE ITSELF,
5 THE PANDEMIC, SOCIAL ISOLATION, AND ACCOMPANYING SCHOOL
6 SHUTDOWNS HAS HAD A DISTINCT IMPACT ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.
7 EVEN BEFORE C.O.V.I.D.-19, ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN HAD A
8 DIAGNOSED MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER, AND WITH THE PANDEMIC, THESE
9 BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES HAVE ONLY INCREASED AND INTENSIFIED. FOR
10 MANY OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR SCHOOLS WERE THE FIRST IN LINE OF
11 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. AND WITH THEM OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, OUR
12 YOUTH WENT WITHOUT NECESSARY SUPPORTS THAT THEY NEEDED AND
13 RELIED ON. A RECENT STUDY BY THE C.D.C. SHOWED THAT MENTAL
14 HEALTH VISITS RELATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH INCREASED BY UP TO
15 31 PERCENT JUST THIS LAST YEAR. AS OUR STUDENTS COME BACK TO
16 THE CLASSROOM, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE PREPARED
17 TO MEET THEM WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES THAT
18 THEY NEED. THAT IS WHY WE ARE INTRODUCING THIS MOTION
19 INSTRUCTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN COLLABORATION
20 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, TO PUT
21 TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR
22 STUDENTS AS THEY RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM. THIS MOTION PROVIDES
23 MECHANISMS THAT WILL BE IN PLACE TO GET SUPPORT TO OUR
24 STUDENTS, LINKING THEM TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES. TEACHERS
25 AND PARENTS WILL BE OFFERED TRAINING TO IDENTIFY EARLY SIGNS

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1 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND STRESS IN THEIR CHILDREN, AND MENTAL
2 HEALTH TOOLKITS WILL BE DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS WITH
3 TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE TRAINING AND RESOURCES. AND AFTER A YEAR
4 DEFINED BY SO MUCH LOSS, TRAUMA, ANXIETY, AND UNCERTAINTY, WE
5 OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE HELP
6 THAT THEY NEED AS WE BEGIN TO PUT THIS PANDEMIC BEHIND US. I
7 WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND ALL THE
9 STAKEHOLDERS, WHO I KNOW WILL PUT TOGETHER A PLAN THAT REALLY
10 DOES SERVE OUR YOUTH, AND PUTS THEM FIRST. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO
11 TURN TO MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ANY STATEMENTS
12 SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I APPRECIATE YOU
15 ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. AS HAS BEEN
16 DISCUSSED, THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT ON OUR YOUTH THIS PAST
17 YEAR HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT. I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY SCHOOL
18 DISTRICTS THAT HAVE REACHED OUT TO OUR OFFICE, SEEKING
19 SUPPORT, BOTH FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES, TO HELP CHILDREN COMING
20 BACK TO SCHOOL. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT,
21 PRIOR TO C.O.V.I.D., THERE WAS ALREADY A NEED TO ENHANCE OUR
22 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND I KNOW
23 THAT OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN PARTICULAR, THEY HAVE BEEN
24 FOCUSED ON THAT. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL
25 ILLNESS, ONLY 50 PERCENT OF YOUTH RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR THEIR

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1 MENTAL ILLNESS IN A GIVEN YEAR. IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE CAN USE
2 THE CURRENT RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
3 UTILIZE NEW APPROACHES IN ENGAGING OUR YOUTH AND PROVIDING
4 THEM THE SERVICES THEY CRITICALLY NEED. I LOOK FORWARD TO
5 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR COMMUNITY
6 PARTNERS TO ADVANCE THIS EFFORT. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR
7 ALLOWING ME TO BE A CO-AUTHOR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME. SEEING NO OTHER
10 MEMBERS WANTING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 25 IS
11 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
12 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER-- HOLD ON, A MINUTE.
13 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL CALL THE ROLL ON ITEM 25.

14

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

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9

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

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
13 0.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, MEMBERS, WE'LL MOVE ON TO
16 ITEM NUMBER 30, LEVERAGING THE COUNTY'S POSITION AS A MARKET
17 PARTICIPANT TO PROMOTE EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING, WHICH WAS
18 HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND WE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE CO-AUTHOR. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE
20 ON.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THE COUNTY,
23 AS A MARKET PARTICIPANT, MUST TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN
24 FACILITATING AN ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMY FOR ALL OF
25 OUR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING WHEN IT COMES TO DOING BUSINESS WITH

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1 THE COUNTY. EQUITABLE CONTRACTING, AS A POLICY, PRACTICE, AND
2 INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE, FACILITATES INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
3 ECONOMIC GROWTH, HELPS BUSINESSES OWNED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR
4 THRIVE AND GROW, AND ATTRACTS TALENTED NEW BUSINESSES TO
5 BECOME QUALITY COUNTY PARTNERS. IN FACT, THE CITY FOUNDATION
6 CITES THREE PRIMARY BENEFITS OF DIVERSIFYING CONTRACTORS AND
7 OPENING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. FIRST, DIVERSIFICATION
8 PRODUCES A BROAD COMMUNITY IMPACT THAT'S BOTH COMMON-SENSE AND
9 QUANTIFIABLE. SPREADING GOVERNMENT SPENDING TO CONTRACTORS
10 FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITIES YIELDS STRONGER COMMUNITIES,
11 CONTRIBUTES TO THE OVERALL GROWTH OF THE MIDDLE CLASS, AND BY
12 PROXY CREATES A MORE ROBUST TAXPAYER BASE. SECOND, INEQUALITY
13 HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON BUSINESS GROWTH. INCLUSION IN
14 CONTRACTING PROVIDES STABLE REVENUE, AND HELPS FIRMS TO GAIN
15 THE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO GROW. PUBLIC CONTRACTING OFTEN
16 SUPPORTS THE GROWTH OF BUSINESSES THAT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE
17 RECEIVED AN OPPORTUNITY. THESE BUSINESSES HAVE ALSO SHOWN TO
18 BE MORE LIKELY TO HIRE STAFF OF COLOR FROM UNDERSERVED
19 COMMUNITIES, AND THE GROWTH OF BUSINESSES OWNED BY PEOPLE OF
20 COLOR HELPS TO ADDRESS THE WEALTH GAP IN BOTH BUSINESS AND
21 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. AND THIRD AND FINALLY, BY CREATING A
22 BARRIER-FREE, WELL-DEFINED, AND TRANSPARENT PROCUREMENT
23 PROCESS, GOVERNMENT BENEFITS THROUGH INCREASED COMPETITION AND
24 HIGHER-QUALITY CONTRACTORS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE WORK
25 OF PHILANTHROPY AND THE NONPROFIT SECTOR WORK GROUP OF THE

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1 ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, LED BY REGINA BURDSELL, TO
2 PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK TO THE COUNTY ON IMPROVING ITS
3 CONTRACTING PROCESS. I KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR DIRECT SERVICE
4 ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS SECTOR HAVE SERVED, AND CONTINUE TO
5 SERVE, OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED
6 BY C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND THAT THE SCALE OF THE NEED IS OUTPACING
7 THE CAPACITY OF THIS SECTOR TO RESPOND. SO WE'VE GOT TO
8 CONTINUE TO ENGAGE OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND END USERS, AS EQUAL
9 PARTNERS IN DESIGNING MORE TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE
10 CONTRACTING PROCESSES WITH THE COUNTY. SO, WITH THIS MOTION,
11 WE WOULD BE CREATING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-
12 BUILDING PROGRAMS FOR OUR MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS, AS WELL AS OUR
13 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFIT PARTNERS.
14 ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE
15 CREATION OF SMALLER DOLLAR-VALUE CONTRACTS, SO SMALLER
16 ORGANIZATIONS CAN ACTUALLY ACCESS COUNTY BUSINESS
17 OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE'LL EVALUATE THE BURDENS OF PROCUREMENT
18 CYCLE BY INSTITUTING METHODS OF PROMPTER PAYMENT AND LESS
19 ONEROUS LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. AS A FORMER NONPROFIT LEADER, IT
20 WAS ALWAYS SUCH A CHALLENGE WHEN WE HAD CONTRACTS WITH
21 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES. WE WERE EXPECTED TO DELIVER THE SERVICE
22 AND DO THE WORK, AND WAIT 30, 60, 90, 120 DAYS FOR OUR
23 REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY. SO WE CAN'T EXPECT
24 SMALL BUSINESSES TO THRIVE AND SURVIVE, IF GOVERNMENT IS
25 DELAYED IN PAYING THEM FOR WORK THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY

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1 ACCOMPLISHED. SO, ALONG WITH THE WORK UNDERWAY TO STREAMLINE
2 THE CONTRACTING PROCESS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, WE WILL
3 ENSURE THAT MORE OF OUR COUNTY BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS,
4 PARTICULARLY THOSE OWNED BY WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, WILL BE
5 ABLE TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY
6 MUST PROACTIVELY PROMOTE AN ANTI-RACIST, DIVERSE, EQUITABLE,
7 AND INCLUSIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS, AS ONE STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE
8 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. AN ACCESSIBLE
9 COUNTY PUBLIC CONTRACTING PROCESS WILL BE A PILLAR OF OUR
10 LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
11 YOUR CONSIDERATION. I AM GLAD THAT THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF
12 COMMERCE HAS WRITTEN IN SUPPORT, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER SMALL
13 AND MICRO-BUSINESSES ACROSS THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK I GET
18 THE CO-AUTHOR OF THE WEEK BADGE. I HOPE SO, ANYWAY. THANK YOU
19 TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU. WE'VE BEEN
20 WORKING ON THIS FOR QUITE A WHILE. NOT THIS, IN PARTICULAR,
21 BUT STREAMLINING AND SIMPLIFYING THE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS
22 IN THE COUNTY, BECAUSE IT IS JUST NOT EASY. AND ALTHOUGH WE
23 ARE TALKING ABOUT SMALL BUSINESSES IN MANY, MANY, MANY CASES,
24 WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SMALL NONPROFIT BUSINESSES THROUGH WHOM
25 WE DELIVER OUR SERVICES AND ALL OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT

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1 ARE REALLY REQUIRED OF US. AND WE DON'T REALLY WANT IT TO BE
2 CHALLENGING. IT IS JUST THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE
3 ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR TAXPAYERS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY DOLLAR IS
4 SPENT PROPERLY AND EFFICIENTLY. SO WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS TO
5 ALLOW US TO REALLY DO BOTH. THAT IS, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT
6 OBJECTIVE, AND ALSO PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO OUR SMALL
7 BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND, YOU
8 KNOW, C.O.V.I.D.'S HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON IT. SO THIS IS
9 A REALLY, REALLY GOOD TIME TO LOOK AT THIS. WE ALSO ARE
10 GETTING SOME FUNDS TO HELP SUPPORT SOME OF OUR SMALL
11 BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, BUT WE HAVE TO
12 THINK LONG TERM. AND SO IT HAS REALLY BEEN THE INABILITY TO
13 FRONT-FUND ON THE PART OF THE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEN, AS
14 HOLLY SAID, WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT FOR REIMBURSEMENT
15 BY COUNTY CONTRACTS, AND THEY JUST CAN'T DO IT. SO WE HAVE TO
16 CONSIDER PROVIDING INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO THE C.B.O.S, AND IT
17 IS NOT EXACTLY AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN. IT IS REALLY MONEY WE
18 ARE GOING TO GIVE THEM ANYWAY, BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE
19 THEM FRONT IT, AND TRY TO PAY THEM MORE TIMELY, MORE
20 EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ALSO
21 LOOKING AT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. I LOVE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. I'M
22 A LAWYER. THEY ARE NECESSARY, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE SO
23 ONEROUS FOR, YOU KNOW, A \$2 CONTRACT. I MEAN, LET US BE A
24 LITTLE MORE SIMPLIFIED IN ALL OF THE CONTRACTS, AND ESPECIALLY

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1 IN THE SMALLER ONES. SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR,
2 AND I ASK FOR EVERYBODY'S AYE VOTE.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SEEING NO ONE
5 ELSE SEEKS RECOGNITION, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. THIS IS MOVED
6 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 30 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL?

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

13

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 32,
10 IMPLEMENTING THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT'S HUMPHREY DECISION,
11 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE
12 ON.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS THE ONE
15 MOTION THAT I HAVE BROUGHT AS THE LEAD AUTHOR. AND I SIMPLY
16 WANT TO SAY THREE WORDS THAT ARE GOING TO MEAN A LOT TO A LOT
17 OF PEOPLE THIS VERY MOMENT: GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY. YOU MAY
18 HAVE HEARD THAT IT RELATES TO A DIFFERENT CASE, AND THERE IS
19 PROBABLY A LOT OF MEDIA GOING ON ABOUT IT AT THE MOMENT. SO I
20 WILL RETURN TO MY MOTION, BECAUSE PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT
21 HALF OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY JAIL HAVE NOT EVEN HAD THEIR
22 TRIAL YET. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DECLARED GUILTY. THEY ARE SIMPLY
23 THERE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD BAIL. AND LAST MONTH, THE
24 STATE SUPREME COURT RULED, THANKFULLY, THAT IT IS
25 UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO DETAIN A PERSON BEFORE THEIR TRIAL, SIMPLY

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1 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD BAIL. AND THEY ARE NOT PEOPLE WHO
2 POSE A RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY, JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD
3 TO POST BAIL, BECAUSE IF I HAVE GOT MONEY TO GET OUT, IT
4 DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M NOT A RISK. AND THE PROBLEM IS, KEEPING
5 A PERSON IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY
6 DESTABILIZES ALREADY UNSTABLE LIVES. THINK ABOUT IT. YOU LOSE
7 YOUR JOB. YOU MIGHT HAVE CUSTODY OF CHILDREN. THEY'VE TAKEN
8 YOU TO JAIL. YOU'RE THERE. YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOUR
9 CHILDREN. YOUR CHILDREN GET REMOVED. SO YOU COULD LOSE YOUR
10 CHILDREN, AND EVEN, OF COURSE, A SPOUSE. IN JURISDICTIONS ALL
11 ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BAIL REFORM, WHEN IT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED,
12 HAS BEEN SHOWN TO AFFECT CRIME RATES, BUT THEY GO DOWN, NOT
13 UP; OR, AT THE VERY LEAST, ARE UNAFFECTED. SO THIS MOTION--
14 AND I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING-- DIRECTS THE
15 PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE
16 D.A. TO COORDINATE WITH THE C.E.O., WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH
17 THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY, AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION,
18 WITH OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WITH OUR SHERIFF, WITH OUR
19 COURT, WITH CALIFORNIA A.G., AND WITH THOSE WHO ARE EXPERTS ON
20 PRETRIAL DISPOSITION, TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS IN 60 DAYS ON
21 HOW WE CAN IMPLEMENT BAIL REFORM IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR OWN
22 STATE SUPREME COURT RULING. I AM VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT
23 THIS, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. THE COURTS HAVE
24 BEEN CONDUCTING A PILOT PROJECT, ALREADY, IN L.A. COUNTY. I
25 THINK THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACT VERY QUICKLY IN DOING THE

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1 RIGHT THING. IT CERTAINLY REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD
2 APPROVING CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. AND I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR
3 YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALLOWING
6 ME TO SERVE AS YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON THIS ITEM. YOU KNOW, IT IS
7 STILL UPSETTING FOR ME TO THINK THAT THE COUNTY IS KNOWN TO
8 HAVE THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY. THE POPULATION IN
9 THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE 80 PERCENT LATINX AND
10 BLACK PEOPLE, WHICH IS SADLY NOT SURPRISING, BUT THAT HAS TO
11 CHANGE. OF ALMOST THE 15,000 PEOPLE IN THE JAILS, ABOUT 40
12 PERCENT OF THEM ARE PRETRIAL. AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM MANY,
13 MANY OF OUR IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND
14 ADVOCACY GROUPS ABOUT HOW DETRIMENTAL IT IS TO BE IN JAIL,
15 SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD THEIR BAIL AMOUNTS. PRETRIAL
16 INCARCERATION DOESN'T JUST AFFECT PEOPLE IN THE SHORT TERM,
17 BUT IT ALSO HAS LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES, LIKE INCREASING
18 SOMEONE'S INABILITY TO GET A JOB, HOUSING, AND PROVIDE FOR
19 THEIR FAMILIES, AS WE HEARD FROM CALLERS THIS MORNING. IT ALSO
20 INCREASES SOMEONE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
21 SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF CARE FIRST. THE RECENT RULING
22 IN THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT ON THE HUMPHREYS CASE MAKES IT
23 VERY CLEAR THAT INCARCERATING SOMEONE PRETRIAL, BECAUSE OF
24 THEIR INABILITY TO PAY THEIR BAIL AMOUNT, IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
25 THIS IS NOT ONLY A WIN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY

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1 BEING INCARCERATED BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO PAY, OR BEING
2 POOR, BUT THIS IS A WIN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, AS WELL, IN THAT WE
3 ARE STEERING AWAY FROM CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE FOR BEING POOR,
4 HOUSELESS, OR MENTALLY ILL. I AM SO PLEASED THAT THIS IS
5 BEFORE US, AND I ALSO ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO BE
7 RECOGNIZED? OKAY. SEEING NONE, ITEM 32 IS BEFORE US.
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. I SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 32 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL?

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

5

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

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
9 0.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 43-C,
12 REEVALUATION OF THE 47 BOARD APPROVED HOMELESS STRATEGIES,
13 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISORS BARGER AND KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND MAKE YOUR REMARKS.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE 47 HOMELESS STRATEGY
17 IS DESIGNED BY THE C.E.O., AND ACTUALLY THE HOMELESS
18 INITIATIVE WAS DEVELOPED BACK IN 2015. WHILE WE HAVE SEEN SOME
19 PROGRESS IN HOUSING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THERE
20 HAS STILL BEEN A RISE IN OVERALL CASES. THIS IS SUPPORTED BY
21 THE POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNTS THAT L.A.H.S.A. HAS
22 ADMINISTERED ANNUALLY. L.A.H.S.A.'S 2020 HOMELESS COUNT SHOWED
23 66,436 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS INDICATED A 12.7
24 PERCENT RISE FROM 58,936 IN 2019. THE NEXT COUNT WILL LIKELY
25 SHOW MORE, DUE TO FACTORS LIKE C.O.V.I.D.-19. THE STATUS QUO

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1 IS NOT WORKING. WE SPEND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH
2 YEAR, AND WE ARE STILL FALLING, IN SOME CASES, BEHIND. THE
3 STRATEGIES WERE DEVELOPED SIX YEARS AGO. THE STRATEGIES NEED
4 TO BE MODIFIED TO CONTINUE TO BE EFFECTIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN
5 THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE CONVERSATION ON THE ROLE OF MENTAL
6 ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. SIX
7 YEARS AGO, MANY ESTIMATED THAT ONLY 30 PERCENT OF PEOPLE
8 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. NOW,
9 SOME STUDIES PROJECT NEARLY 80 PERCENT OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE.
11 THIS IS A GROWING AND EVER-CHANGING PROBLEM, AND WE MUST
12 CONTINUE ADAPTING. WE ARE ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH THE LIFETIME
13 OF MEASURE H. NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO REEVALUATE AND
14 EXAMINE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 47 STRATEGIES.
15 BY BRINGING IN OUTSIDE GROUPS, LIKE THE COUNCIL OF
16 GOVERNMENTS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO WORK WITH COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENTS, WE SEEK A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH ON
18 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING AND MODIFYING THE EXISTING
19 STRATEGIES TO COMBAT THE EVER-CHANGING HOMELESS CRISIS. SO I
20 WOULD ASK FOR A YES VOTE ON TODAY'S MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM
21 CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM WAS ALSO HELD BY SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN I WILL RECOGNIZE THE CO-
25 AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO FAR TODAY, IT HAS BEEN A
3 VERY COLLABORATIVE AND POSITIVE DAY. AND I HOPE THAT I MAY BE
4 FORGIVEN IF I PUT IN A SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE NOTE, AS I DON'T
5 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WHY, AND WHAT MY
6 CONCERN IS, AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY POSSIBILITY OF, I DON'T
7 KNOW, SOME KIND OF SMALL CHANGE. YOU KNOW, THE 47 HOMELESS
8 STRATEGIES TOOK A VERY LONG TIME AND A VERY LOT OF PEOPLE TO
9 PUT TOGETHER. IT WASN'T JUST THE C.E.O. THERE WERE, YOU KNOW,
10 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED OVER TIME TO COME UP WITH
11 THEM, TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
12 AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN, THE DEEP CONCERN, AND SORT OF
13 HORRIFYING NATURE OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE SEEING, IN TERMS OF
14 HOMELESSNESS. BUT I DON'T THINK IT IS BECAUSE THE STRATEGIES
15 ARE WRONG. I THINK THAT ASKING OUR PROVIDERS NOW TO
16 PARTICIPATE IN A FOUR-MONTH-LONG REASSESSMENT OF EACH OF THESE
17 47 STRATEGIES WOULD TAKE THEM AWAY AT A TIME THAT IS SO
18 CRITICAL, WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO TRANSITION FROM PROJECT
19 ROOMKEY TO PROJECT HOMEKEY, WHERE WE ARE DEALING WITH THE CASE
20 OVERSEEN BY JUDGE CARTER, AND JUST A LOT OF BACK-AND-FORTH
21 ABOUT THAT, WHERE I KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE C.O.G.S AND
22 THE CITIES WANT A PLACE AT THE TABLE TO SAY WHAT SHOULD BE,
23 BUT THEY ARE NOT EXPERTS. THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY PEOPLE, YOU
24 KNOW, LIKE US, WHO WANT TO USE EXPERTS TO COME UP WITH THE
25 BEST ANSWER. AND I THINK WE HAD DECIDED THAT WE DIDN'T WANT IT

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1 TO BE SO DIFFERENT FROM ONE CITY TO THE NEXT, AND THAT WAS THE
2 REASON WHY HAVING THESE EXISTING 47 BUCKETS CREATED A LOT OF
3 FLEXIBILITY IN WAYS TO DO THINGS. I AM REALLY CONCERNED THAT
4 THIS MIGHT LEAD US DOWN A ROAD WHERE WE MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO
5 ABANDON SOME OF THE BEST PRACTICES. I DISAGREE WITH MY
6 ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE ABOUT THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE SUFFERING
7 FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION. IN
8 HOLLYWOOD, THEY JUST DID THEIR OWN COUNT, AND THEY HAD SHOWN
9 THAT HOMELESSNESS ACTUALLY WAS 20 PERCENT LESS THAN IT HAD
10 BEEN THE YEAR BEFORE, AND RELATED IN MANY, MANY, MANY WAYS TO
11 LOSING A JOB, AND THEN LOSING YOUR HOUSE, OR YOUR APARTMENT.
12 SO I DO UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE SOME DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT
13 WHAT SHOULD BE DONE, BUT I AM REALLY WORRIED ABOUT DIVERTING
14 ALL OF THE TALENT THAT IS NOW FOCUSED ON TRYING TO FIND
15 HOUSING FOR PEOPLE TO GO BACK INTO A PROCESS THAT WAS RIGOROUS
16 AND BIG, AND WOULD HAVE TO BE AGAIN. BUT I AM REALLY AFRAID
17 THAT THIS WILL DIVERT OUR ATTENTION AT JUST THE WRONG TIME. SO
18 I APOLOGIZE, BUT CANNOT SUPPORT THIS. I WOULD SUGGEST IF
19 ANYONE WOULD CONSIDER, MAYBE, GIVING THEM A LITTLE LONGER TIME
20 TO PUT ALL THIS TOGETHER, IF THE REST OF YOU ARE FOR THIS,
21 SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP US CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE'RE TRYING
22 TO DO FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE, AS WE GO ALONG. THANK YOU, MADAM
23 CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN WISHES TO BE
2 RECOGNIZED.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I AM PLEASED TO
5 BE THE CO-AUTHOR WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ON BRINGING THIS
6 MOTION FORWARD. AND I CERTAINLY HEAR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOUR
7 CONCERNS, AND I WANTED TO START BY SAYING, THESE 47 STRATEGIES
8 CLEARLY WERE CREATED BEFORE I CAME ON THE BOARD. AND I THINK I
9 TOLD YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT THAT WAS KEY, BY THE WAY, IN
10 PASSING, IN MY OPINION, MEASURE H, PARTICULARLY WHEN SOMETIMES
11 WE'VE GOTTEN CRITICIZED. I KNOW WE WERE CRITICIZED IN THE CITY
12 COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES FOR PUTTING FORTH, YOU KNOW, BALLOT
13 MEASURES WITHOUT A CONCRETE PLAN IN PLACE ON HOW TO SPEND
14 MONEY. AND, YOU KNOW, THE MEDIA LOVES TO CRITICIZE, SAYING,
15 "WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE FIRST, BEFORE YOU ASK THE
16 TAXPAYERS TO SPEND THEIR MONEY?" SO I THINK THESE 47
17 STRATEGIES BEING IN PLACE IN 2015, BEFORE WE PUT THIS ON THE
18 BALLOT, WAS KEY TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CRITICS, THAT WE HAD A
19 STRATEGY ON HOW WE WERE GOING TO SPEND THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS,
20 IF IN FACT MEASURE H PASSED. BUT I AM OF THE FEELING RIGHT NOW
21 THAT WE'RE APPROACHING THE HALFWAY POINT OF MEASURE H, WHICH
22 WAS ONLY GOING TO BE IN EFFECT FOR 10 YEARS. I THINK THAT'S
23 ALWAYS THE SCARY PART OF PUTTING A BALLOT MEASURE BEFORE THE
24 VOTERS WITH A SUNSET CLAUSE, BECAUSE, MORE THAN LIKELY, THE
25 PROBLEM WON'T BE SOLVED IN WHATEVER TIME WE SAY; FOR INSTANCE,

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1 10 YEARS. WE PROBABLY ALL KNEW THAT HOMELESSNESS WOULD NOT GET
2 SOLVED IN 10 YEARS, AND YET, TO GAIN SUPPORT, YOU KNOW, FROM A
3 WIDE VARIETY OF STAKEHOLDERS, I THINK THE SUNSET CLAUSE IS
4 WHAT GOT PUT IN PLACE. BUT, YOU KNOW, I JUST FEEL LIKE WE'RE
5 GOING TO RUN OUT OF TIME, AND I AM NOT SURE THE VOTERS WOULD
6 APPROVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN. SO I KNOW, PERSONALLY, I
7 HAVE HEARD FROM MY C.O.G.S, FROM MY CONSTITUENTS. AND AS MUCH
8 AS WE KNOW THAT IT IS WORKING, AS MUCH AS WE KNOW THAT WE ARE
9 MAKING PROGRESS, AS MUCH AS WE KNOW, YES, MORE PEOPLE ARE
10 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS THAN WE ARE ABLE TO HOUSE, WE ARE
11 STILL HOUSING A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN WE USED TO. I THINK THE
12 FEELING AMONG THE PUBLIC IN L.A. COUNTY IS, SOMETHING'S NOT
13 WORKING. IT DOES FEEL LIKE IT IS GETTING WORSE. YOU KNOW, I
14 KNOW WE ARE ALL CONCERNED, WHEN THE EVICTION MORATORIUM IS
15 LIFTED, WHAT IS THAT GOING TO MEAN, TO PUSHING PEOPLE TO THE
16 STREETS? AND I JUST FELT LIKE THIS WAS THE RIGHT TIME TO
17 REEVALUATE THOSE 47 STRATEGIES, PARTICULARLY SINCE 21 OF THEM
18 ARE FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H. IS IT TIME TO JUST KIND OF MAKE
19 SURE, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE AS GOOD AS THEY CAN BE? I THINK WE
20 HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS ABOUT HOUSING PEOPLE. I THINK, AS YOU
21 SAID, WE HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW, WORKING WITH JUDGE CARTER. I
22 THINK HE IS RULING THAT SKID ROW HAS TO BE CLEANED UP AND
23 EMPTIED BY THIS FALL. SO I FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOME MORE URGENCY
24 TO WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON TRYING TO END
25 HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW THE MAYOR YESTERDAY MADE A BOLD

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1 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CITY OF L.A. WILL BE DEDICATING A
2 BILLION DOLLARS TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. SO I JUST FEEL LIKE IT
3 IS THE TIME, AND THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT
4 STUCK IN A RUT ON ANY OF THESE STRATEGIES; LIKE, IF THEY ARE
5 NOT WORKING, IF WE CAN STRENGTHEN THEM-- MAYBE SOME OF THEM DO
6 NEED MORE MONEY-- THEN THIS IS THE TIME TO LOOK AT IT. BUT I
7 CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF PULLING OUR
8 ADVOCATES, OUR CONTRACTORS, INTO JUST A STUDY, WHEN WE WANT
9 THEM TO BE DOING THE REAL WORK. AND IF-- YOU KNOW, I WOULD
10 CERTAINLY BE OPEN TO THE IDEA OF GIVING THEM A LITTLE BIT
11 LONGER THAN FOUR MONTHS, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I DON'T KNOW IF
12 YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAYBE A SIX-MONTH TIMELINE, JUST TO
13 SPREAD IT OUT A LITTLE BIT MORE, SO MAYBE THAT LESSENS THE
14 IDEA THAT THEY ARE SPENDING ALL THEIR TIME FOR A FOUR-MONTH
15 STUDY. I CERTAINLY WOULD BE OPEN TO THAT. BUT I DO BELIEVE
16 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO EVALUATE THESE STRATEGIES. WE HAVE A
17 NEW, YOU KNOW, DIRECTOR AT L.A.H.S.A., AND I AM DEFINITELY
18 GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. I AM TOTALLY NOT STUCK TO THE FOUR-
19 MONTH REPORT BACK, IF SIX MONTHS FEELS BETTER. I KNOW WE
20 PROBABLY DON'T GET YOUR SUPPORT ON THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BUT
21 I THINK THAT WAS A GOOD SUGGESTION, NEVERTHELESS. SO I AM
22 GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. I THINK THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW THAT
23 WE ARE CONSTANTLY MOVING, LOOKING, BEING FLEXIBLE, RECREATING,
24 REIMAGINING. WE'VE GOT FIVE YEARS ON THE TAXPAYER'S DIME TO
25 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. AND I KNOW I AM ALL IN, AND I KNOW MY

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1 COLLEAGUES ARE ALL IN ON THAT, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I WOULD SAY, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO AMEND IT TO
5 SAY "UP TO SIX MONTHS," BECAUSE I KNOW THAT-- YOU KNOW, SIX
6 MONTHS-- THEY TAKE SIX MONTHS, UP TO, AND HOPEFULLY--

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING TO ASK FOR AN EXTENSION
9 ANYWAY, SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THEY DO ALL THE TIME, YEP. OKAY, THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY, NEXT WE WILL HEAR FIRST FROM
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
17 THAT I AGREE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE TIMELY EVALUATION OF
18 ANY PROGRAM, BUT PARTICULARLY THIS PROGRAM, IN ORDER TO ADJUST
19 AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. I THINK THE SUCCESS OF THE
20 MEASURE H OUTCOMES REALLY MUST LEAD TO ALLEVIATING THE
21 CHALLENGES THAT PEOPLE ARE FACING, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
22 HOMELESSNESS. IT CANNOT BE A ROADBLOCK. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I
23 APPRECIATE THE "UP TO SIX MONTHS," BUT I THINK WE NEED TO BE
24 REALLY CLEAR THAT THIS EVALUATION CANNOT DRAG ON, IF IT IS
25 TRULY GOING TO INFORM A DIRECTION SHIFT, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE

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1 SHOULD DO. YOU KNOW, I, TOO, HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THE
2 PERCEPTION OF IT GETTING WORSE, AND I THINK IT IS. AND IT IS
3 NOT GETTING WORSE BECAUSE GOVERNMENT IS NOT STEPPING UP TO THE
4 PLATE. WE ARE, AT A HISTORIC LEVEL. THE REALITY IS, CONDITIONS
5 WHICH LEAD TO PEOPLE BEING UNHOUSED HAVEN'T STOPPED. AND SO
6 WITH EVERY DAY, WITH 200 PEOPLE BEING HOUSED, ANOTHER 227 FIND
7 THEMSELVES UNHOUSED. AND SO, WITH THAT SAID, I ALSO THINK IT
8 IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ENSURE THAT WE ARE CENTERING PEOPLE
9 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR PRIORITIES, AND THAT THEY BE
10 ENGAGED IN A MEANINGFUL, HONEST WAY IN THE EVALUATION. YOU
11 KNOW, IF THE COUNTY HAS PURCHASED, FOR EXAMPLE, TEN MOTELS TO
12 HELP OUR OPERATION ROOMKEY SINGLES AND FAMILIES TRANSITION TO
13 OPERATION HOMEKEY, AND SO THEY SHOULD BE A PART OF THE PROCESS
14 OF TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE WAS, IF THAT WORKED,
15 AND IF IT DIDN'T. SO I'D REALLY LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THAT, AGAIN,
16 THE VOICES OF LIVED EXPERIENCE BE AMPLIFIED, AND THAT PERHAPS
17 THE C.E.O. COULD DEVELOP OR UTILIZE SPACES AND TOOLS WHICH CAN
18 BE EASILY ACCESSED BY OUR RESIDENTS WHO DIRECTLY BENEFITED
19 FROM THESE PROGRAMS, SO THEY, TOO, CAN WEIGH IN ON A TIMELY
20 EVALUATION, AND ONE THAT WILL NOT BE A ROADBLOCK TO ONGOING
21 PROGRESS, SUCCESS, AND ULTIMATELY AIDING PEOPLE IN FINDING
22 HOUSING. APPRECIATE IT, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
25 BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. WE'VE

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1 HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS REGARDING MEASURE H, AND HOW MANY OF OUR
2 CITIES HAVE TRIED TO TACKLE, AND SOME THAT HAVE NOT TACKLED
3 THIS ISSUE APPROPRIATELY, IN MY OPINION. EVEN THOUGH WE'VE
4 RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM ALL OF OUR CITIES, AND THEY AGREED TO
5 WORK WITH US, I KNOW THAT WE STILL HAVE MUCH MORE WORK TO DO.
6 I AM HAPPY THAT IN SOME PLACES, WE WERE ABLE TO USE INNOVATIVE
7 PROGRAMS, SUCH AS PROJECT ROOMKEY, AND EVEN HOMEKEY, AND I
8 WOULD SAY A GOOD PORTION OF THOSE FACILITIES ARE IN THE FIRST
9 DISTRICT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE CITIES PARTICIPATING,
10 OTHER THAN JUST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, OR JUST A FEW HANDFUL
11 THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH. AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO
12 PRESENT AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION, AND IT WOULD READ AS
13 FOLLOWS, AND I HOPE YOU PERCEIVE IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.
14 "THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE REPORT BACK INCLUDE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE OUR CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN EACH
16 STRATEGY, AND STRENGTHEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIES TO AUGMENT
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN INTERIM AND PERMANENT
18 HOUSING SOLUTIONS, WITHIN THEIR CITY BOUNDARIES, FOR RESIDENTS
19 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS."" AND THE REASON I BRING THIS UP IS
20 BECAUSE I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN SOME
21 CASES, WHERE WE HAVE HAD CITIES OPPOSING ANY PROJECTS THAT WE
22 MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT TO PARTNER WITH THEM. WE'VE SEEN
23 PROTESTS. WE'VE EVEN GONE THROUGH LITIGATION, BECAUSE PEOPLE
24 DID NOT WANT TO WORK WITH US. BUT FOR SOME REASON, WE WERE
25 ABLE TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS. I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE MADE, AND IF

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1 THIS GOES FORWARD, I REALLY DO WANT TO SEE HOW WE CAN
2 STRENGTHEN THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR CITIES, AND ALSO PEOPLE WITH
3 LIVED EXPERIENCE. I THINK THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS.
4 SO IF YOU ACCEPT THIS AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, I SUPPORT WHERE
5 YOU'RE GOING WITH THIS, AS WELL, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** I ABSOLUTELY DO ACCEPT IT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I DON'T
8 THINK YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, AS WELL. I THINK IT
9 COMPLEMENTS IT VERY WELL.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** I DO, TOO. I'M FINE WITH IT. I JUST HADN'T READ IT,
12 OR HADN'T SEEN IT YET. BUT YEAH, ABSOLUTELY, I THINK IT IS A
13 COMPLEMENT. AND THEN, ARE WE ALSO GOING TO CODIFY THE "MAYBE
14 UP TO THE SIX MONTHS," AS WELL?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, SO WE WILL ACCEPT THAT, AND THEN "UP TO SIX-
17 MONTH REPORT BACK."

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, IF THERE IS NO OTHER COMMENTS TO
20 BE MADE, THEN THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. AND THIS IS ITEM 43-C.
21 SO, CAN WE PLEASE HAVE-- THIS IS MOVED BY BARGER, SECONDED BY
22 HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 43-C, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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1

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:** NO.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

16

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

18

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

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-
22 1.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE
25 WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 43-G, EMPLOYEE PAID LEAVE FOR

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1 EXPANDED VACCINE ACCESS, AND I HELD THAT ITEM. AFTER, I WOULD
2 ASK SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO MAKE REMARKS, ALSO. FIRST, I WANT TO
3 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME.
4 NOW THAT ALL RESIDENTS AGED 16 AND ABOVE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE
5 ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED, WE ARE IN WHAT I HOPE WILL BE THE
6 FINAL STAGES OF THE PANDEMIC. BUT IN ORDER TO REACH THE FINISH
7 LINE, WE MUST REMOVE AS MANY BARRIERS TO ACCESS AS POSSIBLE SO
8 THAT EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY, ZIP CODE,
9 OR OCCUPATION, HAS THE ABILITY TO ACCESS THESE LIFESAVING
10 VACCINES. AND IN WORKPLACES ACROSS THE COUNTY, MANY EMPLOYEES
11 LACK THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY TIME OFF FROM
12 WORK TO ACCESS VACCINATION SITES. AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE
13 FOR LOW-WAGE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHO HAD TO REALLY BEAR THE
14 BRUNT OF THE HEALTH AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS. THOUGH GAPS IN OUR
15 INITIAL VACCINE RESPONSE ARE BEGINNING TO DECREASE, THE
16 DISPARITIES STILL REMAIN, ESPECIALLY, AS WE HEARD EARLIER FROM
17 DR. FERRER, AMONGST THE BLACK AND LATINX MEN. WE KNOW THAT
18 MANY ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN OUR FRONTLINE JOBS, INCLUDING FOOD
19 PREPARATION, FARM WORKERS, AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. WHILE
20 THESE ESSENTIAL WORKERS HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR OVER A MONTH,
21 THE DISPARITIES REMAIN, SO IT IS CLEAR THAT MUCH, MUCH MORE
22 HAS TO BE DONE. AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY HAS DEPLOYED MOBILE
23 UNITS DIRECTLY TO WORKPLACES TO ADMINISTER THE VACCINE, THE
24 CAPACITY IS LIMITED. WE ALSO MUST PRIORITIZE OTHER
25 POPULATIONS, LIKE SENIOR HOUSING CENTERS, HOMEBOUND

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1 INDIVIDUALS, IN HIGHLY IMPACTED AREAS AND NEIGHBORHOODS WITH
2 LOW ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION. NOT ONLY MUST WE DO MORE TO
3 BRING VACCINES TO WORKERS, BUT WE MUST MAKE IT EASIER FOR
4 WORKERS TO ACCESS THE VACCINE. WE SHOULD NOT BE ASKING OUR
5 WORKERS, MANY OF THEM ESSENTIAL, TO DECIDE BETWEEN A VACCINE
6 THAT WILL SAVE THEIR LIVES, AND FOREGOING A PAYCHECK THEY NEED
7 TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. AND
8 ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION, LIKE THE FAMILIES
9 FIRST CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT AND S.B. 95, EXIST, THAT PROVIDE
10 SOME BENEFITS FOR C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED LEAVE, WE MUST BE MINDFUL
11 THAT MANY OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS WERE AT GREATER RISK, AND
12 ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE ALREADY EXHAUSTED THEIR EXISTING
13 BENEFITS. THAT'S WHY I AM INTRODUCING THE MOTION FOR COUNTY
14 COUNSEL TO PUT TOGETHER AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD GRANT ALL
15 EMPLOYEES IN BUSINESSES LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
16 COUNTY WITH UP TO FOUR HOURS OF ADDITIONAL PAID LEAVE FOR
17 VACCINATIONS. EARLY ESTIMATES INDICATE THIS WOULD BENEFIT OVER
18 216,000 EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
19 COUNTY. THE BENEFITS WOULD BE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1ST OF
20 THIS YEAR, SO ANYONE WHO ALREADY TOOK TIME OFF WOULD BE
21 REIMBURSED THE TIME. THIS IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO,
22 FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT IT
23 WILL HELP ACCELERATE OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS. SO ALREADY, AS
24 WE CAN SEE, IT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AS
25 THE COUNTY REOPENS, ENSURING WORKERS ARE VACCINATED WILL ALSO

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1 PROVIDE GREATER ASSURANCES TO PATRONS THAT BUSINESSES ARE SAFE
2 TO VISIT AGAIN, RESTORING GREATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE IN
3 RETURNING TO A REGULAR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. AND I KNOW THAT IT
4 WILL HELP US MEET THE GOVERNOR'S GOAL OF FULLY REOPENING THE
5 COUNTY AND THE STATE, HOPEFULLY BY JUNE 15TH. I WANT TO THANK
6 YOU, AND I ALSO, AT THIS TIME, WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR SERVING AS CO-AUTHOR, FOR ADDITIONAL
8 REMARKS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT IS
11 REALLY IRONIC THAT THE BUSINESS THAT STAYED OPEN EVERY MINUTE
12 THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, THE GROCERY STORES, THE U.F.C.W.
13 REPORTED THAT 80% OF THEIR MEMBERS WERE NOT ABLE TO GET
14 VACCINATED, BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS AND NOT BEING
15 ALLOWED TO TAKE TIME OFF TO ACCESS VACCINES. SO THIS IS REALLY
16 A VERY WELCOME MOTION. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR IT.
17 I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE PAID LEAVE WOULD BE,
18 UNDER OUR ORDINANCE, GRANTED AT THEIR REGULAR PAY RATE, AND
19 NOT CHARGED AGAINST ANY OTHER PAID LEAVE THAT THEY ARE
20 ENTITLED TO. AND THAT, I THINK, IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE ASK THE
21 COUNTY COUNSEL TO GET IT BACK TO US PRETTY QUICKLY, I THINK,
22 FOR THE NEXT MEETING, BUT ALSO TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE
23 ORDINANCE CAN BE APPLIED TO ALL OF OUR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN
24 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, LOOKING AT ANY CONSTRAINTS OF OTHER
25 LAWS SAYING THAT ONLY CERTAIN SIZE BUSINESSES. BECAUSE I THINK

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1 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO, AND PROBABLY CAN, LEGALLY, APPLY THIS TO
2 ALL BUSINESSES, AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. SO I
3 WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O.'S STAFF FOR THEIR HELP IN WORKING
4 THROUGH SOME OF THIS, AND REALLY, REALLY HOPE THIS CAN LEAD TO
5 GREATER VACCINATION RATES AMONG WORKERS. SO THANK YOU, MADAM
6 CHAIR. MADAM CHAIR, ARE YOU THERE?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SORRY, I THOUGHT I WAS UNMUTED. ARE THERE
9 ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? I
10 DON'T SEE ANYONE.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION. SOMETHING
17 OCCURRED TO ME, AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU A CLARIFYING QUESTION,
18 IF IT CAN BE CONSIDERED AS THE FINAL LANGUAGE IS BEING
19 CONSIDERED. WHEN I THINK ABOUT ALL THAT WE ARE HEARING FROM
20 MEDICAL EXPERTS AND, YOU KNOW, CONSTITUENTS AROUND VACCINE
21 RELUCTANCY, MANY OF THE PRIMARY VACCINE RELUCTANCY ISSUES
22 CENTER AROUND SIDE EFFECTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE HEARD THAT OTHERS
23 HAVE HAD, PARTICULARLY AROUND THE SECOND SHOT. AND SO I AM
24 WONDERING IF THE FOUR HOURS KIND OF INCLUDES IF YOU HAD A
25 NEGATIVE REACTION; IF, IN YOUR MIND, THE FOUR HOURS WAS REALLY

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1 JUST THE TIME TO GO AND GET THE VACCINE. SO I JUST WANTED TO
2 PUT THAT OUT THERE, AND KIND OF ASK THE QUESTION, BECAUSE THAT
3 CONTINUES TO BE A PRIMARY ISSUE THAT'S ELEVATED AROUND REASONS
4 FOR VACCINE RELUCTANCY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT IN THAT
7 MANNER, BUT I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. I THINK WE
8 CAN ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO HELP US CRAFT SOMETHING THAT COULD
9 HELP MEET THAT, OR IF THIS AMOUNT OF TIME IS SUFFICIENT FOR
10 THAT. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT, TYPICALLY, FOR SOME PEOPLE, THEY
11 HAVE THAT ADVERSE REACTION, AND THEY MAY BE OUT THE NEXT DAY.
12 SO IT COULD GO, MAYBE, TO SIX DAYS, POSSIBLY. BUT THAT'S
13 SOMETHING THAT I WOULD ASK TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR REPORT BACK,
14 IN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON THAT.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** DO YOU MEAN HOURS, OR DO YOU MEAN DAYS?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I AM ASSUMING SHE MEANT HOURS.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WE COULD ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO LOOK
25 AT THAT. SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO IF THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER
5 QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS, THEN THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED, WILL BE
6 BEFORE US. I MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE
7 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 43-G IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

2

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

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME,
9 I WANTED TO BRING SOMETHING TO OUR ATTENTION THAT WILL REQUIRE
10 AN URGENCY VOTE, AND I WANTED TO BRING THIS ITEM TO US UNDER
11 MOTION A-7, AND IT HAS TO DO WITH DEALING WITH AN EXPEDITED
12 MATTER THAT'S BEFORE US RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT
13 THIS, I THINK, AT OUR LAST MEETING, WITH RESPECT TO L.A.
14 COUNTY'S DUTY TO ADDRESS A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AFFECTING
15 UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN. I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER HAD A
16 MOTION, AND I PREVIOUSLY HAD MOTIONS TO ADDRESS THIS. SO I
17 WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS UP BEFORE THE BOARD, IF WE MIGHT,
18 BECAUSE IT IS RATHER TIMELY. AND I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE
19 FOLLOWING. COLLEAGUES, I KNOW THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN MET,
20 AS YOU KNOW, WITH A CRISIS OF SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION, THAT I
21 BELIEVE REQUIRES ALL OF US TO RESPOND. YOUNG PEOPLE ESCAPING
22 POVERTY, PERSECUTION ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL
23 ORIENTATION, GANG VIOLENCE, AND OTHER LIFE-THREATENING
24 SITUATIONS, ARE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REFUGE. THEIR
25 SITUATION IS OFTEN SO UNTENABLE THAT THEY MUST MAKE THE

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1 DANGEROUS JOURNEY, DESPITE THE UNKNOWN. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE
2 NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SITUATION IS ONLY GROWING. AND
3 ALTHOUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAY NOT BE A BORDER TOWN, ITS ROLE
4 IN RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS IS CLEAR. L.A. COUNTY IS A PLACE
5 OF COMPASSION. THE ROBUST NETWORK OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
6 COUNTY SAFETY-NET AGENCIES, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, CARING
7 RESIDENTS, CLEARLY DEFINE L.A. COUNTY'S ROLE IN RESPONDING TO
8 THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS PREPARED TO DO
9 WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO EASE TRANSITION OF THESE CHILDREN ONCE
10 THEY COME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ALLOW THEM TO RECOVER
11 FROM THE TRAUMA THAT NO YOUNG PERSON SHOULD HAVE TO ENDURE.
12 THAT EXTENDS TO OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS DEPARTMENTS OF
13 HEALTH SERVICES, D.H.S.; CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
14 D.C.F.S.; MENTAL HEALTH, D.M.H.; PUBLIC HEALTH, D.P.H.; LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, L.A.C.O.E.; AND THE OFFICE
16 OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, O.I.A. FOR EXAMPLE, D.H.S. SERVICES MAY
17 INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF HEALTH ASSESSMENTS, VACCINATIONS, AND
18 ONGOING MEDICAL CARE AND MEDICATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH
19 UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS, PROVIDED BOTH ON SITE AND BY
20 REFERRAL BY D.H.S. FACILITIES, WHEN NEEDED. D.M.H. CAN ALSO
21 OFFER A RANGE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH ITS
22 PROMOTORES, PSYCHOLOGISTS, COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPISTS, AND
23 OTHER CLINICIANS. D.C.F.S. IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FAMILY
24 REUNIFICATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT, AND L.A.C.O.E. IS
25 PREPARED TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT THROUGH CURRICULUM

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1 DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING RESOURCES. O.I.A., AS YOU KNOW, HAS
2 EXPERTISE WHICH IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT, WHEN IT COMES TO FAMILY
3 REUNIFICATION, LEGAL SERVICES, AND OTHER SUPPORTS THAT THESE
4 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE. AND ALTHOUGH THE EXACT
5 SCOPE, IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES, ARE STILL
6 UNDER DEVELOPMENT, EVERYTHING POSSIBLE, IN MY OPINION, MUST BE
7 SOLIDIFIED IN AN EXPEDITED MANNER, TO NOT FURTHER DELAY THE
8 TRANSITION OF THESE YOUTH OUT OF BORDER DETENTION FACILITIES,
9 AND INTO THE CARE OF THEIR LOVED ONES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT
10 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
11 AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO, ONE, WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES HEALTH
12 AND HUMAN SERVICES, OR OTHER RELEVANT FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS OR
13 CONTRACTORS, TO LEVERAGE ALL AVAILABLE FEDERAL RESOURCES TO
14 ADDRESS THIS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, AND TO PARTNER WITH H.H.S.
15 OR OTHER RELEVANT FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS OR CONTRACTORS, AS
16 NEEDED, TO MOBILIZE THE COUNTY RESOURCES FOR THIS EFFORT;
17 NUMBER TWO, TO WORK WITH RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND
18 DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HER
19 DESIGNEES, TO ENTER INTO ANY NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND
20 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AMEND ANY EXISTING CONTRACTS,
21 ACCEPT AVAILABLE FUNDING, AND TO LEVERAGE ALL NECESSARY
22 FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE UNACCOMPANIED
23 CHILDREN RECEIVE NECESSARY SERVICES WHILE IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY. THAT CONCLUDES THE MOTION, AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUES'
25 AYE VOTE. I SEE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JOIN.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO CO-AUTHOR WITH YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER--
4 MY DISTRICT, OF COURSE-- IS NOW GOING TO BE WELCOMING
5 IMMIGRANT CHILDREN. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THE MAYOR REACHED
6 OUT TO ME WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COUNTY RESOURCES WERE
7 REALLY GEARED UP AND READY TO SUPPORT. I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO
8 BE A FACILITY IN POMONA, SO I WOULD LOVE TO CO-AUTHOR THIS
9 WITH YOU. I THINK IT IS SO IMPORTANT, AT THIS TIME WHEN THESE
10 CHILDREN COME, THAT WE ARE READY TO SUPPORT THEM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM ADDING YOU AS A CO-
13 AUTHOR. I KNOW YOU ARE UNIQUELY, ALSO, SITUATED THERE IN LONG
14 BEACH. LET ME JUST MAKE A CORRECTION. THIS IS NOT AN URGENCY
15 ITEM. THIS IS BROUGHT TO US UNDER MOTION, UNDER A-7, ITEMS
16 THAT HAVE CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS. SO IT IS
17 APPROPRIATE TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP NOW. I NOW WANT TO
18 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO'S REQUESTED TO BE RECOGNIZED.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE SORT OF
21 TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE. ONE IS, ALTHOUGH I CERTAINLY
22 RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYTHING WE WOULD DO, AND I AM CERTAIN THAT
23 OUR C.E.O. WOULD DO, AND OUR DEPARTMENTS WOULD INCLUDE THIS.
24 BUT AT THE END OF THE SECOND DIRECTIVE, WHERE IT SAYS "RECEIVE
25 NECESSARY SERVICES," I AM JUST THINKING ABOUT PAST HISTORY,

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1 AND I WONDER IF WE COULD ADD-- AND I AM JUST MAKING THIS UP,
2 SO IF YOU'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA THAT'S FINE-- "SAFE,
3 APPROPRIATE, AND NECESSARY SERVICES." I DON'T KNOW WHETHER
4 COUNSEL WOULD OBJECT, BECAUSE IT PUTS ANOTHER SET OF
5 REQUIREMENTS, BUT I'D BE HAPPY TO HEAR, BECAUSE I WANT IT--
6 YOU KNOW, I WANT US TO BE DEVOTED TO THE SAFETY AND
7 APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF THE KIDS. SO, JUST AS A
8 CONSIDERATION, IF ROD DOESN'T SAY IT IS A BAD THING TO ADD
9 "SAFE, APPROPRIATE, AND NECESSARY."

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** "SAFE AND APPROPRIATE." IS COUNTY COUNSEL
12 ON?

13

14 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** YES, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T SEE AN ISSUE
15 WITH THAT, A LEGAL ISSUE, WITH INCLUDING THAT LANGUAGE.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD, AND I AM NOT
18 CERTAIN WHERE IT GOES, IS I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT WE
19 PARTICIPATE, IF IT IS APPROPRIATE, IN HELPING OR REQUIRING THE
20 FEDS TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO FIND FAMILY. WE HAVE REALLY,
21 REALLY RAMPED UP OUR FAMILY-FINDING IN D.C.F.S., AND IT HAS
22 MADE AN ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE. AND YOU HAVE INDICATED IN THE
23 PREAMBLE THAT IT SAYS NOT TO FURTHER DELAY THE TRANSITION OF
24 YOUTH OUT OF THOSE FACILITIES AND INTO THE CARE OF THEIR LOVED
25 ONES, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE'S ANYTHING IN THE

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1 DIRECTIVES THAT WOULD SAY THAT WE WOULD ALSO WORK WITH H.H.S.
2 OR OTHER RELEVANT FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS. NOT THAT WE WOULD
3 NECESSARILY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINDING, BUT I DON'T KNOW
4 IF THERE'S A PLACE WHERE IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO UNDERSCORE
5 THAT, AS A PART OF OUR CARE.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT ONE THING THAT WE HAVE
8 BEEN DOING IS, BOBBY CAGLE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL THESE
9 DISCUSSIONS, AND HE HAS ACTUALLY GIVEN A LOT OF GOOD ADVICE
10 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO H.H.S. ALREADY, WHICH THEY ARE READY TO
11 UNDERTAKE. SO I REALLY DO FEEL LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A
12 BETTER EFFORT AND APPROACH THAN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY
13 HAVE IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES
14 WILL BE SURE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE FIND SUFFICIENT GUARDIAN
15 REPRESENTATION, AND ESPECIALLY ABILITY FOR FOSTER CARE, AS
16 WELL AS ADOPTION. AND I KNOW THAT BOBBY CAGLE IS VERY UNIQUELY
17 ENGAGED IN THIS, AND HAS BEEN ALREADY. SO, IS THAT OKAY?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, SURE. I MEAN, I TRUST THAT, AND IF IT IS
20 BETTER NOT TO WRITE IT INTO THE DIRECTIVE. BUT I THINK IT IS
21 REALLY AN EMPHASIS I'D LIKE US TO HAVE. AND I KNOW YOU FEEL
22 THAT WAY, TOO.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE PROBABLY ALL DO. I MEAN, WE SEE THIS AS
2 TRANSITIONAL. WE DON'T WANT THEM LIVING AT THE FAIRPLEX FOR
3 YEARS.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, NO.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, IF THAT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED. AND I GUESS, IF
8 WE SEE THAT THERE'S ANY LAG, WE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK AND SAY, "
9 AND I REALLY MEAN IT," RIGHT?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I THINK OUR C.E.O. HAS BEEN WORKING
12 VERY DILIGENTLY WITH US ON THIS, TOO, AND UNDERSTANDS THAT A
13 WHOLE PART OF THIS WILL BE CONTINUALLY WORKING AND MONITORING
14 WHAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING. SO THOSE QUESTIONS CAN COME UP
15 ANY TIME, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY MONITOR THAT. AND WE WILL,
16 BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT THIS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
21 FROM MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. IF WE DO NOT SEE ANY FURTHER,
22 THEN I WILL GO AHEAD AND MOVE THE ITEM, AS AMENDED, ADDING
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN AS A CO-AUTHOR, AND ALSO MAKING CLEAR THAT WE
24 WILL CLARIFY THE SAFETY... WHAT WAS IT? THE SAFE AND
25 APPROPRIATE CARE OF CHILDREN. AND THEN WE WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE

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1 OUR C.E.O. TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING
2 EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP US PROVIDE THE BEST CARE AND
3 PLACEMENT FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. SO WITH THAT, I WILL MOVE,
4 SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM, AS AMENDED. MADAM
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR HAHN AS A CO-AUTHOR,
8 [INAUDIBLE] APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY SERVICES, WHICH IS UNDER
9 A-7, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

19

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 SOLIS?

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

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE
9 THAT. AT THIS TIME, NOW, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
10 ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
14 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LOUIS WILDER, JR., WHO WAS
15 ONLY 67 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE ATTENDED LONG BEACH POLY HIGH
16 SCHOOL, AND WORKED FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TECHNOLOGY
17 SERVICES FOR 25 YEARS. LOUIS WAS LONG BEACH, THROUGH AND
18 THROUGH, AND HIS MOTTO WAS, "IF YOU DO WHAT YOU LOVE, YOU WILL
19 NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE." FOR ALL WHO KNEW HIM, LOUIS
20 WAS THE EPITOME OF PERSONALITY AND POSITIVITY. HE WAS AN AVID
21 GOLFER, AND LOVED TRAVELING AND HAVING FUN. HE SPENT THE LAST
22 16 YEARS ENJOYING LIFE TO THE FULLEST, WITH HIS WIFE CONNIE.
23 THE OUTPOURING OF CONDOLENCES FROM ACROSS THE CITY UNDERSCORES
24 WHAT AN IMPACT LOUIS HAD ON SO MANY COMMUNITIES IN LONG BEACH.
25 HE WAS TRULY BELOVED BY EVERYONE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS

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1 MOTHER, STELLA WILDER; HIS CHILDREN, LOUIS WILDER III, TRAVIS
2 WILDER, PETER BENJAMIN, DAISY BENJAMIN; BROTHERS RICKY,
3 SPENCER, AND TRACY WILDER; AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, WHOM HE
4 LOVED IMMENSELY. AND, MADAM CHAIR, I ALSO WANT TO JOIN YOU IN
5 ADJOURNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE, AND IF YOU WOULD
6 LET ME, AFTER YOU MAKE YOUR REMARKS WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME, I
7 WOULD LOVE TO SAY A FEW THINGS, AS WELL.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THAT TIME. THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
13 DO SO IN MEMORY OF RIGOBERTO ARRECHIGA, A RESIDENT OF SOUTH
14 PASADENA AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, WHO RECENTLY
15 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 49. RIGO SERVED FOR 20 YEARS IN THE
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, AS A DEPUTY
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY. DURING HIS TENURE, HE REPRESENTED CLIENTS
18 IN THE COUNTY. HE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN
19 BAR ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT OF THE LATINO PUBLIC
20 DEFENDER ASSOCIATION. RIGO WAS THE FIRST IN HIS FAMILY TO
21 ATTAIN A COLLEGE AND A POST-GRADUATE DEGREE. BEFORE JOINING
22 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, HE WAS A SCHOOLTEACHER IN EAST
23 LOS ANGELES. RIGO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE EVA, CHILDREN ASAEL
24 AND SEBASTIAN, AND A LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY. ALSO, THAT WE
25 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARK MCKINLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY

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1 IN HIS HOME IN PASADENA ON MARCH 12TH, AT THE AGE OF 73. BORN
2 IN LOS ANGELES, HE ATTENDED SAINT BEDE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND
3 SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL IN LA CANADA, AND THEN THE
4 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AT U.S.C., HE MET THE LOVE
5 OF HIS LIFE, LAURIE DILL, AND THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1969. MARK
6 HAD A DISTINGUISHED 14-YEAR CAREER AT COLWELL COMPANY, AFTER
7 WHICH HE FOUND SUCCESS AS CO-FOUNDER OF CYPRESS FINANCIAL
8 CORPORATION, PRESIDENT OF HOMESDIRECT, AND FOUNDER OF THE
9 SOFTWARE APPLICATION COMPANY EQUATOR. MARK WAS ACTIVE IN THE
10 PASADENA CHAPTER OF THE YOUNG PRESIDENTS ORGANIZATION, WHERE
11 HE SERVED AS CHAPTER CHAIR. HE ALSO SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT
12 OF FINANCE ON THE BOARD OF KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN
13 PASADENA, ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FLINTRIDGE PREPARATORY
14 SCHOOL, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S.C. MARSHALL BOARD OF
15 LEADERS, WHERE HE COUNSELED STUDENTS ON CAREER PATHS. WHEN
16 NOT SPENDING TIME WITH HIS BELOVED FAMILY, MARK LOVED A ROUND
17 OF GOLF OR A GAME OF CARDS WITH FRIENDS. MARK WAS A WONDERFUL
18 HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, COMPETITOR, PARTNER, AND FRIEND,
19 AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 52
20 YEARS, LAURIE, AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, SHAWNA, KATIE, AND
21 ROBERT, AS WELL AS SIX GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, IN MEMORY OF
22 VIRGINIA MADELEINE DE SURVILLE MULLER, KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AS
23 GINNY, WHO PASSED AWAY IN HER SLEEP ON THE MORNING OF MARCH
24 18TH, AT THE AGE OF 91. BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO, GINNY MOVED TO
25 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN HER YOUTH, AND ATTENDED WESTRIDGE

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1 SCHOOL OF GIRLS IN PASADENA, AND MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE IN
2 WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE MET GEORGE MULLER ON A DOUBLE DATE, AND
3 THEY MARRIED IN 1954. THEY SPENT THEIR 67 YEARS OF MARRIED
4 LIFE BETWEEN PASADENA AND SANTA BARBARA. GINNY WAS ACTIVE IN
5 THE PASADENA JUNIOR LEAGUE, PASADENA GUILD OF CHILDREN'S
6 HOSPITAL, AND VILLA ESPERANZA. SHE COULD ALWAYS BE FOUND
7 WORKING AT A POLLING PLACE DURING MANY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS,
8 AND SHE SPENT MANY YEARS WORKING FOR PORT O'CALL, IN THE
9 ANTIQUES DEPARTMENT. GINNY WAS THE KINDEST AND MOST CARING OF
10 INDIVIDUALS, WHO TOUCHED THE LIVES OF ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE'S
11 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 67 YEARS, GEORGE; THEIR THREE
12 DAUGHTERS, VICTORIA, ROBIN, AND MARY; HER SISTER MARY; AND SIX
13 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF URBANO
14 RAMIREZ, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF VAL VERDE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
15 THE AGE OF 67. HE WAS BORN IN ELSA, TEXAS, AS THE 6TH OF 12
16 CHILDREN. THE FAMILY MOVED TO VAL VERDE IN 1959, WHERE THEY
17 ALL WORKED IN THE SURROUNDING AGRICULTURAL FIELDS. HE JOINED
18 THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHEN HE TURNED 18, AND UPON RETURNING
19 TO CIVILIAN LIFE, HE ATTENDED AUTOMOTIVE SCHOOL, AND DEVELOPED
20 A LIFELONG PASSION FOR CARS. HE BECAME THE PROUD OWNER-
21 OPERATOR OF BOB'S BODY AND FENDER REPAIR, AND FOR OVER 20
22 YEARS, HE LIVED HIS DREAM OF BEING A BUSINESS OWNER AND A
23 PILLAR IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, BY MENTORING AND HOSTING
24 MANY INDUSTRY TRAINING EVENTS. AFTER RETIRING FROM BUSINESS
25 OWNERSHIP, HE REMAINED IN THE INDUSTRY, WORKING FOR MITCHELL

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1 INTERNATIONAL, WHERE HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS SALESPERSON AND
2 SALES EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR IN 2020. URBANO WAS AN ACTIVE
3 MEMBER AND USHER AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC
4 CHURCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ALISON, THEIR THREE
5 DAUGHTERS SYLVIA, ROSIE, AND AMANDA, AND TEN SIBLINGS. ALSO,
6 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE ROOT, FORMER LANCASTER
7 MAYOR, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. BORN IN SAN
8 FRANCISCO, HE ENTERED THE U.S. NAVY AT 17, AND BECAME AN
9 AVIATION MACHINIST MATE. DISCHARGED IN SAN DIEGO, GEORGE WENT
10 TO WORK THERE FOR THE GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION AS A
11 MECHANIC. AT GENERAL DYNAMICS, HE WORKED ON THE ATLAS ROCKET
12 PROGRAM, AND MOVED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO WORK AT EDWARDS
13 AIR FORCE BASE. GEORGE MOVED ON TO NORTHROP CORPORATION, THEN
14 TO CALTECH'S JET PROPULSION LABORATORY. AT J.P.L. HE ADVANCED
15 FROM MECHANIC, TO ENGINEER, TO DEPUTY FACULTY MEMBER OF THE
16 J.P.L. EDWARDS TEST STATION. WHILE WORKING FOR J.P.L., GEORGE
17 DESIGNED AN IMPROVED VALVE FOR SPACE OPERATIONS, WHICH WAS
18 GRANTED A PATENT IN 1972. PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDLY VILLAGE
19 MOBILE HOME PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION IN LANCASTER, HE WAS
20 ELECTED TO THE LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL IN 1990. GEORGE SERVED
21 UNTIL 1994, INCLUDING TWO YEAR-LONG TERMS AS VICE MAYOR AND
22 MAYOR, RESPECTIVELY. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, GEORGE CONTINUED
23 TO BE ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE COULD BE SEEN EATING
24 BREAKFAST AT KATZ N JAMMERS RESTAURANT WITH THE GRUMPY OLD
25 MEN'S CLUB. HE AND HIS WIFE BARBARA ENJOYED CRUISES TO THE

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1 SOUTH PACIFIC, ALASKA, AND SCANDANAVIA, UNTIL HER DEATH IN
2 2009. HIS SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS CHILDREN TERRI, GARRY, AND
3 JEFF, FOUR GRANDDAUGHTERS, AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND
4 LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
5 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT
6 VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE
7 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
8 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: GENE FRANCIS ABOLTIN,
9 NAVY. DAVID MICHAEL ALTAVILLA, ARMY. ROGER LEE ANDREWS, AIR
10 FORCE. BRENT CARTER DAVIS, ARMY. DANNY GARCIA, NAVY. KARLOS
11 THOMAS JONES, ARMY. EDMOND LEROY LINDSEY, ARMY. SOON J. LOO,
12 ARMY. MICAH I EARL MITCHELL, MARINE CORPS. NICHOLAS PASPARES,
13 NAVY. MICHAEL RIVIERA, AIR FORCE. ROY ZUZK, NAVY. MAY THEIR
14 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER
15 BE FORGOTTEN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL GO NEXT. I MOVE
18 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VINCE
19 AGUILAR. HE DEDICATED OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY
20 OF LOS ANGELES, AND WAS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE TRANSIT SECTION OF
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. VINCE WAS A CIVIL ENGINEER. HE
22 WAS 54 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, AND WAS A
23 BELOVED COLLEAGUE, SON, BROTHER, AND UNCLE. HE HAD MANY
24 DIFFERENT HOBBIES, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHY, FISHING, GARDENING,
25 HIKING, AND PLAYING THE GUITAR. HE LIVED IN EAST LOS ANGELES,

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1 AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, THREE BROTHERS, AND SIX
2 SISTERS, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I
3 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 WALTER MONDALE. AS WE ALL KNOW, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE
5 SERVED UNDER FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER FROM 1977 UNTIL
6 1981. HE PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT HIS HOME IN MINNEAPOLIS, AT
7 THE AGE OF 93. I SERVED IN THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF HISPANIC
8 AFFAIRS WHEN HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT IN 1980, AND LATER I HAD
9 THE HONOR OF MEETING HIM ON A TRIP TO JAPAN WHEN I SERVED IN
10 THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS
11 THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AT THE TIME. WHEN I
12 SERVED IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, HE REMAINED IN THE
13 POLITICAL REALM, CONTINUING HIS SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY AS AN
14 ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT OBAMA, AND AS A MENTOR TO MANY STAFFERS
15 WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. HE WAS AN EARLY ADVOCATE FOR RACIAL
16 AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND A PROGRESSIVE REFORMER WHO HAS BEEN
17 A PARTY LEADER FOR A LONG TIME. HE SUPPORTED ANTI-POVERTY
18 PROGRAMS AND NOTABLY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES AT A TIME
19 WHEN POLICIES DID NOT HAVE WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SUPPORT. HE WAS
20 ALSO WIDELY KNOWN AS A FULL PARTNER WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AND
21 PLAYED KEY ROLES IN MANY IMPORTANT POLICIES. DURING HIS LAST
22 HOURS, HE WAS ABLE TO REACH OUT TO HIS FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES,
23 AND FORMER STAFF, TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR ENDURING FRIENDSHIP.
24 HE WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS WIFE ELEANOR, AND DAUGHTER JOAN. MAY

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1 HE REST IN PEACE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU REQUESTED TO SAY A FEW
2 WORDS, AS WELL.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND YEAH, I AM REALLY GLAD
5 THAT WE ARE ADJOURNING TODAY IN MEMORY OF FRITZ MONDALE. HE
6 HAD SUCH AN INTERESTING CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE. HE HAD SO
7 MANY GREAT ATTRIBUTES. HE WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS FIGHTER.
8 UNFORTUNATELY, HIS LOSS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS SO LOPSIDED,
9 HE ONLY WON HIS STATE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. THE
10 ELECTORAL COLLEGE WAS LIKE 534 TO 13, OR SOMETHING. IT WAS SO
11 LOPSIDED, AND IT WAS SO UNFORTUNATE, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE
12 FIRST TIME THAT A MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE CHOSE A WOMAN TO
13 BE HIS RUNNING MATE. AND GERALDINE FERRARO WAS CATAPULTED INTO
14 OUR ETHER AS BEING A WOMAN WHO COULD BE VICE PRESIDENT, AND
15 THEN, OF COURSE, COULD STEP IN TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
16 STATES, IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE PRESIDENT. I WILL NEVER
17 FORGET, MY DAD TOOK ME TO THE LONG BEACH AIRPORT WHEN MONDALE
18 AND FERRARO WERE COMING FOR ONE OF THEIR CAMPAIGN SWINGS
19 THROUGH LOS ANGELES, AND MY DAD THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR
20 ME TO SEE, UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, THE FIRST WOMAN VICE
21 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE THAT WE HAD EVER HAD IN THIS COUNTRY. SO
22 MY DAD AND FRITZ WERE VERY CLOSE. AND AGAIN, IT WAS SUCH A
23 GREAT HISTORIC CAMPAIGN, AND YET HE LOST SO BIG IN THAT RACE.
24 I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BE RAISING
25 TAXES IF HE GOT ELECTED, AND NOBODY WANTED THAT. BUT, YOU

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1 KNOW, HE CLOSED HIS 2010 MEMOIR BY SAYING, "I FOUGHT THE GOOD
2 FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH." AND
3 WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE WALTER MONDALE AS A PUBLIC SERVANT IN
4 OUR LIFETIME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID H. LEWIS. HE WAS UPON ON FEBRUARY
8 5, 1962, IN SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA; PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY,
9 MARCH 27TH, 2021, AT THE AGE OF 61. HE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL
10 IN 1980, AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE SAME YEAR TO
11 ATTEND AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE RECEIVED A MASTER'S
12 IN EDUCATION. HE SPENT OVER 30 YEARS AT AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL,
13 WORKING AS A TEACHER, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, AND DIRECTOR OF THE
14 THEATER ARTS PROGRAM THERE. HE MADE THE THEATER A SAFE SPACE
15 FOR SO MANY STUDENTS WHO DID NOT ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST
16 SITUATIONS AT HOME. DAVID LEWIS IS SURVIVED BY THE THOUSANDS
17 OF STUDENTS WHO WERE POSITIVELY IMPACTED BY HIS COMPASSIONATE
18 APPROACH TO EDUCATION, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS
19 AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I
20 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
21 ANGELINA HERNANDEZ, A LONG-TERM CARE WORKER WITH S.E.I.U.
22 LOCAL 2015. ANGELINA HERNANDEZ WAS BORN IN GUANAJUATO, MEXICO,
23 IN 1962. SHE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES OVER 40 YEARS
24 AGO, IN PURSUIT OF A BETTER LIFE FOR HER FAMILY. ANGELINA
25 WORKED DIFFERENT JOBS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES FOR MANY YEARS.

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1 SHE THEN QUIT HER JOB, AS SHE FACED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
2 CARING FOR HER BROTHER, WHO BECAME DISABLED. THROUGH THAT
3 EXPERIENCE, ANGELINA BECAME AN I.H.S.S. WORKER THROUGH THE
4 ENCOURAGEMENT OF HER S.E.I.U. LOCAL 2015 FAMILY. ANGELINA
5 BECAME ACTIVE IN ISSUES AFFECTING HER MEMBERS. DURING EVERY
6 ELECTION, SHE SERVED AS A DEMOCRACY CAPTAIN, WHERE SHE
7 TRAVELED TO SACRAMENTO TO ADVOCATE FOR 400,000 LONG-TERM CARE
8 WORKERS. SHE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING
9 OTHER S.E.I.U. 2015 MEMBERS. ANGELINA WAS RESILIENT, AND A
10 LIGHT TO MANY. ON APRIL 9TH, SHE LOST HER BATTLE WITH
11 C.O.V.I.D.-19. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SIBLINGS, ROGELIO,
12 MARGARITA, AND RAMON. MAY SHE REST IN POWER. I MOVE THAT WHEN
13 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDWIN AGUILAR. HE
14 WAS BORN IN EL SALVADOR IN 1974, AND GREW UP AMIDST THE
15 COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR. HE EVENTUALLY FLED THE CONFLICT AT THE
16 AGE OF NINE, AND SETTLED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. AGAINST ALL
17 ODDS, EDWIN AVOIDED GANGS IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WENT ON TO
18 ATTEND ART SCHOOL ON A SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ANIMATION. HE
19 WORKED HIS WAY UP AT ANIMATION COMPANIES, HONING HIS ART,
20 UNTIL HE GOT HIS BIG BREAK TO WORK ON "THE SIMPSONS" IN 1998,
21 EVENTUALLY BECOMING AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ON THE SHOW. HIS
22 COLLEAGUES SAY HE IS THE GLUE THAT HELD THE SHOW TOGETHER FOR
23 MANY YEARS. EDWIN WAS A ROLE MODEL TO MANY, AND HIS ARTISTRY
24 WILL LIVE ON IN THE MINDS OF MILLIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE
25 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN

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1 PEACE. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
2 JUANA SEQUIERA SOLIS. SHE WAS BORN ON JUNE 5TH, 1926, NEAR
3 JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA. SHE WAS THE ELDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN. SHE
4 IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1945, WHEN SHE WAS JUST 19
5 YEARS OF AGE; LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR FIVE YEARS,
6 BEFORE MOVING TO LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE MET MY
7 FATHER, RAUL SOLIS, WHILE ATTENDING AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS.
8 THEY MARRIED IN 1953, AND SOON MOVED TO THE CITY OF LA PUENTE,
9 CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS MARRIED TO HIM FOR 58 YEARS, UNTIL HIS
10 PASSING IN 2012. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT
11 HARD WORK, THE VALUE OF EDUCATION, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE
12 NEED TO HAVE COMPASSION FOR OTHERS. SHE WAS A DEVOUT ROMAN
13 CATHOLIC WHO INSTILLED IN HER CHILDREN THE VALUE OF SERVICE TO
14 OTHERS. EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH, SHE ALWAYS LOOKED OUT
15 FOR THE COMMUNITY. SHE WASN'T WEALTHY, BUT SHE LIVED A RICH
16 LIFE, LEAVING BEHIND A SMALL VILLAGE OF FRIENDS WHO WILL HONOR
17 HER LEGACY. SHE WAS MY ROCK, NOT JUST TO ME, BUT TO MY
18 SIBLINGS, AND WAS A SUPPORT SYSTEM THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, AND
19 ESPECIALLY DURING CAMPAIGNS FOR ELECTED OFFICE. SHE WOULD STAY
20 LATE IN THE NIGHT, STUFFING ENVELOPES AND EVEN WALKING
21 PRECINCTS, AND COOKING HER DELICIOUS ARROZ CON POLLO FOR
22 VOLUNTEERS AND CAMPAIGN STAFF. COOKING WAS HER LOVE LANGUAGE.
23 IT WAS HER WAY OF SHOWING HER CARE AND AFFECTION FOR THOSE
24 AROUND HER. LATER IN LIFE, MY MOTHER ENJOYED THE SIMPLE
25 THINGS, SUCH AS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS WITH

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1 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. SHE WAS ABLE TO MEET SEVERAL U.S.
2 DIGNITARIES, SUCH AS FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT
3 JOE BIDEN, AND FIRST LADY DR. JILL BIDEN, WHILE I SERVED IN
4 THE CABINET AND WORKED IN THE CONGRESS. SHE TOUCHED SO MANY
5 LIVES IN HER OWN WAY, AND NOW I AM GLAD SHE IS ONCE AGAIN
6 REUNITED WITH MY FATHER, MY SISTER DR. BEATRIZ SOLIS, AND
7 SURVIVED BY SIX OF HER SEVEN CHILDREN, IRMA, RAUL JR., MYSELF,
8 VICTOR, ANNA, AND LETICIA, AND HER 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND 23
9 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. DIOS LOS BENDIGA, MOM. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE
10 LOVED, AND TRULY NEVER FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** HILDA, WE WOULD ALL [INAUDIBLE] RIGHT NOW. I HOPE
15 YOU KNOW THAT. I MEAN, THIS IS SO AWFUL, JUST TO BE SO
16 SEPARATED. AND OF COURSE, WE HAVE ALL LOST OUR MOMS, SO WE ARE
17 ALL, LIKE, YOU KNOW...

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, WE ALL WANT TO BE ON THIS ONE WITH YOU,
20 HILDA.

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

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24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND WE ARE AROUND YOUR CHAIR RIGHT NOW. JUST
25 REALLY IMAGINE IT, OKAY?

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. I THINK HOLLY IS NEXT.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. OKAY, SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL. I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU OWE NO ONE AN APOLOGY, AND
10 YOUR LEADERSHIP HONORS YOUR MOTHER EVERY DAY.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** AMEN.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CAPTAIN
15 BRIAN LEVASSEUR, A 32-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN SIMI VALLEY
17 THIS PAST MARCH, AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 52. HE WAS BORN
18 AUGUST OF 1968, AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SANTA MONICA. HE
19 ATTENDED SANTA MONICA HIGH, AS WELL AS SANTA MONICA COLLEGE.
20 CAPTAIN LEVASSEUR WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS GREAT COURAGE AND
21 SKILL, AS WELL AS HIS DEDICATION TO THE SAFETY OF THE
22 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. HE WORKED AT SOME OF THE COUNTY'S
23 BUSIEST FIRE STATIONS. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF HIS ACTIVE
24 DUTY, HE SERVED IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. HE WAS A PROUD
25 MEMBER OF L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' UNION LOCAL 1014. HE WAS

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1 KNOWN TO BE A MENTOR, AND TRAINED MANY FIREFIGHTERS IN THE
2 DEPARTMENT. HE WAS VERY PERSONABLE TO HIS COLLEAGUES, AND WAS
3 KNOWN FOR HIS SENSE OF HUMOR. HE WAS A DEEP-SEA FISHERMAN, A
4 GOLFER, A HIKER, AND WAS A RENOWNED GIRL'S DAD TO HIS DAUGHTER
5 KAYLIE. IN ADDITION TO HIS BELOVED DAUGHTER, HE LEAVES BEHIND,
6 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, HIS MOTHER KATHLEEN, HIS FATHER BILL,
7 AND FORMER WIFE K.C., AS WELL AS MANY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS
8 IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. THANK YOU,
9 MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNE BEATTS, A
16 GROUNDBREAKING COMEDY WRITER. STARTED IN 1975, SHE WAS AMONG A
17 SMALL TEAM OF VERY GIFTED WRITERS WHO HELPED MAKE "SATURDAY
18 NIGHT LIFE" A CULTURAL PHENOMENON. DRAWING ON HER OWN LIFE
19 EXPERIENCE AS AN OUTSIDER IN HIGH SCHOOL, SHE CREATED A SERIES
20 CALLED "SQUARE PEGS," THAT WAS QUITE A RARE KIND OF SITCOM, IN
21 THAT IT FOCUSED ON TEENAGE GIRLS. THE SERIES WAS PRAISED AS A
22 PRECURSOR FOR THE TEEN COMEDIES THAT JOHN HUGHES WOULD LATER
23 BECOME FAMOUS FOR. BEATTS OTHER CREDITS INCLUDED WRITING FOR
24 "MURPHY BROWN," "THE BELLES OF BLEECKER STREET," SHE PRODUCED
25 "A DIFFERENT WORLD," AND SHE HELPED TO WRITE THE STAGE MUSICAL

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1 "LEADER OF THE PACK." SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER JAYLENE,
2 AND HER SISTER BARBARA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
3 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AN ACTRESS AND FRIEND, GLORIA ELLWOOD,
4 WHO PLAYED THE EFFERVESCENT MOTHER ON THE T.V. SERIES "DENNIS
5 THE MENACE." GLORIA ELLWOOD, UNDER HER STAGE NAME, GLORIA
6 HENRY, BECAME A LOVABLE FIGURE IN LIVING ROOMS ACROSS AMERICA.
7 AND AFTER STEPPING AWAY FROM HOLLYWOOD, SHE BECAME A P.T.A.
8 MOM, AN ARTS PATRON, SUPPORTING L.A.'S THEATERS AND MUSEUMS,
9 AND THE OPERA. WHEN DOROTHY CHANDLER, WHOSE HUSBAND NORMAN,
10 WHO WAS THEN PUBLISHER OF THE TIMES, ASKED FOR HER HELP, SHE
11 FEVERISHLY RAISED FUNDS SO THAT SCHOOLCHILDREN COULD ATTEND
12 PERFORMANCES AT THE AHMANSON AND THE MARK TAPER. SHE REMAINED
13 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CENTER THEATRE GROUP VOLUNTEERS FOR
14 MORE THAN 50 YEARS, AND WAS ALSO A LONGTIME DOCENT AT THE
15 L.A. ZOO. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN JEFF, ERIN, AND
16 ADAM. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF DR. JERRY KOZAI, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 12TH. AFTER
18 RECEIVED HIS DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE, HE WORKED AS A
19 CLINICAL PHARMACIST FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT HE FELT THAT HIS
20 TRUE CALLING WAS TACKLING SOME OF THE MORE WIDE-REACHING
21 ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE. AND FROM THIS REALIZATION, HE EAGERLY
22 BECAME PASSIONATE ABOUT THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL AND
23 ECONOMIC BARRIERS THAT PREVENT SO MANY FROM ACCESSING QUALITY
24 CARE. SO, IN 1989, JERRY'S CAUSE FOR CHANGE BEGAN, WHEN HE
25 JOINED SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER. AFTER HARNESSING VARIOUS

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1 ROLES, HE GREW INTO A GREAT LEADER, AS THE PRESIDENT AND
2 C.E.O., AND CREATED MONUMENTAL PROGRESS WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE
3 LANDSCAPE. IN ADDITION TO HIS 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE
4 HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY, HE SERVED ON MULTIPLE BOARDS, INCLUDING
5 THE HOSPITAL COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF
6 DIRECTORS, AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL. HE ALSO
7 CONSTRUCTED MANY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT HELPED BRING CARE
8 TO THE MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS OF L.A., AND WOULD OFTEN
9 TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ADVOCATE ABOUT THE NEED FOR
10 TRAUMA CENTERS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
11 KATHY, AND HIS CHILDREN KENDALL AND KASSIDY. AND I MOVE THAT
12 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL
13 TREINEN, L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, WHO DIED ON APRIL 6TH. HE
14 ACTUALLY BEGAN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY IN 1989, AND HE RETIRED
15 LAST YEAR. DURING HIS TIME AT THE COUNTY, HE WORKED AT THE
16 HALL OF JUSTICE, THE NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,
17 PITCHESS HONOR RANCHERO SOUTH FACILITY, EAST L.A. STATION--
18 STARTED ON PATROL, AND WAS PROMOTED TO TRAINING OFFICER;
19 MALIBU/LOST HILLS STATION, WHERE HE WAS A BELOVED FIELD
20 TRAINING OFFICER FOR DEPUTY TRAINEES AND DEPUTY RESERVES, AND
21 ALSO THE STATION'S HOMELESS OUTREACH DEPUTY. HE'S SURVIVED BY
22 HIS WIFE SHARON. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
23 OF A GUY THAT I ACTUALLY MET IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WENT TO
24 AUDUBON AND DORSEY WITH, HOWARD WEITZMAN, WHO WAS A HOLLYWOOD
25 ATTORNEY, AND DIED ON APRIL 3RD. A HOLLYWOOD POWER LAWYER,

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1 WHOSE CLIENT LIST INCLUDED ALMOST EVERY STUDIO, C.A.A.,
2 WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY, ALL THE MAJOR AGENCIES, AS WELL AS A
3 LONG LIST OF STARS, LIKE ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, BRITNEY
4 SPEARS, SEAN COMBS, AND MANY MORE. HE WAS THE LEAD ATTORNEY IN
5 MORE THAN 300 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS, AND REPRESENTED
6 MORE THAN 1,000 INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES ON MATTERS LIKE
7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, ENTERTAINMENT LAW, FAMILY LAW, AND
8 ESTATE LAW. HE TAUGHT TRIAL ADVOCACY AT U.S.C.'S LAW SCHOOL
9 FOR 12 YEARS. HE LECTURED AT HARVARD, THE GEORGETOWN
10 UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, AND U.C.L.A. HE WAS NAMED ONE OF THE
11 TOP 15 LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY BY THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, AND
12 TWICE RECEIVED THE JERRY GIESLER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR
13 OUTSTANDING TRIAL LAWYER IN L.A. COUNTY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
14 WIFE MAGGIE, AND HIS SONS JED AND ARMEN, AND MANY OF HIS
15 FRIENDS ARE STARTING A SCHOLARSHIP AT DORSEY HIGH FOR HIM, FOR
16 STUDENTS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN GOING TO LAW SCHOOL. THOSE
17 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS
20 SECONDED, AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
21 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. WE WILL CONTINUE ITEM CS-1 AND CS-2
22 ONE WEEK, TO APRIL 27, 2021. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT
23 WILL BE THE ORDER. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS.
24 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE A SPECIAL
25 CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2021. THE NEXT REGULAR

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1 MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY THE 4TH,
2 2021. THANK YOU, AND THAT IS OUR ADJOURNMENT. THANK YOU TO
3 ALL, AND THE PUBLIC.

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR JUSTICE.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** DEFINITELY.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. TAKE CARE.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 20, 2021, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 28th day of April 2021, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as
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