



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

2 **2021-22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

3 **WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021, 9:30 AM**

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
7 SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2021. OUR
9 MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC
10 HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE
11 ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND
12 RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN? SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

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

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

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

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5 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I AM GOING TO CALL SUPERVISOR HAHN
13 AGAIN, BUT I UNDERSTAND WE MAY BE HAVING SOME ISSUES WITH
14 CONNECTIVITY. WE ARE WORKING ON THAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN? OKAY.
15 ALL RIGHT, THEN. TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE REPORT BY THE
16 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM BOARD
17 MEMBERS FOLLOWED BY DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, AND THEN WE WILL
18 TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE PRESENT?
19 HELLO? I SEE HER NAME. MAYBE SHE IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH
20 COMMUNICATION. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER ONE IS A REPORT,
21 AS YOU KNOW, BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND ITEM NUMBER
22 TWO IS PUBLIC HEARING. THESE ITEMS ARE RELATED AND, THEREFORE,
23 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. SO LET US BEGIN BY HEARING FROM OUR
24 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM --

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

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
6 MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
7 ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT TODAY DURING TODAY'S PUBLIC HEARING. AS
8 YOU ALREADY KNOW, BUDGETS ARE ITERATIVE PROCESSES, AND THE
9 COUNTY'S BUDGET IS NO DIFFERENT. BY WAY OF A REMINDER, ON
10 APRIL 20TH, I PRESENTED TO YOU THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET WHICH
11 THE BOARD ADAPTED ON THAT DATE, AND THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET WAS
12 POSTED ONLINE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. TODAY IS DESIGNED TO
13 ALLOW THE BOARD TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THAT RECOMMENDED
14 BUDGET THAT WAS POSTED ONLINE LAST MONTH. NO BUDGET DECISIONS
15 WILL BE MADE TODAY OR ANY OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE BUDGET.
16 THOSE ITEMS WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR BUDGET
17 CYCLE. THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS OCCURS ON JUNE
18 28TH, 2021, WHERE THE BOARD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
19 DELIBERATE BEFORE TAKING ACTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET.
20 AFTER THE FINAL BUDGET IS ADOPTED IN JUNE, THE THIRD AND FINAL
21 PART OF THE BUDGET PHASE WILL OCCUR ON OCTOBER 4TH, 2021, WHEN
22 MY OFFICE WILL SUBMIT ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHAT WE
23 CALL THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES BUDGET. I HAVE PREPARED A SHORT
24 PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD TO REMIND US WHERE WE LEFT OFF
25 DURING THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN APRIL, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE

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1 TO PROVIDE UPDATES REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISED BUDGED
2 AND THEN PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CONTINUED PRESSURES ON THE
3 COUNTY'S BUDGET. BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSCORE
4 THAT THIS BUDGET SEEKS TO ADVANCE THE PRIORITIES OF THIS BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR SHARED VALUES AS A COUNTY. IT IS A
6 SPENDING BLUEPRINT FOR BOTH OUR ASPIRATIONS AND OUR EXTENSIVE
7 PUBLIC SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS
8 BUDGET IS DESIGNED TO BE COMMITTED TO THE COUNTY'S CORE SAFETY
9 NET MISSION, RESPONSIVE TO THOSE NEEDS CREATED BY THE
10 PANDEMIC, AND THE INEQUITIES IT EXPOSED, AND POISED TO PIVOT
11 ADDRESS EMERGING NEEDS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE. ORDINARILY, THE
12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WOULD APPEAR BEFORE YOU AT THIS PUBLIC
13 HEARING TO BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND THEN LAYOUT
14 SOME OF THE CHALLENGES FUNDING AND OBLIGATIONS AHEAD, BUT THIS
15 IS NO ORDINARY YEAR. SO MY PRESENTATION WILL BE FRAMED
16 SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY THAN WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST. THERE
17 IS A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED. IT IS
18 POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AS WELL. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
19 IT IS ALSO PUBLICLY DISPLAYED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
20 MAY BE SIGNING ON TO THE WEBSITE. AND IF WE COULD MOVE TO
21 SLIDE TWO. THANK YOU. EMBRACING OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATIVE
22 CHANGE. I THINK WE HAVE ALL HEARD IT SAID OVER THE LAST 15
23 MONTHS OR SO THAT WE ARE IN HISTORIC TIMES AND THAT WE ARE AT
24 A POINT OF INFLECTION. IT IS THE FACT OF THESE HISTORIC TIMES
25 THAT SETS THE GROUNDWORK FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE. THE \$36.2

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1 BILLION DOLLAR RECOMMENDED BUDGET, ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD LAST
2 MONTH, PROVIDES THE STARTING POINT FOR THIS WORK AS WE LOOK TO
3 SUPPLEMENT OUR BUDGET WITH ADDITIONAL REVENUES FROM THE STATE
4 AND FEDERAL FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO TALK A
5 LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR REASONS FOR OPTIMISM. BEYOND THE POSITIVE
6 TRENDS WE ARE SEEING ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH FRONT, WE ARE ALSO
7 GETTING POSITIVE INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT. WE ARE
8 SEEING OUR REVENUES INCREASE, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR
9 REVENUES WILL CONTINUE TO REBOUND TO PRE-COVID LEVELS. WE ARE
10 ANTICIPATING \$1.9 BILLION FROM WASHINGTON AND THE AMERICAN
11 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AS WELL AS POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING
12 FOR THE AMERICAN JOBS PLAN, WHICH IS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED IN
13 CONGRESS. ON THE HORIZONS OF THE AMERICAN JOBS PLAN IN
14 WASHINGTON, WE HOPE THAT THAT WILL BE SIGNED INTO LAW AND SEND
15 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OUR WAY. WE SEE A STATE BUDGET WITH A
16 LARGE SURPLUS AND THE POTENTIAL OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNOR TO
17 BRING AN UNPRECEDENTED \$12 BILLION TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS
18 CRISIS AND OTHER URGENT NEEDS STATE WIDE. ALL OF THAT ADDS TO
19 A GROWING SENSE OF OPTIMISM ABOUT WHAT L.A. COUNTY WILL BE
20 ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH, NOT JUST IN THE NEAR TERM, BUT TO SET A
21 FOUNDATION FOR THE YEARS AHEAD. WE ARE POSITIONED, LIKE NEVER
22 BEFORE, TO COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS SO MANY OF OUR LONGSTANDING
23 BARRIERS THAT HAVE HELD BACK INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES FOR
24 GENERATIONS, THINGS LIKE INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, BARRIERS TO
25 HOUSING AND JOBS, THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 INEQUITIES, AND, OF COURSE, JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM. MY GOAL IS
2 FOR THE COUNTY TO COME OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC BETTER THAN
3 BEFORE. MY DESCRIPTION OF HOW WE GET THERE IS BUDGETING FOR
4 CHANGE. AND KEY COMPONENTS OF BUDGETING FOR CHANGE DEPEND ON
5 ADDITIONAL REVENUES THAT WE HOPE TO RECEIVE FROM THE STATE AND
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LET'S TALK A LITTLE
7 BIT ABOUT ADVANCING KEY BOARD PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES. AS A
8 REMINDER, OUR COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS IS GUIDED BY THE
9 PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY YOUR BOARD. THESE INCLUDE ADVANCING
10 RACIAL EQUITY, JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM, SUPPORTING THOSE
11 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, INVESTING IN
12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND CONTINUING OUR WORK TO COMBAT
13 HOMELESSNESS. AS I REPORTED IN APRIL, WE'VE ESTABLISHED THE
14 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION OFFICE AS WELL AS THE
15 ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICE. THERE IS ALSO A
16 RECOMMENDATION IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET TO MAINTAIN OUR
17 INVESTMENT IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. THESE ARE
18 JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE CONTAINED
19 IN THE BUDGET THAT SEEK TO ADVANCE KEY BOARD PRIORITIES AND
20 INITIATIVES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS BOARD HAS
21 ADOPTED A TRANSFORMATIVE, CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST INITIATIVE,
22 AND MEASURE J IS A CORNERSTONE OF THAT INITIATIVE. I'D LIKE TO
23 TAKE SOME TIME TO UNPACK THE INFORMATION IN THIS SLIDE. AS YOU
24 KNOW, WE WILL BEGIN THE THREE-YEAR PHASE-IN OF MEASURE J WITH
25 A \$100 MILLION DOWN PAYMENT BEGINNING ON JULY 1ST, 2021. THIS

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1 IS THE SINGLE LARGEST ALLOCATION IN OUR ENTIRE BUDGET FOR A
2 NEW PROGRAM. THIS AMOUNT WAS INCLUDED IN OUR RECOMMENDED
3 BUDGET AND APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD AS A STARTING POINT FROM
4 WHICH WE WILL GROW TO ACHIEVE THE FULL SET-ASIDE BY JUNE 30TH,
5 2024. THE C.E.O. TEAM UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK,
6 AND IT TAKES IT SERIOUSLY. IN BETWEEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET
7 AND THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT DOLLARS AND NOW THE FUNDING WE WILL BE
8 RECEIVING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT
9 WORK ON MEASURE J. WE APPRECIATE THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF SO
10 MANY THAT HAVE DEVOTED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO MOVE THE CARE
11 FIRST/JAILS LAST, MODEL FORWARD. AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING
12 OUR PART. AND WHILE I CANNOT COMMIT AT THIS TIME THAT
13 ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT, WE
14 HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL BUDGET PHASES TO GO THROUGH, WHICH IS
15 JUNE, FINAL CHANGES BUDGET, AND OCTOBER, THE SUPPLEMENTAL
16 CHANGES BUDGET. AND SO, WHILE I AM UNABLE TO MAKE THAT
17 COMMITMENT TODAY, I CAN COMMIT TO THIS BOARD THAT WE ARE DOING
18 EVERYTHING WE CAN POSSIBLY CAN TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDING
19 WHILE BALANCING OTHER PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD. WE WILL PROVIDE
20 THE BOARD UPDATES IN OUR EFFORTS DURING FINAL CHANGES AND
21 SUPPLEMENTAL. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE MEASURE
22 J METHODOLOGY. SO, ON MARCH 16TH, 2021, MY OFFICE ISSUED A
23 MEMO TO YOUR BOARD PROVIDING NOTICE THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE IN
24 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET \$100 MILLION AS A YEAR ONE DOWN PAYMENT
25 OF THE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE AS WE BUILD UP TO THE FULL SET-

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1 ASIDE AMOUNT BY JUNE, 2024. AS WE PREVIOUSLY STATED, THE \$100
2 MILLION PROPOSED ALLOCATION REPRESENTS THE SINGLE LARGEST
3 ALLOCATION FOR A NEW PROGRAM IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. IN
4 THAT MARCH 16TH MEMO, WE ALSO PROVIDED OUR BEST ESTIMATED
5 PROJECTION OF THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE SET-ASIDE, \$300 MILLION,
6 BASED ON THE CURRENT DATA. WE CALL IT A PROJECTION BECAUSE
7 WE'RE USING DATA FROM FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET FIGURES TO
8 PROJECT WHAT THE FIGURE MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE IN FISCAL YEAR
9 '23-'24. WE CALL IT AN ESTIMATE BECAUSE OUR WORK TO REFINE ALL
10 OF THE NUMBERS IS ONGOING. A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION AS TO
11 WHETHER THE 10 PERCENT SET-ASIDE AMOUNT IS BASED ON THE TOTAL
12 AMOUNT OF LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE. ESSENTIALLY, SIMPLY TAKE
13 10 PERCENT OFF THE TOP OF OUR LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE FIGURE
14 OR OFF THE TOP OF OUR NET COUNTY COST FIGURE. AT THE HEART OF
15 THIS QUESTION IS THIS NOTION OF UNRESTRICTED, THE LANGUAGE
16 INCLUDED IN THE MEASURE J ORDINANCE. ON MAY 17TH OF 2021, I
17 ISSUED ANOTHER MEMO ADDRESSING THE QUESTIONS AROUND RESTRICTED
18 VERSUS UNRESTRICTED. BASED ON YOUR OFFICE'S EXPERIENCE WITH
19 DEVELOPING A COUNTY BUDGET FOR MANY YEARS, AND THE KNOWLEDGE
20 OBTAINED OVER THOSE YEARS, THOSE COMBINED TELL US THAT
21 CALCULATING THE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE REQUIRES MORE THAN TAKING
22 10 PERCENT OFF THE TOP. THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES SOMETHING
23 DIFFERENT. THE MEASURE J ORDINANCE REQUIRES A SET-ASIDE OF 10
24 PERCENT OF THE LOCALLY GENERATED, UNRESTRICTED REVENUE, NET
25 COUNTY COST. LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUE IS A NEW

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1 BUDGETING TERM FOR THE COUNTY, AND I CANNOT OVERSTATE THE
2 SIGNIFICANCE OF INSERTING THE WORD UNRESTRICTED INTO THE
3 PHRASE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE. STATE LAW PRESCRIBES HOW
4 COUNTIES ARE TO PREPARE THEIR BUDGETS AND REQUIRES THAT THEY
5 ARE BALANCED WITH THE BUDGET IS ADOPTED. LIKE ALL BUDGETS, THE
6 COUNTY'S BUDGET INCLUDES A REVENUE COMPONENT, AND IT IS
7 BALANCED WITH THE COST COMPONENT, AND IF THE COSTS AND THE
8 REVENUE DON'T EQUAL EACH OTHER, THE BUDGET IS NOT BALANCED.
9 YOU SEE, LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE IS A WELL-KNOWN TERM IN
10 COUNTY BUDGETING. THE BOARD HAS DISCRETION OVER THIS REVENUE,
11 WHICH INCLUDES SOURCES LIKE PROPERTY TAXES. THE TERM LOCALLY
12 GENERATED REVENUE HAS AN ESTABLISHED MEANING AND HAS BEEN USED
13 IN COUNTY (INDISCERNIBLE) FOR OVER 20 YEARS, MAYBE EVEN
14 LONGER. WE USE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE TO PAY THOSE COUNTY
15 COSTS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCE. THESE COSTS
16 ARE CALLED NET COUNTY COSTS. ON THE ISSUE OF NET COUNTY COSTS,
17 THE TERM NET COUNTY COSTS HAS BEEN IN USE IN THE COUNTY FOR
18 MANY YEARS. IT IS NOT DEFINED BY LAW, BUT IT IS DEFINED IN THE
19 GLOSSARY OF THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUDGET BOOKS. SOME OF THESE
20 COSTS ARE REQUIRED, OFTEN AS A RESULT OF A FEDERAL OR STATE
21 LAW, LEGAL SETTLEMENTS, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, A MAINTENANCE
22 OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS, OUR BOARD
23 BUDGETARY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS. BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OTHER
24 REVENUE SOURCES FROM WHICH TO PAY THESE COSTS, THE COUNTY MUST
25 USE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES TO COVER THEM. BECAUSE LOCALLY

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1 GENERATED REVENUE MUST BE USED TO PAY NET COUNTY COSTS, THE
2 TWO ARE, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, TWO SIDES OF THE SAME
3 COIN AND ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED. AT THE END OF THE DAY,
4 LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE MUST BE USED TO PAY NET COUNTY COSTS
5 TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET. BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE COSTS ARE
6 REQUIRED, THEN THE REVENUE USED TO PAY THEM ARE RESTRICTED.
7 ANOTHER MAJOR FACTOR THAT SUPPORTS THE METHODOLOGY FOR THE
8 MEASURE J SET-ASIDE CALCULATION IS THE NEW TERM COINED IN THE
9 ORDINANCE, LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUE. IF EACH
10 WORD IN THE ORDINANCE IS TO BE GIVEN EFFECT, AND IF NO WORD IS
11 LEFT REDUNDANT OR IRRELEVANT, THEN THE INSERTION OF THE WORD
12 UNRESTRICTED INTO THE PHRASE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE CHANGES
13 ITS MEANING. THE ADDITION OF THE WORD UNRESTRICTED
14 ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A PORTION OF THE REVENUE MUST BE RESTRICTED.
15 OTHERWISE, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO ADD THE WORD AND COIN
16 THIS NEW PHRASE. FINALLY, THE LAST MAJOR FACTOR THAT SUPPORTS
17 THE METHODOLOGY IS THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THIS BOARD,
18 EVIDENCED LAST SUMMER WHEN THE MEASURE J ORDINANCE WAS BEING
19 DELIBERATED OVER THE COURSE OF THREE BOARD SESSIONS. IT IS
20 CLEAR FROM THOSE DISCUSSIONS THAT THE CALCULATION FOR MEASURE
21 J WOULD INVOLVE MORE THAN TAKING 10 PERCENT OFF THE TOP OF
22 LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES OR NET COUNTY COST FIGURES. IN
23 FACT, THOSE DISCUSSIONS NEVER CONTEMPLATED SIMPLY TAKING 10
24 PERCENT OFF THE TOP OF THE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE FIGURE.
25 MORE SPECIFICALLY, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION DURING THOSE

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1 DELIBERATION PERIODS WHERE THE BOARD DISCUSSED A \$900 MILLION
2 FIGURE. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE ALWAYS AROUND A FIGURE ABOUT IN
3 THE AREA OF ABOUT \$360 MILLION. AND THAT WAS A BACK OF THE
4 ENVELOPE FIGURE THAT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE PRIOR C.E.O.
5 WITHOUT DOING THE DETAILED ANALYSIS THAT IS REQUIRED BY
6 MEASURE J. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NOT UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT ON THE
7 METHODOLOGY, WE KNOW THAT THE WORK MUST CONTINUE. THE MEASURE
8 J ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS HARD AT WORK ON PROPOSALS FOR HOW TO
9 SPEND THIS FUNDING. THIS IS AN INTENSIVE AND IMPORTANT PART OF
10 THE PROCESS. SO FAR, MY TEAM HAS PRESENTED TO THE MEASURE J
11 ADVISORY PANEL FOUR TIMES, BUT WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A COMPLEX
12 TOPIC, AND MORE ENGAGEMENT IS NEEDED. YESTERDAY, I HAD THE
13 PRIVILEGE OF MEETING WITH SEVERAL LEADERS OF THE MEASURE J
14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I SHARED WITH THEM MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE
15 NEED TO DO THIS WORK AND EXPRESSED MY APPRECIATION FOR THE
16 WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING AND ANSWERED QUESTIONINGS THAT THEY
17 HAD REGARDING OUR INTERPRETATION OF MEASURE J AND THE
18 METHODOLOGY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO GO BACK AND FINISH THE
19 CONVERSATION. I ALSO SHARED THAT MY OFFICE IS WORKING WITH THE
20 BOARD ON A SERIES OF EQUITY-FOCUSED INVESTMENTS FOR THE
21 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING. SOME OF THOSE PROPOSED
22 INVESTMENTS INTERSECT CLOSELY WITH THE INVESTMENT CATEGORIES
23 FOR MEASURE J, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY IDENTICAL TO
24 THEM. OUR AIM IS TO LEVERAGE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO
25 SUPPORT THE BOARD'S VISION AND BUILD A COUNTY THAT IS BETTER

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1 THAN BEFORE FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. NO ONE INITIATIVE CAN
2 DO IT ALONE. SO WE MUST THINK BIGGER, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT
3 WE CAN PRESENT YOUR BOARD WITH A PACKAGE OF FUNDING PROPOSALS
4 TO ADVANCE THIS WORK AND INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES ON A SCALE
5 WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE USING MEASURE J DOLLARS AS WELL AS
6 OTHER FUNDING STREAMS THAT ARE COMING THE COUNTY'S WAY. NEXT
7 SLIDE, PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. ANOTHER HALLMARK OF THE CARE
9 FIRST/JAILS LAST INITIATIVE IS MOVING AWAY FROM A
10 PROSECUTORIAL AND LEGALISTIC APPROACH TO DEALING WITH OUR
11 JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH AND TOWARD A YOUTH-CENTERED APPROACH
12 FOCUSED ON DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS
13 VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS APPROACH AND BELIEVES THAT IT IS AN
14 IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME. THEREFORE, WE ARE WORKING TO ACHIEVE
15 THIS GOAL ON TWO SEPARATE BUT PARALLEL TRACKS. YOUR BOARD HAS
16 ASKED MY OFFICE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AND AN
17 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAN BE
18 IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES. IN ESSENCE, START
19 WITH WHAT WE CAN DO SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. AND WE ARE
20 COMMITTED TO THAT WORK, AND WE HAVE A REPORT BACK THAT WILL BE
21 COMING BACK TO YOUR BOARD IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE ARE ALSO
22 LOOKING AT THOSE THINGS THAT WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO
23 ACCOMPLISH, INCLUDING ADDRESSING EXISTING LEGISLATIVE
24 BARRIERS, LABOR RELATIONS ISSUES, AND IDENTIFYING ONGOING AND
25 SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO A COUPLE

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1 OF DECISION POINTS AHEAD FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, THIS YEAR,
2 MORE THAN EVER, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT DECISION POINTS AND
3 CHANGES IN THE BUDGET AHEAD. IN EARLY JUNE, WE WILL BE
4 PRESENTING TO YOUR BOARD A RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN FOR THE
5 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INVESTMENTS THAT I MENTIONED A MOMENT
6 AGO. THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT AREAS WILL GENERALLY FALL INTO
7 FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES, 1) MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE
8 AGAINST THE PANDEMIC. 2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY
9 OF OUR REGION. 3) SUPPORT EQUITY INVESTMENTS THAT WILL MAKE
10 THE COUNTY BETTER THAN BEFORE. AND 4) SUSTAINABILITY AND
11 PREPAREDNESS. AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, WE WILL RETURN ON JUNE
12 28TH FOR THE FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET PHASE. THIS WILL INCORPORATE
13 MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON REVENUES AND ALSO IS EXPECTED
14 TO REFLECT THE IMPACT OF THE STATE'S BUDGET ON THE COUNTY'S
15 BUDGET. LASTLY, WE EXPECT TO RETURN WITH THE MEASURE J YEAR-
16 ONE PROGRAMMING ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPED WITH THE INPUT FROM THE
17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND THEN WE WILL CLOSE THE BUDGET CYCLE
18 WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES BUDGET ON OCTOBER 5TH. NEXT
19 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO I'D LIKE TO QUICKLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FISCAL
20 DISCIPLINE THAT YOUR BOARD HAS DEMONSTRATED AND EXPLAIN WHY
21 THAT HAS BEEN SO IMPORTANT IN ENABLING US BOTH TO MEET OUR
22 SAFETY NET RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO FUND YOUR BOLD POLICY
23 AGENDA. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FORESIGHT HAVE ENABLED US TO AVOID
24 THE BOOM AND BUST CYCLES THAT OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE
25 EXPERIENCED AND TO KEEP OUR WORKFORCE STRONG, STABLE, AND ABLE

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1 TO RISE TO ANY DEMANDS THAT MAY COME OUR WAY. WE CERTAINLY
2 HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE PAST YEAR. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOUR
3 LEADERSHIP HAS PUT US IN SUCH A STRONG POSITION TO WEATHER THE
4 STORM AND TO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR CONSTITUENTS AS DEMANDS FOR
5 SERVICES GROW SHARPLY DURING THE PANDEMIC. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
6 A LEANER BASELINE, BECAUSE OF THAT DISCIPLINE THAT I MENTIONED
7 EARLIER, WE ARE COMING INTO THIS NEW FISCAL YEAR WITH A NEW,
8 LEANER BASELINE. THE CUTS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED IN THE
9 CURRENT YEAR, THAT'S THE 2021 BUDGET, THOSE CUTS HAVE PROVIDED
10 US WITH THE ABILITY TO FUND THE BOLD POLICY AGENDA WE ARE
11 TAKING NOW. IN FACT, THOSE CUTS MADE THE YEAR-ONE MEASURE J
12 ALLOCATION OF \$100 MILLION POSSIBLE WITHOUT LAYOFFS OR
13 CURTAILMENTS. I WILL NOTE THAT THIS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE
14 TRUE IN FUTURE BUDGET CYCLES AS WE RAMP UP FUNDING TO MEET THE
15 FULL MEASURE J SET-ASIDE BY JUNE OF 2024. BUT THE LEANER
16 BASELINE ESTABLISHED IN THIS FISCAL YEAR POSITIONED US WELL TO
17 BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MEASURE J FIRST-YEAR SET-
18 ASIDE, STARTING NEXT YEAR. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO A COUPLE OF
19 CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON, DESPITE OUR OVERALL OPTIMISM, WE DO
20 HAVE CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON. EVEN WITH THE \$36.2 BILLION
21 BUDGET, WE CANNOT MEET EVERY NEED, AND WE MUST BEAR THAT IN
22 MIND AS WE MEET SOME OF THE CHALLENGES AND EMERGING ISSUES.
23 ONE EXAMPLE, AS YOU SEE IN THE SLIDE, IS THE LOSS OF THE TITLE
24 FOUR E WAIVER IN THE FAMILIES FIRST TRANSITIONS ACT FUNDING
25 THIS OCTOBER. THAT WILL RESULT IN A \$260 MILLION DEFICIT IN

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1 THE D.C.F.S. BUDGET. FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22, WE HAVE
2 IDENTIFIED SOME FUNDING SOLUTIONS AS WE WERE AWARE THAT THIS
3 FUNDING MODEL WOULD BE CHANGING, BUT WE ALSO MUST WORK TO
4 IDENTIFY A PERMANENT FUNDING SOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEARS '22,
5 '23, AND BEYOND. NEXT, WE KNOW ON THE HORIZON, WE ARE CLOSELY
6 MONITORING THE IMPACT OF THE L.A. ALLIANCE HOMELESSNESS
7 LAWSUIT. ALTHOUGH THAT WORK IS UNDERWAY, WE ARE CLOSELY
8 MONITORING AND HOPEFULLY POSITIONING OURSELVES TO BE ABLE TO
9 PREPARE FOR ANY OUTCOME OUT OF THAT LAWSUIT. AND THEN I'D LIKE
10 TO TALK A LITTLE BIT, THERE'S A BULLET ON THE SLIDE THAT TALKS
11 ABOUT LEGACY AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS. AND HERE IS AN EXAMPLE
12 THAT I THINK REALLY BRINGS IT HOME FOR ALL OF US HERE IN THE
13 COUNTY. PREVIOUSLY, I DISCUSSED LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES,
14 AND THE MAIN SOURCE OF OUR LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE IS
15 PROPERTY TAXES. THE SECURE TAX ROLL SYSTEM, WHICH IS USED BY
16 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR
17 CONTROLLER IS OVER 40 YEARS OLD AND IS IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT.
18 SO WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER AND
19 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR TO IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR A NEW COMPUTER
20 SYSTEM THAT BRINGS US INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND THAT ENSURES
21 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO COLLECT OUR PROPERTY TAXES IN AN
22 EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER. EVERY BUDGET HAS PRESSURES,
23 AND OUR BUDGET IS NO DIFFERENT, BUT THESE ARE JUST A FEW
24 EXAMPLES OF THE SCALE AND THE MAGNITUDE OF WHAT WE ARE DEALING
25 WITH IN TERMS OF PRESSURES ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. NEXT SLIDE,

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1 PLEASE. CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON, FINALLY, THERE IS PRESSURE
2 FROM MORE THAN \$40.2 BILLION IN UNFUNDED LIABILITIES,
3 INCLUDING RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS. JUST BY WAY OF BACKGROUND,
4 STATE LAW REQUIRES US TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS THAT GO --
5 THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE TIME THAT AN EMPLOYEE WORKS FOR THE
6 COUNTY. THAT REQUIRES THAT WE PRE-FUND THESE BENEFITS AHEAD OF
7 TIME, OR WE USE A PAY-AS-YOU-GO APPROACH. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR A
8 VARIETY OF REASONS, THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH FUNDING SET ASIDE FOR
9 THESE BENEFITS IN THE PAST, AND IT HAS RESULTED IN AN UNFUNDED
10 LIABILITY FOR US TODAY. THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ADDRESS
11 THESE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES, WHICH REQUIRES ADDITIONAL FUNDING
12 OVER THE LONG TERM. MOVING TO THE LAST SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE,
13 PLEASE. NOT WITHSTANDING THE CHALLENGES I JUST OUTLINED, I
14 WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE BY TAKING NOTE OF THE INCREDIBLE
15 OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE BEFORE US. THE BOARD HAS SHOWN, TIME AND
16 TIME AGAIN, YOUR COMMITMENT TO EMBRACING BIG OPPORTUNITIES,
17 FACING UP TO TOUGH CHALLENGES, AND EXPECT US TO ACTUALLY SOLVE
18 PROBLEMS AND NOT JUST MANAGE THEM. THROUGH YOUR CLEAR
19 PRIORITIES, FORWARD-LOOKING VISION, AND THE ADDITIONAL STATE
20 AND FEDERAL FUNDING COMING OUR WAY, WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION
21 TO BUILD UPON A FOUNDATION FOR A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION SHIFT IN
22 INVESTMENTS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TODAY,
23 AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE OR
24 LISTEN TO YOUR COMMENTS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
3 PRESENTATION, AND I HOPE THAT IT DOES HELP TO CLARIFY MANY,
4 MANY ISSUES THAT I KNOW WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS.
5 MEMBERS, I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT WE WILL HAVE AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, AND WE WILL GO IN ORDER,
7 NUMERICAL ORDER, AND AS CHAIR AND AS CHAIR AND THE FIRST
8 DISTRICT, THEN I WILL -- I WILL BEGIN MY STATEMENTS, AND THEN
9 I WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND, AT THAT POINT,
11 THEN WE WILL OPEN IT UP FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THEN WE WILL
12 ALSO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. SO, WITH THAT, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND,
13 I AM GOING TO TRY TO GO THROUGH THIS QUICKLY, IF I CAN. FIRST
14 OF ALL, I WANT TO REITERATE MY THANKS TO OUR NEW C.E.O., FESIA
15 DAVENPORT, THIS IS YOUR FIRST BUDGET, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
16 AND YOUR TEAM FOR YOUR CONTINUED HARD WORK ON THIS. TODAY'S
17 MEETING, AS YOU KNOW, IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HEAR FROM
18 THE PUBLIC ON THEIR RESPONSE TO THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
19 PROVIDED TO US BY YOU ON APRIL THE 20TH. THIS LAST YEAR, AS
20 YOU KNOW, HAS IMPACTED SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY
21 THE LATINX AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS OUR
22 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. AND THIS UPCOMING BUDGET, IN
23 MY BELIEF, IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS PRE-EXISTING, SYSTEMIC
24 ISSUES THAT WERE FURTHER EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC.
25 OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED TO DO MORE, AND WE KNOW THAT

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1 THAT'S THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT I WOULD SAY TO YOU,
2 COLLEAGUES, THAT THERE IS MUCH MORE TO BE HOPEFUL ABOUT AS OUR
3 ECONOMY AND OUR BUDGET CONTINUES ON THE UPSWING. NOW IS THE
4 MOMENT TO ADDRESS ISSUES HEAD-ON, AND THAT'S MY BELIEF. AS OF
5 MAY 14TH, OVER \$9 MILLION VACCINE DOSES HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED
6 ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WITH AT LEAST 16.8
7 PERCENT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AGED 16 AND OVER HAVING RECEIVED
8 AT LEAST ONE SHOT, AND OVER 46.7 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS, 16 AND
9 OLDER, WE KNOW ARE FULLY VACCINATED. AND WITH MORE PEOPLE
10 GETTING VACCINATED, WE ARE AT THAT CLOSER POINT THAT WE CAN
11 HOPEFULLY GET OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC, BUT WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO
12 BE VACCINATED, AS WE KNOW, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES,
13 MANY THAT I REPRESENT, THAT STILL HAVE VERY LOW VACCINATION
14 RATES, SUCH AS AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF POMONA,
15 WITH A 14.4 PERCENT RATE AND IN AREAS THAT I REPRESENT IN THE
16 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, 32.2 PERCENT FOR WESTLAKE AND 37.5
17 PERCENT IN SOUTH PARK. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW TO MAKE THE
18 VACCINES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO WORKING RESIDENTS, TO ESSENTIAL
19 WORKERS, AS WELL AS PEOPLE WHO ARE HOME-BOUND, AS WELL AS
20 REACHING OUR CHILDREN AGES 12 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE, WHO ARE NOW
21 ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED. WE ALSO NEED TO URGENTLY PUSH OUT
22 MORE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL
23 HESITANT ABOUT THE VACCINATION AND WE NEED TO DEBUNK ANY
24 MISINFORMATION AND MYTHS THAT ARE OUT THERE. THAT IS WHY I
25 HAVE ALWAYS ADVOCATED FOR PROGRAMS LIKE THE PROMOTORAS, WHICH

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1 HIRES LOCAL RESIDENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE OUTREACH
2 AND EDUCATION TO THEIR COMMUNITY. PEOPLE WANT TO RECEIVE
3 INFORMATION FROM TRUSTED SOURCES IN THEIR PREFERRED LANGUAGE
4 AND CULTURE, AND THE PROMOTORAS, IN MY OPINION, SERVE AS A
5 TRUSTWORTHY SOURCE THAT HELPS TO BRIDGE THAT PUBLIC SERVICE TO
6 OUR COMMUNITY. COVID REALLY FORCED US TO RECKON WITH THE
7 INEQUITIES EXPERIENCED BY SO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
8 ESPECIALLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THAT INCLUDES THE INEQUITIES
9 IN THE LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE, LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND
10 ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE
11 MUST APPROACH THIS AS A RESOURCE ALLOCATION WITH AN EQUITY
12 LENS, MEANING THAT WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS.
13 AND WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, FOR DECADES TALKED ABOUT EQUITY, BUT
14 IT IS NOT JUST A BUZZWORD ANYMORE. WE REALLY HAVE TO MAKE IT A
15 REAL ACTION AND, IN THIS CASE, PUT FUNDING OR RESOURCES BEHIND
16 IT. SO WHEN WE MAKE FUNDING DECISIONS AND ALLOCATE THESE
17 RESOURCES, THOSE DECISIONS, IN MY OPINION, MUST BE BASED ON
18 DATA, AND IT CAN'T BE NECESSARILY ALWAYS DIVIDED BY FIVE. THAT
19 INCLUDES FUNDING THAT IS ON THE WAY FROM THE FEDERAL
20 GOVERNMENT, THANK GOODNESS, AND THE STATE. AND I WANT TO GIVE
21 A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND GOVERNOR GAVIN
22 NEWSOM FOR TAKING SUCH BOLD ACTION TO SEND THE STIMULUS
23 FUNDING TO OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE DIRECT RELIEF TO
24 OUR RESIDENTS. AND NOW, WITH THAT FUNDING ON THE WAY, WE HAVE
25 A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT

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1 IN CALIFORNIA COMES ROARING BACK, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE MOST
2 UNDERSERVED AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
3 HISTORICALLY LEFT BEHIND. AS YOU KNOW, JUST LAST WEEK, THE
4 GOVERNOR RELEASED HIS FISCAL '21-'22 MAY REVISED BUDGET, WHICH
5 INCLUDES \$450 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR CLEAN UP FOR THE NOW
6 SHUTTERED EXIDE LEAD BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT AS WELL AS TO
7 ACCELERATE THE CLEAN UP OF HOMES SURROUNDING THAT FACILITY. I
8 RELENTLESSLY ADVOCATED FOR, ALONG WITH SOME OF THE BOARD
9 MEMBERS HERE, AND TESTIFIED MULTIPLE TIMES IN SACRAMENTO FOR
10 FUNDING TO DELIVER ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TO THESE COMMUNITIES
11 WHO HAVE ENDURED POLLUTION, CONTAMINATION FOR DECADES. AND
12 NOW, WE ARE ONE STEP CLOSE TO THAT REALITY. WHEN WE THINK
13 ABOUT STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES, WE MUST ALSO TALK ABOUT
14 STRENGTHENING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR YOUTH. LAST YEAR, I
15 CHAMPIONED, ALONG WITH THIS BOARD, TO RESTORE THE CUTS TO THE
16 YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES LONG TERM CAREER
17 PATHWAYS IN HIGH GROWTH IN DEMAND INDUSTRIES, AND ALTHOUGH
18 SOME ONGOING FUNDING WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE PROGRAM, THE
19 MAJORITY OF IT REMAINS FUNDED ON A YEAR TO YEAR BASIS. WE
20 REALLY NEED TO COMMIT TO THIS PROGRAM AND OUR YOUTH BY
21 DEDICATING ONGOING FUNDING, AND WE NEED MORE PROGRAMS LIKE
22 THIS ONE. AND WE ALSO CANNOT LOSE SIGHT OF ADDRESSING
23 HOMELESSNESS, WHICH STILL REMAINS THE COUNTY'S MOST PRESSING
24 MORAL ISSUE. WE NEED TO CONSIDER EVERY OPTION TO BUILDING MORE
25 HOUSING THAT SUPPORTS PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AS WELL

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1 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCLUDING THE EXPLORATION OF SOME OF
2 OUR OWN COUNTY PROPERTIES. THIS INCLUDES LOOKING AT THE
3 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES FOR EACH OF THE COUNTY'S HOSPITAL
4 CAMPUSES TO PROVIDE THAT CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR PEOPLE THAT
5 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS. AGAIN, CARE
6 FIRST/JAILS LAST. ONE EXAMPLE OF USING COUNTY OWNED LAND THAT
7 DESERVES HIGHLIGHTING IN MY BELIEF IS THE CARE FIRST VILLAGE,
8 FIRST IN THE NATION, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF CAMPUS
9 CONSISTING OF 242 UNITS OF INTERIM HOUSING MADE FROM MODULAR
10 TRAILERS AND SHIPPING CONTAINERS REPURPOSED INTO A HOME LIKE
11 SPACE THAT WAS BUILT ON A VACANT COUNTY PARCEL. THE TOTAL COST
12 OF THE PROJECT, AS YOU MAY RECALL, WAS \$59 MILLION, OF WHICH
13 \$6 MILLION CAME FROM MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO HELP
14 COVER THE GAP. THE MOST REMARKABLE FEAT OF THIS AMAZING
15 PROJECT IS THAT IT WAS DONE IN RECORD TIME, SIX MONTHS. THIS
16 IS NOW A MODEL FOR OTHERS OF HOW TO BUILD MORE HOUSING IN A
17 QUICK AND COST EFFECTIVE MANNER. THERE ARE SO MANY RESIDENTS
18 WHO BEFORE THE PANDEMIC WERE BARELY GETTING BY AND THE
19 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC HAS LEFT THEM HANGING ON BY A
20 MERE THREAD. THAT IS WHY WE PUT INTO PLACE THE EVICTION
21 MORATORIUM AND OTHER INITIATIVES TO ENSURE THESE RESIDENTS
22 DON'T FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND THEN LAST YEAR, WITH THE
23 FEDERAL C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING, WE ALL ADVOCATED TO SUPPORT
24 FUNDS FOR SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, \$145 MILLION
25 FOR FOOD AID FOR FAMILIES AND SENIORS, \$110 MILLION FOR RENTAL

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1 ASSISTANCE, \$180 MILLION FOR BUSINESS GRANTS, AND \$20 MILLION
2 FOR CHILD CARE. AND AGAIN, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
3 ADVOCATE FOR MUCH MORE IN THE UPCOMING \$1.9 BILLION STIMULUS
4 PACKAGE THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN BECAUSE WE KNOW
5 PEOPLE ARE STILL STRUGGLING, AND WE ARE ALSO WORKING TO
6 DEMOLISH THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND REPLACED IT WITH SYSTEMS
7 OF CARE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND OUR COMMUNITIES. THE NEW
8 SYSTEM OF CARE GUIDED BY THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
9 APPROACH WILL HELP PROVIDE CRITICAL WRAP AROUND SOCIAL
10 SERVICES TO THOSE WHO NEED IT AND CAN BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM
11 INCARCERATION. AND WE NEED TO STOP CRIMINALIZING POVERTY AND
12 MENTAL ILLNESS. RATHER, WE NEED TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS HEAL. I
13 BELIEVE THAT IS OUR DUTY. AND FOR THOSE WHO ASK WHY THE COUNTY
14 SHOULD PAY FOR THESE SERVICES, I WOULD ASK, WHO DO YOU THINK
15 IS PAYING FOR OUR JAILS, OUR CAMPS, AND HALLS RIGHT NOW? IT IS
16 YOU, THE TAXPAYERS. WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT I
17 WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE PRIORITIES THAT I, AND I KNOW
18 SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OUR RESIDENTS, CAN EXPECT TO BE
19 IN THE BUDGET PROCESS AS WE CONSIDER FORMALLY ADOPTING A
20 BUDGET IN JUNE. WITH THAT SAID, I WANT TO ASK OUR C.E.O. FESIA
21 DAVENPORT A FEW QUESTIONS. FESIA, ARE YOU STILL ON THE LINE?

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23 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES I AM HERE, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
2 I WANTED TO DISCUSS THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. I
3 UNDERSTAND THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT
4 EITHER NO DEPARTMENT WOULD BE STOOD UP BY JULY 1ST OR THAT NO
5 MONEY WAS INCLUDED IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET. CAN YOU BRIEFLY
6 EXPLAIN WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD ON THIS VERY
7 IMPORTANT INITIATIVE?

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU
10 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO
11 START BY UNDERSCORING MY STRONG SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT AND MY
12 OFFICE'S SUPPORT FOR THIS BOARD PRIORITY, A PRIORITY TO
13 TRANSFORM OUR APPROACH TO JUSTICE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND
14 JUST AS A REMINDER, YOUR BOARD IN NOVEMBER OF 2020 DIRECTED A
15 5-YEAR TIMELINE TO ESTABLISH THE NEW DEPARTMENT, RECOGNIZING
16 THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO RESOLVE SOME OF THE COMPLEX
17 BUDGETARY AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED. WE WILL BE
18 REPORTING BACK TO YOUR BOARD IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS WITH
19 OUR ANALYSIS. I EXPECT OUR REPORT TO ADDRESS SOME THINGS THAT
20 WILL TAKE LONGER TO ACCOMPLISH, LIKE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND
21 LABOR ISSUES, AND THE NEED TO IDENTIFY ONGOING AND SUSTAINABLE
22 FUNDING SOURCES, BUT WE WILL ALSO INCLUDE SOME MORE IMMEDIATE
23 OPTIONS FOR ADVANCING THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK IN THE NEAR
24 TERM. AS FOR FUNDING AND THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, WE DID NOT
25 MAKE AN INITIAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE OUR REPORT TO

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1 YOUR BOARD IS STILL IN PROGRESS. AND NORMALLY, WHAT HAPPENS IS
2 WE ISSUE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEN THE BOARD, IF
3 THE -- IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD,
4 THEN THE BOARD ADOPTS THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL INCLUDE
5 AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. SO WE DO PLAN TO RETURN LATER IN THE
6 BUDGET CYCLE AND ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR THINGS
7 THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH IMMEDIATELY, WHILE THE LONGER-RANGE
8 EFFORTS CONTINUE. IT IS AN URGENT PRIORITY, AND THAT IS WHY WE
9 ARE WORKING ON BOTH TRACKS TO MAKE THE NEW DEPARTMENT REALITY.
10 WE INTEND TO FULLY REALIZE YOUR BOARD'S CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
11 VISION, NOT JUST FOR ADULTS, BUT ALSO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND
12 THEIR FAMILIES.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, I HAVE JUST TWO MORE QUESTIONS,
15 ONE IS YOU DISCUSSED FUNDING STREAMS THAT ARE HEADED OUR WAY,
16 THE STATE FUNDING AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.
17 CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN IF ANY OF THESE FUNDING STREAMS ARE
18 SUBJECT TO THE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE, AND IF NOT, CAN YOU PLEASE
19 CLARIFY.

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION,
22 SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING THAT QUESTION A LOT. THE
23 FUNDING THAT'S COMING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE
24 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IS NOT LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE. AND WE
25 KNOW THAT MEASURE J IS SPECIFIC TO LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE.

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1 SO THE ANSWER IS THAT A.R.P. FUNDING, UNDER THE AMERICAN
2 RESCUE PLAN, IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE SET-ASIDE. HOWEVER, WE
3 BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME POWERFUL SYNERGIES WITH THESE FEDERAL
4 DOLLARS. WHEN WE COME BEFORE YOUR BOARD WITH OUR RECOMMENDED
5 ALLOCATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN NEXT MONTH, WE HOPE
6 TO BE RECOMMENDING A SERIES OF EQUITY INVESTMENTS THAT SUPPORT
7 THE VERY COMMUNITY AND THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT MEASURE J
8 AIMS TO ADDRESS. WE ALSO THINK THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT
9 OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE THE STATE DOLLARS TO UNDERTAKE
10 PROGRAMMING COMPLEMENTARY TO MEASURE J AS WELL. AND SO, WE ARE
11 VERY ENCOURAGED TO SEE THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISED PROPOSALS
12 THAT MY OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ANALYZING. AND SO, AT THE END OF
13 THE DAY, SUPERVISOR, WHEN OUR OFFICE LOOKS AT IT, EVEN IF THE
14 A.R.P. FUNDING IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE
15 CALCULATION, THAT DOESN'T PREVENT US FROM DEPLOYING AND
16 PREVENTING YOUR BOARD, ACTUALLY, FROM DEPLOYING THOSE DOLLARS
17 IN A WAY THAT INVESTS IN THE SAME TYPES OF AREAS THAT MEASURE
18 J AND, FRANKLY, THAT THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
19 INITIATIVE IS FOCUSED ON, JOBS, HOUSING, ACCESS TO RESOURCES
20 AND TRAINING, AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND JUST, LASTLY, MS. DAVENPORT. I
23 WANTED TO ASK YOU, YOU MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY IS BUDGETING
24 FROM A LEANER BASELINE. CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC
25 WHAT THAT MEANS BECAUSE MY SENSE IS THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT FULLY

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1 UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE, HOW COULD I SAY, MEASURES -- SAFETY
2 MEASURES WE TOOK, PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES, TO HELP STABILIZE
3 OUR BUDGET DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND WE, FORTUNATELY, DID NOT
4 HAVE TO LAY OFF PEOPLE. SO CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT THE
5 LEANER BASELINE MEANS?

6

7 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY. SO YOU MAY RECALL DURING A '20-'21
9 BUDGET CYCLE, WHEN WE WERE PREPARING FOR THAT BUDGET, THAT WAS
10 EARLY DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC, AND OUR OUR REVENUES WERE
11 CRASHING, AND WE WERE FACING A VERY UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC
12 LANDSCAPE. AND SO, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE C.E.O.,
13 YOUR BOARD APPROVED 8 PERCENT CUTS TO DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
14 FUNDED WITH LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES. THESE WERE DEEP CUTS
15 TOTALING NEARLY \$370 MILLION AND LED TO THE ELIMINATION OF
16 MORE THAN 2500 VACANT POSITIONS. THE BIGGEST SINGLE DEPARTMENT
17 THAT WAS RECEIVED AND IMPACT OF THOSE CUTS WAS THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET WAS REDUCED BY
19 \$145 MILLION, AND APPROXIMATELY 1,392 POSITIONS WERE
20 ELIMINATED. THERE WERE ALSO ABOUT 500 POSITIONS THAT WERE
21 ELIMINATED FROM THE PROBATION BUDGET DURING THE SAME ROUND OF
22 CUTBACKS. SO THOSE CUTS WERE TOUGH, BUT, BECAUSE WE MADE THEM,
23 WE WERE ABLE TO REDUCE THE BUDGET AMOUNT, THE BUDGET LEVEL,
24 THAT WE ARE STARTING FROM TODAY. AND THAT PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT
25 FACTOR IN ALLOWING US TO SET ASIDE THE FIRST \$100 MILLION FOR

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1 MEASURE J WITHOUT DOING LAYOFFS IN FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. SO, TO
2 SAY IT ANOTHER WAY, WE REDUCED OUR BUDGET BASELINE. WE HAD
3 LESS COSTS, AND, THEREFORE, WHEN OUR REVENUES STARTED TO COME
4 BACK ONLINE, WE WERE ABLE TO SET ASIDE THAT FIRST \$100 MILLION
5 FOR MEASURE J. AND AS WE LOOK TO FUTURE BUDGET CYCLES, I CAN'T
6 COMMIT THAT WE WILL FOLLOW THIS SAME PATH AND THIS SAME
7 TRAJECTORY, BUT IT WAS ABLE TO OCCUR THIS YEAR AS WE RECOMMEND
8 THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET. AND SO, AT THE END OF THE DAY,
9 I THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS FORESIGHT AND DISCIPLINE IN
10 APPROVING THAT LEANER BASELINE BECAUSE IT DID GIVE US A
11 STRONGER FOUNDATION TO START WITH OUR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22
12 INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING MEASURE J.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, FESIA DAVENPORT,
15 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND RESPONDING TO MY QUESTIONS, AND I
16 WANT TO AGAIN COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND ALSO THIS BOARD
17 BECAUSE WHAT YOU'VE OUTLINED HERE, I BELIEVE, HAVE BEEN
18 PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. NOW
19 IN ORDER I WILL TURN TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR HER
20 COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
23 THAT. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL THIS MORNING. AND SO I WANT
24 TO JOIN WITH YOU IN THANKING OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
25 HER BUDGET TEAM FOR ALL THE WORK THAT GOES INTO DEVELOPING A

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1 BUDGET. HAVING SPENT 10 YEARS SERVING ON THE BUDGET
2 SUBCOMMITTEE OR CHAIR OF SAID BUDGET, I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND,
3 REALLY, THE OFTEN UNSEEN WORK THAT GOES INTO DEVELOPING BUDGET
4 BILLS AND ALL OF THE BACKGROUND WORK THAT IS NECESSARY TO
5 PREPARE BOTH THE ELECTED BODY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO BE
6 ABLE TO ENGAGE IN A REALLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC DISCOURSE ABOUT
7 INVESTMENTS. SO I WANT TO LEND MY SUPPORT. AND I APPRECIATE
8 THE PRESENTATION AND HEARING HER REASONS FOR OPTIMISM, I FULLY
9 AGREE, AS WELL AS LAYING OUT, CLEARLY, THE CHALLENGES ON THE
10 HORIZON, CHALLENGES LIKE THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES, ALSO KNOWN
11 AS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. THE COUNTY IS BOTH A SERVICE PROVIDER
12 AND AN EMPLOYER TO OVER 100,000. SO THAT WAS HELPFUL TO SEE
13 THE NUMBER AND UNDERSTAND IT, AS WELL AS THE INFRASTRUCTURE
14 INVESTMENT. I THANK YOU FOR THE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES YOU GAVE US
15 BECAUSE IT REMINDED ME THAT OFTENTIMES IN LEAN BUDGED YEARS,
16 WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT OR YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD BUDGET, IT IS
17 THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS WE ALWAYS TEND TO PUNT WHEN
18 YOU ARE BROKE, IF YOU WILL. AND THE COUNTY HAS HUGE, YOU KNOW,
19 NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS AS WELL AS COMPUTER SYSTEMS THAT WE
20 CANNOT, YOU KNOW, CONTINUE TO IGNORE. THEY ARE CRITICAL TO OUR
21 ABILITY TO ACTUALLY COLLECT REVENUE IN THE EXAMPLE THAT SHE
22 GAVE. SO I APPRECIATE SEEING AND UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES
23 PRESENTED. I ALSO APPRECIATE OUR C.E.O.'S CONTINUED WORK WITH
24 REGARD TO THE MEASURE J COMMISSION AND YOUR VERY CLEAR
25 EXPLANATION TODAY WITH REGARD TO METHODOLOGY. I KNOW THAT

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1 WORK WILL CONTINUE, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT
2 TO WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS. YOU
3 KNOW, SEMANTICS, WORDS ARE POWERFUL, AND UNDERSTANDING HOW
4 DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT IS REALLY
5 IMPORTANT. AGAIN, THIS IS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY AS A NEWLY
6 ELECTED SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS,
7 AND SO I REALLY AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FULL EXPERIENCE. I
8 HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED AND OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
9 NOTION THAT, YOU KNOW, BUDGETS ARE VALUE STATEMENTS THAT WE
10 PAY FOR OR WE FUND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US OR WHAT IS
11 IMPORTANT FOR US. AND THAT WILL BE THE LENS I WILL CONTINUE TO
12 USE NOW AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS NEW
13 BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR OFFERS A REALLY UNIQUE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHOICES THAT WILL OPERATIONALIZE OR WILL
15 MANIFEST EQUITY IN OUR COUNTY AND SUPPORT THOSE RESIDENTS WHO
16 HAVE BEEN IMPACTED THE MOST BY THIS PANDEMIC, BY THE ECONOMIC
17 CHALLENGES THIS PANDEMIC BROUGHT TO BEAR, BY HISTORIC
18 INEQUITIES THAT FAR TOO MANY RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY HAVE HAD
19 TO LIVE THROUGH AND EXPERIENCE. AS MADAM CHAIR STATED, THE
20 UPCOMING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND MEASURE J FUNDING
21 ALLOCATIONS ARE NOT ONLY CONSEQUENTIAL MOMENTS IN OUR COUNTY'S
22 HISTORY, BUT HAVE CONSEQUENTIAL RELEVANCE TO OUR OVERALL
23 SPENDING PLAN, AND, AGAIN, IT CREATES A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR
24 US TO, AGAIN, DEVELOP BUDGETS THAT ARE VALUE-BASED. I LOOK
25 FORWARD TO HEARING THE PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH IS THE PRIMARY

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1 FOCUS OF TODAY'S HEARING. I THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT
2 OF WHAT WE DO AS POLICYMAKERS TO CREATE SPACE AND OPPORTUNITY
3 FOR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO
4 UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS, TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES
5 OF BUILDING BUDGET FOR A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE THAT IS BOTH AN
6 EMPLOYER AND A SERVICE DELIVERER, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MY OWN
7 LEARNING CURVE AS I TRY TO BRING FORWARD THE PRIORITIES THAT
8 THE CONSTITUENTS WHO LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT DEMAND OF ME
9 AND DEMAND OF ALL OF US. I WILL RESERVE QUESTIONS I HAVE AS WE
10 CONTINUE THROUGH THE PROCESS, BUT REALLY, TODAY, LOOK FORWARD
11 TO HEARING WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY AND SHARING THEIR
12 PERSPECTIVE AS WE ENTER OUR BUDGET DELIBERATION. MADAM CHAIR,
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
16 NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY
19 APPRECIATE IT. MY DEEPEST THANKS TO OUR C.E.O. FESIA
20 DAVENPORT AND HER TEAM. I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT
21 FOLLOWED THE COUNTY OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES REALLY
22 UNDERSTAND HOW FORTUNATE WE HAVE BEEN, OR HOW WELL WE HAVE
23 CHOSEN, IN BRINGING FIRST, SACHI HAMAI, AND THEN FESIA
24 DAVENPORT, INTO THIS ROLE BECAUSE, WHILE WE WILL OFTEN PROPOSE
25 AND EVEN SET AN AGENDA AND A VISION, IT IS REALLY THE C.E.O.'S

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1 OFFICE THAT IS CALLED UPON TO DISPOSE, TO MAKE A THING REAL.
2 AS OUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID, A BUDGET IS A
3 STATEMENT OF VALUES. AND I HAVE TO SAY I DON'T BELIEVE I HAVE
4 EVER SEEN, FOR A SUCH A LARGE JURISDICTION, THE KINDS OF
5 VALUES EXPRESSED IN THIS BUDGET AND HOW THEY ARE VIRTUALLY
6 TOTALLY FOCUSED ON THOSE AMONG US WHO NEED THE HELP THE MOST.
7 WE HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH DURING THE PANDEMIC ABOUT THE ROLE,
8 THE RESPONSIBILITY, THE DUTIES OF GOVERNMENT. IN MANY WAYS,
9 GOVERNMENTS HAVE ENDED UP BEING SORT OF THE LAST MAN STANDING
10 AND HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER WITH
11 FAR FEWER RESOURCES TO TRY TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM FALLING
12 FURTHER IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH, IN THE AREAS OF HOUSING AND IN
13 THE AREAS OF PROPPING PEOPLE UP WHEN THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO
14 WORK. THOSE ARE THE VALUES OF THIS BOARD. AND I THINK THAT
15 THIS BUDGET IN THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT EXPRESSES THOSE. IT IS,
16 INDEED, A TRANSFORMATIONAL BUDGET WITH AN EYE AND A LENS ON
17 RACIAL EQUITY, ON SYSTEMIC REFORM, ON THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED
18 BY THE PANDEMIC, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ON HOMELESSNESS, ON
19 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THOUGH THERE WILL BE MANY FEARS AND
20 HOPES EXPRESSED BY THOSE WHO HAVE COME HERE TO TESTIFY, I
21 WANTED TO REITERATE MY COMMITMENT AND, AS I SEE IT, ACROSS ALL
22 OF OUR OFFICES, OUR COMMITMENT TO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY THE
23 THREE-LEGGED STOOL OF SURVIVAL, HEALTH, HOUSING, AND WORK. AND
24 THAT ALSO INCLUDES CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BECAUSE THAT HAS
25 BEEN A BARRIER TO HEALTH, HOUSING, AND WORK IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND POOREST
2 COMMUNITIES. AS THE C.E.O. INDICATED, THE MEASURE J ALLOCATION
3 ENVISIONED IN THIS BUDGET IS A FLOOR NOT A CEILING. WE HAVE
4 BENEFITED, OVER THE YEARS, BY LOOKING BEYOND THE OBVIOUS AND
5 FINDING WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN. WE HAVE TO BUILD
6 NOT ONLY POURING MONEY INTO SERVICES, BUT WE HAVE TO BUILD
7 CAPACITY. WE HAVE TO HELP WITH PREPARATION TO ACCEPT CAPACITY.
8 WE HAVE TO LOOK UPSTREAM AND UPSTREAM AND UPSTREAM, HOW ARE WE
9 DEALING WITH OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN? HOW ARE WE HELPING
10 FAMILIES WITH THOSE CHILDREN? HOW ARE WE KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE
11 FROM FALLING INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM? HOW ARE WE TREATING THEM
12 WHEN THEY DO, WHICH IS A GRAND IDEA ABOUT MOVING DEALING WITH
13 YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS AWAY FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT APPROACH? AND
14 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL DO, AS THE C.E.O. INDICATED. SO
15 MY DEEPEST THANKS FOR WORKING TO MAKE ALL OF THESE DREAMS COME
16 TRUE. THE ADDITION OF THE MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
17 THE A.R.P. MONEY, HOPEFULLY THE JOBS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY,
18 WHICH INCLUDES CHILDCARE AND THE CARING SERVICES, AND THE
19 MONEY FROM THE STATE, WILL HELP US TO AUGMENT, AS OUR C.E.O.
20 INDICATED, THOSE EQUITY INVESTMENTS ENVISIONED IN MEASURE J
21 BUT BEFORE MEASURE J. I MEAN I WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE IT WAS
22 THIS BOARD THAT PUT MEASURE J ON THE BALLOT. THAT'S HOW
23 IT GOT THERE. YOU PROBABLY COULD HAVE GOTTEN THE SIGNATURES,
24 BUT NOT OVER SUCH A SHORT TIME. SO WE ARE COMMITTED, TOO, AND
25 WANT EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS WE

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1 PUT ON THE BALLOT. SO I SEE THIS AS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US
2 TO HEAR AND LISTEN MORE AND REFINE, WHEN WE COME TO FINAL
3 CHANGES AT THE END OF JUNE, REFINE, WHEN WE COME TO
4 SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES IN THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, WHICH WILL
5 ALWAYS DO, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO MORE, MORE, MORE, AND REAL
6 TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE NO
7 QUESTIONS TO THE C.E.O.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
10 NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, I WILL JOIN THE
13 CHORUS OF PRAISE AND THANKS TO FESIA DAVENPORT FOR HER
14 PRESENTATION THIS MORNING AND JUST TO SAY THAT YOU REALLY ARE
15 THE KIND OF C.E.O. THAT UNDERSTANDS OUR PRIORITIES,
16 UNDERSTANDS THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE IN
17 GOVERNING A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE, AND IT IS NOT JUST ONCE A
18 YEAR THAT WE ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU ABOUT THE
19 BUDGET. IT IS WEEKLY THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ABOUT
20 PRIORITIES, ABOUT SERVING OUR CONSTITUENTS, ABOUT
21 STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY NET THAT THE COUNTY IS. AND WE THANK
22 YOU FOR THAT. AND WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WE ALL WERE
23 PLEASED WHEN YOU WERE COMING OUR WAY BECAUSE OF YOUR
24 EXPERIENCE AT THE STATE LEVEL WITH THE SENATE BUDGET PROCESS.
25 SO WE WILL LOOK TO YOUR FOR YOUR INSIGHTS AND YOUR

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1 PERSPECTIVES AS WE MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH THIS YEAR'S BUDGET
2 PROCESS. I AM LOOKING AT THE CLOCK. AND I REALIZE WE ARE
3 ALREADY AN HOUR INTO A PUBLIC HEARING, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD
4 FROM THE PUBLIC YET. SO I WILL TRY TO KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF
5 AND SAY I AGREE. THIS IS A STATEMENT OF OUR VALUES. WE ARE
6 GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FUND OUR PRIORITIES AND OUR VALUES
7 THROUGH THIS BUDGET. I THANK YOU FOR LAYING OUT THE CHALLENGES
8 THAT WE HAVE IN THE FUTURE, ALTHOUGH I AM ONE OF THOSE THAT IS
9 A LITTLE BIT SKEPTICAL OF THE PROJECTION THAT, IF WE END UP
10 HAVING TO HOUSE MORE OF THOSE WHO ARE ON OUR STREETS, WHETHER
11 IT BE SKID ROW OR UNDER THE OVERPASSES AND UNDERPASSES, THAT
12 IT WILL ACTUALLY COST US \$500 MILLION AND RESULT IN 2,000
13 LAYOFFS. I AM JUST ONE OF THOSE THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
14 BELIEVE THAT. ALSO, THE PUBLIC WILL PROBABLY NOT BE THRILLED
15 THAT WE ARE SPENDING -- EXCEEDING \$450 MILLION OVER THE NEXT
16 FIVE YEARS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO COLLECT THEIR TAXES MORE
17 EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. THEY WOULD PROBABLY RATHER THAT
18 MONEY GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. I WILL SAY, YOU ANSWERED IT, FESIA,
19 IN YOUR OPENING COMMENTS, BUT I KNOW I HAD ASKED ABOUT IT THE
20 FIRST TIME WE TALKED ABOUT THE BUDGET WAS WHETHER OR NOT WE
21 COULD INCREASE THAT DOWN PAYMENT FOR MEASURE J, IF WE COULD
22 TRY TO FIND ANOTHER \$50 MILLION TO MAKE US EVEN FURTHER ALONG
23 TOWARDS THE ULTIMATE \$300 MILLION COMMITMENT THAT WE'VE MADE
24 BECAUSE I JUST REALLY BELIEVE THIS DOWN PAYMENT IS SO
25 IMPORTANT IN BEGINNING THAT HARD WORK OF DIVERTING PEOPLE AND

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1 THEIR LIVES FROM ENDING UP IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM AND BEING A
2 MORE PRODUCTIVE PART OF OUR SOCIETY. WE KNOW IT COSTS US
3 \$60,000 A YEAR TO INCARCERATE AN ADULT, AND MORE SHOCKINGLY,
4 IT IS COSTING US ABOUT \$526,000 A YEAR TO INCARCERATE A YOUNG
5 PERSON. SO IT IS CLEAR JUST BY THOSE NUMBERS THAT INVESTMENT
6 WILL DEFINITELY PAY OFF, NOT JUST IN HUMAN BENEFITS AND SOCIAL
7 BENEFITS AND MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS, BUT FISCALLY, IT MAKES A
8 LOT MORE SENSE TO US TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM BEING INCARCERATED IN
9 OUR JAILS. IT COSTS A LOT OF MONEY. SO I AM HOPING THAT YOU
10 COULD, IN THE NEXT TWO BITES OF THIS APPLE, FESIA, I WOULD
11 LOVE IT IF YOU COULD STILL REALLY TRY TO MAKE THAT DOWN
12 PAYMENT, EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE LARGEST, AS YOU SAID, AMOUNT OF
13 MONEY THAT WE'VE EVER ALLOCATED TO ANYTHING OF THIS SORT, IT
14 IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, AND, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, THIS
15 BOARD PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT. THIS BOARD IS BEHIND MEASURE J.
16 WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT I THINK
17 THE MORE INVESTMENT IN THE BEGINNING WILL PAY OFF TREMENDOUSLY
18 ON THE BACK-END. AND THE LAST THING I WILL SAY IS, YOU KNOW,
19 THEY'RE CALLING ME MISS TELEWORK, BUT I DO FEEL LIKE THE
20 PANDEMIC FORCED US TO REALLY TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT, YOU KNOW,
21 WHAT IT MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO NOT SHOW UP TO WORK IN A COUNTY
22 BUILDING BUT, IN FACT, SPEND TIME WORKING CLOSER TO HOME, IN
23 THEIR OWN HOME, AND HOPING, AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS BUDGET,
24 WE WILL FIND WAYS TO GET OUT OF SOME OF THESE LEASES THAT WE
25 HAVE IN BUILDINGS THAT WE DON'T OWN AND SPEND THAT MONEY MORE

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1 ON INVESTING IN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND NETWORK THAT I THINK
2 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WOULD APPRECIATE TO WORK, AGAIN, FROM THEIR
3 OWN HOME OR CLOSE TO HOME. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME OF
4 THESE TELEWORK-TYPE OPPORTUNITIES THAT, AGAIN, I THINK WILL
5 SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY IN THE LONG-TIME, IMPROVE WORK
6 PRODUCTIVITY AND MORALE, AND I KNOW, FESIA, THAT YOU KNOW
7 THAT, AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.
8 I AM NOT GOING TO ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS NOW. AGAIN, I AM
9 LOOKING FORWARD TO LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC TO SEE WHAT THEY
10 HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS BUDGET. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KATHRYN
13 BARGER.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, I WILL BE BRIEF AS WELL BECAUSE I KNOW
16 THE PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT IS IMPORTANT FOR US ALL TO HEAR
17 FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE CALLING IN, BUT I WANT TO
18 THANK YOU, FESIA, AND YOUR AMAZING TEAM AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR
19 BUDGET TEAM UP HERE ON THE 8TH FLOOR THAT REPRESENT THE BOARD.
20 YOU KNOW, THIS BUDGET DOESN'T HAPPEN OVER NIGHT. AND I REALLY
21 APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN PUT INTO IT. YOU KNOW,
22 OUR SITUATION CONTINUES TO EVOLVE WITH THE REOPENING OF THE
23 ECONOMY, AND I KNOW WE ARE BEING CAUTIOUS AS WE MOVE FORWARD,
24 BUT WE ARE REMINDED OUR BUDGET IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND WE
25 HAVE SEEN THAT FIRST HAND THIS LAST YEAR IN TERMS OF THE ROLE

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1 THAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC. THERE
2 HAVE BEEN DEMANDS FOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE FOR
3 FOOD, FOR HOUSING, FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR HEALTHCARE, MENTAL
4 HEALTH, AND QUALITY OF LIFE, WHICH REMAINS STRONG. I THINK IT
5 IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL OF US TO ENSURE THE COUNTY HAS THE
6 FISCAL RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES
7 FOR YEARS TO COME. THE DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE NOW WILL HAVE A
8 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF EACH OF OUR 10 MILLION
9 RESIDENTS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS
10 OF THE PUBLIC WHO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BUDGET HEARING
11 BECAUSE THIS TRULY IS A LIVE DOCUMENT, AND I THINK THAT, AS WE
12 MOVE FORWARD INTO JUNE, WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK AT HOW
13 THIS DOCUMENT IS GOING TO REALLY FRAME THE FUTURE AND YEARS
14 OUT. I AM INTERESTED IN THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND I WANT TO
15 THANK THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO BE CALLING IN. BUT FESIA, I JUST
16 WANT TO CLARIFY, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS ASKED A
17 QUESTION, BUT GIVEN THAT MEASURE J RELIES ON EXISTING REVENUE,
18 BECAUSE IT DOES NOT GENERATE REVENUE, IT IS OBVIOUSLY YOU
19 EXPLAINED HOW THE FORMULA CAME OUT TO PLAY. HOW DO WE ENSURE
20 THAT OUR WORKFORCE IS PROJECTED, GIVEN THE FUNDS ARE ONE TIME
21 FUNDS THAT EXPIRE IN THREE YEARS, AND I POINT OUT THAT YOU
22 TALKED ABOUT THE 2,586 POSITIONS THAT WERE ELIMINATED. THOSE
23 DID NOT HAVE ANYONE OCCUPYING THOSE POSITIONS, SO DEPARTMENTS
24 ARE LEAN RIGHT NOW WITH THE 8 PERCENT CUT THAT WAS MADE LAST
25 YEAR. I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF WE ARE PLANNING MOVING

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1 FORWARD TO IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE SUSTAINING THOSE
2 CRITICAL POSITIONS THAT ACTUALLY ARE OCCUPIED NOW.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPERVISOR.
5 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY. AS YOU CORRECTLY
6 POINTED OUT, MEASURE J DOES NOT GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE.
7 AND ESSENTIALLY, WHAT IT REQUIRES US TO DO IS TO LOOK WITHIN
8 OUR COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO
9 ALLOCATE THE MEASURE J, THE FULL MEASURE J ALLOCATION, THE
10 FULL SET-ASIDE BY JUNE OF 2024. THE HOPE IS THAT, OVER TIME,
11 AS OUR REVENUES COME BACK ONLINE AND COME BACK TO PRE-COVID
12 LEVELS, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO BASICALLY USE THOSE INCREASED
13 REVENUES TO HELP SUPPORT AND ADD TO THE MEASURE J SET-ASIDE.
14 THAT WOULD BE THE IDEAL SITUATION, BUT, IF THE IDEAL SITUATION
15 DIDN'T OCCUR, THEN I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
16 US TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE A.R.P. REVENUE. ONE OF THE THINGS
17 THAT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOWS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO DO
18 IS TO BACK FILL LOST REVENUE. IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED
19 FORMULA. I BELIEVE THE FORMULA IS ABOUT 10 PAGES IN THE
20 TREASURY GUIDANCE OF HOW DO YOU -- HOW DO YOU CALCULATE LOST
21 REVENUE, BUT WE ARE ALSO -- WE ALSO KNOW THAT THAT MAY PRESENT
22 AN OPPORTUNITY, IF THERE IS A NEED TO DO ADDITIONAL
23 CURTAILMENTS, THAT MIGHT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BACK
24 FILL LOST REVENUE TO EITHER MITIGATE OR AVOID THE NEED TO DO
25 CURTAILMENTS. ONCE THAT ONE TIME FUNDING GOES AWAY, WHICH IS

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1 IN DECEMBER OF 2024, THAT IS A FAR TIME OUT FROM TODAY, BUT WE
2 WOULD REALLY NEED TO GET CREATIVE, AND WE WOULD REALLY NEED TO
3 PLAN, YOU KNOW, IN THE BUILD-UP TO THE MEASURE J, LOOKING AT
4 BOTH INCREASED REVENUES, OUR ABILITY TO USE A.R.P., AND THEN
5 WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS. AND SO IT IS GOING TO TAKE QUITE AN
6 AMOUNT OF, I THINK, MONITORING, DISCIPLINE, AND STRATEGIC
7 PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT WE DON'T END UP HAVING TO DO
8 ADDITIONAL CURTAILMENTS AND LAYOFFS. AND I AGREE WITH YOU,
9 SUPERVISOR, THAT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE LEAN RIGHT NOW, AND
10 BECAUSE OF THE POSITIONS, THOSE VACANT POSITIONS, AND THOSE
11 CUTS THAT WE HAD TO DO IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN JUST ONE LAST QUESTION, I
14 WASN'T GOING TO ASK THIS, BUT WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT THE
15 CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE UNFUNDED
16 LIABILITIES, AND THE PAY-AS-YOU-GO, I THOUGHT THAT WE ACTUALLY
17 HAD SET UP A TRUST ACCOUNT TO BRING DOWN THAT LIABILITY
18 AMOUNT, WHICH ACTUALLY, I THINK, RESULTED IN A BUMP IN OUR
19 BOND CREDIT RATING. ARE WE STILL SETTING ASIDE MONEY IN THAT
20 ACCOUNT TO BRING DOWN OUR LIABILITY?

21
22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, WE ARE, SUPERVISOR.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS. THANK
25 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
3 AT THIS TIME, THEN WE WILL ENTERTAIN REQUESTS TO SPEAK FROM
4 SOME OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE WILL
5 HEAR FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO
6 ADDRESS THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SHERIFF VILLANUEVA AND
7 THEN ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG. THEY BOTH REQUESTED TO SPEAK. AND
8 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES. SO PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, THREE MINUTES TO DISCUSS A 3 AND A
11 HALF BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET IS KIND OF TOUGH, BUT I WILL DO MY
12 BEST. I CAN TELL YOU THIS THAT RIGHT NOW, I AM LOOKING AT YOUR
13 JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM IS ACTUALLY A DEFUNDING EFFORT OF THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT HAS BEEN DONE BY SECTION. SINCE I
15 HAVE TAKEN OFFICE, WE HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF \$145 MILLION IN
16 THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THIS NEW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NEXT
17 FISCAL YEAR IS A CUT OF ANOTHER \$143 MILLION TO OUR NET COUNTY
18 COSTS, AND WE ARE SEEING THE TRIAL COURT FUNDING ADJUSTMENT OF
19 \$15 MILLION IS TAKEN AWAY. THE SALES TAX, \$114 MILLION, TAKEN
20 AWAY, AND THE BOATING WATERS GRANT OF A MILLION TAKEN AWAY. SO
21 THAT'S \$143 MILLION THAT'S TAKEN AWAY FROM OUR CURRENT
22 OPERATING BUDGET. AND THE PROBLEMS, THE EXISTENTIAL THREATS
23 THAT THE COUNTY IS FACING IN TERMS OF HOMELESSNESS IS NOT
24 GOING AWAY BY DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT. CRIME IS NOT GOING
25 AWAY BY DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, IN FACT, I HAVE A 93

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1 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOMICIDE, A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN RAPE, A
2 15 PERCENT INCREASE IN AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, A 45 PERCENT
3 INCREASE GRAND THEFT AUTO, AN 18 PERCENT INCREASE IN ARSON. SO
4 WHAT YOUR SCHEME IS DOING IS, BY DEFUNDING US AND DISCREDITING
5 OUR OPERATIONS, YOU ARE DEGRADING THE CAPACITY OF THE
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT CRIME, TO INVESTIGATE CRIME,
7 AND DETAIN THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIME AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.
8 THAT IS NOT MAKING LIFE ANY EASIER . AND THESE ARE EXISTENTIAL
9 THREATS, RISING CRIME, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. HOMELESSNESS,
10 THE ENCROACHMENT OF THE ENCAMPMENTS AS IT INTERFACES WITH THE
11 COMMUNITY EVERYWHERE IS BECOMING AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE
12 COMMUNITY. THE FIRES GENERATED BY THESE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS
13 IS AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY. ILLEGAL GROWS IN
14 THE HIGH DESERT, EXISTENTIAL THREAT. DISPENSARIES, THE ILLEGAL
15 ONES OUTNUMBER THE LEGAL ONES 50 TO 1 IN THE BASIN. NONE OF
16 THAT IS MENTIONED BY ANYONE HERE. AND I APPLAUD THE MONEY YOU
17 ARE THROWING AT THE HOMELESS SITUATIONS, HOWEVER, UNTIL YOU
18 DECIDE TO REGULATE AND RECLAIM PUBLIC SPACE, YOU ARE WASTING
19 YOUR TIME AND YOUR MONEY BECAUSE EVERY YEAR, I GUARANTEE YOU
20 WILL HAVE MORE HOMELESS THAN THE YEAR BEFORE. SO YOU'RE 232
21 UNIT VILLAGE THERE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AT THE COST OF \$59
22 MILLION, WE CAN APPLAUD YOU, BUT ANOTHER 2,000 YEARS AT THAT
23 PACE, YOU MAY GET YOUR HANDLE AROUND THE HOMELESS SITUATION.
24 IT IS UNREALISTIC, AND YOU ARE DAMAGING PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WE
25 ARE GOING TO TAKE VERY AGGRESSIVE EFFORTS TO START WORKING ON

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1 THE SITUATION WITH RISING CRIME, WITH ILLEGAL GROWS,
2 DISPENSARIES, AND ALSO HOW THE HOMELESSNESS IS IMPACTING THE
3 ENTIRE COUNTY OF L.A. THAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY AND MY
4 OBLIGATION. I WILL SEND YOU THE BILL.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM ASSESSOR JEFFREY
7 PRANG. ASSESSOR, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES. THANK YOU.

8

9 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HONORABLE CHAIR AND
10 SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU
11 TODAY TO PRESENT MY BUDGET WORK PLAN FOR THE COMING YEAR. I
12 WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. FOR
13 YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS TO MEET THE CORE
14 OPERATIONAL NEEDS OF MY OFFICE AND FOR OUR OBJECTIVE IN
15 MAKING THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT
16 AND EQUITABLE, ALL WHILE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY
17 PUBLIC SERVICE. WHILE COVID-19 DID PRESENT MANY CHALLENGES, WE
18 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADAPT AND MANAGE IN THIS DIFFICULT
19 ENVIRONMENT. INDEED, GIVEN THE OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT OF THE
20 STAFF OF THIS OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR, I AM PLEASED TO REPORT
21 THAT WE ARE ON TARGET FOR COMPLETING OUR ASSESSMENT ROLL
22 PRODUCTION ON TIME. LAST WEEK, I TRANSMITTED THE ANNUAL
23 ASSESSMENT ROLL FORECAST ESTIMATE TO THE C.E.O. AND YOUR
24 BOARD, WHICH INCLUDES THE COMPLETION OF THE (INDISCERNIBLE)
25 STADIUM, WHICH IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 BILLION. WE

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1 CURRENTLY ESTIMATE THAT THE VALUE OF ALL ASSESSABLE PROPERTY
2 IN THE COUNTY WILL GROW AT APPROXIMATELY THREE AND THREE
3 QUARTERS PERCENT, WHICH IS QUITE EXCEPTIONAL GIVEN THE IMPACT
4 ON THE ECONOMY OVER THIS PAST YEAR. WHILE THE GROWTH IS DOWN
5 FROM THE 5.97 PERCENT GROWTH FROM 2020, IT STILL REFLECTS
6 POSITIVE AND REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC GROWTH, BUT PLEASE KEEP IN
7 MIND THIS IS A SNAPSHOT TO PRODUCTIONS AS OF TODAY, AND IT IS
8 SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS WE CONTINUE OUR PRODUCTION PRIOR TO THE
9 JUNE 30TH ROLL CLOSURE. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS YEAR'S
10 LOWER FORECAST ESTIMATE IS DUE TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE A
11 REDUCTION IN THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT PERMITTED UNDER
12 PROP 13. THE MAXIMUM IS 2 PERCENT. THIS YEAR THE BOARD OF
13 EQUALIZATION DETERMINED IT WOULD ALL BE 1 PERCENT. THERE IS
14 THIS PERSONAL PROPERTY GROWTH SHOWING A MODEST REDUCTION. AND
15 WHILE NEW CONSTRUCTION DID SEE AN INCREASE, IT'S ROUGHLY HALF
16 THE TYPICAL GROWTH THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED IN RECENT YEARS.
17 HOWEVER, TRADE STORES OF PROPERTY HAS, BUYING AND SELLING, ARE
18 STILL GOING STRONG AND ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH OF THE
19 ASSESSMENT ROLL. THE RESIDENTIAL MARKET WAS VERY STRONG WITH A
20 MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF A A SINGLE FAMILY HOME GROWING OVER 15
21 PERCENT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS TO AN ALL TIME HIGH OF \$775,000.
22 ADDITIONALLY, MY OFFICE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RESTORING ABOUT \$650
23 MILLION TO THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF PRIMARILY FROM THE
24 RESTORATION OF THOSE PROPERTIES THAT LOST VALUE IN THE LAST
25 RECESSION, BUT IN SPITE OF THE ANTICIPATED GAIN OF THIS

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1 COMPONENT, WE ARE EXPECTING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN BOTH THE
2 DECLINE IN VALUE APPLICATIONS AND ASSESSMENT APPEALS IN THE
3 COMING YEAR. MY OFFICE HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE AND
4 PROACTIVE APPROACH TO ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE
5 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19. BASED ON FACTORS SUCH AS
6 PROPERTY USE, TYPE, AND PURCHASE DATE, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
7 PARCELS THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO HAVE EXPERIENCED A DECLINE IN
8 TAXABLE VALUE FOR THE '20-'21 ASSESSMENT ROLL. WE WILL BE
9 REACHING OUT TO THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN
10 ASSESSMENT REDUCTION IS WARRANTED. QUALIFYING PROPERTIES WILL
11 RECEIVE AN ADJUSTED ANNUAL TAX BILL PRIOR TO THE FIRST
12 INSTALLMENT OF THE PROPERTY TAX BILL WHEN IT IS DUE. ALL
13 PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDLESS OF OUR PROACTIVE OUTREACH CAN STILL
14 FILE A DECLINE IN APPLICATION WITH OUR OFFICE BEGINNING JULY
15 2ND. AND EVEN THOUGH THE PROACTIVE OUTREACH IS ATYPICAL IN
16 NORMAL YEARS, WE EXPECT THAT A STATISTICALLY INSIGNIFICANT
17 AND ONLY MARGINAL IMPACT ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FROM THOSE
18 REDUCTIONS. AMONG MY MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR
19 CONCERNS THE EFFICIENCY WITH THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCESS.
20 AS YOU MAY RECALL, L.A. COUNTY RECEIVED ABOUT TWICE AS MANY
21 APPEAL APPLICATIONS AS ALL THE OTHER COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA.
22 WE HAVE BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS TO
23 OVERCOME A SIGNIFICANT CASELOAD AND BACKLOG. HOWEVER, COVID-19
24 COMPELLED MOST COUNTIES, INCLUDING OURS, TO SUSPEND APPEAL
25 HEARINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF COVID. AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER OF

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1 APPEALS HAS INCREASED FROM JUST OVER 20,000 IN MARCH OF LAST
2 YEAR TO MORE THAN 40,000 CURRENTLY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT NUMBER
3 TO GROW DRAMATICALLY AS PROPERTY OWNERS FILE DECLINE IN VALUE
4 APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, I NEED TO LET YOU KNOW YOUR
7 TIME HAS EXPIRED, ASSESSOR. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR
8 COMMENTS, AND IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT ANYTHING FOR THE RECORD,
9 WE ARE HAPPY TO ALSO INCLUDE THAT. SO WITH THAT, IF YOU CAN
10 JUST QUICKLY IN TEN SECONDS PLEASE WRAP UP.

11

12 **JEFFREY PRANG:** I DON'T THINK I CAN WRAP IT UP IN TEN MINUTES
13 SO I WILL JUST SORT OF THANK YOU AT THIS POINT FOR YOUR TIME
14 AND ATTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE YOUR DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS,
17 AND WE WILL TAKE THAT ON THE RECORD. THANK YOU SO MUCH AGAIN
18 FOR JOINING US. THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE ARE GOING TO GO TO
19 PUBLIC COMMENTS. AND AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE
20 WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S
21 MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 300
22 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE
23 WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO
24 THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSIST WITH THE BROWN
25 ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT WRITTEN PUBLIC

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1 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL ALSO BECOME PART
2 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. WE WILL NOW BEGIN TO TAKE PUBLIC
3 COMMENTS ON BOTH AGENDA ITEMS, AND WE WILL OFFER TWO MINUTES
4 FOR EACH SPEAKER TO ALLOW EVERYONE WHO HAS CALLED IN TO OFFER
5 INPUT ON THE BUDGET. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
6 CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND
7 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
8 ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
11 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877- 226-
12 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,
13 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163. AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
14 1336503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
15 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY PLEASE CALL, 877-873-8017 AND
16 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES TO
17 SPEAK ON BOTH AGENDA ITEMS. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY
18 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU MUST
19 BE ON TOPIC. IF YOU AREN'T SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT
20 TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE
21 WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT
22 IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC
23 AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR
24 WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE
25 ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER

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1 PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES
2 AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN
3 THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE
4 FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
7 NOT THE ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 AT THIS
8 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL REMOVED
9 FROM THE QUEUE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
12 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [REMINDER IN SPANISH]

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL GREEN, PLEASE
18 STATE WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **MICHAEL GREEN:** YES, I AM MICHAEL GREEN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR
22 S.E.I.U. FOR L.A. COUNTY. I'M ADDRESSING THE BUDGET HEARINGS
23 TODAY, IN BOTH ITEMS. AND I'D LIKE TO START WITH LAST MONTH,
24 DOZENS OF S.E.I.U. MEMBERS SHARED WITH YOU THEIR STORIES ABOUT
25 HOW THEY AND THEIR COWORKERS STEPPED UP AT A GREAT PERSONAL

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1 SACRIFICE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC. TODAY,
2 YOU WILL HEAR FROM A FEW MORE, INCLUDING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
3 NURSES WHO WORKED WITH GREAT URGENCY TO PROVIDE COVID TESTING,
4 CONTACT TRACING, AND COVID VACCINES, DESPITE EXTREME STAFFING
5 SHORTAGES, OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, WHO NAVIGATED THE CHALLENGES OF
6 MAINTAINING CLIENT TRUST WHILE FOLLOWING SOCIAL DISTANCING
7 GUIDELINES, OUR COMMUNITY WORKERS WHO ASSISTED FAMILIES WHOSE
8 MEMBERS HAD TURNED TO DANGEROUS AND HARMFUL DRUGS TO COPE WITH
9 COVID, OUR E.R. NURSES SEPARATED FROM LOVED ONES BY A JOB THAT
10 REQUIRED THEM TO SLEEP IN HOTEL ROOMS FOR MONTHS, AND OUR
11 MEDICAL CASEWORKERS WHO WERE ALWAYS THERE TO ADDRESS THE
12 PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMAS OF COVID PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
13 S.E.I.U. MEMBERS ARE EVERY DAY HEROES IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF
14 THE WORD. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL SHOW THEM
15 RECOGNITION, APPRECIATION, AND COMPENSATION THAT THEY SO
16 CLEARLY DESERVE. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CYNTHIA MEGADELANO. PLEASE
21 STATE WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS TODAY. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **CYNTHIA MEGADELANO:** BUDGET HEARING.

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

2

3 **CYNTHIA MEGADELANO:** BUDGET HEARING. THIS IS -- GOOD MORNING,
4 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CINDY MEGADELANO. I AM A MEDICAL
5 CASEWORKER IN THE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT AT OLIVE
6 VIEW MEDICAL CENTER. YOU HAVE HEARD FROM MANY SPEAKERS TODAY
7 ABOUT THE ENORMOUS EMOTIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL TOLL EXACTED BY THE
8 COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE JOB OF MY DEPARTMENT WAS TO HELP OUR
9 PATIENTS AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES WITH THE SUPPORT AND
10 COMPASSION THEY NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE IMPACT OF COVID, AND
11 TO DECOMPRESS THE HOSPITAL BY FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF
12 RECOVERING PATIENTS TO SUPPORTIVE SAFE RECOVERY FACILITIES.
13 AT ONE POINT, A HUNDRED AND TEN OF OUR HOSPITAL'S 200 BEDS
14 WERE FILLED WITH COVID PATIENTS. OUR TEAM WORKED DILIGENTLY TO
15 PLACE RECOVERING PATIENTS IN HOMES, HOTELS, SHORT TERM
16 SHELTERS, AND OTHER RECUPERATIVE CARE FACILITIES SO WE COULD
17 MAINTAIN CAPACITY TO CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH ACUTE CARE NEEDS.
18 IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS, MY FAMILY AND I CONTRACTED COVID-19.
19 WHILE I WAS QUARANTINED, I KEPT WORKING VIA TELECONFERENCING,
20 DECOMPRESSING THE HOSPITAL, AND PLACING RECOVERING PATIENTS.
21 MY WORK WAS ESSENTIAL, AND I PRESSED ON NO MATTER WHAT. THANK
22 YOU FOR LETTING ME TELL MY STORY. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GITA AMARUTHASKORAN. YOU
2 MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS GITA AMARUTHASKORAN. THANK YOU FOR
5 THIS OPPORTUNITY. I AM A SOCIAL WORKER AT D.C.F.S., AND I URGE
6 YOU TO SUPPORT HEROES (INDISCERNIBLE) LIFE WAS TURNED UPSIDE
7 DOWN BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT THE EXPECTATIONS OF OUR JOBS
8 AS SOCIAL WORKERS DID NOT GO DOWN. WE HAVE TO GET THE JOB DONE
9 NO MATTER THE COST TO US. THAT MEANT CONSTANT TRAVEL, NOT
10 JUST FROM HOME TO OUR OFFICE, BUT THROUGHOUT THE FIELD. AND IT
11 ALSO MEANT FINDING CREATIVE WAYS TO DO OUR JOBS. I MUST REMIND
12 YOU AND REMIND ALL OF US THAT OUR CLIENTS ARE PEOPLE. THEY
13 WERE AFRAID OF THE VIRUS, TOO. THEY ALSO FEARED EXPOSURE. IN
14 PERSON VISITS COULD POTENTIALLY BE DEADLY. SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE
15 TO BE RESOURCEFUL AND IMAGINATIVE TO BUILD CLIENT TRUST. WE
16 DID OUR DUTY, AND WE STILL DO. WE OVERCAME THE CHALLENGE AND
17 CONNECTED PEOPLE TO SERVICES THEY NEEDED. WE DID THIS EVEN
18 THOUGH THERE WAS NOT ALWAYS ACCESS TO PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
19 DURING THE DEADLY PANDEMIC. SO WE ASK THAT YOU HONOR OUR WORK.
20 THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARKITA HARRIS. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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2 **MARKITA HARRIS:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM ADDRESSING THE BUDGET
3 ITEMS. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARKITA HARRIS. I AM A PUBLIC
4 HEALTH NURSE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
5 REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. 721 311. IS A LEADER IN THE PANDEMIC.
6 THE NURSES HAVE SACRIFICED A LOT. NURSES DEAL WITH COMMUNITY
7 DANGERS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING, AND DRUG ACTIVITY. WE ARE THE
8 SECOND LARGEST GROUP OF NURSES IN L.A. COUNTY. D.T. DEVELOPED
9 HEALTH ORDERS, CONTACT TRACING, COVID TESTING, LAB PROCESSING,
10 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION FOR ALL POPULATIONS. D.P.H. NURSES
11 CONTINUE TO CARE FOR ALL THE POPULATIONS WITH EXTREME STAFFING
12 SHORTAGE, LIMITED AND/ OR NO P.P.E. UNTIL AUGUST 2020. WE HAVE
13 WATCHED OUR PEERS DIE. I WAS AFRAID OF DYING AS WELL AND
14 INFECTING MY FAMILY, AND SOME OF THEM ACTUALLY DIED. THERE
15 WERE MORE THAN 262 COVID RELATED DEATHS WITH HEALTHCARE
16 WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. SKILLED NURSE FACILITY STAFF
17 HAVE DIED AT 43 PERCENT, AND NURSES CONTINUE TO BE MORE THAN
18 29 PERCENT OF THE COVID DEATHS. D.P.H. NURSES ARE MANDATED TO
19 WORK OVER TIME, MANDATED TO WORK IN OFFICES, HEALTH
20 FACILITIES, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, LONGTERM CARE, HOMES,
21 COMMUNITY ACCESS INTO THE COMMUNITIES WITH L.A. COUNTY. BUT WE
22 STEPPED UP, AND WE TOOK CARE, AND WE BROUGHT EVERYTHING TO
23 HELP YOU GET OUT OF THE PANDEMIC. BUT IT ISN'T OVER. HEALTH
24 FACILITIES AND CHILD WORK NURSES HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SHORT
25 SINCE AT LEAST 2016. D.C.F. CHILDREN HAVE DIED ON L.A.

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1 COUNTY'S WATCH, GABRIEL HERNANDEZ AND ANTHONY ALVALOS. NURSES
2 SHOULD ALWAYS BE AT THE TOP OF THE BUDGET EVERY YEAR BECAUSE
3 WE ARE THE NURSES. WE SAVE LIVES, AND WE ARE THE SAFETY NET
4 FOR THE COMMUNITY. NURSES DESERVE HERO PAY AND COST OF LIVING
5 EVERY YEAR. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BEG FOR LEFTOVER BUDGET
6 CRUMBS. YOU SHOULD PROTECT US, RESPECT US, AND PAY US. THANK
7 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAWRENCE REYES. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **LAWRENCE REYES:** YES, GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISORS. I AM A
15 CONSTITUENT OF HILDA SOLIS. MY NAME IS LAWRENCE REYES. I AM
16 THE SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
17 HEALTH AND A PROUD MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. BARGAINING UNIT 711. I
18 WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE WHAT MY MOTHER WOULD SAY, [SPANISH]. I
19 WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECEIVE THE OPTIMISTIC FORECAST
20 FROM THE C.E.O. THIS MORNING. MY MOM, BEING THE ETERNAL
21 OPTIMIST, WOULD ALWAYS REMIND ME THAT OUT OF EVERY CHALLENGE
22 COMES OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE WORKED THE STREETS GOING ON 14 YEARS
23 WITH THE CHRONICALLY UNHOUSED, THE SEVERELY MENTALLY
24 CHALLENGED, AND THE DISENFRANCHISED. THE TRUTH IS SOCIAL
25 DISTANCING CREATED A MASSIVE PROBLEM IN MY LINE OF WORK.

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1 PEOPLE NEED HUMAN CONNECTION TO DEVELOP TRULY HUMAN RELATIONS.
2 THAT CONNECTION HELPS US GAIN TRUST AND CONSISTENCY WITH A
3 PERSON WHOSE LIFE IS FRAGILE AND LACKING HUMAN CONNECTION.
4 HOWEVER, SOCIAL DISTANCING INCREASES THE FEELING OF ISOLATION
5 AND DESPAIR. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING, ESPECIALLY THOSE
6 TURNING TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TO COPE, TREATING THEM BECOMES A
7 PERSISTENT HUMAN ENDEAVOR. AS AN EXAMPLE, I GOT A CALL FROM A
8 FAMILY IN EAST LOS ANGELES, WHOSE SON HAD TURNED TO METH TO
9 COPE. WHILE USING, HE WAS SHOT THREE TIMES ENDING UP IN A
10 COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR TWO MONTHS. FOR HIM TO HAVE ANOTHER
11 OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER, IT WAS JUST AS CRITICAL TO TREAT HIS
12 INTERTWINED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AS IT
13 WAS TO TREAT HIS GUNSHOT WOUNDS. DURING COVID, WE HAD TO RELY
14 ON VIRTUAL VISITS, NOT THE SAME AS IN PERSON. WE ASK FOR
15 HEROES PAY. WE MADE IT WORK. MY CLIENT MADE IT THROUGH. THIS
16 IS WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY THAT WE ARE THE SAFETY NET OF L.A.
17 COUNTY. AND THIS IS MY STORY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE TIME.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRUCE BANNERES. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **BRUCE BANNERES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM ADDRESSING THE
25 BUDGET ITEM. MY NAME IS BRUCE BANNERES. I AM A REGISTERED

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1 NURSE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL
2 CENTER. I AM FOR HEROES PAY FOR ALL FROM THE COVID RELIEF
3 FEDERAL MONEY. OVER A YEAR AGO, I MOVED AWAY FROM HOME DUE TO
4 COVID. I LIVED FOR FOUR MONTHS IN DOWNTOWN HOTELS. I WAS NOT
5 ABLE TO SEE MY OTHER HALF OR LOVED ONES. I WAS ISOLATED IN A
6 HOTEL FULL OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL. I HAD TO DRIVE THROUGH THE
7 NATIONAL GUARD DURING B.L.M. RIOTS DOWNTOWN. I LIVED THROUGH
8 THE RIOTS. I MOVED BACK A DIFFERENT PERSON. FOR SEVERAL
9 MONTHS, MY PARTNER AND I HAVE BEEN IN COUPLES THERAPY. WE ARE
10 TRYING TO RECONNECT. WE ARE OPENING COMMUNICATION. WE ARE
11 WORKING ON INTIMACY. NO MATTER WHAT WAS GOING ON IN MY
12 PERSONAL LIFE AND MY PERSONAL NEEDS, I CAME IN AND SUITED UP
13 TO CARE FOR PATIENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC. I LOST A PART OF ME
14 IN THIS PANDEMIC. I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY AFFECTED BY BEING IN
15 THE E.R. R.N. AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. OTHERS AROUND ME HAVE BEEN
16 AFFECTED TOO. IT'S OVER A YEAR SINCE I STARTED WORKING IN THE
17 E.R. DURING THE PANDEMIC. I CAN'T FIND ONE THING INTERESTING
18 ON T.V. OR THE INTERNET OR SOCIAL MEDIA. I AM UNINTERESTED AND
19 HAVE NO INTERESTS, NO PASSION. I AM GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.
20 I AM SAD AND DEPRESSED. I HAVE CRIED ON MY WAY TO WORK, AND AT
21 WORK. I HAVE CRIED THIS WEEK TOO. AS MUCH AS I AM HIGH ON
22 LIFE, I HAVE HIT A LOW, A LOW THAT HAS ME FIGHTING TEARS
23 DAILY. SOME LABEL IT POST TRAUMATIC STRESS, OTHERS EMOTIONS.
24 WHATEVER IT IS, I AM GOING THROUGH IT. I THOUGHT I'D SHARE
25 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I AM ALONE. NOW THAT THERE'S A REPRIEVE

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1 FROM THE INTENSITY, THE STRESS, THE NEVER ENDING PEOPLE, THE
2 E.R., THE EMERGENT SITUATIONS, COVID, I AM NO LONGER IN THE
3 THICK OF IT. MY MIND, MY BODY IS TRYING TO PROCESS WHAT I HAVE
4 BEEN THROUGH THIS LAST YEAR. I CRIED WHEN I WROTE THIS. SO
5 MUCH EMOTION PROCESSING.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BART DEENER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **BART DEENER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. S.E.I.U. 721
13 APPRECIATES HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE TO PRIORITIZE
14 EXPENDITURES, MANAGE RISK, AND BALANCE COMPETING DEMANDS. WE
15 KNOW THAT AS WE EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC, THE NEEDS OF L.A.
16 COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE GREAT WHILE RESOURCES TO MEET THEM ARE
17 NOT UNLIMITED. WE SUPPORT MANY OF YOUR BOARD'S INITIATIVES,
18 INCLUDING INVESTMENTS IDENTIFIED IN MEASURE J. BUT THE COUNTY
19 MUST NOT TAKE ON NEW OBLIGATIONS AT THE EXPENSE OF ITS
20 WORKERS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THIS WAS NOT YOUR BOARD'S INTENTION
21 WHEN IT PUT MEASURE J ON THE BALLOT. A COST OF LIVING INCREASE
22 FOR THOSE WHO HELD THE COUNTY TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC
23 SHOULD BE A GIVEN. WITHOUT THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE,
24 INFLATION, WHICH SPIKED IN APRIL AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF OVER 13
25 PERCENT, THREATENS TO REDUCE THE VALUE OF PAYCHECKS WORKERS

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1 DEPEND ON TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
2 EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPENSATING
3 ESSENTIAL WORKERS. TO SHOW REAL APPRECIATION FOR WHAT THEY
4 HAVE DONE AND WHEY TO DO EVERY DAY. ADOPT A BUDGET THAT DOES
5 NOT TAKE YOUR WORKERS FOR GRANTED. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TIME TO SPEAK ON THE
14 BUDGET. I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THE NUMBERS.
15 EVEN SO, I AM PRETTY MUCH IN AGREEMENT THAT MAYBE SOME OF THE
16 POSITIONS NEEDS TO BE REMOVED LIKE YOU HAVE 2,586 POSITIONS
17 FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, BECAUSE OF
18 COVID, IT'S REALLY OBVIOUS MANY OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE
19 DECIDED THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORK SO MUCH. AND I AM SURE
20 PRETTY MUCH WILL NOT WANT TO COME BACK TO FULL TIME IN PERSON
21 TO THE COUNTY. SO I HOPE THAT YOU LOOK CAREFULLY ABOUT THAT
22 ITEM BECAUSE ESPECIALLY THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TAKING CARE OF
23 THE COMMISSIONS. MANY OF THE COMMISSION IS -- MANY THINGS ARE
24 NOT KEPT UP TO DATE AND SO ON. SO AND MEASURE J IS
25 INTERESTING, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD KEEP CLOSE EYE ON IT.

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1 ANYWAY, GOOD LUCK. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING A COLLEAGUE TO
2 SPEAK. HAVE A GOOD DAYS. TALK TO YOU LATER, GENEVIEVE
3 CLAVREUL.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHRIES. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **ROY HUMPHRIES:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M ROY HUMPHRIES.
11 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO. JUST A COUPLE OF
12 COMMENTS HERE THAT AS FAR AS -- DATA DRIVEN, WELL AS WE KNOW
13 FROM BERNIE MADOFF THAT DATA CAN BE MADE TO SAY WHATEVER YOU
14 WANT TO SAY. ALSO ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS SAID SOMETHING ABOUT
15 CRIMINALIZING POVERTY AND MENTAL ILLNESS, WHICH IS A RUDE AND
16 A CRUEL SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE CONSTITUENTS AND THAT
17 EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE DEFINES WHAT IS
18 A CRIME. THANK YOU ON THAT. AND TO THE BUDGET REPRESENTS A
19 VALUES OF THE SOCIETY HERE, WE HAVE SITUATIONS WHERE
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN DEFUNDED THE BULLETIN ROAD WIDENING THE ROLAND
21 HEIGHTS, A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IS AN ABOMINATION AND
22 CONSIDERING AT THE SAME TIME PUTTING UP 1 MILLION PLUS DOLLARS
23 FOR A DOG PARK. HOW ESSENTIAL IS THAT? AND THE TWO YEARS AGO,
24 FROM WHITTIER, THEY DID A \$2 MILLION PLUS SKATEBOARD PARK. AND
25 THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS FOR, WHAT, EIGHT YEARS?

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1 ALSO FOR SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, THE VOTERS DEFUNDED THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT. ALSO FOR THE BOARD TO REQUIRE SNAIL MAIL FOR THE
3 WRITTEN COMMENTS IS BARBARIC AND SHOULD BE A COMPUTER UPLOAD
4 OR EMAIL AT THE VERY LEAST. AND TO COMPLY WITH THE EDICTS OF
5 THE COURT REGARDING THE TRANSIT AND HOMELESS SITUATION, THE
6 STATE AND COUNTIES MUST DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF
7 HOSTEL, AS PER EUROPE, AND CAMPGROUNDS, STARTING WITH THE
8 BOARD MEMBERS NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES. ALSO IN ROLAND
9 HEIGHTS, PER THE PUBLIC WORKS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NOTES
10 THAT THE PSEUDO-DONATION GHETTO CANS OF THE COUNTY --

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TYRAN MOORE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

16
17 **TYRAN MOORE:** HELLO. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM SPEAKING
18 BRIEFLY ON BOTH AGENDA ITEMS. I CALLED INTO SPEAK IN SUPPORT
19 OF THE FUNDING OF MEASURE J. FOR TOO LONG, OUR SYSTEM HAS JUST
20 TURNED A BLIND EYE AND TURNED ITS BACK ON THE LESS FORTUNATE
21 AND THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE JUSTICE
22 SYSTEM. AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE RESEARCH IS THERE THAT
23 THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME TYPE OF A CHANGE BEEN BECAUSE WHAT WE
24 HAVE NOW IS NOT WORKING. SO FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J., LOOKING
25 INTO THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, HELPING THOSE WHO ARE

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1 -- EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS, AND THOSE WHO REALLY ARE -- OUR
2 SOCIETY HAS ABANDONED IS A GREAT STEP TOWARDS YOUR CARE FIRST/
3 JAIL LAST POLICIES. AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
4 AND THANK THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY IN THE
5 PANDEMIC, THOSE WHO ARE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, THOSE WHO ARE
6 FRONTLINE, AND THOSE WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT AND KEEP
7 OUR SOCIETY AND COMMUNITIES MOVING AS WE ARE MAKING OUR WAY
8 OUT. AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MELINDA KAKANI, YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **MELINDA KAKANI:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

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

18

19 **MELINDA KAKANI:** GREAT. HI, THIS IS MELINDA KAKANI WITH
20 CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. HERE IS THE THING. LAST I
21 CHECKED, THE C.E.O. WORKS FOR THE BOARD, AND THE BOARD WORKS
22 FOR THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. AND WHILE ADMITTEDLY I MIGHT
23 NOT KNOW THE INTRICACIES OF LABOR ISSUES, CONTRACTING ISSUES,
24 HOW TO RUN A COUNTY THAT SOMETIMES FEELS TOO LARGE FOR ITS OWN
25 GOOD, I DO KNOW THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE VOTED BASED

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1 UPON, SPOKEN ABOUT, TAKEN TO THE STREETS BECAUSE OF THEIR
2 DISGUST, FATIGUE, AND OUTRAGE OF THIS OBSESSION WITH FUNDING
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT, PERPETUATING THE STATUS QUO, INVESTING IN
4 SURVEILLANCE OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THEIR INCARCERATION,
5 THEIR PUNISHMENT. THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. \$3.3 BILLION FOR
6 THE SHERIFF WHOSE EVERY ACTION HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY THIS
7 BOARD. \$1 BILLION FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS JUST
8 SUED IN JANUARY BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE HARM
9 THEY INFLICTED UPON THIS COUNTY'S CHILDREN. FUNDING YOUTH
10 JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THE CARE
11 FIRST/JAILS LAST MOTTO THIS BOARD HAS REPEATED AND BY FUNDING
12 I MEAN FINDING THE FULL \$75 MILLION FROM PROBATIONS BUDGET SO
13 THAT CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST BECOMES MORE THAN JUST A MOTTO FOR
14 THE CHILDREN ENSNARED IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM. THERE ARE
15 APPROXIMATELY 400 YOUTH CURRENTLY IN CAGES, AND WE SPEND \$409
16 MILLION TO KEEP ON KEEPING ON WITH THAT SHAMEFUL PRACTICE.
17 THAT'S \$1 MILLION PER YEAR PER YOUTH. WE HAVE GOT TO DO
18 BETTER. AND THAT STARTS WITH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AND THE
19 \$75 MILLION INVESTMENT ISN'T PREMATURE. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR
20 A DEPARTMENT TOMORROW. WE ARE ASKING FOR A SHIFT IN POWER FROM
21 A SYSTEM OF INCARCERATION, OPPRESSION, MARGINALIZATION, TO A
22 SYSTEM OF HEALING, REPAIR, AND STRENGTH WITH AN INVESTMENT IN
23 THAT TRANSFORMATION PROCESS. SO C.E.O. AND BOARD, WE ARE
24 ASKING YOU TO PUT SOME COUNTY'S MONEY, OUR MONEY, MY TAX

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1 DOLLARS WHERE YOUR MOTIONS ARE. AND THAT MEANS \$75 MILLION FOR
2 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHAREE BELL, YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

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

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10 **SHAREE BELL:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

13

14 **SHAREE BELL:** OKAY. WELL, WE ALL KNOW THE MEASURE J WAS FOUGHT
15 AND WON OFF THE BLOOD OF BLACK LIVES. THE NUMEROUS MURDERS OF
16 UNARMED BLACK PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD IS WHY WE HAVE THIS
17 MONEY TO ADDRESS THE SYSTEMIC RACISM AND ALTERNATIVES TO
18 POLICING. WE NEED YOU TO BE COURAGEOUS AND GIVE DOING THE
19 RIGHT THING A CHANCE AND KEEP THE PROMISE MADE TO THE VOTERS.
20 WE NEED THIS MEASURE FULLY FUNDED TO ADDRESS HUNDREDS OF YEARS
21 OF ECONOMIC OPPRESSION AND OPPRESSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. I'M
22 WITH THE L.A. BLACK WORKERS' CENTER WHERE, IN L.A. COUNTY,
23 BLACK WORKERS IN PARTICULARLY ARE SEVERELY UNEMPLOYED AND
24 UNDEREMPLOYED. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FUNDING FROM MEASURE
25 J. COULD GO TOWARDS ADDRESSING THIS ECONOMIC OPPRESSION BY

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1 CREATING QUALITY JOBS, SUSTAINABLE HOUSING, AND ASSISTING WITH
2 GETTING TO THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE ISSUES THAT CAUSE LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT TO BE A PART OF THE PROBLEM. WE HAVE BEEN DOING
4 THE SAME OLD THING FOR MANY YEARS. AND WE NEED THIS BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS TO GIVE DOING THE RIGHT THING A CHANCE. WE NEED TO
6 NOT LOOK FOR EXCUSES. WE NEED TO STAND BY THE INTENTION OF
7 THIS LAW AND THIS BALLOT MEASURE PROMISED BY -- PROMISED TO
8 THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICOLE BROWN, YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN WITH THE
16 URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION
17 AND A CONSTITUENT OF JANICE HAHN. THANK YOU BOARD FOR THIS
18 OPPORTUNITY. I APPRECIATE YOUR WORDS ON YOUTH JUSTICE
19 REIMAGINED, AND I AM ASKING YOU TO MAKE A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
20 TO THESE WORDS IN JUNE. FOR YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY, THIS
21 CONTINUES TO BE A STATUS QUO AND WASTEFUL BUDGET. YOUTH
22 JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN A DEPARTMENT. AND
23 IN THE PLAN, 55 OF THE \$75 MILLION WAS SUPPOSED TO GET OUT TO
24 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS SO THEY CAN PROVIDE URGENT
25 SUPPORT TO THE YOUTH IN THESE TIMES OF PANDEMIC DISTRESS AND

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1 AN INCREASE IN VIOLENCE. WE URGENTLY NEED THAT INVESTMENT TO
2 BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE BUDGET. I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO NUMBER
3 ONE, FULLY FUNDED YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WITH THE FULL \$75
4 MILLION, INCLUDING \$55 MILLION TO C.B.O.S TO BUILD AN
5 ECOSYSTEM OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. TWO, CUT ALL VACANT AND FROZEN
6 POSITIONS FROM THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET, INCLUDING 186
7 VACANT POSITIONS IN THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS WHILE CAMPS AND
8 HALLS SIT MOSTLY EMPTY. THREE, IMMEDIATELY PLEASE STAND UP THE
9 YOUTH JUSTICE TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO
10 WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED A REALITY. IT
11 HAS ALREADY BEEN SEVEN MONTHS SINCE THE REPORT WAS RELEASED,
12 AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE MORE MOMENTUM. FOUR, FULLY FUND
13 MEASURE J AND INCLUDE A MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING
14 PROCESS WITH THAT. AND LASTLY, ON BEHALF OF URBAN PEACE AND
15 THE L.A. INTERVENTION COALITION, I ASK YOU TO FUND PEACEMAKERS
16 AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION WITH \$250 MILLION FROM THE AMERICAN
17 RESCUE PLAN, AS ONE OF THE MOST URGENT AND EFFECTIVE
18 INVESTMENTS YOU CAN MAKE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS THE
19 PROBATION BUDGET. LAST YEAR, DESPITE CUTS, PROBATION GOT MORE
20 MONEY FOR JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, AND IN THIS BUDGET, THE
21 C.E.O. FOUND ANOTHER \$9.7 MILLION FOR THIS JUVENILE
22 INSTITUTION. THEY RECOMMENDED \$409 MILLION TO INCARCERATE
23 YOUTH, WHEN THEY ARE ABOUT 400 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS AND
24 HALLS. THIS WOULD BE \$1 MILLION PER --

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EZEKIEL NISHIAMA. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

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7 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

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

10

11 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY IN ATTENDANCE
12 HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIAMA. I AM AN ADVOCATE AND
13 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M
14 HERE TODAY TO SHOW SUPPORT IN FULLY FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE
15 REIMAGINED. AS SOMEONE WHO EXPERIENCED THE SYSTEM, I
16 UNDERSTAND WHAT A YOUNG PERSON NEEDS AND THE RIGHT SERVICES
17 AND PROGRAMS FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS
18 WHY IN PROBATION IS MESSING UP AND NOT DOING THEIR JOB. WE
19 KEEP ON INVESTING INTO THEM, AND THEY GET MORE FUNDING. WE
20 SHOULD BE WORKING COLLECTIVELY TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE PUNITIVE
21 MODELS OF INCARCERATION. DO NOT USE D.J.J.'S TRANSITION AS AN
22 EXCUSE TO FILL THE 186 VACANT POSITIONS WITH THE JUVENILE
23 INSTITUTION BUDGET. YOU SHOULD BE INVESTING THESE FUNDS INTO
24 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE
25 VERY SAME SYSTEM THAT WE KNOW HAS HAD A LONG PAINFUL HISTORY

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1 OF TARGETING YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR. AGAIN, THIS IS NOT AN
2 ATTACK ON JUVENILE PROBATION, BUT A FOCUS ON THE OVERALL
3 SYSTEM WE ARE FACED WITH TODAY. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE CHANGE
4 THAT IS NEEDED TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH IN L.A.
5 COUNTY, WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE TRAUMA AND HARMFUL
6 EXPERIENCES THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FACED WITH IN TODAY'S
7 CARCERAL SYSTEM. WE CANNOT GO BACK AND UNDO THE HARM THAT HAS
8 ALREADY BEEN DONE TO THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE CARCERAL
9 SETTING, BUT WE CAN CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH WHO
10 ARE GROWING UP IN L.A. TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADIDAS SARAHCAR.

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16 **ADIDAS SARAHCAR:** GOOD MORNING. ADIDAS SARAHCAR FROM CHILDREN'S
17 DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I AM CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD TO
18 FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IN THE JUNE BUDGET AND
19 KEEP YOUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST. IT IS
20 IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY GIVE THE FULL \$75 MILLION TO
21 Y.J.R. INCLUDING \$55 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS
22 THAT ARE READY AND WILLING TO IMPLEMENT Y.J.R. TODAY. FINDING
23 THE FULL \$75 MILLION SHOULD NOT BE HARD. A GOOD START WOULD
24 BE TO CUT ALL VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS FROM THE JUVENILE
25 PROBATION BUDGET. THERE ARE 186 VACANT POSITIONS THAT SHOULD

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1 BE CUT IMMEDIATELY. THE INCARCERATED AND SUPERVISED YOUTH
2 POPULATION HAS GONE DOWN IN THE LAST DECADE. AND YET
3 PROBATION'S ALREADY BLOATED BUDGET CONTINUES TO GROW IT IS
4 TIME TO INVEST THAT MONEY INTO YOUTH AND DOWN SIZE PROBATION.
5 THE COUNTY NEEDS TO INVEST THE FULL \$75 MILLION IN YOUTH
6 JUSTICE REIMAGINE AND COMMIT TO MOVING TOWARD NO MORE
7 PROBATION STAFF, NO MORE PROBATION DOLLARS, AND NO MORE CAMPS
8 OR HALLS. WE CANNOT DELAY YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED ANY
9 LONGER. IT IS FAR FROM PREMATURE. IT IS, IN FACT, LONG, LONG
10 OVERDUE. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
15 NOT DONE SO ALREADY, YOU MAY PRESS 1 AND THEN 0, BUT DO NOT
16 PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM QUEUE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
19 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [REMINDER IN SPANISH]

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLIVIA SHIELDS. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS WITH
3 THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING,
4 COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEM B.H.1, B.H.2, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. I URGE THE BOARD TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE OF CARE FIRST
6 AND JAILS LAST BY FULLY FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED,
7 WHICH WAS ALLOCATED 0 DOLLARS IN THE RECOMMENDED L.A. COUNTY
8 C.E.O. BUDGET COMPARED TO \$3.3 BILLION FOR SHERIFFS AND \$1
9 BILLION OF PROBATION. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
10 OVER 40 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OVER 30 YOUTH LEADERS WHO ARE
11 DISAPPOINTED IN THE C.E.O. FUNDING DECISIONS. WE MUST CUT ALL
12 186 VACANT POSITIONS FROM THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET.
13 FURTHERMORE, WE NEED THE FULL \$75 MILLION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
14 REIMAGINED, INCLUDING \$55 MILLION ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY-BASED
15 ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH IS A COMPARATIVELY SMALL ASK GIVEN THAT
16 THE C.E.O. RECOMMENDED SPENDING \$409 MILLION TO INCARCERATE
17 JUST 400 YOUNG PEOPLE. WE KNOW LOCKING YOUTH UP DOES NOT MAKE
18 OUR COMMUNITY SAFER, BUT RATHER PERPETUATES STRUCTURAL RACISM,
19 CYCLES OF POVERTY, AND HARM. ONLY THROUGH UNEQUIVOCALLY
20 PRIORITIZING THE WELL BEING AND GROWTH OF YOUTH AND FUNDING
21 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WILL WE TRULY BUILD A SAFER AND
22 MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE. LASTLY, ON BEHALF OF URBAN PEACE
23 INSTITUTE, PLEASE FUND PEACEMAKERS AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION
24 WITH \$250 MILLION FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AS AN URGENT
25 AND EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT IN CARE AND RACIAL EQUITY. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICHOLAS SALAZAR. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **NICHOLAS SALAZAR:** HI. THIS IS NICHOLAS SALAZAR FROM THE FUND
8 FOR GUARANTEED INCOME READING A PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF
9 MAYOR AJA BROWN. MY NAME IS AJA BROWN, AND I SERVE THE GREAT
10 CITY OF COMPTON, CALIFORNIA AS MAYOR. I AM COMPELLED TO USE MY
11 VOICE AND POSITION TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
12 INITIATIVES. I URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
13 PROVIDE FUNDING TO PRETRIAL SERVICE PILOTS. ALLOCATING FUNDS
14 AND AN OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS THIS TO THE CITY OF COMPTON WILL
15 NOT ONLY IMPACT THE CITY THE SHORT TERM, BUT CREATE LONG
16 LASTING EFFECTS THAT WILL BETTER THE CITY AND COUNTY FOR YEARS
17 TO COME. ALL RESIDENTS AND CHILDREN ARE IN NEED OF MENTAL AND
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE
19 ROAD MAP, BUDGET, AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR PRETRIAL
20 SERVICES PILOT THAT CAN BE READY TO LAUNCH IN JULY 2021 IN
21 COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND
22 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVES TO CREATE A
23 COMMUNITY CARE AND SUPPORT AGENCY WORKFORCE. THE AGENCY
24 WORKFORCE WILL CONNECT RESIDENTS TO RETURN TO COURT AND OTHER
25 SERVICES VIA A NEW WEB-BASED PUBLIC BENEFITS PLATFORM. I AM

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1 EXCITED TO SHARE THAT OUR PLAN IS SUPPORTED BY THE FUND FOR
2 GUARANTEED INCOME, AND COMPTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
3 CORPORATION, A NEW ENTITY WHICH I LAUNCHED LAST SUMMER TO
4 DRIVE INVESTMENTS INTO THE CITY THROUGH SCALABLE PROGRAMMING
5 DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME. WE CAN MOVE FROM SURVIVING TO
6 THRIVING WHEN WE PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY AND CARE. OUR COUNTY CAN
7 DO THIS. WE CAN AFFORD IT. IT IS TIME. I YIELD THE REST OF MY
8 TIME.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON
13 JOHNSON, YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK
16 ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON, FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK, JUSTICE
17 L.A., REIMAGINE L.A.. WE ARE URGING YOU TODAY TO ADOPT THE
18 CARE FIRST BUDGET. THIS IS A BUDGET THAT ADVANCES OUR CARE
19 FIRST SOLUTIONS AND ALSO POINTS OUT INCONSISTENCIES IN THE
20 CURRENT BUDGET. FOR ONE, WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF
21 WE ARE GOING TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WE SHOULD NOT BE
22 REALLOCATING DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE JAIL POPULATION
23 INCREASING. THIS IS THE SAME LOGIC THAT HOPE MANAGEMENT
24 ASSOCIATES PROVIDED TO YOU IN 2015 WHEN THEY SAID YOU NEEDED
25 TO SECURE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD A MENTAL

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1 HEALTH JAIL IN ANTICIPATION OF THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH
2 POPULATION DOUBLING. THAT CONVENTIONAL WISDOM HAS BEEN
3 REJECTED BY US ALL. SO LET'S NOT REPEAT A MISTAKE THAT IS VERY
4 RECENT IN TIME BUT DISTANT IN PARADIGM TO THE VERY REAL CARE
5 FIRST APPROACH THAT WE'RE MOVING. ALSO IF WE ARE GOING TO
6 INVEST IN CARE, IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT WE DO NOT
7 REPRODUCE HARMS OF POLICING AND INCARCERATION IN THOSE CARE
8 SYSTEMS. WE REGULARLY SPEND ANNUALLY \$32 MILLIONS ON PRIVATE
9 SECURITY IN OUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS. WE SHOULD BE REALLOCATING
10 THE ADDITIONAL \$36 MILLION WE SPEND ON SHERIFFS IN D.H.S.
11 HOSPITALS BECAUSE IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR CARE FIRST
12 APPROACH. CLINICIANS ARE REGULARLY TELLING US THAT SHERIFFS IN
13 OUR HOSPITALS VIOLATE PATIENT PROTECTION, VIOLATE FOURTH
14 AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS, AND ABUSE PATIENTS IN THE FORM OF
15 UNCHECKED PATROL OF THE HALLWAYS, INTIMIDATING PATIENTS AND
16 PROVIDERS, USING PROTECTED PATIENT INFORMATION TO PRESS
17 CHARGES ON FOLKS, AND ROUTINELY INTERRUPTING ATTEMPTS TO
18 INFLUENCE MEDICAL DECISION MAKING WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS,
19 INCLUDING THE MURDER OF NICHOLAS BURGOS AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.
20 HOSPITAL LAST OCTOBER. SO WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO REALLOCATE
21 THAT ADDITIONAL \$36 MILLION INTO COMMUNITY BASED NON-LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT CRISIS RESPONSE IN D.H.S. HOSPITALS, VIOLENCE
23 PREVENTION SOLUTIONS, AND UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS TO HARM THAT DO
24 NOT REPRODUCE HARM AND POLICING AND INCARCERATION IN OUR CARE

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1 FACILITIES. THAT'S HOW WE MAKE GOOD ON THE CARE FIRST
2 APPROACH. IN ADDITION TO THAT --

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADINA NARIANIN, YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

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10 **ADINA NARIANIN:** MY NAME IS ADINA NARIANIN. I AM A CONSTITUENT
11 OF KATHRYN BARGER, AND I AM SPEAKING TO BOTH AGENDA ITEMS AND
12 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY, WE HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE
13 BUDGET AS A VALUE STATEMENT AND THE HISTORIC CARE FIRST VISION
14 OF THE COUNTY, BUT THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION IN
15 ORDER TO ACTUALLY FULFILL THESE PROMISES. SPECIFICALLY, THE
16 PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUES TO INCLUDE \$36 MILLION BEING SPENT
17 ON L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF SUBSTATIONS AT OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS. IN
18 THE WAKE OF THE MURDER OF A PATIENT IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS,
19 NICHOLAS BURGOS, INSIDE HARBOR U.C.L.A. AT THE HANDS OF
20 L.A.S.D. LAST OCTOBER, AND THE RAMPANT CORRUPTION AND VIOLENCE
21 THAT WE KNOW EXISTS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT IS
22 CLEAR THAT THE CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN SHERIFFS' PRESENCE IN
23 OUR HOSPITALS IS A DANGER TO TO PATIENTS AND DIRECTLY AT ADDS
24 WITH THE CARE FIRST COMMITMENT. THE SHERIFF HAS NO PLACE IN
25 OUR HOSPITALS. THIS IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR WHEN WE HEARD THE

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1 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA EXPLICITLY STATING TODAY THAT HE BELIEVES
2 THAT THE PEOPLE OUR PUBLIC SYSTEMS NEED TO CARE FOR, UNHOUSED
3 FOLKS, ARE CRIMINAL EXISTENTIAL THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY. THE
4 COMMUNITY HAS LOST TRUST THAT THEIR CARE FACILITIES ARE, IN
5 FACT, SAFE. I SEE THIS FIRST HAND AS A SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENT
6 TRAINING AND PLANNING TO PRACTICE AT OUR COUNTY FACILITIES.
7 OUR COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE AND LOW INCOME PATIENTS, THE
8 MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE BLACK AND BROWN, DEPEND ON OUR COUNTY'S
9 HEALTH SYSTEM FOR CARE, BUT WITH THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN
10 PLACE, SHERIFFS ARE GIVEN UNCHECKED ACCESS TO PATROL
11 HALLWAYS, INTIMIDATE PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS, AND ROUTINELY
12 VIOLATE PATIENT PRIVACY AND LEGAL RIGHTS. THEIR PRESENCE
13 ERODES THE DOCTOR- PATIENT RELATIONSHIP, CREATES DISTRUST IN
14 THE MEDICAL SYSTEM ITSELF, AND CAUSES ANGELENOS TO DELAY OR
15 AVOID CARE ALL TOGETHER IN FEAR OF CRIMINALIZATION AND
16 PHYSICAL HARM. THE COUNTY ALREADY SPENDS \$32 MILLION ON
17 PRIVATE SECURITY FOR OUR HOSPITALS. THE CONTINUED INVESTMENT
18 IN SHERIFFS' PRESENCE IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE CARE
19 FIRST VALUES AND AN AFFRONT TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DEPEND ON
20 OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS AS A SPACE OF CARE AND SANCTUARY. THAT
21 \$36 MILLION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S HANDS AND
22 REINVESTED INTO NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY-SAFETY
23 STRATEGIES THAT ACTUALLY CENTER THE HEALING AND WELL BEING OF
24 OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KENT MENDOZA, YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **KENT MENDOZA:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I
7 AM WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AND THE L.A. YOUTH
8 UPRISING COALITION. I AM JUST HERE TO REITERATE WHAT ALMOST
9 EVERYBODY HAS BEEN COMMENTING IN REGARDING THE BUDGET. I WANT
10 TO URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IN
11 THE JUNE BUDGET AND KEEP YOUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST AND
12 JAILS LAST. WE NEED THE FULL \$75 MILLION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
13 REIMAGINED, INCLUDING THE \$55 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY BASED
14 ORGANIZATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED
15 REPORT. THE BOARD HAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MOTION TO KICKSTART
16 THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED THIS YEAR, AND WE ARE ASKING YOU
17 TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THAT COMMITMENT, WHICH WILL REDUCE
18 PROBATION'S BUDGET, PARTICULARLY FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION IN
19 ORDER TO FUND THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE MUST CUT ALL
20 VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS FROM JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET.
21 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS UNIT HAS 186 VACANT
22 POSITIONS LIKE EVERYBODY HAS MENTIONED IN THE PAST. THEY
23 SHOULD BE CUT AS THE CAMPS AND HALLS HAVE RECORD LOW NUMBERS
24 OF YOUTH INSIDE. THE POPULATION OF YOUTH WHO ARE INCARCERATED
25 AND SUPERVISION HAS PLUMMETED IN THE LAST DECADE, YET

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1 PROBATION'S BUDGET HAS ONLY GROWN. WE NEED TO INVEST IN YOUTH
2 DOWNSIZING AND DOWNSIZING THE PROBATION BUDGET. THE C.E.O.
3 RECOMMENDS \$409 MILLION TO INCARCERATE 400 YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT
4 MEANS THAT WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OVER \$1 MILLION PER YEAR PER
5 YOUTH, WHICH MAKES NO SENSE. AND WHEN PROBATION MESSES UP, WE
6 JUST CONTINUE TO FIND MORE MONEY TO GIVE THEM, AND LIKE PEOPLE
7 HAVE MENTIONED IN THE PAST, THESE DEPARTMENTS OF INCARCERATION
8 HAVE ALREADY BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 JUSTICE AND OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT. AND FOR SOME REASON, WE
10 STILL KEEP INCENTIVIZING THEM WITH SOME TYPE OF MONEY. SO I
11 JUST REALLY WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO REALLY LIVE UP TO THE
12 CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST THEME OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT,
13 SLOGAN, BUT REALLY ACTUALLY LIVE UP TO THOSE THINGS AND REALLY
14 FUND THIS YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE ARE ONE OF THE RICHEST
15 COUNTIES IN THE ENTIRE STATE.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** BUENOS DIAS. HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS
23 HECTOR RAMIREZ. MY FAMILY AND I LIVE IN THE ANCESTRAL LANDS OF
24 THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS HERE IN THE
25 (INDISCERNIBLE) DISTRICT. I HAVE A PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY, AND

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1 I AM A CONSUMER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
2 HEALTH, WHERE I AM ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS FOR LATINO U.S.C.C.
3 NOW FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE LATINO U.S.C.C. IS COMPOSED OF
4 THE LARGEST -- IT REPRESENTS THE LARGE MINORITY OF THE
5 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, WHICH ARE OUR LATINX, HISPANIC,
6 CHICANO POPULATION. AND WE ALSO REPRESENT THAT LARGEST NUMBER
7 OF PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
8 HEALTH, 17 PERCENT OF WHICH IDENTIFY AS BEING SPANISH
9 MONOLINGUAL. I REALLY WANTED TO THANK THE C.E.O. FOR THE
10 REPORT, AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER ENGAGED
11 CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE BUDGET, PARTICULARLY AROUND ISSUES OF
12 MEASURE J. MY COMMENTS ARE TO ITEM TWO. AS WE LOOK AT D.M.H.
13 BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEARS, I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS FOR LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY
15 FOR THE PAST YEARS WHERE WE'RE PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 MENTAL HEALTH WITH VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY
17 DURING THIS COVID PANDEMIC. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE
18 DEPARTMENT IS SUBMITTING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES THE COMMENTS
19 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STAKEHOLDERS JUST BY THE FACT THAT THE
20 (INDISCERNIBLE) PASSED MANY YEARS AGO. THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN BY
21 ACCIDENT. IT CAME BY SIGNIFICANT ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION FROM
22 OUR LATINO D.M.H. CONSUMERS. AND IT CAME BACK AT A PRICE. WE
23 DID EXPERIENCE RETRIBUTION, HARASSMENT, AND EVEN STIGMATIZING
24 SITUATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND EVEN SOME OF OUR MENTAL
25 HEALTH COMMISSIONERS PUSHED BACK AGAINST D.M.H. CONSUMERS. AND

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1 I HOPE THAT AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO DEVELOP THIS BUDGET
2 PROCESS THAT THEY ARE MORE SAFE AND REALLY TRAUMA INFORMED SO
3 THAT OUR CONSUMERS AND OUR COMMUNITIES WHO TAKE THE TIME
4 DURING THE PANDEMIC TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH VITAL
5 INFORMATION --

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TONI WILSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **TONI WILSON:** HI, MY NAME IS TONI WILSON. I HAVE BEEN A
13 SECURITY OFFICER FOR 17 YEARS. I AM AN ARMED OFFICER AT THE
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT IS HARD GOING
15 TO WORK. I LIKE THE WORK, BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE -- MY JOB
16 IS IMPORTANT IN KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE. THE PANDEMIC HAS
17 ESPECIALLY BEEN HARD FOR THE OFFICERS, ME AND MY COWORKERS. WE
18 ARE ESSENTIAL, AND NO ONE IS RECOGNIZING THAT. WE HAVE TO GO
19 TO WORK ALSO. I KNOW A FEW COWORKERS THAT HAVE CAUGHT COVID-
20 19. LIKE MYSELF, A LOT OF US DO NOT HAVE HEALTHCARE. I HAVE TO
21 PAY OUT OF POCKET TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. I NEED GLASSES RIGHT
22 NOW, BUT I HAVE TO BUY THEM FROM WALGREENS BECAUSE I CAN'T
23 AFFORD IT. WE ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND WE ARE ON THE
24 FRONTLINE ALSO. I WANT YOU GUYS TO DO BETTER, BUT IN ORDER FOR
25 THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS TO PASS A BUDGET THAT ALLOWS THE ABILITY

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1 FOR US TO HAVE HEALTHCARE. I AM FIGHTING WITH THE UNION. I AM
2 FIGHTING TO JOIN THE UNION BECAUSE I WANT IMPROVEMENT IN OUR
3 WORK CONDITIONS. HEALTHCARE IS ONE OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. WE
4 CANNOT IMPROVE HEALTHCARE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD. AS
5 YOU ARE GOING THROUGH YOUR BUDGET PROCESS, PLEASE REMEMBER ALL
6 THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS INCLUDING SECURITY LIKE MYSELF, WHO GO
7 TO WORK EVERY DAY WITH NO HEALTHCARE. YOU CAN CHANGE THIS BY
8 PASSING A BUDGET THAT GIVES US HEALTHCARE, THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RENALDO VILLEVA. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **RENALDO VILLEVA:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

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

18

19 **RENALDO VILLEVA:** MY NAME IS RENALDO VILLEVA. I'M A CONSTITUENT
20 OF HOLLY MITCHELL. I'M AN ADVOCATE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR
21 THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AND A YOUTH LEADER FOR
22 [INAUDIBLE] I'M HERE TO SPEAK UP FOR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED
23 -- AND THE FUNDING INCARCERATED YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH
24 THE SYSTEM AND AS AN ADVOCATE [INAUDIBLE] FUND COMMUNITY BASED
25 ORGANIZATIONS, FUND PROGRAMS -- TO FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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1 AGENCIES THAT DO NOT HELP OUR COMMUNITIES. THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS NEED TO TAKE NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY EFFORTS,
3 WHICH HAVE FOUGHT HARD AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT -- [INAUDIBLE].
4 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS -- IT IS LONG OVERDUE. THE C.E.O.
5 DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISMISS THE COMMUNITY WORK OF
6 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO DEDICATED THEIR TIME TO YIELD THIS
7 REPORT. IT'S TIME TO FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THE TIME
8 FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IS NOW. SHOW THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU
9 CARE AND PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. THANK YOU AND
10 [INAUDIBLE]

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROXANNE AGUILAR, YOUR LINE
15 IS OPEN.

16

17 **ROXANNE AGUILAR:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS ROXANNE AGUILAR. I AM
18 WITH THE L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS AND THE REIMAGINE L.A.
19 COALITION. TODAY, I URGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
20 ADOPT THE REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY CARE FIRST BUDGET THAT
21 ELEVATES THE CARE FIRST DEMANDS OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
22 FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J, AND INCREASING THE ALLOCATION OF --
23 TO A HIGHER AMOUNT THAN WHAT IT CURRENTLY IS. FUNDING THE
24 FIRST CARE BUDGET BY ALLOCATING TWO-POINT -- \$17 BILLION IN
25 YEAR ONE THROUGH LEVERAGING DOLLARS FOR MEASURE J AND OTHER

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1 LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES, FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE
2 REIMAGINED BY SHIFTING \$75 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION AS PART OF
3 THE FIRST CARE BUDGET, AND COMMITTING TO BUILDING THE CARE
4 FIRST VISION THROUGH AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, POWER
5 SHARING, AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING TO ENSURE CONSISTENT AND
6 EQUITABLE INVESTMENT. I URGE YOU TO ALSO TAKE NOTICE OF ALL
7 THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPACTED BY COVID, BY
8 UNEMPLOYMENT AT HISTORIC RATES, AND INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.
9 YOUNG PEOPLE REALLY NEED MORE INVESTMENT FROM THE COUNTY TO
10 FIND EMPLOYMENT AND TO LIVE FULL MEANINGFUL LIVES. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CINDY OLSARO YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** THIS NEXT SPEAKER --

20

21 **CINDY OLSARO:** HELLO, YES.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** MISS OLSARO -- YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **CINDY OLSARO:** HELLO, THIS IS -- HI, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS FOR TODAY. MY NAME IS CINDY OLSARO. I AM A
3 SECURITY OFFICER AT D.P.S.S. IN WEST L.A. I AM HERE TODAY TO
4 EXPRESS THE BOARD HOW URGENT IT IS TO MAKE SURE THE BUDGET
5 ENSURES ESSENTIAL WORKERS LIKE MYSELF HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. I
6 HAVE BEEN WORKING TO KEEP L.A. COUNTY SAFE. WITH OR WITHOUT A
7 PANDEMIC, I GO OUT EVERY DAY TO GIVE THE BEST TO THE PEOPLE OF
8 LOS ANGELES, EVEN IF IT MEANS EXPOSING MYSELF TO THIS
9 PANDEMIC. I KNOW MY JOB IS IMPORTANT, EVEN BEFORE WE WERE
10 CALLED ESSENTIAL WORKERS. NOW, THE PANDEMIC HAS SHOWN THE
11 VALUE OF THE WORK WE DO. WE ARE MAKING SURE PEOPLE AND
12 BUILDINGS ARE SAFE EVERY DAY, YET MANY OF US DON'T HAVE THE
13 SAFETY NET OF HAVING HEALTH INSURANCE. WE COULD GET SICK, AND
14 NO ONE WOULD HAVE OUR BACKS. L.A. COUNTY OF SUPERVISORS, YOU
15 CAN CHANGE THAT. YOU CAN HAVE OUR BACK. THE BUDGET YOU ARE
16 WORKING ON CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE ME. BUT IT IS
17 BIGGER THAN THAT. IT COULD CHANGE THE LIFE OF THOUSANDS OF
18 ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN THE COUNTY. WE CAN COME OUT OF THIS
19 PANDEMIC NOT JUST SURVIVING BUT THRIVING. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS EMILIO ZAPIAN. YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN.

25

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1 **EMILIO ZAPIAN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. BOARD. MY NAME IS EMILIO,
2 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING
3 COALITION. AND I AM URGING OUR COUNTY LEADERS TO FULLY FUND
4 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WITH \$75 MILLION AND ADOPTING THE
5 CARE FIRST BUDGET, INCLUDING FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J AND
6 STEPPING UP TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES -- COMMUNITY
7 VICTORIES BECOME A REALITY. FOR OVER 15 YEARS, SYSTEM IMPACTED
8 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING, MARCHING, RALLYING,
9 SURVEYING, AND TESTIFYING AT THESE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
10 HEARINGS, URGING COUNTY LEADERS TO PRIORITIZE A ROBUST YOUTH
11 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND YOU ALL ANSWERED THE CALL BY
12 TAKING THE FIRST STEP IN NOVEMBER. YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE
13 SOLUTIONS TO THEIR OWN ISSUES AND COMMUNITIES, AND YOUNG
14 PEOPLE ARE THE LEADERS OF NOW. WE CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER FOR
15 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET IS CURRENTLY
16 OVER \$3.3 BILLION. THE PROBATION BUDGET IS CURRENTLY OVER \$1
17 BILLION, INCLUDING \$409 MILLION TO INCARCERATE 400 YOUNG
18 PEOPLE IN JUVENILE PROBATION. IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD DO WITH \$1
19 MILLION FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUNG PEOPLE EACH. AND FOR YOUTH
20 DEVELOPMENT, C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS CURRENTLY \$0. WE
21 MUST CUT ALL VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS FROM THE JUVENILE
22 PROBATION BUDGET. THAT IS 186 POSITIONS THAT COULD BE FULL
23 TIME YOUTH JOBS, YOUTH CENTER EMPLOYEES, AND INTERVENTION
24 WORKERS. WE CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER YEAR. WE CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER
25 MONTH. WE CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER DAY TO BEGIN MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

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1 PLEASE SUPPORT COMMUNITY VICTORIES THIS JUNE. WE APPRECIATE
2 YOUR TIME.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS.
10 MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. I AM THE CO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11 AND COFOUNDER OF (SPANISH) AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE L.A.
12 COUNTY COALITION. TODAY, I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE CARE FIRST
13 BUDGET PROPOSAL DEVELOPED AND SENT TO YOU ALL BY THE REIMAGINE
14 L.A. COALITION. AND JUST TO TAKE A STEP BACK, WE HAVE BEEN
15 TALKING ABOUT THE BUDGET. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT MEASURE J,
16 AND A LOT OF THE CONVO IS FOCUSED AROUND JOB LOSS. SO REALLY
17 IF WE ARE TO BUILD OUT A SYSTEM OF ALTERNATIVES TO
18 INCARCERATION AND A DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF CARE, WE WILL NEED
19 THE SUPERVISORS AND THE C.E.O. FOR YOU ALL TO REFRAME THE
20 THINKING AROUND JOB LOSS. EVERYBODY, AND I MEAN EVERYBODY
21 WANTS JOBS AND BENEFITS AND WAGES WHERE WE CAN THRIVE. AND WE
22 CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH THE JUST TRANSITION MODEL. THE
23 JUST TRANSITION MODEL CREATES PATHWAYS TO SHIFT JOBS OUT OF
24 THE DEPARTMENTS THAT MAKE UP THE SYSTEMS CRIMINALIZATION AND
25 INCARCERATION AND INTO JOBS THAT WILL HELP BUILD OUT A

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1 DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF CARE AND HOUSING. YOU WILL SEE THIS AS
2 A FUNDING RECOMMENDATION AND STRATEGY THAT WILL BE PRESENTED
3 TO YOU THROUGH THE MEASURE J PROCESS. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK
4 YOU FOR REQUESTING MORE MONEY FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT AND MEASURE
5 J YEAR ONE. IN OUR LAST MEASURE J MEETING, THE DRAFT LIST OF
6 YEAR ONE MEASURE J REQUESTS WAS AT LEAST \$185 MILLION. YOUTH
7 REIMAGINED, SO MUCH WORK HAS GONE INTO THAT PROCESS. IT DOES
8 FEEL A LITTLE BIT INEQUITABLE WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT HOW FAST
9 THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE WAS CREATED, HOW FAST SOME RESOURCES
10 WERE INVESTED, AND IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE LEAVING YOUTH BEHIND
11 AT ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL MOMENTS WHERE WE HAVE SEEN THEM
12 GET THE SHORT END OF THE STICK THROUGH THIS WHOLE PANDEMIC,
13 NOT HAVING THE POWER AND DISCRETION TO CHOOSE WHERE THEY ARE,
14 IN MCDONALD'S PARKING LOTS TRYING TO GET WI-FI. WE CANNOT LET
15 THEM DOWN, AND THIS BUDGET FAILS TO MEET THE MOMENT FOR THEM.
16 (SPANISH) STANDS IN FULL SOLIDARITY WITH S.E.I.U. 721 AND THE
17 DEMANDS OF THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND OTHER FRONTLINE WORKERS
18 THAT HAVE SACRIFICED THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN ORDER
19 FOR US TO SURVIVE IN THIS PANDEMIC. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE
20 C.E.O. AND THE BOARD FOR OPENING THIS PROCESS FOR US TO SPEAK,
21 BUT WE NEED MORE TRANSPARENCY IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. IF YOU
22 LOOK AT THE CARE FIRST BUDGET THAT WE PROPOSED --

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** OKAY. HELLO, SUPERVISORS. I SECOND WHAT
6 EUNISSES JUST SAID ABOUT SHIFTING JOBS, AND I THINK THERE IS
7 MUCH THAT CAN BE DONE IN SHIFTING THE BUDGET AND SHIFTING THE
8 JOBS AND THE COUNTY WORKERS WITH IT. NO MATTER WHAT THEIR JOBS
9 ARE NOW THAT CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO SOMETHING BETTER AND
10 RETRAINING. HOWEVER, I ALSO WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE SUPPLY OF
11 MONEY SIDE OF THINGS AND THE REVENUE. SOME OF YOU REMEMBER,
12 YOU WERE THERE, THE BOARD MADE A BRIEF ATTEMPT IN 2016 TO FEEL
13 OUT STATE GOVERNMENT ABOUT PERMITTING THE COUNTY TO INSTITUTE
14 A TAX ON HIGH INCOMES WITH THE GOAL OF USING THE PROCEEDS FOR
15 HOMELESS SERVICES, IN THAT CASE. IT POLLED 76 POSITIVE AMONG
16 LIKELY COUNTY VOTERS. AND WHEN THE READING OF STATE POLITICS
17 CAME BACK AS NEGATIVE, THE BOARD ABANDONED THE PLAN, BUT IT
18 COULD HAVE PUT IT ON THE BALLOT ANYWAY WITH THE PROVISION THAT
19 IT WILL GO INTO EFFECT ONLY IF THE STATE GIVES PERMISSION TO
20 THE COUNTY. AND THAT MIGHT INSPIRE OTHERS, GET OTHER COUNTIES
21 TO GO ALONG WITH IT, MAYBE GET SOME TIMID STATE POLITICIANS TO
22 TAKE SOME STEPS, TOO. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S ONE KIND OF PLAN,
23 BUT LET'S LOOK AT THE REVENUE SIDE ALSO BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING
24 ABOUT ADDING SERVICES, BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT UNDOING SOME
25 OF THE 40 YEARS OF ANTI-PUBLIC SECTOR SPENDING, ANTI-PUBLIC

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1 SECTOR SERVICES. THE DEARTH OF THE SERVICES HAS CAUSED
2 ADDITIONAL MISERY IN SOCIETY. YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT
3 WIDESPREAD POVERTY WITHOUT ALSO FACING UP TO DOING SOMETHING
4 ABOUT CONCENTRATED WEALTH. SO A MIX OF REFIGURING THE BUDGET,
5 SHIFTING THE PEOPLE, AND SEEKING MORE REVENUES, THERE'S JUST
6 NO EXCUSE NOT TO DO IT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID WEALTHY
7 PEOPLE WOULD MOVE OUT OF THE COUNTY. I SAY GOODBYE. WE KNOW
8 HOW TO SHARE HERE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A COUNTY THAT IS MORE
9 INSPIRING.

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GABRIELLA VASQUEZ. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16

17 **GABRIELLA VASQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA
18 VASQUEZ. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH [SPANISH], THE JUSTICE L.A.
19 COALITION, AND THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION, AND A RESIDENT OF
20 THE FIRST DISTRICT. FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EQUITY HAS NEVER
21 BEEN A BUZZWORD. COMMUNITY IS THE REASON WHY THE BOARD STOPPED
22 A \$3.1 BILLION JAIL EXPANSION, AND COMMUNITY IS THE REASON WHY
23 MEASURE J PASSED IN NOVEMBER. I URGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE COUNTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER THE
25 REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY CARE FIRST BUDGET BY FOLLOWING THESE

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1 CARE FIRST DEMANDS, TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BY REDUCING
2 THE JAIL POPULATION BY AT LEAST 5,000 PEOPLE AND CAPTURING
3 COST SAVINGS FOR COMMUNITY BASED CARE, TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J
4 BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST \$900 MILLION IN THE THREE YEARS, TO
5 FUND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST \$2 BILLION
6 IN YEAR ONE, THROUGH LEVERAGING DOLLARS FROM MEASURE J AND
7 OTHER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES, TO FUND YOUTH
8 JUSTICE REIMAGINED BY SHIFTING \$75 MILLION OUT OF THE
9 PROBATION AND PART OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET, TO COMMIT TO
10 BUILDING THE CARE FIRST VISION THROUGH AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY
11 CORROBORATION, THROUGH POWER SHIFTING, AND THROUGH
12 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING TO ENSURE CONSISTENT EQUITABLE
13 INVESTMENTS, AND TO FUND HEROES PAY FOR ALL, AND INSTITUTING A
14 COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR COUNTY WORKERS THIS FISCAL YEAR.
15 IF THE BUDGET REFLECTS THE COUNTY'S VALUE, THEN WE CURRENTLY
16 VALUE FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT FAR MORE THAN WE DO COMMUNITY
17 BASED NEEDS. THE BOARD MUST NO LONGER SET ASIDE FUNDING THAT
18 PROTECTS THE ABUSE AND THE HARM THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE
19 EXPERIENCED AT THE HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE COUNTY SPENDS
20 ROUGHLY \$630 PER RESIDENT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES,
21 INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE
22 COURT. FOR THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET ALONE, THIS YEAR'S SPENDING
23 PLAN AMOUNTS TO \$337 PER RESIDENT. CURRENTLY, AROUND 91
24 PERCENT OF THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET ALONG WITH 80 PERCENT OF THE
25 PROBATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET IS SPENT ON PERSONNEL LIKE

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1 VILLANUEVA WHO IS THREATENING EVERYBODY EVERY SINGLE DAY. BY
2 CONTRAST, L.A. COUNTY SPENDS ROUGHLY \$10 PER RESIDENT ON
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. REALIZING THE MANDATE BY VOTERS REQUIRES
4 FULL FUNDING OF MEASURE J, FULL IMPLEMENTATION --

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RONALD COLLINS, YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **RONALD COLLINS:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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16 **RONALD COLLINS:** AWESOME. HELLO, MY NAME IS RONALD COLLINS. I'M
17 AN ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKERS CENTER AND A
18 COORDINATOR WITH THE REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY COALITION. I AM
19 HERE TO FIRSTLY UPLIFT SOME OF THE DEMANDS THAT MANY FOLKS
20 HAVE TALKED ABOUT, WHICH IS 1) ADOPTING THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.
21 THAT MEANS FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J. THAT MEANS CLOSING M.C.J.
22 THAT MEANS REALLY THINKING ABOUT THE WAY WE SPEND OUR MONEY
23 AND PUSHING IT INTO THE COMMUNITY TO THE FOLKS WHO NEED IT THE
24 MOST. THE CARE FIRST BUDGET WAS DEVELOPED BY REIMAGINE L.A.
25 COALITION TO BE REFLECTIVE OF A CARE FIRST APPROACH, TO BE

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1 REFLECTIVE OF THE THINGS THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED EVERY
2 SINGLE DAY. WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE INSTITUTING
3 THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE TO OUR COUNTY WORKERS. THROUGHOUT
4 THE PANDEMIC, THEY HAVE BEEN THE FOLKS WHO HAVE CARRIED THE
5 ENTIRE COUNTY. THESE ARE THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO --
6 WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP US SAFE THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE
7 PANDEMIC, AND THE LEAST THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO IS TO MAKE SURE
8 THAT THOSE FOLKS HAVE THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED IN
9 ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES. I WOULD REMIND US THAT
10 WE LIVE IN THE WEALTHIEST CITY IN THE WEALTHIEST COUNTY IN THE
11 WEALTHIEST STATE IN THE WEALTHIEST NATION IN THE WORLD. THERE
12 IS ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE TAKEN CARE
13 OF. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RESPOND -- I AM GOING TO TAKE OFF MY
14 PROFESSIONAL HAT AND RESPOND TO SOMETHING AS A MEMBER OF THE
15 COMMUNITY. WE HEARD EARLIER, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA SITUATES
16 UNHOUSED FOLKS HAVE AS AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO OUR COMMUNITY.
17 THE REALITY IS THAT MORE THAN A THIRD OF UNHOUSED FOLKS ARE
18 BLACK, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT BLACK FOLKS ALSO
19 DISPROPORTIONATELY SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF POLICE. SO WHEN WE
20 HAVE THE HEAD OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
21 SITUATING UNHOUSED FOLKS AS EXISTENTIAL THREATS TO THE
22 COMMUNITY, IN MY MIND, THAT IS SITUATING BLACK FOLKS AS
23 EXISTENTIAL THREATS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND I THINK THAT THAT
24 NEEDS TO BE INTERROGATED, BY 1) MAKING SURE WE HAVE LESS MONEY
25 IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET AND MORE MONEY INTO THE PROGRAMS THAT

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1 WE KNOW THAT ARE GOING TO KEEP US OUT OF THE LINE OF SIGHT OF
2 LAW ENFORCEMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS IVETTE ALE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **IVETTE ALE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. IVETTE ALE WITH DIGNITY
9 AND POWER NOW, JUSTICE L.A., AND REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION.
10 YOU KNOW, NEARLY A YEAR AGO, THE BOARD DELIBERATED ON A \$3.43
11 BILLION SHERIFF BUDGET AND A \$1 BILLION PROBATION BUDGET.
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN COURAGEOUSLY ABSTAINED FROM APPROVING THAT
13 BUDGET AND RIGHTLY CALLED IT A STATUS QUO BUDGET. TODAY, YOU
14 ARE DELIBERATING ON A \$3.412 SHERIFF BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET AND
15 OVER \$1 BILLION FOR PROBATION ONCE AGAIN. DESPITE THE
16 SHERIFF'S WHINING AND THREATS, THIS IS YET AGAIN A STATUS QUO
17 BUDGET. THIS BUDGET DOES NOT REFLECT OUR VALUES. IT DOES NOT
18 REFLECT THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST VISION, AND THE PROPOSED DOWN
19 PAYMENT FOR MEASURE J DOESN'T BEGIN TO FUND THE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE PAINSTAKING COMMUNITY
21 PROCESS. NOR DOES IT BEGIN TO CHIP AWAY AT THE GENERATIONS OF
22 DIVESTMENT FROM BLACK, BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. WE
23 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS, KUEHL, AND HAHN
24 IN PLACING MEASURE J ON THE BALLOT AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S
25 SUPPORT DURING THE CAMPAIGN, BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS

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1 THAT WE NEVER NEEDED MEASURE J TO TRANSFORM THE BUDGET. WE
2 SHOULDN'T NEED MEASURE J TO DELIVER OUR COMMUNITIES THE
3 SERVICES THEY DESERVE AND DESPERATELY NEED. ALL WE'VE EVER
4 NEEDED IS THE POLITICAL WILL FROM THIS BODY TO SHIFT FUNDING
5 OUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTO COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC SAFETY,
6 HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND JOBS. WHEN WE DEMAND
7 FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J AND ADOPTING THE CARE FIRST BUDGET,
8 WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR YOU TO MAKE GOOD ON THE POLICIES YOU
9 SUPPORTED AND THE RHETORIC WE HEAR FROM THE BOARD WEEK AFTER
10 WEEK. WE SEE YOU AS PARTNERS IN JUSTICE, AND PLEASE DON'T LET
11 US DOWN. I ALSO WANT TO ELEVATE AND REITERATE EUNISSES
12 HERNANDEZ'S COMMENTS. MEASURE J IS NOT ANTITHETICAL TO JOBS
13 AND SHOULDN'T BE. THAT IS NOT WHY WE VOTED FOR MEASURE J. WHAT
14 WE NEED IS A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFTING OF THOSE JOBS INTO
15 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, INTO SUPPORTING OUR NURSES AND
16 FRONTLINE WORKERS. THEY DESERVE TO BE SUPPORTED, AND MEASURE J
17 ALLOWS AN AVENUE FOR THAT, BUT SO LONG AS WE MAINTAIN THOSE
18 BLOATED LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGETS, OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS, OUR
19 HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL NOT BE RECEIVING THE TYPE OF
20 WAGE INCREASES AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED ON THE FRONTLINES.
21 OUR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE RECEIVING THE TYPE OF SUPPORT THEY
22 NEED TO KEEP THEM OUT OF --
23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOPHIA LEE, YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

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5 **SOPHIA LEE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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9 **SOPHIA LEE:** HI, MY NAME IS SOPHIA LEE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE
10 REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION AND A RESIDENT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.
11 I ACTUALLY AGREE WITH ALL THE SUPERVISORS WHO SAID EARLIER
12 THAT OUR VALUES ARE IN OUR BUDGET. WHERE I HAVE CONCERNS IS
13 THAT IF WE TRULY PURPORT TO HAVE A CARE FIRST MENTALITY IN
14 L.A. COUNTY, THAT THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT REFLECTED IN OUR
15 BUDGET. I WANT TO REITERATE THE NUMBERS THAT IVETTE JUST SAID,
16 \$3.41 BILLION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND MORE THAN A
17 BILLION DOLLARS FOR PROBATION. AND YET SHERIFF VILLANUEVA
18 WANTS TO CRY ABOUT HIS DEPARTMENT NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY. TO
19 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, SHAME ON YOU. UNHOUSED FOLKS ARE NOT A
20 THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND IF ANYTHING, THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT POSES A MUCH LARGER THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. I WANT
22 TO ECHO THE CALLS TO FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED BY SHIFTING
23 \$75 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION AS PART OF THE CARE FIRST -- OH,
24 AND I ALSO WANT TO ECHO CALLS, EXCUSE ME, TO FUND THE CARE
25 FIRST BUDGET AND TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR

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1 HAHN FOR PUSHING MEASURE J DOLLARS. AND I WANT TO JUST
2 REITERATE, RIGHT NOW, PROBATION HAS MORE THAN 1 BILLION
3 DOLLARS, AND OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THEIR BUDGET HAS GROWN
4 \$71.6 MILLION. STILL, HOWEVER, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS
5 IGNORED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' DIRECTIVE TO FIND LONG TERM
6 FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT ACTUALLY PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO
7 INCARCERATION, ONE BEING BREAKING BARRIERS, WHICH PROVIDES
8 HOUSING, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING FOR
9 INDIVIDUALS ON FELONY PROBATION IN L.A. COUNTY. BREAKING
10 BARRIERS PROVIDES A CLEAR EXAMPLE FOR A CARE FIRST PROGRAM
11 THAT HELPS PEOPLE REINTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY, GET HOUSING,
12 GET JOBS, GET THE CARE THAT THEY NEED, AND DESPITE THE OVER \$1
13 BILLION IN PROBATION'S BUDGET, THEY FAIL TO FIND A MINUSCULE
14 \$2.25 MILLION TO SUSTAIN THE BREAKING BARRIERS PROGRAM FOR THE
15 NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WHY DOES THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE --

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GINA VIOLA, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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22 **GINA VIOLA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GINA VIOLA. I'M A MEMBER OF
23 WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES. \$100 MILLION FOR MEASURE J IS AN
24 ABSOLUTE SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
25 MEASURE J'S HISTORY STARTED WITH MEASURE R. MEASURE R WAS THE

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1 FIRST STEP TOWARDS A CARE FIRST BUDGET AND DEMANDED THAT WE
2 LOOK AT BETTER WAYS TO SPEND THE PREVIOUSLY ALLOTTED \$3.35
3 BILLION TO BUILD NEW JAILS. THE VOTERS IN MARCH OF 2020 SAID
4 NO MORE. THE VOTERS UNDERSTOOD WHAT SEEMS TO BE COMMON PLACE
5 UNDERSTANDING NOW, USING INCARCERATION AS A MEANS FOR ALL OF
6 OUR SOCIAL ILLS IS NOT WORKING. THE COUNTY PASSED MEASURE R
7 WITH 73 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, WHICH WAS HISTORIC AND CREATED
8 THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE HAS
9 BEEN ROBUST AND GROWN ON THE BACKS OF ORGANIZERS GIVING OF
10 THEIR TIME TO REALIZE IT INTO SOMETHING TANGIBLE AND
11 APPLICABLE. AS FAR AS MEASURE R IS CONCERNED, THE A.T.I.
12 INITIATIVE SHOULD HAVE A STARTING BALANCE OF \$3.5 BILLION.
13 THEN ALONG COMES MEASURE J, MEANT TO PUT DOLLARS AND CENTS TO
14 THE A.T.I. FINDINGS. AND NOW, IT IS NO WONDER WHY THE BOARD
15 WAS KEEN TO FAST TRACK MEASURE J. WE UNDERSTAND IT IS BEING
16 USED AS A MEANS TO REDUCE THE DOLLARS THAT WILL BE SPENT ON
17 THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. THIS IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE AND FRANKLY
18 ILLEGAL. THE VOTERS HAVE TOLD YOU TWICE, TWO ELECTIONS IN A
19 ROW, IN FACT, THAT WE WANT MONEY SPENT ON ALTERNATIVES TO
20 INCARCERATION, AND WE WANT THAT HAPPENING NOW. YOU HAVE
21 INCREASED THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET YEAR AFTER YEAR TO THE
22 DETRIMENT OF THE REST OF THE COUNTY. IT HAS NOT KEPT US SAFER,
23 IT HAS NOT FOUND US IN A HEALTHIER PLACE. IT HAS NOT FOUND OUR
24 YOUTH BETTER EDUCATED. IN FACT, QUITE THE OPPOSITE, THIS
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS KILLED 18 PEOPLE SINCE THE PEOPLE'S

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1 UPRISING AFTER THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD. THE CORRELATION THAT
2 SHOULD BE MADE IS THAT MORE MONEY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT LEAVES
3 LITTLE TO INVEST INTO HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. THIS IS LANGUAGE
4 BEING USED IN MANY CIRCLES NOW IN THE CRIES TO DEFUND THE
5 POLICE AND THE LIKE. IT IS TIME FOR YOU, AS A BOARD, TO FULLY
6 FUND THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST PLAN YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING
7 TOGETHER ALONG WITH MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THIS PAST
8 YEAR. I CAN SEE NOW THAT THE ERASURE OF THE MEASURE R LANGUAGE
9 ON THE A.T.I. --

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES GRISWOLD. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

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17 **JAMES GRISWOLD:** HI, YOU HEAR ME?

18

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

20

21 **JAMES GRISWOLD:** HI, MY NAME IS JAMES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
22 COMMENT ON BOTH AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I LIVE IN MAR
23 VISTA, SO THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR YOUR SUPPORT
24 TODAY. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD MY VOICE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE
25 REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION'S CALL TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J WITH

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1 AT LEAST \$900 MILLION, ESPECIALLY OVER LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BY
2 CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WHILE I CAN SEE THE COUNTY AND THE
3 C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME IMPROVING ITS CARE
4 FIRST/ JAILS LAST SUPPORT, I THINK ALLOCATING \$100 MILLION FOR
5 MEASURE J REALLY BETRAYS COMMUNITY'S TRUST. PEOPLE VOTED BASED
6 ON ALL THE PRESS COVERAGE LAST NOVEMBER ESTIMATING ALMOST A
7 BILLION DOLLARS. AND THIS MORNING, C.E.O. DAVENPORT POINTED
8 OUT THAT MANY OF THE ACCOUNTING TERMS IN MEASURE J ARE LISTED
9 IN VARIOUS COUNTY GLOSSARIES AND DOCUMENTS. IN ORDER FOR
10 SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICE HEARD AND PROVIDE
11 INPUT ON THIS BUDGET, IT SEEMS THEY NEED A FULL TIME JOB AS A
12 TAX ANALYST. I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING MEASURE J MEETINGS SINCE
13 LAST YEAR BEFORE MEASURE J WAS PASSED, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
14 HAVE HAD TO ATTEND COUNTLESS MEETINGS DURING THE WORKDAY, SLOG
15 THROUGH DEEPLY BURIED WEBPAGES, READ HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF
16 REPORTS, ALL ON VOLUNTEER HOURS. ALL OF THESE MEETINGS AND
17 REPORTS SEEM TO POP UP SUDDENLY WHEN THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO
18 KEEP UP TO DATE ON, AND THAT IS NOT TRANSPARENCY. I DON'T KNOW
19 HOW WE CAN CLAIM TRANSPARENCY WITH THAT KIND OF PROCESS. WE
20 HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY AND FUNDING TO DO BETTER THAN THIS, IF WE
21 WANT IT, IF WE SEE THIS OBFUSCATION DEPRIORITIZES
22 COMMUNITY VOICE. AND SO I DON'T EXPENDING THAT THE COMMUNITY
23 DOESN'T HAVE THE ACCOUNTING EXPERTISE TO UNDERSTAND THE LEAP.
24 I THINK THE COMMUNITY KNOWS WHAT WE VOTED FOR.

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

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

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
8 HAS ENDED. I WANT TO THANK ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK THIS
9 MORNING, AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT
10 HAVE COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
11 RECORD. THEREFORE, MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE THE
12 FOLLOWING, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE AND TAKE
13 UNDER ADVISEMENT VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND
14 COMMENTS MADE DURING THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS COMMENCING
15 TODAY, MAY 19TH, 2021 AND MAKE A FINDING THAT A NOTICE OF
16 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE TO SECTION
17 29080 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE THAT SAID HEARINGS COMMENCED ON
18 MAY 19TH, 2021 PURSUANT TO SAID NOTICE AND AS REQUIRED BY
19 SECTION 29081 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE
20 BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS FOR PURPOSES OF ORAL
21 TESTIMONY FINDING THAT THERE ARE NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN
22 GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC
23 INPUT FOR ADDITIONAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND REQUESTS TO BE
24 FILED THROUGH THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, FRIDAY, MAY 28TH, 2021. I
25 FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD REAFFIRMS THAT BUDGET

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1 DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2021 AT
2 9:30A.M. I SO MOVE TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
3 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** I AM SORRY. THIS IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I KEPT
15 PRESSING THE BUTTONS AND NOTHING WAS HAPPENING. I VOTE AYE.

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
18 AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING.
5 PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL
6 CLOSED SESSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 25TH, 2021 AND ON
7 TUESDAY, JUNE THE 1ST, 2021. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
8 BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE THE 8TH, 2021. THANK YOU
9 TO ALL AND TO THE PUBLIC FOR YOUR COMMENTS. THANK YOU,
10 MEMBERS.

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

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 27th day of May 2021, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as
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