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TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021, 9:30 AM

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 2021. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: PRESENT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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9 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
17 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR
18 AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
19 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 2,100 WRITTEN
20 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
21 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
22 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSIST WITH THE BROWN ACT
23 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
24 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE

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1 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
2 AGENDA.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
5 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER AT
6 11:00A.M. ITEM S1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
7 RELATED TO COVID-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON
8 PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1D IS A
10 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
11 OF A TAX EXEMPT AND TAXABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BOND
12 BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN
13 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22 MILLION IN
14 TAXABLE EXEMPT BONDS AND \$12 MILLION IN TAXABLE BONDS TO
15 FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A 78 UNIT NEW
16 CONSTRUCTION SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED IN
17 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. ITEM 2D IS A RECOMMENDATION
18 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX EXEMPT
19 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BOND BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
21 EXCEED \$8,090,000 TO FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION AND
22 REHABILITATION OF A 38 UNIT DEVELOPMENT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
23 AVALON AND CATALINA ISLAND. ON PAGE FOUR, THIS IS THE AGENDA
24 FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1P,
25 THIS IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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1 ON PAGE FIVE, PUBLIC HEARINGS ONE THROUGH SIX. ON ITEM 4,
2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE
3 22, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE
4 REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE EIGHT,
5 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 7-38. ON ITEM 9,
6 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
7 AGENDA. ON ITEM 12, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON
8 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED
10 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 14, THIS INDICATES A
11 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 15,
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 20,
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE. ON
14 ITEM 26, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
15 ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
16 PAGE 32, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 39-59. ON ITEM 39, THE
17 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
18 JULY 27, 2021 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 40,
19 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
20 JUNE 8TH, 2021. ON ITEM 44, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
21 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 22, 2021 AS INDICATED
22 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 45, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL
23 HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 8TH, 2021
24 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 50, THE
25 INSPECTOR GENERAL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 8TH,

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1 2020 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 51,
2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE
3 8TH, 2021 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 44, THIS
4 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA THAT WERE
5 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
6 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 57C, SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER REQUESTED TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE. ON ITEM 57D,
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 57E,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS
10 FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH 57H ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER, MOVED BY MYSELF AND
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 45, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON
16 PAGE 46, SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEM 61 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
17 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
18 '21-'22 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATED NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE
19 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1 BILLION. ON PAGE 47,
20 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
21 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. NOW, AT THIS TIME, IT
24 IS APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, WHO HAS

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1 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 13 AND 19. SHERIFF
2 VILLANUEVA, YOU WILL HAVE 3 MINUTES, PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WOW, AGAIN, THAT IS VERY GENEROUS OF YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FIRST, ON ITEM 13, I SHOULD NOTE THE
6 LANGUAGE OF THIS, EVEN ON THE INTRODUCTION ABOUT THE
7 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF INCARCERATION ON PEOPLE OF COLOR, I
8 THINK THERE IS A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON VIOLENCE -- IT
9 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND THAT'S A
10 REFLECTION OF THE CURRENT POPULATION BEING INCARCERATED AT
11 THIS TIME. AND YOU APPOINTED TWO AUDITS ALREADY PERFORMED BY
12 THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER REGARDING EXPENDITURE INMATE WELFARE
13 FUNDS, AND YOU ARE ALSO QUESTIONING THE FACT THAT I APPOINTED
14 THE INMATE WELFARE FUNDS. WELL, I'LL -- IF YOU WANT, I WOULD
15 BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SHARE THE APPOINTMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO
16 REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY AND INMATE WELFARE FUND IF YOU TURN
17 AROUND AND SHARE THAT COMMITMENT TO APPOINT PEOPLE FOR THE
18 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I THINK WHAT IS FAIR IS FAIR.
19 CORRECT? AND YOU ARE MAKING A LOT OF REFERENCES ABOUT HOW OUR
20 EXPENDITURES ON THE INMATE WELFARE FUND, HOW IT COMPARES TO
21 OTHER CITIES OR OTHER SYSTEMS, OTHER STATES EVEN, BUT I DON'T
22 THINK THESE OTHER INSTITUTIONS ARE BEING DEFUNDED BY THEIR
23 OVERSEEING OR THEIR GOVERNING BODY, BE IT THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS OR A STATE. YOU ARE ACTIVELY DEFUNDING THE COUNTY
25 JAIL SYSTEM AND STARVING IT OF THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE

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1 THE PROGRAMMING, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE ARE STUCK BETWEEN
2 A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE WITH PROVIDING PROGRAMMING WITH A
3 DIMINISHING AMOUNT OF RESOURCE TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAMMING AND
4 THE UPKEEP OF FACILITIES THEMSELVES. DEFUNDING HAS A COST, AND
5 UNFORTUNATELY, THE INMATE POPULATION IS PAYING THE COST OF
6 YOUR DEFUNDING EFFORTS. AND THAT'S GOT TO STOP. WE HAVE AN
7 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING TO THE INMATE POPULATION.
8 AND THAT'S TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT BE DIVERTED, WILL
9 NOT BE RELEASED. THEY ARE IN OUR CARE AND CONTROL, AND WE HAVE
10 AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THOSE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, AND WE
11 CANNOT BECAUSE YOU ARE DEFUNDING THE OPERATION. IT'S PLAIN AND
12 SIMPLE. ITEM NUMBER 19, WE AGREE ENTIRELY, AND ACTUALLY WE
13 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING TO ASSIST US
14 WITH A COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW VERSION OF S.B.1421. OUR ONLY
15 RESERVATION IS THE FACT THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL CANNOT BE
16 PART OF THE PROCESS BECAUSE ONCE HE IS PART OF THE PROCESS, HE
17 CAN NO LONGER BE A MONITOR OR ATTEMPT TO EVALUATE WHAT HE IS
18 DOING BECAUSE HE BECOMES PART OF THE PROCESS. YOU CAN'T
19 EVALUATE YOURSELF. SO THAT IS JUST A LEGAL OBSERVATION. AND
20 OTHER THAN THAT, WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO AN AUDIT OF
21 EVERYTHING. IN FACT, LET'S AUDIT MEASURE J. LET'S AUDIT
22 MEASURE H AND ALL OF THE OTHER COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT IN
23 ONE WAY OR ANOTHER THE INMATE POPULATION HOMELESS SITUATION,
24 WHICH IS BEGGING FOR ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
2 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
3 1-6. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU READ IN THE CALL IN
4 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN
5 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
6 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
9 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
10 COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
11 NUMBER 852761. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE
12 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852761. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU
13 ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
14 CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
15 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE
16 STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON.
17 YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO
18 MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION,
19 THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM
21 TOTAL UP TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS,
22 INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60
23 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS, EXCLUDING THE
24 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE
25 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL

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1 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
2 THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
3 SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL
4 IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT
5 SPEAKING ON TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON
6 AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL
7 OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON
8 TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE
9 REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT
10 SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE BOARD
11 MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN
12 DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
13 CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL
14 BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

15

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
22 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** THE FIRST SPEAKER IS JARED O' BRIAN, PLEASE GO
2 AHEAD.

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4 **JARED O' BRIAN, :** YES, I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 13.

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6 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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8 **JARED O' BRIAN, :** I'M SORRY?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE START.

11

12 **JARED O' BRIAN, :** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE ON THE B.O.S. AND
13 EVERYONE WHO IS ATTENDING TODAY. MY NAME IS JARED. I AM 22
14 YEARS OLD. I AM HERE TO TESTIFY ON HOW POLICIES AFFECT MY
15 FAMILY AND AFFECT MANY OTHER FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY. I
16 FIRST WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING NO ONE DESERVES TO BE
17 LOCKED UP, BUT WHILE THEY ARE, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MISUSE OF
18 AUTHORITY AND THE LACK OF FAIRNESS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE HOUSED
19 IN JAILS, HOUSED IN CAMPS, GO THROUGH. INCARCERATING COSTS
20 ABOUT \$25 AN HOUR FOR A CALL FROM THE COUNTY JAIL WHEN THE
21 MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT EVEN \$25 AN HOUR, IN L.A. COUNTY. PHONE
22 CALLS IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS AND JUVENILE CAMPS AND HALLS ARE
23 SO EXPENSIVE THAT FAMILIES ARE SPENDING HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS A
24 MONTH TO CONNECT WITH THEIR LOVED ONES. PHONE CALLS ARE ONE OF
25 THE FEW HUMANIZING LIFELINES FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE. WHEN

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1 PEOPLE ARE LOCKED AWAY FROM SOCIETY, MAINTAINING ACCESS TO
2 THEIR LOVED ONES IS CRITICAL, AND LOSING ACCESS TO ITEM AND
3 ISOLATING AND DETRIMENTAL TO WELL-BEING OF BOTH THE
4 INCARCERATED --

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** YES. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO COME FROM THE
10 LINE OF HERBERT HATONKA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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12 **HERBERT HATONKA:** ITEMS 21 AND AGENDA ITEM 57E. GOOD MORNING,
13 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR. HERB HATONKA. ITEM 21, THANK YOU
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR THE MOTION THAT RECOGNIZES OUR
15 A.A.P.I. HEROES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS COUNTY AND THE
16 COUNTRY. SPECIAL THANKS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEAGUE, MANJU
17 KULKAMI, THE DIRECTOR OF A.3P.CON FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THE
18 STOP A.A.P.I. HATE CAMPAIGN AS WELL AS URGING COUNTY RESIDENTS
19 TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE AND RACISM AGAINST ASIAN AND
20 PACIFIC ISLANDERS. ITEM 57E, I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE
21 RECOMMENDATION OF THE AGENDA ITEM 57E AS SUBMITTED BY
22 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL, REGARDING THE JAIL POPULATION
23 REVIEW COUNCIL'S DATA DASHBOARD, THE CARE FIRST L.A. JAIL
24 DECARCERATION DATA DASHBOARD. THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY
25 AND, NOTABLY, O.D.R. TO DO A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT PUBLICIZE

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1 THE DASHBOARD'S EXISTENCE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE RELEVANCE OF THE
2 DASHBOARD AS THE KEY REFERENCE SOURCE FOR ALL DECARCERATION
3 EFFORTS GOING FORWARD. AS A TECHNICAL MATTER, THE DEVELOPMENT
4 OF THIS DATABASE IS A MILESTONE IN ITSELF AND REPRESENTS A
5 CRITICAL COMPONENT IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES THE
6 M.C.J CLOSURE PLAN THAT IS NOW BEFORE YOU. IT IS THE UNIFORM
7 DATABASE THAT IS TIMELY, COMPREHENSIVE, AND ACCURATE AND
8 NECESSARY TO MAKING THE IMPORTANT RESOURCE ALLOCATION
9 DECISIONS ABOUT TREATMENT AND SERVICES DETAILED IN THE M.C.J.
10 CLOSURE PLAN. URGE ADOPTION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU
11 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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

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15 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GOING TO BE
16 MARCIA TEMPLE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
17 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENT.
18 YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

19
20 **MARCIA TEMPLE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND THOSE PRESENT. I
21 AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 20. I AM MARCIA TEMPLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
22 OF INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. WE HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
23 HOMELESS AND INCARCERATED BY PROVIDING THEM ACCESS TO HOUSING,
24 HEALTHCARE, AND JOBS. DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE HELPED
25 CONNECT OUR PARTICIPANTS TO 95 JOBS. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF

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1 THE MOTION. IT IS VERY GOOD THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING THE PILOT
2 PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON WOMEN LEAVING INCARCERATION. RECIDIVISM IS
3 EXPENSIVE. BUT PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN FUNDING
4 HOUSING FOR THESE WOMEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY HAVE SOME
5 MONEY LEFT OVER FOR NECESSITIES. MY RESEARCH INDICATES THE
6 AVERAGE COST OF A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IN LOS ANGELES IS
7 APPROXIMATELY \$800 A MONTH. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THESE WOMEN
8 COULD BE CONNECTED TO A PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT, IN ADDITION TO
9 MEDI-CAL, THEY ARE ALSO ENROLLED IN CAL FRESH SO THEY WOULDN'T
10 HAVE TO SPEND WHAT IS LEFT OF THEIR MONEY ON FOOD OR MEDICAL
11 SERVICES. AND IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC IF THE BOARD --

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

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16 **MARCIA TEMPLE:** THANK YOU.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO BE MELANIE OCHOA.
19 PLEASE STATE YOUR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
20 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
21 MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **MELANIE OCHOA:** MELANIE OCHOA FROM -- I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
24 ITEMS 13, 19, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO FIRST
25 THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON

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1 THIS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP TO
2 ENSURE THAT THIS REPORT BACK TRANSLATES INTO ACTUAL CHANGE IN
3 COUNTY POLICY. I'M GLAD SHERIFF VILLANUEVA AGREES THAT THE
4 PROPOSAL ON P.R.A.S, ALTHOUGH HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE I.G. WAS
5 UNFOUNDED BECAUSE REVIEW OF RECORDS CREATED DOES NOT MAKE ONE
6 PART OF THE INVESTIGATORY OR DISCIPLINARY PROCESS. IN PAST
7 COMMENTS, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS TRIED TO PIN HIS DEPARTMENT'S
8 REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE P.R.A. ON LACK OF MONEY. BUT NO
9 AMOUNT OF MONEY WILL CHANGE HIS HOSTILITY TO ANY FORM OF
10 TRANSPARENCY AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO BREAK THE LAW TO OBSTRUCT
11 OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. GIVING MORE MONEY TO L.A.S.D. TO
12 FULFILL P.R.A. REQUESTS WOULD BE AS EFFECTIVE A MOVE TOWARD
13 TRANSPARENCY AS SETTING THAT MONEY ON FIRE. A.C.L.U. SENT OUT
14 IDENTICAL P.R.A.S TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE
15 STATE, OVER 550, ASKING FOR A SUBSET OF RECORDS ON EVERY
16 INCIDENT THAT IS NOW DISCLOSABLE UNDER S.B.1421 GOING BACK A
17 NUMBER OF YEARS. ALL 500+ AGENCIES THAT REQUEST HAVE RESPONDED
18 IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH P.R.A. L.A.S.D. IS THE
19 ONLY AGENCY THAT SUMMARILY DENIED OUR REQUEST, CLAIMING IT
20 COULD NOT UNDERSTAND IT. IT TOLD US THAT WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY
21 DEPUTIES BY NAME, AND L.A.S.D.'S PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND
22 MONITORING SYSTEM TRACKS INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE
23 DISCLOSABLE UNDER S.B.1421 AND L.A.S.D. COULD HAVE EASILY
24 SEARCHED FOR RESPONSIVE RECORDS, BUT IT REFUSED TO MAKE ANY
25 EFFORT TO RESPOND TO OUR REQUESTS. WHEN WE REQUESTED A COPY

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1 (INDISCERNIBLE), IT LIED AND SAID THAT IT HAD NO IDEA WHAT WE
2 WERE TALKING ABOUT WHEN THIS LIST WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN ENTIRE
3 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT CASE ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WAS A
4 PARTY. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY IS GOING TO FIX THIS. THIS IS A
5 CHOICE. TO BE CLEAR, L.A.S.D. DOES HAVE A LOT OF RECORDS TO
6 DISCLOSE, BUT THEY HAVE A LOT OF RECORDS BECAUSE THEY KILL A
7 LOT OF PEOPLE. THEIR DEPUTIES INFLICT A LOT OF SERIOUS BODILY
8 INJURY. THERE ARE A LOT OF CASES OF L.A.S.D. DEPUTIES CAUGHT
9 LYING OR COMMITTING SEXUAL ASSAULT. THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A
10 LOT OF RECORDS IS AN ARGUMENT FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY, NOT
11 LESS. AS YOU KNOW, L.A.S.D. IS NEVER GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN.
12 WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE I.G.'S OFFICE
13 UNDER THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY --

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

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18 **MELANIE OCHOA:** THANK YOU. WILL TAKE SERIOUSLY THE PUBLIC'S
19 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS AND APPROACH
20 THE TASK OF RESPONDING TO P.R.A. REQUESTS AND PUBLISHING NEW
21 RECORDS WITH THE GOAL OF SATISFYING THE OBLIGATION NOT
22 OBSTRUCTING IT, AND ANY FUNDING THAT SHOULD COME SHOULD FLOW
23 THROUGH WHATEVER ENTITY IS NOW TASKED WITH THAT OBLIGATION,
24 NOT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. A.C.L.U. SUPPORTS THIS MOTION
25 AND BELIEVES IT IS THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY FORWARD, THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO BE JESSICA CHANDLER,
5 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
6 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
7 GO AHEAD.

8

9 **JESSICA CHANDLER:** THANK YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON NUMBER
10 NINE IN REGARDS TO THE NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP HOME
11 VISITATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK
12 YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION.
13 MY NAME IS JESSICA CHANDLER, AND I'M A SOCIAL WORKER FOR L.A.
14 COUNTY D.C.F.S., BUT TODAY I WILL BE REPRESENTING MYSELF AS A
15 FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP ALUMNI. AT
16 18, I FOUND MYSELF HOMELESS AND BECAME PREGNANT WHILE
17 (INDISCERNIBLE). I KNEW THAT MOST FOSTER YOUTH BECAME
18 INCARCERATED AND HOMELESS AFTER LEAVING THE SYSTEM AND THAT
19 MANY OF US WILL HAVE OUR BABIES TAKEN AWAY. I ALSO KNEW THAT
20 BECAUSE I WAS BLACK, ONCE HE WAS TAKEN, IT WOULD BE VERY
21 DIFFICULT TO GET HIM BACK. I SPENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
22 TIME FEELING HOPELESS AND DEFEATED. THE NURSE FAMILY
23 PARTNERSHIP CHANGED ALL THAT. I WAS INTRODUCED TO THE NURSE
24 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WHEN I WAS SIX MONTHS PREGNANT WITH NO
25 KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR HOW TO KEEP MY BABY SAFE AND

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1 HEALTHY. FAST FORWARD, THAT BABY WILL BE STARTING HIGH SCHOOL
2 THIS AUGUST. MY CHILDREN WILL NEVER SEE THE INSIDE OF
3 CHILDREN'S COURT UNLESS IT IS AS AN ATTORNEY OR A SOCIAL
4 WORKER. THE CYCLE HAS ENDED WITH ME. SO I WOULD LIKE TO URGE
5 YOU ALL TO PLEASE ENSURE NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP HAS THE
6 FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

7

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

10

11 **JESSICA CHANDLER:** THANK YOU. IT IS CRITICAL THAT PREVENTION IS
12 AT THE CORE OF ALL OF OUR WORK.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
17 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
18 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
19 NOW BEGIN.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, THIS IS DR.
22 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEMS 39, 44, 50, AND 47.
23 IT IS REALLY SAD THAT ON ITEMS 39, THE LAST REPORT HAS BEEN
24 PUSHED BACK SINCE 11 OF THE YEAR 2020. HOW LONG ARE WE GOING
25 TO POSTPONE? THE SAME WITH THE D.H.S. REPORT AND THE SAME WITH

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1 THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. IT IS REALLY SAD TO SEE
2 THAT ALL REPORTS ARE PUSHED BACK FOR SO LONG WHEN THE
3 INFORMATION WE GET IS OUT, YOU KNOW, NOT UP TO DATE, BUT
4 ANYWAY, I HOPE SO -- [MULTIPLE AUDIO SOURCES]. IT IS REALLY
5 SAD WHEN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE
6 HAD AN INCREASE OF H.I.V., AND WE HAVE HAD AN INCREASE OF
7 (INDISCERNIBLE) SYPHILIS, WHICH IS INCURABLE, WHICH IS OF
8 GREAT CONCERN. SO LET'S GO BEYOND CELEBRATING 40 YEARS WHEN
9 THE RESULTS ARE NOT THAT GREAT. ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR
10 LISTENING. HOPE THAT SOON YOU WILL REOPEN THE MEETING TO THE
11 PUBLIC SO WE CAN SEE YOU IN PERSON. ANYWAY, HAVE A GREAT DAY,
12 TALK TO YOU LATER, BYE.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF SUE HIMMELRICH.
17 ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
18 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

20

21 **SUE HIMMELRICH:** THANK YOU. THIS IS SUE HIMMELRICH. I AM THE
22 MAYOR OF SANTA MONICA AND SPECIAL COUNSEL AT WESTERN CENTER ON
23 LAW AND POVERTY, BUT I AM SPEAKING TODAY IN AN INDIVIDUAL
24 CAPACITY. I SUPPORT SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL'S ITEM 20
25 TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY WIDE POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE AND

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1 GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM. IN 2017, THE SANTA MONICA CITY
2 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A PRESERVING OUR DIVERSITY PROGRAM TO
3 PROVIDE ONGOING CASH BASED ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE SENIORS IN
4 RENT CONTROLLED APARTMENTS. THIS HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO
5 ALLOWING THE CITY'S LOWEST INCOME AND LONGEST TERM RESIDENTS
6 TO LIVE WITH GREATER DIGNITY BY HELPING THEM TO MEET THEIR
7 BASIC NEEDS. I APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR THINKING BOLDLY ON HOW
8 TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND PROVIDE MEANINGFUL INPUT IN THE
9 NATIONAL CONVERSATION AROUND OUR SOCIAL SAFETY NET SERVICES.
10 THE PANDEMIC HAS SHED LIGHT ON URGENT NEED TO PROVIDE AID TO
11 OUR MOST DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED RESIDENTS AND
12 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, AND ONE MORE AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS
17 THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1
18 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR
19 YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. NEXT WE'LL GO TO THE LINE
20 OF THERESA ELIERS, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
21 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **THERESA ELIERS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS THERESA ELIERS. I'M
25 WORKING WITH UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES. WE'RE THE

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1 LARGEST HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,
2 AND I'M CALLING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 15 AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
4 INTRODUCING ITEM 15 TO SUPPORT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
5 HOMELESSNESS IN FILING THEIR TAXES AND ACCEPTING THEIR
6 STIMULUS PAYMENT. WHILE AMERICANS THROUGHOUT THE NATION ARE
7 BENEFITING FROM RECEIVING FEDERAL STIMULUS CHECKS, MANY OF OUR
8 UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED EVEN THEIR FIRST
9 STIMULUS CHECK. UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES HAS SUPPORTED
10 ITS CLIENTS TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THEIR STIMULUS
11 CHECKS SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT WE HAVE SEEN THE
12 NEED FOR MORE RESOURCES AND MORE PARTNERS TO SUPPORT THIS
13 EFFORT. TO HELP OUR CLIENTS RECEIVE THEIR STIMULUS CHECKS,
14 OUR CASE MANAGERS WORK WITH UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS
15 BANKING INFORMATION AND PAST TAX DOCUMENTATION. OFTEN, THIS IS
16 A TIME INTENSIVE PROCESS, SO IT IS IN ADDITION TO CASE
17 MANAGERS' EXISTING WORKLOAD. THE EXTENDED TAX DEADLINE FOR
18 FILING CALIFORNIA TAXES IS OCTOBER 15TH, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL
19 THAT THIS MOTION WILL NOT ONLY SUPPORT ACCESS TO STIMULUS
20 CHECKS BUT WILL SUPPORT A LONGER TERM EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT
21 OUR MOST VULNERABLE COUNTY RESIDENTS ACCESS --

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

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1 **THERESA ELIERS:** I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK
2 YOU SO MUCH.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO BE THE LINE OF EZEKIEL
7 MISHIAMA, PLEASE GO AHEAD. EZEKIEL, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MICHELLE PARIS. AND
12 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **MICHELLE PARIS:** HI, GOOD MORNIG. MY NAME IS MICHELLE PARIS.
16 I'M PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF VERA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT
17 1, CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 57E AND MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. WE CANNOT DRIVE CHANGE ON THINGS THAT WE CAN'T TRACK,
19 AND FOR L.A. COUNTY TO DELIVER ON A TRUE CARE FIRST VISION, WE
20 NEED TO KNOW WHICH POLICIES AND PROGRAMS HAVE AN IMPACT AND
21 WHICH DON'T. THAT IS WHY THIS DASHBOARD IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT
22 TOOL. AS WE EXPAND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, COMMUNITY-
23 BASED PRETRIAL SERVICES, AND DIVERSION, IT WILL TELL US IN
24 REAL-TIME HOW MANY PEOPLE REMAIN BEHIND BARS AND WHY. FOR
25 EXAMPLE, AS OF YESTERDAY, THE DAILY JAIL POPULATION HOVERS

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1 JUST ABOVE 15,000. OVER 5,700 ARE PRETRIAL, 5,910 PEOPLE HAVE
2 IDENTIFIED MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, AND RACIAL DISPARITIES
3 PERSIST, PARTICULARLY FOR BLACK PEOPLE. WE NEED THE TOOL TO
4 MAKE GOOD ON THE COUNTY'S GOAL OF DECARCERATING TO CLOSE MEN'S
5 CENTRAL JAIL. FOR THE SKEPTICS, NO, WE HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE.
6 WHEN COVID-19 HIT, L.A. SAFELY DECREASED THE JAIL POPULATION
7 BY 30 PERCENT WITHIN TWO MONTHS. THAT SUCCESS STORY WENT
8 LARGELY UNTOLD BECAUSE WE HAD NO WAY TO MEASURE IT IN REAL-
9 TIME. THIS DASHBOARD WILL FUEL THE KIND OF URGENCY WE NEED,
10 URGENCY BORN OUT OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY --

11

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

14

15 **MICHELLE PARRA:** IT WILL FUEL THE KIND OF URGENCY THAT WE NEEDS
16 TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ONCE AND FOR ALL AND DELIVER ON A
17 CARE FIRST FUTURE FOR L.A. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ADRIANNA WONG. PLEASE
22 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
23 WHETHER YOU ARE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

25

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1 **ADRIANNA WONG:** GOOD MORNING, ADRIANNA WONG OF THE A.C.L.U.
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE LET'S GET FREE L.A. COALITION IN
3 SUPPORT OF ITEMS 13 AND 19 AND SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING ITEM 13.
5 IT IS AN IMPORTANT MOTION. THE SHERIFF CLAIMS THAT ELIMINATING
6 PHONE FEES AND COMMISSARY MARK UPS WILL TAKE AWAY FUNDS FOR
7 REHABILITATION AND PROGRAMMING THAT PURPORTEDLY BENEFIT
8 INCARCERATED PEOPLE, BUT BOTH THE O.I.G. AND AUDITOR
9 CONTROLLER HAVE FOUND FOR YEARS THAT L.A.S.D. TAKES HALF OF
10 THESE FUNDS TO PAD THE L.A.S.D. BUDGET FOR THINGS LIKE
11 SALARIES AND EQUIPMENT, AN EXPLOITATIVE PRACTICE OF DUBIOUS
12 LEGALITY. THE FACT IS ONE OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL THINGS YOU
13 CAN GIVE A PERSON WHILE THEY ARE INCARCERATED, TO A YOUTH IN A
14 JUVENILE HALL OR CAMP, IS THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN CONNECTIONS,
15 TO MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR FAMILY AND WITH THEIR
16 COMMUNITY. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THESE CONNECTIONS IMPROVE RE-
17 ENTRY OUTCOMES WHEN PEOPLE RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AS WELL
18 AS THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE
19 INCARCERATED. AND WHEN ADVOCATES SURVEYED IMPACTED FAMILIES TO
20 ASK THEM WHAT PHONE CALLS MEAN TO THEM, THE ANSWER THEY
21 RECEIVED MOST WAS EVERYTHING. PHONE CALLS MEAN EVERYTHING TO
22 FAMILIES. THE SHERIFF SAYS, OKAY, LET'S AUDIT EVERYTHING, BUT
23 RESPECTFULLY, WE HAVE THE AUDITS ON L.A.S.D.'S PERPETUATION OF
24 PREDATORY PHONE FEES AND COMMISSARY MARK UPS. WHAT WE NEED NOW

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1 IS CHANGE. CHANGE IS FEASIBLE, AND CHANGE IS NECESSARY. I URGE
2 THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ADASIA SABAGE.

7 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
8 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

9

10 **ADASIA SABAGE:** MY NAME IS ADASIA SABAGE. I AM A LOVED ONE OF
11 DANA MALIK YOUNG. I'M A CONSTITUENT OF, SORRY, SHEILA KUEHL
12 AND MY OTHER FAMILY, JANICE HAHN AND HOLLY MITCHELL. I AM
13 COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEM 19, THE BOARD MOTION INCREASING
14 TRANSPARENCY THROUGH THE ACCESS OF POLICE OFFICER RECORDS AND
15 PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I ALSO AM A MEMBER OF THE
16 S.E. JUSTICE GROUP, INITIATE JUSTICE, DIGNITY AND POWER, AND
17 BLACK LIVES MATTER. THE SHERIFFS KILLED MY SON, DANA MALIK ON
18 OCTOBER 16TH, 2020. MY FAMILY'S LAWYER FILED A P.R.A. IN
19 NOVEMBER OF 2020, AND THE L.A.S.D. DISREGARDED STATE LAW BY
20 REFUSING TO GIVE MY FAMILY ANY ANSWER. IN THE SIX MONTHS SINCE
21 MY SON'S DEATH, WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT THE SHERIFF IS NOT
22 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE B.O.S., BUT IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND. IT
23 APPEARS YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SHERIFF. SOME OF YOU MAY
24 HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT YOU HAVE NO
25 POWER TO MAKE THEM COMPLY WITH THE LAW. WE FEEL THAT YOU ARE

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1 OUT OF TOUCH. YOU ARE THE OUT OF TOUCH PARENT, AND THEY ARE
2 THE UNRULY CHILDREN WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY. THEY ARE LEFT TO
3 UNLEASH ON THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO KILL AND TO KILL AGAIN.
4 MY FAMILY DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE DEPUTIES --

5

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

8

9 **ADASIA SABAGE:** RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SHOOTING.
10 I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 19 AND DEMAND THAT THE B.O.S. DO
11 EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER OR CREATE SOME POWER FOR
12 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE L.A.S.D. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE
17 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
18 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. I'LL SPEAK ON 13, 19, AND SEVERAL OTHER
22 ITEMS, AND I WILL GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. SO I
23 WILL BEGIN NOW. FIRST OF ALL, IT IS GREAT TO HEAR FROM THE
24 A.C.L.U. TWICE. AND, OF COURSE, I ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT
25 ELIMINATING ONEROUS CHARGES FOR TELEPHONE CALLS IN JAIL IS A

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1 GOOD AREA, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ON THIS FOR A LONG TIME. SO I HOPE
2 IT COMES TO THE -- THE PREDATORY CONDUCT IS NOT NECESSARY. BUT
3 WE COULD SPEND MONEY BETTER THAN I WOULD SAY THE TAP DANCING
4 PARKING WAIVER, WHICH IS \$10,000. THAT IS A LOT OF PHONE
5 CALLS. WE JUST WAIVE IT BECAUSE WE CAN, AND WE DO IT ALL THE
6 TIME ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, WHICH IS KIND OF YUCKY. ALSO
7 NICE TO HEAR FROM MARCIA TEMPLE AND MANY OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE
8 TRYING TO HELP WITH THE DECARCERATION. IF IT IS 5,700 PEOPLE
9 WHO ARE PRETRIAL OUT OF THE 15,000, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO MAKE
10 THAT MOVE MORE QUICKLY BEFORE WE GET A -- I KNOW THE DASHBOARD
11 IDEA IS TEMPTING. WE HAVE A C.E.S. OVER AT L.A.H.S.A., WHICH
12 IS THE DASHBOARD OF ALL THE -- IT DOESN'T WORK. IT'S JUST --
13 EVERYTHING IS TOO COMPLICATED TO FIT INTO A NEAT LITTLE GRAPH
14 TO MAKE THE SUPERVISORS FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT. IT IS NOT GOOD.
15 AND BY THE WAY, DEEP TRUTHFULNESS, COMMENTS ARE DISABLED
16 BECAUSE THIS IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN HOW MUCH IS DOWN HERE
17 ON THIS AGENDA, AND IT IS A HUGE AGENDA AND XAVIER OSLOFSKY
18 WROTE IN CITYWATCH L.A., YOU CAN FIND IT AT CITYWATCHLA.COM
19 TODAY, I THINK IT'S CALLED. I FORGET WHAT IT'S CALLED, BUT WE
20 DON'T NEED A VINCE SKULLY DOWN HERE, HE SAID. AND OF COURSE,
21 WE DO, AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE SHERIFF WAS NOT
22 AGENDIZED. IT IS VERY NICE OF YOU TO GIVE HIM THREE MINUTES,
23 WHICH IS LESS THAN A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC GETS, BUT STILL IT
24 IS NICE, BUT WHY IS IT NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND WHY ISN'T HE
25 TREATED LIKE THE SHERIFF. I JUST FIND IT ODD. AND ALSO I'LL

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1 SAY THE CONTINUANCES ARE FAST AND FURIOUS. YOU CLOG UP THE
2 AGENDA WITH IMPORTANT ITEMS AND THEN CONTINUE THEM UNTIL
3 ANOTHER TIME. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT HAS TO BE
4 THAT WAY. WHY NOT PUT ITEMS THAT WE CAN SPEAK ON ON THE
5 AGENDA, AND PROVIDE TIME RATHER THAN CANCELING REGULAR
6 MEETINGS IN FAVOR OF SPECIAL MEETINGS. LIKE FOR EXAMPLE, THE
7 FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT --

8

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

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, IN MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I AM GOING TO
13 KEEP TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THESE ITEMS BECAUSE THERE ARE SO
14 MANY OF THEM. SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE.
15 BUT I THINK PEOPLE AGREE, AND THE BOARD PROBABLY THINKS, WE
16 NEED TO DOWNPLAY THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT IS NOT THE
17 RIGHT VIBE FOR SCHOOL. WE CAN'T HAVE TEACHERS, I MEAN, IT
18 DEPENDS ON YOUR STUDENTS, OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE -- BUT
19 I THINK WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO NOT POLICE AT SCHOOL. WE HAVE
20 TO DO OTHER THINGS LIKE TEACH. WHAT IS THIS -- YEAH. WE'VE GOT
21 LOTS OF -- I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS. I NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS IS ARRANGING FOR \$730,000 TO THE FRIENDS OF THE CHINESE
23 AMERICAN MUSEUM, AND I APPRECIATE IT. I NOTICED YESTERDAY THAT
24 THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO APOLOGIZED TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE FOR
25 THE 1911 MASSACRE. I FEEL LIKE THE COUNTY BOARD SHOULD SEND A

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1 5 SIGNATURE LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THAT ACTION. I REALLY FEEL
2 THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. ALSO \$46, WHICH IS I THINK WHERE YOU
3 LANDED ON THE --

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF EDDIE ANDERSON.
9 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
10 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
11 YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **EDDIE ANDERSON:** HI, I AM REVEREND EDDIE ANDERSON. I WILL BE
14 SPEAKING ON ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS
15 EDDIE ANDERSON. I AM THE SENIOR PASTOR FROM (INDISCERNIBLE)
16 CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES IN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S
17 DISTRICT. I'M ALSO THE ORIGINAL ORGANIZER FOR L.A. VOICE IN
18 SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND THE FORMER CO-CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA
19 POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. I WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION
20 FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THEY HAVE THE
21 MORAL IMAGINATION TO ENVISION A LOS ANGELES WHERE WE FIGHT
22 POVERTY AND NOT (INDISCERNIBLE). IF YOU LOOK AT THE
23 STATISTICS, 1 IN 4 ANGELENOS ARE FACING POVERTY, 1 IN 4
24 CHILDREN ARE FACING POVERTY IN OUR COUNTY. OUR COUNTY WILL NOT
25 BE JUDGED BY HOW MANY CONCERTS WE HAVE, OR HOW MANY FINE

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1 RESTAURANTS WE HAVE, BUT HOW WE TREAT THOSE WHO ARE LEAST OF
2 THESE, THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE AND TRYING TO
3 PROVIDE. THE PANDEMIC SHOWED US WE ARE IN A MOMENT OF
4 RECONSTRUCTION IN OUR COUNTY, AND THIS MOTION TAKES A STEP
5 FORWARD. IT SAYS THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY, THAT WE
6 ARE A GENERATION THAT WILL ACT BOLDLY, THAT WE ARE A
7 GENERATION THAT WILL ACT MORALLY, THAT WE ARE A GENERATION
8 THAT BELIEVES THAT EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO DIGNITY.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **EDDIE ANDERSON:** THAT EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE, THAT
14 (INDISCERNIBLE) IN OUR COUNTY. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
15 ITEM, WE NEED IT MORE ACROSS OUR NATION. LOS ANGELES LEADS THE
16 NATION IN MANY THINGS, AND SO LET'S LEAD IN FIGHTING POVERTY
17 AS WELL. I WANT TO AGAIN THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HAVING BOLD LEADERSHIP AND MORAL
19 IMAGINATION AROUND WHAT IS INDEED POSSIBLE IN OUR COUNTY AND
20 THE ACTION TO PUT PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR FIRST IN OUR COUNTY.
21 THANK YOU, HAVE A BLESSED DAY.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF EZEKIEL NISHIAMA.
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AND IF YOU
3 ARE GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** HELLO. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 13 AND GIVING
7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
8 NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIAMA. I AM AN ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTI-
9 RECIDIVISM COALITION, ALSO A MEMBER WITHIN THE LET'S GET FREE
10 COALITION. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. I AM HERE TODAY TO SHARE MY
12 EXPERIENCE WITH THE COST OF PHONE FEES. THROUGHOUT MY
13 INCARCERATION, IT WAS HARD TO HAVE CONTACT WITH MY FAMILY,
14 WHEN THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO PUT MONEY ON THE PHONE. THERE WERE
15 MANY CLOSE FRIENDS THAT I HAD LOST A RELATIONSHIP DUE TO THE
16 FACT THEY DID NOT HAVE MONEY TO PICK UP MY PHONE CALLS. NOT
17 ONLY DO PHONE FEES NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE PERSON WHO COMMITS A
18 CRIME, BUT IT PUTS THEIR FAMILY IN A POSITION WHERE THEY HAVE
19 TO COME UP WITH THE EXTRA POT OF MONEY JUST SO THEY CAN PICK
20 UP THE PHONE FOR A LOVED ONE. WE ARE FACING A PANDEMIC, AND
21 THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES ALREADY STRUGGLING. IMAGINE LOSING THE
22 MAIN PROVIDER IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND ON TOP OF TAKING CARE OF
23 THE NORMAL COST OF LIVING YOU HAVE TO SCRAMBLE TO HAVE MONEY
24 TO PICK UP THE PHONE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS IN DANGER EVERY DAY
25 BEING INSIDE THE SYSTEM. FOR ANYBODY WHO HAS EXPERIENCED A

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1 LOVED ONE BEING INCARCERATED, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE BURDEN OF
2 HAVING TO PAY TO TALK TO THE INDIVIDUAL. L.A. COUNTY SHOULD BE
3 LOOKING AT WAYS TO --

4

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

7

8 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** ONE THAT WOULDN'T IMPOSE THESE FEES ON THE
9 FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THOSE ON THE
10 INSIDE ARE CONNECTING WITH THEIR LOVED ONES ON THE OUTSIDE AND
11 BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. WE HAVE MANY FATHERS AND MOTHERS WHO
12 EXPERIENCE INCARCERATION. IT SHOULD NOT FALL TO THEIR KIDS
13 HAVING TO PAY TO TALK TO MOM OR DAD. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN OUR
14 JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE SHOULD WORK ON ELIMINATING PHONE FEES,
15 FURTHER STRENGTHENING THOSE ON THE INSIDE COMMUNICATION WITH
16 THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND SERVICES ON THE OUTSIDE
17 RELATIONSHIPS. ALSO IN FINDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WE
18 SHOULD BE FUNDING YOUTH REJUSTICE REIMAGINED AND NOT INVESTING
19 IN THE SHERIFF INFORMATION. WE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENING OUR
20 COMMUNITIES WITH DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES RATHER THAN THESE
21 PUNITIVE SYSTEMS. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY.

22

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE STATE -- ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU WISH TO ASK A
2 QUESTION, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 ON YOUR TOUCH TONE PHONE. IF
3 YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS, DO NOT PRESS 1 AGAIN AT THIS TIME,
4 OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
7 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ANGELIQUE EVANS,
13 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AND
14 WHETHER YOU ARE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16

17 **ANGELIQUE EVANS:** HI,, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 ANGELIQUE EVANS. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 13, GIVING GENERAL
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. HELLO, AGAIN. MY NAME IS ANGELIQUE EVANS WITH
20 THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY
21 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING THIS ITEM. I WANT
22 TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH L.A. COUNTY,
23 ONE OF SEVERAL BEING THE OVERPRICING PHONE CALLS AND
24 COMMISSARY IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED IN
25 L.A. COUNTY JAIL IN 2008, I SERIOUSLY STRUGGLED WHILE BEING

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1 THERE. PHONE CALLS WERE LIMITED TO ME DUE TO THE FACT MY
2 FAMILY STRUGGLED, COULD NOT AFFORD TO PUT MONEY ON GLOBAL TEL-
3 LINK. MY OLDEST SON WAS ONLY TWO YEARS OLD AND COULD NOT
4 UNDERSTAND WHY MAMA WASN'T AROUND. THE OVER PRICING OF
5 COMMISSARY IS TRULY RIDICULOUS. THERE WERE MANY TIMES I HAD TO
6 GO TO BED HUNGRY SIMPLY BECAUSE I COULD ONLY AFFORD DEODORANT,
7 TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, AND THE ESSENTIALS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT
8 INCREASED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND THEIR
9 LOVED ONES IMPROVES RE-ENTRY OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE. WHEN WE
10 CUT OFF PEOPLE FROM THEIR LIFELINE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD
11 PHONE CALLS, WE END UP PAYING A STEEPER PRICE DOWN THE LINE
12 WHEN PEOPLE CYCLE BACK --

13

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

16

17 **ANGELIQUE EVANS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST
18 INVESTMENTS THAT L.A. COUNTY CAN MAKE IN THE HEALTH, WEALTH,
19 AND SAFETY OF LOW INCOME BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. L.A.
20 COUNTY SHOULD BE NEGOTIATING HARDER FOR A BETTER CONTRACT
21 INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO LET GREEDY CORPORATIONS EXPLOIT L.A.
22 FAMILIES FOR PROFIT. THANK YOU, WE ASK YOU PLEASE PASS THIS
23 MOTION. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** YES, NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF IVETTE ALE.

3 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY

4 AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO

5 AHEAD.

6

7 **IVETTE ALE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

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

10

11 **IVETTE ALE:** HI, GOOD MORNING, IVETTE ALE HERE WITH DIGNITY AND

12 POWER NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON

13 AGENDA ITEMS 13, 19, 20, 40, 50, 51, 57C, AND 57E. ON

14 TRANSPARENCY, I WANT TO START OFF WITH 57E. L.A. COUNTY'S JAIL

15 POPULATION HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY OVER CAPACITY FOR YEARS,

16 DESPITE THE D.F.C.C. RATED CAPACITY OF 12,404. L.A. COUNTY HAS

17 MAINTAINED THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE ENTIRE WORLD. THIS

18 IS NOT A TITLE THAT A CARE FIRST COUNTY SHOULD WANT TO

19 MAINTAIN. IT IS ANTITHETICAL TO THE CARE FIRST VALUES THE

20 BOARD HAS ADOPTED. SO I THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL

21 FOR THIS MOTION. NOT ONLY IS L.A. COUNTY THE LARGEST JAIL

22 SYSTEM IN THE WORLD, IT IS ALSO THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH

23 SYSTEM IN THE U.S. BECAUSE OF A STAGGERING NUMBER OF

24 INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY (INDISCERNIBLE) HAVE MENTAL

25 HEALTH NEEDS. THIS INSTITUTE'S DATA DASHBOARD IS AN IMPORTANT

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1 TOOL IN REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION IN L.A. THIS DASHBOARD
2 WILL ALLOW FOR TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING JAIL
3 POPULATIONS AND WHO IS AFFECTED BY INCARCERATION. OUR TARGET
4 GOAL SHOULD NOT BE 12,404 PEOPLE IMPRISONED. ONCE L.A. COUNTY
5 HITS THIS RATE OF CAPACITY, IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SIMPLY KEEP IT
6 THERE. WE WANT A JAIL POPULATION OF ZERO. THAT MEANS WE'VE
7 SUCCEEDED IN ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY. THE COUNTY MUST MAKE GOOD
8 ON ITS COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST VISION BY ACTUALLY
9 ENSURING THAT JAILS ARE LAST. A POPULATION OVER 12,400
10 INCARCERATED PEOPLE IS NOT A JAIL LAST VISION. I WAS HAPPY TO
11 SEE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 19. L.A.S.D. HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THAT
12 THEY ARE NEITHER WILLING NOR CAPABLE OF FULFILLING REQUESTS
13 FOR TRANSPARENCY, AND SHIFTING THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO ANOTHER
14 PARTY WILL ENSURE THAT S.B.1421 IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED. THE
15 SHERIFF'S REFUSAL TO BE TRANSPARENT WHEN L.A.S.D. DEPUTIES
16 KILL OUR LOVED ONES CAUSES UNIMAGINABLE GRIEF AND IS
17 INEXCUSABLE. I STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH A DANA MALIK YOUNG,
18 JR.'S FAMILY, ANDRES GUARDARDO'S, AND SO MANY OTHER FAMILIES
19 IN L.A. COUNTY WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE BEEN KILLED BY L.A.S.D.
20 ON ITEM 40, THE REPORT WAS REQUESTED IN JUNE 2017, ALMOST FOUR
21 YEARS AGO, BUT THE C.E.O. HAS YET TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE
22 PUBLIC. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT'S LIABILITY
23 COSTS HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR LIABILITY BUDGET, FORCING THE COUNTY
24 --
25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO LINE OF CHRIS MARTIN. PLEASE
5 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
6 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **CHRIS MARTIN:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS MARTIN. I AM THE DIRECTOR
10 OF THE LABOR TEAM FOR BLACK LIVES LOS ANGELES, AND I WILL BE
11 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

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

14

15 **CHRIS MARTIN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS, FOR
16 INTRODUCING NUMBER 19. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN 1421 WAS PASSED. IT
17 FELT LIKE IT WAS A BIG DEAL THAT THE PUBLIC COULD ACCESS
18 IMPORTANT RECORDS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN KEPT FROM THEM.
19 AND IT IS A BIG DEAL. FOR EXAMPLE, THE KENNETH LOSS BILL,
20 WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO KEEP CONVICTED OFFICERS FROM TERRORIZING
21 OTHER COMMUNITIES CAME OUT OF INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH
22 P.R.A. REQUESTS, AND IT IS THROUGH THESE P.R.A.S THAT WE CAN
23 TRULY BEGIN TO REIMAGINE WHAT PUBLIC SAFETY LOOKS LIKE. BUT I
24 FIND THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND BLATANT DISREGARD THAT THE
25 L.A.S.D. HAS SHOWN FOR THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT UNFORTUNATE AND

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1 DOWNRIGHT UNJUST. THEY DON'T NEED MORE FUNDING. THEIR LACK OF
2 COMPLIANCE IS NOT DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF THE TASK. IT IS
3 BECAUSE THEY HAVE A POLICY OF NON-COMPLIANCE. WE NEED TO PUT
4 THE FUNDS TOWARD OTHER ENTITIES THAT WILL ACTUALLY HELP OUR
5 COUNTY. THERE NEEDS TO BE A NEW ENTITY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
6 HANDLE THESE P.R.A. REQUESTS --

7

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

10

11 **CHRIS MARTIN:** L.A.S.D. HAS DECIDED THEY ARE NOT GOING TO
12 COMPLY. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT L.A.S.D. HAS
13 PERPETRATED MANY INSTANCES OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST OUR COUNTY
14 CITIZENS, AND THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THEIR REFUSAL TO
15 COMPLY WITH THE ACT AMOUNTS TO COVER UPS OF THESE INSTANCES
16 OF MISCONDUCT. WHEN I THINK ABOUT JOHN HORTON, III, WHO WAS
17 KILLED BY L.A.S.D. IN 2009 AND HOW BADLY THAT FAMILY WANTS
18 ANSWERS AND HOW THOSE P.R.A.S ARE SUPPOSED TO GIVE THEM THE
19 ANSWERS, AND HOW L.A.S.D. REFUSED TO RELEASE THOSE RECORDS, I
20 THINK THAT THEY LET OUR CITIZENS, OUR COUNTY CITIZENS DOWN.
21 AND I THINK THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF
2 TELIAYO YZAKI. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
3 SPEAKING ON AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE MAKING A GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

5

6 **TELIAYO YZAKI:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TELIAYO YZAKI. I'M A
7 CONSTITUENT OF HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT. I AM COMMENTING ON
8 AGENDA ITEM 19 AND PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A
9 POLICY ASSOCIATE AT S.E. JUSTICE GROUP, A LOVING AND POWERFUL
10 SISTERHOOD OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMEN AND GENDER NON-
11 CONFORMING PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO HAVE HAD INCARCERATED LOVED
12 ONES. THIS COULD (INDISCERNIBLE), WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR
13 OVER 5 YEARS AND WE HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING HER IN DEMANDING
14 ANSWERS AND BASIC DIGNITY BECAUSE L.A.S.D. SHERIFFS KILLED
15 DANA MALIK YOUNG, JR. ON OCTOBER OF 2020. THE FAMILY HAS BEEN
16 DEMANDING ANSWERS THROUGH A P.R.A. REQUEST SINCE NOVEMBER 2020
17 AND HAS RECEIVED NOTHING. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY
18 MITCHELL'S OFFICE, WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE TO MALIK'S FAMILY.
19 WE ARE PROUD TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 19 AND
20 DEMAND THE B.O.S. DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO CREATE A
21 MORE MEANINGFUL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM L.A.S.D.
22 I HAVE WITNESSED THE INDIGNITY FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO
23 WHEN SHERIFFS KILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. EVERYTHING IS A
24 FIGHT, FROM THE INDIGNITY OF HAVING TO FIGHT TO BE ABLE TO
25 IDENTIFY YOUR LOVED ONE'S BODY, TO BEING JERKED AROUND AND

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1 STONEWALLED WHEN YOU DEMAND ANSWERS. TO THIS DAY, WE DON'T
2 KNOW THE NAMES OF THE SHERIFFS DEPUTIES WHO KILLED DANA MALIK
3 YOUNG, JR.

4

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

7

8 **TELIAYO YZAKI:** THANK YOU. IN SOLIDARITY WITH HIM AND HIS
9 FAMILY AND SO MANY OTHERS IN L.A. COUNTY WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE
10 BEEN KILLED BY L.A.S.D., WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF
11 THE NAMES OF THE DEPUTIES WHO KILLED DANA MALIK YOUNG, JR. AND
12 THE RELEASE OF ALL FILES RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE
13 SHOOTING AND GENERALLY MORE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
14 FOR L.A.S.D. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO LINE OF CRYSTAL YBARRA. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **CRYSTAL YBARRA:** GOOD MORNING. CRYSTAL YBARRA, I DIRECT THE LOW
24 INCOME TAX CLINIC AT BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES. I'M CALLING TO
25 SPEAK ON ITEM 15 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING ITEM 15. THERE'S AN
2 ENORMOUS NEED TO INCREASE OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND FREE TAX
3 PREP ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME CALIFORNIANS AND TO MAKE THESE
4 SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
5 INCLUDING CO-LOCATING CLINICS AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SITES
6 AND SHELTERS. OUR CLIENTS WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM THIS
7 MEASURE AS SITES ARE LIMITED AND OUR LOW INCOME CLIENTS HAVE
8 DIFFICULTY ACCESSING FREE TAX PREP SERVICES. THE MEASURE MAKES
9 THE RELEASE MORE THAN THEORETICAL SINCE A RETURN NEEDS TO BE
10 FILED TO ACCESS THE STIMULUS AND RESPECTIVE TAX CREDITS. THE
11 MOTION WILL EXPAND ACCESS TO FREE TAX SERVICES TO OUR MOST
12 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AND ENSURE ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
13 ACCESS THE TAX BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED. I URGE THE
14 BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF SUMMER LASY. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE GOING TO BE ADDRESSING
20 TODAY AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **SUMMER LASY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M SUMMER LASY WITH
24 THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN
25 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 57E AND PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL, FOR
2 ADVANCING THIS MOTION, FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF
3 TRANSPARENCY, AND FOR COMMITTING TO CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
4 VISION FOR L.A. COUNTY, A VISION THAT CENTERS DECARCERATION
5 AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN ORDER TO REDUCE HARM. THE DATA
6 DASHBOARD IS A VITAL TOOL IN DECREASING THE GROSSLY
7 OVERPOPULATED L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, A SYSTEM WHICH IS THE
8 LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY WITH A STAGGERING
9 PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AS NOTED BY
10 ADVOCATE IVETTE ALE AND MICHELLE PARIS, PREVIOUSLY. THE
11 DASHBOARD WILL SHOW DAILY CHANGES IN THE JAIL POPULATION. IT
12 WILL HIGHLIGHT POPULATION INCREASES, AND IT WILL HELP IDENTIFY
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN BE DIVERTED OUT OF THE JAIL SYSTEM. THIS
14 JAIL REDUCTION TOOL WILL SERVE TO PROVIDE ACCESS,
15 INFORMATIONAL ACCESS, TO THE COMMUNITY, AND ULTIMATELY UNITE
16 COMMUNITY AND COUNTY EFFORTS TO DRAMATICALLY DECREASE THE JAIL
17 POPULATION, TO FINALLY CLOSE M.C.J.

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

21
22 **SUMMER LASY:** THANK YOU. AND TO PURSUE COMMUNITY-CARE BASED
23 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. L.A. COUNTY NEEDS THIS TOOL IN
24 ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE COMMUNITY CARE CENTERED GOALS THAT
25 THIS BOARD AND THAT OUR RESIDENTS SHARE. THANK YOU.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MARIELLA ALBERGA.

5 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY

6 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY

7 BEGIN.

8

9 **MARIELLA ALBERGA:** YES, GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND

10 SUPERVISORS. I AM MARIELLA ALBERGA, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC

11 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL RE-ENTRY

12 PARTNERSHIPS. TODAY, I'LL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF MOTION 57E

13 AND ALSO PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO

14 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HAHN FOR INTRODUCING MOTION 57E.

15 L.A.R.P., THE LARGEST NETWORK OF RE-ENTRY PROVIDERS SERVING

16 COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, HAVE BEEN DEEPLY COMMITTED TO

17 CLOSING M.C.J. AND BUILDING OUT COMMUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

18 OPTIONS FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. AND YET,

19 SINCE COVID, THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH

20 MENTAL ILLNESS HAS CONTINUED TO CLIMB, NOW UP TO 6,000 ALONG

21 WITH THE INCREASING RACIAL DISPARITIES, WITH A HIGHER

22 PERCENTAGE OF BLACK ANGELENOS IN OUR JAILS MORE THAN EVER

23 BEFORE. THIS DASHBOARD IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF TOOL WE NEED TO

24 BEGIN THE REAL-TIME WORK OF DECARCERATION, OVERCOMING THE

25 LIMITED AND OFTEN OUTDATED DATA COMING FROM MULTIPLE COUNTY

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1 ENTITIES. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO FUND COMMUNITY SERVICE. THIS
2 RESOURCE IS IMPORTANT SO WE CAN TRACK PROGRESS TOGETHER. THE
3 DASHBOARD IS A VALUABLE TOOL THAT PROVIDES KEY INSIGHTS TO
4 BETTER INFORM THE COUNTY AS TO WHERE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED AND
5 HOW TO BETTER INVEST FOR THE GREATEST IMPACT OF OUR COMMUNITY.
6 WE CANNOT TAKE PRIDE IN PROGRESS WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE
7 FULL EXPERIENCE OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE, BACKED BY REAL-TIME
8 DATA. TOOLS LIKE THE DASHBOARD WILL SERVE TO PROVIDE A
9 HOLISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVER CHANGING NEEDS OF THE
10 INCARCERATED POPULATION. WE ASK THE BOARD SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

11

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

14

15 **MARIELLA ALBERGA:** THANK YOU. WE ASK THE BOARD SUPPORT THIS
16 MOTION TO CONTINUE IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE THE CARE
17 FIRST MODEL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I THANK THE SUPERVISORS
18 AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
23 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS
24 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.
25 NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF EMILY PARKER. PLEASE STATE THE

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1 GENERAL ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL
2 BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **EMILY PARKER:** HELLO, IS ANYBODY ELSE GOING TO HAVE A TURN?

5

6 **MODERATOR:** EMILY PARKER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF KENT MENDOZA.

11 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
12 AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

14

15 **KENT MENDOZA:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

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

18

19 **KENT MENDOZA:** I WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS
20 WELL. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I AM WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
21 COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 13. THANK YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD.
23 AS SOMEBODY WHO WAS INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY'S JUVENILE
24 HALLS, CAMPS, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND TWIN TOWERS, I KNOW FROM
25 PERSONAL LIVED EXPERIENCE HOW MUCH PHONE FEES AND EXCESSIVE

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1 PRICES ON COMMISSARY NEGATIVELY IMPACTS INCARCERATED PEOPLE
2 AND THEIR LOVED ONES. WHILE INCARCERATED, THE ONLY THING THAT
3 KEEPS MANY OF US GOING IS OUR FAMILY. STAYING IN COMMUNICATION
4 WITH THEM IS CRUCIAL TO US, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE LIKE IN A
5 HOSTILE AND DEHUMANIZING ENVIRONMENT LIKE JAIL. MY MOM HAD NO
6 JOB, WAS UNDOCUMENTED AND UNABLE TO WORK WHEN SHE USED TO
7 VISIT ME IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SHE OFTEN BORROWED MONEY FROM
8 FRIENDS NOT ONLY TO ADD MONEY TO THE PHONES BUT TO PUT MONEY
9 ON MY BOOK SO I CAN BUY COMMISSARY. THIS IS A REALITY THAT
10 MANY FAMILIES ARE FACING. THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF PHONE CALLS
11 AND COMMISSARY MARK UPS PRIMARILY FALL ON BLACK AND BROWN
12 FAMILIES THAT ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET LIKE MY
13 SINGLE MOTHER, WHO WENT THROUGH THIS. THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK
14 INTO THESE CONTRACT AND FIND OUT WHY WE ARE EVEN CHARGING
15 PEOPLE TO TALK TO THEIR LOVED ONES WHEN RESEARCH SHOWS THAT --

16

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

19

20 **KENT MENDOZA:** WHEN RESEARCH SHOWS THAT INCREASED COMMUNICATION
21 BETWEEN INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND THEIR LOVED ONES IMPROVES THE
22 RE-ENTRY OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE. WHAT GOOD DOES IT MAKE TO
23 CHARGE SO MUCH FOR COMMISSARY? WHO IS ACTUALLY BENEFITING FROM
24 IT? WHY IS IT SO EXPENSIVE? A CUP OF NOODLES IS LIKE \$1.18 IN
25 COUNTY JAILS, BUT YOU CAN BUY AN ENTIRE CUP OF NOODLES PACKAGE

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1 IN PRISON FOR LIKE \$7. WHY SO MUCH FOR JUST ONE CUP OF NOODLES
2 IN L.A. COUNTY? THESE ARE SMALL BUT VERY IMPORTANT DETAILS
3 THAT L.A. COUNTY SHOULD BE PAYING ATTENTION TO. L.A. MUST NOT
4 CONTINUE TO CONTRACT WITH THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES AND THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITHOUT MAKING FULL EVALUATION OF THESE
6 CONTRACTS. L.A. COUNTY IS ONE OF THE RICHEST COUNTIES IN THE
7 STATE AND THE COUNTRY. THERE SHOULD NOT BE NOT EXCUSES ON WHY
8 WE CAN'T MAKE THIS FREE AND BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. WE
9 CAN MAKE ANYTHING HAPPEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND ONCE AGAIN,
10 THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
11 FORWARD. I URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD TO REALLY BE BOLD AND PASS
12 THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT IS CRUCIAL AND IMPORTANT AND WAY
13 OVERDUE. THANK YOU. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MELINDA KAKANI.
18 ADDRESS STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
19 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
20 MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **MELINDA KAKANI:** HI, THIS IS MELINDA KAKANI FROM CHILDREN'S
23 DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 13,
24 51, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. REGARDING ITEM 13, FOR FAR TOO
25 LONG WE HAVE EXTRACTED WEALTH FROM THE MOST VULNERABLE, THE

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1 MOST OPPRESSED. WE'VE RUN INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEMS ON THE
2 BACKS OF THOSE WE HAVE PUSHED OUTSIDE THE MARGINS. SUCH
3 BEHAVIOR IS DEPRAVED. IT'S SHAMEFUL. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS, FOR PAYING ATTENTION TO AND LIFTING UP THE NEED TO
5 REFORM PHONE FEES AND COMMISSARY COSTS. WE KNOW FAMILIES ARE
6 PAYING HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS TO REMAIN CONNECTED TO THEIR
7 CHILDREN, BROTHERS, SISTERS, FATHERS, MOTHERS, LOCKED IN CAGES
8 JUST FEEDS INTO OUR OBSESSION WITH PUNISHMENT. AND NONE OF
9 THIS IS ABOUT REHABILITATION, REPAIRING HARM, HEALING. SO,
10 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS. AND WHILE SOME
11 ARE CONCERNED WITH BUDGETS, THESE DOLLARS LITERALLY AMOUNT TO
12 ONE PERCENT OF THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET. SO FOR THE SHERIFF TO SAY
13 THAT DEFUNDING HAS A COST, WHAT IS HE SPENDING THAT \$3.3
14 BILLION THE C.E.O. GAVE HIM ON? NOTHING THAT IS REMOTELY
15 CONNECTED TO REHABILITATION, REPAIRING HARM, AND HEALING.
16 RELATED TO ITEM 51, ONCE AGAIN, THE SHERIFF, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
17 THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS BEING ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES. THAT IS
18 EXACTLY WHAT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WAS ABOUT, AND I AM
19 ASKING THAT THIS BOARD IN PRIORITIZING A CHANGE TO THE WAY THE
20 SHERIFF AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONNECT WITH
21 SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, REALLY LOOK AT THE ROOT OF YOUTH
22 JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND IMPLEMENT THAT VISION AS PART OF MOVING
23 AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FOCUSING ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
24 PRACTITIONERS, FOCUSING ON CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, FOCUSING ON
25 PEACE BUILDERS. THERE'S KNOW NEED FOR POLICE ON SCHOOLS. AND

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1 FINALLY, AS IT RELATES TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE,
2 PLEASE PRIORITIZE FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AT \$75
3 MILLION AS YOU REQUESTED, AS STAKEHOLDERS REQUESTED. IT IS NOT
4 -- IT IS NOT SOME HUGE ASK WHEN PROBATION'S BUDGET AS IT
5 RELATES TO YOUNG PEOPLE IS SOMETHING LIKE \$500 MILLION.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **MELINDA KAKAN:** WE ARE CURRENTLY SPENDING \$1 MILLION PER YEAR
11 TO INCARCERATE A YOUNG PERSON. THAT IS DEPRAVED. THAT IS
12 SHAMEFUL. LET US, LET US FINALLY INVEST IN SOMETHING THAT IS
13 LONG OVERDUE. THAT IS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THAT IS YOUTH JUSTICE
14 REIMAGINED. THAT IS HEALING. THIS IS REPAIRING HARM. THANK
15 YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ALEX CAVE. PLEASE
20 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
21 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **ALEX CAVE:** HI, YES, MY NAME IS ALEX. I AM CALLING FROM
25 DISTRICT TWO. I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 13, 20, 40, 50, 51,

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1 57C. AND E. FOR ITEM NUMBER 13, REMOVING THE COMMISSARY FEES,
2 AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID, THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT
3 THING TO DO, ESPECIALLY FOR -- TO AVOID RECIDIVISM. ALSO THIS
4 IS A POOR TAX. LOS ANGELES POLICY OFTEN HATES POOR PEOPLE.
5 WITH HOMELESS, WITH JAILS, WITH STREET SWEEPING, WE NEED TO
6 STOP THIS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. 19, INCREASING TRANSPARENCY FOR
7 PEACE OFFICER RECORDS, WE WILL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH TRANSPARENCY,
8 ESPECIALLY WITH VILLANUEVA IN PLACE. WE NEED TO MAKE ALL
9 AVAILABLE EFFORTS TO BE AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY
10 WHEN THE SHERIFFS ARE KILLING PEOPLE AT AN ALARMING RATE. FOR
11 20 AND 57C POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM,
12 YES. WE HAVE THE WORST HOMELESS EPIDEMIC IN ANY PLACE IN THE
13 WORLD. AND WE HAVE \$10 BILLION AT L. A. CITY JUST SITTING
14 AROUND DOING ANYTHING. WE HAVEN'T USED OUR F.E.M.A. FEES. WE
15 NEED TO START HELPING PEOPLE. WHY DO L.A. POLITICIAN HATE POOR
16 PEOPLE SO MUCH? THIS IS RIDICULOUS. YES, PASS THIS MOTION. FOR
17 NUMBER 40, I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS IS STILL NOT AVAILABLE TO THE
18 PUBLIC, BUT THE SHERIFF LEADS IN LIABILITY COSTS, RIOT GEAR,
19 SOUND CANNONS, BEATING THE PRESS, ATTACKING AND KILLING PEOPLE
20 OF COLOR. VILLANUEVA IS A MONSTER. HE IS A SOCIOPATH. HE LIES,
21 AND HE BLAMES EVERYONE ELSE FOR THE PROBLEMS CAUSE BY HIS
22 DISTRICT FROM HIS DEPUTY GANGS. AND THE FACT THAT HE TALKED
23 ABOUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL NOT BEING ABLE TO INVESTIGATE
24 HIMSELF, YEAH, ALEX THAT'S WHAT WE ARE SAYING ABOUT YOUR
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED. WHY HAVEN'T YOU

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1 DONE ANYTHING ABOUT HIM? NO MORE MONEY FOR THE SHERIFFS. THEY
2 KILL PEOPLE. WE NEED IT TO STOP ALREADY. FOR 50, WE NEED MORE
3 INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE DEPUTY GANGS. 51, NO COPS IN SCHOOLS.
4 THE STUDENTS SAY NO. THEY HARASS CHILDREN OF COLOR. MOST OFTEN
5 THIS IS THE FIRST NEGATIVE REACTION THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR HAVE
6 WITH THE POLICE IS IN THEIR SCHOOLS, AS POLICE OFFICERS IN
7 THEIR SCHOOLS HARASSING INTIMIDATING THEM, ARRESTING THEM FOR
8 HAVING VITAMINS, FOLLOWING THEM HOME AFTER SCHOOL. THEY DON'T
9 HAVE COUNSELORS. THEY DON'T HAVE NURSES FULL TIME. WHAT ARE
10 OUR PRIORITIES HERE, TO INTIMIDATE?

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF CAMERON BURNS,
16 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND
17 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **CAMERON BURNS:** HI. I AM CAMERON DELIVERING REMARKS ON BEHALF
21 OF MICHAEL TUBS, FOUNDER AND CHAIR OF MAYORS FOR A GUARANTEED
22 INCOME, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON AND ALSO SPECIAL
23 ADVISER TO GOVERNOR NEWSOME ON ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND
24 OPPORTUNITY. AND THE STATEMENT I AM DELIVERING IS, "I APPLAUD
25 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL FOR MOVING TO ESTABLISH A

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1 COUNTY WIDE POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE AND GUARANTEED
2 INCOME PROGRAM. IN STOCKTON, WE FOUND THAT OUR GUARANTEED
3 INCOME PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO FIND FULL
4 TIME WORK COMPARED TO NONPARTICIPANTS. WE KNOW THAT GUARANTEED
5 INCOME WILL NOT REPLACE WORK BUT WILL ACTUALLY ALLOW PEOPLE
6 THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE MORE STABLE JOBS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
7 AND KUEHL ARE JOINING A NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR GUARANTEED
8 INCOME IN COMMUNITY WITH MORE THAN 50 MAYORS AND COUNTIES, AND
9 I AM EXCITED FOR L.A. COUNTY TO JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO ENSURE
10 THAT WE ELIMINATE POVERTY AND PROVIDE AN INCOME FLOOR FOR ALL.
11 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF KIKI SAMRAH. PLEASE
16 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
17 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **KIKI SAMRAH:** HI, THERE. THIS IS KIKI SAMRAH. IN REGARDS TO
21 AGENDA ITEM 20, I AM HERE TO -- I SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF
22 MAYORS FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT
23 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL'S ITEM TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY
24 WIDE POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE AND GUARANTEED INCOME
25 PROGRAM. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT MOST EFFECTIVELY PROVIDING

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1 ECONOMIC SECURITY TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A
2 (INDISCERNIBLE) IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK ACROSS THE COUNTY
3 TO MAKE MEANINGFUL EQUITABLE REFORM FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
4 RESIDENTS. WE KNOW THAT GUARANTEED INCOME WILL NOT REPLACE
5 WORK BUT WILL ALLOW PEOPLE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE MORE STABLE
6 JOBS, AND A PROGRAM OF THIS MAGNITUDE MUST BE ADMINISTERED AT
7 THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL AT THE COUNTY. I APPLAUD SUPERVISORS
8 MITCHELL AND KUEHL FOR THINKING BROADLY ABOUT HOW TO ERADICATE
9 POVERTY AND PROVIDE MEANINGFUL INPUT IN THE NATIONAL
10 CONVERSATION AROUND OUR SOCIAL SAFETY NET SERVICES, THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ZACHARY WARMOF.
15 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
16 AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
17 YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **ZACHARY WARMOF:** I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS NUMBER 15
20 AND 26. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, ZACHARY WARMOF, PUBLIC
21 AFFAIRS FOR THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, CALLING TO FIRST
22 THANK CHAIR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING ITEM NUMBER 15 TO SUPPORT
23 UNHOUSED ANGELENOS WITH FILING THEIR TAXES AND ACCESSING THEIR
24 STIMULUS PAYMENTS. STIMULUS PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN A CRITICAL
25 LIFELINE FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER THE PAST 15 MONTHS,

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1 BUT MANY OF THE WOMEN D.W.C. SERVES HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY
2 RECEIVING THEIR STIMULUS CHECKS, WHETHER IT IS THE AS A RESULT
3 OF UNSTABLE LIVING SITUATIONS OR IRREGULAR INTERNET ACCESS,
4 NEVERMIND THE CHALLENGES OF FILING TAX RETURNS. FROM THE
5 MASSIVE DROP OFF IN THE LABOR FORCE TO THE RISE IN DOMESTIC
6 VIOLENCE RELATED EMERGENCY CALLS THIS PANDEMIC HAS
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED WOMEN, AND IN PARTICULAR BLACK
8 WOMEN, LATINAS, AND INDIGENOUS WOMEN. WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS,
9 WHICH HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE SEVEN YEARS PROIR TO THE
10 PANDEMIC AT A RATE OUTPACING THAT OF MEN, HAS ALMOST CERTAINLY
11 INCREASED AS A RESULT OF COVID-19. MANY OF THESE WOMEN WOULD
12 BENEFIT NOT JUST FROM THESE STIMULUS PAYMENTS BUT ALSO FROM
13 THE STATE AND FEDERAL TAX CREDITS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
14 UNDER THE AGE OF SIX. D.W.C. IS SO EXCITED THIS MOTION WILL
15 EXPAND ACCESS TO FREE TAX SERVICES TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE
16 NEIGHBORS AND WILL ENSURE THAT ALL CAN ACCESS THEIR ENTITLED
17 BENEFITS. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD RESOUNDINGLY PASS THIS MOTION.
18 I AM ALSO CALLING TODAY TO CONVEY OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM
19 NUMBER 26, THE MOTION AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND CHAIR
20 SOLIS TO BETTER ADDRESS OVERDOSE DEATH AMONGST ANGELENOS
21 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AS A MEMBER OF THE SKID ROW
22 COMMUNITY FOR OVER 43 YEARS, D.W.C. HAS GROWN INCREASINGLY
23 CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN OVERDOSES, WHICH HAS BEEN THE
24 LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR UNHOUSED ANGELENOS SINCE 2017. PER
25 RECENT FIGURES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, ALMOST 30% OF ALL DEATHS

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1 AMONG UNHOUSED WOMEN BETWEEN 2017 AND 2020 WERE A RESULT OF
2 ACCIDENTAL OVER DOSES, A PERCENTAGE HIGHER THAN THAT OF MEN.
3 FROM THE 2020 GREATER L.A. HOME LESS COUNT, 23% OF ALL
4 UNHOUSED WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY REPORTED A SUBSTANCE USE
5 DISORDER, WHICH IS ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT LEADS TO AN AVERAGE
6 LIFE EXPECTANCY THAT IS 35 YEARS LESS FOR UNHOUSED WOMEN THAN
7 THAT OF THEIR HOUSED COUNTERPARTS. THIS MOTION, ALONG WITH
8 L.A. COUNTY'S INCLUSION IN SENATOR WEINER'S S.B.57 FOR
9 OVERDOSE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAMS, ARE CRITICAL, HUMANE, AND
10 COMMON SENSE STEPS TOWARDS LOS ANGELES VIEWING SUBSTANCE USE
11 DISORDER NOT AS A CRIME REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT RATHER
12 AN ISSUE OF LIFE OR DEATH THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION AND
13 CARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF JOSEPH MAIZLISH.
18 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
19 AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** SURE, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 20, 57C., AND 33,
23 AND A SHORT PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 20, THANKS TO SUPERVISORS
24 MITCHELL AND KUEHL FOR ITEM 20 AND FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE
25 REALITY OF THE GROWING WEALTH GAP AND THE DEVASTATING HARMS

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1 THAT ACCOMPANY IT TO FAMILY, CHILDREN, INDIVIDUALS, AND
2 ACTUALLY TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, AND OUR SPIRIT OF UNITY. I
3 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HEARD FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER ABOUT HER NO
4 VOTE SO I COULD CONSIDER HER THOUGHTS WHICH HER VOTE SEEMS TO
5 CONFLICT WITH WHAT I KNOW OF HER CAREER-LONG SUPPORT FOR
6 CHILDREN'S WELL BEING AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVEN FOR LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT. ON 57C, MY THANKS TO SUPERVISOR AND FORMER
8 SECRETARY OF LABOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION FOR A PILOT BASIC
9 GUARANTEED INCOME. HER SUPPORT FOR THAT PARALLELS THE
10 INSISTENCE OF A FORMER SECRETARY OF LABOR, FRANCES PERKINS,
11 WHO INSISTED BEFORE ACCEPTING THAT POST THAT FRANKLIN
12 ROOSEVELT COMMIT TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL
13 SECURITY SYSTEM OF WHICH THIS GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME IDEA IS
14 A HELPFUL EXTENSION. DOING ANYTHING ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS, I
15 ADVISE DOING ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING ABOUT WIDESPREAD
16 POVERTY MEANS ALSO DEALING WITH CONCENTRATED WEALTH. THESE ARE
17 CO-PHENOMENA. IF WE DON'T CONFRONT THE WEALTH SIDE OF THE
18 COIN, ONE THAT IS OFTEN SUBSIDIZED BY GOVERNMENT ACTION, WE
19 WON'T BE ABLE TO FINANCE THE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT THE
20 MOTIONS PROPOSE, AND WE WON'T CORRECT THE TILT IN THE
21 ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT KEEPS PRODUCING THE INEQUALITY. ON ITEM
22 33, LAND IS -- THIS IS THE HONOR RANCH PROPOSAL. LAND IS ONE
23 OF THE IRREPLACEABLE RESOURCES. IS IT'S USE BEING PLANNED WITH
24 TRANSPARENCY? I HAD NO COMMENT OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPECIFIC
25 PLANS FOR THIS PARCEL, JUST A SUGGESTION THAT ALL SUCH CHOICES

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1 AND BOARD ITEMS BE GIVEN A SOCIAL IMPACT REVIEW VIEW SIMILAR
2 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW THAT --

3

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

6

7 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** SURELY. GOING A LITTLE FARTHER WITH THAT
8 IMPACT REVIEW, IT COULD REVIEW -- WELL, IN A WAY IT IS LIKE
9 WHAT THE SHERIFF SAID ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON JAIL POPULATION OF
10 MANY MEASURES, EXCEPT IT'S MORE GENERAL. WHAT IS THE SOCIAL
11 IMPACT OF ALL THE SPENDING PROPOSALS, ALL OF THE NEW PROGRAMS
12 AND THE OLD PROGRAMS, THE EXISTING PROGRAMS? THAT REALLY OUT
13 TO BE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE BUDGET PLANNING THAT YOU ARE
14 ABOUT TO FURTHER IN THE COMING DAYS AND THE WEEKS. THANK YOU,
15 AND I JUST ENDORSE ALSO THE 19, 57E, ALL THE PEOPLE THAT I
16 HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS, ALL OF IT IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE
17 PACKAGE THAT I THINK YOU CAN CARRY FORWARD. 20 AND 57C ARE A
18 CONFRONTATION THAT HAS BEEN MISSING. MY GOOD WISHES IN AND
19 CARRYING IT FARTHER, THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF RUSSIA
24 CHAVEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE

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1 ADDRESSING AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **RUSSIA CHAVEZ:** I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 20. GOOD MORNING,
5 MEMBERS. RUSSIA CHAVEZ SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
6 COUNCILS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL. THIS
7 MOTION WILL MOST EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR OUR
8 RESIDENTS, WHO PARTICULARLY, AFTER THE DEVASTATED EFFECTS OF
9 COVID-19 ON COMMUNES OF COLOR, NEED SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE WELL
10 BEING OF THEIR FAMILIES. IN 2020, COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS
11 CONDUCTED A STUDY, THE PRICE OF MOTHERHOOD STUDY, AND FOUND
12 THAT 85% OF BLACK AND BROWN MOTHERS FOUND THEMSELVES SHORT ON
13 INCOME FOR THE MONTH AT SOME POINT IN THE YEAR RESULTING IN
14 77% OF RESPONDENTS EXPRESSING THAT INCOME SHORTAGES IMPACTED
15 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME. THE MEDIAN
16 REPORTED MONTHLY SHORTAGES OF \$443 AND THE RANGE OF SHORTAGE
17 WAS FROM \$50 TO \$2,000. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR THINKING
18 BOLDLY ON HOW TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND THEREFORE OFFER
19 MEANINGFUL INPUT TO THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON THIS TOPIC.
20 WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION AND ASK THAT YOU APPROVE IT,
21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE
24 ONE HOUR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

25

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

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 1D
11 THROUGH 3D, 1P, 7 THROUGH 9, 10 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING
12 NO, 11 AND 12, 14, 16 THROUGH 19, 20 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER
13 VOTING NO, 21 THROUGH 25, 27, 29 THROUGH 38, 41 THROUGH 43, 46
14 THROUGH 49, 52 THROUGH 56, 57A AND 57B, 57C WITH SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER VOTING NO, 57F THROUGH 57H, 60, AND 61. SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL?

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** 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 5-0.

13 THIS WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

14 HAHN. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENTS NOW ON PUBLIC HEARING

15 ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT TITLES OF

16 EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SWEAR IN

17 THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC

18 HEARING ITEMS.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS

21 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE

22 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1 I A

23 HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF PETITION NUMBER 74433 CHARTER

24 OAK, 74488, 73610, 014-2019, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, 020-2019,

25 CASTAIC, AND 040-2019, AVOCADO HEIGHTS. A WRITTEN

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1 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
2 RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF
3 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL ZONES IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCAL YEAR
4 '21 - '22 ENGINEERS' REPORT WITHIN COUNTIES LIGHTING DISTRICT
5 LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT-1. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
6 WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 3 IS A
7 HEARING OF THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE
8 REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
9 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
10 5 IS A HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY
11 CODE TITLE 12 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO ADJUST THE ANNUAL
12 FEES FOR RE-INSPECTION FEES, HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR, TIERED
13 PERMITTING, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL HANDLER, ABOVE GROUND PETROLEUM
14 STORAGE TANK, AND CALIFORNIA ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION
15 PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. NO STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED,
16 AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 6 IS A HEARING ON THE
17 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF DEPOSITS BETWEEN THE
18 COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITY
19 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FUND. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
20 PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
23 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-6, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON

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1 THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF
2 THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ONE THROUGH
6 SIX, SHOULD CALL 877- 226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
7 1336503. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 877- 226-8163 AND USE
8 PARTICIPANT NUMBER 1336503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU
9 ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
10 CALL 877- 873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE
12 STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU WISH TO
13 SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ALL THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC
15 COMMENT ON ALL THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO
16 SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
18 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
19 PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
20 YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY
21 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC OR IF WE
22 CAN'T TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU
23 WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU
24 DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF
25 TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE

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1 CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU
2 ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR
3 SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
4 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DON'T
5 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE
6 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE?

7

8 **MODERATOR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WISH TO MAKE COMMENT,
9 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU
10 PRESS IT A SECOND TIME, YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.
11 WHEN YOU ARE CALLED TO SPEAK, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO STATE THE
12 NUMBER ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
15 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION]

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE PATTI GLUSE. PLEASE STATE
20 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE SPEAKING ON AND WHETHER
21 OR NOT YOU WILL BE VIEWING PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **PATTI GLUSE:** MY NAME IS PATTI -- HELLO?

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

3

4 **PATTI GLUSE:** I SERVE ON THE ALISO CANYON HEALTH STUDY
5 COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP, OR THE C.A.G.. C.A.G. AND SEVERAL
6 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC HEALTH IS NOT ON A PATH FOR AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE
8 HEALTH STUDY. THE LOOSE LANGUAGE USED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S
9 GOALS AND PARTIES STATEMENT INVITES A NON-CONCLUSIVE STUDY BY
10 ENCOURAGING THE USE OF DATA (INDISCERNIBLE) AND ENVIRONMENTAL
11 EXTRACTION. ONLY A CLINICALLY BASED PUBLIC CENTRIC HEALTH
12 STUDY WITH PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, (INDISCERNIBLE) WORK, AND
13 TOXICOLOGY TESTS CONDUCTED OVER A MINIMUM OF A THREE YEAR
14 PERIOD WILL RESULT IN THE GOLD STANDARD HEALTH STUDY THAT
15 DISTRICTS 3 AND 5 DESERVE AND MEDICALLY NEED. FOR THIS STUDY,
16 THIS BOARD MUST UTILIZE SUBPOENA AUTHORITY TO COMPEL SOCA GAS
17 TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE LIST OF CHEMICALS AND MATERIALS USE AT
18 THE FACILITY. NOTHING LESS IS ACCEPTABLE TO THIS HARMED
19 COMMUNITY, THANK YOU.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF RACHEL
24 SMITH. PLEASE GO AHEAD. RACHEL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JANE FOWLER. PLEASE
4 GO AHEAD.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** AT THIS TIME, I HAVE NO FURTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OUR TIME FACEBOOK PUBLIC
11 SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL OF
12 THOSE THAT CALLED IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR
13 COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE
14 AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL THOSE WRITTEN
15 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
16 PART OF THE RECORD. TODAY, MEMBERS, WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC
17 HEARING ITEMS ONE, TWO, THREE, FIVE, AND SIX, FOLLOWED BY THE
18 SET ITEMS S1 AND THEN ITEMS 13, 15, 26, 28, 57D, AND FINISHING
19 WITH ITEM 57E. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1,
20 HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR
21 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
22 AVOCADO HEIGHTS, CASTAIC, CHARTER OAK, AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS.
23 ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS?
24 SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
25 HEARING AND DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS AND TABLE

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1 THIS ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS
2 AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW
3 TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER TWO, HEARING ON THE ANNUAL LEVYING OF
4 ASSESSMENTS OF COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-
5 '22. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?
6 SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
7 HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO
9 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
10 ROLE.

11

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

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SORRY ABOUT THAT, YES, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 2.

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

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

6

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

8

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
13 HEARING ITEM NUMBER THREE. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE ANNUAL
14 SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT, FISCAL YEAR
15 2021-'22. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
16 ANY REMARKS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
17 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM THERE IS BEFORE US,
18 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
19 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 ROLE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

12

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

14

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

16

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

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOW WE WILL TAKE UP PUBLIC ITEM
20 HEARING NUMBER FIVE, HEARING ON THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 12
21 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS
22 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REMARK ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT
23 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON
24 THIS ITEM. MOVED BY MYSELF SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO

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1 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
2 ROLL.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, AYE.**

7

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL: AYE.**

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN: AYE.**

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER: AYE.**

20

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. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC ITEM NUMBER SIX,
3 HEARING ON TRANSFER DEPOSITS BETWEEN THE COURTHOUSE
4 CONSTRUCTION FUND AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES
5 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FUND. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD WISHING TO PEOPLE ON THE ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE
7 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM.
8 ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MEMBERS. WE ARE NOW
11 GOING TO THE SET MATTER ON PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS THE
12 PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY AND THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND
13 PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE WILL HEAR FROM DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY,
14 WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH UPDATES. WE WILL
15 BEGIN WITH THEIR PRESENTATIONS, THEREAFTER WE CAN TAKE
16 QUESTIONS OR REMARKS FROM THE BOARD OFFICES. SO DR. BARBARA
17 FERRER.

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS
20 AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS ALWAYS, I AM
21 GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AND
22 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU AND L.A. COUNTY
23 RESIDENTS THE LATEST ON PUBLIC HEALTH'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-
24 19 PANDEMIC. WE CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED BY OUR VERY LOW
25 COVID CASE RATES, WHICH REFLECT THE EFFORTS OF RESIDENTS,

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1 BUSINESSSES, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO BOTH ADHERE TO
2 PUBLIC SAFE HEALTH MEASURES AND TO MAKE IT EASY FOR EVERYONE
3 ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. TODAY, I
4 WILL PROVIDE UPDATES ON ALIGNING WITH THE STATE WITH MASKING
5 GUIDANCE, OUR UPDATED COVID METRICS, VACCINATION SAFETY AND
6 EFFECTIVENESS, AND STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING THE NUMBERS OF
7 PEOPLE GETTING VACCINATED. I'LL START WITH OUR FIRST SLIDE
8 THAT YOU HAVE THAT PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF THE COUNTY'S MASKING
9 AND DISTANCING GUIDELINES THAT ARE STILL PLACE. WHILE WE ARE
10 ALL RELIEVED BY OUR LOW NUMBERS, THERE CONTINUES TO BE COVID
11 TRANSMISSION IN L.A. COUNTY, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE WHO ARE
12 NOT FULLY VACCINATED. FOR THAT REASON, THE STATE WILL BE
13 KEEPING CURRENT MASKING GUIDANCE AS IS UNTIL JUNE 15TH. AND
14 WE, IN L.A. COUNTY, WILL DO THE SAME. THIS MEANS OUR GUIDANCE
15 REMAINS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER OF MAY
16 3RD. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE C.D.C. ANNOUNCEMENT LAST
17 WEEK WAS NOT MEANT TO ELIMINATE CURRENT SAFETY MODIFICATIONS
18 AT LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS. AND AS WE HAVE NOW HEARD FROM
19 C.D.C., THEY ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING
20 LOCAL PROTECTIONS. C.D.C. HAS ALSO EXPLICITLY STATED THAT MASK
21 WEARING REMAINS IN EFFECT ON ALL PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND THIS IS
22 THE ONE PLACE WHERE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS REGULATED MASK
23 WEARING. TO PREVENT INCREASED CIRCULATION OF VARIANTS OR VIRUS
24 MUTATIONS THAT RESULT IN NEW VARIANTS OF CONCERN, IT DOES
25 REMAIN IMPORTANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE KNOW HOW TO DO TO PREVENT

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1 TRANSMISSION. WITH MORE THAN 50% OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 60
2 AND OLDER NOT YET FULLY VACCINATED AND ALL OF OUR 1.3 MILLION
3 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWO AND 12 NOT YET ABLE TO GET
4 VACCINATED, MASKING, DISTANCING, AND INFECTION CONTROL REMAIN
5 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT STRATEGIES AT MANY SITES AND MANY
6 ACTIVITIES BECAUSE TOGETHER THEY OFFER POWERFUL PROTECTION
7 AGAINST THE TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS. AND WHILE THOSE PEOPLE
8 THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED HAVE FORMIDABLE PROTECTION AGAINST
9 THE VIRUS BECAUSE OF THE VACCINE, GIVEN THAT THERE'S NO WAY TO
10 DETERMINE ON SITE WHETHER ANOTHER PERSON IS VACCINATED OR NOT,
11 SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS ARE STILL NEEDED IN PLACES AND SPACES
12 WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ARE INTERMINGLING
13 IN CROWDED SPACES OR INDOORS. WE HAVE ALL COME THIS FAR BY
14 TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER. AND TO END THIS PANDEMIC, WE WILL
15 NEED TO REMAIN WILLING TO FOLLOW SENSIBLE SAFETY MODIFICATIONS
16 THAT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO REDUCE CASES AND OUTBREAKS WHILE WE
17 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS FULLY VACCINATED AND PLAN FOR
18 A FULL REOPENING ON JUNE 15TH. KNOWING THAT AT INDOOR SETTING
19 AND CROWDED OUTDOOR PLACES WHERE MANY MAY STILL BE
20 UNVACCINATED CAN RESULT IN EASY TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS,
21 L.A. COUNTY, AGAIN ALIGNING FULLY WITH THE STATE, IS
22 CONTINUING MASKING REQUIREMENTS FOR EVERYONE AT LARGE INDOOR
23 AND OUTDOOR EVENTS, ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AT ALL RETAIL
24 ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL JUNE 15TH. WORKPLACES REMAIN
25 UNDER CAL-O.S.H.A. MASKING AND DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, WHICH

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1 HAVE NOT YET CHANGED. AND FOR UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, MASKS ARE
2 STILL REQUIRED OUTDOORS ANY TIME DISTANCING CANNOT BE
3 MAINTAINS. MASKS ARE STILL NOT REQUIRED FOR FULLY VACCINATED
4 PEOPLE AT UNCROWDED OUTDOOR SETTINGS AND EVENTS AND DURING
5 INDOOR VISITS WITH OTHER FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE OR WITH
6 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE FROM ONE HOUSEHOLD WITHOUT HIGH RISK
7 PEOPLE. FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT YET VACCINATED, MASKING AND
8 DISTANCING AFFORDS SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION, AND WE HAVE ALL
9 SEEN THAT. WE URGE CONTINUED MASK WEARING UNTIL YOU CAN GET
10 VACCINATED. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IMMUNE COMPROMISED, PLEASE
11 CONSULT WITH YOUR CLINICAL TEAM TO DETERMINE WHAT MAKES MOST
12 SENSE FOR YOU. OUR HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, AS I NOTED, REMAINS
13 IN EFFECT ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND WE DO ASK THAT ALL
14 BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THE
15 REQUIRED SAFETY MODIFICATIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
16 LOW TRANSMISSION RATES THAT ALLOW FOR OUR FULL REOPENING IN
17 JUST A FEW WEEKS. ON YOUR NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE THE TREND
18 LINES AND CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS FROM MARCH 1ST,
19 2020 THROUGH MAY 9TH, 2021. CASE NUMBERS AND OTHER METRICS
20 CONTINUE TO REMAIN LOW AND STABLE. AND OVER THE PAST MONTH, WE
21 HAVE ALSO CONTINUED TO SEE SOME SMALL DECLINES IN CASES,
22 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATH. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH
23 SHOWS US THAT L.A. COUNTY REMAINS IN THE YELLOW TIER IN THE
24 STATE'S BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY FRAMEWORK. AND OUR CASE
25 AND POSITIVITY RATES CONTINUE TO DECLINE. YOU HAVE OUR LATEST

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1 METRICS ON THIS SLIDE. AND WITH TODAY'S UPDATED NUMBERS, L.A.
2 COUNTY'S CASE RATE AGAIN DROPPED FROM 1.4 TO 1.2 NEW CASES PER
3 100,000 RESIDENTS. OUR SEVEN DAY AVERAGE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY
4 RATE IS DOWN TO .6% ACROSS THE COUNTY AND ALSO IN THE
5 COMMUNITIES WITH THE FEWEST HEALTH AFFIRMING RESOURCES. WE CAN
6 GO OUR NEXT SLIDE. RECENT PROGRESS IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE
7 POWERFUL VACCINES AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF L.A. COUNTIES
8 RESIDENTS AND WORKERS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN VACCINATED. ALL
9 COVID-19 VACCINES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE
10 SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. THE COVID-19 VACCINES THAT WE ARE
11 ADMINISTERING WERE EVALUATING IN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
12 PARTICIPANTS IN CLINICAL TRIALS, AND THEY MET THE FOOD AND
13 DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC STANDARDS FOR
14 SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND MANUFACTURING QUALITY THAT WERE
15 NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION. LARGE SCALE
16 CLINICAL TRIALS FOUND THAT COVID-19 VACCINATION PREVENTED MOST
17 PEOPLE FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH FROM COVID-19 AND THAT
18 TWO DOSES OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDED PEOPLE THE HIGHEST
19 LEVEL OF PROTECTION. CURRENT DATA SUGGESTS THAT COVID-19
20 VACCINES OFFER PROTECTION AGAINST THE MOST THE COMMON
21 CIRCULATING VARIANTS OF CONCERN. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE.
22 GIVEN THAT COVID VACCINES ARE RELATIVELY NEW, WE CONTINUE TO
23 REVIEW RECENT STUDIES THAT ARE ASSESSING VACCINE
24 EFFECTIVENESS. AND ON THIS SLIDE, WE CITE A FEW OF THE STUDIES
25 THAT ARE LOOKING -- THAT LOOKED AT WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN

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1 REAL WORLD SETTINGS AS OPPOSED TO THE DATA THAT'S BEING
2 COLLECTED THROUGH THE CLINICAL TRIALS. THE EVIDENCE CONTINUES
3 TO MOUNT ABOUT THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF THESE VACCINES WITH
4 INCREASING CONFIRMATION THAT NOT ONLY DO THE VACCINES PREVENT
5 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS, BUT THEY ALSO ARE PRETTY GOOD AT
6 PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM GETTING INFECTED. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
7 THREE RECENT STUDIES THAT WERE PUBLISHED BY THE C.D.C. IN
8 MARCH AND APRIL. IN ONE, THE PFIZER AND MODERNA VACCINES WERE
9 90% EFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING INFECTION IN FULLY VACCINATED
10 HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND OTHER FRONTLINE
11 WORKERS. IN ANOTHER STUDY OF ADULTS 65 AND OLDER, BEING FULLY
12 VACCINATED PREVENTED 94% OF HOSPITALIZATIONS DUE TO COVID. AND
13 IN A THIRD STUDY DESCRIBING AN OUTBREAK INVOLVING A VIRAL
14 COVID VARIANT AT A KENTUCKY CARE HOME, BEING FULLY VACCINATED
15 REDUCED SYMPTOMATIC INFECTION BY 87% IN BOTH THE RESIDENTS
16 AND THE WORKERS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THESE STUDIES, WHICH
17 COMPLEMENT THAT DATA WE HAVE ON THE STEEP DECLINE IN CASES
18 AMONG THOSE AT SELECT WORK SITES WHERE THERE ARE HIGHER RATES
19 OF VACCINATION. WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. BECAUSE IN
20 L.A. COUNTY, WE DO HAVE OUR VERY OWN EVIDENCE OF THE
21 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VACCINE, AND WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE
22 WHICH SHOWS THIS RAPID DECLINE IN COVID CASES AMONG HEALTHCARE
23 WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDER FROM A PEEK OF NEARLY 2,000 CASES
24 THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND, THIS IS WHEN
25 CASES WERE SURGING IN L.A. COUNTY, TO VERY FEW CASES OVER THE

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1 PAST FOUR MONTHS. AND AS YOU KNOW, HEALTHCARE WORKERS WERE
2 AMONG THE FIRST L.A. COUNTY WORKERS TO BE VACCINATED WITH MANY
3 FULLY PROTECTED BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY. AND YOU CAN SEE THE
4 CORRESPONDING DROP IN CASES THAT STARTED IN FEBRUARY,
5 REFLECTING THESE HIGH RATES OF VACCINATION. AND NOW IF WE CAN
6 GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE, I WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE YOU ON OUR
7 CURRENT -- WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE AFTER THIS. I WOULD LIKE
8 TO UPDATE YOU ON OUR CURRENT EFFORTS -- WE CAN GO ONE MORE
9 SLIDE. THANK YOU. OUR CURRENT OVERALL EFFORTS TO VACCINATE
10 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. AS OF MAY 14TH, WE HAVE ADMINISTERED
11 MORE THAN 9 MILLION DOSES OF THE VACCINE IN THE COUNTY. OF
12 THESE, MORE THAN 5.3 MILLION WERE FIRST DOSES, AND MORE THAN
13 3.6 MILLION WERE SECOND DOSES. AS OF MAY 14TH, 47% OF L.A.
14 COUNTY RESIDENTS 16 PLUS HAVE RECEIVED TWO DOSES OF THE
15 VACCINE, AND 61% HAVE RECEIVED FIRST DOSES. ON THE NEXT SLIDE,
16 YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE THE PROGRESS WE'RE
17 MAKING VACCINATING SENIORS. 84% OF ALL SENIORS HAVE RECEIVED
18 AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE AND 70% ARE NOW FULLY
19 VACCINATED. WE CONTINUE TO MAKE STRIDES REDUCING GAPS IN
20 VACCINATION RATES AMONGST THOSE 65 PLUS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS
21 STILL SIGNIFICANT ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT TO INCREASE VACCINATION
22 AMONG BLACK AND LATINX SENIORS. 63% OF BLACK SENIORS AND 66%
23 OF LATINX SENIORS HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE
24 VACCINE. AND THIS COMPARES TO 77% OF ASIAN SENIORS AND 79% OF
25 WHITE SENIORS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MANY PARTNERS AND

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1 COMMUNITY LEADERS THAT HAVE DONE THE HARD WORK OF IMPROVING
2 VACCINATION RATES AMONG THE HIGHEST RISK OLDER POPULATIONS IN
3 OUR HARD HIT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND WE WILL CONTINUE
4 SUPPORTING THESE EFFORTS TO REACH RESIDENTS WITH LOWER
5 VACCINATION RATES. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE BECAUSE WE ARE
6 ALSO LOOKING CLOSELY AT VACCINATION RATES AMONG YOUNGER
7 RESIDENTS. YOUNGER PEOPLE, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE NOT BEEN ELIGIBLE
8 FOR VACCINATIONS AS LONG AS THOSE OVER 65, SO WE ARE NOT
9 SURPRISED TO SEE OVERALL LOWER RATES OF VACCINATIONS. BUT WHAT
10 IS VERY DISTURBING ARE THE LARGE GAPS THAT WE SEE IN THE
11 VACCINATION RATES TO DATE. 37% OF BLACK AND 41% OF LATINX
12 RESIDENTS AGE 12 PLUS HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE
13 COMPARED TO 57% OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE, 60% OF
14 WHITE RESIDENTS, AND 67% OF ASIAN RESIDENTS. WE NEED TO CLOSE
15 THESE GAPS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND I WILL TALK ABOUT
16 STRATEGIES FOR ACCELERATING THIS EFFORT. WE CAN GO ON TO THE
17 NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE
18 VACCINATION RATES AMONG TEENS SINCE THIS IS A NEWLY ELIGIBLE
19 GROUP. NOW ON THIS SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE OUR EARLY NUMBERS. WE
20 ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE A GREAT TURN OUT AMONGST TEENS 12 TO 15
21 YEARS OLD STARTING LATE ON THURSDAY AND THROUGH THE WEEKEND.
22 AS OF LATE FRIDAY NIGHT, ALMOST 16,000 12 TO 15 YEAR OLDS HAD
23 BEEN VACCINATED. THAT'S IN JUST TWO DAYS OF THIS GROUP'S
24 VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY. IN FACT, BETWEEN THURSDAY AND SUNDAY,
25 6500 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 15 WERE VACCINATED

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1 JUST ACROSS OUR EIGHT COUNTY RUN SITES. NOW, WE DO HAVE ALMOST
2 500,000 12 TO 15 YEAR OLDS IN L.A. COUNTY, SO AGAIN WE HAVE A
3 LOT OF PEOPLE THAT STILL NEED TO GET VACCINATED. I'M ALSO
4 HAPPY TO REPORT THAT 16 AND 17-YEAR-OLDS HAVE CONTINUED TO GET
5 VACCINATED AT A DECENT PACE. OVER 95,000 TEENS IN THIS AGE
6 GROUP, OR 38% OF ALL 16 TO 17-YEAR-OLDS COUNTY WIDE, HAVE
7 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE VACCINATION. THE NEXT SLIDE. WE CAN TAKE
8 THE NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY
9 MADE THE EFFORT TO GET VACCINATED, AND IN PARTICULAR, I WANT
10 TO THANK THE MANY PARENTS AND TEENS THAT ARE NOW SHOWING UP TO
11 GET VACCINATED. AT OUR OVERLAWN PARK SITE ON SATURDAY WHERE I
12 WAS WORKING, THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF TEENS THAT SHOWED UP TO
13 GET THEIR FIRST DOSE. MANY RELIEVED AND SOME WHO WERE SCARED
14 BUT DETERMINED TO GET BACK TO DOING ACTIVITIES THEY SO MISSED
15 THIS PAST YEAR. I KNOW THAT FOR MANY, THIS IS A HARD DECISION,
16 AND I ENCOURAGE THOSE NOT YET SURE ABOUT WHEN AND IF TO GET
17 VACCINATED TO TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO
18 ALREADY GOT VACCINATED. MANY OF THE FEARS ARE BASED ON FALSE
19 INFORMATION CIRCULATING WIDELY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, INCLUDING
20 THAT THE VACCINES ARE LINKED TO INFERTILITY OR THAT IF YOU ARE
21 VACCINATED, YOU WILL MAKE OTHERS SICK. NEITHER OF THESE IS
22 POSSIBLE. THESE VACCINES DO NOT EFFECT FERTILITY, NOR CAN
23 SOMEONE GET SIX FROM YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE VACCINATED.
24 THERE IS NO COVID VIRUS, DEAD OR ALIVE, IN ANY OF THESE
25 VACCINES. AND WHILE WE CELEBRATE EVERYONE WHO HAS GOTTEN

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1 VACCINATED, WE HAVE SEEN A SERIOUS DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
2 FOLKS GETTING VACCINATED. LAST WEEK BETWEEN MAY 8TH AND THE
3 14TH, WE ADMINISTERED ONLY ABOUT 370,000 DOSES ACROSS THE
4 ENTIRE COUNTY NETWORK. AND THAT'S COMPARED TO 530,000 DOSES
5 THAT WERE ADMINISTERED JUST TWO WEEKS EARLIER, APRIL 24TH
6 THROUGH THE 30TH. NOW OF COURSE THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL OF
7 THE DOSES THAT ARE ADMINISTERED AT PHARMACY AND CLINIC SITES
8 ARE PARTNERING DIRECTLY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER,
9 THESE SITES ARE ALSO REPORTING DECLINES. GIVEN THIS REALITY,
10 AND THE ONGOING NEED TO INCREASE VACCINATION RATES AMONGST
11 BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS, OUR FOCUS HAS SHIFTED TO
12 ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO GETTING VACCINATED AND BUILDING
13 CONFIDENCE IN THE VACCINES. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS MAP, THIS
14 WEEK, THERE ARE 755 SITES THAT ARE OFFERING VACCINATIONS,
15 INCLUDING PHARMACIES, CLINICS, COMMUNITY SITES, AND HOSPITALS.
16 THE PALE GREEN AREAS ON THIS MAP INDICATE THE ZIP CODES WHERE
17 INADEQUATE HOUSING, ECONOMIC INSTABILITY, AND OTHER FACTORS
18 HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO LOWER LEVELS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH. AND YOU
19 CAN SEE THAT MANY OF OUR VACCINATION SITES ARE CONCENTRATED IN
20 THESE AREAS, WHICH HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. WE
21 WANT TO MAKE EXTREMELY EASY TO GET VACCINE IF YOU LIVE IN
22 THESE COMMUNITIES. AT MANY OF THESE SITES, INCLUDING ALL OF
23 THE EIGHT COUNTY RUN SITES, ALL OF THE L.A. CITY RUN SITES,
24 ALMOST EVERY MOBILE SITE, AND ALMOST ALL OF THE COMMUNITY
25 SITES, YOU CAN NOW GET VACCINATED WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT. MANY

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1 OF THESE SITES ARE OPEN ON WEEKENDS, AND MANY HAVE EVENING
2 HOURS. ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON
3 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. AND IF WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU
4 CAN SEE THE MAP OF OUR MOBILE TEAMS. WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT
5 IS TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS THAT ARE
6 ABLE TO TAKE VACCINES INTO NEIGHBORHOODS TO REACH PEOPLE WHO
7 MAY HAVE LIMITED ABILITY OR TIME TO GET TO ONE OF THE
8 ESTABLISHED VACCINATIONS SITES. THESE TEAMS HAVE SET UP
9 ONGOING DAILY SITES TO PROVIDE VACCINES ON A WALK IN BASIS AT
10 PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS METRO STATIONS, FOOD MARKETS, SHOPPING
11 MALLS, AND PARKS. MOBILE TEAMS ARE POPPING UP AT CHURCHES,
12 WORK SITES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS. ON THIS MAP, THE
13 PALE GREEN AREAS AGAIN INDICATE OUR HARD HIT COMMUNITIES, AND
14 THE BLUE MARKERS INDICATE THE 188 SITES ARE MOBILE TEAMS WILL
15 BE OFFERING VACCINATIONS THIS WEEK. AND YOU'LL NOTE THAT THESE
16 ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE HIGHER NEED, HARDER HIT AREAS. TO
17 REQUEST A MOBILE TEAM AT YOUR JOB SITE OR AT A COMMUNITY
18 EVENT, IT IS PRETTY EASY. YOU CAN GO TO VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM.
19 CLICK ON THE PINK LINK THAT SAYS FIND A VACCINATION PROVIDER
20 FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION. WE WILL BE ABLE TO THEN CONNECT YOU TO
21 A PROVIDER TO HELP OUT AT A COMMUNITY EVENT OR AT A WORK SITE.
22 IF WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE ARE ALSO HAVE
23 SOME DEDICATED STRATEGIES THAT WE WANT TO USE TO VACCINATE
24 YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 12 TO 17. AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE
25 PARTNERS THAT ARE SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT. WE CAN GO TO THE

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1 NEXT SLIDE. PARENT ARE ACCUSTOMED TO VACCINATING THEIR
2 CHILDREN AT PEDIATRICIANS' OFFICES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY
3 CENTERES, WHERE THEY OFTEN KNOW AND TRUST THE HEALTHCARE
4 PROVIDERS THEY SEE. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP MAXIMIZE THESE SITES
5 CAPACITY TO DELIVER THE COVID VACCINE, AND, AS THE WARMER
6 MONTHS ARRIVE, TO EXPAND VACCINATION EFFORTS FOR TEENS BY
7 GOING TO PARKS, DAY CAMPS, AND OTHER PLACES WHERE TEENS ARE
8 SPENDING THEIR SUMMERS. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE 43
9 SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED IN THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES IN THE
10 COUNTY. AND THIS INCLUDES L.A. U.S.D. OUR STRATEGY WITH THE
11 SCHOOLS HAS TWO PARTS. THE FIRST INVOLVES ORGANIZING SCHOOLS
12 SITE POP UP CLINICS. AND THE SECOND INVOLVES ONBOARDING
13 EXISTING SCHOOL BASED CLINICS AND SCHOOL BASED PROVIDERS AS
14 COVID VACCINE PROVIDERS. AND AS YOU KNOW, L.A. U.S.D. IS
15 PLANNING TO SEND MOBILE TEAMS TO OVER 150 SCHOOL SITES
16 STARTING NEXT WEEK. AND THERE ARE OTHER SCHOOLS AS WELL THAT
17 ARE SPONSORING MOBILE TEAMS DAILY. ALL OF THESE SITES DO WORK
18 CLOSELY WITH US, AND WE FEEL EXTRAORDINARILY GRATEFUL TO HAVE
19 SO MUCH SUPPORT FOR THESE EFFORTS. WE ARE ALSO ONBOARDING
20 SCHOOL BASED CLINICS SO THAT THEY CAN DELIVER THE PFIZER
21 VACCINE. AND THERE ARE 18 SCHOOL BASED CLINIC THATS HAVE BEGUN
22 VACCINATING, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE BETWEEN 100 AND 500
23 VACCINES A DAY NOT JUST TO TEENS IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING BUT
24 ALSO TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS NEAR THE SCHOOLS.
25 ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE 12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE LICENSED

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1 SCHOOL NURSES, WHO HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROVIDING
2 THE VACCINE. PUBLIC HEALTH IS ACTIVELY ENGAGING THESE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS AND ONBOARDING THEM SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
4 PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE TO STUDENTS AND AGAIN AS WELL TO
5 PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I DO WANT TO EXTEND MY DEEP
6 APPRECIATION TO THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THE
7 SCHOOLS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE HEALTHCARE PARTNERS
8 THAT ARE HOLDING VACCINE CLINICS BECAUSE THEY ARE MAKING
9 ENORMOUS EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT, AGAIN, IT IS EASY FOR
10 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ESPECIALLY THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT
11 HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT, TO GET THEIR CHILDREN AND THEMSELVES
12 VACCINATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I WANT TO NOTE AND ALSO
13 THANK THE L.A. COUNTY AND L.A. CITY PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENTS,
14 THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ALLIANCE, AND THE Y.M.C.A. BECAUSE WE
15 ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM IN BOTH AT EDUCATING
16 FAMILIES AND TEENS ABOUT THE VACCINES BUT ALSO PROVIDING
17 VACCINATION OPPORTUNITIES IN COOPERATION WITH THEIR SUMMER
18 PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION TO THE 196 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
19 CENTERS THAT ARE ALREADY PROVIDING VACCINES IN L.A. COUNTY'S
20 HARD HIT COMMUNITIES, WE ARE ASSISTING PRIVATE PRACTICE
21 CLINICIANS ENROLL IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL VACCINATION
22 PROGRAM. RECENTLY, WE JUST ONBOARDED 12 MEDICAL PRACTICES,
23 FOUR URGENT CARE CENTERS, FOUR VACCINES FOR CHILDREN SITES,
24 AND FOUR MOBILE VACCINE PROVIDERS, WHO WERE JUST APPROVED TO
25 RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER THE PFIZER VACCINE TO TEENS. WE ARE

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1 CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO 66 ADDITIONAL LARGE PEDIATRIC CLINICS
2 AND PRACTICES TO ASSESS THEIR INTERESTS TO BE ABLE TO CONDUCT
3 THE SITE VISITS AND HOPEFULLY APPROVE THEIR CLINICAL SITES AS
4 PLACES WHERE FAMILIES AND TEENS CAN GET THE VACCINE FROM THEIR
5 OWN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS
6 POSSIBLE FOR TEENS TO ACCESS THE PFIZER VACCINES. AND WE ARE
7 GOING TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DO THE SAME
8 ANY WAY WE CAN. AND I WILL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE SECOND
9 PART OF THE WORK THAT'S AHEAD IS TO IMPROVE CONFIDENCE IN THE
10 VACCINE. AND TO DO THAT, WE ARE CONTINUING TO COLLABORATE WITH
11 AMAZING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TRUSTED LEADERS
12 WORKING HARD AT ENGAGING RESIDENTS AGAIN IN SOME OF OUR HARD
13 HIT COMMUNITIES. THEY PROVIDE UPDATED COVID-19 HEALTH
14 INFORMATION, AND THEY HAVE BEEN CONNECTING RESIDENTS TO
15 VACCINATION RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT. THIS SLIDE
16 SUMMARIZES SOME OF THESE EFFORTS. THROUGH OUR FAITH BASED
17 INITIATIVE, WE HAVE CONDUCTED OVER 125 FAITH BASED CLINICS,
18 FAITH BASED -- WE BROUGHT ABOUT 125 CLINICS TO FAITH BASED
19 ORGANIZATIONS. AND OVER 24,000 VACCINE DOSES HAVE BEEN
20 ADMINISTERED THROUGH THIS EFFORT SINCE MID MARCH. IN
21 PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS INCORPORATED, WE
22 ARE CONTINUING OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER OUTREACH
23 INITIATIVE, AND WE ARE FUNDING 13 TO 16 COMMUNITY BASED
24 ORGANIZATIONS WITH A TOTAL OF \$18 MILLION TO SUPPORT THEIR
25 HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WHO, AGAIN, ARE ABLE TO

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1 GO OUT AND CONDUCT COVID-19 OUTREACH IN THESE HARD HIT
2 COMMUNITIES AND LINK RESIDENTS WITH GOOD INFORMATION AND MAKE
3 SURE THEY ARE CONNECTED TO OUR VACCINATION SITES. MANY OF OUR
4 POP UP CLINICS YOU WILL SEE HAVE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
5 ALIGNED WITH THEM SO THAT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AT
6 THOSE SITES CAN ALSO PROVIDE GOOD INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS. WE
7 ALSO HAVE THE VACCINE EQUITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT, WHERE WE
8 FUNDED 41 ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, FOR A
9 TOTAL OF \$15 MILLION. AND AGAIN, WE ALSO HAVE A COMMUNITY
10 EQUITY FUND, WHERE WE FUNDED 29 BASED ORGANIZATIONS. I CAN'T
11 THANK ENOUGH THE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THEY REACH OUT
12 TO RESIDENTS. THEY HELP SET UP THE MOBILE SITES. THEY PROVIDE
13 GOOD INFORMATION. THEY ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND THEY CONNECT WITH
14 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO MAKE IT VERY EASY ACROSS OUR
15 COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD INFORMATION, AND
16 MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO GETTING THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. THROUGH
17 THE GRASS ROOTS GRANTS FOR VACCINE EQUITY FUND, WE ARE ALSO
18 GOING TO BE ABLE TO OFFER \$5,000 MICRO GRANTS TO A WHOLE RANGE
19 OF C.B.O.S AND FAITH BASE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
20 FACILITATING VACCINATION EFFORTS. THESE GRANTS, AGAIN, HELP AN
21 ORGANIZATION THAT'S SPONSORING A VACCINATION SITE PROVIDE
22 OUTREACH, CONTACT TRACING, AND SYSTEM NAVIGATION TO OUR
23 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOST IMPACTED BY COVID-19. IT IS
24 THROUGH THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF OUR PARTNER
25 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ARE SEEING THESE REAL IMPROVEMENTS IN

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1 THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES ACROSS
2 L.A. COUNTY, AND I APPLAUD ALL THEIR EFFORTS. I DO WANT TO END
3 MY PRESENTATION AND WE CAN GO ON TO THE LAST SLIDE BY NOTING
4 THE IMPORTANCE OF ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS THAT MANY OF OUR
5 RESIDENTS HAVE ABOUT THE VACCINES. AND IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT
6 SLIDE, YOU SEE WE ARE HOSTING TONIGHT A LIVE VIRTUAL VACCINE
7 TOWN HALL WHERE WE ARE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
8 VACCINE, INCLUDING QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE ABOUT
9 VACCINATING TEENS 12 AND OLDER. IT'S GEARED TOWARD PARENTS AND
10 TEENS. IT TAKES PLACE AT 6:00 P.M. ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
11 CHANNELS, INCLUDING TWITTER, FACEBOOK, AND YOUTUBE. AND I HOPE
12 THAT MANY OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN DR. DAVIS, OUR HEALTH
13 OFFICER, THE L. A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT,
14 DR. DEBRA DUARDO, AND DR. YEVENY, DR. GONZALES, AND DR. SHAW,
15 WHO WILL BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE AND ANSWER
16 ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS. WE DO LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING MORE
17 PEOPLE VACCINATED, SEEING MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED BECAUSE THIS
18 ALLOWED US TO CONTINUE OUR GREAT PROGRESS. THANK YOU AGAIN,
19 AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S
20 PRESENTATION.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. DR. CHRISTINA GHALY,
23 PLEASE.

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1 **DR. GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.
2 THANKS FOR THE CHANCE TO SHARE BRIEFLY ABOUT D.H.S.'S
3 ACTIVITIES. OUR COVID CENSUS REMAINS LOW AND OUR HOSPITALS
4 AND CLINICS ARE CONTINUING THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING PATIENTS
5 BACK IN FOR THE SERVICES THAT WERE HOLD ON HOLD DURING THE
6 SURGE. VACCINATION EFFORTS ARE ONGOING, AND I WILL SHARE NOW
7 JUST A BRIEF STATUS ON THOSE EFFORTS THAT ARE ACCOMPANIED BY
8 THE SLIDES THAT WERE SENT TO YOU YESTERDAY. OVERALL VACCINE
9 VOLUME IS AT APPROXIMATELY 170,000 DOSES. THE LION'S SHARE OF
10 THOSE ARE FOR D.H.S. PATIENTS, PEOPLE THAT WE SEE IN PRIMARILY
11 OUTPATIENT SETTINGS. THE RACIAL MIX OF THOSE PATIENTS IS SHOWN
12 ON SLIDE THREE, AND IT HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE OVER THE
13 LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. TO DATE, OF THOSE PATIENTS THAT ARE
14 VACCINATED BY D.H.S., 70% IDENTIFY AT LATINX, 9% AS BLACK OR
15 AFRICAN AMERICAN, 7% AS ASIAN, 4% AS WHITE, AND 11% AS OTHER.
16 WE ALSO TRACK DATA ON THE PERCENT OF OUR PATIENTS WHO HAVE
17 BEEN VACCINATED. AND THE DATA IS CURRENT AS OF MAY 13TH. AND
18 AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED A VACCINATION, THE DATA IS
19 CURRENT -- SORRY, AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED A VACCINATION
20 FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE OF D.H.S., THAT DATA IS CURRENT AS OF
21 APRIL 30TH. THE LAG ON THAT IS DUE TO THE MANUAL WORK THAT IS
22 REQUIRED TO DO A DATA MATCH BETWEEN THE D.H.S. ELECTRONIC
23 HEALTH RECORD AND THE CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY. SO WE
24 ARE ONLY ABLE TO DO A UPDATE DATE EVERY MONTH. IT IS VERY
25 LABOR INTENSIVE TO DO, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE BEEN

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1 ABLE TO DO A MATCH AND IDENTIFY WHETHER OUR PATIENTS AND THE
2 EXTENT TO WHICH PATIENTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED BY SITES OUTSIDE
3 OF D.H.S. SO THIS DATA INCLUDES IN D.H.S. VACCINATIONS AS WELL
4 AS OUTSIDE. YOU CAN SEE FIRST ON SLIDE FOUR FOR THOSE OVER AGE
5 16, OR 16 AND OVER, AND THEN ON SLIDE, SLIDE FIVE, FOR THOSE
6 AGE 65 AND OVER, THE RATES OF VACCINATION. AS YOU WILL SEE ON
7 SLIDE FOUR, THE HIGHEST RATES ARE AMONG OUR ASIAN PATIENTS.
8 THOSE ARE RUNNING AT ABOUT 60%. HISPANIC AND LATINO PATIENTS
9 ARE RUNNING IN THE 40 TO 50 PERCENT RANGE. OUR WHITE PATIENTS
10 AT APPROXIMATELY 40%. AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC
11 ISLANDER PATIENTS RANGING FROM 30 TO 40% DEPENDING ON GENDER.
12 AND THE LOWEST RATE OF VACCINATIONS ARE AMONG OUR BLACK AND
13 AFRICAN-AMERICAN PATIENTS AMONG THOSE AGE 16 AND OVER, WHICH
14 IS AT 30%. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE RATES OF VACCINATION ARE
15 SIMILAR AMONG OUR PATIENTS BY GENDER. THOUGH THE RATES ARE
16 NOTICEABLY LOWER AMONG LATINO MEN AND AMONG PACIFIC ISLANDER
17 MEN. BUT OUTSIDE OF THOSE TWO RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, IN
18 GENERAL, THE RATES ARE SIMILAR BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AMONG
19 ASIAN, BLACK, AND WHITE POPULATIONS. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
20 FIVE, YOU WILL SEE THE SAME DATA BUT FOR THOSE OTHER AGE 65.
21 AND OBVIOUSLY, THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE
22 MUCH, MUCH LONGER AND SO THE NUMBERS ARE HIGHER. THEY ARE MORE
23 EVEN ACROSS THE BOARD, THOUGH THE RATES STILL CONTINUE TO BE
24 HIGHEST AMONG OUR ASIAN PATIENTS AND LOWEST AMONG OUR BLACK
25 AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN PATIENTS WHERE THE NUMBER IS AT ABOUT

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1 55%. AND THEN IT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD FOR OUR
2 HISPANIC, WHITE, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PATIENTS. OF NOTE, THE
3 TRENDS AND VACCINATION RATES BY GENDER AMONG D.H.S. PATIENTS
4 AREN'T REALLY AS CLEAR. THEY ARE NOT AS CLEARLY SPLIT WITH
5 MOST RACIAL GROUPS HAVING FAIRLY SIMILAR RATES OF VACCINATION
6 RATES ACROSS GENDER ONCE YOU LOOK AT THIS AGE 65 PLUS. GOING
7 TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE SIX, WE WILL SHIFT TO POPULATIONS,
8 OTHER POPULATIONS WHERE D.H.S. PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN ROLLING
9 OUT VACCINATION EFFORTS. SLIDE SIX FOCUSES ON PERSONS
10 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THE STAFF THAT SERVE THEM, WHERE
11 D.H.S. HAS A ROLE IN VACCINATING THIS POPULATION. THERE'S MANY
12 OTHER PARTNERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, THAT ALSO HAVE A ROLE IN
13 VACCINATING PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO THE DATA
14 HERE DOES NOT REPRESENT P.E.H. VACCINATION RATES OVERALL IN
15 THE COUNTY. IT JUST REPRESENTS D.H.S.'S ACTIVITY THROUGH
16 HOUSING FOR HEALTH IN DOING SO. NOTABLY, APPROXIMATELY 11,600
17 VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO DATE AMONG THIS POPULATION.
18 ABOUT TWO-THIRDS AMONG CLIENTS AND ONE THIRD AMONG STAFF. THIS
19 SIDE OF THE VACCINATIONS IS FAIRLY EVENLY SPLIT STILL BETWEEN
20 ENCAMPMENTS AND SHELTERED SETTINGS. SLIDE 7 SHOWS THE S.P.A.
21 BREAKDOWN, AND THE RACIAL BREAKDOWN OF VACCINATIONS PROVIDED.
22 WHEN COMPARING THE VACCINATIONS THAT ARE PROVIDED BY HOUSING
23 FOR HEALTH STAFF IN COMPARISON WITH THE OVERALL RACIAL
24 BREAKDOWN AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, YOU CAN SEE
25 THAT THE VACCINATION RATES ARE NOTICEABLY LOWER AMONG BLACK

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1 AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLIENTS AND AMONG WHITE CLIENTS AND MUCH
2 HIGHER AMONG LATINX CLIENTS. FINALLY, ON SLIDE SEVEN, SHOWS
3 THE EFFORT TO VACCINATE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS. THIS DATA IS CURRENT AS OF MAY 12TH.
5 AS OF THAT DATE, THERE HAD BEEN A TOTAL OF 10,500 VACCINATIONS
6 PROVIDED WITH OVER 5,000 INDIVIDUALS FULLY VACCINATED. THE
7 OVERALL VACCINATION ACCEPTANCE RATE HAS HELD VERY STEADY AT
8 JUST OVER 50%. INDIVIDUALS ARE OFFERED THE VACCINATION AT
9 EITHER ENTRY TO THE JAIL IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER OR IN
10 THEIR HOUSING UNITS. MULTIPLE OFFERS ARE MADE FOR INDIVIDUALS
11 WHO MAY INITIALLY DECLINE THE VACCINATION, AND ANY INDIVIDUAL
12 AT ANY TIME CAN RECEIVE THE VACCINATION IF THEY CHANGE THEIR
13 MIND IF THEY JUST MAKE A HEALTH SERVICES REQUEST. I WILL CLOSE
14 THERE. I JUST WANT TO REALLY REITERATE SOME OF DR. FERRER'S
15 POINTS ABOUT REALLY ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO GET VACCINATED,
16 TO SEEK OUT ACCURATE INFORMATION ON VACCINATIONS. VACCINATIONS
17 ARE SAFE. THEY ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, AND THERE'S REALLY A LOT
18 OF MISINFORMATION THAT IS OUT THERE ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES, ON
19 FACEBOOK, ON TWITTER, ABOUT THE VACCINATION NOT BEING SAFE,
20 ABOUT IT BEING A LIVE VIRUS OR DEAD VIRUS. THAT IS NOT TRUE.
21 ABOUT THE VACCINATION CAUSING INFERTILITY WHICH DR. FERRER
22 MENTIONED, OR OTHER LONG LASTING CONSEQUENCES, AND THERE'S
23 JUST NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THAT IS TRUE AND NO REASON TO
24 BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE. THESE VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN
25 IN LITERALLY MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, AND THEY

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1 ARE HIGHLY SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. AND THEY'RE REALLY THE BEST WAY
2 TO TRY TO GET US ALL PROTECTED, TO GET OURSELVES PROTECTED,
3 OUR FAMILIES PROTECTED, AND GET US BACK TO THE POINT WHERE WE
4 CAN ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES THAT WE DID PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC. SO
5 I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO HAVE QUESTIONS TO SEEK OUT RELIABLE
6 SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND FOR PEOPLE HOW HAVE MADE THE
7 DECISION TO GET VACCINATED, PLEASE JUST SHARE YOUR STORY.
8 PLEASE TALK PEOPLE ABOUT WHY YOU MADE THE CHOICE TO GET
9 VACCINATED AND SHARE YOUR STORY BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW HOW
10 MIGHT BENEFIT FROM HEARING THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. THANK YOU BOTH DR.
13 FERRER AND GHALY. I AM GOING TO GO FIRST, AND I WILL SHARE
14 WHAT THE ORDER IS THAT I RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM BOARD
15 MEMBERS. SO SECOND WE WILL GO BARGER, THIRD WILL GO MITCHELL,
16 FOURTH WILL GO HAHN, AND SHEILA KUEHL FIFTH IF SHE WANTS TO
17 ASK QUESTIONS, WHICH I AM ASSUMING SHE WILL. BUT VERY BRIEFLY,
18 THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE
19 HAD IT NOT BEEN THROUGH THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT OF YOUR STAFFS
20 AND OUR PARTNERS, OUR C.B.O.S, AND OUR OTHER FEDERALLY
21 QUALIFIED CLINICS AND ALSO THE ASSISTANCE WE RECEIVED FROM THE
22 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. I DO WANT TO
23 THANK ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AND REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE ARE
24 IN THE YELLOW TIER. BUT I GUESS WE DID HAVE A BUMP IN THE ROAD
25 THIS LAST WEEK WITH C.D.C., DR. WALENSKY COMING OUT AND SAYING

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1 THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO USE MASKS IF WE WERE FULLY VACCINATED,
2 AND THAT, AND THEN SHE WENT BACK AND THEN -- AND WITH A CLOSER
3 EYE, I BELIEVE SHE WAS RIGHT IN IDENTIFYING THAT OBVIOUSLY
4 THERE ARE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS STATE GOVERNMENTS THAT
5 MAY WANT TO CONTINUE TO USE THE MASKS UNTIL ANOTHER TIME, IN
6 OUR CASE JUNE 15TH I BELIEVE THE GOVERNOR IS GOING TO COME OUT
7 WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. AND OBVIOUSLY WE ARE GOING TO WATCH
8 TO SEE WHAT CAL-O.S.H.A. SAYS. AND I AGREE WITH THAT BECAUSE I
9 DO BELIEVE, AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THE DATA I AM SEEING BEFORE
10 US, WE STILL HAVE A FAR HIGH NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND PEOPLE
11 OF ADULT AGE THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED IN SOME OF OUR MOST
12 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. SO I DO COMMEND OUR STAFFS, BOTH OF YOU,
13 FOR WORKING HARD TO GET VACCINES OUT ON THE GROUND AS SOON AS
14 POSSIBLE. AND STILL I'M HEARING SOME CONCERNS FROM OUR
15 COMMUNITY AND WHETHER OR NOT WE DO WHAT WE CAN IN TERMS OF
16 MAKING INFORMATION AVAILABLE, BUT THERE'S STILL FOLKS THAT ARE
17 INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL BE CHARGED OR IF THE
18 VACCINE, WHICH WE KNOW IS NOT TRUE, IT IS FREE. AND THAT SOME
19 PEOPLE IN THE LATINX COMMUNITY ARE STILL RELUCTANT BECAUSE
20 THEY FEEL THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DIVULGE THEIR IMMIGRATION
21 STATUS, WHICH IS NOT TRUE EITHER. I HAVE ALSO GOTTEN CONCERNS
22 OF YOUNGSTERS OR PEOPLE NOW THAT WE HAVE THE 12 THROUGH 15 AGE
23 GROUP COMING IN, WHAT KIND OF CONSENT DO THEY HAVE TO PROVIDE,
24 OR IF THEY GO UP TO ONE OF THESE UNITS, A VACCINE SITE, IS
25 THERE A FORM THERE THAT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FILLS OUT BECAUSE

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1 MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, ARE
2 NOT ABLE TO PRINT OUT A FORM. AND IT WOULD BE GOOD TO BE ABLE
3 TO EXPLAIN TO THEM HOW THAT CAN COME IN TERMS OF PROVIDING
4 CONSENT. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. I LIKE THE FACT THAT WE ARE
5 ALSO GOING TO BE GIVING OUT GRANTS TO DIFFERENT C.B.O.S. I
6 RECALL IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE EARLY ON
7 IN WORKING WITH BLUE SHIELD THAT THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE
8 MILLIONS OF FUNDS AVAILABLE OR SOME PORTION OF MONEY AVAILABLE
9 TO ENCOURAGE SOME OF OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO REALLY STAND
10 UP AND EXPAND THEIR OUTREACH. SO I AM ASSUMING PART OF THE
11 MONEY THAT WAS REPORTED ON BY YOU, DR. FERRER, IS INCLUDED IN
12 THESE OUTREACH EFFORTS. SO AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK OUR FEDERAL
13 GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS OUR STATE GOVERNMENT FOR DOING THAT.
14 JUST A CONCERN THAT I CONTINUE TO HAVE BECAUSE THE PACE FOR
15 LATINX AND OBVIOUSLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUNGSTERS AND ADULTS IS
16 SLOWER, THE PARTICIPATION RATE, AND JUST WANTING TO KNOW HOW
17 QUICKLY WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SEE -- OR WHAT -- MAYBE
18 THIS IS THE BETTER QUESTION, DR. FERRER, FOR YOU. WHEN DO YOU
19 EXPECT US TO REACH IMMUNITY OR SOME FORM OF IMMUNITY IN THE
20 COMING MONTHS WITH RESPECT TO THOSE THAT ARE 12 TO 15 JUST TO
21 KIND OF START THE DISCUSSION? WHAT DOES THAT REALLY LOOK LIKE
22 FOR US?

23
24 **DR. FERRER.:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BOTH FOR
25 YOUR QUESTIONS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE

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1 WORKING HARD, AS YOU KNOW, AND AGAIN GRATEFUL BOTH TO THE
2 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON
3 FUNDING, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY TO ALL OF THE COMMUNITY
4 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OUT THERE EVERY DAY MAKING VACCINES
5 MORE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND, AS YOU NOTED, ACCURATE INFORMATION
6 TO DISPEL A LOT OF THE RUMORS AND FALSE INFORMATION THAT HAS
7 BEEN CIRCULATING. I DON'T KNOW WITH CERTAINTY HOW LONG IT WILL
8 TAKE US TO GET TO 75, 80% OF ELIGIBLE PEOPLE BEING FULLY
9 VACCINATED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I DO KNOW THAT EVERY PERSON
10 THAT GETS VACCINATED GETS US CLOSER TO THAT GOAL. AND THAT FOR
11 SOME PEOPLE, IT MAY TAKE THEM A LITTLE BIT LONGER TO MAKE THE
12 DECISION TO GET VACCINATED THAN FOR OTHERS. AND OUR JOB RIGHT
13 NOW IS REALLY, AS I NOTED, TO BE VERY TRANSPARENT ABOUT THE
14 INFORMATION WE HAVE, TO SHARE IT, AND TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME
15 IN THE COMMUNITIES ANSWERING PEOPLE'S QUESTIONS BECAUSE THERE
16 ARE A LOT OF GOOD QUESTIONS THAT I AM ALWAYS JUST SO RELIEVED
17 WHEN WE HOLD OUR TOWN HALLS OR WE ARE DOING QUESTIONS AND
18 ANSWERS AT COMMUNITY SITES OR WE ARE TRAINING COMMUNITY HEALTH
19 WORKERS, AT THE INTELLIGENT QUESTIONS THAT WE ARE BEING ASKED.
20 THESE ARE ALL THREE NEW VACCINES. THEY ARE UNDER EMERGENCY USE
21 AUTHORIZATION. I THINK EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK THOSE
22 QUESTIONS AND GET THE ANSWERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. IT IS
23 EQUALLY TRUE THAT WE HAVE, AS DR. GHALY NOTED, HUNDREDS OF
24 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AT THIS POINT WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATE
25 ACROSS THE WORLD WITH THESE VACCINES AND JUST MOUNTING

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1 EVIDENCE ABOUT BOTH HOW EFFECTIVE THEY ARE AND HOW SAFE THEY
2 ARE. AND, IN FACT, MUCH OF THE PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING IN THE
3 RECOVERY IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THESE
4 VACCINES AND SO MANY PEOPLE ARE GETTING VACCINATED. WE ARE
5 GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK HARD. WE ARE GOING TO PARTICULARLY
6 EMPHASIZE HAVING MORE AND MORE ACCESS TO THE MOBILE CLINICS
7 THAT CAN SHOW UP AT LOTS OF DIFFERENT PLACES THAT PEOPLE ARE
8 ALREADY GOING TO, COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR EXAMPLE, SHOPPING
9 MALLS, GROCERY STORES, WORK SITES. IT IS PRETTY EASY TO
10 REQUEST A MOBILE TEAM AS YOU CAN SEE. WE HAVE A LOT OF
11 PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE I THINK
12 THAT'S GOING TO BE THE PATH AHEAD IN SOME OF OUR HARD HIT
13 COMMUNITIES IS ACKNOWLEDGING HOW COMPLICATED PEOPLE'S LIVES
14 ARE, AND WE COUPLE THOSE TEAMS WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
15 WHOSE ARE THERE AND CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE
16 ABOUT THE CONFIDENCE THEY MAY OR MAY NOT YET HAVE WITH THE
17 VACCINE. I ALSO DO WANT TO NOTE, WE THINK IT IS VERY POWERFUL
18 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YET VACCINATED TO TALK TO PEOPLE THEY
19 KNOW AND THEY TRUST WHO ARE ALREADY VACCINATED. I THINK LOTS
20 OF PEOPLE WERE SCARED TO GET VACCINATED, AND STILL LOTS OF
21 PEOPLE MADE THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD AND GET VACCINATED
22 BECAUSE THEY WERE ALSO SCARED OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF NOT
23 GETTING VACCINATED. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY,
24 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE POSITIVE FOR COVID, THE PEOPLE WHO
25 UNFORTUNATELY ARE STILL PASSING AWAY, ARE FOR THE MOST PART

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1 ALL OF THEM ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED. AND I
2 THINK THAT STILL REMAINS THE REALITY IS THE VACCINES DO
3 PREVENT AMONG HOSPITALS -- PREVENT US ALL FROM BEING
4 HOSPITALIZED AND DYING, AND THAT REMAINS REALLY IMPORTANT.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. DR. FERRER, JUST ONE LAST QUESTION,
7 GIVEN THAT THE NEWS FROM THE C.D.C. CAME OUT ON FRIDAY, WE HAD
8 A NUMBER OF OUR LOCAL STORES AND AREAS THAT DECIDED FOLKS
9 COULD COME IN AND NOT HAVE TO USE THEIR MASKS, NOT ALL OF OUR
10 RETAIL, BUT SOME OF THEM DID. WHAT ARE WE PREPARED TO DO, AND
11 ARE YOU ISSUING CITATIONS OR FINES? WHAT'S THE SEQUENCE FOR
12 THAT?

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND OUR
15 INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN OUT SINCE THE WEEKEND REALLY JUST GIVING
16 PEOPLE INFORMATION. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT CITING BUSINESSES
17 WHERE WE GO AND WE FIND NO COMPLIANCE WITH MASK WEARING ON
18 THAT FIRST VISIT. THERE IS A LOT OF CONFUSION AS YOU NOTED.
19 AND WE ARE JUST TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE CONFUSION. WE'RE
20 ALSO, OBVIOUSLY WITH THE LARGE CHAINS, WHERE ACTUALLY
21 CORRESPONDING WITH THEIR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS THAT HAVE
22 ALREADY INDICATED THEY UNDERSTAND THAT CALIFORNIA STILL HAS
23 MASK MANDATES, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH ALL OF
24 THEIR STORES THAT ARE AND BUSINESS THAT ARE LOCATED HERE IN
25 L.A. COUNTY TO GET OUT GOOD INFORMATION. I DO WANT TO POINT

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1 OUT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ONE PLACE WHERE THEY HAVE
2 BEEN REGULATING. AND THAT IS THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. AND THEY DID
3 NOT LIFT THE MASK REQUIREMENTS ON THE TRANSIT SYSTEM,
4 RECOGNIZING THAT IN MANY PLACES IT IS STILL REALLY IMPORTANT
5 FOR PEOPLE TO WEAR THEIR MASKS. SO I THINK THERE'S CONFUSION
6 THAT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT THE MESSAGE IS A STRAIGHTFORWARD
7 MESSAGE. PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED HAVE HAD A LOT OF
8 PROTECTION, BUT WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, AND WE HAVE GOT
9 TO GET A LOT MORE PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED SO WE CAN ACTUALLY
10 BE ABLE TO GO INTO STORES AND CROWDED SITUATIONS, WHERE MOST
11 OF THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE VACCINATED AND SO WE HAVE A LOT
12 OF SECURITY THAT, WHEN WE TAKE OFF OUR MASKS, WE AREN'T
13 INADVERTENTLY CREATING A PLACE WHERE THERE CAN BE A LOT OF
14 TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19, WHICH JUST REALLY IMPEDES OUR
15 RECOVERY JOURNEY.

16
17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL GO TO
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY
21 FOR YOUR ONGOING WORK AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. YOU KNOW
22 WE TALKED ABOUT THE VACCINATION, AND YOU HAVE AND ALSO THE
23 BOARD HAS TALKED EXTENSIVELY ABOUT HOW HIGHLY EFFECTIVE THE
24 VACCINES ARE, HOW NOT ONLY HAVE THE VACCINES PROVEN PROTECTIVE
25 AGAINST ANY SEVERE SYMPTOMS OR HOSPITALIZATIONS, BUT ALSO EVEN

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1 PROTECTED AGAINST MODERATE SYMPTOMS IN ALMOST ALL CASES, AS
2 YOU POINT OUT, NOT PEOPLE ENDING UP IN THE HOSPITAL. AND DOSES
3 ARE NOW OUTPACING THE DEMAND, SO CLEARLY WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK
4 TO DO AS IT RELATES TO GETTING THE LAST GROUP THAT EITHER IS
5 HESITANT OR DOESN'T FEEL THEY HAVE ACCESS, THE INFORMATION SO
6 THEY KNOW THEY CAN GET VACCINATED. BUT ONE QUESTIONS THAT I
7 HAVE BEEN ASKED, AND I JUST WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION, FOR
8 THOSE THAT ARE VACCINATED, ARE THEY AT GREAT RISK FROM BRIEF
9 INTERACTIONS WITH THOSE THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED AND MAY NOT
10 BE WEARING MASKS?

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** YES IT IS A SUCH GOOD QUESTION, AND THANK YOU
13 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. PEOPLE WHO
14 ARE FULLY VACCINATED, YOU HAVE GOT LIKE A SUIT OF ARMOR ON,
15 FRANKLY. AND THE ISSUE REALLY ISN'T HOW WORRIED ARE WE ABOUT
16 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE, IN FACT,
17 HAVE A LOT OF PROTECTION NOT JUST AGAINST GETTING HOSPITALIZED
18 AND DYING, WHICH IS OF COURSE OF SUCH RELIEF TO THOSE OF US
19 WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED, BUT IT TURNS OUT YOU HAVE A LOT OF
20 PROTECTION AROUND EVEN GETTING INFECTED IN THE FIRST PLACE,
21 WHICH IS SOMETHING WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT
22 FROM THE CLINICAL TRIALS, BUT WE NOW HAVE MORE AND MORE
23 EVIDENCE AS I WAS CITING IN ARTICLES COMING OUT AND RESEARCH
24 STUDIES THAT SHOW VERY, VERY LOW RATES OF INFECTION AMONGST
25 PEOPLE THAT HAVE FULLY VACCINATED WHO HAVE, IN FACT, AS YOU

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1 NOTED, HAD AN EXPOSURE. SO IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND YOU
2 AROUND PEOPLE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED AND UNMASKED, AND IN THAT
3 GROUP THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE INFECTED, YOU, AS A FULLY
4 VACCINATED PERSON, YOU ARE NOT VERY LIKELY, THERE'S A SMALL
5 POSSIBLY, BUT YOU ARE NOT VERY LIKELY TO GET INFECTED. THE
6 PROBLEM IS WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IN THESE GROUP WHO IS
7 VACCINATED AND NOT RIGHT NOW. AND IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
8 INTERMINGLING, AND AS I NOTED 50% ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED,
9 AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE INFECTED THERE WHO ARE NOT
10 WEARING MASKS AND THEY ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED, THEY WILL
11 SPREAD IT TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YET VACCINATED. AND
12 THAT, FOR ALL OF US, CREATES RISK, NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A
13 SLIGHT CHANCE OF GETTING INFECTED IF YOU'RE FULLY VACCINATED,
14 BUT THE MORE THIS VIRUS GETS TRANSMITTED, THE MORE IT CAN
15 MUTATE. AND THE MORE IT MUTATES, THE MORE WE HAVE A RISK OF
16 SEEING SOME OTHER NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN, AND THAT PERHAPS
17 THAT NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN, NOT ONLY IS CAPABLE OF RAPIDLY
18 INFECTING MORE PEOPLE, BUT ALSO MAYBE OUR VACCINES DON'T WORK
19 SO WELL AGAINST THAT NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN. SO THAT'S WHAT WE
20 HAVE TO AVOID. AND THAT'S WHY COLLECTIVELY, WE ARE IN THIS
21 TOGETHER TRYING TO GET PEOPLE MORE VACCINATED, SO AT THESE
22 PLACES WHERE WE CAN'T REALLY TELL WHO IS VACCINATED AND WHO IS
23 NOT, WE DON'T GIVE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY OVER THE NEW FEW WEEKS
24 OF PASSING ON THIS TRANSMISSION TO THOSE THAT ARE NOT YET
25 VACCINATED. I DO FULLY EMBRACE THIS NOTION THAT WE WILL GET TO

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1 JUNE 14TH. WE WILL HAVE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB THESE FOUR
2 WEEKS OF GETTING MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED, AND THEN IT WILL
3 BECOME MUCH SAFER TO BE IN SETTINGS WHERE WE ARE ALL ABLE TO
4 TAKE OFF OUR MASKS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND ACTUALLY THAT LEADS ME TO MY NEXT
7 QUESTION. AND THAT IS THE ISSUE OF HOW DO YOU CONFIRM THOSE
8 THAT ARE VACCINATED VERSES THOSE THAT ARE NOT? AND I THINK
9 THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT EVEN DR. MARK GHALY BROUGHT UP IN TERMS
10 OF THE JUNE 15TH DATE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO PUT SOMETHING
11 TOGETHER THAT WILL BE A VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR THOSE THAT
12 ARE VACCINATED WHEN YOU HAVE VENUES THAT ARE NOW OFFERING
13 AREAS THAT YOU CAN GO SIT IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND
14 ENSURING THERE'S NOT COUNTERFEIT VACCINATION CARDS AND ALL
15 THAT? AND I HOPE THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH THE STATE AS WE ROLL
16 THAT OUT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT EVEN WITHIN L.A. COUNTY WITH OVER
17 10 MILLION RESIDENTS WE HAVE THE LARGEST POPULATION. I THINK
18 THIS IS GOING TOL BE AN ONGOING ISSUE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT
19 THE ANSWER IS AS IT RELATES TO THAT ROLL OUT. DO YOU HAVE ANY
20 THOUGHTS ON THAT?

21

22 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK AGAIN IT IS A GOOD QUESTION. AND WE ARE OF
23 COURSE WORKING WITH THE STATE. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT ALL
24 THE VENUES THAT ARE SETTING UP VACCINATION ONLY SECTIONS. AND
25 I WILL SAY, GIVEN THAT NOBODY IS AT CAPACITY RIGHT NOW, AND

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1 THERE ARE PLENTY OF TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THESE VENUES, WE
2 DON'T REALLY SEE OR HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED A LOT OF PEOPLE BUYING
3 UP THE VACCINATION SEATS WHO ACTUALLY AREN'T VACCINATED. WE
4 HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY ON A PILOT PROJECT WITH THE FOLKS AT
5 DODGER STADIUM WHO HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB ON ACTUALLY ASSESSING
6 VERIFICATION AND THEN SEEING HOW MANY PEOPLE COME THROUGH WITH
7 THESE VACCINATION ONLY SECTION TICKETS THAT REALLY DON'T HAVE
8 PROOF OF VACCINATION. AND IT IS LESS THAN 2%. SO I DO WANT TO
9 THANK THE PUBLIC, THANK THE LARGE VENUES THAT ARE ALREADY
10 EXPERIENCING THIS NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE VERIFICATION, BUT I
11 WANT TO SAY THE WAY IT IS BEING DONE RIGHT NOW IS VERY TIME
12 CONSUMING BECAUSE AS YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR, IT ISN'T LIKE
13 THERE'S ONE PROOF OF VACCINATION YOU SHOW. THERE ARE A LOT OF
14 DIFFERENT WAYS THAT YOU CAN ESTABLISH THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
15 VACCINATED. YOU HAVE YOUR WHITE CARDS. SOME OF YOU HAVE
16 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE HEALTH
17 LANA THAT GIVES YOU A DIGITAL RECORDS. SOME PEOPLE ARE COMING
18 IN WITH JUST A DOCTOR'S RECORD. THEY GOT VACCINATED AT THEIR
19 DOCTOR'S OFFICES. AND SO THERE ISN'T JUST ONE THING THAT YOU
20 EASILY SHOW THAT INDICATES YOU HAVE HAD TWO DOSES AND THAT
21 IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS FROM YOUR LAST DOSE, WHICH HAS MADE THIS A
22 LOT MORE COMPLICATED. I THINK AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND AT THE
23 STATE LEVEL, THEY ARE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO FIGURE
24 OUT HOW TO MAKE THIS EASIER SO THAT IT'S NOT A CUMBERSOME
25 PROCESS AND AS THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PLACES THAT MAY NEED TO

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1 DO THAT KIND OF VERIFICATION, WE ARE MAKING THIS EASY, AND WE
2 ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT NOT EVERYONE HAS A CELLPHONE, NOT
3 EVERYONE HAS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD. THE STATE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW
4 TO GET YOUR RECORD OF VACCINATION CAN TAKE UP TO TWO WEEKS. SO
5 I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF PLACES WHERE THERE HAVE TO BE
6 IMPROVEMENTS. AND I ACTUALLY THINK ONE OF THE SENSIBLE MOVES
7 IS TO GIVE OURSELVES A FEW WEEKS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE WE
8 GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS VERIFICATION ISSUE.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT. BUT BASED ON WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THOSE
11 THAT ARE VACCINATED BASICALLY HAVE HAD A SUIT OF ARMOR. THOSE
12 THAT ARE NOT GETTING VACCINATED THAT ARE PUTTING THEMSELVES IN
13 POSITIONS TO BE EXPOSED ARE REALLY PUTTING THEMSELVES AT RISK
14 NOT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. CORRECT? SO WHEN THEY GO
15 INTO THAT AREA AND THEY ARE NOT VACCINATED, THEY ACTUALLY ARE
16 PUTTING THEMSELVES IN JEOPARDY BASED ON WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT
17 THE FACT THAT THOSE THAT ARE VACCINATED BASICALLY HAVE A SUIT
18 OF ARMOR.

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** THEY HAVE A SUIT OF ARMOR AGAINST THE VIRUS AND
21 THE VARIANTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY CIRCULATING. BUT BECAUSE,
22 AGAIN, NEW VIRUS, NEW VACCINES, IF WE GOT A NEW VARIANT OF
23 CONCERN, BECAUSE THERE'S TOO MUCH TRANSMISSION, AND EVERY TIME
24 THERE IS TRANSMISSION, YOU'VE GOT THESE MUTATIONS, IT COULD

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1 PULL ALL OF US AT RISK, INCLUDING THOSE OF THOSE OF US WHO ARE
2 VACCINATED.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT THOSE THAT
5 ARE DEFRAUDING ARE IN FACT REALLY PUTTING THEMSELVES AT RISK.

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** YES. YES. THAT'S WHY WE HAVEN'T BEEN THAT WORRIED.
8 SO YOU ARE AN UNVACCINATED PERSON. YOU LIED ABOUT YOUR VACCINE
9 STATUS TO GET INTO A VACCINATION ONLY SECTION. YOU'RE AT RISK.
10 THE PEOPLE SITTING AROUND YOU AREN'T FRANKLY AT RISK FROM YOU.
11 AND BY THE WAY, IN ALL OF OUR OUTDOOR AND INDOOR VENUES, YOU
12 DO NEED TO KEEP YOUR MASK ON UNLESS YOU ARE EATING OR
13 DRINKING. SO THERE IS THAT ADDED LAYER OF PROTECTION AT THIS
14 POINT. BUT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. THE RISK IF
15 YOU WERE BEING FRAUDULENT ABOUT THIS IS TO YOURSELF.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** EXACTLY. SO I HAVE NO MORE QUESTIONS OTHER THAN
18 JUST TO SAY, IN TERMS OF THE C.D.C. ANNOUNCEMENT, BETWEEN THE
19 C.D.C. ANNOUNCEMENT, AND THEN QUITE FRANKLY PRESIDENT BIDEN
20 AND VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO REITERATE
21 WHAT THE C.D.C. IS SAYING, MY RESPONSE, AND THE REQUEST TO THE
22 GOVERNOR WAS BECAUSE THERE'S A FRUSTRATION THAT HAS BEEN
23 EXPRESSED BY MANY INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING MYSELF, REGARDING
24 INCONSISTENCIES AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND THE LOCAL LEVELS.
25 AND BASED ON THE C. D.C. RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS BASED ON

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1 SCIENCE, AND I APPLAUD THE STATE FOR SAYING THAT THE JUNE 15TH
2 IS NOT BASED ON SCIENCE, IT IS BASED ON WHAT THEY FEEL IS TIME
3 THAT THEY NEED TO RAMP UP AND GET READY FOR SOME SORT OF
4 REOPENING, AND PUTTING TOGETHER GUIDELINES. I JUST BELIEVE WE
5 NEED CONSISTENCY, AND WHEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE
6 PRESIDENT STAND UP AND C.D.C. MAKES THAT ANNOUNCEMENT, ALBEIT
7 THEY DIDN'T SHARE THAT WITH STATES. I AM TOLD IN FACT STATES
8 WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AS IT RELATED TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT. I
9 JUST THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE TRANSPARENT IN TERMS
10 OF WHAT IS DRIVING THE ISSUES SURROUNDING WEARING MASKS AND
11 NOT WEARING MASKS. AND WHAT I TELL PEOPLE, AND I THINK I AM
12 GOING TO BE ONE OF THEM, REGARDLESS OF WHEN MASKING MANDATES
13 CHANGE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INDIVIDUALS, AND I AM PROBABLY
14 GOING TO BE ONE OF THEM, WILL STILL HAVE THE RIGHT AND WILL
15 WEAR A MASK AND BUSINESSES CAN STILL REQUIRE CUSTOMERS TO WEAR
16 A MASK, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE, THAT EVEN
17 THOUGH WE ARE LIFTING JUNE 15TH THAT GUIDELINE, PEOPLE CAN
18 STILL MAKE THEIR OWN SELF DETERMINATION WHETHER THEY WANT TO
19 CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK OR NOT IF THEY ARE VACCINATED. AND I
20 HOPE THAT MOVING FORWARD THE POLITICS VERSES THE SCIENCE NEED
21 TO BE DISTINGUISHED BECAUSE THE ISSUE THAT THE C.D.C. BROUGHT
22 UP IS BASED ON SCIENCE. AND I AM COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH THE
23 JUNE 15TH DATE BECAUSE THAT IS NOT, AGAIN, BASED ON SCIENCE,
24 THAT IS BASED ON WHAT THE STATE FEELS IS A PROPER TIME THAT
25 THEY NEED TO GET THINGS LIKE THE -- HOW WE ARE GOING TO VERIFY

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1 VACCINATIONS AND GETTING MORE VACCINATION INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS
2 WILL BE IN PLACE. SO THAT IS WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED AND
3 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL WORK WITH. THANK YOU, AND AGAIN
4 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND THANK YOU, DR. DR. GHALY.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, OKAY. NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD
12 AFTERNOON AND WANT TO AGAIN LEND MY VOICE TO MY FOLLOW BOARD
13 MEMBERS AND THANK YOU DOCTORS FERRER AND GHALY FOR, AND YOUR
14 TEAMS, FOR YOUR AMAZING WORK. TO SEE THIS NEW MOBILE TEAM MAP
15 WITH ALL OF THOSE DOTS COUNTY WIDE, IT IS AMAZING HOW FAR WE
16 HAVE COME IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WHEN YOU THINK
17 ABOUT THE NATURE OF OUR CONVERSATION JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO AND
18 THE PAINSTAKING WORK IN TERMS OF TAPPING INTO COMMUNITY,
19 POPPING UP THESE MOBILE SITES. IT HAS CLEARLY MADE A HUGE
20 DIFFERENCE, AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOU. QUICK QUESTION WITH
21 REGARD TO MINORS SEEKING THE VACCINE AND REALLY WANTING TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IN A STRONG POSITION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
23 OF YOUR OUTREACH PLAN AROUND SUMMER CAMPS AND PARKS, ETC. IT
24 IS THE WHOLE MOTION OF PARENTAL PERMISSION. I AM WONDERING IF
25 THERE'S A WAY TO GET A DIGITAL WAIVER WHEN THEY FIRST SIGN UP

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1 SO THAT PARENTS DON'T HAVE TO ACTUALLY ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE
2 VACCINATION SITE, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS GOING TO BE A PART OF
3 A SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITY. I RECOGNIZE THAT HOPEFULLY PARENTS
4 HAVE RETURNED TO WORK. AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF WE HAVE
5 EXPLORED ALL OF OUR OPTIONS TO, OF COURSE, ALLOW FOR PARENTAL
6 CONSENT. I AM NOT ASKING THAT IT'S SUGGESTING TO BE WAIVED,
7 BUT IF WE CAN USE TECHNOLOGY SO IN THE EVENT THE PARENT
8 DOESN'T CHOOSE TO BE THERE BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKING OR
9 WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, THEY DON'T HAVE TO. THEY CAN GIVE
10 THEIR CONSENT IN ANOTHER WAY.

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. THANK YOU, AGAIN,
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. WE DO HAVE -- YES,
14 WE DO HAVE WORKED WITH THE LAWYERS AND THOUGHT THROUGH ALL THE
15 CONSENT ISSUES. SO YES, FOR TEENS, THEY CAN EITHER BE
16 ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OBVIOUSLY IF THEY
17 ARE EMANCIPATED, THEY DON'T NEED TO BE, AND THEY CAN ALSO BE
18 ACCOMPANIED BY JUST A RESPONSIBLE ADULT OR HAVE A RESPONSIBLE
19 ADULT THERE, LIKE A TEACHER OR A CAMP COUNSELOR AS LONG AS
20 THERE'S A CONSENT THAT EITHER ON FILE OR HAS BEEN GIVEN AT
21 THAT MOMENT IN TIME. WE DO HAVE ELECTRONIC CONSENT FORMS. THEY
22 ARE PRETTY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO COMPLETE, AND IT DOES ALLOW AS
23 YOU NOTED IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, PARTICULARLY AT SCHOOLS AND
24 CAMPS, FOR THESE OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULTS TO BE THERE WITH
25 PARENTAL CONSENT THAT DOES ALLOW FOR THOSE YOUNGER PEOPLE TO

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1 GET THEIR VACCINES. SO WE HAVE WORKED THAT OUT. DIFFERENT
2 SITES ARE DOING IT DIFFERENTLY. AND SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARENTS SHOULD CHECK WITH A SITE. THERE ARE
4 SOME PHARMACIES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WILL NOT VACCINATE CHILDREN
5 WITHOUT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN PRESENT, BUT THERE ARE MANY
6 SITES, INCLUDING ALL THE COUNTY SITES AND THE CITY SITES,
7 WHERE WE DO JUST ACCEPT THOSE CONSENT FORMS AS LONG AS THERE'S
8 A RESPONSIBLE ADULT THAT IS ACCOMPANYING THAT CHILD, AND THE
9 SAME HOLDS TRUE AT THE SCHOOLS AND AT THE CAMPS WHERE TEACHERS
10 AND COUNSELORS ARE CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE ADULTS. DID THAT
11 ANSWER THE QUESTION?

12
13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. THAT'S VERY SIMILAR.
14 I REMEMBER MY DAYS OF JUMPING OFF TO SUMMER CAMP, AND YOU HAD
15 TO SIGN A WAIVER AND GIVE PERMISSION IF SOMETHING HAPPENED
16 WHERE TO TAKE YOU AND ALL THAT. SO THAT SEEMS LIKE IT FALLS IN
17 THE SAME KIND OF CATEGORY. THANK YOU. AND JUST ONE FINAL
18 STATEMENT, WITH REGARD TO THE VACCINE VERIFICATION, I AM
19 REALLY HOPING THAT EITHER, PREFERABLY, I THINK THE FEDERAL
20 GOVERNMENT WEIGH IN SO THERE'S SOME CONSISTENCY IN WHAT THE
21 VERIFICATION SYSTEM LOOKS LIKE WHEN YOU RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE
22 ARE GOING TO BEING TO TRAVEL AGAIN, AND IF THERE'S A NATIONAL
23 VERIFICATION SYSTEM, EVEN ONE THAT PERHAPS INDIVIDUALS INPUT
24 THEIR OWN DATA IN, AND IT CAN BE VERIFIED SECONDARILY IN SOME
25 KIND OF WAY TO TRY TO ACKNOWLEDGE H.I.P.A.A. ISSUES, BUT AS

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1 WELL AS A CONCERN AROUND FRAUDULENT VACCINATION CARDS. I JUST
2 REALLY THINK THAT'S WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF REALLY THE
3 WHOLE COUNTRY IS A FEDERAL AT LEAST SOME VERIFICATION OR
4 GUIDELINES THAT WILL HELP US MINIMALLY DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT
5 IS REALLY GOING TO WORK WELL FOR EVERYONE.

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** YES, I AGREE. AND AS YOU HAVE NOTED MOST -- MANY
8 OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE THAT ALREADY. SO IT ISN'T THAT THE
9 TECHNOLOGY IS NOT THERE, IT IS THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE IT YET
10 HERE, BUT THERE ARE MANY PLACES WHERE THEY ARE USING
11 TECHNOLOGY TO HAVE ONE SYSTEM THAT EVERYONE CAN ACCESS. AND
12 THEY HAVE ADDRESSED ISSUES AROUND MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE
13 HAS SOME WAY OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE THAT VERIFICATION.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT'S ALL FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. A LOT OF
20 QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED OF COURSE. I HAVE ONE TO YOU, DR.
21 FERRER. AND LET ME SAY FIRST THAT, TO BOTH YOU AND DR. GHALY,
22 AS YOU LOOK OVER THE SORT OF THE HISTORY IN THIS COUNTY SINCE
23 LATE FEBRUARY OF 2020, THE WORK THAT YOUR DEPARTMENTS, YOUR
24 STAFFS, AND ALL OF YOUR COLLEAGUES AND PARTNERS HAVE PUT IN TO
25 DEAL WITH THIS, A WEEK AT A TIME, WITH SURGES, WITH GETTING

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1 VACCINES OUT, JUST -- IT IS REALLY START OF BEEN AMAZING IN 15
2 MONTHS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HOPE THAT YOU
3 CAN MAKE UP YOUR SLEEP DEFICIT WHEN THIS IS OVER. THE QUESTION
4 I HAD THAT I DON'T THINK WAS ASKED AND ANSWERED YET HAD TO DO
5 WITH, AGAIN WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TERMS OF MASKING. AND I
6 KNOW THE QUESTIONS OF MASKS ARE A LITTLE BIT UP IN THE AIR,
7 BUT NOT FOR US IN THE COUNTY. SO SINCE KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF
8 12 ARE NOT ABLE TO BE VACCINATED YET, BUT I KNOW THAT THEY ARE
9 REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS I WOULD THINK IN SCHOOL AND DAY CARE
10 AND OTHER PLACES, BUT WHAT WOULD BE THE GENERAL MASKING
11 RECOMMENDATION OR REQUIREMENT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LET'S SAY
12 UNDER THE AGE OF 18?

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** YES, IT IS A GREAT QUESTION. SO C.D.C. JUST
15 BECAUSE, AGAIN, THEY CREATED A LITTLE BIT OF -- NOT A LITTLE
16 BIT. THEY CREATED A LOT OF CONFUSION. C.D.C HAS ALREADY ISSUED
17 STATEMENTS ABOUT SCHOOLS AND REEMPHASIZED THAT AT SCHOOLS
18 EVERYONE NEEDS TO WEAR A MASK STILL, VACCINATED OR
19 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, BECAUSE THAT'S A SITE ACTUALLY WHERE MOST
20 OF THE PEOPLE ARE UNVACCINATED, AS YOU NOTED. WHILE WE ARE
21 STARTING TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS WITH TEENAGERS, WE HAVE A LONG
22 WAY TO GO, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF YOUNGER KIDS THAT ARE NOT
23 GOING TO HAVE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO GET VACCINATED. AND THEY ARE
24 GOING TO CONTINUE TO NEED TO WEAR MASKS, AND PEOPLE AROUND
25 THEM ARE GOING TO PROBABLY CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS UNTIL WE ARE

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1 ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE POSE NO RISK
2 TO THIS VERY LARGE GROUP IN A SCHOOL BUILDING OF UNVACCINATED
3 PEOPLE. SO I THINK THAT EVIDENCE WILL MOUNT, BUT FOR RIGHT
4 NOW, CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT CHILDREN NEED TO BE FULLY MASKED. AS
5 WE GET CLOSER I THINK TO JUNE 15TH, THE QUESTIONS ABOUT
6 CHILDREN AT LIKE AT DAY CAMPS, OUTDOORS AT DAY CAMPS, I THINK
7 IT WILL BE MUCH MORE AN OUTDOOR/INDOOR ISSUE. WE ARE WORKING
8 WITH THE C.D.C. TO SORT OF PULL TOGETHER ANY OF THE STUDIES
9 THAT HAVE HAPPENED AROUND CHILDREN AND THEIR EXPOSURES SO THAT
10 WE CAN HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE
11 BETWEEN OUT DOORS AND INDOORS FOR CHILDREN? SO THERE MAY BE
12 SOME CHANGES YOU WILL SEE COME THE SUMMER. I THINK IT WILL
13 REALLY BE JUST ABOUT OUTDOORS VERSUS INDOORS FOR CHILDREN IF
14 IT CHANGES AT ALL BECAUSE THERE WILL NEED TO BE A LOT OF
15 EVIDENCE THAT CHILDREN AREN'T SPREADING OUTDOORS FOR THAT TO
16 BE POSSIBLE. AND PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO DO SOME DEEPER STUDIES.
17 WE HAVE NOTED RIGHT NOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE OUTBREAKS WE
18 HAVE AT SCHOOLS ARE OUTBREAKS AMONG SPORTS TEAMS, BUT WHAT IS
19 NOT KNOWN DID THE SOCCER TEAM GET INFECTED WHILE THEY WERE
20 PLAYING SOCCER. DID THEY GET INFECTED WHILE THEY WERE IN A
21 LOCKER ROOM WHERE THEY MAYBE WEREN'T WEARING THEIR MASKS, EVEN
22 THOUGH THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING THEIR MASKS? DID THEY
23 GET INFECTED BECAUSE THEY HANG OUT TOGETHER AFTER THE GAME
24 SOMEWHERE? AND WE DO NEED OUR SCIENTISTS AND OUR RESEARCHERS
25 TO HELP GATHER TOGETHER ALL OF THAT INFORMATION NOT JUST HERE

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1 WITH OUR FEW OUTBREAK CASES, TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT WHAT IS
2 HAPPENING OUTDOORS WITH CHILDREN WHEN THEY ALREADY ARE
3 UNMASKED AT THESE SPORTS ACTIVITIES SO WE GET A SENSE OF WHAT
4 TRANSMISSION MAY LOOK LIKE. IN GENERAL, THERE'S MUCH LESS
5 TRANSMISSION OUTDOORS THAN THERE IS INDOORS. AND I THINK AGAIN
6 AS WE GET FURTHER AND FURTHER ON THIS RECOVERY JOURNEY, WE ARE
7 GOING TO GET MORE AND MORE INFORMATION COMING FROM BOTH C.D.C.
8 BUT OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL ABOUT WHAT BE THE SENSIBLE PATH,
9 PARTICULARLY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE
10 TO GET VACCINATED PROBABLY UNTIL THE FALL AT THE EARLIEST AT
11 THIS POINT. SO I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT ON THAT MASKING
12 QUESTION EXCEPT TO NOTE DEFINITELY THAT ALL CHILDREN NEED TO
13 BE MASKED IN L.A. COUNTY NOW AND THAT C.D.C. HAS ALREADY
14 NOTED THAT ALL SCHOOLS NEED TO REQUIRE -- SHOULD BE REQUIRING
15 MASKING.

16
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. THE SECOND THING IS WE TALKED A LITTLE
18 BIT ABOUT BUSINESSES AND THEIR REQUIREMENTS. MANY OF OUR
19 RESTAURANTS, OF COURSE, WERE SERVING ONLY OUTDOORS, EXPANDED
20 THEIR OUTDOOR SERVING AREA AND KIND OF LIKED IT, AND DESPITE
21 THE FACT THAT THEY CAN NOW HAVE INDOOR TABLES, ARE KEEPING
22 LARGE AREAS OF OUTDOOR DINING. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT
23 IS STILL THE RULE THAT PATRONS MUST WEAR A MASK AS THEY ARE
24 BEING ESCORTED TO THEIR TABLES OR GOING TO THE RESTROOM, ANY
25 TIME THAT THEY ARE NOT AT THEIR TABLES, BECAUSE THEY -- I

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1 THINK PEOPLE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT PROXIMITY IS A
2 PROBLEM. AND AS YOU WALK BY SOMEONE'S TABLE, YOU ARE FAR MORE
3 PROXIMATE THAN SIX FEET, BUT AM I CORRECT THAT EVEN WHERE
4 PEOPLE WALK INTO A OUTDOOR DINING AREA, THEY CAN BE REQUIRED
5 BY THE RESTAURANT AND MUST BE REQUIRED TO TO WEAR A MASK UNTIL
6 THEY ARE SEATED?

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** YES. YES. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IN ALL COMMON
9 AREAS WHEN WALKING, WHEN NOT SEATED, YOU DO NEED TO HAVE YOUR
10 MASK ON. AND AGAIN, AS WE GET MORE AND MORE INFORMATION FROM
11 THE STUDIES, IT IS EASIER TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. BUT RIGHT
12 NOW, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. EVERYONE NEEDS TO
13 BE MASKED UNLESS THEY ARE SEATED AT THE TABLE EATING AND
14 DRINKING. AND I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WHEN YOU PUT
15 YOUR ORDERS IN AND THINGS LIKE THAT, YOU AREN'T EATING OR
16 DRINKING, OUT OF PROTECTING THE WORKERS WHO SOME OF WHOM MAY
17 NOT BE ABLE TO GET VACCINATED BECAUSE OF OTHER UNDERLYING
18 HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT YOU CONTINUE TO KEEP THAT MASK ON WHEN
19 YOU ARE GOING TO CLOSE TO A WAITER OR WAIT PERSON AND YOU
20 AREN'T EATING OR DRINKING YOURSELF.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, GOOD BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PUSH BACK
23 AT -- I HAVE A NUMBER OF BEACH COMMUNITIES AS JANICE DOES, AND
24 PEOPLE ARE SAYING WELL WE ARE OUTSIDE. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT.
25 SO I WANT TO GRATIFY MY HARD HIT RESTAURATEURS INDICATING --

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2 **DR. FERRER:** YES, PLEASE DO DO IT.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, YOU STILL HAVE TO DO IT, AND I HAVE EVEN KIND
5 OF HELPED THE OWNER YELLING AT THEM. I WISH I HAD A PHONY
6 BADGE OF SOME KIND. THE FINAL THING IS WHEN I HAVE TRAVELED IN
7 THE PAST, WAY IN THE PAST BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN DOING IT
8 RECENTLY, I WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GET SHOTS IN ORDER TO GO TO
9 CERTAIN COUNTRIES, LIKE WHEN WE WENT TO AFRICA. AND THERE WAS
10 A YELLOW SORT OF SHOT PASSPORT THING THAT OUR DOCTORS STAMPED
11 AND PUT IT ALL INTO. SO DON'T WE ALREADY HAVE A MODEL FOR
12 THAT?

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. AND CERTAINLY
15 MANY OF US WHO ARE OLDER, WE HAVE OUR YELLOW IMMUNIZATION
16 RECORDS IN THESE LITTLE CARDS. IT IS A LITTLE BOOKLET YOU GOT.
17 AND YOU WERE REQUIRED IF YOU WERE TRAVELING ABROAD TO HAVE IT
18 BECAUSE EVERY COUNTRY HAD A DIFFERENT SET OF VACCINATIONS THAT
19 THEY WANTED YOU TO HAVE BEFORE YOU COULD COME IN, OR THE
20 UNITED STATES HAD REQUIREMENTS WHEN YOU RETURNED HERE THAT YOU
21 HAD TO HAVE BEEN INOCULATED. SO YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT
22 IS A MODEL. I THINK THE ISSUE IS THAT SINCE THEN WE HAVE MOVED
23 TO THIS MASSIVE ELECTRONIC DATABASE. AND MANY OF THE RECORDS
24 ARE IN THE DATABASE NOW. AND THE QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE
25 EASIEST WAY TO GIVE PEOPLE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR

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1 COVID-19 VACCINES. AND OBVIOUSLY WE ALL SETTLED RIGHT NOW FOR
2 THE WHITE CARDS BECAUSE THOSE WHITE CARDS ARE USED ACROSS THE
3 WHOLE COUNTRY NOT JUST HERE BECAUSE IT WAS THE EASIEST
4 QUICKEST THING FOR PEOPLE TO DO BECAUSE WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE
5 A WAY TO SET THIS UP IN ONE ELECTRONIC DATABASE. BUT I BELIEVE
6 THE INTENT IS TO CREATE THAT ONE ELECTRONIC DATABASE. THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY SHOULD HAVE A RECORD OF EVERY
8 SINGLE PERSON THAT HAS BEEN VACCINATED, BOTH THEIR FIRST DOSE
9 AND THEIR SECOND DOSE. THE QUESTION IS, AS I THINK WAS NOTED
10 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IS HOW DO WE GET THAT INFORMATION TO
11 BE USED IN A FAIR WAY AS SORT OF THE NEW VERSION OF THAT
12 YELLOW PASSPORT CARD THAT WE USED TO GET.

13
14 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK -- OF COURSE, I AM ONE OF THOSE OLD
15 FASHIONED PEOPLE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES ALWAYS SEEM TO BE
16 KIND OF FAIL, WHEREAS LIKE CARRYING MY LITTLE YELLOW CARD
17 AROUND, IT WAS JUST ME. I FEEL KIND OF THE SAME WAY ABOUT
18 ELECTRONIC PICTURES. WHEN YOU PASS AWAY, HOW IS EVERYBODY
19 GOING TO FIND YOUR PICTURES IN A CLOUD SOMEWHERE INSTEAD OF
20 YOUR DRAWER. OH WELL. ANYWAY, I THINK THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE
22 OF YOU DOING ALL THE WORK.

23
24 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THANK
2 YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN
3 DIDN'T HAVE A QUESTION BECAUSE IT WAS RAISED ALREADY, BUT WE
4 THINK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND
5 INFORMING OUR RESIDENTS ABOUT THE WORK WE ARE DOING HERE IN
6 CONJUNCTION WITH DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY, AND OUR PARTNERS. SO
7 IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS, THIS IS RECEIVED AND FILE. IF
8 THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU,
9 MEMBERS. NOW WE ARE GOING TO RETURN TO ITEM 1. AND THAT WAS
10 THE HEARING ON THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING
11 DIRECTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS,
12 CASTAIC, CHARTER OAK, AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, PLEASE REPORT THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MADAM CHAIR AND
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A
17 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
18 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR
19 SUBDIVISION TRACK NUMBERS 74433, 74488, 73610, SINGLE LOT
20 NUMBERS 014-2019, 020-2019, AND 040-2019 IN THE UNINCORPORATED
21 AREAS OF CHARTER OAK, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CASTAIC, AND AVOCADO
22 HEIGHTS PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO THE COUNTY LIGHTING
23 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT
24 LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT ONE, UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A
25 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE

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1 RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS
2 AND THE JOINT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF
3 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF
4 SUBDIVISION AND SINGLE LOT TERRITORIES.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ITEM ONE IS BEFORE US. THE ITEM
7 IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER
8 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
9 ROLL.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM ONE 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.

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
11 ITEM NUMBER 13, REMOVING FINANCIAL BURDENS FOR FAMILIES,
12 PROVIDING FREE PHONE CALLS, AND ELIMINATING PROFITS AND MARK
13 UPS ON COMMISSARY ITEMS IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS AND JUVENILE
14 CAMPS AND HALLS. AND AS YOU KNOW, I HELD THIS ITEM. MEMBERS, I
15 BROUGHT THE MOTION FORWARD IN ORDER TO UPLIFT A MATTER THAT,
16 AS YOU KNOW, IMPACTS SO MANY OF OUR LOW INCOME FAMILIES OF
17 COLOR. AS YOU KNOW, RESEARCH STUDIES AND EVEN THE ANECDOTES WE
18 HEARD THIS MORNING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, HAVE SHOWN THAT THE
19 VISIBLE AND HIDDEN COSTS OF INCARCERATION TEND TO HIT OUR LOW
20 INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THE HARDEST. MANY TIMES, THESE
21 FAMILIES ARE THE ONES THAT BEAR THE FINANCIAL COST OF
22 INCARCERATION THROUGH PHONE CALLS AND FOOD ITEMS. THESE ARE
23 WAYS BOTH ON THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF JAILS THAT WE SHOW CARE
24 FOR OUR LOVED ONES, AND YOU HEARD THAT FROM MANY FOLKS THAT
25 CALLED IN EARLIER AND HOW MEANINGFUL IT IS TO BE ABLE REACH

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1 OUT TO A LOVED ONE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE SAFE AND THAT YOU ARE
2 OKAY. THE BRUTAL REALITY IS THAT BLACK AND LATINX PEOPLE MAKE
3 UP OVER 80% OF THE COUNTY JAIL POPULATION. AND YOUNG BLACK AND
4 LATINX KIDS MAKE UP 90% OF THE YOUTH INCARCERATION SYSTEM.
5 THOSE COMMUNITIES WERE HURTING EVEN BEFORE COVID-19 BECAME A
6 PART OF THE LEXICON. IN OUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST INEQUITY,
7 I BELIEVE THAT IT MUST INCLUDE HOW WE LESSEN AND EVEN REMOVE
8 THE FINANCIAL BURDENS ON THESE FAMILY WHO HAVE LOVED ONES
9 INCARCERATED IN OUR COUNTY JAILS, OUR CAMPS, AND OUR HALLS. IN
10 2020, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, I'M NOT SURE IF FOLKS ARE
11 AWARE, BUT A MILLION MORE PHONE CALLS, AND 20 MILLION MINUTES
12 OF CALLS WERE MADE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS, WHICH
13 AMOUNTED TO \$20 MILLION GENERATED TO THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
14 SERVICES. THIS IS AN AVERAGE OF FOUR TO \$5 MILLION MORE
15 COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS IS ALSO CONSIDERING THAT A
16 SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THESE CALLS, LESS THAN 1%, WERE PROVIDED
17 FOR FREE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. FAMILIES HAVE ALSO
18 HAD TO PAY A HEFTY PRICE, MARKED UP ITEMS ON COMMISSARY ITEMS
19 FOR DIFFERENT FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS AT THE TIME WHEN FINANCES
20 AS YOU KNOW ARE STRAINED. I LISTED SOME OF THE EXAMPLES OF
21 THESE MARK UPS IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE MOTION, BUT I WOULD
22 ALSO LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF THEM HERE. THE SALE PRICE FOR
23 EXAMPLE OF AN EIGHT-OUNCE BAG OF FLAMING HOT CHEETOS IS
24 REGULARLY \$5.33, BUT THE COST TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
25 ONLY \$2.51, WHICH IS A 47% MARK UP. THE SALE PRICE OF A FOUR-

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1 OUNCE BAG OF INSTANT COFFEE IS \$7.47, BUT THE COST TO THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS \$3.51, WHICH IS A 47% MARK UP. THE
3 SALE OF A PACKET OF BEEF RAMEN IS \$1.15, BUT THE COST TO THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS 55 CENTS IN ADDITION, WHICH IS ABOUT A
5 48% MARK UP. HYGIENE ITEMS ARE ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY MARKED UP
6 SUCH AS A SALE PRICE OF A BAR OF IRISH SPRING SOAP, WHICH
7 RETAILS FOR \$1.45, BUT THE COST TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
8 AN ADDITIONAL 68 CENTS, WHICH IS A 47% MARK UP. AND THEN
9 LASTLY, THE SALE PRICE OF A FRESH MINT TOOTHPASTE IS \$2.16,
10 BUT THE COST TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS \$1.02, WHICH IS A
11 47% MARK UP. AND SO I ASK, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REVENUE AND THE
12 PROFITS. THE CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR AN ANNUAL GUARANTEE OF 15
13 MILLION IN THE INMATE WELFARE FUND AND ABOUT 59,000 INTO THE
14 JUVENILE INSTITUTION SERVICES BUDGET. THESE FUNDS ARE THEN
15 SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE OF
16 THE INMATES CONFINED WITHIN THE JAIL, AND STATE LAW ALLOWS
17 THAT THE REMAINDER CAN GO TOWARD THE MAINTENANCE OF THE
18 FACILITIES, BUT THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS, HOWEVER, BASED ON TWO
19 RECENT AUDITS BY THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER ON THE INMATE WELFARE
20 FUND, WHICH IDENTIFY THE LACK OF KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TO
21 EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PROGRAMS. THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT MADE BE SUPPLANTING JAIL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES
23 WITH I.W.F. REVENUES THAT SHOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE NORMAL
24 BUDGETING PROCESS. AND THAT DESPITE THE DEPARTMENT HAVING A
25 LARGE I.F.W. BALANCE, THE SHERIFF IS SPENDING A LOWER

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1 PERCENTAGE OF THEIR I.F.W. REVENUE ON PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHO
2 ARE INCARCERATED COMPARED TO OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTIES. THE
3 AUDIT ALSO STATES THAT THE SHERIFF HAS NOT ASSESSED WHETHER
4 THE MARK UP FEES AND RATES ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE. I
5 KNOW WE HAVE A LOT AHEAD OF US IN TERMS OF THIS RECOVERY, BUT
6 I AM ALSO PROUD OF THE WORK OUR BOARD AND OUR COUNTY HAVE DONE
7 TO PROVIDE RELIEF IN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OUR FAMILIES TO
8 GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. THAT SAME SENTIMENT IN MY OPINION
9 SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY
10 INCARCERATION. AS SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO HAVE DONE, WE
11 SHOULD EXPLORE OPTIONS TO PROVIDE NO COST PHONE CALLS. AND
12 SIMILARLY, WE SHOULD FIGURE OUT A WAY TO END THE PRICE MARK
13 UPS ON COMMISSARY ITEMS ON FOOD AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS. LASTLY,
14 WE NEED PROPER OVERSIGHT ON HOW THE REVENUE IS USED AND
15 WHETHER IT'S USE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. COMMUNICATION
16 WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IS NOT ONLY VITAL FOR A PERSON WHO
17 IS INCARCERATED, BUT IT IS BEEN SHOWN THAT IT PROVIDES A MAJOR
18 CONNECTION AND A LARGE ROLE IN HELPING IN SOMEONE'S SUCCESS
19 UPON RELEASE AND REENTRY. AND THE IDEA OF PROFITING OFF OF
20 FAMILIES WHO MAY STILL BE STRUGGLING IS NOT FAIR IN MY OPINION
21 OR EQUITABLE, AND WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT. COLLEAGUES, THAT'S
22 WHY I BRING THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON
23 THIS ITEM. MEMBERS, I SEE THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE
24 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL, PLEASE.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM BOARD CHAIR, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR
3 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. YOUR LEADERSHIP IN REALLY TRYING
4 TO ELIMINATE THESE IN MANY INSTANCES UNNECESSARY FINANCIAL
5 BURDENS IMPOSED ON FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IT
6 IS TO BE APPLAUDED AND ACKNOWLEDGED PARTICULARLY NOW GIVEN
7 WHAT WE KNOW EVERY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT HAS EXPERIENCED IN THE
8 LAST 13 MONTHS. YOU KNOW, IF YOU ARE IN COUNTY JAIL, YOU ARE
9 IN A UNIQUE SITUATION. IF YOU ARE IN A STATE PRISON, YOU HAVE
10 THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK. YOU WORK AND YOU EARN MONEY THAT YOU
11 CAN THEN MAKE PURCHASES IN THE COMMISSARY. WE ALL KNOW IN
12 COUNTY JAIL, YOU CANNOT. AND SO THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IS PASSED
13 ON TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I AM SO PLEASED THAT YOU ARE
14 BRINGING THIS FORWARD AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, MADAM CHAIR,
15 BECAUSE I INTRODUCED A VERY SIMILAR BILL TWICE IN THE STATE
16 LEGISLATURE. I AUTHORED S.B.555 WHICH AIMED TO ELIMINATE THE
17 HIGH COST OF COUNTY JAIL PHONE CALLS, THE VIDEO VISITS, AND
18 OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, AS WELL AS ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS
19 THIS ISSUE ON THE COMMISSARY. NATIONAL STUDIES HAVE CHRONICLED
20 THIS INCREDIBLE MARK UP. AS I HAVE TOLD A NUMBER OF SHERIFFS
21 FROM ACROSS THE STATE AS THEY CAME UP TO TESTIFY IN OPPOSITION
22 TO S.B.555 THAT IF THEY WERE RUNNING ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OR
23 EVEN THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD, THEY WOULD NEVER ENTER INTO A
24 CONTRACT WITH A PHONE COMPANY THAT IN THIS DAY AND AGE WITH
25 TECHNOLOGY, WITH FIBER OPTICS, THE LOW COST OF PHONE SERVICE,

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1 IT WOULD NEVER OCCUR TO THEM TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A
2 PHONE CALL TO COST 25 CENTS PER MINUTE. THEY SIMPLY WOULDN'T.
3 AND I CHALLENGED ALL OF THEM TO TELL ME WHAT KIND OF CONTRACT
4 THEY WOULD NEGOTIATE FOR THEMSELVES FOR THEIR CELLPHONES.
5 THERE'S NO DEPARTMENT HEAD, I WOULD ARGUE, NO C.E.O. OF A
6 PRIVATE BUSINESS OR A NONPROFIT THAT WOULD FIND THAT A
7 REASONABLE BUSINESS PRACTICE. WE ALSO CARRIED A BILL THAT
8 UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T PASS THAT TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
9 IN PERSON VISITS. AND WHAT WE WERE MET WITH A VERY ANTIQUATED
10 VIEW ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED DESERVE. ALL
11 RESEARCH SHOWS THAT RECIDIVISM RATES ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED
12 WHEN THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE ABLE TO
13 HAVE CONSIST REGULAR CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR
14 FAMILY THAT'S NOT IMPEDED BY COST. WE HAVE HAD SO MANY
15 MEMBERS, PEOPLE WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, COME TO
16 TESTIFY ON THESE BILLS THAT WOULD NOT CALL HOME BECAUSE OF THE
17 BURDEN OF THE COST. AND SO TO THINK THAT DURING THIS PANDEMIC,
18 EVEN WITH THE ONE FREE CALL A WEEK, THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE
19 CHOSEN NOT TO REACH OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY
20 KNOW THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IS JUST REALLY TRAGIC, PARTICULARLY
21 GIVEN WHAT PEOPLE WHO WERE LOCKED UP WERE FACING DURING THIS
22 PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC. THE QUESTION AROUND THE INMATE WELFARE
23 FUND IS ANOTHER THAT HAS BEEN STUDIED BY NUMEROUS INSTITUTIONS
24 BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY ABOUT HOW THAT FUND IS
25 UTILIZED. YES, THERE IS STATE LAW THAT ALLOWS SOME USE OF THE

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1 FUNDS BEYOND THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF THE INMATE, BUT THERE WERE
2 TOO MANY EXAMPLES WHERE WE SAW INMATE WELFARE FUNDS BEING USED
3 TO PAY OVERTIME. I AM CERTAINLY HOPING THAT IS NOT THE
4 EXPERIENCE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT MY POINT IS, THIS IS
5 REALLY A PART OF A NATIONAL TREND OF IMPROVED SERVICES BASED
6 ON RESEARCH. THE FACT THAT WE'VE GOT TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTIES
7 THAT HAVE ELIMINATED THE PRICE FOR CALLS, THE FACT THAT EVEN
8 WITH THE ADVANTAGE OF BULK PURCHASING THAT COMMISSARY PRICES
9 ARE STILL IN EXCESS OF A 60 TO 70% MARK UP IS OFFENSIVE. AND I
10 THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE QUITE FRANKLY WHO AREN'T TOUCHED BY THE
11 SYSTEM HAVE NO IDEA THAT IN COUNTY JAIL YOU HAVE TO BUY YOUR
12 OWN BASIC TOILETRIES, AS YOU SAID, MADAM CHAIR, TOOTHPASTE AND
13 DEODORANT. THESE ARE BASIC NECESSITIES THAT ANYONE NEEDS TO
14 TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, AND THE FACT THAT IT IS A 70% MARK UP
15 IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU HAVE TO LIVE BY THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
16 THAT YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS PUT ON YOUR BOOKS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T
17 WORK IN COUNTY JAIL IS FURTHER OFFENSE. AGAIN, I WANT TO
18 APPLAUD YOU FOR BRINGING THIS BILL FORWARD. I THINK I WOULD
19 FURTHER TAKE A QUICK MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME THE COMMENTS
20 MADE BY THE SHERIFF IN HIS BRIEF TIME WITH US THIS MORNING AND
21 TO ONCE AGAIN, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MEASURES J WAS A VOTE OF THE
22 PEOPLE. AND CONTRARY TO THE SHERIFF'S COMMENTS, WE DON'T GET
23 TO SHARE APPOINTMENTS OR NEGOTIATE WITH HIM AND SWAP APPOINTED
24 AUTHORITY. MEASURE J WAS A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, AND IT CAN
25 ONLY BE CHANGED BY THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. AND THEY, THROUGH

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1 THAT MEASURE, WILL DETERMINED WHO WOULD APPOINT AND HOW THE
2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED. AND SO, THE DECISIONS
3 AROUND WHO SERVES ON THAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TYPICALLY A
4 PUBLIC POLICY DISCUSSION AND SET THROUGH LEGISLATION OR BALLOT
5 INITIATIVE, AND SO SHARING OR SWAPPING APPOINTMENTS IS NOT
6 FEASIBLE AND I HOPE THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT.
7 WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR, AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING
8 THIS FORWARD. IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE PARTICULARLY NOW GIVEN
9 THE HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, GIVEN THE
10 ECONOMIC DEVASTATION THIS PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC HAS BROUGHT
11 DOWN UPON OUR COUNTY. AND I CERTAINLY HOPE WE ARE IN A
12 POSITION TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF TO SOME OF THE HARDEST HIT
13 FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE
14 INCARCERATED IN COUNTY FACILITIES. I LOOK FORWARD AND VERY
15 PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL. I APPRECIATE THAT. NOW WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU
22 AS WELL FUR THIS MOTION. I DEFINITELY AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS.
23 AND LOOKING INTO A REPORT ON HOW WE CAN MAKE THE PHONE CALLS
24 FREE FOR THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN OUR JAILS. AS WELL AS
25 LOOKING AT THE, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL CALLED IT, OFFENSIVE

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1 MARK UPS ON THE SNACKS AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS. I KNOW
2 ULTIMATELY THIS IS GOING TO BE ABOUT THEN WHO WILL PAY FOR IT.
3 AND I ALSO WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S
4 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ACTUAL CONTRACTS THAT WE GET INTO WITH
5 THESE VENDORS. AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY
6 GOING TO START THE SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR A NEW TELEPHONE
7 PROVIDER IN OUR JAILS. I BELIEVE THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY
8 FOR US TO USE OUR NEGOTIATING POWER AS THE BIGGEST COUNTY IN
9 THE COUNTRY. AND IS IT SOMETHING WE -- IS IT TOO LATE FOR US
10 TO INCORPORATE FREE PHONE CALLS INTO THE R.F.P. ITSELF? WE CAN
11 ALSO LOOK INTO USING INTERNET BASED CALL SERVICES AND EVEN
12 VIDEO CALLS THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED THE INTERNET THAT'S ALREADY
13 IN OUR FACILITIES. WHAT ABOUT USING CABLE FRANCHISE FEES TO
14 COVER SOME REMAINING COSTS? SO I THINK WE CAN CERTAINLY BE
15 CREATIVE BECAUSE I AM PRETTY SURE THIS BOARD WILL SUPPORT THE
16 IDEA OF THE FREE PHONE CALLS. AND I REALLY HOPE OUR C.E.O.
17 WILL CONSIDER SOME OF THESE OPTIONS ON HOW TO PAY FOR IT WHEN
18 WE GET OUR REPORT BACK. AND AS HAS BEEN SAID, CERTAINLY BEING
19 IN JAIL, BEING SEPARATED FROM YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS IS
20 HARD ENOUGH. AND I AGREE WE SHOULD NOT BE ADDING THIS EXTRA
21 BURDEN OF HAVING OUR INMATES HAVE TO EITHER FIGURE OUT HOW TO
22 PAY FOR IT, HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ASK THEIR FRIENDS AND
23 FAMILIES TO PAY FOR IT. IT SEEMS LIKE AN EXTRA BURDEN THEY
24 SHOULDN'T BEAR. AND WE DO KNOW THERE'S ENOUGH STUDIES THAT
25 SHOW A PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH IS DIRECTLY TIED TO HOW THEY CAN

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1 STAY IN COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR FRIENDS, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE
2 BASED ON THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS
3 MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I AM GOING TO SUPPORT IT. AND I
4 REALLY AM INTERESTED IN THE REPORT BACK ON HOW WE MAKE THIS
5 WORK. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
8 I AM SURE WE WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU. NOW
9 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ASK
12 THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD THIS MOTION PASS,
13 WHICH IT SEEMS FROM THE SUPPORT THAT'S BEEN EXPRESSED SO FAR
14 TO WHICH I ADD MY OWN THAT IT MIGHT, IN TERMS OF THE QUESTION
15 WHETHER WE CAN USE THE BUDGET PROCESS TO MAKE THESE
16 ADJUSTMENTS, ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT OURSELVES THROUGH THE
17 COUNTY NOT THE SHERIFF, DIRECT A PORTION OF THE BUDGET TO PAY
18 FOR THESE CALLS, WHICH COULD BE PART OF THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET
19 BUT ALLOCATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT AND NOTHING ELSE, YOU
20 KNOW, TAKE A FEW SERIOUS STEPS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I
21 UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A REPORT BACK, BUT AS PART OF THE REPORT
22 BACK, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT. I ALSO WANT TO UNDERSTAND OUR
23 AUTHORITY, IF ANY, OVER THE INMATE WELFARE FUND, AND IF WE CAN
24 ASSERT ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY OVER IT. THE FLAGRANT MISUSE OF
25 AND THE ABUSE OF OUR INMATES AND OUR INMATE'S FAMILIES, AND I

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1 THINK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SOME OF THE FIGURES THAT YOU CITED
2 WHERE COFFEE THAT COSTS THE SHERIFF \$3.50 WAS -- THE GOING
3 RATE WAS \$7 THAT'S 100% MARK UP. SO I AM NOT CLEAR ABOUT
4 WHETHER IT IS ONLY 47%, WHICH IS OUTRAGEOUS ENOUGH. AND YOU
5 KNOW IT IS LIKE AN ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT. IT IS KIND OF LIKE
6 IF YOU ARE A CUSTODIAL PARENT AND YOU GO TO JAIL AND YOUR
7 CHILDREN ARE REMOVED, IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU WERE SENTENCED
8 TO. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS ADDED TO YOUR SENTENCE BY A WHOLE
9 DIFFERENT PROCESS. AND I THINK THIS KIND OF ABUSE OF INMATES
10 AND THEIR FAMILIES IS REALLY KIND OF THE SAME. IT IS IN
11 ADDITION TO WHAT THE COURT HAS SENTENCED THEM TO SERVE. WE
12 TALKED ABOUT THE SAME THING IN TERMS OF THE ADDITION OF HAVING
13 TO PAY INTEREST ON FINES AND ALL KINDS OF WAYS THAT THE MONEY
14 ADDS UP. SO I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF HAVING THE MOST ROBUST
15 REPORT BACK AND WHETHER THERE'S SOME WAY IN WHICH, IN ADDITION
16 TO OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BUDGETING PROCESS ITSELF MIGHT
17 BE USED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE INPUT. I KNOW
20 THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL ARE LISTENING, SO I'M SURE WE
21 CAN INCORPORATE THAT IN THE REPORT BACK AND ANY OTHER
22 SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE MADE BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MITCHELL. I
23 THINK ALL OF THEM ARE VERY NOTEWORTHY, AND I TOTALLY AGREE AND
24 ACCEPT THAT. SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, AND HEARING NO OTHER
25 COMMENTS, THIS ITEM, 13, IS BEFORE US. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE

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1 IT, SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MEMBERS. WITH THAT, WE
4 WILL TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 15. AND THAT IS SUPPORTING UNHOUSED
5 INDIVIDUALS IN FILING TAXES AND COLLECTING STIMULUS PAYMENTS.
6 AND I HELD THAT, MEMBERS. AS YOU KNOW, FEDERAL AND STATE
7 STIMULUS CHECKS HAVE BEEN A LIFELINE, AS YOU KNOW, FOR MANY
8 PEOPLE OVER THE PAST YEAR. YET, HOWEVER, MANY COUNTY'S
9 UNHOUSED RESIDENTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED THESE BENEFITS WHICH THEY
10 ARE ENTITLED TO. FOR THEM, THE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING THE
11 STIMULUS PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INSURMOUNTABLE IN SO MANY WAYS. TO
12 RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE C.A.R.E.S ACT, THE AMERICAN RESCUE
13 PLAN, AND THE GOLDEN STATE STIMULUS WERE THE LATEST ROUND OF
14 STIMULUS ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, YOU MUST FILE A TAX
15 RETURN. IT MAY SOUND SIMPLE FOR SOME OF US, BUT THIS IS NO
16 EASY TASK FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
17 THINGS THAT MANY OF US, AS YOU KNOW, TAKE FOR GRANTED, SUCH AS
18 ACCESS TO TAX FILING SERVICES, A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, A
19 MAILING ADDRESS, OR EVEN A BANK ACCOUNT, ARE MUCH HARDER TO
20 SECURE WHEN YOU ARE UNHOUSED. AND I KNOW, HAVING SEEN THAT,
21 WHEN WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS IN OUR
22 ENCAMPMENTS OR OUT IN THE WATERSHED, THIS COMES UP TIME AND
23 TIME AGAIN. FORTUNATELY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS AN EXISTING
24 NETWORK OF VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS AND
25 HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT COULD SUPPORT PEOPLE

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1 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO FILE THEIR TAXES AND RECEIVE
2 THEIR STIMULUS CHECKS OR OTHER TAX BENEFITS, SUCH AS THE
3 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT OR THE CHILD TAX CREDIT. THE I.R.S.
4 VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE INCOME
5 TAX PREPARATION SERVICES TO THOSE EARNING LESS THAN \$57,000
6 ANNUALLY. THIS IS AN I.R.S.-SPONSORED PROGRAM, AND THEY
7 PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
8 AFFAIRS, D.C.B.A. HISTORICALLY, THE COUNTY HAS HAD A SEVERE
9 SHORTAGE OF V.I.T.A., AS THEY ARE KNOWN, SITES, WHICH HAS
10 LIMITED ITS ABILITY TO WORK WITH THE UNHOUSED. THAT IS WHY I
11 BROUGHT FORWARD THE MOTION TO QUICKLY PUT UNTAPPED TAX CREDITS
12 AND UNCLAIMED STIMULUS MONEY INTO THE HANDS OF THE MOST
13 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, THE UNHOUSED. THE MOTION DIRECTS
14 D.C.B.A. TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH A PLAN TO DEVELOP
15 PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTY'S NETWORK OF HOMELESS SERVICE
16 PROVIDERS TO INCREASE TAX FILINGS FOR UNHOUSED AND FORMERLY-
17 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS, PRIORITIZING MEETING THE OCTOBER 15TH
18 STATE FILING DEADLINE TO RECEIVE THE STATE STIMULUS CHECKS. AS
19 YOU KNOW, BY BUILDING THESE PARTNERSHIPS NOW, WE CAN LAY THE
20 GROUNDWORK TO ENSURE THAT OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS CAN HAVE
21 ACCESS TO TAX BENEFITS THAT I BELIEVE AND MANY I BELIEVE ARE
22 ENTITLED TO. THESE BENEFITS AND STIMULUS PAYMENTS CAN AMOUNT
23 TO SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS PER PERSON, AND IT IS CRITICAL
24 THEY DO NOT GO UNCLAIMED BY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

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1 I THANK YOU, MEMBERS, AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS
2 ITEM. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS -- SUPERVISOR BARGER, YES.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. MAY I ASK A QUESTION? I KNOW --
5 I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. BUT SOMETHING THAT OCCURRED
6 TO ME THAT IS NOT TALKED ABOUT, I DON'T KNOW EVEN IF WE HAVE
7 THE AUTHORITY BECAUSE I THINK IT IS A FEDERAL ISSUE, BUT MAYBE
8 SOMETHING WE WANT TO REVISIT BECAUSE I KNOW WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
9 ESPECIALLY THE HOMELESS, SOME OF THE BARRIERS TO THEM GETTING
10 OFF THE STREET IS LACK OF ACCESS TO THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN
11 ORDER TO GET I.D. I HAVE TO WONDER IF ANOTHER BARRIER IS GOING
12 TO BE, AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS WITH THE I.R.S., THAT
13 MAYBE THERE ARE SOME THAT MAY HAVE -- OWE MONEY TO THE I.R.S.
14 THAT DON'T WANT TO APPLY BECAUSE THAT, YOU KNOW, OF THE
15 BARRIER OF CONCERN ABOUT STILL OWING MONEY TO THE FEDERAL AND
16 STATE GOVERNMENT. I'M WONDERING IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
17 US TO LOOK AT THAT AS WELL BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THAT IS A HUGE
18 OBSTACLE TO MANY PEOPLE EVEN WANTING TO COME BACK INTO THE
19 SYSTEM AS A WHOLE. AND IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING WORTH LOOKING AT,
20 BUT I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I AM JUST PUTTING THAT AN THE RADAR,
25 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE MAY BE PEOPLE THAT OWE MONEY TO THE

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1 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT ARE AFRAID IF THEY DO
2 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, IT IS GOING TO PUT THEM, ONCE AGAIN, ON
3 THE RADAR, AND THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE HOLE.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT'S A LEGITIMATE
6 QUESTION TO ASK BECAUSE THERE MAY BE OTHER TYPES OF LIENS AND
7 THINGS LIKE THAT THAT WE MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THAT MAY IMPACT
8 THIS. BUT CERTAINLY, I THINK IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE.
9 BUT I'M EXCITED THAT WE ARE AT LEAST MOVING, I HOPE, IN THIS
10 DIRECTION OVERALL. AND I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE, EVEN
11 OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS WORK, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
12 OFFICE, WORK WITH US OUT IN SOME OF OUR HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS
13 OUT IN WHITTIER NARROWS, WHEN WE ARE ACTUALLY HELPING
14 INDIVIDUALS EXPUNGE THEIR RECORDS FOR MINOR OFFENSES AND THEN
15 WERE ABLE TO ACQUIRE THEIR I.D. CARDS AND MANY THINGS THAT
16 THEY WOULDN'T NORMALLY BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH AND EVEN BE ABLE
17 TO, THEN, OPEN UP BANK ACCOUNTS. SO I THINK IT'S A FIRST STEP,
18 AND I THINK IT IS I HOPE, GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SO I
19 HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** IT DOES. IT DOES. I JUST, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE LOOKING HOLISTICALLY. I SUPPORT THIS. I
23 THINK IT IS A GREAT MOTION. I KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, MANY
24 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS ARE OFTEN ONLY A PAYCHECK OR TWO AWAY
25 FROM JUST RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL BOOST THAT THEY NEED TO

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1 PROVIDE FOR A DEPOSIT ON AN APARTMENT OR SECURE TRAVEL
2 ARRANGEMENTS TO LIVE WITH LOVED ONES OR EVEN ACCESS THINGS
3 LIKE MEDICATION AND SERVICES THEY MAY NEED. SO I THINK
4 THIS IS A DEFINITE GOOD STEP FORWARD HELPING THE HOMELESS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH. AND -- SUPERVISOR BARGER, I KNOW YOU
7 AND I HAVE SPENT MANY OCCASIONS OUT IN THE FIELD WITH OUR
8 HOMELESS, AND WE HAVE COME OVER TIME AND TIME AGAIN,
9 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HOMELESS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN.
10 THEY BECAME WIDOWED, THEY LOST THEIR JOBS, THINGS OF THAT
11 NATURE. IT IS JUST INCREDIBLE THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE
12 RESOURCES THEY ARE ENTITLED TO. SO THAT'S THE SPIRIT OF THIS,
13 AND I HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL SUPPORT THIS. IF
14 THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM ANY OTHER -- I DON'T SEE ANY
15 MORE HANDS. IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THIS
16 AND SECOND IT BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. AND
17 PLEASE, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

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

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

23

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

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

11

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

13

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

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
17 0.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS, NOW WE'LL TURN TO ITEM
20 26, ADDRESSING DEATHS OF OVERDOSE BY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
21 HOMELESSNESS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL, YOU ARE NOTICED.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH FOR BEING THE COAUTHOR OF THIS MOTION. THE

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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASED THEIR SECOND ANNUAL
2 HOMELESS MORTALITIES REPORT A FEW MONTHS AGO. AND ONE OF THE
3 FINDINGS WAS THAT OVERDOSES HAVE BEEN THE LEADING CAUSE, THE
4 NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH, AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
5 HOMELESSNESS, ALL THE WAY BACK TO 2017, EVERY YEAR THE SAME.
6 AND OF COURSE, THESE DEATHS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT BLACK
7 AND LATINX PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHICH UNDERSCORES
8 SYSTEMIC AND RACIAL INEQUITIES. THIS MOTION, WHICH INCREASES
9 OUR HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES, SUCH AS NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION,
10 SYRINGE EXCHANGE, MEDICALLY-ASSISTED TREATMENT, RESPONDS
11 DIRECTLY TO RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE MADE IN THE HOMELESS
12 MORTALITIES REPORT. I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY
13 ALREADY OPERATES HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING MEDICATION
14 ASSISTANCE TREATMENT, AND SYRINGE PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDING
15 NARCON, WHICH IS NALOXONE BUT, UNTIL NOW, HAS HAD NOT HAD A
16 PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
17 HOMELESSNESS. THIS MOTION ALSO ADVANCES OUR BROADER JUSTICE
18 REFORM WORK IN WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO REIMAGINE WAYS IN WHICH
19 L.A. COUNTY CAN MEET THE HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR
20 RESIDENTS, SHIFTING WAYS WE APPROACH TREATMENT AND RECOVERY
21 AND PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE
22 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH, AS YOU
23 KNOW, WERE MADE AFTER OVER A YEAR OF WORK BY MORE THAN A
24 HUNDRED OF OUR APPOINTEES AND COMMUNITY PEOPLE WORKING
25 TOGETHER CALLS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES

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1 FOR ANY INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. THIS MOTION
2 WOULD ALSO EXPAND PROGRAMS LIKE THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN O.D.R.
3 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHICH DISTRIBUTES FREE NARCON, AS
4 YOU KNOW, WHICH IS TO DEAL WITH OPIOID OVERUSE, ALONG WITH
5 OTHER OVERDOSE PREVENTION, RESPONSE EDUCATION, FOR EVERYBODY
6 LEAVING THE JAIL, A POPULATION IN WHICH BLACK AND LATINX
7 ANGELENOS ARE ALSO OVERREPRESENTED. L.A.H.S.A., OUR
8 DEPARTMENTS, AND OUR PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTING PROVEN
9 HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES EVERY SINGLE WEEK OVER THESE PAST
10 YEARS. BUT IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE PROVIDE THEM WITH TOOLS AND
11 RESOURCES TO INCREASE, CONTINUE, AND EXPAND THEIR LIFESAVING
12 EFFORTS. AND SO I WANT TO THANK THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
13 O.D.R. AND L.A.H.S.A. FOR THEIR CONTINUED WORK SUPPORTING
14 THIS POPULATION AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR
15 CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP. I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE FROM MY
16 COLLEAGUES.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND THANK YOU,
19 ALSO, FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION. I AM REALLY
20 PLEASED TO DO THAT. IN MY DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO THE 2020
21 HOMELESS COUNT NUMBERS, 37 PERCENT OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
22 HOMELESSNESS STRUGGLE, AS WE KNOW, WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE
23 DISORDER. AND THAT NUMBER REFLECTED 106 PERCENT INCREASE FROM
24 THE 2019 HOMELESS COUNT. THAT UPWARD TREND WAS REFLECTED
25 ACROSS THE COUNTY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S REPORT,

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1 AS YOU MENTIONED ON MORTALITY RATES AMONG OUR UNHOUSED
2 NEIGHBORS, CONFIRMED THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS ONLY WORSENERD
3 THE TROUBLING TRENDS ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. THE FIRST 7
4 MONTHS OF 2020, WE SAW AN ALARMING INCREASE IN OVERDOSE
5 DEATHS. BETWEEN JANUARY TO JULY, 273 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
6 HOMELESSNESS DIED OF OVERDOSES. THIS WAS A 33 PERCENT INCREASE
7 FROM THE SAME TIME BACK IN 2019. AND WHAT'S REALLY WORRISOME
8 IS THAT WE SEE INCREASING RATES OF OVERDOSE AMONG BLACK AND
9 LATINX PEOPLE, AS YOU MENTIONED. BETWEEN 2017 AND 2019,
10 OVERDOSE RATES FOR BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
11 DOUBLED AND INCREASED BY A THIRD FOR LATINX UNHOUSED COMMUNITY
12 FOLKS. IN FACT, THE INCREASES IN OVERDOSE MORTALITY AMONG
13 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN
14 PREDOMINANTLY BY INCREASES AMONG THE BLACK AND LATINX UNHOUSED
15 INDIVIDUALS. THIS MOTION WILL NOT ONLY HELP TO ENSURE THAT
16 MORE SERVICES AND MEDICATIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO PREVENT
17 OVERDOSE DEATHS AMONG THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE, BUT IT
18 WILL ALSO PLAY A ROLE IN REDUCING RACIAL INEQUITIES THAT HAVE
19 BEEN SO INTRICATELY TIED TO OUR HOMELESS CRISIS WE ARE
20 EXPERIENCING. SO I TOO, JOIN YOU. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE A
21 COAUTHOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND, WITH
22 THAT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
25 FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. THE 88 CITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES

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1 COUNTY CONFRONT DAILY CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING,
2 PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AND
3 ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THEIR POPULATIONS EXPERIENCING
4 HOMELESSNESS. SO THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH US AS WE LOOK AT THIS
5 VERY COMPLEX ISSUE FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THESE
6 CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY INCREASING NUMBERS OF
7 ADDICTION AND OVERDOSE DEATHS, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU
8 POINTED OUT, AMONG THE UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS RELATED TO THE
9 SUBSTANCE ABUSE OF DRUGS LIKE METHAMPHETAMINE AND FENTANYL,
10 WHICH ON THE RISE. THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE CAN BE PREVENTED BY
11 THE EXPANSION OF OVERDOSE RELATED EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND
12 RESOURCES, WHICH THE MOTION AIMS ACHIEVE. I WOULD ASK FOR THE
13 INCLUSION OF A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ON THE MOTION TO INCORPORATE
14 FEEDBACK FROM OUR CONTRACT CITIES, COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,
15 AND INDEPENDENT CITIES IN THE 45 DAY REPORT BACK BECAUSE I
16 BELIEVE IF WE WANT THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL ACROSS THE COUNTY, TO
17 HAVE INPUT FROM THEM, AND WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE GOING TO BE
18 THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO SAY ABSOLUTELY NOT, AND I THINK THAT'S
19 THE REALITY THAT WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH, WITH OR WITHOUT
20 THEIR INPUT, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, FOR THIS TO BE
21 SUCCESSFUL, TO REALLY WORK IN COORDINATION WITH OUR CITIES AND
22 OUR C.O.G.S SO I WOULD ASK, AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, THAT THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT PUBLIC HEALTH IN COLLABORATION
24 WITH D.H.S., L.A.H.S.A., AND THE C.E.O. TO INCLUDE FEEDBACK
25 FROM L.A. CONTRACT CITIES, COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND

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1 INDEPENDENT CITIES IN THE 45 DAY REPORT BACK. I WOULD JUST ASK
2 FOR THAT, AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SINCE THIS IS
5 YOUR MOTION?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I AM VERY PLEASED AT THE WAY IT WAS PHRASED
8 BECAUSE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO REALLY
9 REPRESENT THE EXPERTISE, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH,
10 L.A.H.S.A., AND H.I., ALONG WITH THE C.E.O., BE WITH THE
11 PEOPLE WHO COLLABORATE ON THIS, BUT I LIKE INCORPORATING
12 FEEDBACK BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE COLLABORATION OR
13 AGREEMENT BUT REALLY IS, I THINK, THE INTENT OF THE AMENDMENT
14 IS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION FROM THOSE IN THE CITIES AND THE
15 C.O.G.S ABOUT HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT THEM. AND I THINK THAT IS
16 APPROPRIATE, SO LONG AS IT DOESN'T, YOU KNOW, SLOW IS DOWN,
17 WHICH I KNOW IS DEFINITELY NOT THE INTENT. SO, WITH THAT
18 CLARIFICATION, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
19 AND ASSUME, SINCE I ACCEPTED YOUR AMENDMENT, THAT MEANS YOU
20 ARE VOTING FOR THIS, I HOPE, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I KNOW THAT IS
21 HOW YOU HAVE OPERATED IN THE PAST. AND THAT MAKES ME VERY
22 HAPPY BECAUSE THIS, OF COURSE, IS THE SITUATION IN ALL FIVE OF
23 OUR DISTRICTS. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT FROM MY
24 COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS WANTING
2 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, ITEM 26, AS
3 AMENDED, A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THAT IS ACCEPTED. THIS IS MOVED
4 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS
5 AMENDED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 26 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

11

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THE PRESSURE IS ON. AYE.

24

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

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1

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

3

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

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WOW, WE ARE ALL PUSHOVERS HERE, I GUESS.
8 ITEM 28, MEMBERS --

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHO SAYS THAT? HA HA.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, ITEM 28 IS BEFORE US. IT IS A
13 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 BILL 2287 AND SENATE BILL 1172, FREEDOM TO MOVE ACT, WHICH WAS
15 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE ON.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. YES, I AM INTRODUCING THIS
18 MOTION AND HOPE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS
19 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. I WANT US TO SUPPORT THE FREEDOM TO
20 MOVE ACT, AND THAT HAS BEEN REINTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES
21 AYANNA PRESSLEY AND SENATOR ED MARKEY. THEY ARE BOTH FROM
22 MASSACHUSETTS, IN TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FARELESS TRANSIT
23 EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. COLLEAGUES, WE KNOW THAT NEXT
24 WEEK, WE ARE GOING TO BE CONSIDERING, AS MEMBERS OF THE METRO
25 BOARD, A FARELESS INITIATIVE RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I

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1 THINK ALL OF US A HAVE BEEN A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE
2 ARE GOING TO PAY FOR IT. AND THE FREEDOM TO MOVE ACT WILL
3 PROVIDE MONEY TO TRANSIT AGENCIES THAT GO FARELESS, A BILLION
4 DOLLARS A YEAR, NATIONWIDE, EVERY YEAR, FOR FIVE YEARS IN
5 ORDER FOR FARELESS TRANSIT TO WORK. AND WE -- I KNOW THAT I AM
6 SUPPORTIVE OF FARELESS TRANSIT, BUT I DON'T WANT IT TO BE AT
7 THE EXPENSE OF SOME OF OUR OTHER PROJECTS. I DON'T WANT IT TO
8 RESULT IN LESS FREQUENT BUS SERVICES OR LESS CLEAN BUS
9 SERVICES OR TRAINS THAT BREAK DOWN MORE OFTEN. AND ANOTHER ONE
10 OF MY CONCERNS IS THAT IT CAN'T COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE
11 COMMITMENT THAT WE MADE TO L.A. COUNTY VOTERS, WHO SUPPORTED
12 MEASURE R AND M. AND THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT
13 THEIR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WILL BE MET, AND I KNOW FOR ME,
14 THAT INCLUDES PROJECTS LIKE THE WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH, THE
15 GOLDLINE EXTENSION, WHICH WILL GO ALL THE WAY TO WHITTIER, AND
16 BOTH OF THESE SERVE OUR VERY TRANSIT-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES,
17 WHO REALLY ARE PAYING THROUGH THEIR SALES TAX FOR THIS HIGH-
18 QUALITY TRANSIT. SO I BELIEVE, FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE A
19 RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON TRANSIT TODAY AND
20 THOSE WHO WANT TO USE IT IN THE FUTURE TO DELIVER ON THE
21 PROMISES THAT WE HAVE ALREADY MADE TO THEM. BUT THIS FREEDOM
22 TO MOVE ACT, I BELIEVE, IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY
23 FARELESS INITIATIVE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY HERE
24 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALL SUPPORT ME IN
25 ADDING YOUR SIGNATURE TO THIS FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO OUR

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1 L.A. COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ASKING FOR THEM TO
2 SUPPORT THE FREEDOM TO MOVE ACT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YOU STOLE MY
5 THUNDER. I WAS REALLY WANTING TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION WHEN
6 IT WAS INTRODUCED EARLY ON, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WAS READY FOR
7 PRIME TIME. BUT I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENTS, WOULD
8 LOVE TO SEE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REALLY STEP UP AND,
9 WHILE WE'RE GOING TO BE CONTEMPLATING OUR OWN PILOT PROGRAM AT
10 THE METRO BOARD MEETING, IT STILL DOESN'T GIVE US THAT SENSE
11 OF SECURITY THERE IS GOING TO BE FURTHER FUNDING. AND I, LIKE
12 YOU, DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY FURTHER PROJECTS HAVE TO BE CUT
13 BACK IN ANY WAY OR BUDGETS AREN'T MET BECAUSE OF SOMETHING
14 THAT WE MADE AS A DECISION THAT WASN'T WELL THOUGHT OUT. SO I
15 AGREE WITH YOU ON THIS. I SUPPORT IT AND HOPE THAT OTHER BOARD
16 MEMBERS WILL AS WELL. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM ANY OTHER
17 BOARD MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? I DON'T SEE ANYONE CONTACTING ME
18 AT THIS MOMENT. SO, WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN MOVES ITEM 28
19 IS BEFORE US. I WILL SECOND IT TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 28 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL?

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

14

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

16

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

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
20 0.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. NOW MEMBERS, WE MOVE ON TO ITEM
23 NUMBER 57D, WHICH IS PROCLAIMING A DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE
24 40TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST REPORTED CASES OF H.I.V.
25 AND A.I.D.S. BY THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND

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1 PREVENTION, AND A DAY TO REAFFIRM LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
2 COMMITMENT TO END THE H.I.V. EPIDEMIC, WHICH WAS HELD BY
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH TO MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR COAUTHORING
7 THIS PROCLAMATION AND MOTION. YOU KNOW, IT IS KIND OF HARD TO
8 BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BEEN SO LONG AGO, AND I THINK A LITTLE-
9 KNOWN FACT, 40 YEARS AGO, ON JUNE 5TH, 1981, THE C.D.C.
10 PUBLISHED ITS WEEKLY MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT AND
11 IN IT DESCRIBED THE FIRST-EVER CASES IDENTIFIED AS H.I.V.
12 /A.I.D.S. AMONG YOUNG GAY MEN, WHO WERE AT THE TIME
13 HOSPITALIZED AT THE U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. IN THE FOUR
14 DECADES SINCE THOSE FIRST CASES WERE DISCOVERED, H.I.V. HAS
15 INFECTED MORE THAN 71 MILLION PEOPLE WORLD-WIDE, CLAIMED MORE
16 THAN 33 MILLION LIVES, AND OVER 38,000 OF THEM WERE OUR
17 NEIGHBORS AND LOVED ONES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WHILE COMBATING
18 THE DISEASE HAS LED TO UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT AND PROGRESS
19 IN RESEARCH AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, IT HAS ALSO
20 REVEALED SOCIAL ILLS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN SO OFTEN IN SO MANY
21 HEALTH ARENAS, BUT IN THIS ONE, RELATED TO HOMOPHOBIA,
22 TRANSPHOBIA, AND LED TO A LONG ERA OF FEAR AND STIGMA AND
23 SHAME. IT HAS REALLY CHALLENGED US TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES TIED
24 TO HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND OUTCOMES WITH STRIKING SIMILARITIES
25 TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BECAUSE, JUST AS WE HAVE SEEN WITH

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1 COVID-19 CASES, H.I.V. ALSO DISPROPORTIONATELY HAS IMPACTED
2 OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, MOST NOTABLY YOUNG, AFRICAN-
3 AMERICAN, AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKAN NATIVE, AND LATINX MEN, MEN
4 WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN, AS WELL AS TRANSGENDERED PERSONS ACROSS
5 ALL AGES AND RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND
6 LATINX WOMEN, AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WITH THE
7 EVOLUTION OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE H.I.V. TREATMENTS, BIOMEDICAL
8 H.I.V. PREVENTION TOOLS, LIKE P.R.E.P. AND P.E.P., THE SCIENCE
9 THAT SUPPORTS THE STATEMENT, "IF YOU ARE UNDETECTABLE, YOU ARE
10 ALSO UNTRANSMITTABLE," WE SEE FEWER AND FEWER NEW H.I.V.
11 INFECTIONS EVERY YEAR AND CONFIDENTLY FEEL WE CAN END THE
12 H.I.V. EPIDEMIC IN L.A. COUNTY BY 2030. SO IN L.A. COUNTY, OUR
13 COMMITMENT TO ENDING THE H.I.V. EPIDEMIC IS ANCHORED BY FOUR
14 PILLARS, DIAGNOSING PERSONS WITH H.I.V. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
15 TREATING PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY,
16 PREVENTING NEW H.I.V. TRANSMISSIONS, AND RESPONDING QUICKLY TO
17 ANY H.I.V. OUTBREAKS. BUT, OF COURSE, THE WORK IS FAR FROM
18 OVER. AS WE ARE LOOKING TO TURN THE CORNER ON COVID-19, AS WE
19 RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO ENDING H.I.V., WE ARE ALSO CONFRONTING
20 EPIDEMICS TIED TO SYPHILIS, METHAMPHETAMINES, OPIATE USE,
21 HOMELESSNESS, AND POVERTY. SO IT IS GOING TO TAKE OUR
22 COLLECTIVE RESOLVE AND ACTION TO CONTINUE TO TACKLE H.I.V. I,
23 THEREFORE, ASK YOU TO JOIN ME TODAY IN COMMEMORATING THE 40TH
24 ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE BASIS OF THIS DISEASE THAT
25 NO ONE UNDERSTOOD AT THE TIME, H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HERE IN L.A.

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1 COUNTY AND TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO ENDING THE H.I.V.

2 EPIDEMIC IN L.A. BY 2030. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NOW, WE WILL

5 RECOGNIZE YOUR COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND

8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO WEIGH

9 IN ON THIS REALLY IMPORTANT MEASURE. YOU KNOW, AS WE CONFRONT

10 THE PANDEMIC OF TODAY, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT

11 FORGET THE OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE OVERALL

12 IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY

13 HAS THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO GET ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

14 SERVICES THEY NEED TO SURVIVE. WE THINK ABOUT THE IMPACT

15 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HAS HAD ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTY, INCLUDING MY

16 DISTRICT, IT IS TRULY DEVASTATING. SO I STAND WITH YOU, AND I

17 PLEDGE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO ALL THAT WE CAN, AS A COUNTY,

18 TO BRING AN END TO THIS VIRUS, AS YOU SAID, BY 2030. IT'S BEEN

19 A PAINFUL 40 YEARS OF A PANDEMIC, AND I HOPE THAT, AS WE

20 REFLECT ON THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES CLAIMED HERE IN L.A.

21 COUNTY AND ACROSS OUR STATE AND COUNTRY, THAT WE AGAIN REMAIN

22 VIGILANT AND PRACTICE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN TERMS OF THE

23 SPREAD OF VIRAL DISEASES AND WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO TO PREVENT

24 THEM IN TERMS OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND RAPID EFFECTIVE

25 AFFORDABLE TREATMENT TO ALL. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 LET ME COAUTHOR, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CASTING A VOTE IN
2 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION!

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
5 I, TOO, WANT TO JOIN YOU, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL, FOR
6 BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. I JOIN YOU IN REAFFIRMING OUR
7 COMMITMENT TO ENDING THIS EPIDEMIC ONCE AND FOR ALL. AS
8 MENTIONED, 38,000 LIVES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS
9 IN L.A. COUNTY FROM H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS
10 EPIDEMIC DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS BLACK, NATIVE, AND LATINX
11 PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUNG MEN. ACCORDING TO A NATIONAL
12 DATABASE FROM 2018, 41 PERCENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V.
13 ARE BLACK, DESPITE ONLY MAKING UP ONLY 13 PERCENT OF THE
14 GENERAL POPULATION, AND LIKEWISE LATINX PEOPLE ACCOUNT FOR 23
15 PERCENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V., DESPITE ONLY MAKING UP
16 ONLY 18 PERCENT OF THE GENERAL POPULATION. AND THERE ARE MANY
17 PEOPLE EACH YEAR WHO ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR OWN STATUS. SO
18 TODAY, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER TO CONTINUE TO RAISE AWARENESS
19 ABOUT THE ISSUE AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SEEK PREVENTION
20 SERVICES AND TESTING THROUGH THEIR MEDICAL PROVIDER. SO, WITH
21 THAT, I JOIN YOU AND SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THANK YOU AGAIN
22 FOR INTRODUCING THIS. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WOULD
23 LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? I DON'T SEE ANY. WITH
24 THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ITEM 57 IS BEFORE YOU US. THIS IS

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1 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 57D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

7

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. WE WILL MOVE TO 57E,
3 THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL'S DATA DASHBOARD, WHICH WAS
4 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR
5 MIC AND MAKE YOUR REMARKS.

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. FOR DECADES, OUR L.A. COUNTY
8 JAILS WERE SEVERELY OVERCROWDED ABOVE THE STATE'S RATED
9 MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 12,000. WE WERE TOLD THAT NOTHING COULD BE
10 DONE ABOUT THIS, BUT, WHEN THE PANDEMIC HIT, WE LEARNED THAT
11 THAT JUST WASN'T TRUE. WITHIN MATTER OF WEEKS, OUR L.A. COUNTY
12 JUSTICE PARTNERS SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT THE AVERAGE DAILY JAIL
13 POPULATION DOWN TO LESS THAN 12,000. THAT SHOWED US IT IS
14 POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION AND THAT, PRIOR THE
15 PANDEMIC, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAD BEEN IN JAIL WHO PROBABLY
16 DID NOT NEED TO BE. SO THIS BOARD DECIDED WE COULDN'T GO BACK
17 TO THE WAY THINGS WERE, AND WE VOTED TO CREATE THE JAIL
18 POPULATION REVIEW COUNSEL AND TO TASK THEM WITH MAINTAINING A
19 REDUCED JAIL POPULATION BENEATH THE STATE'S RATED MAXIMUM
20 CAPACITY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE JAIL POPULATION HAS RISEN BACK UP
21 AGAIN TO AROUND 15,000. AND WHILE THIS IS STILL PROGRESS
22 COMPARED TO THE PRE-PANDEMIC NUMBERS, IT SHOWS THE NEED FOR
23 JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNSEL. BUT WE CAN'T DECREASE THE JAIL
24 POPULATION IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE JAIL POPULATION. NOT
25 EVERYONE IN OUR JAILS IS THERE FOR THE SAME REASONS. SO, A

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1 ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL PLAN TO DIVERT PEOPLE AWAY FROM OUR JAILS
2 WON'T WORK. WE NEED DIVERSION PLANS THAT ARE DESIGNED
3 SPECIFICALLY TO TARGET THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF OUR JAIL
4 POPULATION. THAT IS WHY THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNSEL
5 PARTNERED WITH THE VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE TO CREATE THE
6 FIRST OF ITS KIND DATA DASHBOARD THAT BREAKS DOWN AND
7 ANALYZES L.A. COUNTY'S JAIL POPULATION. THIS DATA DASHBOARD
8 CALLED CARE FIRST L.A. TRACKING DECARCERATION, TAKES THE DAILY
9 POPULATION DATA FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ORGANIZES IT
10 IN A VISUALLY-SIMPLE WAY THAT LETS YOU SEE THE BREAKDOWN OF
11 THE POPULATION AND ANALYZE THE TRENDS OVER TIME. WHY IS THIS
12 IMPORTANT? BECAUSE HAVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR JAIL
13 POPULATION WILL HELP US SEE WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS OUR
14 DIVERSION EFFORTS TO CRAFT PUBLIC POLICY TO SAFELY REDUCE THE
15 JAIL POPULATION. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DATA
16 DASHBOARD TODAY, YOU'D SEE THAT THE NUMBER ONE REASON THAT
17 PEOPLE ARE IN OUR L.A. COUNTY JAILS IS BECAUSE THEY CANNOT
18 AFFORD BAIL. ALMOST 40 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION IS PRETRIAL,
19 WHICH UNDERSCORES HOW CRITICAL BAIL REFORM IS. YOU WILL ALSO
20 SEE THAT EQUALLY HIGH IS THE PERCENTAGE OF OUR JAIL POPULATION
21 WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. 36 PERCENT OF MEN AND AN ASTOUNDING
22 66 PERCENT OF OUR WOMEN IN OUR JAILS HAVE MENTAL HEALTH
23 CHALLENGES. AND THESE PERCENTAGES HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY
24 OVER THE LAST YEAR, CONFIRMING THE NEED TO SCALE UP OUR MENTAL
25 HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR WOMEN. TO BE

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1 HONEST, I WISH WE COULD PUT UP THE DASHBOARD ON THE SCREEN
2 HERE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE TODAY BECAUSE YOU COULD SPEND HOURS
3 LOOKING AT ALL THE DIFFERENT BREAKDOWNS AND TRENDS OVER TIME.
4 SINCE WE CAN'T DO THAT, I DO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CHECK IT
5 OUT AFTER TODAY'S BOARD MEETING. I WILL POSTING THE LINK ON
6 FACEBOOK AND TWITTER. WELL, IT WENT BE ME. IT WILL BE MY
7 REALLY SMART STAFF. THIS DASHBOARD WILL BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE
8 FOR ANYONE TO VIEW. STUDENTS AND ACADEMICS CAN USE IT FOR
9 RESEARCH. ADVOCATES CAN USE IT TO INFORM JUSTICE REFORM
10 EFFORTS, AND ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY BODIES, LIKE THE CIVILIAN
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM, THE
12 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, AND OF COURSE OUR
13 JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNSEL CAN USE IT AS A TOOL TO CRAFT
14 TARGETED POLICIES. TODAY, WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THIS MOTION IS
15 WE'RE DIRECTING THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNSEL TO PUBLISH
16 THE CARE FIRST L.A. TRACKING DECARCERATION DATA DASHBOARD
17 ONLINE, PRESENT THE PLATFORM AT THEIR VIRTUAL MEETING
18 TOMORROW, AND USE THE DASHBOARD AS A TOOL TO CONTINUE THEIR
19 WORK WITH US TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION BELOW THE STATE'S
20 RATED CAPACITY. I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR
21 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I WANT TO THANK YOU TO THE
22 JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNSEL AND TO THE VERA INSTITUTE OF
23 JUSTICE FOR ALL THE WORK ON THIS DASHBOARD, AND I DO WANT TO
24 THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING THIS DATA, AND OF
25 COURSE, I DO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MY REALLY SMART

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1 JUSTICE DEPUTY, KYLE COATS, WHO HAS WORKED SO CLOSELY AND
2 BELIEVES SO MUCH IN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DASHBOARD GOING
3 FORWARD. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, WE WILL RECOGNIZE YOUR COAUTHOR,
6 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL JUST BRIEFLY ADD
9 MY TWO CENTS AND DITTO EVERYTHING THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST
10 SAID. THE VERA INSTITUTE HAS DONE AMAZING WORK HISTORICALLY IN
11 THIS AREA. I THINK THE ONLY THING THAT I WOULD ADD IS THAT IT
12 IS NOT ONLY AN EFFECTIVE TOOL AS WE THINK ABOUT PREVENTION,
13 BUT ALSO WITH REGARD TO RECIDIVISM, TO HAVE A SENSE OF HOW
14 MANY OF THE JAIL INMATES HAVE CHILDREN, HAVE HIGH SCHOOL
15 DIPLOMAS, WHAT KIND OF DIRECT SUPPORT AND INTERVENTION DO THEY
16 NEED UPON RELEASE IN ORDER TO DIRECTLY IMPACT RECIDIVISM. I
17 ALSO THINK IT SERVES AS A REAL BASIC, INFORMED POPULATION
18 MANAGEMENT TOOL THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE
19 TO UTILIZE EFFECTIVELY AS WELL. SO, YOU KNOW, DATA COLLECTION
20 IS A GOOD THING. USING IT TO EMPOWER THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED
21 FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND POLICYMAKERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN TRYING
22 TO TRULY RIGHT-SIZE OUR CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM,
23 AS WELL AS HAVE A CLEAR IDEA, NOT BASED ON HISTORICAL
24 PERCEPTIONS, BUT A CLEAR, CURRENT, RELEVANT UNDERSTANDING OF
25 WHO CONSTITUTES THE INCARCERATED POPULATION IS REALLY

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1 IMPORTANT FOR US AS POLICYMAKERS AND THOSE WHO WORK TO SUPPORT
2 SUPPORT THEM UPON RELEASE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M PROUD
3 TO COAUTHOR AND WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO
8 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR THIS GREAT MOTION AND THE
9 WORK OF THE VERA INSTITUTE FOR HELPING TO INCREASE ACCESS TO
10 DATA ABOUT OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. DATA TRANSPARENCY AND
11 ACCESSIBILITY ARE ALSO HIGH PRIORITIES OF MINE, AS I THINK YOU
12 KNOW, SINCE YOU HAVE SUPPORTED SOME OF THE MOTIONS IN THE
13 PAST, BUT IT'S THE REASON I BROUGHT A MOTION LAST AUGUST WITH
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO CREATE A CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA
15 SHARING INITIATIVE. AND JUST TO BROADEN THE CONTEXT A LITTLE
16 BIT TO THAT MOTION AND THE HARD WORK OF THE INFORMATION
17 SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD AND OUR DEPARTMENTS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE
18 TO UPLOAD DATA FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE, THE PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
20 HEALTH, CUSTODY HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
21 AND REENTRY ALL IN ONE CENTRAL LOCATION AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE
22 TO THE PUBLIC. SO THIS MOTION ADVANCES THAT GOAL OF
23 TRANSPARENCY BY MAKING THE DATA FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
24 MORE ACCESSIBLE, WHICH WILL GREATLY SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK
25 OF THE IS JAIL POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL, AS NOTED IN YOUR

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1 MOTION, WE WILL GET SOME SMART AND COLLABORATIVE POLICYMAKING.
2 SO I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE OUR WORK ON A COORDINATED, LONG-TERM
3 PLAN TO MAKE THE BROADEST KIND OF DATA ABOUT THE JUSTICE
4 SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ALL IN ONE PLACE
5 THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SHARING INITIATIVE. AND I
6 THANK YOU BOTH AND ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND YOUR STAFF FOR THIS
7 REALLY GOOD MOTION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. JUST BRIEFLY,
10 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS
11 MOTION BEFORE US. IT IS SOMETHING THAT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO
12 HAPPEN. WE NEED TO HAVE THIS DATA. IT WILL HELP INFORM US, OUR
13 POLICIES, AND ALSO HELP US LEGISLATIVELY. SO I AM TOTALLY IN
14 SUPPORT AND REALLY WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN. SO IF THERE ARE NO
15 OTHER FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS, THEN THIS ITEM, 57, IS
16 BEFORE US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 57E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
17 0.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT, MEMBERS,
20 MOVING ON TO 58. I DON'T SEE THAT THERE ARE ANY SPECIALS BEING
21 INTRODUCED TODAY. SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT ITEM, WHICH
22 IS OUR ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE WILL GO IN NUMERICAL ORDER. AND I
23 WILL BEGIN FIRST. I WILL BE BRIEF. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY BUCHANAN. SHE WAS BORN
25 IN THE CITY OF BELL AND PASSED AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE GRADUATED

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1 FROM BELL HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT ON TO WORK IN EDUCATION AND
2 RETIRED AS THE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ADULT
3 EDUCATION AT THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
4 SHE WAS A 65 YEAR RESIDENT OF WEST COVINA AND WAS AN ACTIVE
5 VOLUNTEER WITH THE WEST COVINA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
6 FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF EMBRACING LATINA LEADERSHIP ALLIANCES.
7 SHE ALSO ENGAGED IN COMMENDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK WITH
8 LIVABLE WEST COVINA WELL INTO HER 80S, AND SHE WAS RESERVED,
9 RESPECTFUL, RELENTLESS, KIND, CARING, SMART, ALL WORDS USED TO
10 DESCRIBE HER BY THOSE WHO KNEW HER BEST. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
11 HER HUSBAND OF 68 YEARS, ED BUCHANAN, HER DAUGHTER, LANNEA,
12 AND HER SONS, PATRICK AND SHAUN, HER GRANDCHILDREN AND
13 GRANDCHILD, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
14 WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. SECONDLY, I
15 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
16 MICHAEL BRITO. HE WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 9TH, 1979 IN THE CITY
17 OF LOS ANGELES. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE MOVED TO LA PUENTE PUENTE
18 WHERE HE RESIDED FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. AFTER GRADUATING
19 FROM LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL, HE PURSUED A VOCATIONAL DEGREE IN
20 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT LED HIM TO WORK IN A TECH FIELD
21 FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. MICHAEL VERY OFTEN TOOK ON CHALLENGING
22 ROLES AND BECAME A LEADER TO MANY BOTH IN HIS PROFESSION AND
23 PERSONAL LIFE. HIS FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER
24 HIM FOR HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE AS HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING EVEN
25 WHEN HE WAS HAVING A BAD DAY. THAT WOULD -- THEY WOULD ALWAYS

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1 SAY EVERYONE WANTS TO BE LIKE MIKE BECAUSE OF HIS POSITIVE
2 OUTLOOK ON LIFE. MICHAEL WAS A DODGER'S FAN, ENJOYED
3 EVERYTHING STAR WARS, AND LOVED DANCING AND MUSIC. HE WAS A
4 BELOVED SON, A BROTHER, UNCLE, AND FRIEND. HE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HIS FATHER, JAVIER BRITO, HIS SISTERS, YADIRA AND JANET BRITO,
6 WHO IS AN I.S.D. EMPLOYEE, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY
7 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAY HE REST IN
8 PEACE. AND FINALLY, BOARD MEMBERS, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
9 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUSTICE CRUZ REYNOSO. HE PASSED
10 WAY IN OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA ON MAY 7TH, 2021 AT THE AGE OF 90.
11 CRUZ REYNOSO, OR JUSTICE REYNOSO, WAS ONE OF OUR STATE'S FIRST
12 LATINO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND A HERO TO MANY ACROSS THIS
13 COUNTRY. HE HAD A 50-YEAR LEGAL CAREER LITIGATING ON BEHALF OF
14 OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. A SON OF MIGRANT WORKERS WHO
15 HIMSELF WORKS IN THE FIELDS, HE EVENTUALLY LED THE CALIFORNIA
16 RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THAT FARM
17 WORKERS HAD ACCESS TO SANITATION FACILITIES IN THE FIELDS AND
18 BANNED THE USE OF TOXIC PESTICIDES. DURING HIS TIME ON THE
19 STATE SUPREME COURT, HE WROTE THE COURT'S RULING TO REQUIRE
20 THAT INTERPRETATION SERVICES BE PROVIDED TO NON-ENGLISH
21 SPEAKING DEFENDANTS AT EVERY PHASE OF THE PROCESS. HE ALWAYS
22 USED HIS POWER FOR GOOD AND TO SEW SEEDS OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY
23 FOR SO MANY. TO ME, HE WAS MORE THAN A TRAILBLAZING FIGURE
24 THAT INSPIRED LATINX PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO PURSUE LEGAL
25 PROFESSIONS BUT A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE AS WELL. I REMEMBER

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1 FONDLY THE DAY HE CONDUCTED MY FIRST COMMUNITY SWEARING IN
2 CEREMONY IN 1992 WHEN I BECAME AN ASSEMBLYMEMBER. HIS LEGACY
3 OF LEADING WITH INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, AND COMMUNITY WILL LIVE
4 ON FOREVER. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL?

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** HILDA, I THINK THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO JOIN
8 YOU IN THAT ADJOURNMENT. I CERTAINLY WOULD.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL?

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, PLEASE.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT EVERYONE? OKAY. VERY GOOD.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, ME TOO, FOR THE JUDGE.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY NOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE NO ADJOURN AMENDMENTS TO
23 REPORT THIS WEEK. THANK YOU.

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONLY
3 TWO. MARTY BAUER, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
4 IN HIS HONOR AND MEMORY. HE WAS COFOUNDER OF THE UNITED TALENT
5 AGENCY AND SPENT THE FIRST PART OF HIS CAREER AS A
6 REPRESENTATIVE AT WILLIAM MORRIS AND THEN RAN THE BAUER-
7 BENEDEK AGENCY ESTABLISHED IN 1986. BY JANUARY 1991, HE AND
8 ENTERTAINMENT LAWYER, PETER BENEDEK, MERGED THEIR AGENCY WITH
9 LEADING ARTISTS, OFFICIALLY FOUNDING THE UNITED TALENT AGENCY
10 WITH EARLY CLIENTS INCLUDING STEVEN SODERBERGH AND THE COEN
11 BROTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, JOSH AND MATTHEW,
12 AND HIS SISTER, WENDY, WHO HAS WORKED ON A NUMBER OF PROJECTS
13 WITH SEVERAL OF US. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED CROWE, WHO CARED IMMENSELY ABOUT HIS
15 WEST HILLS COMMUNITY SINCE HE MOVED HIS FAMILY THERE IN 1988.
16 HE BELIEVED WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN HELPING OTHERS AND SERVING HIS
17 NEIGHBORHOOD BY ORGANIZING STREET CLEAN UPS, BEAUTIFICATION
18 EFFORTS, PROMOTING LOCAL BUSINESSES, PLANTING TREES, WELCOMING
19 PEOPLE WHO MOVED TO WEST HILLS, AND JUST BEING A CARING AND
20 VERY FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CANOGA
21 PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. HE DESIGNED THEIR LOGO AND THEIR
22 ORIGINAL WEBSITE AND REPORTED ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND EVENTS
23 IN HIS OWN PAPER, THE WEST VALLEY NEWS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
24 WIFE, SONYA, AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, INGRID, SEAN, AND TARYN.
25 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, THANK YOU.

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

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
6 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAKE ALARID, WHO WAS 87
7 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A GREAT CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR LIBERTY
8 COMMUNITY PLAZA, WHICH IS IN UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER. HE
9 ORGANIZED MONTHLY AMERICAN G.I. FORUM MEETINGS, OR REGULAR
10 EVENTS SUCH AS THE KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION, REMEMBERING THE
11 FORGOTTEN WAR. JAKE WAS MORE THAN JUST A LIAISON OR VOLUNTEER.
12 AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, HE PROVIDED A FUNDAMENTAL VOICE IN
13 DECISION MAKING, ESPECIALLY WITH THE HELPLINE YOUTH COUNSELING
14 PROGRAM. ONE OF JAKE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THE
15 AMERICAN G.I. FORUM COMMANDER WAS HIS GOAL OF HAVING THE
16 A.G.I.F. ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS ONE OF
17 THE CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED NATIONAL VETERAN'S
18 ORGANIZATIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIE, HIS SON,
19 PATRICK, HIS DAUGHTERS, KATHLEEN, CHRISTINE DECKER, ELAINE
20 ALARID, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. I THINK,
21 MADAM CHAIR, YOU WANTED TO JOIN ME ON THIS.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I
24 MET JAKE ALARID, I WOULD SAY, MAYBE MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO
25 WHEN I RAN FOR RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD. HE WAS AN

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1 AVID MEMBER, AS YOU KNOW, OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM, AND WE
2 WORKED ON MANY ISSUES TO TRY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF VIETNAM
3 VETS, BUT ALL OF OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY. BUT HE WAS ALSO AN
4 ENGINEER, AND HE WORKED ON PROJECTS DEALING WITH THE APOLLO
5 AND SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS, AND HE ALSO DID RUN, HELPED TO
6 RUN A YOUTH PROGRAM, ONE OF WHICH ONE OF MY SIBLINGS WAS A
7 PARTICIPANT IN WHILE SHE WAS ATTENDING COLLEGE. I JUST WANT TO
8 SAY HE WILL MISSED, AND THAT I KNOW THAT HE IS GOING TO BE
9 MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE VETERAN'S COMMUNITY. IN FACT,
10 ONE OF MY STAFFERS IS ATTENDING HIS FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON,
11 WHO ALSO WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN G.I.
12 FORUM. SO THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND, YES, HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. AND
16 I ALSO WANTED TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
17 IN MEMORY OF DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER MICHAEL WALL, WHO WAS
18 49 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE LIVED IN LAKEWOOD AND GRADUATED
19 FROM LONG BEACH POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL. GROWING UP, HE WAS
20 KNOWN TO STAND UP FOR ANY KID BEING BULLIED OR ATTACKED,
21 LETTING OTHERS KNOW WE ARE NOT HAVING THIS HAPPENING HERE
22 TODAY. AND, WHILE HE HAD SOME ASPIRATIONS TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL
23 FOOTBALL, AFTER GRADUATION, HE JOINED THE MESILLA HOSPITAL IN
24 LAS CRUCES, WORKING WITH MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS. NEXT, HE
25 JOINED A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED FAMILIES AND YOUTH

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1 INCORPORATED, A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER, WHERE HE WORKED
2 WITH TEENS AND THEIR FAMILY. HIS MOTHER BECAME VERY ILL, SO HE
3 THEN JOINED THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO BE CLOSER
4 TO HER. AND DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER WALL WAS A MEMBER OF
5 PROBATION OFFICERS' UNION, A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 685 AND PROUDLY
6 SERVED THE DEPARTMENT FOR 14 YEARS, MOST RECENTLY AT THE
7 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. HE WAS DEDICATED GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE,
8 AND HE WILL BE MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS, JEWEL,
9 DIONNE, AND ANGELIQUE, AND DAUGHTER, AUBREY, WHO LOVED HIM
10 DEARLY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
11 MEMORY OF DIANA MCWHORTER, WHO WORKED AT THE LOMITA SHERIFF'S
12 STATION AS THE STATION'S TELEPHONE OPERATOR FOR 30 YEARS. HER
13 CHEERFUL VOICE AND JOYFUL SPIRIT BROUGHT SO MUCH GOOD TO THE
14 STATION AND THE COMMUNITY. DIANA WAS SINGLE-HANDEDLY
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STATION'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE AS
16 WELL AS THE ANNUAL DRIVE TO COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES. BOTH
17 PROGRAMS REQUIRED COUNTLESS HOURS OF WORK AND A LOT OF
18 COORDINATION, BUT DIANA NEVER COMPLAINED. SHE KNEW THAT EVERY
19 TOY AND EACH BACKPACK FULL OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES WAS GOING TO
20 BRIGHTEN THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN NEED. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY
21 MISSED BY HER L.A.S.D. FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY. DIANA IS
22 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, TERRY, DAUGHTERS, MONIQUE AND ALANA.
23 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE
24 MEMORY OF DONALD EZELL, WHO WAS A PASTOR IN WILMINGTON, AND
25 HE PASSED AWAY AFTER A FOUR YEAR BATTLE OF AN ILLNESS THAT I

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1 CAN'T PRONOUNCE. DON WAS THE PASTOR OF HARBOR CHRISTIAN CENTER
2 IN WILMINGTON FOR 35 YEARS. HIS HEARTFELT SERMONS REACHED
3 THOUSANDS OF SOULS EACH WEEK BOTH LOCALLY AND ACROSS THE
4 WORLD. HIS VISION WAS TO SEE THE SOUTH BAY CHANGED THROUGH THE
5 HOPE OF CHRIST ALONG WITH THE MANIFESTATION OF MIRACLES,
6 SIGNS, WONDERS. HE FOUND MUCH JOY IN THE FLOCK THE LORD
7 ENTRUSTED TO HIM WHEN HE WITNESSED THEIR PURPOSE BEING
8 FULFILLED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LINDA, HIS CHILDREN,
9 HIS GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND I KNOW ALL OF
10 US KNOW THERE IS THAT CERTAIN CHURCH IN YOUR DISTRICT WHERE
11 THE PASTOR IS SO WELCOMING TO ALL OF US POLITICIANS WHO MIGHT
12 NOT BE REGULARS AT THE SERVICES, BUT WHEN WE ATTEND, THERE ARE
13 CERTAIN PASTORS THAT ARE SO GRACIOUS TO US AND WILL ACTUALLY
14 ALLOW US TO COME UP FRONT, AND THEY WILL HAND US THE
15 MICROPHONE AND LET US SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE CONGREGATION,
16 WHETHER IT IS DURING ELECTION SEASON OR ANY OTHER TIME. AND
17 PASTOR EZELL WAS ONE OF THOSE, ALWAYS HANDING OVER THE
18 MICROPHONE TO ME AND LETTING ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE
19 CONGREGATION. THIS CHURCH WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR HOSTING THE
20 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT THAT WOULD HOST THE TIMES WHEN WE WOULD
21 HONOR THOSE WHO WERE FIRST RESPONDERS, THOSE WHO WERE IN LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT, OUR FIREFIGHTERS, AND THAT CHURCH UNDER HIS
23 LEADERSHIP WOULD ALWAYS BE THE ONE IN THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY
24 THAT WOULD HOST THAT EVENT. SO HE HAS BLESSED SO MANY PEOPLE

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1 IN HIS LIFE, AND I'M CERTAINLY ONE OF THOSE. SO THANK YOU,
2 MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MINE.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT,
5 WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
8 DO SO IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN ALDEN GOODNO, JR., A LONGTIME
9 RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 21ST. HE
10 RECEIVED HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA
11 IN 1955, WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF HIS CAREER AS AN OB-
12 GYN. JOHN SPENT MANY YEARS LEARNING AND DEVELOPING HIS
13 PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AT HOSPITALS, INCLUDING MT. CAMEL
14 HOSPITAL AND JOHN HOPKINS HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE. HE SERVED AS
15 THE CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BEFORE ESTABLISHING HIS OWN OB-
17 GYN PRACTICE IN 1963. HE DELIVERED A REMARKABLE 20,000 BABIES
18 THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF HIS PRACTICE IN ARCADIA. JOHN
19 RETIRED IN 1995 AND SPENT THE NEXT 20 YEARS OF HIS LIFE
20 FOCUSED ON VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME WITH DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
21 AND LIGA INTERNATIONAL, THE FLYING DOCTORS OF MERCY. HE IS
22 REMEMBERED BY MANY AS DR. JOHN AND WILL BE MISSED BY COUNTLESS
23 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. JOHN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SARA, OF 48
24 YEARS, HIS 7 CHILDREN, MAUREEN, MICHAEL, MARJORIE, THOMAS,
25 SUSAN, DAVID, AND TRACY, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 22 GREAT

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1 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MERLE STONE,
2 WHO WAS BORN NOVEMBER 17, 1935 IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AND
3 PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT HIS HOME IN BURBANK ON APRIL 14TH
4 AFTER A SHORT BATTLE WITH CANCER. MERLE SERVED IN THE U.S.
5 ARMY AS A MILITARY POLICE OFFICER AND WAS BRIEFLY STATIONED IN
6 GERMANY FOLLOWING THE KOREAN WAR. AFTER SERVING, HE GRADUATED
7 FROM CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS
8 DEGREE AND WOULD LATER GO ON TO EARN HIS MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
9 EDUCATION FROM WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY. MERLE MOVED TO
10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE MID-'60S AND TAUGHT U.S. HISTORY
11 AND GOVERNMENT AT JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL FOR 20 YEARS
12 BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO BURBANK HIGH SCHOOL FOR ANOTHER 10
13 YEARS. HE SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH FOR MANY OF
14 THE BURROUGHS' FOOTBALL TEAMS DURING THE '70S AND '80S AND
15 WOULD LATER COACH AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY, VALLEY, AND MOORPARK
16 COLLEGES. HE RETIRED FROM TEACHING IN 2000, BUT LATER RETURNED
17 TO THE PROFESSION AS A MENTOR TEACHER IN THE CREDENTIAL
18 PROGRAM AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY. HE HAD A PASSION FOR EDUCATION,
19 HISTORY, SPORTS, AND POLITICS, AND WAS ALSO A DEVOUT CATHOLIC
20 AND REGULARLY ATTENDED MASS AT THE SAINT FRANCIS AND LATER
21 SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH IN BURBANK. HIS HUGS, HANDSHAKES,
22 KISSES, AND BOOMING VOICE WERE LEGENDARY, AND HE WILL BE
23 MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, PETER AND ADAM, AND
24 THREE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO I MOVE THAT ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
25 REVEREND PASTOR DAVID THOMAS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY. HE PASSED AWAY ON MAY 2ND, 2021. HE WAS BORN
2 IN IRAN ON APRIL 17TH, 1935, AND HE GREW TO BE A DEVOTED
3 PASTOR, HUSBAND, FATHER, AND FRIEND. DAVID COFOUNDED THE
4 IRANIAN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCHES IN IRAN, AS WELL AS
5 MULTIPLE PERSIAN AND ASSYRIAN CHURCHES ACROSS THE UNITED
6 STATES. HIS ENCOURAGING SPIRIT MADE HIM AN EXCEPTIONAL
7 TEACHER, MENTOR, AND ADVISOR TO MANY. THROUGHOUT HIS 47 YEARS
8 IN MINISTRY, HE WROTE SEVERAL BOOKS. HE WAS THE FIRST TO START
9 A PERSIAN PROGRAM ON CABLE TELEVISION IN THE 1990S TO SPREAD
10 THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. DAVID IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANET, HIS
11 DAUGHTERS, RAMINA AND RAMSINA, AND HIS GRANDSON, THOMAS. AND
12 LAST, I MOVE THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE
13 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT
14 VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE
15 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
16 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH. MARVIN DEWAYNE ADAMS,
17 ARMY, JONITHAN ALDOUS, AIR FORCE, LUIS ALBERTO BAYRON, ARMY,
18 TERRY GEORGE BOGAN, MARINE CORPS, HARRY CORRALEZ, NAVY, SCOTT
19 CURTIS DEWAR, ARMY, HENRICUS ELANDS, ARMY, RUBEN GOMEZ, ARMY,
20 AARON LUZON HAYWOOD, ARMY, JAMES HIGGINS, ARMY, FELICIA NICOLE
21 JOHNSON, ARMY, NORBET LEE, AIR FORCE, ROBERT IRVING MARKS, AIR
22 FORCE, GEORGE WILLIAM MERRICK, NAVY, SCOTT GILBERT WALTON,
23 NAVY, AND LARRY JAMES WILLIAMS, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
24 AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.
25 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, TO ALL THE MEMBERS. WE
3 WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO
4 OBJECTION TO UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. WE WILL
5 CONTINUE ITEMS CS1 AND CS2 TO MAY 25TH, 2021. IF THERE ARE NO
6 OBJECTION OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND MEMBERS,
7 THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT
8 SPECIAL MEETING RELATING TO THE 2021-2022 BUDGET HEARING WILL
9 BE HELD REMOTELY TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY MAY 19TH, 2021 AT
10 9:30A.M. AND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
11 BE A SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY MAY 25TH AND TUESDAY
12 JUNE THE 1ST OF 2021. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
13 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE THE 8TH. MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES
14 OUR MEETING TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND TO THE AUDIENCE AND
15 THE PUBLIC, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. BYE, EVERYBODY.

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

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14 interested in the outcome thereof.

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